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**SHOUT OUT**

Jack Foreman, recent Niles North grad

Jack Foreman is a member of the Niles North High School Class of 2015. He’s looking forward to going to college in the fall, getting out of Illinois, and being on his own, but for now is planning to spend his summer vacation working and catching up with friends.

Q: What do you plan to do now that you’ve graduated?
A: I’m going to college to study civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Q: What made you choose civil engineering?
A: I just like building stuff with my hands and looking at what I can build.

Q: What are you going to do over the summer?
A: I’m going to be working and playing some baseball.

Q: Where do you work?
A: Maier’s Bakery in Morton Grove on Waukegan.

Q: What do you like about working at a bakery?
A: The discounts on the food are great. But really I like helping other people and seeing the smile on a kid’s face when they get a doughnut.

Jack Foreman

Q: What is your favorite product at the bakery?
A: Definitely the doughnuts. Just the regular with chocolate.

Q: What’s your favorite show on Netflix?
A: Definitely watching “Last Man Standing,” but my favorite show is “Big Bang Theory.”

Shout Out is a weekly feature where we get to know and introduce our readers to their fellow community members and local visitors throughout suburban Chicago.
Tastes like victory

BY LINDSEY COMPTON
Pioneer Press

Chicago Blackhawks fans can continue to savor the sweet taste of the Stanley Cup victory – while supplies last.

On June 16, Coca-Cola released two special limited-edition cans in honor of the Blackhawks' third Stanley Cup win in six years, one for Coke Zero and one for the classic Coke can. This will be the third time the Atlanta-based company has released a commemorative collectible for the Chicago market to purchase.

“We have a long-term relationship with the Blackhawks,” said Eris Crosswhite, manager of the Coca-Cola production center in Niles. “We were with them for the championship in 2010 and we thought in tradition of that relationship we would continue producing these limited edition cans.”

Similar to previous designs, this year's can includes the Blackhawks' logo with “2015 Champions” inscribed above it. What has not changed, he said, is the fan excitement.

“I have not seen so much excitement about one can in my entire life,” he said. “A lot of people want to have a piece of the championship, and it has been an honor to be a part of it.”

The Niles production center reported releasing more than 100,000 of each Coke and Zero can to the Chicago market during its first round of production, noting there are no plans to produce any more.

“We’ve already gone back into production one time to meet demands,” Crosswhite said. “We even had a few people stop in by the (Niles) facility because they couldn’t find them in their local market.”

Blackhawks fans outside of Chicagoland – and even Illinois – have requested that the Cup-themed cans be shipped to them, but Coca-Cola said they’re focusing on local fans first.

“For now, we still have product on the shelves and product to sell,” said Kathleen Strand, Chicago-based director of government relations and public affairs for Coca-Cola. “That’s where we’re going to focus, to make sure the people in the Chicago area get it first.”

Within a week of the release, sellers on eBay began listing the cans for purchase, one seller starting the bid for one Coke Zero can at $19.99. In stores such as Jewel-Osco, the cans could be purchased in either a 6-pack or 12-pack. Even though Crosswhite stated the company cannot speak for the value of its cans down the line, he hopes the message speaks to Coca-Cola's connection to the Blackhawks and the Chicagoland market.

“We’re so very proud of the Chicago Blackhawks for a great win,” Crosswhite said. “We’re very happy to be a part of... a dynasty, and hopefully that continues next year.”

Coca-Cola's Niles facility has been producing and distributing products for the Chicago market since 1968, Crosswhite said. In his second year managing the facility, he noted the importance of being a part of the community. While there are currently no formal rules or policies regarding potential tours of the production plant, “I like to keep options open,” he said.

“I have granted tours to people. We’re part of the community, so we want to make sure that we behave as such.”

Lindsey Compton is a freelancer for Pioneer Press.
Niles announces Fourth of July parade details, route

The village of Niles' Fourth of July Parade will take place on Saturday, July 4 at 9 a.m. The parade route, a village press release said, will begin at Notre Dame College Prep and end at Grennan Heights Park.

The parade will travel south on Ozark Avenue to Main Street, east on Main Street to Harlem Avenue, south on Harlem Avenue to Monroe Street and west on Monroe Street to Oketo Avenue.

The following parking restrictions, the release said, will be in effect until 2 p.m. on July 4:

There is no parking along the parade route, on Crain Street from Ozark Avenue to Ozanam, on Ozanam Avenue from Greenleaf Street to Dempster Street, on Keeney Street and Kedzie Street from Odell Avenue to Olcott Avenue and on Odell Avenue, Oketo Avenue, Osceola Avenue and Olcott Avenue from Keeney Street to Kedzie Street.

The Niles Park District is sponsoring activities at Grennan Heights Park at 8255 Oketo Ave. immediately following the parade until 2 p.m. The event includes R-Gang Band, children's games, face painting, a community information tent, and pony rides, the release said.

Skokie PD offers safe location to conduct online transactions

By Lindsey Compton

People purchasing items through online sites such as Craigslist, eBay and Facebook can now use the Skokie Police Department lobby as a means for safe person-to-person transactions.

Announcing its facility as a "Safe Transaction Zone," on a May 6 Facebook post, the program began after research conducted showed other Illinois law enforcement facilities around the country were offering space as a means to "minimize the risk when dealing with an online stranger," the post read.

Under 24-hour video surveillance, buyers and sellers can fulfill purchases in a well lit "safe haven" to help deter crime.

"Our lobby is one of those transaction zones where people can come in and feel secure here," Eric Swaback said, a spokesperson for the Skokie Police.

Reports of Craigslist and online-transaction related crimes have surfaced over the years, causing a national move for police stations all over the country to offer safe zones for transactions.

Craigslist features a personal safety page suggesting users meet in a public place, tell a family member where they are going and take a cellphone. The page notes that the "overwhelming majority of Craigslist users are trustworthy and well-intentioned," and that violent crime is low.

"Instead of a person coming to their house, someone can say 'meet me at the Skokie police department' so they don't feel like they will get robbed," Swaback said.

Police officers and law officials will not oversee or be involved with any transactions, and times do not need to be scheduled for any resident to come in, Swaback said. Items such as weapons are not allowed in the facility except by a sworn law officer, and illegal transactions, such as drugs and narcotics, are not permitted.

Niles, Lincolnwood and Morton Grove police have not responded to inquiries of a potential safe zone.

Lindsey Compton is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Chicago Tribune reporter Larry Gross contributed to this report.
Yellow Line trains have not rolled along Skokie's tracks for more than a month now, a closure that commuters will have to deal with into the fall after the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District announced Friday that service would not be restored until October.

The Yellow Line was shut down May 17, when the ground collapsed underneath tracks between Howard and Oakton streets across from McCormick Boulevard. CTA officials said the collapse took place during a construction project undertaken by the district and performed by Walsh Construction. No one was hurt.

Much of the past month was spent assessing the problem and determining the best way to tackle it, according to a release from the water district.

"This was the plan we accepted to restore service as quickly as possible while maintaining safety as the top priority," said CTA spokesman Jeff Tolman, referring to the repair timeline.

Many Yellow Line commuters said they were feeling the impact after only a month without service, and now they have months more to wait.

"I bought my house based on proximity to the Yellow Line," said Skokie resident Trina James, whose house was under construction. "I drove around the neighborhood and chose my house because of access to the Yellow Line. So this has really changed things for me."

"I got up late those first few days. I've adjusted, but I have to wake up an hour earlier," said Raynard, who works at a hospital. "I got to work late the first few days. I've adjusted, but I have to wake up an hour earlier."

James said her total travel time has been extended by 40 minutes by taking the shuttle.

"The shuttle is nice," she said. "I give it to the CTA, and it's been a very pleasant ride. It just takes an extra 20 minutes each way, and that has an impact."

Village officials said they have been satisfied with the way the CTA and the water reclamation district have handled the engineering problem.

Shortly after the line closed, Skokie Corporation Counsel Michael Lorge said, the village met with the CTA, the water district and Walsh Construction, which was hired by the water district to perform tunneling work when the ground gave in.

"From the very beginning, we emphasized the impact this transportation has on our residents," Lorge said. "We wanted to personalize it because it was a room filled with individuals who were rightfully concerned about engineering issues. But we wanted them all to keep a personal face of our residents in mind."

When Skokie officials looked at photographs of the collapse, they felt fortunate that no one was killed or injured because of the embankment cave-in, Skokie Marketing and Communications Director Ann Tennes said.

"As difficult as this is, we could have been looking at a tragedy," she said. "When you look at the situation through that lens, it certainly makes sense that the remedy needs to be planned appropriately and executed appropriately."

Lorge said the village wanted assurance that the project would not get "mired down in legal and financial disputes." He said the village believes that has not been the case.

But the disrupted service has been a blow to Skokie, he said. Village leaders spent more than 10 years trying to bring a CTA station to downtown before it finally opened three years ago.

"The mayor and the trustees are frustrated, like all of us, because of all of the energy that went into building this station," Lorge said. "They put in heart and soul to get state money, federal money, to keep (the project) going even when the economy was otherwise stopping programs like this. You have elected officials who went to the mat to make sure this project got done, and now they see it stymied."

The promise of the downtown Yellow Line station was a key factor in drawing the adjacent Illinois Science and Technology Park. When the train station opened in 2012, science park and village officials called the day significant.

"Everyone has been looking forward to this for a long time," Richard Groh of the science park said during the grand opening.

Three years later, some science park employees have found themselves without their regular mode of transportation to get to work.

Lynne Bamford said she usually doesn't take the Yellow Line to the science park, but the very day service was halted, she had planned to.

"I got caught the day it went down," she said. "I had only taken it four or five times before, so I'm not as impacted as others, but it's just so happened I was that day."

"It's pretty hard on me," she said. "With that link gone, people just don't want to bother or don't have time to come here."

Some said their employees have had trouble getting to work. At Fogo's Peri Peri restaurant, assistant manager Terryck Marsh said she has been late several times because she relies on the Yellow Line every workday.

"It's been an extra 30 minutes to an hour now to get here," she said. "It's definitely made a difference."

Skokie officials say they understand the frustration. The village recently made parking in the Dempster Street Skokie Swift lot free, something officials said would continue as long as the Yellow Line is closed.

Tennes said the village has other ideas to reward commuters for their patience once service is restored, but they still need to be discussed with the CTA.

"The first priority, she said, is to get the trains up and running."

Chicago Tribune's Jon Hilkevitch contributed.
Village Board approves mosque, religious center to open in Lincolnwood

BY NATALIE HAYES  
Pioneer Press

Muslim leaders of a Chicago-based mosque were welcomed to Lincolnwood by Mayor Jerry Turry on June 16 following a unanimous decision by the village board to allow a mosque and religious education center to open in the village.

Leaders of Sacred Learning NFP, a nonprofit Islamic religious organization, purchased the former Myron & Phil's steakhouse site on the 3900 block of West Devon Avenue with plans to build a two-story Islamic spiritual center for the local Muslim community, village documents show.

The group first submitted a petition to the village of Lincolnwood last month to demolish the former Myron & Phil's steakhouse building that housed Myron & Phil's steakhouse, a Lincolnwood institution for more than four decades that closed down two years ago after a fire.

Muslim community members have gathered in support of the proposed mosque at Lincolnwood Village Hall during the past two Village Board meetings as trustees considered the organization's request for six variations in the village's zoning code that would allow them to begin construction at the site.

About 30 Muslim supporters gathered in the lobby outside of village chambers the night of June 16 to celebrate the village board's decision to allow their plans to proceed.

Sayed Shariff, executive vice president of the organization, said Sacred Learning's new Lincolnwood facility would provide better access to prayer and educational services for local Muslim families who live in the community.

"We're very excited," Shariff said following the board's ruling. "People have to drive all the way to the city or neighboring suburbs [for the nearest mosque], but now we'll just be a stone's throw away."

The mosque wouldn't open for at least a year and a half, Shariff said, adding that the former Myron & Phil's building hasn't been demolished yet.

The former owner of Myron & Phil's, Mark Freedman—whose late father and late uncle founded the restaurant—said he has purchased new property on Caldwell and Touhy avenues with plans to open a new restaurant next month called Wildwood Tavern.

Shariff and other Islamic leaders representing Sacred Learning explained their plans for the property to trustees during the May 19 Village Board meeting.

Although plans for the facility include a mosque, Shariff explained to village officials that the building would primarily be used as a site for Islamic education that would offer classes on evenings and weekends.

According to site plans submitted to the village, the Islamic center would host five daily prayer sessions per day beginning at dawn and ending 90 minutes after sunset. The building would have a worship space with room for 113 prayer mats that would double as a classroom, and would also include office space and a lecture area.

Classes are planned for weekday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m. and on weekends, according to information from the village.

Husain Sattar, president of Sacred Learning, said he designed the organization's academic programs and classes would focus on spiritual development.

"We focus on the basic pillars of our faith, as well as the legal and spiritual aspects of our faith," Sattar said.

The property is already properly zoned for religious uses, but officials had questions about a traffic-impact study that examined the effect increased traffic could potentially have on the area when the mosque opens.

A traffic safety report conducted by an engineering firm, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., hired by Sacred Learning showed no major concerns regarding the increased traffic the mosque would bring to the area.

Sacred Learning currently houses its operations in a building on the north side of Chicago on the 5900 block of North Lincoln Avenue.

No one from the public opposed the opening of the mosque at any of the village's public meetings.

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

PROPERTY DAMAGE
- Dariusz Smyk, 45, of the 7800 block of Nordica Avenue, Niles, was charged with criminal damage to property on June 14 after he allegedly broke a window on a neighbor's town house in the 7700 block of Nordica at 2:40 a.m. He was located nearby and taken into custody, police said. He has a July 7 court date.
- Ankhjargal Janchivdorj, 34, of the 4800 block of North Rutherford, Harwood Heights, was charged with felony driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license and having no insurance after two motorists reported a vehicle was driving recklessly on Milwaukee Avenue around 5:25 p.m. Police located the vehicle in the 9000 block of Milwaukee and conducted a traffic stop. Janchivdorj was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for medical treatment after he reportedly needed help standing up. It was also learned his license had been suspended for a previous DUI, police said. He had a June 18 court date.
- Fidel Quiroz, 40, of the 400 block of Brindle Trail, Wheeling, was charged with driving under the influence on the morning of June 13 after he reportedly struck a raised center median with his car, leaving pieces of the front wheel scattered along the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue, police said. He has a July 7 court date.
- Lauren Talaber, 35, of the 6200 block of Kirschoff Road, Rosemont, was charged with driving under the influence after two motorists reported a Milwaukee Avenue collision. She has a July 24 court date.

