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In this file photo, protesters against the proposed gun range gather outside Niles Village Hall.

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Niles introduces proposed zoning rules at open house

**BY ALICIA RAMIREZ**  
Pioneer Press

For the past year and a half, the village of Niles has been working on a land use plan for the south Milwaukee Avenue corridor and a zoning ordinance that would better work for the city as a whole.

The project came to a head June 11 with an open house for residents, business owners and property owners to see the final plan that will be presented to the board for approval later this year.

A few years ago the village created a very general comprehensive plan, Bruce Sylvester, senior planner for the village, said. “It does not get into any specifics,” Sylvester said. “But one of the main themes — and one of the most important themes — in the comprehensive plan is that the village wants Milwaukee Avenue to look nicer and to have rules in place that encourage re-development and re-investment, but it didn’t provide details.”

That planning led to the proposed land use plan for the corridor that has a two-fold approach: one method for existing properties and businesses and one for new developments.

The proposed rules for existing properties and businesses, Sylvester said, make it easier for owners to rent or lease on Milwaukee Avenue, mainly by relaxing parking requirements. The proposed new rules would also allow for “more intensive” development on the corridor than current rules allow, he said.

Those proposed new zoning ordinances would allow taller buildings with both residential and commercial components on that stretch of Milwaukee Avenue. While the proposed land use plan is specific to Milwaukee Avenue, the proposed zoning ordinance would be for the entire community, including residential areas, but Sylvester was quick to add that the new residential part of the ordinance does not really change anything for homeowners.

“The underlying assumption, is that the residential areas of Niles are very nice, and we don’t really need to change the rules to promote any re-investment or cause any major changes,” Sylvester said.

Ramirez is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Niles nursing home recognized for quality care

**BY IGOR STUDENKOV**  
Pioneer Press

Presence Saint Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Niles has been named by U.S. News and World Report as one of the best nursing homes in Illinois.

The magazine ranked every nursing home in United States, rating them all based on the results of health inspections, the quality of care and staffing. The nursing home received five out of five stars overall, earning five stars in all but the staffing category.

Presence Saint Benedict Center has been operating since 1991, providing short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing home care. The center is part of Presence Life Connections, a network of not-for-profit Catholic hospitals, assistant living facilities and other medical facilities. The center’s website says that Presence Saint Benedict creates individualized programs for each resident it admits. The services it provides include around-the-clock nursing staff, pain management, physical, occupational and speech therapy, dementia care and psychological counseling. The center holds daily Mass and other Catholic services, as well as spiritual services for residents of other denominations.

Center officials said that they were happy to receive the ranking, describing it as a testament to the quality of care the facility provides.

Presence Saint Benedict Center spokesperson Ally-son Vis said that the center has a number of other amenities. “We have a beauty shop, ice cream parlor, variety of activities and outings, beautiful grounds with a new gazebo and garden, a gathering room for parties and family gatherings,” she said.

But those aren’t the only things that make the center special, she said.

“The special part of Presence Saint Benedict is the home like environment, caring staff and our spiritual dedication that all life is a gift from God,” said Vis. “From the time a resident is greeted at the door on arrival, they become part of our family. We try and meet the individual needs and let them know they are special.”

As the U.S. News and World Report article explains, each nursing home was evaluated based on several factors. First was the result of health inspections. The report indicated that, according to government data, each of the last three inspections revealed an average of only one to two issues, and all of those issues were addressed less than two weeks after the inspection. By comparison, the report indicated that most inspections in Illinois reveal an average of 7.5 deficiencies.

The next category was quality of care. This looked at both what types of care residents received, as well as whether residents showed any symptoms of mistreatment and neglect. The percentage of residents that received care was high, while the percentage of residents who showed potentially troubling symptoms was, depending on the category, either low or nonexistent.

In a statement to the press, Presence-Saint Benedict Center Administrator Maryann McKeeah said that she saw the report as a testament to the quality of service the facility provides.

“We strive to provide the highest quality of care possible,” she said. “I am so happy for our employees and physicians that their hard work is recognized by U.S. News.”

At the moment, there is one major change on the horizon that may affect the center. The nursing home is located at 6930 W. Touhy Avenue, immediately to the east of the recently shuttered Travelers Inn. The motel and the vacant Ozzie’s Bar and Grill restaurant are currently being demolished to make way for the new Holiday Inn Express, which is expected to open in the middle of next year.

“The new Holiday Inn that is being built will help make that area more inviting for the community,” said Vis. “One benefit for Presence Saint Benedict will be that the hotel will be a place for our family members to stay that is close to our ministry.”

Igor Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Lawsuit over proposed Niles gun range dismissed

Skokie-based gun control advocacy group set to file new amended suit

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

A Skokie-based gun control advocacy group plans to file an amended lawsuit against the village of Niles and the owner of a gun shop and range in what has been a nearly year-long attempt to prevent the facility from being built within one mile of five schools.

Circuit Court of Cook County Judge Franklin Ulyses Valderrama granted the village's attorneys' motion to dismiss the lawsuit at a hearing June 11 at the Richard J. Daley Center in Chicago.

But Valderrama dismissed the lawsuit without prejudice, meaning that the advocacy group, People for a Safer Society, has the opportunity to file an amended suit addressing several issues outlined in Valderrama's written ruling, said the attorney for the group, Tony Hind.

To address one of those issues, Hind said the group will name the owner of the Sportsman's Club gun shop and range as a defendant alongside the village in their amended lawsuit.

The group has 28 days to file the new suit, and the village will have 28 days to respond, Valderrama said during the hearing.

"It's a bump in the road, but not the end of the road," Hind said.

Denisse Stoneback, founder of People for a Safer Society, echoed Hind's sentiments.

"We're not giving up," she said, following the hearing.

An attorney for Niles, Mike Connelly, said the village could again file a motion to dismiss the new suit, in addition to filing other motions, including whether or not People for a Safer Society have the right to file such a lawsuit in the first place.

If the village finds no issue with the group's amended suit, Connelly said they'll proceed with discovery, the next step in the process.

In July of last year, the Niles Village Board approved a special-use permit allowing for the sale of firearms, gun safety training and an indoor firing range to be called the Sportsman's Club and Firearms Training Academy at 6143 Howard St.

The business would be located within 1 mile of District 219's Niles West High School and Niles Central High School in Skokie; New Hope Academy in Niles, a school for students with emotional disabilities; and several other schools.

Members of People for a Safer Society asked village trustees to rescind their motion to approve the permit, and when that request was denied, the group resorted to filing a lawsuit against the village last October.

The gun shop and range, the suit argued, would result in lower property values, increased crime and endanger children, in addition to having a negative impact on other businesses in the area.

The suit sought to annul the special-use permit and prevent the village from granting a permit to any gun shop on that parcel of land.

A motion to dismiss the case was filed by village attorneys in December, who argued that the group did not have the legal standing to sue on those bases.

Gaines is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Residents have formed a group to promote bicycling in the community, take advantage of the bike trails in Morton Grove and make the community safe for cyclists.

The group, Bike Morton Grove, launched its debut bike ride Saturday, June 13, with about a dozen adults and kids pedaling down the bike lane on Beckwith, as well as other village streets.

The effort coincides with a new map, “Bike Tour of Historic Morton Grove,” which the Morton Grove Historical Society recently published to let cyclists view interesting sites which played a role in the town's history. There will be a group bike ride of the tour June 20 at 11 a.m.

Bike Morton Grove is promoting a variety of ideas as to why Morton Grove should be bike-friendly, and is telling people about the historical map.

“We're about biking for all purposes - health, transportation, the environment and connecting with your neighbors,” said Karen Laner, Bike Morton Grove's organizer.

Carolyn Watkins, who helped Laner staff a booth at the Morton Grove Farmers' Market recently, said, “We wanted to make sure Morton Grove is bike-friendly.”

That includes biking to the Metra station, both women agreed.

Morton Grove has a lot of advantages for cyclists, Watkins and Laner explained.

“We've got the bike trail, bike lanes on a few streets and our side streets are quiet,” Laner said.

On Saturday, cyclists met at the Harrer Park band shell, rode through some neighborhoods, then took Lehigh north to Beckwith and enjoyed the shade of the forest preserve trees as they rode in the bicycle lane eastbound.

A representative from Advocate Lutheran General Children’s Hospital was on site before the ride started, custom-fitting bike helmets for $11.

The idea for a bike group started in early spring, after Laner made a comment at a village-sponsored meeting to get community input on Morton Grove's strategic plan. She asked that “bicycle-friendly” be added to portions of the plan that declared it desirable for certain areas to be “pedestrian-friendly.”

Annette Chamness, who is participating in Bike Morton Grove, said she liked Saturday's ride.

“To me, it's a terrific jumping-off point,” she said. “I bike to Mariano’s on Golf, or to Trader Joe’s in Glenview and I'll even bike to Whole Foods in Northbrook.”

“Bike Morton Grove’s next meeting will be July 8. Information is available at www.facebook.com/bikemortongrove.

To sign up for the group “Bike Tour of Historic Morton Grove” June 20, call 847-965-0203.

It will include 20 historic sites, such as the Sonne Airfield, Beth Jacob Cemetery, Wayside Inn, the Nickelodeon Theater, the Dilg building, the Doughboy statue and more.

Pam DeFiglio is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Park Ridge’s Sept. 11 project inches forward

Work has begun on a site that Park Ridge city officials say will serve as a Sept. 11 memorial.

Gravel paths were dug out by Public Works crews at the northwest corner of Park Ridge City Hall, Butler Place and Courtland Avenue, and a base on which a 200-pound steel piece of the World Trade Center will sit was recently installed.

"There is movement [on the memorial] and, knock on wood, everything is still in line for a dedication on 9/11 this year," said City Manager Shawn Hamilton.

Plans for the memorial—which was first discussed in 2011—had called for it to be completely funded through private donations and volunteer labor. But so far, city funds and city employees have been used.

Hamilton said funds will be raised through the sale of engraved bricks, which will be placed on the ground of the memorial.

"We have not started the donation campaign as we are waiting for the landscaper to lay out the number of bricks for the site," he said.

That is expected to be the next step in the process, he indicated.

The city’s 9/11 memorial has had several starts and stops since the Park Ridge Fire Department received the World Trade Center steel four years ago. At one time, a large memorial estimated to cost $320,000, had been endorsed by the city’s Public Art Commission for the lawn of the Devon and Cumberland Avenue fire station.

Last year, city officials decided a less elaborate memorial should be created on the grounds of City Hall.

Lincolnwood man killed in Evanston crash

A Lincolnwood man was pronounced dead June 6 after being struck by a vehicle in Evanston, police said.

The accident happened at 10:23 a.m. in the 800 block of Dodge Avenue, police said.

The man was pronounced dead at 11:36 a.m. He was identified as Mirecea M. Bempea, 52.

No citations or charges have been filed, and the investigation is continuing.

— Chicago Tribune staff
The following incidents were listed in the official Niles police bulletin. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

Niles

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS**
- Russell Reynolds, 50, of the 8800 block of Prospect Avenue, Niles, was charged with criminal trespass on June 8 at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Police said Reynolds had been previously warned not to return to the mall property. He had a June 9 court date.
- Robert Hegbloom, 54, of the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, was charged with criminal trespass on June 11 after he allegedly returned to Oak Mill Mall, Oakton and Milwaukee avenues, after being previously being told not to be on the property, police said. The property manager told police that Hegbloom was seen putting out bread and hot dogs for birds in the parking lot before he entered the mall. He has a July 15 court date.

**ASSAULT**
- A woman told police that on June 3 a former friend threatened to use a part of the woman's body "for target practice" after she refused to allow her child to play with the suspect's children at Triangle Park. Police spoke with the suspect, who reportedly denied making any threat, and no charges were filed.

**BATTERY**
- A man told police that another driver spit in his face on June 6 after they became involved in a traffic dispute in a parking lot on the 8200 block of Oakton Street. When the man attempted to take a picture of the driver's license plate, the suspect allegedly grabbed the man's phone and his arm before putting the car in reverse. Police said the victim was dragged with the vehicle, which later was driven away, and that he complained of a sore ankle. An investigation was pending.

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Olivia Goble, left, of Park Ridge, sings the national anthem at the Maine South commencement June 8 at Rosemont Theatre.

John Klages of Park Ridge was one of 620 Maine South graduates at the Rosemont Theatre June 8 when the graduation ceremony began to "Pomp and Circumstance."

"(We're) very proud," said Laura Klages, referring to her only son, who plans to study advertising at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. "We're very excited for him."

The commencement took place at 5400 River Road where motorists could see the illuminated theatre sign congratulating Maine South's Class of 2015 in the school color of red.

"I'm extremely proud ... they're a great group of kids," Maine South Principal Shawn Messmer said backstage.

Messmer answered a question about what it means to be a Maine South graduate.

"Excellence. Period. All of our kids strive for it and are a high performing group of kids ... the community has high expectations and they never disappoint," he said.

Veronica Rzepniewski, 18, of Harwood Heights, answered the question "what does it mean to be a Maine South Hawk?"

"Having spirit, flying high ... flying together," she said.

Angeli Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Former adjunct professor scrutinized for email

BY LEE V. GAINES
Chicago Tribune

Lawyers for Oakton Community College said a one-sentence email from a former adjunct lecturer at the school commemorating May Day and the Haymarket riot in Chicago constituted a threat of violence against the institution and outgoing president Margaret B. Lee.

On May 1, Chester Kulis, who has served as an adjunct instructor of both sociology and law enforcement studies at the college since 1989, copied Lee on an email titled "MAY DAY – The Antidote to the Peg Lee Gala."

The email read: "Have a wonderful day. Have a happy MAY DAY when you end of June after 30 years at the institution.

Kulis, 69, an active member of the Adjunct Faculty Association, a union at the college, said it initially planned to only send the email to fellow adjunct instructors. An outspoken critic of the college's treatment of its adjunct faculty members, Kulis also previously filed a grievance against the Des Plaines-based school after he was not offered re-employment after last year's spring semester.

Kulis said a new state law will keep many retirees who receive state pensions from adjunct teaching part time at state colleges and universities. "I kind of said hold it, Peg Lee is having such a wonderful day, and we are getting fired," Kulis said, adding that's when he decided to add her name to the list of recipients.

Six days after Kulis sent his May Day email, he received a cease and desist letter written by one of the college's attorneys, Philip H. Gerner III. The Haymarket riot, a labor protest that turned violent on May 4, 1886, near Chicago's Haymarket Square, resulted in the deaths of 11 people and injured more than 70, Gerner wrote in the letter. "Your reference to 'remember the Haymarket riot' was clearly threatening the president that you could resort to violence against the president and the college campus. Threats of violence are not First Amendment protected free speech," he wrote.

But Kulis said he never intended to threaten anyone with violence when he sent his May Day email. "I would put it this way," he said. "No one who read this email, with the exception of Peg Lee and her attorneys, thought there was any violent intent."

After learning about Kulis' story, representatives of the Philadelphia-based Foundation for Individual Rights in Education came to his defense in a letter addressed to Lee. FIRE, according to its website, aims to defend individual rights, including free speech, at colleges and universities across the United States. The letter asked that the college rescind the cease and desist letter and reassure Kulis and other faculty members that their First Amendment rights would be respected on campus even if they chose to criticize the institution, its administration and practices.

"It's pretty clear that merely referencing a historical event is not a true threat," said Ari Cohn, an attorney for FIRE who signed the letter to Lee.

Cohn said Kulis did not "say something like I'm going to blow up an administration building or I'm going to attack the president," which would have constituted a true threat.

Kulis only made a rhetorical point about labor conditions at the college "and his perception of the college president as being a part of those unfair practices," Cohn said.

In a response to FIRE's letter, another attorney for the college, Catherine Locallo, disagreed with the organization's assessment of the situation.

After he received the cease and desist letter from Oakton's attorneys in May, Kulis filed an unfair labor practice charge with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

Locallo, when contacted by the Tribune, declined to offer any further comment on the issue because of the pending investigation by the labor board.

Kulis said he doesn't wish any ill will toward Lee or the college, but their reaction to his email "was very much an attempt to stifle free expression."

Gaines is a freelancer.

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Annual run for Dan Horyn can't be stopped

Heavy downpours didn't deter runners, volunteers from coming out

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Volunteers for the second annual Dan Horyn's Skokie Swift 5K kicked back and dried out June 7 after a soggy but successful run in downtown Skokie.

Gathered at the Bughouse Studio, Andrea Horyn's popular pottery and art studio on Oakton Street, they reflected on the event, which so quickly has become a June staple downtown. Rain - even heavy rain - was not about to deter many people who wanted to be there for not only a good cause but for the teacher, friend and family member they loved so well.

Dan Horyn, a popular English teacher and track coach at Niles North High School, died from esophageal cancer in 2013 at age 34. Andrea Horyn, his wife, helped create the Daniel M. Horyn Foundation with the University of Chicago Medicine Center For Esophageal Cancers to raise funds for research to fight the deadly disease.

“We had over 700 people sign up and many of them came today, even in this weather,” said Andrea Horyn. The number of attendees may have been down from last year because of weather, but more than 300 people still finished the race knowing they would need a towel to dry off afterward.

When the younger children took off for a mini-race before the full 5K run, the skies were threatening. When the headline race kicked off, the skies delivered on that threat, and it was soon pouring.

“But I don't think the weather kept that many people away,” Andrea Horyn said. “We, of course, were a little worried about safety with the lightening and the thunder, but that didn't happen until after the race.”

Last year, at the inaugural run, emcee Mark Collins said he was one of the few people there who had never met Horyn.

“Sometimes you don't need to meet a person to measure what they are,” he said. “You can see what a person was - what a person is - by meeting everybody they touched in their lives.”

Many of the people touched by Horyn and wanted to run for him were current or former District 219 students who had been mentored and taught by him.

Winning this year's race was Aron Sebhat while last year's winner, Micah Beller, came in second place.

The first run in 2014 raised more than $30,000 for the Daniel M. Horyn Foundation. This year, there was an added donation from the Niles Township High School District 219 dance marathon, which generated about $88,000 - the most ever raised in the history of the dance marathon, which benefits a different cause every year.

On hand June 7 for the run were also members of the team from the University of Chicago Medicine Center For Esophageal Cancer who helped treat Dan Horyn.

“Dan Horyn was one of the most resilient and positive patients I have ever worked with,” said Dr. Victoria Vilaflor of the University of Chicago Medical Center. When Dan Horyn was diagnosed more than three years ago, she said, there was little information about the disease.

“People love the event,” Andrea Horyn said.

“Right after the race last year, I was already getting emails about the following year so I knew it would keep going strong. People are definitely behind it.”

For more information about the Daniel M. Horyn Foundation for esophageal cancer, go to www.danielhorynfoundation.org.

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Morton Grove pastor receives international award

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press
The leader of a small Presbyterian church in Morton Grove who parishioners say has helped expand the church's reach in the community since she became pastor six years ago, has earned international recognition after being named as the 2015 Parish Pastor of the Year.

Rev. Lolly Dominski of Morton Grove Community Church is the recipient of the Academy of Parish Clergy's 2015 Pastor of the Year Award, an honor bestowed upon one U.S. or European religious leader each year who demonstrates faithfulness, leadership and excellence in parish ministry.

During a luncheon held at the church on May 17 in honor of Dominski's award, Rev. Robert Reynolds commended Dominski for her "profound respect for the ministry and for the leadership she offers to the denomination," according to information from the church.

Rev. Lolly Dominski, right, received the Pastor of the year Award, an honor bestowed upon one U.S. or European religious leader each year who demonstrates faithfulness, leadership and excellence in parish ministry.

Since joining the church as co-pastor in 2009, Dominski started a partnership with Morton Grove's Park View School that lends part of the church's property to the students to use for gardening, said Joyce Sienkowski, a volunteer and 55-year member of the church.

Park View students raised organic vegetables on the church's property, and then donated the fresh produce to the Niles Township Food Pantry.

She also spearheaded a program to send volunteers working with the church into the classrooms at Park View to read to the students, Sienkowski said.

Regular attendance at the church has grown by nearly 20 percent during the past several years since Dominski became pastor, she added.

"I've been a member of this church since 1960, and churches aren't packed anymore like they were back then," Sienkowski said. "[Dominski] has the ability to engage people and get them involved. She has a way of engaging people and supporting them, and that's been very instrumental in our church becoming stronger over the years."

Dominski grew up in Virginia and later moved to Chicago in the 1970s to pursue her MBA at the University of Chicago, she said.

She worked in advertising for several years until she had her third child and decided to trade in her corporate career for being a stay-at-home mom.

"I got to a point where I had to deal with issues from the past," Dominski said, "and finding God made a huge difference in my life."

Dominski received her award during the Academy of Parish Clergy's annual conference in Baltimore in April.

After her returned from her trip, she was asked to attend a Morton Grove Village Board meeting on May 11, where the Board of Trustees presented her with a symbolic key to the village, and read a proclamation declaring May 11, 2015 as the official "Lolly Dominski Day."

She's a great example of a wonderful pastor," Sienkowski said."We feel very blessed to have her here."

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Civil War re-enactments help Park Ridge teen connect with history

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

John Spagnolo's hobby is probably the closest thing there is to traveling back in time.

The seventh-grader at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic School in Park Ridge participates in Civil War re-enactments, an extracurricular activity that has taken him to a world of 19th century battlefields and beyond.

Spagnolo, 13, experienced his first re-enactment a few years ago at Billie Creek in Rockville, Indiana, where Civil War Days are hosted. His cousins were involved in recreating Civil War skirmishes, and Spagnolo said he decided then and there to start saving money to buy his own Civil War replica uniform, musket and supplies. His older brother Philip's involvement in re-enactments only furthered his own interest, and he began to join him at gatherings.

"When I started out I was a medeic," Spagnolo said. "I would run around the field before the battle started, handing out ice because it was really hot out. Once I got done being a medeic, I was a messenger and then I made it up to a shooter."

Spagnolo, of Park Ridge, said the best part of a Civil War re-enactment is the mock battles, which he said produce "an adrenaline rush" when things get going. The soldiers use replicas of weapons used during the 1860s, and they fire blanks. But they are loud, Spagnolo said.

Some re-enactments last entire weekends and the participants set up camps not completely unlike the real soldiers who came before them. While the group doesn't have to worry about the spread of disease or the perils of 19th century medical care, they do get a taste of real camp life in the elements.

"The sleeping is not the best," Spagnolo admitted. "You're in a tent, and it's open. Anything can get in. It tells you what it was like (for Civil War soldiers). If it's cold out, you're going to be cold. If it's wet, you're going to be wet."

Spagnolo always portrays a Union soldier ("I do not do Confederate," he said), and he does not belong to a specific re-enactment group or organization. He simply shows up to a scheduled event — like ones hosted at Billie Creek or at the Grove in Glenview — and volunteers to take part. The other re-enactors are "very hospitable," he said. "I normally hop around and go from group to group, but eventually maybe I'll think about staying loyal to one group," Spagnolo said.

Websites like www.civilwarrtraveler.com provide a schedule of Civil War-related events and re-enactments across the country. When Spagnolo joins a re-enactment, the gear he brings with him includes a Civil War regulation musket replica, blue wool pants, navy blue jacket, suspenders, replica 1860s military boots, a bayonet, canteen, tent and a knapsack.

Spagnolo's interest in the war between the states is shared by his older brother, Philip, who began doing re-enactments as a teenager, and their father, Don. "I grew up a history buff, reading about American history, particularly the Civil War," Don Spagnolo said. "It was something I enjoyed as a kid, reading about how the battles occurred."

He began taking his sons to Civil War battle sites, and then the Indiana re-enactment in which family members were taking part.

Before the end of the school year, Spagnolo shared his historical knowledge and his hobby with classmates at Mary, Seat of Wisdom, dressing up in his Union uniform and telling them what the 1860s battlefield was like. They even got a chance to hear how loud the guns were.

"I think the students really enjoyed it," Don Spagnolo said. "So often the Civil War is taught in books, and it really is, for a lot of them, boring."

"But the history of the Civil War is anything but boring. It's probably one of the most dynamic parts of American history."
Glenview woman opens consignment boutique

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Pioneer Press

When Kathy McCarthy first walked into The Twisted Trunk, Glenview's new repurposed furnishings boutique, she said it reminded her of a high-end furniture showroom.

"The presentation is beautiful," said McCarthy, a longtime Glenview resident. "It's an inviting space to search for unique, quality furniture and home accessories."

The Twisted Trunk, 1826 Glenview Road, is a 1600-square-foot consignment furniture boutique specializing in higher-end pre-owned items.

The store, which owner Diane Thomas described as "comfortable, clean and elegant," carries couches, love seats, tables, chairs, wall art, original paintings, chandeliers, pillows, Oriental loomed rugs, a variety of home accessories, and jewelry.

"I go from vintage and French country to contemporary or mid-century," said Thomas, who holds a bachelor's degree in fashion design and previously spent a decade as a sales representative for the high-end women's clothing line Patricia Rhodes.

Finding her merchandise through word of mouth and advertising, Thomas, who also spent six years as an independent clothing representative for the brands Etcetera and Kokoon, said she only accepts high-quality pieces.

"Some people come in and they don't realize it's consignment," said Thomas, who is engaged to Shabaz's son, Eddie. "She is truly a role model for me," said Thomas, who is engaged to Shabaz's son, Eddie. "She is a determined, hard-core, never-give-up type of person, and her answer to everything I would ask was, 'You just have to do it. Don't think too much. Just go for it. You have what it takes.'"

Thomas said she chose the downtown Glenview location because of the booming renovation that Glenview Road is experiencing.

"The space wasn't in very good shape, but we had a vision to build it out and we completed a total gut rehab to make it what it is today," she said.

The Twisted Trunk accepts merchandise on consignment, and offers free pickup one day per month.

"It's very pretty in there, and the furniture is current with retail trends," said Susan Palkovic of Glenview. "It offers pieces you won't see anywhere else."

"It's like finding a treasure, something unique that fits in my house," McCarthy said. "I'm not paying full price for it, but it still looks new."

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Nothing more important to U.S. than protecting First Amendment

Randy Blaser

I was having lunch a few months ago with old friends, all of us former full-time journalists who have been out of the business for some years now.

We were talking about current events, which prompted someone to remark that sometimes, he doesn't even recognize the country any more.

The trend that makes me most fret about the country we're living in is the continued attack on free speech and the First Amendment.

I've always expected politicians to be opposed to the idea of a free press. They impose their restrictions and the press battles on, winning some and losing some.

But the latest advance of the idea of silencing voices in the public square is rapidly becoming a dangerous turn for the country.

The founders protected free speech with the First Amendment for a reason. I like to believe because it is paramount to the existence of this nation. It's not the Fourth Amendment, not the Sixth Amendment, and not the Ninth Amendment. It's the first. And first is most important.

Yet free speech is under siege from a group I've never expected it to come from - liberals and progressives. And that fact galls me, because a conservative friend of mine used to tease me in the Clinton years that this free speech concept I loved so much would be killed by liberals.

I grew up in an era when all speech was protected, even speech that the majority of us find not just offensive, but repugnant.

But that's not how it goes today. Speech that some people don't like must be silenced. It's not enough to just turn away.

We see it in the debate over gay marriage, which really doesn't feel so much like a debate these days because anyone who disagrees with making gay marriage legal across the land is called out, shouted down and ostracized by those who support it.

Then there is this idea that has become quite popular among what I'll call the silencers - speech has consequences, they say. They use the term to justify forcing someone to resign from their job, for example.

If you believe that some speech has consequences, then you must really ask yourself if you believe in free speech. If some speech carries consequences, than it's not really free speech.

The front lines of this battle seem to be on our nation's campuses. And that breaks my heart.

College afforded me the opportunity to see and hear such disparate opinions on issues as Sen. Sam Ervin; former White House counsel John W. Dean; III; opposite sides of the Water gate scandal; William Kunstler, the attorney who defended the Chicago Seven; and William Colby, Richard Nixon's CIA director.

Hearing such dissident views is what college is all about.

Yet today, star comedian Jerry Seinfeld admits he will no longer perform at college campuses, just as Chris Rock has said before. The PC crowd has taken all the joy out of it for them.

Universities have also withdrawn speaking invitations to the likes of Condoleezza Rice. Think of that. The first black woman to serve as Secretary of State is unwelcome at an American university.

Is this how we've raised our children, to be so fragile they can't stand to hear an opinion that doesn't conform in every way with the party line?

A professor at Northwestern was investigated recently for possibly violating federal law by writing an essay.

Laura Kipnis, a communications professor at Northwestern University, wrote an essay published in the Chronicle of Higher Education regarding the debate over academic freedom and sexual freedom on today's college campuses.

Her view is termed controversial. I don't know what it is, and I don't particularly care for the sake of this argument. I just knew she has a right to that view.

Two graduate students, however, think it is illegal. They say Kipnis violated Title IX, the federal law that requires gender equity in federally funded education programs and activities.

Those of us who went to college in the 1970s and 1980s know Title IX mainly through the explosion of women's sports activities.

Today's students see it as a tool to silence speech they don't like.

This is a worrisome trend.

Our freedom to give voice to our opinions and our thoughts without fear of reprisal or arrest is the one most dear to this republic. If it goes, all our other freedoms will follow.

I know it is not in vogue to say the United States is exceptional these days, but if we are in any way, then it is because of the First Amendment.

Protect it, always.

Blaser is a freelance columnist

New Illinois Happy Hour Law sends bad message

Paul Sassone

Every two hours, three people are killed in alcohol-related highway crashes in the U.S.

So says the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In 2012, there were 393 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Illinois. So says the Illinois Secretary of State.

What should be done about the serious problem of drunk driving? How about making it possible to get drunk for less money?

Apparently, Illinois legislators don't see a problem with that, with the legislature passing a Happy Hour Law that permits bars and restaurants to offer food and drink promotions such as pitchers and including drinks as part of a meal package, according to the Illinois Liquor Commission.

Blasing has been "Happy Hourless" for decades. To discourage binge drinking and drunk driving, the Illinois General Assembly in 1989 banned Happy Hour drink specials.

But drinking and drunk driving no longer seem to worry Illinois' legislative body. Hence the new Happy Hour Law - grandly titled the Culinary and Hospitality Modernization Act.

The restoration of Happy Hour, supporters of the new law say, will bring more tax revenue into state coffers. This, presumably, will help the legislature dig itself out of the financial chasm it has been digging for decades.

Hedging their bets, legislators included in the law a provision that there only can be four "happy hours" a day for a total of 15 hours a week, none of these hours after 10 p.m. Bars and restaurants must post the days and times of Happy Hour seven days in advance. And there can be no two-for-one drink offers.

The law also requires mandatory training for anyone who pours or serves alcoholic beverages. The training includes how to recognize signs of intoxication, preventing under-age sales and getting up to speed on local and state alcohol regulations.

As of this writing, Gov. Bruce Rauner had not signed the bill into law. Surely he will, though. This is just the kind of business-friendly legislation Rauner pines after.

In the U.S. in 2013, there were 10,076 deaths involving drunk driving - one death every 52 minutes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Thirty-one percent of all U.S. traffic fatalities are alcohol-related, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In 2010, more than 1.4 million U.S. drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, according to the CDC.

I guess Illinois legislators will drink to that. Perhaps at an upcoming Happy Hour.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for community response to ALS Foundation efforts

Every 90 minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with ALS. Every 90 minutes, someone in the U.S. dies from ALS.

In an effort to educate the public about ALS and also to raise funds for the cause, the Les Turner ALS Foundation and its volunteers organized activities in May, National ALS Awareness Month.

First, hundreds of volunteers participated in Tag Days drives, collecting donations and raising awareness. Through 16 Tag Days drives throughout the Chicago area, collectively, volunteers raised $45,000 for ALS research, patient services and educational programs. The Tag Days drive in Evanston was a success and we are grateful to Danny Heller for his efforts as the local Tag Days captain.

Second, the Les Turner ALS Research and Patient Center at Northwestern Medicine used the Ice Bucket Challenge as inspiration to launch an ice sculpture exhibition featuring 12 people with ALS. The exhibition told the stories of specific people with ALS and the debilitating effects of the disease. For more information and to make a donation, visit FreezeALS.com.

ALS is a terminal neuro-muscular disease that attacks a person's muscles, gradually robbing them of their ability to walk, speak, eat and breathe, yet usually keeping their mind intact.

Though treatment of symptoms often improves quality of life, there is no cure for ALS.

The Les Turner ALS Foundation, founded in 1977, is Chicagoland's leader in research, patient care and education about ALS, serving nearly 90 percent of people with ALS in the area.

To those who supported Tag Days and the Freeze ALS campaign, thank you. Your support allows us to continue providing help and hope to people with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Together toward a cure,
Andrea Paula Bacliman
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HEART OF THE HOME

Buyers looking for green home upgrades

Felicia Dechter

The U.S. Department of Energy recently reported that it's partnering with the National Association of Realtors and other organizations to help get the word out about residential energy efficiency, so it can be more appreciated in real estate market values. It's no secret that being energy efficient is the way to go these days. Being green is becoming a global watchword that encompasses a wide range of topics and emotions.

As we watch the effects of the devastating drought in California and see the pavement melting in India, we wonder how to bring a more sustainable existence to a place we have control over — home, said Greer Haseman, a top agent with Gagliardo Realty, with offices in River Forest and Oak Park.

"Fortunately, our market area already embraces being green, as evidenced by the thoughtful layout of our predecessors," said Haseman. "We live in very walkable communities, we celebrate a decades-long farmers market and recycling programs. We enjoy excellent public transportation options.

"So it's not a surprise that buyers who seek out this market for all those good things are attracted to homes that are upgraded with high efficiency furnaces, boilers, and other mechanicals," said Haseman. "Also not surprising are the solar panels that are beginning to pop up everywhere. Because going green or being energy efficient is part of our everyday vernacular, it is something that buyers are interested in.

"So a seller who is savvy and has made decisions to install energy efficient or sustainable products usually reaps the rewards of a quicker sale at the high end of the range, and the buyers enjoy environmentally friendly, sustainable living which in the end is cost effective," said Haseman. "So (it's) a win for both buyer and seller."

"Outdated light bulbs and appliances, badly sealed ducts, and thin doors and windows with cracks around them use up more energy than necessary," Michlik said. "Installing fixtures with green LED lighting as well as using insulation with foam are simple, easy and relatively inexpensive ways to save money and energy," he said.

At Solar Energy of Illinois, formerly of Elmwood Park, sales manager James Lampasona, said installing timers, motion detectors, and new light bulbs help efficiency.

Rain barrels are great to water the flowers and even soak your feet in — anything organic, sustainable and healthy is a good thing, he said.

But "buying a home with solar installed is still kind of a personal choice," Lampasona said. "It's not really a vital thing, it's an extra thing. But if you're reselling your house and you've already bought solar panels, you can add 75 percent of the retail value of solar panels onto the price.

"You can pay your money to the power company or you can pay your money to a loan company for panels," said Lampasona. "Your money goes to a loan company for solar panels rather than ComEd."

Felicia Dechter is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press. Got a real estate-related story idea? Email her at write12@comcast.net.
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Agent: Meredith Schreiber/@Properties

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Taxes: n/a
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Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Many recent updates to kitchen and bath. Split level with sub basement partially finished. Quiet fenced yard with large patio and storage shed. Floor plan perfect for entertaining. Over 2,100 square feet with finished lower level.

Address: 622 Buckthorn Terrace
Price: $400,000
Schools: Stevenson High School
Taxes: $8,130
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Farm to table

Skokie launches 2015 farmers market season

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

The Skokie farmers market opened June 14 at 7:30 a.m. on a rainy day with temperatures in the 60-degree range.

“We definitely have our hard core patrons who will come out rain or shine,” said Janelle Silva of Skokie, who is in her first year as the market’s manager.

“It’s fresh air, it’s being outside, it’s all good,” agreed Alex Jasnoswski of Norridge’s Allegretti’s Bakery, who was also not concerned about the rain.

Free parking in village lots was one amenity for those who have come to appreciate the Skokie farmers market during its more than 25-year run.

Dana Eilersen of Morton Grove was raised as a regular patron at the market.

“I’ve known this market pretty much my whole life,” Eilersen said.

On June 14, Eilersen, a Columbia College student who studies dance, assisted Tim Horcher of T&H Farm of Marengo with wares like flowers and hanging baskets.

“I think it’s great to build relationships with farmers to realize where your food comes from and how it’s grown,” Eilersen said.

Among the first patrons to the market was Nia Wilson of Skokie, who bought herb focaccia and a chocolate croissant. She left under a pink striped umbrella.

Bob Petersen of Niles bought tomatoes from Andy Jimenez of Melrose Park and of Six Generations’ Farmin’ Local.

“I love tomatoes,” Petersen said. “I just slice them up!”

Farmers and other sellers from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin have typically been on the vendor roster.

One could find vegetables, fruits and cheese plus handmade items for personal wellness or consumption. Knife sharpening services are also popular.

Susan Noffke of the Coloma, Mich.-based Noffke Family Farms left at 4:30 a.m. with her son Jeff Noffke to get to Skokie on time.

“She’s an original,” Jeff Noffke said of his mother.

This year’s Skokie farmers market runs 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25. Pets are not allowed to visit the market.

As many as 2,500 people can visit every Sunday. It’s sponsored by the Village of Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission.