THEFT
- Three bottles of an undisclosed "controlled substance" were reported missing from a pharmacy in the 9000 block of Greenwood Avenue on June 9.
- A wallet was stolen from a purse June 13 after it was left unattended in a shopping cart inside a store in the 5600 block of Greenwood Avenue.

BURGLARY
- A home in the 8000 block of New England Avenue was discovered to have been burglarized on June 14 after a police officer saw a window broken on the east side of the property. An investigation was pending.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
- The owner of a 2015 Mitsubishi told police that someone squirted mustard and ketchup all over her car overnight between June 14 and 15. An investigation was pending.

Niles police: Man steals steak, loses shirt, backpack

By Jennifer Johnson
Pioneer Press

Niles police say a man attempted to steal a steak from a local grocery store and ended up losing his shirt.

According to police, the man entered the store on the 8900 block of Greenwood Avenue June 16, selected a skirt steak from an aisle, and then placed it in a backpack he was carrying before exiting the building.

When the store's manager confronted the man outside, police said he recovered the steak from the suspect's backpack. As the suspect attempted to run away, the manager grabbed his shirt and ripped it off his body, police said.

The suspect, who left the remains of his shirt and his backpack behind, was last seen running west on Ballard Road, dressed only in gray pants, according to police.

A police investigation was pending.
Tastee Tidbits Food Focus

As we know, there cannot be a Taste of Park Ridge without food vendors, and the July 9-11, 2015 lineup is incredibly well balanced, just like a healthy meal. During its previous incarnations, many Taste attendees have gravitated to their favorites, many of which still grace us with their presence (as well as their presents of incredible edibles). **Affresco, All on the Road Catering, Boston Fish Market, Crème of the Crepe, Hay Caramba, Himalayan Restaurant, J.D. Kadd's, Lisa's Italian Ice, Maki Sushi, Panino's, Park Ridge Dairy Queen, Rex Italian Foods, Spuntino's, St. John Chrystastamos Monastery, Subway (of Uptown), Sunrise Grill, and Wine Styles** have all served first rate food and drink during multiple Tastes. Each of them has established a loyal legion of dedicated followers year after year. The Taste Committee is excited to announce the latest additions to this gathering of gastronomic goliaths. They are **B's Sweet Bites, Charcoal Delights, Dolcetti, Jason's Deli, The Sandlot, and Whole Foods.**

**B's Sweet Bites** is a paradise for the sweet-toothed among us. “Pie-Pops”, which are handmade pies on a stick, decadent fudge brownies, warm chocolate-chip cookies, individual key lime pies, and individual banana cream pies, highlight their delectable Taste menu. **Charcoal Delights** has long been acclaimed in the Chicago metro area for their flavorful interpretation of everybody's favorite-charcoal-grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. They will also serve mouth-watering brats, along with roasted corn on the cob. **Dolcetti** will provide a treasure trove of treats for dessert devotees, with cakes to go, strawberry shortcake, tiramisu, and several uniquely delicious cookie flavors, including lemon ricotta, and oatmeal walnut. **Jason's Deli**, which serves a great variety of dishes in their restaurants, will represent many of them at the Taste, including their legendary half Rueben sandwich, half turkey wrap, “nutty salad” (no chicken), along with chicken and hot dog “nuggetz.” **The Sandlot** has a simple, but effective philosophy-keep the menu focused on what you do best. Since hot dogs and hamburgers are what they do best, that's exactly what you will discover at their Taste booth-what area customers are calling “amazing burgers and dogs.” **Whole Foods** will feature a variety of healthy foods, including Mediterranean veggie wraps, fresh fruit skewers with yogurt dip, cinnamon donut holes with apple dip, and handmade tortilla chips.

If this talk of food teases your taste buds, just wait until you experience the extraordinary variety of comestibles at this year's Taste of Park Ridge. You will not leave hungry. Visit the Taste website at [www.tasteofparkridge.com](http://www.tasteofparkridge.com) to get the full story- entertainment schedules, food vendor information, sponsors, and more.
From Illinois to Ecuador

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

With just six months until the end of her undergrad, Rebecca Gilbert is making the most of her summer term.

Gilbert, 22, of Morton Grove, is a Niles North alum and a senior studying international business and marketing with a certification in Spanish at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"I really enjoy learning about other cultures, and in today's growing global economy, it's important to know how to conduct business in other countries," she said in an email.

With help from her university, Gilbert will be working with women in Ecuador on a project called Wisconsin Without Borders (WWB) Marketplace.

"WWB Marketplace is a student organization that collaborates with artisans in Ecuador, Mexico, and Kenya to share their stories, sell their products and reinvest profits in their communities," Gilbert said.

The program is funded by the Baldwin Grant which funds projects that support "the development of new and innovative projects," according to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's website. For this particular project, the students work with the artisans, purchase their wares and sell them back in the states.

As a marketing student, Gilbert has a two-part internship. For the end of May and beginning of June, she is working in the village of Camarones with a group of women who make soap. She will help the women develop a business strategy and help them streamline the soap-making process.

"The process to make the soap is very elaborate and they do everything manually, which includes peeling seeds and grinding them with a hand crank in order to extract the oil," she said. "They are in need of an oil press to combine and expedite the process of peeling and grinding the seeds."

In order to help fund this, she said she is setting up an Indiegogo campaign in hopes of crowdfunding the money for their oil press.

After her time in Camarones ends, she will be sent to the village of La Calera to help women in their jewelry making enterprise create a business plan, ensure financial stability and put in place quality control measures.

"So far, my favorite part about living in Ecuador has just been adapting to a new culture and way of life," she said. "I am living in a hut, I don't have Internet access unless I take a bus into town [an hour away], I use dry composting toilets and I am slowly but surely getting over my fear of bugs, which I often find in the food, shower, bathroom, and even under the mosquito nets in my bedroom."

To help offset the cost of the internship, Gilbert was awarded multiple scholarships from the university, including one from the International Internship Program.

"We help find opportunities for students to engage in internships, they can either be a corporate, business type internship, or it can be in the nonprofit volunteering world, but it's a way for students to get practical, hands on, real world experience overseas," Maj Fischer, director of the program, said. "Our goal is to help create or develop a work force that has a global mindset and the skills to work in our increasingly interconnected world."

And while there are definitely cultural barriers for Gilbert working in Ecuador, she says her passion for using business for social good has guided her.

"Whatever you're passionate about, find an organization that's values and mission align with your own," she said. "As a business student taking a non-traditional path, I can testify that it has been challenging to go against the grain, but with the time, effort and dedication to your goal, I can promise that you'll make an impact."

Alicia Ramirez is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Park Ridge-Niles District 64 student artwork on display

BY BOB CHIARITO
Pioneer Press

The artwork of 46 students from Park Ridge-Niles District 64 is currently on public display at Le Peep restaurant in Park Ridge.

Each year for the last seven years, a few pieces of art done by students in District 64 schools are selected by teachers to be put on display, according to Sonja Dziezdzie, curriculum specialist in the art department at Emerson School.

The program began eight years ago when Dziezdzie applied and received grants from an Elementary Learning Foundation and the Park Ridge Cultural Art Council which allowed the district to purchase 42 frames to showcase student artwork.

"It's a beautiful example of the community supporting the visual art of students," Dziezdzie said.

According to Dziezdzie, every student in the district takes art, meaning there are a lot of entries for staff to go through.

"The teachers really exemplary work," Dziezdzie said.

Among the 46 chosen this year are works in a variety of mediums and themes, from drawings and photography to watercolors and collage.

One student, 11-year-old Mia Lee, a fifth-grader at Carpenter School, said she found out her oil pastel entitled "Cake" was chosen when she noticed it missing from the hallway of her school.

She said of her teacher "Mrs. Bianchi teaches us a lot of cool techniques that we do in class and that I also work on at home."

Recently, Lee said she went to Le Peep at 100 Euclid Ave. in Park Ridge, to eat with her father and sister and got a thrill at seeing her art displayed in public.

"It was really cool to see," Lee said.

The art will be exhibited at Le Peep through October. After that, it will be displayed until April at the Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Highway in Park Ridge, according to District 64 spokesperson Bernadette Tramm.

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Niles West student takes third in engineering contest

By Natalie Hayes

Pioneer Press

A Morton Grove teenager who said he invented a contraption to make his dad's job easier has won a $1,000 prize after coming in third place in the 2015 Illinois Engineering Design Competition.

Hubert Gawin, 17, said he designed and created what he calls a “locking extension cord” in his engineering design and development course at Niles West High School during the past school year.

Gawin's invention is simple, but the device solves a common problem for carpenters or anyone doing housework that requires an extension cord.

The locking extension cord does exactly what it claims to do—it holds two extension cords together with a locking mechanism that stops the plug side of one cord from slipping out of the outlet of the other cord.

"The device is like the two sides of the plugs you'd see on normal extension cords, except that they're round," Gawin said. "The plug side with the pins in it has a sliding collar with two grooves in it, and it locks into place if it's plugged in."

As part of Gawin's engineering class, his instructor, Ken Albert, asked his students to come up with an invention that could solve an everyday problem.

"His dad works outside...and the cords are always coming apart," Albert said. "If you try to tie them together they get worn out."

Gawin said he spent almost the entire school year figuring out how to turn the idea for the locking extension cord into a functional object that could actually be useful.

"After the school day was over, I would sometimes spend hours trying to make it a workable prototype," he said.

Gawin, who said he plans to study nursing in college, pitched his locking extension cord against other inventions created by high school students across Illinois during the statewide engineering competition at the Illinois Institute of Technology (ITT) on May 27.

The competition was set-up like the TV show "Shark Tank" where entrepreneurs have just a few minutes to convince a panel of investors to fund their idea, Albert said.

Gawin was one of four Niles West students who entered the competition, along with seniors Matt Alasu, Skyler Chatman, and Chris Troiani.

"His dad works outside where entrepreneurs have just a few minutes to convince a panel of investors to fund their idea," Albert said.

Although he said he doesn't plan to pursue a future for his locking extension cord, Gawin said the experience was a lot of fun.

"Generally speaking, I like to create things, so this was a hobby for me," Gawin said. "I might print some more of them on a 3-D printer, but I don't plan on selling them unless people decide they like it that much."

The Illinois Engineering Design Competition was created to recognize the importance of engineering design and problem solving in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education, according to information from School District 219.

Students who enter have the chance to win up to $2,500 and a product development assessment by the Wisconsin Innovation Service Center.

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Days begin early on the farm, and June 20 at Wagner Farm was no exception, when Glenview Park District and Heritage Center staff, along with some very hospitable farm animals, hosted the 13th annual Dairy Breakfast and Farm Day.

This local celebration of National Dairy Month kicked off at 8 a.m. for a fun-filled morning of all things dairy, giving local families a firsthand opportunity to interact with friendly livestock, enjoy hay rides and dairy lawn games, and view the “Pic-cow-so” contest winners.

Many enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage, provided by Egg Harbor Cafe of Glenview.

Jim D’Altorio of Glenview said he and his family come to support the farm every year for this event, and his kids just love it.

Entertainment was provided by strolling musicians The Blue Water Ramblers, and educational activities included a cow-milking demonstration in the milk parlor, a visit to the 1920s farmhouse, lessons on how to make ice cream and Dairy Cow 101.

Friends of Wagner Farm board member Peter Brown said events like these reflect the farm’s purpose, allowing people from Cook County and surrounding counties to experience what farming was like during the 1920s through the 1950s.

“This annual breakfast is a great way to spend time with your family while learning about dairy farming and engaging in fun activities and events, while enjoying a great breakfast,” said Sarah Schoeneberg, program manager at Wagner Farm.

All proceeds from this community recreation and entertainment event support general farm operations, officials said.

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Tunes on Tuesday

Park district's new season of concerts kicks off at Harrer Park Pavilion in Morton Grove

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

The Morton Grove Park District Tunes on Tuesday annual concert series opened under blue skies and cooler temperatures June 16 at the Harrer Park Pavilion.

The Dairy Queen of Niles was the featured restaurant June 16 and will continue to provide desserts for each concert date. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and run Tuesdays (June 23, June 30, July 14 and July 28). One concert falls on a Thursday (June 23) to coincide with the annual car show.

"We're really excited to get it kicked off and we couldn't have asked for better weather," said Katie Halverson, Morton Grove Park District recreation supervisor, before the band The Student Body took the stage.

In case of rain, concerts are moved across the street to the Park View School gymnasium at 6200 Lake St.

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Erica Coriglione of Chicago and David Paige of Arlington Heights perform with the band The Student Body at the June 16 summer season opener of the Morton Grove Park District Tunes on Tuesday concerts.

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Amid a growing number of fitness choices, a new Park Ridge training center is using technology and the promise of short workouts to draw members. Glenview native Michael Kupperman recently opened The Exercise Coach at 946 N. Northwest Highway. Previously located in Niles, the center is part of a franchise that specializes in customized, high-intensity workouts - largely strength training - that last just 20 minutes, twice a week.

"Clients, regardless of age and experience, can come in and be taught to work effectively, efficiently and safely, and achieve the results that everybody wants in a fraction of the time," Kupperman said.

The Exercise Coach uses personal trainers and its own technology-based cardio system to set goals and limits for clients based on factors like age, health and fitness level. And only 20 minutes, two days per week, is recommended.

"Our technology suggests the intensities for each individual," said Kupperman, who owns a franchise in Arlington Heights as well. "We're not shooting in the dark with people, which is reminiscent of traditional training [where] you're performing a random amount of reps and doing random amount of activities, searching for this goal. We have a way of measuring exactly what you should be doing."

The Exercise Coach is also geared toward people who may have difficulty establishing a regular exercising routine, Kupperman indicated.

"They really need the guidance, they really need the accountability," Kupperman said of many of his clients. "Since they are very novice, they don't want to be put on display in a big box gym."

The Exercise Coach has carved out a niche clientele of people largely over 40, many of them from the baby boom generation and older. One client arriving for her session on June 19 was getting ready to celebrate her 80th birthday.

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The Exercise Coach is a new fitness studio open at 946 N. Northwest Highway, just east of Oakton Street, in Park Ridge. It features two 20-minute sessions per week.
S.C. shootings increase focus on mission for Race Against Hate

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
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The Ricky Byrdson Memorial Race Against Hate brought out 300 volunteers and more than 5,000 event participants on June 21, near Northwestern University's Floyd Long Field in Evanston.