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Thursday, June 18

Coffee Talk to focus on the journey of Latinas: Paloma Greer will discuss her journey of being a Latina in the United States, which involved emigrating from Mexico to Chicago to become a media personality, artist, book author and community leader. 7 p.m. Thursday, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellisonwood St., Des Plaines, $3 donation suggested, 847-391-5399

Potawatomi photos on display at Des Plaines History Center: Each portrait at the History Center is accompanied by a handwritten personal story. 10 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 p.m. Sunday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

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Starlight Movie in the Park: "Into the Woods." 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Harbert Park, 1300 McDaniel Ave, Evanston, free

Artifice: Fiber, Fashion, and Embellishment: This exhibition features works from students at Columbia College Chicago and others in the Chicago area that are involved with contemporary fiber arts, garments and body decoration. 10 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Evanston Art Center, 177 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

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

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

The Last Supper: 600 Plates Illustrating Final Meals of Death Row Inmates: The Last Supper, by contemporary artist Julie Green, features 600 white ceramic plates decorated with cobalt blue mineral paint to depict the last meal requests of U.S. death row inmates. 2 p.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Block Museum of Art, Fisk Hall, Room 217, Northwestern University, Northwestern University, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

Juneteenth Celebration: Enjoy food trucks, art for sale and a jazz performance by Blue Train. 6 p.m. Thursday, Twigg's Park, Simpson and Bridge streets, Evanston, free

6 Wicket American Croquet: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road, Glencoe, free, 847-409-5526

Much Ado About Mysteries Book: The summer discussion topic is To Have and To Hold: Weddings Can Be Murder. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Story Walk: Get outside and enjoy reading the children's book "Pete the Cat and the New Guy" while taking a journey along the train in Little Bear Garden. 8 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Chagall for children: This exhibit features hands-on activities and audio descriptions of each of Marc Chagall's works specifically appropriate for children ages 2-12. 9:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 5526 Westley Road, Glencoe, free, 847-677-5277

Everybody Must: Registration required. Celeste Cifala Roy, from Evanston's early childhood movement and music program Everybody Must, has planned an hour of activities and exploration including scarves, balls, hoops and instruments to get the children up moving. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Lincolnwood Summer Concert Series: Hosted by Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation, this year's concert series runs through the end of July. Free kids' activities, including inflatables, bingo and face painting start at 6 p.m. and the live music follows at 7 p.m. Thursday, Prossel Park, 7055 Kostmer Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-9740

Hot Ticket: "Selma": A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., in 1965. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

The American Legion, Post 134: The American Legion, Post 134, is seeking volunteers to raise funds for Poppy Days to help veterans. Solicitor permits are available for Morton Grove and Niles on Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue. Work a few hours in a designated area or solicit donations. For more information, call Ken Trumbull at 847-663-0539. 6 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, The American Legion Post 134, 6444 West Dempster St., Morton Grove, Any amount helps

Karaoke Thursdays: 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

Rockin' in the Park 2015: MB Financial Park kicks off the summer season with Rockin' in the Park. 7 p.m. Thursday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Plaza, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Duplicate Bridge: 9 a.m. Friday, Harbert Park, 1300 McDaniel Ave, Evanston, free, 847-965-0330

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce Scotch Double Bowling Night Fundraiser: The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce is having a casual evening out. Call the Chamber or email director@mgccc.org for reservations or questions. 6 p.m. Friday, Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, $25 per couple with shoes, 847-965-0330

Temple Beth-El Musical Family Service and Birthday Blessings: Join in a family service filled with music and fun. June birthday children receive a blessing and gift from the clergy. 7 p.m. Friday, Temple Beth El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Share the Warmth: Volunteers wanted - Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. Add a crocheted edge to fleece and send free blankets to new adult chemotherapy patients. Bring lunch. Donations are welcome to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-0755

Downtown Evanston Farmers Market: Fifty vendors sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, eggs and bakery items. 7-30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free

Saturday, June 20

Rock and Roll Kidz with Wendy Morgan: Wendy Morgan gets kids dancing, wiggling, jumping, dancing. 10:30 a.m. Friday, Glencoe Public Library, 320 Park Ave., Glencoe, free, 847-835-5056

MGPL After Dark: Shout Section Big Band: Come and enjoy an evening of classic big band music as well as retro-styled modern hits performed by the jazz ensemble featuring vocalist Amy Yassinger. 7 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220
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Park Ridge Farmers Market: Market is open every Saturday until 1 p.m., Memorial Day through October. Shop for fresh produce, olive oils, flowers, pickles, pasta, baked goods and meat. Visit www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com and Facebook (Park Ridge Farmers Market). 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-318-5217

Preserving Survivor Stories Interact with "New Dimensions In Testimony" Technology: Illinois Holocaust Museum is the first world-wide testing site for "New Dimensions in Testimony," an interactive educational tool that permits students far into the future to "talk" with Holocaust Survivors about their life experiences. Noon Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-916-4800

Sunday, June 21

Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate: The 16th annual event honors Ricky Byrdsong, Northwestern's first African American men's basketball coach, by raising money for the YWCA Evanston/North Shore. 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Long Field, 600 Lincoln St, Evanston, $35, 847-864-8445

Father's Day Storytelling in the Snug with Will Tremont: 8 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-4776

Roots of Rural Music with Chris Vallillo: Chris Vallillo draws on his experiences as a music collector and performer of the songs of rural America; from the first pioneers through the era of Steamboats, trains and early radio. 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Straight out of the 70s CTA Charter: Join the members of the Illinois Railway Museum in a train straight out of the '70s. Ride CTA's historically-painted 2400-series cars on an eight-hour excursion over most of the rapid transit lines. 9 a.m. Sunday, Dempster-Skokie Station, 5001 West Dempster St, Skokie, $55

Skokie Farmers Market: Farmers and vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin sell fresh-picked vegetables, fruits and flowers along with cheese, baked goods, coffee, sauces and spices. 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, Free, 847-673-0500

Take time to be a dad today.
Tuesday, June 23

Starlight Concert featuring Prohibition Orchestra of Chicago: Food trucks on site. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Bent Park, 3200 Central St., Evanston, free

Irish music session: Enjoy Irish music every Tuesday night. 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

American Doughboys in the First World War: Historian and award-winning author Robert Mueller talks about America's participation in “the war to end all wars” on a photographic trip across the battlefields of Northern France. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL On the Go: Starbucks: Catch Morton Grove Public Library out and about in the community, visiting places in town talking about downloadable books, online resources, summer reading and more. Stop by the Starbucks to say hello and learn about all the amazing digital resources the library offers. 8 a.m. Tuesday, Starbucks Coffee, 6763 West Dempster St., Morton Grove, free

Camera Club: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Wednesday, June 24

Summer program to begin at Des Plaines History Center: This program is for children who would like to make a dream catcher, paint and race a wooden car, and create a stained glass transparency and much more. The program is designed for children, ages 5-12, with an adult. For information call or visit the website. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, $3, $2 with a member, 847-391-5399

Jackman Park Summer Concert Series: Clear your calendar and head outside for musical entertainment at the Jackman Park Summer Concert Series. Bring your dinner, folding chairs and lawn blankets. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jackman Park, 1930 Prairie St, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Friends of the Lincolnwood Public Library: The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

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Green Ball raises more than $15,000 for Evanston Ecology Center

Evanston Green Ball

Benefiting: Evanston Ecology Center
Presented by: Evanston Environmental Association and the City of Evanston
Location: Levy Center, Evanston
Feature: Taste of Evanston, presented by local restaurants, food providers and caterers
Attended: 300+
Raised: $15,000+
Date: May 30
Website: www.evanstonenvironment.org

Event organizer Joey Conway

Dick Peach of Evanston with Annette Patko of Park Ridge

Colin Reed and Jules Breen, both of Evanston, in recycled finery.

Gloria Sanchez Enriquez (from left), Mary Ellen Sanchez and Mary Anne Enriquez, all of Glenview and Margaret Garrity of Chicago

CAUSE & EVENT

Shining Star Ball raises more than $1M for Clearbrook

27th Annual Shining Star Ball

Benefiting: All residential and day programs, as well as all therapies for children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities served by Clearbrook
Location: Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago
Raised: $1 Million+
Attended: 300+
Date: April 23
Website: www.clearbrook.org

Carole and Gordon Segal of Winnetka

Barry and Mary Ellen Masek of Park Ridge

Catherine Popp and Joe Vicicondi of Park Ridge

Mary Palumbo (from left), Jessica Christensen, Elizabeth Palumbo and Kaitlyn Gandy, all of Oak Brook
I thought I hit the jack-pot,” is how Liz Crokin felt three years ago when she met her now ex-boyfriend. He was a man she described as good looking, charming and family-oriented.

Crokin's romance turned into a nightmare when her health began to decline. She discovered she had contracted herpes from him, which, unrecognized was left untreated and ultimately led to meningencephalitis that caused serious brain damage.

After almost three years of recovery, the New Trier graduate who grew up in east Glenview, is on a mission to educate others on the importance of safe sex. For starters, she's turned her ordeal into a newly released novel, "Malice."

"I want to use this book as a vehicle to bring to light serious issues on the topic of sex' said 36 year-old Crokin. A University of Iowa graduate, Crokin spent a decade as an entertainment reporter in Chicago and Los Angeles, working for publications that include The National Enquirer, Star Magazine, In Touch Magazine, US Weekly and the Chicago Tribune's Redeye.

Though tempted to write the book as an autobiography, Crokin decided to make it a novel because she is currently in litigation with her former boyfriend. She also felt fiction would be more engaging, and could include celebrity and political stories based on her past work experiences. "The book has a lot of serious messages in it, but I wanted to send them along in an entertaining way that makes it fun and exciting to read," said Crokin, who interviewed and filed reports on celebrities that included Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston, Vince Vaughn, Anna Nicole Smith and Jessica Simpson.

"Malice," which is available on Amazon.com or on Crokin's website tells the story of a tabloid journalist who is about to uncover a presidential candidate's scandalous affair. Then her own life begins to collapse, leaving her with a worse nightmare than any story she's ever covered.

"I could not put it down. I just zipped through it. Not a lot of novelists can do that," said Marisa Sullivan, a reporter for US Weekly and a close friend of Crokin. "It’s funny, bold, outrageous and it takes the reader for a thrill ride, but with a valuable message." Crokin said she still suffers from headaches, dizziness, light and noise sensitivity, and decreased memory and concentration capability. To help with the symptoms, she exercises daily, takes medication and homeopathic vitamins, and also has a Reiki healer and an acupuncturist. Additionally, Crokin has found love again.

"I have a wonderful boyfriend who is completely supportive of what I'm trying to do," she said. "My book is a story of survival. No matter how rough things get, you can come out on the other side. I wouldn't want my worst enemy to go through what I did. That's why this feels like my calling in life."

"Liz puts all her blood, sweat, tears and energy into everything she does, and this is no different," Sullivan said. "She's very brave. She went for it and didn't leave anything out."

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Want to see your event in Trend? Debbie Hoppe, Trend editorial assistant, will send you guidelines. Email her at dhoppe@pioneerlocal.com.
The ups and downs of working out

I don't know many people who actually enjoy or look forward to working out. Let's be honest. What's pleasurable about being out of breath or feeling exhausted from heavy weightlifting or holding a plank until you feel like your arms are going to fall off? Nothing.

That said, most men and women I know find time for a fitness regime because there are countless physical and mental health benefits. But there's something else regular exercise does that might surprise you. It benefits your love life.

I sat down with personal trainer Goran Mladenovic, a 25-year veteran in the fitness industry and owner of Glenview's Premier Fitness Centers, to talk about how getting physical in the gym can help your heart in ways you never even thought of.

**Married couples**

Mladenovic said working out is an activity that married couples can do together. It helps them bond and brings them closer together. Couples who exercise together also motivate each other, gain respect for one another and handle stress together in a better, more productive fashion.

**Sex**

"Exercise can directly improve your sex life," Mladenovic said. "When you engage in intense physical activity, it stimulates blood flow to your body and nervous system, and that boosts your sex drive."

Mladenovic said the more a person exercises, the healthier his or her arteries become, which directly influences sexual performance.

Additionally, men and women who work out feel more sexually desirable, have more self-esteem and self-confidence, and are therefore more likely to enjoy intimacy with their partner.

**Breakups, divorce or death of a spouse**

Here’s where I feel the need to weigh in (no pun intended). Having gone through some pretty bad breakupsex in my life, including a divorce, I can honestly say that working out saved my sanity at times and helped me handle heartbreak much better.

I remember calling my sister several years ago, hysterically crying and feeling beyond hopeless during my divorce. After she listened to me sob for a few minutes, she said, "My advice to you is go to the gym. Just hang up and go there right now. It doesn’t matter if you don’t get a full workout in. Even if you just walk around the track, it will make you feel better. Leave your house right now and call me back when you get home."

I took her advice and sure enough, an hour later, I felt more calm and rejuvenated. All my problems weren’t gone, but they seemed so much more manageable, and I felt empowered and more capable of dealing with my issues in a better, more productive manner.

"While you are engaging in physical exercise, your mind is focused on the exercise at hand," said Mladenovic. "Whether it's weights or a fast run on the treadmill or a plank, it's impossible to be thinking about any other outside stress in life, so you are relieving your mind of that burden."

The bottom line: Working out is your best friend and your pain in the butt at the same time. But spending time at the gym can help you with self-love, which can ultimately lead you to finding or maintaining a happy, healthy love life.

Mladenovic said: "You're born weak and you die weak, but what you are in between those two times is completely up to you. You have the option to be as strong as you want to be."

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**Dear Help Squad,**

I read in your column a while back that you are willing to find experts to answer readers' questions. Well, I have one for you. I was wondering if you might be able to help me with a big purchasing decision that has to be made in our household. My 16-year-old daughter just got her driver's license and we would like to get her a used car. We are hoping to spend $7,000 or less but want to buy something that is safe with low/minimal maintenance costs. Is this something you can help us with?

**Thank you,**

**Jennifer, Deerfield**

Jennifer, this is absolutely something Help Squad can help you with!

In a quest for the perfect used car for a first-time driver, Help Squad reached out to CarMax and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Experts at these two companies offered their advice.

Howard McClain, general manager of CarMax Naperville, offers this suggestion: "A four-door sedan with a four-cylinder engine provides affordability for a first-time car buyer. However, it's important to consider overall cost of ownership, not just the sticker price. Get insurance quotes, compare gas mileage and research standard maintenance, such as brakes and tune-ups before making a final decision." He added: "Make time to visit a car retailer early on. Take the car out for a test drive and be sure to check its handling, seat comfort and overall visibility."

Anne McCartt, senior vice president for research at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said IIHS's recommendations for teen drivers are guided by four overriding principles:

1. Young drivers should stay away from high horsepower.
2. Bigger, heavier vehicles are safer. (There are no mini or small cars on IIHS's Best Choices or Good Choices for Teens lists.)
3. Electronic stability control (ESC) is a must. It helps a driver maintain control of a vehicle on curves and slippery roads, reducing risk at a level comparable to that of safety belts.
4. Vehicles should have the best safety ratings possible.

According to IIHS, teen drivers are at greater risk of crashing no matter what they drive, and the risk is exacerbated when they drive a sports car or small car. Additionally, according to two IIHS studies, teens are more likely to drive the least safe types of vehicles, in large part due to price point.

Says McCartt: "Unfortunately, it's very difficult to get a safe vehicle for a teenager at the prices most people are paying. Our advice to parents would be to remember the risks teens take and consider paying a little more."

Jennifer did specifically request a car for $7,000 or less, and IIHS does have 13 such cars on its Good Choices for Teens list (a list of recommended used vehicles for teens starting under $10,000). They are as follows:

**Large car**

- Hyundai Azera 2006 and later: $5,700

**Midsize cars**

- Mercedes-Benz C-Class sedan 2005-08: $6,600
- Suzuki Kizashi 2010 and later: $6,600
- Volvo S60 2007-09: $6,500
- Audi A4 2005-08, built after October 2004: $6,200
- Volkswagen Passat 2006-08: $5,100
- Saab 9-3 2005 and later: $4,000

**Small SUVs**

- Mitsubishi Outlander 2007 and later: $6,300
- Suzuki Grand Vitara 2006 and later: $5,600

**Midsize SUV**

- Suzuki XL7 2008-09: $6,200

**Minivans**

- Honda Odyssey 2005-10: $6,700
- Hyundai Entourage 2007-08: $6,300
- Kia Sedona 2006 and later: $4,600

The complete lists of Good Choices for Teens and Best Choices for Teens (recommended used vehicles for teens starting under $20,000) and a full explanation of the criteria used to compile each list, can be found at.

McCart concluded: "Parents who don't find a suitable vehicle from the lists of recommended models should seek out a midsize or larger car, an SUV or a minivan with the most safety they can afford. Besides ESC, specific things to look for are side air bags and low horsepower."

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Playing hardball on soaring hospital bills

Benefit firm's approach: Refuse to pay

BY JAY HANCOCK

Kaiser Health News

In the late 1990s, you could have taken what hospitals charged to administer inpatient chemotherapy and bought a Ford econobox. Today, average chemo charges (not even counting the price of the anti-cancer drugs) are enough to pay for a Lexus GX sport-utility vehicle, government data show.

Hospital prices have risen nearly three times as much as overall inflation since Ronald Reagan was president. Parties that pay hospitals have tried HMOs, accountable-care organizations and other innovations to control them, with little effect.

Elap Services, a small benefits consulting firm based in Chester Springs, Pa., is causing a commotion by suggesting an alternative: Refuse to pay. When hospitals send invoices with jaw-dropping charges, Elap tells its clients (generally medium-sized employers) to just say no.

Instead, these clients pay much lower amounts, based on Elap’s analysis of what is reasonable after analyzing the hospitals’ financial filings.

This unusual strategy is a disruption of business as usual, to say the least. Hospitals are unhappy, but they have failed to make headway against it in court.

“It was a leap of faith” when Huffines Auto Dealerships, which covers 300 employees and their families, signed onto the Elap plan a few years ago, said Eric Hartter, chief financial officer for the Texas company.

What he says now: “This is the best form of true health-care reform that I’ve come across.”

Attempts to curb hospital costs, which have risen nearly three times the rate of inflation since the 1980s, have failed.

Huffines first worked with Elap on charges for an employee’s back surgery. The worker had spent three days in a Dallas hospital. The bill was $600,000, Hartter said.

Like many businesses, the dealership pays its workers’ health costs directly. At the time, it was using a claims administrator that set up a traditional “preferred provider” network with agreed discounts at various hospitals.

The administrator looked at the bill and said, “Don’t worry. By the time we apply the discounts and everything else, it’ll be down to about $300,000.” Hartter recalled. “I said, ‘What’s the difference? That doesn’t make me feel any better.’ ”

Instead, he had Elap analyze the bill. The firm estimated costs for the treatment based on the hospital's financial reports filed with Medicare. Then it added a cushion so the hospital could make a modest profit.

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Natural options for women seeking menopause relief

By Marsha McCulloch
Environmental Nutrition Newsletter

Hot flashes, disrupted sleep, vaginal dryness, mood swings, difficulty concentrating, bone loss: These issues are all too common when women's estrogen levels drop and hormones become imbalanced. But for women who desire natural solutions, there are good alternatives.

Use of conventional combination estrogen and progesterone hormone therapy (Prempro) and estrogen therapy (Premarin) for menopause plummeted in 2002 because of their link to a significantly increased risk of heart attack, stroke, blood clots, breast cancer and dementia when taken long term, as shown in the Women's Health Initiative study.

Experts still deem conventional hormone therapy appropriate for symptom relief in early menopause but recommend using the lowest effective dose for the shortest possible time.

Some plant foods naturally contain compounds that either mimic or moderate the body's own estrogen actions. Called phytoestrogens, three of the most common are:

- Isoflavones, including genistein and daidzein, which are most prevalent in minimally processed soy foods (preferably organic), such as tofu and soy milk.
- Lignans, which are abundant in flaxseeds, can be ground and added to salads, smoothies, entrees and baked goods.
- Coumestans are plentiful in alfalfa sprouts and clover sprouts, which you can grow from seeds if unavailable at supermarkets. Use them in salads and sandwiches.

Overall, phytoestrogens, especially combinations of isoflavones and lignans such as in the supplement Femarelle, may be beneficial for menopausal symptoms, according to a research review in the January 2014 issue of Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Phytoestrogen use doesn't appear to increase risk of breast cancer, endometrial cancer or heart disease. Unfortunately, studies of phytoestrogens usually test the plant compounds against a placebo rather than against CHT, so direct comparisons of effectiveness are limited.

Although eating minimally processed soy foods and taking isoflavones or other phytoestrogen supplements may help some menopausal women, dosing from foods can be imprecise due to growing conditions, normal variation in daily food intake and variable nutrient absorption.

Further, bacteria in the gut convert some phytoestrogens to compounds with estrogenlike actions, but this conversion fluctuates depending on eating habits, gut health and genetics, and it can be shut down for several weeks by taking antibiotics. So the individual effectiveness of phytoestrogens, either from supplements or foods, will vary.

Women may inadvertently upset delicate hormone balance by self-medicating with phytoestrogen supplements, said Rudy Dragone, an Arizona-based compounding pharmacist (those who make medications "from scratch") and author of "Bioidentical Hormone Replacement Therapy." So discuss supplementation with your health care practitioner.

A prescription-based alternative to phytoestrogen-rich foods and supplements is BHT, which consists of hormones that are identical in chemical and molecular structure to those produced in the human body. Dragone said they are generally made with extracts from soy or will yams, which a lab converts to the desired hormone. (In comparison, CHT is often completely synthetic or derived from animals.)

"If you are allergic to soy and take BHT made from soy, you will not have an allergic reaction, because the BHT has been chemically modified and no longer contains any soy," Dragone said.

BHT may be obtained through a conventional pharmacy in standard does and formulations that are FDA-approved (such as Estrace and Prempro) or in custom formulations (such as bi-est and tri-est) through a compounding pharmacy, based on collaboration between your doctor and a compounding pharmacist. Although studies have shown the safety and effectiveness of standardized BHT products for treating menopausal symptoms, there's a lack of large-scale, randomized, controlled studies for custom-compounded BHT. Preliminary, however, case-based evidence is encouraging.

From the mouths of experts: Eat more fruit, vegetables!