The annual Race Against Hate remembers Ricky Byrdson, a Northwestern University basketball coach and Skokie resident who was shot and killed in 1999 in his neighborhood while jogging his children.

While racial equality has been a primary focus during the race's 16-year history, this year's event took on added significance in light of the nine victims who died in what appeared to be a racially driven shooting at a church in Charleston, S.C., June 17.

"First, they took schools away from us with Columbine and Sandy Hook, and now they've taken away churches," said Bonnie Greene of Oak Park and the race's announcer.

"It's a shame that we still have people who just don't have that love for everyone and that we have such easy access to guns," said Ricky's widow Sherialyn Byrdson of Atlanta, whose husband was murdered by a man about the same age as the Charleston suspect, Dylann Roof.

"I am upset," said 18-year Evanston resident and YWCA of Evanston/North Shore CEO Karen Singer, who became emotional discussing the Charleston massacre on a Sunday holiday when Charleston congregants worked to heal. "But we have to do something with that, we have to channel it into constructive ways of bringing our community together to eliminate racism."

Before the first race of the day, Byrdson reflected on her husband's legacy as a motivator for change.

"I think he would say, maybe it was worth it," Byrdson said of what her husband might say about the loss of his life.

This year's race raised about $150,000 to benefit YWCA of Evanston/North Shore's racial justice and violence prevention work.

People representing 22 states participated.

Longtime Evanston resident Will Van Dyke, also an Evanston Running Club member, visited the Unitarian Church of Evanston booth, where one could learn about the church's yearlong mission for racial justice.

"(We're) determined to end this hate," said Gail Smith of Chicago and a Unitarian Church of Evanston member.

Emisael Favela of Berwyn was the unverified first place 10K finisher.

While runners celebrated and congratulated one another, the recent Charleston tragedy served as a powerful backdrop to the event.

"It's just devastating that acts of violence like that (Charleston) can continue in this day and age," said participant Tiffany Rice of Evanston, whose son Dajae Coleman, a freshman, was gunned down near Evanston Township High School in 2012.

Rice is president of the Dajae Coleman Foundation, which advocates peace, community awareness and scholarship.

"Racism still exists," Rice said.
Why pretending to be black is a problem

Randy Blaser

The case of Rachel Dolezal, the white woman from Spokane, Wash., who has been posing as a black woman, is one of the more bizarre cases of identity politics to confront our sensibilities yet.

In an age when a man can become a woman, a la Bruce Jenner becoming Caitlyn Jenner, is trans-racialism also possible? Of course it is possible, but is it right?

I have no problem with white people self-identifying with African-Americans in order to join in the fight for civil rights. Many in the past have done so. Weren't the white Freedom Riders in the early 1960s doing the same thing?

Dolezal claims that she "self-identifies" as black. That's the term she has used.

That would be OK, I think, if Dolezal would just admit to being white.

But she doesn't, and she hasn't.

Dolezal doesn't just "self-identify" as black, whatever that means. She also claims to be black. And that's the problem.

By claiming to be black, she has taken jobs and positions she might not otherwise have been offered.

I'm not talking about being head of the Spokane NAACP, a position from which she resigned. Many whites have served in positions with the NAACP, and the organization certainly has no policy banning whites.

But she's also on the local police board. Considering all the controversy this year about police practices in regards to race, would a white Dolezal be appointed to such a position? Maybe, but probably not.

And if not, that is a position that could go to a real black person.

Dolezal was a professor of African-American studies at the local college. Certainly a white can fulfill that job as well as a person of any color. But is that another potential job that could go to a real black professor?

Some may ask, "What difference does it make?" As long as Dolezal is qualified and can represent the interests of the interest group she pretends to be a part, then so what?

Again, I would agree with such analysis except for one thing. The difference is Dolezal wasn't a white person being on the police board to ensure fair treatment for blacks, or teaching African-American studies.

She was a phony, pretending to be black. And people pretend to be something they are for one of two reasons.

The first reason is to gain something, a position or title or influence, they ordinarily might not be able to obtain.

The second reason? It's just not normal.

Either way, Dolezal is disqualified from the positions she gained, not because she "self-identified" as black but because she pretended to be black.

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Lunch from the boss won't pay the bills

Here's a depressing new (to me) concept: Variable compensation.

Perhaps, like me, you don't know what variable compensation is. Well, variable compensation is something employers can give employees instead of salary increases.

Lunch with the boss. Gift cards. Permission to nap in the afternoon.

Birthdays off. Gift items. These are just a few of the ways employers are variably compensating employees for doing a good job.

Who in their right mind would want lunch with the boss instead of a good raise? The boss, of course.

Gifts, naps, lunch with the boss, even bonuses are temporary, ephemeral. They are easy to take away. But salaries are more permanent. It is way more difficult to cut someone's pay than to cancel a lunch. Also, raises are cumulative and build

Paul Sassone on each other.

The concept of short-term employee rewards is not new, but seems to have taken off when the Great Recession hit.

In 1988, short-term rewards were about 3.9 percent of U.S. corporations' payroll, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. In 2014, that amount jumped to 12.7 percent of payroll. And over the last 12 months, real hourly wages have increased only 2.2 percent.

A survey of more than 1,000 organizations by the global human resources firm of Aon Hewitt found that the share of payroll budgets allocated to straight salary increases sank to a low of 18 percent in the depths of the recession. It dropped to 4.3 percent in 2001 from a high of 10 percent in 1981.

The percentage of payroll budgets allocated to salary increases in 2014 still was only 2.9 percent.

I'm not devaluing the value of bonuses. And gifts are nice, though I would limit my enthusiasm for lunch with the boss.

But when push comes to shove, salary is what is important to people who work for a living.

Not just today, but for the future.

Salary is what determines what workers receive in Social Security benefits, for instance. The lower the salary, the lower the Social Security benefits.

And I doubt that the boss will take you to lunch once you are retired. Or pay your mortgage, or electric bill...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Time for farmers markets and Whole Foods?

Whoa! Did my eyes deceive me? Was it actually in black-and-white print that there may be a potential deal between Whole Foods and Vernon Hills? Well, that came out of left field, but was a most pleasant revelation.

For a time not long ago, there was an absence of grocery stores in the community. But things have improved lately, and this latest news flash would prove a welcome addition to the local food shopping options.

Let’s face it, our grocery shopping patterns are not in the least like they used to be. Once a week, one-stop shopping has gone the way of the Atari, and now we have one store for staples, another for produce, a different spot for meats and protein, as well as the need it quick convenience options for last minute items. Or, there’s another way to get groceries without even leaving home, by having one of the delivery services simply drop everything off at your door. With so many choices, it’s easy to see why the grocery store’s

PAT LENHOFF

new prototype is so much less defined than in previous eras. And also more confusing for the consumer. Do you run around to every store and shop their sales items, so as to capitalize on the best prices possible? Or do you logic that all the gas you use driving here and there will likely cost more than your savings, and therefore bite the bullet and simply shop at the one spot where you find yourself? It’s a real dilemma.

In addition, eating healthy often means spending more money. Organics and top quality fresh produce, meats and fish just cost more, and many families are caught between wanting to eat well yet needing to watch expenses. That’s why this time of year is the best for eating healthy on the cheap. Planting a vegetable garden is about as

organic and inexpensive as it gets. However, if you’re like me and just can’t get into the backyard produce garden’s demands, you make nice to your green thumb family/friends and hope their abundance of tomatoes overflows into your kitchen. Or, there’s one other option: local farmers markets. Not only do they offer the best of regionally-grown produce, but every purchase is like a thank you to the dedicated farm families who do demanding work year round to bring us the garden’s best bounty.

No matter where you may find yourself during the summer months, you can be sure there’s a market with farm-fresh foods nearby. Just think about how healthy you’ll feel at the end of the summer, after eating all those fresh zucchini and cucumbers. And if you have extra tomatoes you need to get rid of, just email me and we’ll work something out.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Randy Blaser wrong on Hastert charges

How does Randy Blaser get it so wrong? His opinion piece (“Another Side To The Hastert Story,” June 11) ends with his concern that “regular shmoes...have to wonder...what kind of a country are we living in?” The only ones that have to worry are the drug dealers and money launderers that the law was written to try to weed out, and oh yes, the Denny Hasterts that may have lied to the FBI when questioned about the unusual cash withdrawals.

Blaser’s silly examples about withdrawing $10,000 to buy a car, redo a kitchen or put in a home theater and you’re reported makes no sense. How many of us take out $10,000 in cash to do these things? Some of us today have discovered checks to buy things with, or better yet, credit cards to get all those wonderful gift getting points.

So transferring money to car dealers and TV stores does not get you reported — taking out $1.5 million in cash and then trying to cover it up by lying and then changing the amounts to try to get around the law, that seems to be what Hastert has been indicted for.

The fact that the money may have been cover-up money or even extortion for possible bad things done will not be the issue because the statute of limitations may run out. But the law is a good one, even if it only catches one drug dealer or one dumb politician.

—Gerald Meyers, Skokie
Protecting yourself from summer rays

As I write this column, the sun has once again returned in ages and it's been raining for days. However, since I like to think on the bright side, I thought I'd write about something obvious in times like this: sunscreen! So I called up my friend, dermatologist Julie Goldberg, to give the readers of this column a refresher course on everything sunscreen.

Dr. Goldberg is founder and director of Dermedica Innovative Dermatology in Northbrook and has lots to say on the topic of sunscreen.

"Sunscreen application is one of my favorite skin related topics to talk about," says Dr. Goldberg. "There are many myths and misconceptions about sunscreen, so I enjoy educating my patients on what I know to be true about sunblock. Millions of people get skin cancer each year. By instructing people on sunscreen application and sun avoidance techniques, these skin cancers can be prevented."

First, I asked Dr. Goldberg what brand of sunscreen she liked best. Instead of one particular brand, Goldberg recommended certain things for consumers to look for and do.

"Liberally apply a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 30-50 plus to all skin not covered by clothing," says Dr. Goldberg. "Broad-spectrum protects from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. How you apply the sunscreen can also affect how it protects you - a shot of sunscreen is needed to cover the surface area of an average adult.

The preferred active ingredient that I recommend is Zinc Oxide (greater than 7 percent) because it is the best physical protection against the longer UVA rays. The fine particles of Zinc do not appear white on the skin as they used to when we were kids. Also, sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before you leave the house, so it has time to be absorbed properly. And don't forget to block your ears and lips!"

Next, I asked if I really make a difference if one's sunscreen container gets too warm.

"Leaving a tube of sunscreen in a hot car could cause it to separate and become inactive," says Dr. Goldberg. I also wanted to know if we need to wear sunscreen when the sun is not completely out and if we really need to reapply sunscreen.

"Yes, even on cloudy days we need sunscreen," says Dr. Goldberg. "Reapply approximately every two hours, and also after swimming or sweating." Sun protective clothing, like a long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses should be worn during peak hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. And, seeking shade is a great alternative."

What about other tanning methods?

"Tanning beds should be avoided at all costs," says Dr. Goldberg. "The increased radiation exposure leads to an increased risk for skin cancer. The safest alternative to getting tan, are self-tanning creams or lotions, or spray tans. They don't provide added protection from the sun, but they may give you the "healthy glow" that you are looking for."

And how am I supposed to get my Vitamin D with limited sun exposure?

"The American Academy of Dermatology does not recommend getting vitamin D from sun exposure or indoor tanning because ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and tanning beds can lead to the development of skin cancer," says Dr. Goldberg. "It is recommended that Vitamin D is obtained from a healthy diet, which includes naturally enriched vitamin D foods, fortified foods and beverages, and/or vitamin supplements. Good sources of Vitamin D include fortified milk, cheeses and yogurt, fortified cereal, and oily fish like salmon and tuna. Vitamin D cannot be used by the body until it is processed by the liver and the kidneys. The usable form of vitamin D created by our body is the same, regardless of how it enters the body."

Lastly, I was curious about spray-on sunscreens.

"The FDA is currently investigating the risks of accidental inhalation of spray sunscreens," says Dr. Goldberg. "I typically do not recommend using spray sunscreens for two reasons. First, it is difficult to know if you have used a thick enough amount of sunscreen to cover all sun-exposed areas of the body, so coverage may be inadequate and not meet the SPF as stated. Next, since most spray sunscreens are clear, they do not contain Zinc Oxide as their active ingredient."

For more information on anything related to dermatology, you can visit Dermedica Innovative Dermatology at www.Dermedica.org or call 847-205-0007.

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Blackhawks are over; time to read

Once the Blackhawks secured the Stanley Cup again and no longer required my rapt attention, I felt I could begin my summer reading.

Here are a few books from book clubs and other sources that look interesting. The nonfiction list seems especially provocative.

Most readers probably know that David McCullough has published a new book, "The Wright Brothers," and that Erik Larson has also come out with another acclaimed book, "Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania."

For those who keep up with the New York crowd, "Primates of Park Avenue: a Memoir," is supposedly a sociological study of the life of privileged women living large on New York City's Park Avenue. You might find a side helping of envy in this book by Wednesday Martin, Ph.D. This book is the source, apparently, of the term "wife bonus."

In our household, "Do No Harm: Stories of Life, Death and Brain Surgery" by Henry Marsh, a neurosurgeon, has proven fascinating reading for everyone, and we are not a family of doctors or health care workers, though our daughter aspires to work in that field. "On The Move: A Life by Oliver Sacks," is on the to-be-read pile. Over the years, I have read many of Sacks' pieces - newspaper editorials, books and articles, and he is a remarkable man and neurology professor who reports on science in a clear and compelling way.

He is battling terminal cancer.

I've already started another science, medicine and social studies book, and Ng's first published novel. "Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet" are the opening lines of the novel, which features a Chinese-American family dealing with the loss of a daughter, Lydia, and concerning issues of ethnicity and family.

And, on July 15, I plan to be among the first people to read "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee, yes the Harper Lee of "To Kill A Mockingbird" fame. Even the most casual student of Harper Lee and "To Kill A Mockingbird" knows that Harper Lee never really wanted to publish anything after the astounding success of Mockingbird, feeling that how could she improve on anything. So it is surprising that "Go Set a Watchman" is coming out next month.

Watchman was written before Lee wrote Mockingbird and takes place 20 years after Mockingbird. I am going to do my best to be a non-judgmental reader of the new work.