By Mary MacVean
Tribune Newspapers

LOS ANGELES — Whether you clear your cabinets out for every new diet that promises health and beauty, just grab the bacon-topped cheeseburger or live somewhere in the middle, you must - you just must - know by now that we should all eat more vegetables and fruit. So why will people actually do it?

It's nowhere near time for a victory dance, but experts see a little movement in the right direction, citing the growth of farmers markets, more vegetarian restaurant options and campaigns to encourage produce consumption.

"There are some signs here and there that the diet is improving," said Kelly Brownell, an obesity expert and the dean of Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. But "the change is too slow to make a big public health difference." The plodding pace of change is to be expected, said Gene Bau, co-founder of Farm Sanctuary and an animal welfare advocate. Shifting the food industry and our habits is like turning a mammoth aircraft carrier, he said.

It's pretty easy to get through the day without eating anywhere near the amount of produce the federal government recommends - and most Americans are in the deficit category. Cold cereal and milk for breakfast, ham and cheese sandwich with tortilla chips for lunch and, for dinner, a piece of chicken, potatoes and a salad, maybe a piece of fruit for a snack.

That's maybe three servings of produce, and experts say five is barely enough. The federal government has recommended that half of your dinner plate be produce, but getting people to eat more fruit and vegetables is an uphill task.

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"Everywhere you go there are vegetarian options. Five or 10 years ago, that was not the case," said Jack Bishop, editorial director for America's Test Kitchen, which produces a public television cooking show that has an affiliated magazine and recently issued a vegetarian cookbook. "Vegetarian cooking seems a lot more appealing if you are not buying vegetables from 3,000 miles away," he added.

Studies such as one published recently in an American Medical Association journal saying that a vegetarian diet may help lower blood pressure also argue for diets heavy with plants. Nearly a third of American adults have high blood pressure.

Researchers from Yale surveyed the scientific literature and reported last year in the journal Annual Reviews that a diet that's predominantly plants is "decisively associated with health promotion and disease prevention." Other research, published in 2013 in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found no measurable difference between a vegetarian diet and a Mediterranean one, which includes meat and fish, though in lower amounts than the conventional American diet.

Experts who may have differing perspectives, from vegan to Paleo, can rally around a diet that's mostly unprocessed whole foods, mostly from plants, according to Dr. David Katz, the founding director of Yale's Prevention Research Center. Katz said there's too much confusion from the hundreds of diet books, research studies and other sources of information.

To help reduce confusion and the "unending fractious discord" about just what people should eat for the most healthful outcome, Katz has rallied more than 150 experts from 16 countries to sign on to a project called GLiMMER (Global Lifestyle Medicine Mobilizing to Effect Reform) that plans to educate people on that consensus on diet, smoking and exercise. If the advice is followed, Katz said, up to 80 percent of chronic disease could be eliminated.

"I'd like to put an end to the era of the fad diet in America," Katz said. And the food industry will respond to consumer demand, just has it did when it created low-carb pasta or Snackwells cookies or diet soda, he said.
The age of majority

Leah Eskin
Home on the Range

Milestones come in many sizes. Consider 18. On this birthday, the young American is vested with the authority to vote and, in most states, to acquire a tattoo, gun, credit card, lottery ticket and bottle of correction fluid. Which sounds like a terrible movie. She also can buy dry ice.

In anticipation, we ordered in. A squeaky cooler arrived air freight; it held 18 pints of frozen custard and one hunk of dry ice. Shoving aside salted caramel and butter mint, we lifted the block onto the kitchen table.

Our underage scientist showed us how a penny, wedged edgewise in the ice, will shudder. How an ice chip, dropped in water, will sublimes into fog. Or, if confined, into an explosion.

The sideshow made adulthood look promising. Though it wasn't half as sublime as the rhubarb custard.

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Rhubarb frozen custard

Prep: 20 minutes plus cooling overnight

Freeze: Several hours Makes: 6 cups

1 quart half-and-half
3 egg yolks
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 1/4 cups rhubarb sauce (recipe follows)

1. Pasteurize: Whisk together all ingredients (except rhubarb sauce) in a large saucepan. Heat over medium-high, whisking constantly, until custard reaches 165 degrees on a candy thermometer. Whisk at 165 for 30 seconds.

2. Chill: Strain into a clean bowl. Let cool. Cover and chill overnight.

3. Churn: Mix together chilled custard and chilled rhubarb sauce. Churn in an ice cream maker. (If yours is small, you may need to churn in two batches.) Pack into a plastic container; press a sheet of plastic wrap onto the custard and freeze firm, several hours.

Rhubarb sauce: Stir together 1 pound rhubarb, split the long way if fat, and sliced into 1-inch lengths, 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup water in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, lower to a simmer and cook, stirring now and then, until rhubarb collapses in a pink puddle, about 10 minutes. Cover and chill completely. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

Provenance: David Gott, founder of David's Famous Gourmet Frozen Custard, learned this recipe (lightly adapted here) from his grandmother. It inspired the recipe he uses commercially today.

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Craft alcoholic root beer next big thing or niche drink?

BY ZAK STAMBOR
Tribune Newspapers

I disagree with Tim Kovac.

Kovac, brewmaster at Small Town Brewery, believes root beer is the next big thing in craft beer. Granted, I can see where he's coming from. After all, the main output from his Wauconda-based brewery is Not Your Father's Root Beer, an alcoholic root beer that is quickly growing; between April and May it expanded from availability in eight states to 29 states. That's despite, or perhaps because of, its hefty 10.7 percent alcohol by volume when on tap. (There's also a 19.5 percent version; the bottled version is a more modest 5.9 percent alcohol by volume.)

"It reminds you of when you were a kid," he says.

"At the same time, this is an adult drink. It's a whole new category that I'm sure others will soon join."

While Sprecher produces a similar adult root beer called Hard Root Beer, and Forbidden Root Beer produces a not-too-similar root beer, I've tried beer called, appropriately enough, Forbidden Root, so far that's about it.

Even though craft beer is ripe with examples of the previously strange becoming commonplace in the course of a few years — think specific styles like gose or broad categories like sours — I'm not sure root beer, or adult root beer to be more specific, is the same sort of thing. That's because the beer styles that suddenly surge in popularity are unmistakably beers. Sure, Not Your Father's Root Beer is technically an ale, but that doesn't clear when you take a sip of it. If you didn't know better, you'd think you were just drinking a soda. Granted, it tastes like a decent soda made up of a multifaceted array of flavors, including wintergreen, vanilla and cinnamon (although it could use a little more carbonation).

Unlike Kovac, Jeff Hamilton, Sprecher Brewing Co.'s president, thinks that adult-oriented root beer is more akin to so-called alternatives like Mike's Hard Lemonade than it is to a beer. That is, it's a drink for people who don't want to drink beer or taste the alcohol they're consuming.

"It's a niche-y product," he says, noting that root beer, whether alcoholic or not, has always been a polarizing flavor. "People either love it or hate it."

The funny thing about the alcoholic root beer trend is that root beer originally was a mildly alcoholic beverage; most had just enough alcohol to make them safer to drink than possibly tainted local water sources. It's those roots that inspired Forbidden Root.

"Root beer back in the day was not a sugary soda but a herbaceous thirst quencher," says B.J. Pichman, Forbidden Root's operations manager. "We wondered, why wasn't anyone brewing a root beer beer?"

Because no one else was doing so, Forbidden Root did. Sassafras dominates the beer's nose, and the herbal, spice-tinged flavor is complex, with notes of wintergreen, birch and licorice. It's a decent beer and a far cry from the other two sodalike root beers.

Even so, I don't think Forbidden Root and the other two root beers are about to start a trend. And that's OK.

Stambor is a freelance writer.
Great Plains states equal great eats

'New Prairie Kitchen' celebrates region's good food movement

By Judy Hevrdejs
Tribune Newspapers

"Great Plains states are often referred to as 'flyover' country," writes cookbook author Summer Miller, "meaning there aren't many reasons to stop here and look around."

Miller's new book, "New Prairie Kitchen: Stories and Seasonal Recipes From Chefs, Farmers, and Artisans of the Great Plains" (Agate, $29.95), will convince you otherwise.

Sophisticated images of farmers, chefs, bakers, artisans and cheesemakers fill the pages. You'll imagine the flavors of lamb on a bed of sauteed spring vegetables by chef Clayton Chapman of The Grey Plume in Omaha, Neb., or caramelized pattypan squash salad with summer peaches by chef Jason Simon at Alba in Des Moines, Iowa.

And you'll wonder why you haven't left the interstate to eat walleye tacos with charred salsa at the M.B. Haskett Delicatessen in Sioux Falls, S.D. For as Michael Haskett tells Miller: "When the tomatoes ripen and the fish are biting at the lake, then you know it's time to fire up the grill."

"It wasn't just a whole bunch of people coming together to try to make a book. It was a whole bunch of people coming together to try to elevate our food culture," Miller says.

"From a home cook perspective, one of the biggest fascinations I had with the project was that so many people don't know the basics of cooking," says Miller. "And then we are convinced that we need something that we really don't, that we need to spend more money than we really have. So in a very Midwestern, fundamental, utilitarian way, cooking was about resourcefulness."

"I think you should have a basic foundational knowledge of how to feed yourself. If you're choosing to eat something that's raspberry-flavored, that's fine. But you should know that it's not the same thing as a raspberry. And as long as you're making that decision, then I think that's OK. But you need to know the difference."

Roasted rhubarb and asparagus pasta salad

Prep: 20 minutes  Cook: 25 minutes  Makes: 4-6 servings

Adapted from the "New Prairie Kitchen" and Maggie Pleskac of Maggie's Vegetarian Cafe in Lincoln, Neb. Rhubarb may seem like an unusual ingredient in a pasta recipe, but it adds a delicious tart accent to the mix along with striking color.

1/2 pound bow-tie pasta
1/4 pound fresh spinach leaves, coarsely chopped, thicker stems removed
1/2 pound rhubarb, about 2 large stalks, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
1/2 pound asparagus stalks, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more to taste
2 large cloves garlic, chopped
1/2 teaspoon each: sea salt, red pepper flakes, plus more to taste
2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh basil leaves
2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh sorrel leaves, optional
1 Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cook pasta according to package directions in a large pot of well-salted boiling water. While pasta cooks, place chopped spinach in a colander; set aside.
2 Toss rhubarb and asparagus in a large bowl with olive oil, garlic, salt and red pepper flakes. Spread mixture evenly on a baking sheet. Roast in the oven just until fork tender, 6 to 8 minutes; you do not want the rhubarb to break apart.
3 When pasta has finished cooking, pour into the colander with the spinach; spinach will wilt. Drain spinach and pasta. Transfer to a serving dish. Add rhubarb mixture, basil and sorrel, if using. Toss together adding more olive oil, salt and red pepper to taste.

Nutrition Information per serving: 222 calories, 8 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 32 g carbohydrates, 7 g protein, 291 mg sodium, 3 g fiber
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FOR THE WIN
Game on! Lucky Strike Entertainment's reimagined arcade — which opened June 5 — features gourmet food, miniature golf and after-hours fun for the over 21 crowd in more than 20,000 square feet. There's also a never-before-seen SEGA Showdown (a new take on a racecar game) and a retail store that replaces the traditional token prizes with more grown-up merchandise. 322 E. Illinois; Fivewheatco.com

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Splash contributor and astrology guru Sabra Ricci teams up with funnygirl Jenny McCarthy for this ultimate guide to finding passion and love — no matter your sign. McCarthy's wit and Ricci's expertise are a match made in the stars. $19.95; Amazon.com

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JUNE 16
Merryvale Vineyards Wine Dinner
Napa Valley's Merryvale Vineyards showcases 2012 and 2013 releases throughout this four-course repast at Travele. Chef Tim Graham's menu ranges from julienned flanachi to clay-roasted lamb, and Merryvale's Doug Burch will be on hand to discuss the pours.
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: The Langham Chicago, 330 N. Wabash
Cost: $79. For reservations, call (312) 923-7705.

BY THOMAS CONNORS

JUNE 17
JUDY BLUME READING
The Chicago Humanities Festival welcomes the iconic children's author, who'll read and discuss her new adult novel, In the Unlikely Event, which chronicles three generations impacted by a series of airline crashes in the 1950s.
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Francis W. Parker School Diane and David B. Heller Auditorium, 2233 N. Clark
Cost: $15, $10 CHF members, $5 students/teachers.
For tickets, visit chicagohumanities.org.

JUNE 18
INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN FUNDRAISER
Join renowned doctor Julius Few at this benefit for at-risk youth. Chicago FOX 32's Darlene Hill emcees the evening, which includes cocktails, nibbles, a silent auction—and the opportunity to test drive a Maserati Ghibli.
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Perillo Maserati, 834 N. Rush
Cost: $250, $1,000
VIP. For tickets, visit Fewinitiative.org.

JUNE 18

- AGENTS OF HOPE AWARDS DINNER
Supporting families impacted by cancer, Gilda's Club Chicago honors biopharmaceutical leader AbbVie and Advocate Christ Medical Center at this major fundraiser. The evening includes dinner and silent and live auctions.
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware
Cost: $500
For tickets, visit Phychicago.com/gildasclub.

JUNE 18

- SOIREE IN THE CITY
Rape Victim Advocates, which provides services at no charge to sexual assault survivors and their loved ones, hosts this annual fundraiser, which includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a silent auction.
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Revel Downtown, 440 W. Randolph
Cost: $125, $145 at the door. For tickets, visit Rva.ticketea.com.

NEXT WEEK

JUNE 24 - AUGUST 16

- 'BEACHES'
"Million Dollar Quartet" director Eric Schaeffer helms this Broadway-bound musical about the ups and downs of two very different lifelong friends - don't forget the Kleenex.
Place: Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Oakbrook Terrace
Cost: $45-$67 For tickets, visit Drurylaneoakbrook.com.

JUNE 19-20

- 29TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES
You don't have to be rabid for Robbie Burns to enjoy this one-of-kind event. There'll be pipe bands and drummers, tree-trunk flipping, rugby, haggis hurling, a shortbread contest and more.
Time: 4-10 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday
Place: Hamilton Lakes, Itasca, at I-290 and Thorndale
Cost: $5-$30. For tickets, visit Chicagoscots.org.

JUNE 18

- BATTLE OF THE BATS
Kerry Wood and the Wood Family Foundation welcome sluggers of all stripes to step up to the plate at Wrigley Field in support of Chicago's underseved kids. Prizes range from a dinner for six with Wood to a grounds-crew gig with seats for the Cubs batting practice.
Time: 2-8:30 p.m.
Place: Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison
Cost: $3,500 individual minimum, $15,000 team minimum. To register, visit Chicago.cubs.mlb.com.

JUNE 27

- FOLDS OF HONOR BENEFIT
Dedicated to affording educational opportunities to America's servicemen and women, the Folds of Honor Foundation hosts this benefit dinner, with founder Major Dan Rooney and Crissie Carpenter - who lost her husband, Lance Corporal Andrew Paul Carpenter, just weeks before their son Landon was born - among the speakers.
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Navy Pier Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand
Cost: $500. For tickets, visit Foh2015.org.

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The scene: The high-flying Jesse White Tumblers put on a lively show at the 25th annual Making History Awards June 3, held in the posh ballroom at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago (120 E. Delaware) to celebrate Chicago's most influential individuals.

The invite list: Journalist Ali Velshi hosted the ceremony, which honored John A. Canning, Jr., with the Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation; former Mayor Richard M. Daley with The Daniel H. Burnham Award for Distinction in Visionary Leadership; Jesse White with The Jane Addams Making History Award for Distinction in Social Service; and Motorola Chairman and CEO Greg Brown with The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement.

The bottom line: The evening raised a record-breaking $850,950 for the Chicago History Museum's mission to collect, preserve and present Chicago's unique history. —Beth Delany

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“...we have three goals tonight: to honor some fellow citizens who help make Chicago great, to make sure all of you enjoy yourselves, and to finish in less time than a Blackhawks playoff game. No more overtimes, please!” —Ali Velshi, the event's emcee

THE SHOPS AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION'S CELEBRATION

The scene: “America's Next Top Model” winner and former Splash cover star Jaslene Gonzalez had a lot to celebrate June 2. The model made an appearance at the Roosevelt Collection (150 W. Roosevelt) to celebrate her 29th birthday and her new role as the face of The Shops.

The invite list: More than 100 attendees toasted Gonzalez while dancing to beats by DJ Lani Love and indulging in bites by local food trucks Pork Chop, BabyCakes and Flirty Cupcakes and flowing drinks from Bridgeport Coffee. To cap off the night, partgoers sang “Happy Birthday” and enjoyed birthday cake. —Cailey Fitzgerald

2. Valerie and Naimah Muhammad.
3. Ethan Vasquez and Jaslene's lookalike little sister Amaris Sanchez grab a soda.
4. DJ Lani Love.
5. Lisa Floyd and Torrey Barrett.
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The invite list: Hosted by Advanced Dermatology and skinfo Specialty Skincare Boutique and emceed by Splash's own Susanna Negovan, the event drew more than 200 guests, who enjoyed an appearance by Whitney Wandland, Miss Chicago and Chicago Luvabull, and listened to "The Brady Bunch" actor Christopher Knight's personal skin cancer story. Later, attendees indulged in skin care treatments, a silent auction and boutique shopping, which included the debut of sun-protection clothing lines by Mott 50 and Coolibar.

The bottom line: The benefit raised over $24,000 for The Skin Cancer Foundation, an international organization that raises awareness and promotes education about the world's most common cancer. —Annabeth Carlson

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1. A model in Gidi walks the runway.
2. Grace and Rob Federighi with Cara Kokenes
3. Whitney Wandland
4. Christopher Knight and Amy Forman Taub

Designers took my breath away — Gidi's designs were absolutely stunning. I loved one of her dresses so much, that I insisted on wearing it to the event!" —Whitney Wandland

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RENAISSANCE AWARDS GALA

Even though the late Gene Siskel died before two-time Oscar nominee Mark Ruffalo's career really took off, the film critic's wife Marlene Iglitzen — who co-chaired the annual gala benefiting the School of the Art Institute's Film Center — says her husband would have been a big fan of the actor, who was honored with the Center's Renaissance Award. "Gene never had the pleasure of meeting Mark Ruffalo," Iglitzen says. "But I know exactly what he would have said, if he had. He always said, 'What distinguishes a good actor from a great actor is great actors have a joy of performing [that] they radiate in each performance.' And that's what Mark Ruffalo does. Every time he's on screen, he radiates joy."

The Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson) fête — which attracted 350 supporters June 6 and raised an estimated $400,000 — was especially emotional, not only for Iglitzen (who was joined by her three children, Callie, Kate and Will Siskel), but also for longtime film center board chair Ellen Sandor. "I always say, art saves — and tough art really saves lives," Sandor says. "We show important films on important subjects about the human condition that often people can't see anywhere else."

The crowd was buzzing about Ruffalo at the event — what stood out most was his down-to-earth manner and accessibility. His "entourage" consisted only of close friends and family, including his dad. A fun moment came before the program: A number of guests won "selfie" opportunities with the star. First up was Audrey Gale — except she forgot her phone! Fortunately, a pal quickly came to the rescue and Ruffalo snapped a few shots with the audience as the backdrop. Better prepared were Eli's Cheesecake power couple Maureen and Marc Schuman and another duo who laughed with Ruffalo.

Other partygoers enjoying the evening included Chaz Ebert, Alexandra and David Earle, Paul Dykstra, Helen Harvey Mills, Corly Kessler, Melissa Sage Fadim, Eda Davidman, Christie Hefner, Karen and Liam Krehbiel, Averill and Bernard Leviton, Mayan Pritzker and Betsy Ahearn.

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Superstar **BRAD PAISLEY** plants his country roots in Chicago’s music scene

BY ELLE EICHINGER
n the 1920s, Louis Armstrong stepped off a train from New Orleans and popularized jazz in Chicago. In the 1950s and '60s, Buddy Guy put Chicago on the map as the blues capital. In the early 2000s, Kanye West rose from suburban Chicago to transform hip hop.

And today, Brad Paisley brings us country?