"How to be Both: A Novel" by Ali Smith sounds challenging for book groups. The book is apparently printed in different ways - different stories will appear in different sections - so readers will have intentionally differing experiences of the novel, which has time settings of the Renaissance as well as the 1960s.

For those of you put off by the hard-cover heft of "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt, it is now out in paperback. Yes, it is more than 600 pages long, but it is a terrific literary novel, thick with enduring characters and challenging themes. I highly recommend it as a meaty and satisfying piece of literature.

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Astellas commits to 10,000 volunteer hours in 2015

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Pioneer Press

When describing the culture at Astellas, Moyra Knight refers to the pharmaceutical company's commitment to patients. "That commitment is our North Star and the guiding philosophy every day for everyone who works here," said Knight, senior director of corporate and employee communications for the Tokyo-based company, whose U.S. headquarters can be seen from Willow Road just west of Interstate 294 in Northbrook. "It's what drives us and what brings a certain caliber of excellence here."

Knight joins 1,000 Northbrook-based employees in observing the company's 10th anniversary on the North Shore, a celebration that included an all-employee meeting and elaborate reception last month, as well as a commitment to 10,000 hours of employee volunteer services in the areas of patient health and community development.

"Giving back is such a big part of the Astellas culture, and this is our commitment to the community, which includes patient groups, advocacy groups, nonprofits, and industry organizations that support the pharmaceutical industry," said Jeff Winton, senior vice president of corporate affairs and chief communications officer.

The volunteer hours are part of Astellas' "Changing Tomorrow Day" initiative, which takes place annually on Sept. 11. Over the past decade, Astellas employees in North America and South America have volunteered 61,000 hours and donated $1 million to charitable organizations through the company's StarGIVING program.

"The impact we are making is hugely motivating and goes way beyond any monetary compensation we earn," said Winton, a Cornell University graduate who has spent 35 years working in the pharmaceutical and agriculture industries.

According to Winton, philanthropic work goes on all year long at Astellas, as every employee gets five paid work days per year to volunteer instead of coming to work. The company also closes at noon every Friday, a time when many employees spend time volunteering.

Astellas, which was formed in 2005 with the merger of the Japanese pharmaceutical companies Fujisawa and Yamanouchi, opened its first U.S. headquarters in Deerfield the same year. The company is traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and employs an estimated 18,000 people globally.

Astellas moved to its current Northbrook location in 2012: a spectacular two building campus that offers 160,000 square feet of space and includes a workout facility, cafeteria, coffee shop and dry cleaners.

"This is an entrepreneurial type company and no matter what level you come in at, you immediately start making contributions," Winton said. "Part of the reason for that is that we're only 10 years old. We started over in many ways and we said, 'We have the opportunity to create something from scratch.' Ten years into it, we're still doing that."

Astellas, which was recently voted by Forbes Magazine as one of the top 500 places to work in America, focuses on 12 pharmaceutical products marketed in the U.S. in the fields of oncology, cardiology, urology, transplantation, and infectious disease. "We're truly impacting patient lives," said Knight.

"We come to work and we feel that at the end of the day we've made a difference," Winton said.

Pillosoph is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Thursday, June 25

Potawatomi photos on display at Des Plaines History Center: The public is invited to immerse themselves in Potawatomi art and culture at the Des Plaines History Center. Each portrait at the History Center is accompanied by a handwritten personal story. For information, call or visit the website. 10 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

YWCA Racial Equity Training: Register now at the website and see upcoming programs. Contact Racial Justice Program Director Eileen Hogan Heinenman, eheinenman@ywca-n.org or call 847-864-8445, Ext. 158. 6:15 p.m. Thursday, YWCA Evanston and North Shore, 1215 Church St., Evanston, $35

Girls 4 Science Garden Party Fundraiser: Hosted by Amy Wilson, Senior Patent Counsel, Baxalta US, Inc., all proceeds from this fundraiser benefit this nonprofit organization dedicated to exposing girls in Chicago ages 10-18 to (STEM) science, technology, engineering and math fields. For additional information contact Amy Wilson at 646-872-0659. 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Garden Party Fundraiser at a residence, 410 Wesley Ave, Evanston, $50 advance, $60 at the door, 773-401-6685

The Last Supper: 600 Plates Illustrating Final Meals of Death Row Inmates: The plates function as anonymous portraits that when grouped together suggest a memorial to lost life. The plates reside on the display for the year. 10 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Illinois State Penitentiary, Sugar Grove, free, 847-864-0738

Chocolate Dipped Creations: Turn strawberries, pretzel rods and Oreo cookies into delicious works of chocolate-dipped art with the help of Glenbrook South Foods and Nutrition Instructor, Kelli McDonald. Ages 13-18. Register at glenviewlp.org/register, 847-729-7500, Ext. 7600, or the Reader Services Desk. 2 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 130 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Festival of Drums: Bring one's own drums, shakers and rattles to make an instrument. Registration is required and preference is given to Glenview Library cardholders. Register at glenviewlpg.org/register, call Ext. 7900, or the Youth Services Desk. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps in Glenview: Safe, non-contact football instruction for kids ages 6-14 years old. Led by professional, USA Football certified coaches with supplemental instruction from a Chicago Bear. 8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, $259, 312-226-5553

Open House: Morton Grove Civic Center: Learn about new opportunities, resources and experiences for adults 50 and over. 3 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove American Legion Civic Center, 640 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-663-3073

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America: Train and garden enthusiasts, young and old, return year after year for this exhibition which features 18 G-scale trains chugging along 1,600 feet of track. 10 a.m. Daily, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, $6 adults; $5 seniors; $4 children ages 3-12; under 3, free; 10-visit pass $45, 847-835-5440

Hot Summer Nights: Bring dancing shoes for an evening of high-energy music and dance in McGinley Pavilion. For a schedule of performers, visit www.chicagobotanic.org. 6 p.m. Thursday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

"Never The Bridesmaid": 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, $35, 847-834-0738

Flick Park, 3600 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenbrook South Foods and Nutrition Institute. Adults and seniors, 847-869-0250

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

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Chicago Jewish Film Festival 2015: The museum screens four feature and documentary films: "24 Days," "Mr. Kaplan," "Night Will Fall" and "Sammy the Journey." 10 a.m. Thursday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, $10-$12, 847-967-4800

Friday, June 26

Summer Concert Series at White Pines: Hickey-Bava Band, a highly talented duo featuring Blues and Jazz Standards. 37 Bar and Grill, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, free, 630-766-7015

Nia: Holistic dance fitness: 11 a.m. Friday, Monday and Wednesday, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, $11 drop-in. $80 unlimited class pass, 847-969-5477

5Rhythms Dance: Come explore the 5Rhythms Dance — a movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Tuesday, Foster Dance Studios, 915 Foster St., Evanston, $15; $10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

How to Create One's Own Business: Those in fourth through eighth grade can learn how successful kids have started businesses and made a profit. Meet expert Dilnaz Waraich. Registration is required and preference is given to Glenview Library cardholders. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, call Ext. 7900, or the Youth Services Desk. 10 a.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Glenviewings Summer Film Series: "Selma": A chronicle of MLK's campaign to secure voting rights via the epic Selma march in 1965. 2 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Stars Under the Stars: Enjoy a movie and overnight camp out. Bring cans or boxes of non-perishable food items to donate to the Northfield Township Food Pantry and help fight hunger in the community. Advanced registration required. 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Flick Park, 3600 Glenview Road, Glenview, $17 per person, $22 non-resident, 847-724-5670

Glenview Theatre Guild's "The Music Man": See 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave, Glenview, $20-$21, 847-604-9477
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Gentle Yoga: Gentle Yoga returns to the library in the Pollack room. Admission on first-come, first-served basis. 10:30 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Everything about Container Gardening: Learn the secrets of successful vegetable and flower container gardening from experts. 9-30 a.m. Friday, Manor Care, 3315 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, $35, 847-784-6060

Share The Warmth: Join a group 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. Attendees often gather until 2 or 3 p.m. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-0755

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

Friday Night Live: Jeff Winter and Janis Fine bring their interpretation to traditional and contemporary songs alike. 8 p.m. Friday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Fountain Square Arts Festival: More than 150 juried artists show off their work at the annual event, which also features live music, kids activities and food vendors. 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Downtown Evanston, 800 Church St., Evanston, $15 adults; kids free, 847-864-8977

Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday: Adult Comedy every Saturday night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sculfield and Mark Simmons. National Headliners with movie and television credits on stage. 9 p.m. Saturday, Chicago’s Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, $15 adult advance, $20 at the door, 847-521-6434

Summer Solstice Concert: World music composer and Emmy nominated musician, Maurice Oliver performs an evening of music, video, chanting and dancing. 6 p.m. Saturday, Unity on the North Shore, 3434 Central St., Evanston, $15 adults; kids free, 847-448-8977

Civil War Reenactment Weekend: Join Brian Flora, retired United States diplomat and historian, as he looks at the capture of Atlanta, the March to the Sea and how these momentous events have since been portrayed. 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Fischer Farm, 16W680 Old Grand Ave., Bensenville, free, 630-766-7015

New Bensenville Police and Emergency Management Headquarters Dedication: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Bensenville Post Office, 345 East Green St., Bensenville, free, 630-594-3010

Relay For Life of Des Plaines: The annual benefit for the American Cancer Society takes on the theme “Night at the Movies,” with the stars being cancer survivors. Noon Saturday, Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines, free, 847-317-0209

Downtown Evanston Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free

Smylie Brothers First Anniversary Party: 5 p.m. Saturday, Smylie Brothers Brewing Company, 1615 Oak Ave., Evanston, free, 224-999-7323

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

Garden Chef Series: A complete schedule of chefs is available at www.chicagobotanic.org. 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Pioneer Day: Learn how pioneers lived, worked and played through candle dipping, butter churning and blacksmithing. 10 a.m. Saturday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6969

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Skokie Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m.
Sunday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500

Monday, June 29

Table Tennis Tournament, $5 and Over: A competitive afternoon of Table Tennis. Doubles tournament, register with a partner. 11:30 a.m. Monday, Park Ridge Park District - Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, $8 members, $10 guests, 847-692-3597

Tuesday, June 30

Open Hockey Rat Time: Players 18 years and older wearing full equipment can partake in a pickup hockey game. 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, $10, 847-724-2800

Adult Literacy Classes Registration Day: For native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library; 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-635-1426

LEGO Club: For those Junior LEGO engineers, architects, and inventors in grades 1-4, who can dabble, design, and dream at this monthly free-build. Registration is required and preference is given to Glenview Library cardholders. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, call Ext. 7900, or the Youth Services Desk. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Wednesday, July 1

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

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

Have an event to submit? Go to chicagotribune.com/calendar
Some people, faced with a serious problem, try to do something about it — like 10-year-old Joseph McDonagh of Niles.

The Field Elementary School student, known as Jojo to friends and family, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes last year. So, this year, he and his family decided to participate in the local Tour de Cure cycling fundraiser, joining 65,000 cyclists and volunteers nationwide. Jojo and his team raised $11,161 (including $7,775 he raised personally from pledges), more than any other local child.

This year's Tour de Cure, held in Aurora on June 14, included over 1,400 riders and organizers estimate has raised $800,000.

"When I was first diagnosed I heard so many amazing stories about fundraising," said Jojo, who rode 10 miles for the first time in his life in the June 14 event. "And I thought if I tried I could have a story of my own."

And so he did. But Jojo had a larger goal in mind as well.

"It's important," he said. "Because mostly children have type 1 diabetes and children should be doing whatever they want instead of having to worry about stuff like checking their blood sugar.

"Everybody involved in this has raised a lot of money, so I really hope researchers can find a cure."

A lot of money, by the way, means $700,000 tallied so far by the national event, which continues to take donations through July 15.

Jojo's mother, Christine Quinn, who coordinated additional efforts to raise money for Team Jojo (including friends who organized donations at a pub quiz and secured restaurant gift-card raffle prizes), also believes Tour de Cure is important for another reason.

"We feel like diabetes doesn't get enough coverage," she said. "People aren't well-educated about it, so they tend to think type 1 is similar to type 2 and it's something that can be reversed. We're trying to call attention to the fact that it's much more serious — more serious than even we knew. We've all been overwhelmed the past year, getting up at 2 in the morning for fear that Jojo might not make it through the night.

So we think it's important to get out there and let people know that this disease can hit you at any time and at any age and just how scary it is.

"The more people who know about it, the better chance there is that they'll get involved."

That's certainly been the case for friends of their family, Quinn noted.

"We've been blown away by the people who have come out of the woodwork to help," she said. "Friends I had gone to grade school with, people I haven't seen in 10 or 15 years, have been so supportive."

"And I hope this is the just the start. We're hoping to do even better next year."

For information or to donate, see www.diabetes.org.
Chicago Lighthouse gala looks forward

The Event: Always working toward a brighter future for the visually impaired, the Chicago Lighthouse held its annual benefit at Chicago's Drake Hotel in Chicago May 14. The event's 340 attendees celebrated the ongoing, innovative work of this 109-year-old institution.

In addition to raising critical funds for Lighthouse programs, the celebration honored ABC7 Chicago and U.S. Rep. Danny K. Davis (IL-7) as champions of people with disabilities.

Cause Celebre: "It is an outstanding organization that helps folks who have an unemployment rate of 75 percent to actually become self-sufficient...feel good about themselves and become contributing members to America," said Richard R. Boykin of Oak Park, Cook County Commissioner.

"The Lighthouse is unique because it is one of the most comprehensive social service agencies in the country," explained Dominic Calabrese of Harwood Heights, vice president of public relations.

Included in Lighthouse's offerings are 28 programs ranging from a low-vision clinic and school for children with multi-disabilities, to one of the few clock manufacturing facilities left in the United States. Together with Light-house's VA program, which assists wounded veterans suffering eye-related injuries, and a national help desk that accepts calls from around the world, the Lighthouse serves approximately 65,000 individuals annually through direct and indirect services.

"It is truly a beacon of hope to all those who are in need of assistance," said Commissioner Boykin.

Bottom Line: The benefit raised nearly $300,000 for the Lighthouse to expand the scope of its programs. See chicagolighthouse.org.

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Dear Help Squad,
I have been having trouble with my Comcast service since March 2015. It began as a complete outage of all services. Telephone and Internet were restored after about a week. The TV service has never been resolved. It was determined that a new drop from the pole to the house was necessary, which was ordered by the technician on April 1, 2015. I have made several calls to Comcast since then with no resolution. At least 50 percent of the service is not working and many stations are pixilated. I have been told on many occasions that a supervisor will call me back, but have never received any calls. Today I was told that the order of April 1 was canceled with no explanation. I have tried to get the email addresses of the senior customer service VP to no avail. If you can help me I would really appreciate your assistance. I will provide further information if needed. All I want is the service that I am paying for and am entitled to.

Thank you.

Ed, Deerfield

Help Squad started by reaching out to our Comcast contact Jack Segal, regional vice president of communications, to ask him to look into this issue on Ed’s behalf. This did and two days later let us know that, “Our team has been in contact with [Ed] and we’re working to address his concerns. I understand we have restored service and are working toward completing the job.”

When we called Ed to confirm this, he reported that a Comcast supervisor had been to his home to tell him that a hole had to be bored under the road to connect the cable to his house. “The supervisor said he’d get back to me in a couple days with a time frame for the work.”

As for the canceled repair order, Ed did receive confirmation from a Comcast escalation supervisor that the appointment had been canceled, but there was no explanation as to why. After some investigating, Jack discovered that Ed’s initial complaint — when all three of his services went down — resulted in a cable “drop bury” order. According to Jack, “It can take 45 days or more to gain approval for this kind of work due to village permits surrounding quality and safety that are required.” So though Ed made another service call when his TV continued to have issues, this appointment was likely canceled by Comcast workforce operations because the “drop bury” had not yet occurred. Unfortunately Ed received no communication informing him.

The best ways to get help from Comcast

CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

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A week after receiving Ed’s request for assistance, Help Squad followed up with him to learn that, “Everything got done. I’m thrilled! The Comcast employees were very nice. It’s amazing how quickly things get done when the right people are contacted. And it seems the pipe under the road was already there, so they didn’t have to bore a hole after all.” Ed added in an email, “It’s just amazing that this and many other frustrating issues reported to Comcast are not resolved in a timely manner.

Thank you again for your service in resolving this matter. Many kudos to you and your staff.”

How to Contact Comcast for Best Results

Because Help Squad receives its share of Comcast complaints, we asked Segal for his suggestions on how customers can best go about getting their issues resolved in a timely manner — without writing in to Help Squad. He offered this via email:

“Customers with service issues can contact Comcast by phone, via online chat, by coming to a Comcast service center or retail store or on social media. In fact, we recently announced that we’re tripling the number of Customer Care reps devoted to responding to service inquiries on Twitter (@ComcastCares) and Facebook (Xfinity — click Help and Support). Having multiple methods feeding into a single Customer Care system helps us more effectively route, manage, track and monitor inquiries. It also allows us to benchmark and measure how effective we are at managing and resolving customer issues and make adjustments if necessary.”

He continued, “We’re adding 5,000 in-house customer service personnel in the next three years and already have begun to hire in call centers around the country.”

The take-away from this might be: If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again — this time on social media!

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Love is unpredictable

JACKIE PILLOPSH
Love Essentially

Jackie I recently went from casually seeing someone to officially being her boyfriend. I’m wondering what’s going to change and if I can handle it.

Love is a funny thing. If you’re looking for it and you feel ready, chances are you won’t find it. You’ll be frustrated and sad and have a sense of loneliness or maybe hopelessness. Yet, almost always when you’re not looking for love or expecting it, it sneaks up on you. Why is that? The only possible explanation I can think of is, perhaps love’s unpredictability is meant to help us feel even more gratitude for such a powerful gift.

Not everyone agrees with me, but I think that people go on dates because they are looking for love. You can fool others or fool yourself and say you are dating just for fun, or for sex, or just to meet interesting people, or to get over your ex, or many other reasons. Ultimately, even if we want those things, we want love, too, which is the real reason we put ourselves in the dating pool.

There are several outcomes of casual dating. Ever have a string of really bad dates that makes you say, “Enough. I need a break.” That recently happened to one of my girlfriends, who declared she was taking a “mancation.”

Then there’s the dry spell, which I personally hate. I have gone through times in my life when I wanted to go on dates and felt like I couldn’t get one to save my life. It’s awful. The good thing about dry spells is, they always come to an end.

That leaves the last outcome of casually dating: you meet someone, you start developing strong feelings for the person, you decide you don’t want to date anyone else, and then it hits you: you realize you’re in love. It’s both incredibly scary and the best feeling in the world. Maybe you wanted it, maybe you didn’t. Either way, you’ve got it and you’ve got it bad.

To answer your question, “What’s going to change?” Here are three things:

1. When you were casually dating, it was fun, it was harmless, and honestly it was safe. Now your relationship is fun, minus harmless and safe. Now you feel like you have something to lose. You might get hurt. You might feel vulnerable, shaky and frantic. These emotions are frightening, but I think they are normal, wonderful feelings that should be em-
Eating less meat? Pick substitutes with care

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

If you are trying to eat less meat, you have plenty of company. Our cultural tide is flowing steadily in that direction. There are multiple best-selling books touting the benefits of plant-based eating; the Meatless Monday campaign has gone mainstream, with awareness and participation climbing rapidly over the past decade; and the word "flexitarian" is now in the Merriam-Webster dictionary (meaning "one whose normally meatless diet occasionally includes meat or fish"). Americans still eat about triple the global average of meat, but consumption trends show we are starting to back off. And people no longer consider meals free of beef, pork or poultry to be a fringe idea: 47 percent of those polled by the Vegetarian Resource Group said they eat at least one vegetarian meal each week, and the group reports 1 in 4 people says he or she is a "meat reducer," actively trying to eat less of it. It's a trend supported by our country's top nutrition advisory committee, which, in its recent report for the Dietary Guidelines update, recommended we cut back on meat for the sake of our health and the environment.

But simply eating less meat is not a solid plan in and of itself. What you decide to pile on your plate instead of that steak, chop or cutlet is equally, if not more, important. If less meat translates to more stuffed-crust pizza or boxed mac and cheese for dinner, you could be doing yourself more harm than good.

Even those committed to healthful vegetarian options often don't strike the right balance. Many turn to dairy, particularly cheese, as their default protein, which can certainly make for nutrient-packed and delicious meals. But if you are eating meatlessly a lot, and dairy is your only go-to, you could be missing out on some important nutrients and getting more unhealthful fat than you realize.

Meat is more than just protein; it is incredibly rich in several essential minerals and vitamins, particularly B vitamins, zinc, iron and selenium. While dairy packs many B vitamins, selenium, and other nutrients in spades, it doesn't have zinc, iron or much B6. And while options such as low-fat yogurt and milk are lean, a piece of cheddar cheese the size of your thumb has about double the saturated fat of 3 ounces of lean beef.

To eat healthfully with less meat, it's important to include more plant protein: nuts, seeds, beans, lentils, peas and whole grains. While these are incomplete proteins, lacking the full spectrum of essential amino acids in sufficient amounts on their own, the amino acids in grains complement those in the nuts and legumes, so together they are complete.

Cutting back on meat could leave you short of some vitamins and nutrients. Fill that need with eggs, dairy, fish, beans and nuts, experts say.

Eggs can also be a stellar way to get some of the protein and nutrients meat would provide. For just 140 calories, two large eggs give you 8 percent of the daily value for zinc, iron and B6, plus choline, vitamin D and many other nutrients. It is worth keeping in mind, though, that those two eggs have about the same amount of saturated fat as a 3-ounce serving of T-bone steak. Nonetheless, eggs are so easy and economical it's not surprising they are the latest darling of the culinary world. Add an egg to just about anything, from a salad to a rice pilaf, and it becomes a main course. If you need inspiration, search #PutanEgg on Instagram and you will find 21,000 entries. Whatever protein you choose, the bottom line is don't blindly take the meat off your plate. Think, instead, about the quality and variety of what to fill it with.

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The latest generation of human papillomavirus vaccines, 9-valent, offers "potential" 11.1 percent greater protection against HPV-related cancers than does its predecessor, according to a study funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The projection is based on the prevalence of HPVs in 2,670 patients with cancer of the oropharynx (tonsils, tongue, throat), cervix, vulva, vagina, penis or anus. The study analyzed the DNA of the cancers to see if the new vaccine could provide greater protection.

The new vaccine is marketed by Merck & Co. as Gardasil 9. It replaces Gardasil, which was more common in people with the disease. Advocates and critics of the vaccine agree that percentages of oropharyngeal cancers are affected not only by HPVs introduced by oral sex but also by smoking and having multiple sexual partners.

Critics of the vaccine say that it targets only some of the HPVs that could lead to cancer and that some of its manufacturers wrongly bill it as a "cancer vaccine.

Also, the vaccine's long-term efficacy is unknown. Both generations of the vaccine are FDA-approved, but the CDC said "post-licensure safety data" are not collected until after approval.

Some of the children who took the vaccines during clinical trials suffered serious side effects. Manufacturers say the incidents were not "causal." (They could have happened anyway.) Critics also say compliance with the three-dose schedule is difficult for the age group the vaccine targets. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, a committee of health care professionals selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, recommends children begin the vaccine at age 11 or 12.

In the May issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Mann is a freelance reporter.
PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

There are alternatives to antihistamines for allergies

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: My allergies cause me to sneeze excessively when I get up in the morning. Eventually the sneezes calm a bit, but I snuffle throughout the day, which drives my wife crazy.

I am concerned about the long-term effects of antihistamines and nasal sprays. Is there an alternative to these medications?

A: There are actually a surprising number of options, ranging from stinging nettle (Urtica dioica) supplements and vitamin C to butterbur (Petasites hybridus) and NasalCrom nasal spray (romonol, originally derived from bishop's weed or Ammi visnaga).

You can find out much more about these options in our book “Best Choices From the People’s Pharmacy” (online at www.peoplespharmacy.com). You also will learn about HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air) filters for the home.

Q: Whenever the weather gets warm, I know athlete's foot is sure to follow. Yesterday my feet began to itch, and when I looked, I had signs of fungus between several toes.

Do you know of a home remedy for this condition? I have been plagued with athlete's foot for decades, and have used drugstore products without much success. They hold the fungus at bay for a while, but then it always comes back.

A: There are numerous home remedies for athlete's foot. We can't promise that any one of them

Fecal matter can spread to toothbrush in bathrooms

People using communal bathrooms with many others, beware: There could be traces of fecal matter on your toothbrush.

So finds a study by researchers at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

The researchers analyzed toothbrushes from Quinnipiac students who used communal bathrooms with an average of more than nine users per bathroom.

Regardless of the students’ toothbrush storage methods, at least 60 percent of the toothbrushes were contaminated with fecal matter, the investigators found.

There was also an 80 percent chance that fecal matter on the toothbrushes came from another person using the bathroom, when flushing would spread matter through the air.

The findings were presented recently at the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in New Orleans. The data and conclusions should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

“The main concern is not with the presence of your own fecal matter on your toothbrush but rather when a toothbrush is contaminated with fecal matter from someone else, which contains bacteria, viruses or parasites that are not part of your normal flora (microbes),” said study author Lauren Aber of Quinnipiac University.

Her team found no difference in the effectiveness of methods used to clean toothbrushes, such as rinsing with mouthwash or cold or hot water.

In addition, “using a toothbrush cover doesn’t protect a toothbrush from bacterial growth but actually creates an environment where bacteria are better suited to grow by keeping the bristles moist and not allowing the head of the toothbrush to dry out between uses,” Aber explained.

“Better hygiene practices are recommended for students who share bathrooms both in the storage of their toothbrush but also in personal hygiene,” she said.

The American Dental Association recommends avoiding the sharing of toothbrushes, rinsing the brush after using and allowing it to air-dry upright; and replacing brushes at least every four months.
A mark of egg-cellence

By James P. DeWan
Tribune Newspapers

Given our American infatuation with eggs, it's peculiar that you don't hear more about the frittata, an Italian concoction that's like a cross between an omelet and a crustless quiche.

I think people are afraid that it's too easy to end up with a great, big, eggy mess. Well, grab your whisk and ignore your fears. It's frittata time.

Why learn this

Come on. You know you want to. All the cool kids are doing it. Don't you want to be cool? Yeah, I thought so. Now, let's go make that frittata.

The steps to take

If you've made omelets, you know what goes into a frittata. First, eggs. Most omelets are made with two or three eggs and intended to be one serving. Frittatas, on the other hand, are usually designed to be cut into slices like a pie or a traditional pizza (someday I'll address this whole "pizza cut into squares" abomination — but, another time). For a nice, thick frittata, use eight eggs in a 10-inch nonstick skillet.

Next, you need some quality fillings. Here's the thing: Like an omelet, the frittata has only a handful of ingredients. Thus, each one takes on a higher importance. Meats from a reputable butcher and fresh herbs and vegetables from a farmers market are perfect.

Also, the temperature and cooking time of the frittata aren't enough to cook most raw ingredients, so make sure everything is perfectly cooked before you begin. For a shortcut, you can always use leftover vegetables, meat and starches like pasta, potatoes and rice.

The method is simple:
1. Beat the eggs and whisk in the other ingredients, including salt to taste.
2. Place a nonstick pan over medium heat, and add enough oil or butter to coat the bottom.
3. Pour the egg mixture into the pan. Use a spatula to stir gently, moving the coagulated egg off the surface, allowing more liquid egg to hit the hot pan until the egg mixture is mostly solid with just a bit of liquid still on top.
4. Move the pan into a hot oven or under a broiler to finish cooking, just long enough to set, about two minutes. Easy, right?

Now, the challenge is getting the frittata out of the pan. Truthfully, it's not really that tough with a nonstick pan. If you don't have one, stick to scrambled eggs. Few things in life are more disappointing than a perfect frittata destroyed in its unmolding by a sticky, uncooperative pan. OK, many, many things are more disappointing. The yearly collapse of the Chicago Cubs, for example.

The inevitable dishonesty of even our most trusted politicians. A broken frittata's not even close.

5. Easy-peasy: Use that spatula to loosen the frittata from the pan, then slide it out whole. Or, go for the hold-your-breath option: After loosening the frittata with your spatula, lay a plate upside down over the pan. Hold the pan handle with your dominant hand while your other hand holds the plate securely against the pan. Rapidly flip pan and plate, allowing the frittata to fall gently from the former onto the latter.

Frittatas can be served hot, room temperature or cold. Hot, they belong on a plate. At room temp or colder, small slices can be passed as finger food for parties.

Here are some great flavor combinations to get you started.