It may seem an unlikely alignment - big, urban city and country music - but Paisley swears that the Chicago fan base is among his strongest. "I think it might be the best city we play, in a way," the musician, 42, says. "You wouldn't traditionally think of Chicago as a country music town, but I think it's some combination of geography and working class [that makes it]."

The proof is in the numbers: Paisley sold out the First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre in Tinley Park in 2011, 2012 and 2014, and snagged the coveted headliner spot at Wrigley Field's second-ever country concert in 2012.

This summer he returns to headline Windy City LakeShake (see sidebar) - a stop on his Crushin' It World Tour - alongside friends and fellow musicians Dierks Bentley and Florida Georgia Line. (Bentley even makes an appearance in the music video for "Crushin' It," for which Paisley hand drew some of country's biggest stars as a pack of superheroes - warding off an attack from giant evil beer cans, no less.)

Just before heading to Chicago, though, Paisley's playing a totally different gig: He'll open for the Rolling Stones when they play at Nashville's LP Field June 17 and it's more than a dream come true. "I must have had one wish left on my genie bottle," Paisley says of getting the call to be the opener for the Stones in his hometown. "It's really strange when you've spent the majority of the last few years not opening for anybody - playing for your own audiences as the main act - to jump at the chance to go back to that. ... that's how great this band is."

It's no wonder the Stones picked Paisley of all the musicians in Nashville for their concert there. In the decade and a half since his debut album, "Who Needs Pictures," was released, he's landed 17 singles at No. 1 on the Billboard Country Airplay charts, earned three Grammys and nabbed more than a dozen Country Music Association awards.

He's toured every year since 2003 and shows no signs of slowing down: "I'm not one of those people who's like, over the road," he says. "They are artists who just hate touring, but..."
DAVID OTUNGA, 35
Lawyer, WWE superstar, actor and personal fitness guru

Father of: David Otunga, Jr., 5, with fiancée Jennifer Hudson
Father of: Cooper, 3, and Palmer, 18 months
I am fueled by ... The passion for competition, my wife and two kids.
When I was a kid ... My dad would throw me batting practice after work every day, then I would make him pick [all the balls] up!
Success for me ... Means especially through Cubs Charities. This year's Catch in the Confines [event] gave me the opportunity to do something special for the community and Cubs Scholars.
My father taught me ... How to be a man of distinction I'm following in his footsteps and trying to set the best example possible for my son.

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I am most impressed by ... My son's innate kindness. He has a giving spirit that never needed to be taught to him.
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JAKE ARRIETA, 29
Chicago Cubs pitcher

GIFT PICK | "An authentic doodle from my son Cooper and daughter Palmer."

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The most important thing a father can do ... Is spend as much time as possible with his children. When I'm not working — and even sometimes when I am working — my son is always with me. He truly is my best friend.
At home ... I'm ... Just Dada. I have an exciting career that has me constantly on TV, in print and performing live all over the world in front of thousands of people chanting my name, but when I come home, I'm just Dada.

Four prominent Chicagoans share their best fatherly advice and gift picks
TREY BERRE, 36
Co-founder of tie line Artfully Disheveled and attorney at CME Group
Father of: Fiona, 2, and Alessandra, 1
I am particularly proud of... My wife, Maria, and all of her hard work raising and caring for our two daughters while juggling her active photography career.
The most important thing a father can do... is provide a loving and supportive environment for his children, encourage them to challenge themselves each day and, at times, take informed and calculated risks.

I have a deep appreciation for... Creative minds, attention to detail and people who can create a really great meme.
I always tell my girls... Education, responsibility and hard work are important attributes for success and will pave the path for who they want to be. And no, it does not faze me that they are 1 and 2 years old and usually sucked into an episode of "Bubble Guppies" when I convey this message.

My father taught me... "Luck" is what happens when hard work meets opportunity; a well-dressed man exudes confidence and self-respect; and there is no replacement for professionalism - no matter your occupation.

JACKSON MIRANDA, 40
Senior brand ambassador at Tequila Don Julio
Father of: Shia, 1
I want to give my daughter every opportunity that exists here, while still surrounding her with the love and support of close family members.

At home, I'm... Relaxing, listening to music, playing with my daughter and hanging with family.
The most important thing a man can do... is keep his word.
The most important thing a father can do... is just be there and lead by example.
John De Wald, owner of Serosun Farms (45W489 Berner, Hampshire, Serosunfarms.com) — a sustainable community-based in Kane County — says creating an edible vegetable garden simply requires a little patience.

"Sometimes people who try too hard have a lot of problems, and overdo it by over-watering or over-handling [the plants]," De Wald says. To be successful, he adds, start with the soil, which is "more of a living organism than just a pile of dirt." Using a mineral enriched soil will help improve the quality of the garden over time. When it's time to plant, Lise already flowering veggies like tomatoes and peppers to get a head start (or start growing them inside from seeds during the winter months). With a little water and sunlight, you'll have fantastic food that is, according to De Wald, better than what you'd buy at the grocery store.

"You usually end up with a lot more than you can use, so share and trade," he says. "Sometimes it creates a little bit of community through that common interest."

"The planting is defined by the spaces you create with the hardscape. Use plants that flower from early spring to late fall, and add pine and other shrubbery to keep the garden looking lively even in the dismal months.

For cool summer evenings, "an outdoor fireplace is absolute heaven," Mariani says. Fire pits are relatively low maintenance when using gas logs — they look authentic but don't spew ashes, making them safer. If a fire pit is not an option, bring in a heat lamp to extend the use of your outdoor space.

1. Beets: Start them from a seed. "Even people who don't like beets may be surprised at how good they taste fresh from the garden," De Wald says. Plus you get beet greens, which are great for salads or smoothies.

2. Swiss chard: These tasty greens — which add lots of color to the garden — should be started from seeds.

3. Potatoes: No need for seeds — start planting from chunks of uncooked potato.

4. Beans: Pick your favorite bean — any variety — and start them as seeds.

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Chicago had been on New York-based LDV Hospitality's radar for more than six years until, last month, it opened Dolce Italian inside The Godfrey Hotel. "In the end, all the stars aligned, in terms of finding the right hotel partner, the right location and space," says LDV founder/principal John Meadow. "I'm glad we were patient — we're thrilled to be here."

The restaurant represents the completion of The Godfrey, which opened in the spring of 2014 and also boasts the fourth-floor indoor/outdoor bar, I/O. "Between Dolce and I/O, you have a fantastic night out," Meadow says. "You can do it all under one roof; it's seamless and it's a good energy."

Here's what to expect at Dolce Italian:

Chef stats: Originally from Trento, Italy, Miami-based Corporate Executive Chef Paolo Durigato helmed some of New York City's most renowned eateries — Le Cirque, Rainbow Room and Cipriani Wall Street — before joining LDV. "Paolo is a very disciplined, passionate person," Meadow says. "He's not about the fussiness of intricacies or the [culinary] gimmick; he respects Mother Nature, and the Italian kitchen is rooted in seasonal ingredients and the simplicity of the dish." Executive Chef Andrew Deuci leads the culinary team in Chicago.

Must try: "The veal Milanese [$32] would be the last supper of my life," Meadow jokes. Among the restaurant's most delicious and most popular dishes is the risotto ai frutti di mare ($24, with lobster $36). It's a classic Italian dish packed so full with shrimp, scallop and calamari that every bite includes a taste of seafood. To start, the beef carpaccio ($16) — served with baby arugula, crispy mushrooms, croutons and truffle dressing — is perfectly tender.

Off the menu: Ask for the star of the show, the beef carpaccio ($16) — served with baby arugula, crispy mushrooms, croutons and truffle dressing — is perfectly tender.

Chicago style: "We put a lot of effort into the design, to have something that's architecturally thoughtful, because we're in the land of Mies van der Rohe and the best architecture in the world," Meadow says. "This comes through most notably in the unique ceiling treatment, an intricate, waffle-like slab with triangular openings." 127 W. Huron, (312) 754-0700; Dolceitalianrestaurant.com
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With the Cyrus Tang Hall of China, the Field Museum sheds light on its impressive holdings

BY THOMAS CONNORS

It's one thing for a museum to possess an embarrassment of riches — it's another to be able to display them in an interpretively engaging way. The Field Museum has long held a vast collection of Chinese material, much of which was assembled by Dr. Berthold Laufer, the museum's first curator of Asian anthropology from 1908 to 1934. For years, only a small fraction of that material has been on view, but with the debut of the Cyrus Tang Hall of China — named for businessman and philanthropist Cyrus Tang and his Cyrus Chung Ying Tang Foundation, the exhibit's presenting sponsor — visitors will be able to explore and appreciate these treasures as never before.

Developed over the course of three years, the new installation is a dramatic update of previous displays, some of which were first mounted nearly 50 years ago. But, as Exhibitions Project Manager Tom Skwerski notes, it's much more than new cases and lighting. "One thing that will make this exhibition truly unique is the anthropological focus through which we're contextualizing the objects," he says. "Each object has so many stories to tell, and we want to present stories about who made these objects and who used them, but also how they relate to the greater stories about cultural traditions, such as China's role in global trade." (Visitors will be free to choose which story they wish to hear by selecting from a touch-screen menu).

The material on view includes textiles, rubbings, bronzes, ceramics and sculpture produced over thousands of years; there are Neolithic pottery and jades, Han and Tang Dynasty burial objects and Buddhist and Daoist sculptures. One spectacular piece is a 27-foot-long scroll painting depicting life in a riverside city; another highlight is a video of shadow puppet performance filmed from both backstage and the audience's point of view.

A handsome component of this museum-going experience is the East Garden, a relaxing space that takes an aesthetic cue from Chinese rock gardens.

As China asserts itself on the world stage, it is easy to reduce this ancient nation to sound bites and headlines, subsuming its history in discussions of global economics and world politics — but the Cyrus Tang Hall of China helps recalibrate our understanding of its rich culture.
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The wine enthusiast uncorks a new lifestyle brand

At 40 years old, it shows off all the good stuff. Plus, bright colors make me happy!

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CHRISHON LAMPLEY

AGE: 40, CLAIM-TO-FAME: Vintner and founder of Love Cork Screw, LIVES IN: North Kenwood, SELF-STARTER: I used to own an art gallery and wine lounge called Three Peas Art Lounge. I became really immersed in the wine industry. I would pick out the wine list and people would ask me my favorite varietals. I became an expert. IN WRITING: In 2011, I started writing a blog called Love Cork Screw — the "Love" section had fun escapades that happened in bars; the "Cork" section is where I would [share] my wine picks and hot spots; and the "Screw" section was a wild card [where I would] talk about current events. GROWING THE BUSINESS: I came out with [Love Cork Screw] wine in 2013. I have three different vineyards that I use in Oswego, Michigan and California. I also have candles and cigars, so I look at it as touching all five senses. A TRIBUTE: My [namesake] cigar line [launching in July] is a way for me to pay homage to my father and keep the Lampley name alive — so when I marry, Lampley can still live on. FATHER'S DAY SELECTION: We're Moving On Up, our Cabernet Sauvignon [$16.99]. Its full-bodied, fruit-forward, masculine flavors make for a great taste. RISING ABOVE: What differentiates me is my story. When I owned the gallery, it got destroyed in a flood. I came from losing everything to coming back into the industry booming. People love hearing about the comeback kid.

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Second Jobs: Misnamed celebrities

By Gail Grabowski | Edited by Stanley Newman

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7 Bit of rain
11 Time and Money, for short
15 Diplomatic asset
19 Mythical flier
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21 Situated on
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3 Actor Diggs
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20 Einstein's "I"
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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
A. Emotional wound: 2 wds. 168 5 152 108 33 84 58 42
B. Bar area 82 30 96 136 45 62 146
C. What a colonel wears 22 132 99 146 1
D. Baroque portraitist 63 97 46 54 120 17 77
E. Pleased as punch 157 59 3 35 79 109 111 128
F. Affecting everything 50 71 60 150 117 95 31 2
G. Outf in pig Latin 135 171 65 90 116 151 38
H. Minuscule 29 154 130 113 7 118 80 69 164
I. NYC 'Mayor for Life' 169 13 144 36 74 70
J. Transylvania inhabitant 133 76 107 129 52 147 91 20
K. Significantly 8 160 141 94 23 49 83
L. Virginia's other name: 2 wds. 24 92 14 53 165 61 87 37 127
M. Lasting satisfaction 51 134 163 170 106 25 86 12 131
N. Enough 167 26 104 73 102 121 43 145 166
O. Huh?: 2 wds. 27 112 15 66 122 140 39
P. Dynasty and General Hospital name 137 32 2 162 101 173 44 142 16
Q. Late major league umpire 19 156 98 28 161 60 55 9 126
R. Rebel or terrorist, say 100 148 139 57 4 47 119 172
S. Obscurity 67 34 115 93 18 138 153
T. Snare 156 85 126 114 40
U. Appealing and appetizing 156 106 75 87 61 123 174 64
V. Intuitive 56 89 10 110 175 159 143 124

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Boot Up!

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across
1 Kind of rain
5 Girl's encouragement
9 Code for cons
14 Foe of 007
15 Negotiation
16 Smell
17 Act foolish
18 To be, to Bardot
19 Curly cabbage
20 Hardware
23 JFK sign
24 Enter the Dragon star
25 Closes
28 Passing fancy
30 Witt maneuver
34 TV camera shot
35 Legendary clay figure
37 Brian, of rock
38 Software
41 Mighty Joe Young, e.g.
42 Gymnastic apparatus
43 Down East
44 Unpopular student
46 Dobbin turner
47 Starr, of the West
48 Overwhelm
50 Hamburger helper
51 State-of-the-art equipment
58 Danny's daughter
59 Like a string bean
60 Pride's place
62 Tatum
63 Nudge forward
64 Gershwin tune
65 Far from spiffy
66 Fortune teller
67 Wonderland

Down
1 Increase
2 I've Gotta ___ Peter Pan song
3 Dividing word
4 Active soul
5 Skilled individuals
6 Tropical fish
7 Poi root
8 A Baldwin
9 Unstylish
10 Obliterates
11 New, to Lepidus
12 Cupid
13 Melody
21 Road sign
22 Sort of statesman
25 Cant
26 Classical reading
27 Strike caller, for short
28 Create
29 Heidi's home
31 Pauline's problem
32 Simple
33 Alaska city
34 Use radar
35 Code carrier
36 Brief time
39 Princetonian
40 Unit of acceleration
45 Southfork setting
47 Memorable Archie
49 Lanate
50 Jag
51 Malacca, for one
52 Pyrite and bauxite
53 More
54 Diner's request
55 Supermodel
56 MacPherson
57 Occasion at Minsky's
58 Popular tattoo
61 Competed at Belmont

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Letterman or Duchovny
6 Con game
10 Up in _, angry
14 Ridiculous
15 ...Cola
16 ...opera; daytime serial
17 Crabby moods
18 Made fun of
19 Remedy
20 To tell the truth...
22 ...a wrong; retaliate
24 "All You ___ Is Love", Beatles song
25 Corrected
26 Prefix meaning "against"
29 Beg
30 Useless turmoil
31 Attempted
33 Full of foliage
37 Small lake
39 Spirited horse
41 Urgent
42 Joyce Kilmer's famous poem
44 Spring month
46 Gents
47 Baby horses
49 Sounds

Solutions

1 Piece of china
2 _ Donini; A.D.
3 Concealed
4 Concentrating
5 Cherries jubilee or Baked Alaska
6 Burn liquid
7 Imitate
8 Big spade
9 Señora in Paris
10 Went skyward
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"All Mixed Up"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

IAN FRAZIER: COYOTE V. ACME: Mr. Wile E. Coyote, Arizona resident, hereby brings suit for damages against the Acme Company, seeking compensation for severe personal injuries, mental anguish and lost income in his profession of predator.

Last week's Sudoku

This week's Jumble

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Memories in an instant with old-method pudding

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

Some of my earliest and fondest kitchen memories are of making pudding with my grandma. I remember standing on the step stool at her stove, stirring and stirring the pot of warm, cocoa-y milk until at last it began to thicken. I thought its transformation from liquid to lava was absolutely magical.

After we poured it into little glass ramekins and put it in the refrigerator to set, the wait to eat it seemed endless. Looking back, I think there was something about the process and the anticipation that added to the experience.

In today's instant-pudding world, I treasure the slowed-down, old-fashioned method more than ever. Besides bringing back good memories and connecting me with a dearly departed matriarch, recreating this dessert at home from scratch means I can also tailor it to get my creamy chocolate fix in a more healthful way.

To do that, I use 1 percent milk, which provides just enough body and, of course, a wealth of nutrients while keeping saturated fat and calories low. Using high-quality unsweetened cocoa powder means there's some real antioxidant power too. (Be sure to get “un-Dutched” or “natural” cocoa powder, because the Dutching process destroys the protective compounds.) I double the rich chocolate flavor by melting a chunk of dark chocolate into the mixture before heating it up with sugar and cornstarch.

Place over medium heat; cook, whisking constantly, until the mixture thickens and starts to bubble at the edges, about 6 minutes. Reduce the heat to low; cook, whisking frequently, for 1 minute, then remove from the heat.

Whisk together the sugar, cocoa and cornstarch in a medium saucepan (off the heat). Gradually add the milk, whisking until smooth.

Add the vanilla and the dark chocolate, stirring until the chocolate has melted and the mixture is smooth. Stir in the salt. Transfer to a serving bowl, individual dessert bowls or ramekins. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate until set, at least 3 hours and up to 3 days.

Serve garnished with a small dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkling of chocolate shavings, if you like.

Nutrition Information per serving: 180 calories, 4 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 32 g carbohydrates, 5 g protein, 230 mg sodium, 2 g fiber.

Krieger is a freelance writer.

Double chocolate pudding

Prep: 10 minutes  Chill: 3 hours  Cook: 7 minutes

Makes: 4 servings (makes 2 1/2 cups)

3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder, preferably not Dutch-processed
2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon cornstarch
2 cups cold, low-fat milk (1 percent)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 ounce dark chocolate (60 to 70 percent cacao), finely chopped, plus chocolate shavings
1/4 teaspoon salt
Whipped cream for serving

1. Whisk together the sugar, cocoa and cornstarch in a medium saucepan (off the heat). Gradually add the milk, whisking until smooth.

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Shelf life

BY JUDY HEVRIJJS
Tribune Newspapers

Serious sauce for a 'cue crew

It's the rare grill guru who would pass up a chance to give a different barbecue sauce a try. A sauce such as those made by the Rufus Teague team in Kansas. While they make rubs, we're fans of the sauces (Honey Sweet, Blazin' Hot, Touch O' Heat and the newest, Apple Mash) and partial to the thick, smoky, spicy Whiskey Maple. Its powerful flavors would play best, say our grilling clubs, with copious meat tips and the dark meat of chicken legs and thighs. A 16-ounce flask: $5.99. Buy online or locate a store: rufusteague.com.

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When it comes to flatware for picnics, go the eco-friendly route with the new Birchwood Flatware Set from Sur La Table. The 24-piece set (eight each: forks, spoons, knives with a serrated edge) stood up well to salads, cooked vegetables, pasta and ground meat. The set: $99.5. Buy online or locate a store: surtable.com.
Mammoth homecoming

BY STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Whether mammoths mostly roamed or mostly stayed close to home is a question that scientists are still sorting out.

What's indisputable is that "Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age," a museum exhibition displaying bones, replicas and more of the ancient elephant relatives, has been a wanderer.

The peripatetic life of the exhibition, crafted by the Field Museum, has included stops at museums in Boston, Denver, Edinburgh, London and many more, spreading Field science across the globe and bringing money back to Chicago at a published rate of $300,000 for 3 months rental.

Now the show's assemblage of crates - eight semis worth, each crate stenciled in white with "Mammoths and Mastodons" and a mammoth outline below - has come home, unpacked and re-mounted for an encore display half a decade after it was first up at the Chicago natural history museum. The return engagement is motivated by a hole in the exhibit's touring schedule and the belief that its original six-month run here was not long enough to satisfy demand, said Jaap Hoogstraten, the museum's director of exhibitions.

Its return helps shed a spotlight on the arcane and changing world of museum touring exhibitions. The Field is one of only a few museums in the country that routinely builds shows for travel. It's had exhibits based on Sue the T. rex and one about chocolate ("Chocolate: The Exhibition") on the road since almost the turn of the millennium, for instance, when it started getting into traveling exhibitions in a big way.

"It's really beautiful to have these shows on the road," said Hoogstraten, recalling his visit to see "Mammoths and Mastodons" open in January 2014 at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

There were advertisements on the sides of double-decker buses, he said, and a special section in the newspaper. "It was the big thing in Edinburgh," he said.

Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, meanwhile, is trying to get into the game with its current "Robot Revolution," which the MSI developed in-house and will go on the road after it leaves the South Side science museum in January.

"We're at the beginning gate. We haven't even rented it yet," said David Mosena, president and CEO of the MSI. But interest was high at the recent American Alliance of Museums trade show, he said, and now that "Robots" is open potential renters from other museums have already started coming through to check it out for its planned four-year tour.

"This is really the first effort we've made to develop a show that we would also take on the road," said Mosena.

The revenue helps, he said, but the impetus came from wanting to "control our own content and destiny" after a period where development energies were largely devoted to overhauling existing museum exhibits. With "Robot Revolution," for instance, "Nobody was doing a show about robotics and artificial intelligence. We said we should just make our own," said Mosena. "It's at the sweet spot of our vision: to inspire and motivate our children to achieve their full potential in science and technology."

At the the AAM's Museum Expo, in Atlanta last month, MSI also showed...
Popular show ‘Mammoths and Mastodons’ back in Chicago

Mammoth, from Page 34

off a second traveling exhibition it is developing, one based on the “Numbers in Nature: A Mirror Maze” permanent exhibition that opened last year in the museum.

“I'm excited about controlling more accurately, more consistently our destiny,” said Mosena. “If the rest of the country sees that and wants it as well, that's all the better.”

The Field used to have two “A T. rex Named Sue” shows on the road, Hoogstraten said, but by 2012 the exhibit had appeared in 40 states and the museum decided to pull back to one.

“Chocolate” has been a smash, touring steadily since 2002, even as it has undergone a couple of updates and been re-mounted at the Field a couple of times, he said. At Museum of the Rockies in Montana now, it has just one time slot available before 2017.

A Field exhibition called “Nature Unleashed: Inside Natural Disasters” ($250,000 for three months, according to the Field website) has been touring since 2010. It recently opened at New York’s American Museum of Natural History (another big producer of traveling shows) as “Nature’s Fury” and includes localized material about Hurricane Sandy.

Field’s more recent “The Machine Inside: Biomechanics” show is soon to open at a Dallas museum, and a new one, “Mummies: Images of the Afterlife,” will open in September in Los Angeles. It is already under contract through February 2018, when it goes up at the Field, according to the traveling exhibitions section of the museum’s website, which adds about Mummies:

“Taking Interest for 2019 and Beyond!”

“As many people see these shows on the road as in the building,” Hoogstraten said. And while the revenue can recoup an initial investment and then turn a profit, “it's also about mission and sharing the science. People know we do a quality product and have the collection to back it up.”

“Mammoths and Mastodons” has been seen by 923,000 people in 10 venues, for instance, he said, just below the Chicago museum’s annual attendance of about 1.2 million.

It also keeps the museum close to its peer institutions, seeing and understanding how the business is changing, he said: “One of the great things about our business is we're not in competition with the Denver Museum of Natural History so there's a lot of sharing of information.”

Before even making “Mammoths and Mastodons,” the museum knew there was interest: People love elephants and they love dinosaurs, he said, and, very roughly speaking, these animals fall somewhere in the middle. Plus, mammoth fossils have been found virtually across the globe so it's always a local story, in some way.

Hoogstraten remains enthused about “Mammoths,” although, he admits, “it's not as timeless as our 'Chocolate' traveling exhibit, which could go forever.”

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MOVIES

Chicago Jewish Film Festival screens 16 films at four venues

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

It might come as a surprise to learn that Chicago, one of the most vital film towns in the country, is only just now getting around to establishing a Jewish Film Festival.

After making its debut last year, the JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival is returning June 20-28 with a program of 16 films at three venues affirming Jewish culture, continuity and identity.

“It is a bit surprising,” said JCC Director of Adult Programs Ilene Uhlmann, adding that the closest Chicago has come in the past is the Festival of Israeli Cinema — with which the JCC fest has established a cooperative relationship. “Many major cities across the country — and smaller cities also — have Jewish film festivals, so it’s fair to say we’re overdue.”

Last year the festival drew an audience of roughly 1,000 at the same venues: the Century 12/CineArts Theater in Evanston, the Landmark Century Centre in Chicago and the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. Chicago’s Biograph Theatre will also host one screening this year. Uhlmann expects to more than double last year’s attendance.

“People were hearing about us for the first time last year,” she said. “This year, there’s a buzz about the festival.”

Artistic director David Chack has been working with recommendations from more established Jewish film fests around the country. As a result, the 2015 program is an eclectic mix of narrative and documentary films from around the world, including "Moses on the Mesa," the fictionalized life story of Solomon Bibo, a German Jew transplanted to the Wild West in 1969, where he became governor of a Pueblo Indian settlement.

"Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem," a documentary that simultaneously illuminates the career of 90-year-old Bikel, one of the foremost interpreters of Aleichem as well as the author’s life and work.

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The JCC Chicago Jewish Film

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Each film will be presented with a special feature, either a post-screening discussion or a performance along the lines of cabaret artist Carla Gordon’s appearance after the documentary "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker." Each film is also intended to serve, not only as a bridge between Chicago’s Jewish and non-Jewish film aficionados but between the diverse groups comprising Chicago’s Jewish community.

"Most people love movies, so this is an exciting opportunity for us to create points of connection to Jewish identity and within the Jewish community," said Uhlmann. “It doesn’t matter if you’re Reform, Conservative or Orthodox-affiliated, anyone can come to this festival and find something inspirational and enlightening.”
Meet unusual animals on the Skokie Green

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

You and your kids can get acquainted with an 8-foot albino Burmese python and nine other fascinating creatures when Animal Quest comes to Wednesdays on the Green, 7 p.m. June 24, between the Skokie Village Hall and Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

“We’ll have our coati-mundi, our new little micro piglet — tiny and adorable — a tortoise, a lizard, ducklings,” said Jessica Reedy, co-owner of Animal Quest with her husband Steve. “Most of our animals can be touched. We try to make the show as interactive as we can.”

“At the end, we bring a couple of the animals out and everybody can touch them,” Reedy said.

For details, visit wednesdaysontheGreen.com.

It's sweet to be sociable

There will be entertainment and a free treat at an Ice Cream Social, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, June 19, at Oriole Park, 9200 Oriole Ave., Morton Grove. There will be Ice Cream Socials July 24 at Harker Park and Aug. 7 at Mansfield Park.

For details, call 847-965-1200 or go to mortongrove parks.com.

Silence is golden

... when Trent Arterberry delivers, “Think Bigg: A Mime Performance.” Arterberry will combine mime, storytelling and puppetry, for kindergartners through fifth graders and their families, 2-2:45 p.m. Monday, June 22, at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Pick up free tickets at 1:30 p.m. that day.

For details, call 847-673-7774 or go to skokielibrary.info.

Man, oh, man

Youngsters can hear tales about two important guys in their life at a special Father’s Day Storytime, 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. They will hear “How to Surprise a Dad” and “How to Babysit a Grandpa,” both by Jean Reagan with illustrations by Lee Wildish, and do related activities.

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

Farm fun

Immerse your family in a country experience at the 13th Annual Dairy Breakfast, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Historic Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview. There will be dairy-related activities, music and wagon rides. The cost is $10 for adults and children over 10; $5 for ages 2-10, payable at the door.

For details, call 847-657-1506 or go to glenview parks.org.
A French toast to Dad

BY VERONICA HINKEN
Pioneer Press

Father's Day is June 21, and doting on dad this weekend can be even more fun with these simple ways to make a dazzling breakfast in bed.

At the new House 406 Restaurant in Northbrook, Cocoa Krispie French Toast is a hit. The brioche French toast gets dipped in Cocoa Krispies after the custard bath. "Just when you think French toast couldn't get better, the Cocoa Krispies add a crunchy chocolate texture to an otherwise perfect breakfast food," Owner and General Manager Jennifer Eisen said. "It's crispy on the outside and soft French toast on the inside. The Cocoa Krispies and chocolate add a sweetness to the dish while the brioche adds a savory component."

"The trick to making sure the French toast doesn't get too dry? "You want to make sure not to soak to bread too long while also making sure to really coat it," Eisen said. "Be sure that your pan is hot enough to sear the outside of the French toast and then turn down the heat so it does not burn."

Eisen, a Northbrook native, opened House 406 after assisting Evanston native Stephanie Izard with her restaurants Girl and the Goat and Little Goat in Chicago. The menu at House 406 follows the same playfulness and whimsy. "We have been accused of eating like we are 5-year-olds," Eisen said. "Pizza, grilled cheese, chocolate cake for breakfast... and this is just what I would have wanted every morning for breakfast."

For gluten-conscious dads, consider making flour with ground quinoa for pancakes. Quinoa pancakes are popular on the brunch menu at House 406. "We actually grind quinoa and use it as our flour for the pancakes and add some blueberries for a great seasonal flavor," Eisen said.

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Their working relationship is rewarding to both of them. "I'm very proud to be working with my son-in-law," Shtrambrand said. "He's got lots of great ideas and always thinking about new ways to promote Deka. I admire his energy, his enthusiasm and the passion he has for everything he does."

"There's nothing like working with family," Vaysman said. "I'm very fortunate. My father-in-law and I get along very well and we have a great deal of respect for one another. I admire his work ethic and the way in which he runs the business. I've learned a lot from him. We would not be able to open and run a successful restaurant if we did not have absolute trust of one another."

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On Father's Day, Shtrambrand will spend part of the day at Deka, where the Tiramisu French Toast will be on the brunch menu, just like it is every Sunday. He will spend the rest of the special day with his wife, children, grandchildren "and Alex, again," he said.

Tiramisu-Stuffed French Toast

7 egg yolks
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 1/2 cups mascarpone cheese
1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
3 3-ounce lady fingers
1/3 cup amaretto
1 Tablespoon cocoa powder
2 cups espresso, chilled

Toast
24 slices of brioche bread (or the thick-sliced bread of your choice)
4 eggs
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 vanilla bean

Hand whip heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Combine egg yolks and sugar over double boiler and cook until eggs and sugar coddle. Let cool. Add mascarpone and amaretto to egg and sugar mixture, and mix well. Fold egg mixture and whipped cream mixture. Dip lady fingers in espresso, and line a 12x12 pan with the lady fingers. Layer cream mixture, alternate lady fingers and cream mixture. Dust with cocoa on top of final layer. Cut the vanilla bean and steep the insides in the heavy cream. Combine four eggs and vanilla bean cream. Fill one slice of brioche with tiramisu, and place another slice on top. Warm pan on medium heat, and melt butter. Dip whole brioche in egg and cream mixture and pan fry with tiramisu inside. Flip bread when lightly browned and continue with other side the same way. When finished, dust with cocoa.

- Igor Shtrambrand and Alex Vaysman
Friday, June 19

**Teens: Create Your Own Animated Music Video:** The library staff will go over the basics and by the end of the program, everyone will be able to upload to the Hub's YouTube page. For teens in grades 7-12: 6:30 p.m. Friday. Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, free

**Theatre, 1543 W Division St., Chicago, Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Chopin**

different genres and aesthetics. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $20-$30, 773-278-1500

**Crime Scene: The Next Chapter:** Collaboration's world premiere show raises questions about segregation, poverty, the news media and populism by messing interviews, articles, online comments, true stories of Chicago crimes and stories of hope and healing. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $10-$30, 312-385-3000

**Access for All exhibition opening:** This exhibition honors the twenty-fifth anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It showcases images by disability rights photographer Tom Olin, who has captured powerful moments from the movement. 9:30 a.m. Friday, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, $14; $12 for seniors and students; Free for children 12 and under, 312-642-4600

**Beer Bottle Aristotle: The Fifth Dimension:** Twilight Zone-inspired sketch comedy. 10:30 p.m. Friday, Donny's Skybox Theatre, 1608 N. Wells St., Chicago, $13, 312-337-3992

**Ithamar Has Nothing to Say:** Enjoy this silent one-man sketch show featuring an eclectic mix of music from Louis Armstrong to Daft Punk. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, The Second City, 1616 N. Wells St., Chicago, free, 312-337-3992

**Bible Bingo:** An interactive comedy. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, $30, 312-988-9000.

**The Magic Parlour:** See feats of magic and illusion performed by The House Theatre of Chicago company member and resident magician Dennis Watkins. 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe St., Chicago, $75, 773-769-3832

**Camping: The Musical:** Witness a father reminisce over times spent camping with his sons before they left home. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gorilla Tango Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $15, 773-598-4549

**Tartuffe:** Watch the scoundrel Orton deceive and throw a family into utter chaos in this comedy about deception and misplaced faith. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $8-$10, 773-704-7336

**Picasso at the Lapin Agile:** Comedian Steve Martin imagines what would happen if Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso were to meet in a bistro one afternoon in 1904. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $16-$20, 773-404-7436

**'On Your Feet!':** The musical tells the story of Gloria and Emilio Estefan's relationship and career through their songs. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St., Chicago, $30-$97, 708-777-2000

**Chalk:** A woman who survives the end of the world but must grapple with her daughter's reappearance. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $5-$30, 773-787-3100

**The Who and the What:** About a Chicago family apart. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Mercury Theater, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, $20-$30, 773-281-8463

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**Chicago Contemporary Circus Festival:** noon Friday-Sunday, Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, $22-$350, 312-620-2223

**Mallory Lennon and the Sykadelix:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Moe's Tavern, 2937 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $5, 773-227-2937.

**Ring of Fire: Music of Johnny Cash:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, 773-325-1700

**The America Play:** A reevaluation of America's history asking questions about what defines the American people and how history shapes us. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Monday, 3803 N. Broadway, Chicago, free, 312-220-0400

**Malice Buyers Club:** Watch evil win every time from boyfriends, bank robbers and corrupt businessmen. 8 p.m. Friday, Public House Theatre, 3914 N Clark St., Chicago, $15, 773-650-6449

**Maker & Muse: Women and Early Twentieth Century Art Jewelry:** 10 a.m. daily, Richard H. Driehaus Museum, 40 E. Erie St., Chicago, $12.50-$20, 312-882-8933

**Orquesta Victoria with Noella Mondaca:** 8:30 p.m. Friday, Myron R. Szold Music and Dance Hall, Old Town School of Folk Music, 4545 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $33-$55, 773-728-6000

**Amphibians:** Meet 40 species of frogs, salamanders and rarely seen caecilians. 9 a.m. daily, Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

**The Disappointments:** 10 p.m. Friday, Cubby Bear Wrigleyville, 1059 W. Addison St., Chicago, $7-$10, 773-327-1662

**The Birds:** Watch the story that inspired Alfred Hitchcock's film as a violent flock of birds attacks and forces them to find the tools necessary to navigate through life effortlessly. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, City Lit Theater Company, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, $20, 773-293-3682

**Don't Go Gentle:** Judge Lawrence Driver is a conservative powerhouse on the bench, but a failure at home. Now retired and widowed, and seeking redemption, Judge Driver volunteers to do pro bono legal work with Tanya, a vulnerable ex-con with a troubled teenage son, while working to repair the increasingly complicated relationships with his own adult children. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $12-$28, 773-975-8150

**Into the Bat Caves of Kenya:** 9 a.m. daily, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-924-9410

**The Seven Secret Plays of Madame Caprice:** Silent Theatre Company presents a musical about five outcasts gathered to write seven plays with different genres and aesthetics. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $15-$30, 773-278-1500.
**Soon I Will Be Invincible**: The devious Doctor Impossible has escaped from prison and legendary superhero CoreFire has vanished without a trace. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, $20-$40, 773-761-4477

**Bodunrin, Chishty & McDonald**: View the work of painter Mahwish Chishty, photographer Cecil McDonald Jr. and film, video and installation artist Adebukola Bodunrin part of the DCASE artists in residence. 10 a.m. daily, Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-744-6630

**Archibald Motley: Jazz Age Modernist**: 9 a.m. daily, Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-744-6630

**Cody Canada and The Departed**: 31.2-744-6630

**Doubt: A Parable**: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and Tuesday-Wednesday, Glencoe Union Church, 263 Park Ave., Glencoe, $35-$50, 847-225-6000

**Glenviewings Summer Film Series**: “Still Alice”: 2 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Chagall for Children**: This highly-interactive exhibit features hands-on activities and audio descriptions of each of Marc Chagall’s works specifically appropriate for children ages 2-12. Come take part during regular museum hours: Monday, 9:30 a.m. to noon; Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Daily, Kohl Children’s Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, $11-$10, 847-832-6600

**Steans Music Institute: Program for Jazz**: 5 p.m. Friday, Ravinia Festival, Bennett-Gordon Hall, 418 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, $10, 847-266-5100

**Alan Cumming**: 8 p.m. Friday, Ravinia Festival, Martin Theatre, 418 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, $10-$50, 847-266-5100

**Scottish Festival and Highland Games**: This family-friendly festival allows locals to explore Scottish culture through food, music, activities and more. 1 p.m. Friday, Hamilton Lakes, 333 Pierce Road, Itasca, Free-$30, 708-447-5092

**Libertyville Days**: Enjoy carnival rides, a parade, local bands, arts and crafts fair, children’s entertainment, food court, beer garden. 10 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday, 100 E. Church St, Libertyville, free, 847-918-8880

**MGPL After Dark: Shout Section Big Band**: Come and enjoy an evening of classic big band music as well as retro-styled modern hits performed by the jazz ensemble featuring vocalist Amy Yassinger. 7 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**U2 Tribute Band Elevation**: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pavilion Event Center, Brookside Shopping Plaza Shopping Center, Northbrook, $15, 847-715-9440.