- Parsley, crumbed chorizo and shredded cheddar. You could also whisk a few tablespoons of your favorite salsa into the eggs before you pour them into the pan.
- Dice or shred leftover cooked chicken, and combine with quartered canned artichoke hearts and grated Parmesan or Romano cheese.
- Sauté julienned bell peppers and onions, and combine with cooked, crumbled chorizo and shredded cheddar. You could also whisk a few tablespoons of your favorite salsa into the eggs before you pour them into the pan.
- Grill, broil or simmer asparagus spears. Cut into bite-size pieces, and combine with diced ham and shredded Gouda.
- Wilt spinach in simmering water or a buttered sauté pan, then combine with grated Gruyere or Swiss and crumbled, crispy bacon.

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- 1-inch piece ginger, peeled & sliced into 1/4-inch slices

SEASON: the ribs with salt and pepper. Heat the vegetable oil in a pot with a lid over high heat. Brown the ribs on all sides. Remove the ribs from the pot. RETURN: the pot to the stove, and sauté the garlic and ginger on medium heat for about 3 minutes. Add the ribs, beer, vinegar and water to the pot. Stir to mix then cover and simmer for 2 hours.

PREHEAT: the oven to 350 degrees F.

POUR: the Hoisin Sauce over the ribs, move the pot to the oven, and cook, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

REMOVE: the ribs and ginger from sauce and pour remaining sauce over the ribs for extra flavor.

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Father's Day: Today, Dad comes first

BY S.N. | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN

Across
1 Uppermost point
5 Museum artifact
10 Eraser of 2014
14 Much land
19 Library transaction
20 Eschewing assistance
21 Zodiac beast
22 Moan and groan
23 Back muscles, for short
24 Fashion designer Bill
25 Demolish
26 Irk a lot
27 FBI investigator
28 Proved something conclusively
31 Prodded a bit
32 Tiny fly
34 2016 Olympics city
35 Retail transaction
36 Green-card holder
37 Actress Lindsay
39 Kitchen discards
41 Boo Radley creator Bill
42 Culture center supported by Texas Instruments
46 Part of NATO
47 Byway
49 Seismic event
53 Author Buscaglia
54 Small-business mag
55 Sharp criticism
58 Hoffman's second Oscar film
59 Mystery novelist Buchanan
61 Nicety
63 Wine and dine
65 Combatants of 1900
66 Far from enthraling
70 At-school snacks
73 Pick, with “for”
74 Matt in the Swimming Hall of Fame
75 Not very likely
76 “That’s right!”
78 Gyro bread
81 Consumer protection org.
84 Suffix for stock or block
85 Spanish saint
88 Look closely
89 AL East team
90 Venerable role-playing game
96 Sharp criticism
99 Merges, as
100 Domains
101 Western writer Bret
102 Iniquitous
104 TV captain Jean-Picard
105 French weapon
106 Call into question
107 Music-recording media
111 Major Houlihan
112 Blood-bank abbr.
113 Gainesville athlete
114 Pot starter
115 Bisected
116 Light snack
118 Aerobics accessory
119 Violin bow coating
120 Evening in Paris
121 Peanut-butter cup inventor
122 Invitation mailer
123 Les...Unis d’Amérique
124 Hobby-farm dwellers

Down
1 Robin Hood pal
2 Clotted
3 Gunsmoke marshal
4 Recent USNA grad
5 Zealous
6 Shelf-bracket shapes
7 Potting soil
8 Keen discernment
9 Some business jets
10 Pelican cousin
11 Swamp critter
12 Gospel of Matthew setting
13 Art studio
14 Bowled over
15 Pandemonium
16 Established procedure
17 Facilitate
18 Bowling-alley bench
28 Alaska Range peak
29 Reddish-yellow
30 Nabokov novel
31 Hair product
32 Hair product
33 Legendary knight
34 Source of iron
35 SF clock setting
36 EST
37 Legenday knight
38 Sharp criticism
39 Venerable role-playing game
40 Estabished procedure
41 Facilitate
42 Bowling-alley bench
43 ATM buyer
44 Contents of some cartridges
45 Opera heroes, typically
46 “Not so fast!”
46 Admit, with “up”
47 Exhausts
48 Command to Fido
49 River near the Pantheon
50 Title like Sra.
51 Large rowing trophy
52 ICU workers
53 On the double
54 Pot topper
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56 Pot topper
57 Whodunit plot element
58 Street surfaces
59 Very popular
60 Dance style
61 “Not so fast!”
62 Menu, for
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71 Lobster eggs
72 Go astray
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76 Bargaining group
77 Please explain again
78 Errand runners
79 Errand runners
80 Cooking oil
81 Type of wordplay
82 Consumer
83 Lullaby composer
84 Suffix for stock or block
85 Spanish saint
86 Smooth singing style
87...Alamos, NM
88 Smartphone ancestor
89 Hodgepodge
90 Bollywood garb
91 Hodgepodge
92 Bollywood garb
93 Large wardrobe
94 Can refuse to
95 Discontinuity
96 Eastwood film of 2011
97 Travel in 9 Down
98 Water tester
100 Domains
101 Western writer Bret
102 Iniquitous
103 Colleagues of Kiwanians
104 TV captain Jean-Picard
105 French weapon
106 Call into question
107 Music-recording media
111 Major Houlihan
112 Blood-bank abbr.
113 Gainesville athlete
114 Pot starter
115 Bisected
116 Light snack
118 Aerobics accessory
119 Violin bow coating
120 Evening in Paris
121 Peanut-butter cup inventor
122 Invitation mailer
123 Les...Unis d’Amérique
124 Hobby-farm dwellers

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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

A. Squirrel or beaver
B. Harmful to body or mind
C. Moved
D. Brother of Jesus, canonized
E. Kind of apartment
F. Subsistence
G. Resembling fat
H. Splitting or breaking up
I. Futile

Words

ACROSS

47 Vive le
46 Razor-billed auk
45 Goddess of youth
44 Singer Paul
43 Sixties musical
42 Wisconsin river
41 Dangerous area south of Cape Cod
40 Maine resort
39 French historian Faure
38 Maine resort
37 Mind
36 Abbr. on a road map
35 Location of Mumtaz Mahal’s tomb
34 Headliner
33 Lower
32 Miserable
31 Cover
30 Assume
29 Change: prefix
28 Former Israeli VIP
27 Zola heroine
26 Literary initials
25 Entity
24 Ratite
23 Relative of the Barrymores
22 ___ loss
21 Woolly animal
20 Frenchman’s name
19 Opposed
18 Poker stake
17 Poetic name for Saud’s domain
16 Mariner’s hazard
15 Injure
14 Italian province
13 Vaudeville acts
12 Exterior
11 Philanthropist
10 One of Kipling trio
9 North and South
8 Landed
7 Tab
6 Worm
5 Odds and ends
4 A yard
3 Fishing area south of Cape Race
2 River to the Rhine
1 A yard

DOWN

54 Repeated musical phrase
53 Lift
52 Senior
51 Pronoun
50 Prop for Will Rogers
49 Italian town
48 Scull
47 Basis of order
46 Sounds from a corrida
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Dangerous Waters

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

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Down

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2 River to the Rhine
3 Fishing area south of Cape Race
4 Forever
5 Word of disapproval
6 Gulf in troubled area
7 Handicap to foreign travel
8 Landed
9 North and South
10 One of Kipling trio
11 Philanthropist
12 Exterior
13 Vaudeville acts
21 Fear
22 ___ loss
24 Ratite
27 Zola heroine
28 Former Israeli VIP
30 Assume
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43 Sixties musical
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50 Toddler’s delight
52 Senior
53 Lift
54 Quiet down
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58 Prop for Will Rogers
60 Early king of Norway
61 Coarse cloth
62 Thus: L.
63 ___ splittings
64 Sounds from a corrida
65 Basis of order

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Plaintiff,

Judicial Sales Corporation

IN THE matter of the Petition of the Plaintiff Judicial Sales Corporation, No. 12 CH 1902.4,

ONLINE SIGHTS OF COURT, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

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NILES TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 219 PREVAILING WAGE ACT

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted the Prevailing Wage Act (P.A. 94-1226, 129-1301, et seq., as amended), which requires that the Board of Education of Niles Township High School District 219, Cook County, Illinois, shall establish and maintain a prevailing wage schedule for laborers, mechanics, laborers, and any other workers employed in construction work in the community college district under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, as required by the Prevailing Wage Act, and shall establish a general prevailing rate of wages for laborers, mechanics, and other workers engaged in the construction of public buildings in the community college district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Niles Township High School District 219, Cook County, Illinois, that the general prevailing rate of wages for laborers, mechanics, and other workers engaged in the construction of public buildings in the community college district is hereby ascertained to be the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics, and other workers engaged in the construction of public buildings in the community college district.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Niles Township High School District 219, Cook County, Illinois, shall make a copy of this resolution available to the Illinois Department of Labor of the State of Illinois, and that the Board of Education shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Illinois Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Niles Township High School District 219, Cook County, Illinois, shall ensure that a copy of this resolution is available to the Illinois Department of Labor of the State of Illinois, and that the Board of Education shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Illinois Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

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French bookstore seduces chefs, readers

BY MARGARET SHERIDAN
Tribune Newspapers

PARIS — In trying to find Librairie Gourmande in the Montmartre neighborhood of Paris, heed the address: my destination, rue Montmartre, was blocks away from boulevard Montmartre. After several wrong turns and misfires with Metro stops, I found it. When I opened the door, my navigation frustration dissipated.

This gem of a shop with its 30,000-book inventory on all things gastronomic is worth the search. Shohorned among cafes, clothing stores and dry cleaners on a bustling street, the shop announces itself, modestly, via a creme-colored, name-embossed awning, dropped from the second floor, and French terms such as gastronomie, oenologie, livres anciens et modernes stenciled across the display windows and front door.

Crammed and cozy, this shop, owned by Deborah Dupont and her mother/business partner, Sophie Daguett, is open six days a week. During several visits, the steady stream of customers talked in hushed voices in several languages. Employees, one on each floor, multitasked as greeters, research librarians, cooking muses and sales associates. International clients and locals also come for the monthly newsletter, author book signings and informal discussions.

What the shop lacks in square footage, it makes up for in content. But be patient. Narrow aisles mean-der around tables stacked with books, and columns of shipping cartons, awaiting pickup. Visitors with overloaded backpacks or wayward elbows are advised to pivot slowly; those spinning metal racks of recipes, postcards and stationery can snap a sweater.

Names of customers (including rich and famous chefs) are confidential. “We ship all over the world,” Daguett explains. “Every day.” Our interview, squeezed into a busy afternoon on the second floor, has Daguett leaning over a desk computer to answer customers’ questions, answering the telephone and apologizing for her “poor” English, which wasn’t.


There’s an entire wall dedicated to children’s cookbooks, including learn-to-cook sets for aspiring chefs ages 7 to 12. There are aprons and dish towels, utensils, food-related artwork, prints of fruits and vegetables in watercolors.

What’s the criteria for buying books? “We know what the customers want,” says Daguett. “Every year, 2,000 books related to food and wine are introduced in France. We buy only a few, then listen to our customers.” On current trends, she says that French people are cooking more at home. Trends among home cooks include adding more fruits and vegetables to their diet.

But technology with its online cookbooks, Internet, food blogs and Amazon deals raise a question about the future of books. “Books are a passion, for many. It’s about the feel and smell of paper. The color. The sheen of a page. The heft.” To demonstrate,

Daguett reaches for a copy of “Quay,” a tome of photos and recipes from Peter Gilmore, an award-winning chef of Quay Restaurant in Sydney, Australia. She hands it to me.

Then she picks up a coffee table-sized tome, “Bleston Court Yukawa-ton” by Japanese chef Noriyuki Hamada. Her hand glides across a page. Her red fingernail points to a photo of a minuscule green garnish atop a fish entree. She looks at the page, then me, disbeliefing and mystified by such a question.

“Touching a book, holding it, turning its pages. It’s different than reading a screen,” she adds. “Cooking is sensual. So are books.”

Sheridan is a freelance writer.
Savoring the rich history, variety of India's food

BY JUDY HEVRDENS
Tribune Newspapers

Chicago author Colleen Taylor Sen has written several books on Indian food, including "Curry: A Global History," "Food Culture in India" and "Paloros, Paneer, Pappadums: A Guide to Indian Restaurant Menus."

Yet when she decided to tackle India's culinary history, she found few books on the subject. So she scoured libraries and online booksellers, here and in India, for sources, accumulating more than 100 books now stacked on 30 shelves in her office.

"I always wanted to write this because I've been collecting material for 30 years," she told us. Thanks to an insistent publisher in London, Taylor Sen finally did.

"Feasts and Fasts: A History of Food in India" (Reaktion Books, $39) which is being distributed in North America by the University of Chicago Press, is a richly detailed volume, with colorful historic images, some poetry ("Ode to Ghete") and a few ancient recipes. It begins with the prehistoric era and moves on to religious influences, the arrival of Marco Polo in 1292, the development of regional variations, the Partition of India in 1947 and the creation of tandoori chicken, a relative newcomer to the Indian table.

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Perhaps other food historians found the challenges too great. India's eight regions are spread over a vast area, which has created wide regional differences, with much determined by geography as well as food habits, she explained. "Having said all that, is it that all these things have in common? I think the most common is the use of spices and why people use spices," whether for their health benefits or to season foods.

Another challenge? Dealing with translations from Sanskrit, the ancient language of India, and recipes dating to the 14th century. "I can kind of pick out letters (in Sanskrit), which is useful because some of the people who did the translations didn't know how to cook," she said; that helped her decipher some ingredients — as did a Sanskrit professor. Those 14th-century recipes in the book have not been tested. "They're just historical recipes for illustration," she said. "I tried to make a couple of them. They used a lot of unusual spices. (And) some of the recipes people still eat today. One of them is satu. It's just basically ground (chickpea) flour with a little onion and chili pepper on the side. It's very simple."

It took Taylor Sen three years to write "Feasts and Fasts," but she has been feeding her appetite for India's culinary history much longer than that. She first traveled to India in 1972 and added another dozen plus trips since then — always writing articles for newspapers and magazines in addition to her books.

The bitters truth

BY LAURA LEVY SHATKIN
Tribune Newspapers

House-made bitters — the liquid in the tiny droppers you spot lined up at any good cocktail bar — do much more than make the guy or gal mixing your drink look like an awesome mad scientist. These tinctures, brews of roots and barks combined with pungent spices like cinnamon, clove or sarsaparilla, then steeped in the sort of stiff grain alcohol you probably haven't had since college, are the finishing agents of a balanced cocktail. A scant few drops draw out the other flavors in your drink, transforming it from good to great.