**Family Movie Night**: “Big Hero 6”: 7 p.m. Friday, Indian Trails Library District, 355 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling, free, 847-459-4100

**Saturday, June 20**

**Senior Exhibition**: Loyola’s graduating fine arts majors show recent work in ceramics, painting, drawing and photography. noon Saturday, The Ralph Arnold Fine Arts Annex, 1131 W. Sheridan Road, Chicago, free, 773-508-8400

**All Our Trageds**: Watch 32 surviving Greek tragedies at this 12-hour theatrical event. 11 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $100-$150, 773-398-7028

**WGCI Summer Jam 2015**: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago, $20-$125, 312-455-4500

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Eli Bandolero & Souphonetics: 10 p.m. Saturday, Masada, 2206 N. California Ave., Chicago, free, 773-697-8397

Polarizer at Lincoln Hall: 8 p.m. Saturday, Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $15, 773-525-2501

The Shades: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Moe's Tavern, 2937 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $5, 773-227-2937

No Shame Theatre: Bring a less-than-five-minute piece of original work and sign up for the open mic or watch others throw down. 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Lincoln Loft, 3036 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $5 suggested donation, 773-680-4596

BeatlesBlitz: Celebrate the British Invasion with tribute bands. 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, The Cottage, 6 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake, $10-$75, 815-459-7520

World War II Day: Re-enactors represent various armed forces of World War II. 1 p.m. Saturday, Elk Grove Historical Museum, 399 Biesterfield Road, Elk Grove Village, free, 847-439-3994

Di Vice: 9 p.m. Saturday, Studio Paris Nightclub, 59W Hubbard St., Chicago, $25-$30, 312-377-9944

Fire and Beer: Improv based on audience suggestions. 8 p.m. Saturday, The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $12, $8 for students, 773-977-9944

The Pied Piper: An ensemble cast performs to haunting music based on the Robert Browning poem. 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Strawdog Theatre, 3829 N. Broadway St., Chicago, $15, 773-528-9696

BBQ Festival and Vendor Fair: Contestants compete for prizes. 10 a.m. Saturday, University of Illinois Extension Grayslake, 100 S. Highway 45, Grayslake, $10 entry fee, 847-223-8627

Solstice Hop and Vine Fest: Includes nature walks, beer and wine tastings, snacks and a commemorative wine glass. 6 p.m. Saturday, Vera Meineke Nature Center at Spring Valley, 1111 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, $31, 847-985-2115

Preserving Survivor Stories: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, Free with museum admission, $5-$12, 847-967-4800

Sunday, June 21

Discovery Days: Tour five Arlington Heights historic buildings and relive the chores and games from the 1800's. 1 p.m. Sunday, Arlington Heights Historical Museum, 110 W. Fremont St., Arlington Heights, $15, 847-255-1225

Movies in the Parks: "Edward Scissorhands": Movies begin at dusk, weather permitting. 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Jonquil Park, 1023 W. Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, free, 773-227-2937

Weekly Jazz Jam: Psychedelic Jam begins at 10:30 p.m. 10 a.m. Sunday, Moe's Tavern, 2937 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, free, 773-742-1134

Garfield Park Conservatory Farmers Market: 11 a.m. Sunday, Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago, free, 312-746-5100

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"Entourage" ★★★
R, 1:44, comedy. There's no successful formula for the extraction of a stand-alone movie from the mines of a recently departed TV series. If there were, that second "Sex and the City" film and last year's Kickstarter-funded "Veronica Mars" wouldn't have turned out galling and forgettable, respectively. How's "Entourage"? More like the latter. It's in the realm of "eh." Devoted fans of the HBO series (2004-2011) will find it passably engaging. — Michael Phillips

"Insidious: Chapter 3" ★★★
PG-13, 1:37, horror. Audiences have become so desensitized to blood and guts that horror movies now have to be smarter. And that makes them better. The PG-13 film is the third in the series, but it goes back in time before the haunting of the Lambert family that made up the first two offerings and explains how psychic Elise Rainier (Lin Shaye) was able to face her own demons to be able to help others. A lesser film would have concentrated entirely on this battle between the living and dead. Writer Leigh Whannell balances the terror with complicated characters, and the movie is a fun and chilling creep show that is more concerned with scares than being gross. — Rick Bentley, The Fresno Bee

"Mad Max: Fury Road" ★★★
R, 2:00, action. You remember "Happy Feet"? This is George Miller's "Happy Wheels." The creator of the original "Mad Max" trilogy has whipped up a gargantuan grunge symphony of vehicular mayhem that makes "Furious 7" look like "Curious George." The full title of Miller's remake of "Mad Max" is "Mad Max: Fury Road." It stars Tom Hardy, who says very little, in the old Mel Gibson role of the post-apocalyptic road warrior. Here the character's bacon is saved, over and over, by the revolutionary-in-training known as Imperator Furiosa. Charlize Theron plays her, and "badass" doesn't really capture it. Theron out-Hardys Hardy in the nonverbal seething department, and she's right at home in the scorched-earth landscapes shot in Australia and the South African Namib Desert. — M.P

"San Andreas" ★★½
PG-13, 1:47, action. The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars. The fault is the star of "San Andreas," a fairly entertaining weapon of mass destruction reminding us that life's blessings come to those who receive preferential billing. We may as well call it "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Earthquake," though the tremors in "San Andreas" aren't so much mad as disappointed. So many Californians to wipe out in only 107 minutes of screen time! That's 51 minutes shorter than Roland Emmerich's schlocktastic "2012." — M.P

"Spy" ★★★
R, 2:00, comedy. Melissa McCarthy's latest reunites her with "Bridesmaids" director Paul Feig for their third collaboration. Coming off "St. Vincent," McCarthy exhibits a newfound subtlety in the best scenes in "Spy," which is a strange thing to say about a film with a full quotient of R-rated trash talk, along with a barrage of violence played more or less straight, to mixed results. I prefer my comedies a little less bone-crunchy. But the cast, led by McCarthy as a behind-the-scenes CIA analyst who finally gets a taste of the James Bond action, drives this vehicle with supreme confidence. The laughs are there, small bits and large. Feig has made three viable commercial comedies in a row, a minor miracle in itself. — M.P

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Bark, Wendell Galen

Wendell G. Bark of Hot Springs Village, AR died on June 6th, 2015. He was born on October 23rd, 1928 and was a native of Park Ridge, IL and a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He received a bachelor's and a master's degree in chemical engineering from Northwestern University. He served in the Army Chemical Corp. He was employed by Ethyl Corporation in Baton Rouge, LA, where he worked as a Process Design supervisor actively involved in the design, construction, and startup of chemical units at the Ethyl (now Albemarle) facility in Magnolia, AR. He retired from Ethyl in 1990. Wendell is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Sally; three children, Laura Bark Palmer and husband, Jim of McKinney, TX; David Bark and wife Leslie of Baton Rouge, and Thomas Bark of New York City; 7 grandchildren, Brian Palmer and wife, Lauren; Allison Clark and husband, Jared; Kevin and Colin Palmer; and Brandon, Blakeley and Bradley Bark; two great grandchildren, James and Caleb Palmer; and his sister, JoAnn Marken of Columbus, OH. He is preceded in death by his parents, Amanda Ehrhardt Bark and Wendolin Bark. The family request that visiting hours be observed on Friday, June 12, 2015, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10925 Florida Boulevard from 9:30 AM until the time of services. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, June 12, 2015, at 1:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, officiant will be Rev. Dave Buss. Honorary pallbearers will be his grandsons. Interment will take place at Resthaven Gardens of Memory Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, or Faith Lutheran Church in Hot Springs Village, AR. Family and friends may sign the online guest book or leave a personal note to the family at www.resthavenbatonrouge.com. Resthaven Gardens of Memory and Funeral Home, 11817 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Finney, Donald B.

Finney, Donald B., 68, of Park Ridge passed away June 1, 2015. He was the owner of The Finney Company, advertising specialties since 1960. Husband of Diane (nee Dailey), father of Stephen (Amy), Chad (Jennifer), Michelle (Brian) Bitcon, grandparents of the lucky seven, Cassandra, Josie, Olivia, William, Madelyn, Ayla and Alice, brother of Jack (Janet), caring uncle and all around good guy to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. A Memorial Visitation will be held in the South Fellowship Hall at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 2025 S. Goebbels Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 on Friday June 19, 2015 from 4-8pm with a Celebration of Life Service to be held in the church on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 9am. In lieu of flowers donations to Rainbow Hospice, www.rainbowhospice.org or Lutheran Church of the Cross Food pantry, www.sharesgod'slove.org or 2025 S. Goebbels Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 800-622-8358.

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Ferrari's $1.42 million LaFerrari clocks 0-60 in 2.3 seconds, courtesy of 950 horsepower from the V-12 engine with electric assist. The $850,000 Porsche 918 Spyder plug-in hybrid goes 0-60 in 2.2 seconds and 214 mph with a 4.6-liter V-8 and the extra weight of lithium-ion batteries. It returns 20/24 mpg city/highway.

BMW's i8 and the all-new 2016 Acura NSX employ similar strategies. NSX uses a midmounted 3.5-liter V-6, batteries and torque-vectoring all-wheel drive that engages electric motors to drive the front wheels. It should start at around $150,000. BMW's drivetrain substitutes a turbocharged 1.5-liter three-cylinder engine and batteries/motor to deliver 377 horsepower. Charging occurs in 1.5 hours for 15 miles of emission-free driving before the engine fires up. Prices start at $136,500.

**American light-weighting**

The race-proven Corvette Z06 boasts a 650 horsepower 6.2-liter supercharged V-8 that enables 0-60 mph in 2.9 seconds, 200 mph top speed and 23 mpg highway, nearly matching the plug-in Porsche. Yet it only costs $79,900.

How does the Corvette do it?

"Lately, it's been lightweight materials," said Todd Christensen, marketing manager for Corvette. "How do you use more carbon fiber and aluminum? Also, aerodynamics for performance and efficiency. We employ cylinder deactivation to save fuel. We're trying to achieve ever-increasing levels of performance while maximizing fuel economy.

Ford challenges assumptions with the 2017 GT, celebrating 50 years since the GT40's 1-2-3 finish at LeMans. It employs a carbon-fiber passenger cell, aluminum chassis, active rear spoiler and upward-swinging doors. But its ace is a midmounted EcoBoost V-6 delivering "over 600 horsepower.

The most stunning number may be its $400,000 price tag.

But Ford's engine choice may draw a more critical reaction from enthusiasts. "They'll react just fine," said Dave Pericak, director of Ford Performance. "It's a bold move, but we are demonstrating we can take EcoBoost technology and put it in a production car. We raced the engine last season, winning the 24 Hours of Sebring and 24 Hours of Daytona. GT is all about efficiency and power. It is a lot lighter than what a V-8 would be."

If this all sounds like a denunciation of all we hold dear about red-blooded performance, you're in for a rude awakening. "Driving is believing" BMW's Guerrero said. "It's really performance that defines a vehicle. We could have had an L-4, L-6 or V-8, but we proved you can have a three-cylinder that's not about excess. It's about how you use what's available in the best manner. It sets the stage for the future."

Like the transition from pistons to jets, you'll soon look at big engines with quaint reflection.

**Trickle-down effect**

The bigger wonder is why automakers offer these halo cars at all. They negatively impact fuel economy averages and don't make enormous sums for automakers. "Supercars are not a big business, but using them as the pinnacle, we can develop technology and systems that you ultimately want to take into the rest of the lineup," Pericak said. "GT is a showcase for EcoBoost, a pretty bold statement that demonstrates its performance to the world."

Cars like the GT also let automakers perfect technology before rolling it out to other products.

"Light-weighting is a huge part of the GT - carbon fiber, aluminum, etc." Pericak continued. "We're working to figure out how that cascades into the lineup to bring the cost of carbon fiber down."

BMW's Guerrero mentions the i8 is the basis for the plug-in X5 crossover, while its car core will be employed in the next 7 Series. The goal is to build awareness while pushing technology into higher-volume models. It's the same at Chevrolet.

"Corvette is a halo brand, brings people into showrooms," Christensen said. "Affinity for Corvette trickles down to affinity for Chevrolet. Corvette is a test bed for technology. Aluminum structures, carbon fiber, anti-lock brakes, stability control and driver mode selection were pioneered on Corvette."

**Futurecast**

In the coming decade, self-guided cars will become prevalent, potentially pushing drivers aside. Especially given rising fuel economy standards of 54.5 mpg by 2025, could all supercars go the way of the Countach?

"It's going to be interesting; lots of technologies coming," Pericak said. "Are supercars days numbered? Hopefully, not as long as I'm around. We will provide power and performance but in ways never thought possible. We have fantastic projects that we'll showcase in the future."

Given GM's electric vehicle expertise, it's easy to imagine a midengine "Super Vette" with a small V-8 engine and electric boost, combining efficient cruising with blistering acceleration.

"We will continue to see an evolution of not just faster but more efficient," Christensen said. "We're continuing to add technology that helps the driver but don't want to take the driver out of the equation. Supercars offer status but are ultimately about the driving experience - have to keep that in mind."

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Honda gives the redesigned Pilot a needed conservative, sophisticated elegance.

'16 Pilot goes outside the box

BY LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune Newspapers

You can't blame Honda for trying.

When the Japanese automaker last redesigned the Pilot in 2009, it gave the three-row crossover the look of a true SUV, with big, boxy proportions. While successful, the model lacked the conservative, sophisticated elegance that buyers had come to expect.

This has been rectified with the release of the 2016 Honda Pilot. While it may not appear adventurously, it does have a modern allure that should wear well. The 2016 Pilot is 3.5 inches longer, with 1.3 inches of that going to the cargo area. This allows owners to carry an 82-quart cooler without folding the third-row seats. And accessing that third row is easier. Access width has grown by 2.5 inches.

There are five trim levels - LX, EX, EX-L, Touring and Elite - with the biggest difference: the number of amenities.

The new cabin has a noticeably better grade of materials, with a pleasing design and premium appearance. It's roomy, and the seats are comfortable. And the cabin is remarkably quiet.

One of the biggest improvements can be found on the instrument panel. Honda has abandoned its use of two screens on the center stack, opting to follow the industry on using one screen. In this case it's an 8-inch touch screen powered by an Android operating system. Unfortunately, Honda uses the touch screen for many audio functions, including those that are better handled by a simple knob.

Other safety systems include stability assist, traction control, brake assist and anti-lock brakes with electronic brake distribution.

All Pilots come with the same engine: a new, direct-injected 3.5-liter V6 rated at 280 horsepower and 262 pound-feet of torque. That's an increase of 30 horsepower and 9 pound-feet. The new engine uses cylinder deactivation to shut off three cylinders under light loads, which boosts fuel economy by one or two mpg.

Pilot buyers can opt for all-wheel drive. Intelligent Traction Management allows the driver to choose Normal, Snow, Mud and Sand modes on all-wheel-drive models; or Normal and Snow modes on front-wheel-drive models.

While you'd never mistake the Pilot for anything remotely sporting, the new model is pleasingly responsive to drive.

Just as the Accord anchors the top of Honda's sedan line, the automaker is looking for the Pilot to anchor the top of its SUV line, which includes the CR-V and new HR-V.

Honda had some catching up to do, which didn't seem to deter buyers, who have been snapping it up at a record pace.

No doubt they'll soon have buyer's remorse. The new model is so improved, and so much better, there's little doubt that Honda will have a waiting list for the 2016 Pilot when it arrives in showrooms.

'15 Ford Fusion power seat puts the squeeze on driver

Q: How can I report a possible safety issue and/or find out if there is a safety defect with my 2015 Ford Fusion? I tried to move the power seat forward 1 inch (while driving) and the seat went rogue continuing forward and upward until it pinned me against the steering column, apparently having reached the end of its track. It repeated that performance while parked at the dealership and they are going to replace the seat motor.

-PG, Chicago

Q: I had my 2010 Hyundai Elantra in for recall repairs yesterday and while those were completed, the employee said that I should think about having the timing belt replaced at $670. I have only 36,000 miles on my car. I have received some mixed answers from friends, that the timing belt is the same as the serpentine belt. Are they the same? At what mileage should this belt be (replaced) and is this charge reasonable?

- LG, Chicago

Q: We recently purchased a 1998 Mercury Mystique for our son who is a junior in college. It has 57,000 miles and we would like it to serve his needs until he graduates. He drives only a few thousand miles per year. We have been advised to have the timing belt replaced, due more to the age of the car than the mileage. The issue is that we paid $1,100 for the car and the timing belt work is estimated at $500-850, depending on whether the various sensors need replacement. What is your opinion?

- PB, Glastonbury, Conn.

A: Our first opinion is that the price seems a bit high. We would think it to be closer to $300. Second, the car has such low mileage that we think there is little wear to the belt. Some experts claim that the timing belt should be replaced based on time. There is probably some validity to that. But the mileage is so low that we would gamble on leaving it alone.
Pacific water polo coach James Graham, right, demonstrates a technique during a team water polo camp in Skokie on June 13. Niles West, Lyons, Stevenson and Mundelein were at the camp.

College water polo coach shares insights

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

Standing on the pool deck at Niles North, Lucas Bruce sort of laughed when he thought back to where the Niles West boys water polo program was when he was a freshman.

"We really struggled then," he said on June 13. "It's insane to see how far we've progressed in a short time."

After winning a total of one playoff game in their first three varsity seasons, the Wolves won two games and went to a sectional final in 2014, finishing with a program-best 21 victories. This spring, they won 15 games against a more challenging schedule and played in a sectional semifinal game.

A soon-to-be senior, Bruce was a varsity player on both the 2014 and 2015 teams, and he can thank his coach, John Przekota, for the program's rapid rise.

A few years ago, Przekota said he decided to reach out to some of the sport's best minds, hoping to gain some insight into how he could build a program at Niles West, which started water polo in 2010 as a JV program. It became a varsity team the following season.

"We had to catch up to everyone else," said Przekota, who was an all-state player at Chicago's St. Patrick and later played in college at Iona. "I wanted to find ways to speed up that experience."

Przekota hosted his third summer clinic from Friday, June 12-Sunday, June 14. This year's camp featured James Graham, the head men's and women's water polo coach at Pacific. In addition to Niles West, state champion Lyons, state runner-up Stevenson and Mundelein were at Niles North for the event.

"It's good exposure for our athletes to see how someone does things," Przekota said. "It's good to expand your horizons and perspectives."

Bruce said last year's clinic focused on moving the ball around the pool, and it helped him during his junior season. Now that he's a veteran, Bruce said he was concerned about the work his younger teammates will put in at this summer's camp.

"To have them here, gaining more knowledge about the game, really will advance us as a team," he said.

Sam Paloma, a soon-to-be sophomore, was one of those players in attendance. Przekota said he envisions Paloma, a first-time camp participant, as a varsity contributor next year.

"I am learning as much as I can about positions and plays, so I can be flawless on offense and defense," Paloma said. "I also need to learn how to protect the ball better."

"This is a great opportunity for us. Not a lot of other schools have a chance to do this every year."

Graham, the 2013 Men's National Coach of the Year, said his job is to spread his wealth of knowledge.

"It's about learning new things and figuring out what works best for you and your team," Graham said. "You always want to continue to broaden your perspective."

The players aren't the only ones who are learning. Przekota said he, too, has gained insights from Graham. Before meeting Graham, Przekota ran an offensive system he described as predictable.

"It was the same pattern over and over," Przekota said. "His is one that is based on a series of reads. These clinics aren't just for the players. They have helped me evolve and become a better coach."

Niles North RB commits to U. of Iowa

According to his Twitter feed, Niles North's Barrington Wade made a verbal commitment to play football at Iowa on Monday, June 15. The Hawkeyes were the only team from a Power Five conference to extend an offer to him, according to Rivals.com.

A three-star recruit in the Class of 2016, Wade is a 6-foot-1, 210-pound running back who ran for 894 yards and 19 touchdowns in an injury-shortened junior season in which he played only seven games.

That followed a sophomore season in which he ran for 720 yards in six games.

-Matt Harness, Pioneer Press

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**Grais finds a home in goal**

**BY JONAH L. ROSENBLUM**

Pioneer Press

“There are too many girls out there. We can’t play,”

“Good game, sweetie.”

Being one of the few girls on the ice comes with indignities. At a recent hockey clinic, 13-year-old goalie Shayna Grais watched her female comrades struggle to get the puck.

“They would never pass to the girls,” said Shayna Grais, a Lincolnwood resident. “That’s the thing. They think that we’re a waste of ice sometimes.”

As the only girl at the Skokie Flyers, she makes do with a first aid room as her locker room. In Indianapolis, she changed in someone’s office.

Grais and her father, Ben Grais, who played for Niles North and Niles West, laugh about it.

While Shayna Grais occasionally sees discrimination, such as at that clinic she attended, she also speaks of teammates who trust her and would do anything for her.

“You kind of have to earn their respect,” Shayna Grais said. “That would happen on any team really. I have to earn the respect of my teammates. I like that they respect me, but it takes a lot of hard work to get respect.”

“You have to prove yourself first.”

Shayna Grais first had to prove herself to her father. After a few years spent playing as a winger, Shayna Grais wanted to shift to goaltender.

Her father worried that she wouldn’t see it through, and the money would wind up down the drain.

“I was just trying to prove him wrong, and I begged him every day until he said, ‘Fine, I’ll sign you up for a class. That’s all I’m giving you’,” Shayna Grais said. “I was so happy, and my dad realized that it was something that I was really dedicated to.”

Dedication means sacrificing every evening to the sport. Playing on two teams, Shayna Grais is at the rink from 6 to 9 every night — as long as her homework is done beforehand. Using her study hall and “right after school” time is pivotal.

“My whole evening was basically get home from school, do my homework, go to hockey, go to bed,” Shayna Grais said.

Dedication also means accepting responsibility, according to Brad Cole, senior instructor at the Wendell Young Goalie Academy.