The final and most important ingredient in homemade bitters? Time. Devote a little to this recipe, and wow your friends at your next cocktail party.

Levy Shatkin is a freelance writer.

Orange spice bitters

Prep: 25 minutes Rest: 2 weeks Makes: 1 1/3 cups

To find burdock root, visit an Asian grocery store. Variation: To make cherry bitters, omit allspice and cloves and add 1/4 cup dried cherries

1 cup Everclear
1 medium orange
4 tablespoons peeled and chopped burdock root
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
1 tablespoon cardamom seeds
1 cinnamon stick
1 piece fresh ginger, cut in half (approximately 1/2 inches)
4 allspice berries
4 whole cloves
1 tablespoon honey dissolved in 2 teaspoons of hot water

Using a vegetable peeler, remove the zest of the orange, leaving pith behind.

1 Combine the zest with the aromatics and herbs in a wide-mouth canning jar. Pour in Everclear, add honey and 1/2 cup of juice from the orange. Cover with a tight-fitting lid, and store at room temperature for at least two weeks, giving the jar a good shake every other day.

2 After the steeping process is finished, strain into a clean jar using a coffee filter. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dark place. Use sparingly to add intense flavor to your favorite cocktail.
'70s TV series shined light on real Italian food

BY BILL DALEY
Tribune Newspapers

G. Franco and Margaret Romagnoli brought real Italian cooking to a national audience in the mid-1970s with their public television series "The Romagnolis' Table." The show sparked a number of cookbooks and three restaurants.

"They presented to the American public for the first time what was authentically served at the table by the multitudes," Marco Romagnoli, of Corinth, Vt., said of his parents. "It was very simple stuff."

Simple, maybe. But at a time when most Americans equated Italian food with spaghetti and meatballs, what the Romagnolis were cooking on television was a revelation. Lidia Bastianich, the celebrity chef, restaurateur, cookbook author and television cooking star, said the Romagnolis were "simpaty.

Italian food." The question of what to do next is how the Romagnoli Table" aired locally in Boston beginning in 1973, according to The New York Times' obituary of Franco Romagnoli, and it went national in 1975. Marco Romagnoli said his parents loved doing the series.

"They needed the income," he said. "The film industry was evolving quickly. They said, 'We've got to work; let's do something' And it flew."

The couple's first cookbook, also titled "The Romagnolis' Table," was published in 1975. Other cookbooks followed. Their last, "Zuppa: A Tour of the Many Regions of Italy and Their Soups," was published in 1996. Margaret Romagnoli had died the year before. Franco Romagnoli would continue to write books, including a 2008 collaboration with his second wife titled "Italy, the Romagnoli Way: A Culinary Journey."

The television show also led to a restaurant, Romagnoli's Table. It opened in 1979 at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, a historic area of Boston. While the Boston restaurant remained open until 1989, Marco Romagnoli said two suburban offshoots opened and closed quickly.

"My father was never a restaurateur per se," the son said. "He enjoyed the role, but that was a lot of work. He was a freelance filmmaker all of his life."

Nor did he consider himself a chef. Gwen Romagnoli said he would correct people, saying, "I'm not a chef. I'm a cook."

"Franco was a big purist," she added. "He needed to make the dish the way it was made in Italy. You didn't add a lot of stuff to it, because that takes away from the purity of the original dish."

Spaghetti with lemon sauce

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 13 minutes Makes: 4 to 6 servings

This recipe from G. Franco and Margaret Romagnoli was included in a Nov. 13, 1980, story in the Chicago Tribune about their cookbook "The New Italian Cooking." In testing the recipe, we found that the half-and-half can curdle. Using heavy cream solved the problem.

1 pound spaghetti 1/4 cup vodka or grappa
Grated zest of lemon Juice of 1/2 lemon
1 cup half-and-half 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

Cook pasta in 4 quarts boiling salted water. Grate the zest of lemon, but be careful not to grate any of the white part of the rind. In a large skillet over very low heat, put half-and-half and zest and let steep 5 minutes. Add vodka and stir in lemon juice and nutmeg. Drain pasta when it is barely al dente (tender yet firm); add to sauce in skillet. Raise heat to medium, and stir and toss spaghetti until pasta has absorbed most of the liquid, and the sauce is thick and creamy. Serve hot.

Nutrition Information per serving (for 6 servings): 347 calories, 6 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 59 g carbohydrates, 12 g protein, 18 mg sodium, 4 g fiber
Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga to swing 'Cheek to Cheek' at Ravinia

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

At first glance, the idea might seem preposterous: an 88-year-old jazz crooner partnering with a 28-year-old pop star in the recording studio and on tour.

But as soon as Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga released their duets album “Cheek to Cheek” last September, it was clear that this was no mere marketing gimmick.

To the contrary, Bennett's worldly wise interpretations and Gaga's inarguable luxury of voice in the standard jazz repertoire - Bennett's songbook, really - represented a serious, often high-flying, sometimes hard-swinging, approach to what Bennett lovingly calls "the silver lining songs." Tunes of an earlier day by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and Jimmy Van Heusen.

When tickets went on sale to Ravinia Festival donors for Bennett and Gaga's duo shows there June 26 and 27, the pavilion and lawn sold out faster than any event in the park's 111-year history, according to a Ravinia spokesman. "Cheek to Cheek" debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart, selling 131,000 copies its first week and making Bennett the oldest artist to have released a No. 1 record, the album going gold (500,000 copies sold) by December.

Even if "Cheek to Cheek" never had cracked the charts, however, it would have represented a significant statement from both Bennett and Gaga about the value and durability of age-old jazz repertoire in a social media age.

"The way that we dispose of music all the time, and dispose of art and decades (past) all the time, as if they're dated, that being nostalgic is for geeks - it's painful," says Gaga.

But even as the record industry turned its back on Bennett and the inextricable traditions he represents, he never stopped touring with the music he believed in. Eventually, the pop-music world rediscovered him with his "MTV Unplugged" album of 1994, not his platinum level, but winner of Grammy Awards for Album of the Year and Best Traditional Pop Vocal Performance.

In Gaga, Bennett found not just the rare pop star with the vocal prowess and musical curiosity to address his technically and artistically demanding repertoire, but also someone open to counsel from a seasoned veteran.

Gaga, says Bennett, was around some people that were promoting her originally - they said (to Bennett): 'Every time I sing naturally (they say): 'Oh, that's old-fashioned, don't sing that way.' I said: Are they crazy? You sing beautiful.'

That she does on "Cheek to Cheek," producing more sumptuous sound and more swing-era finesse than jazz listeners might have expected. When she and Bennett sing Porter's "Anything Goes" and Berlin's "Cheek to Cheek," which open the album, there's no mistaking the joyousness of Gaga's vocals or the unstoppable rhythmic undertow of Bennett's.

"It's the first music I fell in love with - then in love with rock and roll, and then I started to sing pop music," says Gaga, who was born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta and grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Immersed in vocal and piano lessons, she began singing jazz at around age 13, encouraged by a teacher at a boys school down the street from where she lived to take on "Lush Life" at 14. The jazz greats, Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald whose work she studied.

As Gaga grew up, she also developed her father's classic rock albums, eventually renaming herself after Queen's "Radio Ga Ga." But even after she catapulted into pop-music consciousness with "The Fame" (2008) and via over-the-top costumery and stage shriek, her jazz roots remained, she says.

Bennett, of course, traces his artistic lineage much farther back, practically to the origins of American jazz and pop singing.

"One of my favorite things I've ever done is I think it's instilled in you by your grandmother, and the world so much great music? Traditions you know. And also Sinatra."

The effect of these nights working with Bennett, Gaga says, have deepened her understanding not only of jazz but of the nature of the culture we live in.

"I've learned so many things from Tony," she explains. "One of my favorite things I've learned from him is you can live your entire life and be exactly the same way - you don't have to fear growing older. In my generation, this is like at the center of everything, especially in celebrity culture. It's all about staying young and staying perfect and staying youthful, and once you're 39 years old as a woman, you're a grandma in this industry."

"But Tony has remained the same."

"Yes, but isn't Bennett - despite the grandeur of his singing and the scope of his artistic legacy - really the last of his era, the final survivor of an era that gave America and the world so much great music?"

"Well, yeah," says Gaga. "But I think the true question is: Will we let him be the last? And why do we do that? Why do we let things die that we (value), things that we can take with us?"
Actress determined to get ‘Bad Jews’ role

New Trier grad to take the stage in Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

As soon as Laura Lapidus read the script of Joshua Harmon’s “Bad Jews,” she was determined to play the role of Daphna. The Winnetka native and New Trier graduate jokingly insisted that her immediate reaction was, “If I don’t get this part, I’m going to just be dead.” Fortunately, she is alive and kicking as the star of Theater Wit’s critically acclaimed production which, following an extended run at the company’s Chicago home, is moving to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Lapidus reported that she was in a coffee shop when she first read “Bad Jews.” “I was laughing and laughing and laughing,” she said. “But then, at the end, I had to lock myself in the bathroom because I was crying and crying and crying.”

The play is set in the studio apartment of Daphna’s cousin Jonah (Cory Kahane) immediately following the funeral of their beloved grandfather, a Holocaust survivor. Daphna is staying there for the shiva (mourning) period, and, as it turns out, so is Jonah’s brother Liam (Ian Paul Custer), who has a contentious relationship with Daphna, often over religion. Further stirring Daphna’s agitation is the fact that Liam has brought along his shiksa girlfriend Melody (Erica Bittner). Daphna and Liam have a bitter confrontation over the disposition of their grandfather’s Chai necklace, which has significance for both of them. “She’s 22 and when you’re that age you’re looking for a way to understand who you are, what you care about and what drives you,” Lapidus explained. “Her connection to her grandfather was a big part of that because it was also her connection to her heritage and her religion and these traditions.”

The war of words between Daphna and Liam manages to be both frighteningly intense and often simultaneously hilarious. Lapidus spoke of the “duality” of the script, noting, “Even in the funniest moments, it’s never just funny. There’s always something rumbling underneath.”

Daphna is responsible for a lot of that rumbling. “Nobody writes this kind of a character for a young woman,” Lapidus said. “She’s floundering in a lot of ways but she’s strong and she’s sure of what she thinks. And she’s sure of what she wants until she gets it.”

Lapidus, who was Bat Mitzvahed at Am Shalom in Glencoe, said, “It was a revelation to see something on the page that I recognized so much. There is a specific brand of young women Jews who, for whatever reason, have the courage to speak up that a lot of young woman don’t. It’s kind of a learned behavior and Daphna gets that. It’s really special to find a person like that in a play.”
New Bushnell novel deals in identity, fake death

BY LILLI KUZMA
Pioneer Press

Since her success and fame as the author of Sex and the City (1996), which went on to become the hit HBO series (1998-2004), Candace Bushnell, 56, has continued a publishing streak with “Four Blondes,” “Lipstick Jungle,” “One Fifth Avenue,” “The Carrie Diaries” and “Summer and the City.”

Bushnell’s new novel is “Killing Monica” (Grand Central Publishing), a farcical romp centered on Pandy Waffis, a successful author who is trying to move on from the long-living character she created the hugely popular Monica — and become a serious writer of historical fiction.

The storyline takes on hyperbolic aspects that are both hilarious and which act as cutting social commentary.

We spoke with Bushnell about her book, which she will discuss June 26 at The Book Stall in Winnetka.

Q: What influenced the writing of “Killing Monica”?
A: I just wanted to write a book that was fun and entertaining, and that you have a laugh. It’s supposed to be a fun ride.

Q: It is a fun read, but also filled with underlying themes of love, friendship, success and failure, truth and identity, the last on several fronts. Tell us more about the genesis and planning of the novel.
A: The book I was writing was put in the drawer because it wasn’t gelling, so I put it aside. I picked up Philip Roth’s “Zuckerman Unbound,” and started reading it, and realized it was a classic device, and took the literary idea, and knew I wanted a character to fake her own death, which I knew was a really, interesting territory to go to. A friend of mine is a Shakespeare scholar and we’d talk about these classic devices, like farce and mistaken identity. When I was writing this book, I explored ideas, but at the same time I wanted to write a pop kind of novel, like novels in the ‘70s, like Vonnegut.

Q: You write dialogue amazingly well, a very natural flow, like gibberish conversation. What or who influenced this style for you?
A: Author Joan Didion. And “Something Happened” by Joseph Heller. For me, a dialogue is something I’ve always been interested in because I’m interested in what people say and how they talk and what the meanings are beneath it. So, I always say that dialogue is not something you’re recording, but actually has to be written.

Q: How has your writing evolved? Any desire to move on to another style like Pandy in “Killing Monica”?
A: There’s a female point of view in all of my works, sort of a feminist thing. And that’s what they have in common. But there’s no reason why these characters live in opposition. In “Lipstick Jungle,” the characters were not in opposition to Carrie Bradshaw (from “Sex and the City”). But every time a new book comes out, there’s some question of “Sex and the City” and Carrie Bradshaw that will come up. It’s just part of the landscape. I’m super proud of everything I’ve done, and (this is) another piece of my work that I’m very proud of. I don’t need to let anything go. I also don’t feel that my books following “Sex and the City” were “Sex and the City”-type books. To me “Sex and the City” to where I am now is an evolution of somebody who just keeps working and working and working and working and who has been writing professionally since the age of 19.
Your kids will marvel at the feats of daring accomplished by miniature performers when Marc Dunworth Puppets Presents: "Here Comes the Circus," 2 p.m. June 27, at Morton Grove Public Library, 6410 Lincoln Ave.

"Here Comes the Circus' is a marionette variety show," Dunworth said. "It's a half-hour long program where every two-and-a-half to three minutes a different marionette act will come onstage and perform for the audience. They might be juggling, or walking a tightrope or even swinging from a trapeze. There's going to be a demonstration beforehand on different types of puppets and different types of puppetry.'

Following the performance, Dunworth will answer questions from the audience and teach kids and parents a little more about puppetry.

Dunworth creates all the puppets himself. He noted that Alice the Gooney Bird is the most popular puppet with kids. "She does some dancing and flying around in the audience," the puppeteer said.

For details, call 847-965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org.