“I like to say it’s not only the weight of the equipment, but the weight of all those eyes and people that are in the stands and that are on the ice in front of you playing,” Cole said. “It’s a tremendous responsibility. For somebody to take it on willingly shows a great deal about their character.”

Cole, who coached Shayna Grais at clinics as well as on-one-one, said there are two main components to being a successful hockey goalie. Goalies have to be strong technically, meaning they track the puck well, read angles, have solid footwork and stay square. Then, there’s the athleticism and drive that cannot be taught.

Cole said Shayna Grais has learned a good mix of both.

Shayna Grais’ next step, attending the six-day, five-night Girls Central District Development Camp in Green Bay, WIs., will mark her longest hockey road trip. The camp starts Sunday, June 21. Shayna Grais was one of three Illinois goalies born in 2001 chosen for the tour out of approximately 12 contenders.

“She’s ready,” Ben Grais said. “She wants to go.”

“I’m very excited to go,” Shayna Grais chimed in.

Shayna Grais is also slated to play for the Chicago Bruins, an AA team within the Mission organization that also plays AAA teams. Particularly in girls hockey these are important steps.

“They’re very big,” Cole said. “The strides that she’s made thus far are huge, and for a young girl like her to have that kind of person is a tremendous achievement.”

Beyond the dream of landing a scholarship, Cole said Shayna Grais would be better off from playing goalie, no matter where her life takes her.

“Tavor, a junior sprinter from Stevenson,” said Cole. “As a goaltender, you’ve got to be in it for yourself. Quite honestly, as these children or these young adults become older, they’re more prepared to become successful in whatever they do because they don’t listen to other people and they have this drive.”

Rosenblum is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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**Bund runs 1,500 for Michigan in Big Ten event**

**BY NICK BULLOCK**

Pioneer Press

Lake Forest graduate Billy Bund capped an impressive sophomore season for the Michigan men’s track and field team with a trip to the 2015 Big Ten Outdoor Championships on May 15-17 in East Lansing, Michigan.

The distance runner competed in the men’s 1,500 meters, turning in a time of 3 minutes, 59.19 seconds.

Other season highlights for Bund include a six-place finish in the 5,000-meter run (14:32.52) at the adidas/Steve Scott Invitational on May 2-3 in Irvine, California, and a fourth-place finish in the 5,000 (14:21.26) at the UVA Challenge April 17-18 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Niles North’s Micah Beller, a fellow sophomore distance runner, is also on the team.

**Lipe provides highlights at Lafayette**

The 2015 season was a tough one for the Lafayette baseball team, but junior first baseman Campbell Lipe was a bright spot. The New Trier alumnus led the Leopards in batting average (.324), on-base percentage (.400) and doubles (12). He finished second on the team in on-base percentage (.378).

His impressive season included a Patriot League Player of the Week award after the Leopards prevailed 3-1 in a four-game series against Bucknell in April. Lipe went 7-for-14 (.500) with four doubles, four runs scored and three RBIs. He recorded two hits in three of the four games and extended a hitting streak to 13 games in the process.

**Boudreau wins pentathlon at NCAA’s**

Deerfield graduate Allie Boudreau, a senior who competes in multiple events for the Illinois Wesleyan women’s track and field team, was named the Illinois Wesleyan Most Valuable Performer for the 2015 season. She is an eight-time indoor and outdoor NCAA All-American.

Boudreau placed second in the heptathlon at the 2015 NCAA Division III outdoor championships and was the national championship in the pentathlon. She also holds the Illinois Wesleyan record in the heptathlon.

Additionally, Boudreau won both the javelin and the heptathlon at the 2015 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin outdoor meet, earning Field Athlete of the Meet honors.

Boudreau also was awarded the Most Valuable Performer honor as a junior.

Other area athletes on the Illinois Wesleyan women’s track and field team include senior distance runner Meagan Desalvo, a Hinsdale South alumna; freshman Monica Mocogni, a Highland Park graduate; Carmel’s Bella Schneider, a sophomore pole vaulter; and ‘Ariella Tavor, a junior sprinter from Stevenson.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.

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2015 stats: 8 goals, 5 assists
College: Arkansas

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Alex Yasko

Loyola, D, Jr.
2015 stats: 6 goals, 9 assists
College: Undecided

Yasko plans on attending art school instead of playing college soccer, but she has received scholarship offers from several Division I programs and she showed why this season. Arguably the best outside back in the state, Yasko's speed, skill and endurance allowed her to affect games on both ends of the field.

Angela Salvi

Barrington, F, Sr.
2015 stats: 37 goals, 11 assists
College: Loyola of Chicago

The two-time Gatorade Girls Soccer Player of the Year in Illinois once again terrorized opposing defenses with her speed, quickness and goal-scoring ability. Szczesny, an Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-state selection, was the lone double-digit goalscorer for the Fillies, who finished third in Class 3A.

Dani Kaufman

New Trier, GK, Jr.
2015 stats: 20 games, 7 goals allowed
College: Maryland

Kaufman, the Pioneer Press All-Area Girls Soccer co-Player of the Year, and the Trevians didn't allow any goals during the Class 3A playoffs for the second consecutive season as New Trier won its second state title in a row. Kaufman was named to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association's all-state team for the first time.

Nichole Lopatin

Niles West, F, Jr.
2015 stats: 36 goals
College: Undecided

Lopatin shattered her own single-season scoring record (19) at Niles West this season, in large part to her ability to race past opposing defenders and finish calmly. Lopatin made the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-sectional team.
Kaily Bruch

Glenbrook South, M, Sr.
2015 stats: 16 goals, 21 assists
College: Carnegie Mellon

Bruch, an ever-dangerous attacking midfielder, showed fantastic vision, touch and goal-scoring ability throughout her senior season. She is a two-time Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-state selection.

Sydney Jensen

Fenwick, D, Sr.
2015 stats: 6 goals, 3 assists
College: Pittsburgh (not planning on playing soccer)

Jensen was a two-year captain who played at the center of the Friars' defense. She earned Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-state honors.

Kelly Maday

New Trier, F, Jr.
2015 stats: 20 goals, 8 assists
College: Illinois

The Pioneer Press All-Area Girls Soccer Co-Player of the Year proved to be an elite creator as well as a top-flight goal scorer in 2015. Maday, a two-time all-state selection, broke KayAnne Gummersall's school record for most assists (26) in a season.

Alyssa Brand

Niles North, M, Sr.
2015 stats: 26 goals, 8 assists
College: Drake

Niles North's creative force, Brand was an Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-state selection for the first time. She had game-winning goals in seven of the Vikings' 10 victories in 2015.

**GIRLS SOCCER ALL-AREA 2ND TEAM**

Jackie Batliner

Barrington, D, So.
2015 stats: 5 goals, 6 assists
College: Undecided

The Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-sectional selection used her speed and skill to attack from the backline and establish herself as one of the best man-marking outside backs in the area.

Mia Cella

Evanston, MF, So.
2015 stats: 12 goals, 8 assists
College: Undecided

The talented sophomore combined with junior Alex Berkley and senior Maureen Kerr to form one of the state's most skilled midfielders.

Blair Courhenour

Lake Zurich, D, Sr.
2015 stats: 1 goal, 1 assist
College: Michigan State (not planning on playing soccer)

A fast, physical and vocal defender, the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-sectional selection helped the Bears record 15 shutouts and reach the Class 3A Glenbrook South Sectional final.

Caroline Dempsey

Stevenson, MF, Sr.
2015 stats: 4 goals, 17 assists
College: Washington University in St. Louis

A defensive presence, Dempsey combined with senior Kya Suzuki, a fellow Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-sectional honoree, to form a talented midfield duo for the Patriots.

Hannah Luedtke

Barrington, GK, Sr.
2015 stats: 20 games, 8 goals allowed
College: Butler

The two-time Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-stater finished with 58 shutouts in her four years as the Fillies' goalkeeper.

Sarah O'Connor

Buffalo Grove, F, Sr.
2015 stats: 26 goals
College: Eastern Kentucky

A goalkeeper for Buffalo Grove's state-ranked teams as a sophomore and a junior, O'Connor moved to forward this year and proved to be one of the best in Illinois. She earned Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-state honors.

KK Phelan

Loyola, F, Jr.
2015 stats: 24 goals, 7 assists
College: Undecided

Phelan's offensive output was crucial for the Rams, who managed 21 wins and reached the Class 3A Evanston Sectional final despite being without forward Devin Burns (torn ACL) all season. Phelan earned all-state honors.

Claire Ramsey

Nazareth, F, So.
2015 stats: 30 goals
College: Undecided

Ramsey tied the Roadrunners' single-season scoring record and led her team to a Class 2A regional championship.

McKenzie Runyan

Carmel, F/MF, Sr.
2015 stats: 14 goals, 16 assists
College: Rochester (New York)

The East Suburban Catholic Player of the Year helped the Corsairs win their first state championship in program history.

Bina Saipi

New Trier, MF, Jr.
2015 stats: 9 goals, 11 assists
College: DePaul

Saipi scored game-winning goals in New Trier's sectional semifinal and sectional final, but it was the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-sectional selection's work ethic and grit that her coaches and teammates raved about all season.

Erin Smith

Hinsdale Central, D, Sr.
2015 stats: 4 goals, 2 assists
College: Miami (Ohio) (not planning on playing soccer)

A four-year starter at outside back, Smith scored game-winning headers in the Red Devils' regional and sectional championship games.

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FOR LOVE of the GAME

Maday, Kaufman named co-Players of the Year

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Pioneer Press

After a long bus ride back to the North Shore from Naperville, New Trier juniors Kelly Maday and Dani Kaufman — the Pioneer Press All-Area Girls Soccer co-Players of the Year — were part of a large collection of people who gathered at senior Jackie Welch’s house to celebrate the Trevians’ second straight Class 3A girls soccer state championship.

Pizzas were ordered and devoured. Stories were exchanged. The Trevians, their families, their coaches and the coaches’ families spent much of the night of June 6 reliving the season — moments like the game-winning goals Maday, a forward, assisted on in the Class 3A state semifinal and state final, and Kaufman’s brilliant saves during a 1-0 overtime victory against Barrington the previous night.

“It was such an incredible season with such incredible people that honestly I didn’t want to go back home,” said Kaufman, who allowed just seven goals in 2015.

The night eventually ended, however, and Kaufman and Maday — who finished this season with 20 goals and 29 assists — spent much of their Sundays studying for finals.

Then, on the following day, the next soccer season began.

June 8 marked the first day of FC United U17 Select’s summer practices. A feeling of accomplishment remained from repeating as Class 3A champions, Maday said, but the sense of satisfaction New Trier’s players felt on the bus ride home and at Welch’s house didn’t linger.

“I do have to focus on the next thing because I’m not going to be satisfied with [winning state],” Maday said. “There’s so much ahead for club season and the following high school season that I can look forward to.”

One might think physical and mental fatigue would set in after a seven-game postseason run capped the Trevians’ 29-game high school season. But that hasn’t been the case for Maday or Kaufman, they both said.

The reason, largely, is their mutual love for soccer.

New Trier coach Jim Burnside said that love is something he’s seen all the time from Maday and Kaufman. He likened their approach to soccer to the approach an artist has when sculpting or an actor has when performing in a Shakespearean play.

“They really express their passion through playing soccer,” Burnside said. “And you do see it [daily]. They get out there and they have fun. They want to improve. They want to challenge themselves.”

That’s an ideal trait for a team’s best players.

“On any given day, you need those people who are going to elevate other people through their attitude and their energy and Dani and Kelly do that,” Burnside added. “And they especially act as role models for the younger kids coming in to see, ‘I aspire to this level of commitment to being better in something I love!’”

Over the last two seasons, Maday and Kaufman’s ability at their respective positions has been evident whenever they’ve stepped on the field. It’s helped them win back-to-back Class 3A state championships with New Trier, earn Division 1 scholarships — Maday is committed to Illinois, Kaufman to Maryland — and be part of an FC United team that won a regional championship in 2014.

But talent isn’t the sole reason for their success. Their work ethic, mental toughness, relationships with teammates and willingness to improve upon their weaknesses have all been important factors.

So, too, is their love for the sport. It can be an easy attribute to overlook, but it helps fuel their desire to get better individually and continue to want more success for themselves and their teammates.

“I feel like honestly the thing that motivates me — and it just shows my passion for the game — is that I still love playing soccer,” Kaufman said. “I still get so excited. I get butterflies in my stomach.”

Maday added: “I never get burnt out ... I just keep looking forward to the next game.”

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New Trier’s Kelly Maday finished her junior season with 20 goals and 29 assists and helped the Trevians defend their Class 3A state title.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
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Wes Blodig
Glenbrook South, OH, Sr.
2015 stats: 412 kills, 42 aces, 36 blocks, 132 digs
College: Sacred Heart
The four-year varsity starter and three-time all-Central Suburban South selection might have been coach Tim Monahan's most versatile player. In Blodig's four seasons, he played every position at least once. Whenever his roster was decimated by injuries, Monahan could count on the 6-foot-4 Blodig's wide-ranging ability.
"He's one of those guys that when he steps on the court, he's a leader. He's a humble guy on it," Monahan said. "He will be memorable] because of his humility. He's such a great player with such a good head on his shoulders. He'll be a tough player to replace for us."

Dante Chakravorti
New Trier, Sr.
2015 stats: 736 assists, 126 kills, 28 blocks, 30 aces, 136 digs
College: UC Irvine
The 6-foot-3 Chakravorti was the only setter among five Chicago area players named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's second-team high school senior All-America list. Chakravorti led New Trier (37-3) to a second consecutive state quarterfinal appearance and tournament wins at Wheaton Warrenville South and Warren. New Trier also won the Central Suburban South title. His 36 assists in the a quarterfinal loss to Sandburg were a season high.
"I'm so proud to have Dante as a player in the program and watch him prosper," coach Sue Ellen Haak said. "Every year he got better and better."

Jakub Mazurek
Loyola, MH, Sr.
2015 stats: 337 kills, 79 blocks, 37 aces
College: Loyola (walking on)
The 6-foot-7 Mazurek hopes to walk-on at two-time NCAA champion Loyola after being named the Catholic League Blue Co-Player of the Year. The Ramblers (32-7) went 98-48 in his three seasons, each ending with appearances in the sectional finals. He was named all-tournament at Warren and led Loyola to second at Vernon Hills and second at Downers South.
"Jakub has been one of the most dominant middles I have seen in the state this year," coach Lionel Ebeling said. "He is a big-time player who excels in big-time games. Off the court, Jakub is a stellar student and one of the nicest and most respectful kids I know."
Barrington, S, Sr.
2015 stats: 787 assists, 35 aces, 45 blocks, 68 kills, 137 digs
College: Alderson Broaddus

The Co-Player of the Year in the Mid-Suburban West led the Broncos to the MSL West title in his second year as starter and third year on the varsity. The 6-foot-3 Ricchetti was named all-tournament at Glenbrook North and led Barrington to a sectional final.

"Noah's commitment to volleyball set a standard that will have an impact on our program for years to come. He had an outstanding year and was an integral part of our team success," coach Rob Ridenour said.

Lyons, L, Sr.
2015 stats: 437 digs, 20 aces, 22 assists
College: DuPage (not planning on playing volleyball)

The 5-foot-9 Suya used superior footwork to shuffle all over the court for Lyons, while setting school records for digs in a season as a senior and total digs over a career. Suya broke the season record of 422 set by Jack Murphy in 2012 and his more than 600 career digs broke the career record held by 2003 graduate Dan Meske, whose currently an assistant at Nebraska.

"He plays the gaps, which makes him a good defensive player," coach Joann Pyritz said. "He makes corrections when he needs to be at the right place at the right time. He knows how to deal with pain when he hits the floor."

Vernon Hills, OH, Sr.
2015 stats: 304 kills, 35 blocks, 51 aces, 206 digs
College: Stevens Institute of Technology

DeBoer's 24 kills (with a .514 hitting percentage) in a state quarterfinal win over O'Fallon set a school record and crushed his previous season high of 14 kills. The 6-3 DeBoer's 51 aces in a season ranked second all-time for the Cougars. His 478 career kills place him 10th in school history.

The Glader twins of Barrington, Adam and Justin, gave the Mid-Suburban West champions and setter Noah Ricchetti a couple of potent hitting targets. The 6-foot-5 Justin Glader was Co-Player of the Year in the MSL West and all-tournament at Wheaton Warrenville South.

New Trier, L, Sr.
2015 stats: 251 kills, 15 aces, 22 blocks, 142 digs
College: Alderson Broaddus

The 6-foot-6 co-captain led the Cougars (32-10) to second at state while finishing with a school-record 304 blocks in his career. He ranks seventh on Vernon Hills' career kills list with 557. His 12 kills in the state semifinals tied his season high.

"Lem's a great athlete. Really gifted, but he's a better kid," coach Chris Curry said. "I've never seen him truly upset, even when he had a good reason to be. He's so balanced, and that allowed him to overcome his inexperience - he's only played a single season of club ball ever - and changing positions during the season."

Maine East, OH, Sr.
2015 stats: 295 kills, 22 aces, 118 digs

The Central Suburban North Player of the Year led the Demons to their first conference title since 1991 and first regional title ever. The 6-foot-2 Hindsley was an all-Central Suburban South pick for a second year and tied his season high with 14 kills in a state quarterfinal loss to Sandburg.

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Chakravorti quarterbacks Trevians' attack, helps team reach state twice

Senior setter named All-Area Boys Volleyball Player of the Year

BY GEORGE M. WILCOX
Pioneer Press

When Dante Chakravorti tried out for the new Vortex volleyball club five years ago, club founder Ed Wrather knew of Chakravorti as a standout middle school quarterback. Chakravorti, who had played volleyball in middle school, turned out to be an even better setter than he was a quarterback. He emerged as the first star for Wrather's new Vortex volleyball club. He never played football as a freshman at New Trier, but he became a four-year volleyball standout — and perhaps the state's top setter — by his senior year in 2015.

Chakravorti, the Pioneer Press Boys Volleyball Player of the Year, led the Trevians to back-to-back state quarterfinal appearances in his junior and senior years. Wrather said Chakravorti detoured from football to find his perfect sport.

"When you find that sport that makes you not want to quit or not put the ball down, that's your true passion," said Wrather, a Glenview resident.

Chakravorti trained with USA Volleyball's High Performance Select A1 teams from 2011-13. When he was 14 years old, Wrather had Chakravorti play for his 15U teams at Vortex.

"He refused to be defeated by his new game," Wrather said. "I wanted to personally mold him; teach him [volleyball]. He took to [volleyball] like a duck to water."

New Trier coach Sue Ellen Haak said she was impressed the first time she saw Chakravorti.

"As a freshman, I knew he would be the best freshman volleyball player we ever had," Haak said. "The No. 1 thing about Dante is that he comes out with a deep love of the game of volleyball. He could play volleyball day in and day out and not have an offseason."

Haak said Chakravorti's game flourished each season after spending more summers involved in national team training.

"With Dante, you could see him do better and better each year," Haak said. "When he returned, he helped make the guys around him much better."

While at New Trier, Chakravorti was a J. Kyle Braid Leadership Award winner, allowing him to attend a leadership workshop in Colorado. He was also a member of the Student Athletic Leadership Training program.

At least one opposing coach also noticed Chakravorti's improved play.

"The two things that really stood out to us were how far ahead his volleyball IQ was compared to our players and his sportsmanship on and off the court," Niles West coach Drew Roche said. "Not only is he a highly skilled player, he is an incredibly intelligent player as well. No matter the outcome of our matches, he was always very respectful and had nice comments toward us and our players."

New Trier's Dante Chakravorti passes the ball during a match between New Trier and Loyola on May 8.

New Trier's Dante Chakravorti reacts to a point during a match against Loyola on May 8 in Northfield.
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New Trier's Dante Chakravorti celebrates after New Trier defeated Loyola on Friday, May 8. Chakravorti is the Pioneer Press All-Area Boys Volleyball Player of the Year.
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