**Teens go green**

An ogre is coming to the Skokie Public Library. You know which one. Skokie Park District's Teen Summer on Broadway Camp will present "Shrek Jr.," from 2-3:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, at 5215 Oakton St. Pick up tickets a half-hour before either performance.

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

**Multicultural music**

He used to be an indie rocker but now Mister G rocks for kids - in English and Spanish. The Parents' Choice Gold Award winner will perform a Dancin' Sprouts concert, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

For details, call 847-835-5440 or go to www.chicagobotanic.org/evenings.

**Celebrate with softer sounds**

There will be fireworks all over the 'burbs on the Fourth of July so your family might enjoy starting the day with something quieter. Carol Janossy and the Lincolnwood Youth Strings will perform a concert from 10:30 a.m. noon Saturday, July 4, at Proesel Park Shelter, 6915 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood.

For details, call 847-673-1540 or go to www.lincolnwoodil.org.

**Who needs sand?**

There will be hula hoops, a conga line and a chance to do the limbo at Dave Rudolf's Beach Party, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, June 28, in the Large Meeting Room at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. You'll hear the music of Jimmy Buffett, Bob Marley and others when this Grammy-nominated family entertainer leads the merriment.

For details, call 847-663-6648 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.
A recipe for a rainy day

We put a brand new deck on our house eight years ago with the intention of using it to host loads of festive summer parties. Our plankered party space has seen many good times come and go over the years, but ever since building our outdoor living room, it rains every single time we host a party. Our unique ability to conjure inclement weather with a cook-out invitation has become a well-loved joke around our house. My husband can cover the lawn furniture cushions in two seconds flat if a storm cloud dares peek over the horizon and our weather-related misfortunes taught me how to dodge raindrops while saucing ribs on the grill. In desperate times we’ve even been known to enjoy an umbrella drink with an umbrella in hand!

Only under the direst of rainy conditions will we move a cook-out indoors, but I’ve spent enough summer holidays changing course and tossing a grill-bound chicken into the oven instead to know planning ahead for weather woes is essential to being a good summer party hostess. After one of the rainiest Junes on record I am betting more than a few folks are tired of feeling the wrath of the summer party weather hex. Thankfully, if weather reports are looking a little sketchy for your next summer time soiree, you can bring the cooking inside without sacrificing bold BBQ flavor.

Sunny flavors abound in my slow-cooker pineapple-pulled pork. A slathering of rich bacon-studded BBQ sauce ensures these easy sandwiches are worthy of an outdoor get-together without worrying about raindrops. Cheers to staying dry!

Pineapple Pork Shoulder Sliders with Bacon Barbecue Sauce and Pineapple-Red Pepper Salsa

Makes 24 sliders. Be sure to plan ahead when making this recipe. Prepping the roast and finishing the sauce should be done one day before you plan to serve these sliders.

FOR THE ROAST:
1-4 pound boneless pork shoulder roast
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 Tablespoons ground cumin
2 Tablespoons paprika
1 Tablespoon salt
2 teaspoons black pepper
1-3 inch piece of fresh ginger peeled and finely chopped
6 garlic cloves, sliced
1/2 cup pineapple juice

FOR THE BBQ SAUCE:
6 bacon slices, chopped
1 medium sweet onion, minced
5 garlic cloves chopped
112-ounce pilsner beer
21/2 cups ketchup
1/2 cup brown sugar
21/2 cups chopped fresh pineapple
1/2 cup pineapple juice
3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
1/2 cup pure maple syrup
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 chipotle pepper minced plus 2 Tablespoons adobo sauce
1 Tablespoon spicy brown mustard
1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 Tablespoons paprika
1 Tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon lime zest
Salt and chili powder to taste

TO SERVE:
Hawaiian rolls and small pretzel rolls

To prepare the roast combine the brown sugar, paprika, cumin, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Cut the roast into 4 equal pieces and rub the dry spices over the surface of the meat. Toss the seasoned meat with the garlic and ginger; transfer to a re-sealable storage bag and refrigerate overnight. When ready to cook, place the seasoned meat in a large slow cooker and pour in the pineapple juice. Cook on low for 10-12 hours or until the meat shreds easily with two forks. To prepare the sauce, sauté the bacon and onion in a medium pot over medium-high heat until bacon is crispy and onion is tender. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant (30 seconds). Add the remaining ingredients to the pot and season to taste with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for one hour until sauce thickens and flavors balance. Cool and refrigerate until ready to serve. Re-warm sauce before assembling sandwiches.

Combine all the salsa ingredients in a small bowl and toss well to combine. Toss the hot shredded pork with bacon BBQ sauce to taste. Place the dressed meat on a slider roll, drizzle with additional sauce and top with the pineapple salsa before serving. Serve any leftover pork and pineapple salsa over brown rice with a side of steamed broccoli for a quick weeknight meal.

If the weather forecast looks dubious for an outdoor BBQ, try these slow-cooker pineapple pork shoulder sliders with bacon BBQ sauce and pineapple-red pepper salsa.

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**Friday, June 26**

**“Slow Jams Vol. 1: From Loss to Love”**: This musical follows two lovers on their journey from heartbreak to love. 7 p.m. Friday, Vitruvian Theater, 1012 N. Noble St., Chicago, 312-773-4562

**“Queen Amarantha”**: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, City Lit Theater Company, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, $25, 773-939-2438

**Amphibians**: Meet 40 species of frogs, salamanders and rarely seen caecilians. 9 a.m. daily, Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Regular admission applies, 312-939-2438

**“Don’t Go Gentle”**: Judge Lawrence Driver volunteers to do pro bono legal work with a vulnerable ex-con while working to repair relationships with his own adult children. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $12-$28, 773-795-8150

**“The Birds”**: Watch the story that inspired Alfred Hitchcock’s film. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $35, 773-795-8150

**Into the Bat Caves of Kenya**: 9 a.m. daily, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

**Workout Music**: With The Aaron Williams Band and Fletcher Rockwell. 9 a.m. Friday, Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, No cover with RSVP: do312.com, 773-489-3160

**Access for All Exhibition**: Honoring the twenty-fifth anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. 9:30 a.m. daily, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, $14, $12 for seniors and students; Free for children 12 and under, 312-642-4600

**Chicago Styled: Fashioning the Magnificent Mile**: This exhibition uses 20 outfits from the museum’s costume collection to tell the story of a street, in fashion. 9:30 a.m. daily, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, free, 312-642-4600

**The Magic Parlor**: Dennis Watkins performs magic. 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe St., Chicago, $75, 773-769-3832

**“Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike”**: Vanya and Sonia have never left the home and are now taking care of their ailing parents as their sister lives a glamorous jet-setter life. 8 p.m. Friday, 2 & 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, $25-$86, 312-443-3800

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

**Family Fun Festival**: Arts and crafts, music, interactive activities and reading centers are offered throughout the summer. 10 a.m. daily, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-742-5222

**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, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $16-$20, 773-404-7336

**“Tartuffe”**: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $8-$10, 773-404-7336

**“On Your Feet”**: The musical tells the story of Gloria and Emilio Estefan’s relationship and career. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St., Chicago, $30-$97, 773-755-2000

**“Monty Python and the Holy Grail” (1975)**: 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10:30 p.m. Monday, The Logan Theatre, 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $75, 773-342-5555

**High Action & Time Lords**: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Moe’s Tavern, 2937 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $5, 773-227-2975

**“Stick Fly”**: Follow an affluent African-American family over the course of their 3-day vacation to Martha's Vineyard in this comedy. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 2 & 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, $20-$45, 312-374-3196

**“Storm”**: A re-imagining of William Shakespeare's “The Tempest” 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Links Hall Studio, 3011 N. Western Ave., Chicago, $20, 773-281-0824

**“Die Young: A Live Musical Recreation of Your Favorite Scary Movie”**: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The Chemel House, 3421 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, $20

**Movies In the Parks: “The Lego Movie”**: Movies begin at dusk, weather permitting: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison St., Chicago, free, 312-742-1134

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

**“The America Play”**: This production will follow the reevaluation of America's history asking questions about what defines the American people and history shapes us. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October Theatre, 3809 N. Broadway St., Chicago, free, 252-220-0269

**“Mallice Buyers Club”**: Watch evil win every time in this comedy. 8 p.m. Friday, Public House Theatre, 3914 N Clark St, Chicago, $15, 800-650-6449

**Help Wanted: The Summer Servants Tour**: Learn what life was like for an American servant during the Gilded Age. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Richard H. Driehaus Museum, 40 E. Erie St., Chicago, $8-$10, 773-482-8933

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**“Soon I Will Be Invincible”**: The devil Doctor Impossible has escaped from prison and legendary superhero CoreFire has vanished without a trace. The New Champions have mere hours to stop doomsday. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 4 & 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, $20-$40, 773-761-4477

**Old St. Pat's World's Largest Block Party**: Two stages of live music, raffles, celebrity bartenders, food and drink vendors and more. 5:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams St., Chicago, 312-648-1021

**Archibald Motley: Jazz Age Modernist**: Learn about the American artist and his impact on history. 9 a.m. daily, Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-744-6630

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

**Grounded**: A dramatic improv showcase. 8 p.m. Friday, The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $12, $8 (students), 773-697-9693

**Cody Johnson**: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Joe’s Bar, 940 W. Weed St., Chicago, $10, 312-377-3486

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**BeachFest:** The three-day festival celebrates summer with live music, family activities, food, drinks and more. 1 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Cultural and Civic Center, 2007 Civic Center Way, Round Lake, free, 847-270-9111.

**CHS Family Fest:** Rides, games, food & beverage court, bingo, cash raffle, live music. 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Church of the Holy Spirit, 1451 Bode Road, Schaumburg, 847-882-7580.

**Saturday, June 27**

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

**Circo Tap:** Chicago Tap Theatre works with circus professionals. 8 p.m. Saturday, Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, $22-$35, 773-935-6860.

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

**Weird Al Yankovic: The Mandatory World Tour:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, $33.50-$53.50, 312-462-6300.

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Alex Acosta: With DJ Alexander. 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago, $30-$50, 773-549-0203

Elston Avenue Sausage & Music Fest: noon Saturday-Sunday, Elston at Grace, 3800 North Elston Ave., Chicago, free

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Movies in the Parks: "Step Up- All In": Movies begin at dusk, weather permitting: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Columbus Park, 500 S. Central Ave., Chicago, free, 312-742-1134

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Dog Days of Summer: Tickets entitle you to all the sausage sandwiches and duck fat fries you can eat, care of Chicago's Doug Sohn, former owner of Hot Doug's. noon Saturday-Sunday, Goose Island Barrel Warehouse, 600 N. Sacramento Blvd., Chicago, $75

"Cheryl Pope's Just Yelli Levelling the Playing Field": Pope will transform the Garland Gallery in to a creative space. 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, noon Tuesday-Wednesday, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago, free, 312-744-6630

Fountain Square Arts Festival: More than 150 juried artists show off their work at the annual event, which also features live music, kids activities and food vendors. 10 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Downtown Evanston, 800 Church St., Evanston, $5 suggested donation, 773-868-3010

Jammin' In Jens Jensen Park: 11 a.m. Saturday, Jens Jensen Park, 456 Roger Williams Ave., Highland Park, free, 222-552-7111

Capannari's Concerts in the Park: 2 p.m. Saturday, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Capannari Ice Cream, 10 S. Pine St., Mt. Prospect, free, 847-392-2277

Prospect Heights Park District Annual Block Party: 4 p.m. Saturday, Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights, free, 847-394-2848

Teen Wolf Fan Convention: Days of the Wolf, a convention for fan's of MTV's Teen Wolf. Tickets as low as $20 a day. 9 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, The Westin O'Hare, 6100 N. River Road, Rosemont, 818-409-0960

"To Light a Candle": This is the hopeful story of the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education in Iran, organized to give Baha'i youth the chance to earn a degree. 3 p.m. Saturday, Round Lake Area Public Library, 906 Hart Road, Round Lake, free, 847-546-3479

My Little Pony Fair Convention: Head to the festival to celebrate the toy and TV show. 10 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Hyatt Regency Woodfield, 1800 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, $25-$50; $5 for children, 847-605-1234

"Putting it Together": Charlene Brooks celebrates the music of Stephen Sondheim. 8 p.m. Saturday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $25, 847-677-7761

Preserving Survivor Stories: Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and technology will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, Free with museum admission, $6-$12, 847-967-4800

Sunday, June 28

Adult Programming Movie Series - "Hello Dolly": Dinner followed by 7 p.m. movie. 6 p.m. Sunday, The Continental Restaurant, 788 North Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, $5-$8 but cost does not include dinner, 847-383-5017

U2 Innocence + Experience Tour 2015: 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday and Wednesday, United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago, $40-$110, 312-455-4500

Chicago Mariachi and Folklorico Festival: 3 p.m. Sunday, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-742-5222

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**Las Guitarras de Espana:** Featuring Sarawathi Ranganathan. 8 p.m. Monday, City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., Chicago, $18-$22, 312-733-9463

**Downtown Sound: Pol Dog Pondering, Caroline Smith:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-742-5222

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

**Juilliard String Quartet:** 8 p.m. Monday, Ravinia Festival, Martin Theatre, 410 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, $10-$60, 847-266-5100

**Tuesday, June 30**

**Movies in the Parks:** “Maleficent” begins at dusk, weather permitting. 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mary Bartelme Park, 115 S. Sangamon St., Chicago, free, 312-742-1134

**Wednesday, July 1**

**Frontier Days:** This five-day festival in Arlington Heights features a parade on the Fourth of July, live music each night, a soccer tourney, food for sale, bingo and more. 5 p.m. Wednesday, Recreation Park, 900 E. Miner St, Arlington Heights, free, 847-835-1222.

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Jackman Park Summer Concert Series: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jackman Park, 1930 Prairie St, Evanston, free, 847-724-5670

Grayslake Farmers Market: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Downtown Grayslake, 147 Center St, Grayslake, Free, 847-289-7138

Highwood Evening Farmers Market: 4 p.m. Wednesday, Everts Park, 130 Highwood Ave, Highwood, Free, 847-433-2000

Northwest Fourth-Fest: A carnival the first two days of the festival, with music acts and other family activities in following days. 5 p.m. Wednesday, The Sears Centre, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates, Free, 630-328-1222

Have an event to submit? Go to chicagotribune/calendar.
“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

“Jurassic World” ★★½
PG-13, 2:10, action. Bailed out by a few good jolts, “Jurassic World” gets by, barely, as a marauding-dinosaurs narrative designed for a more jaded audience than the one “Jurassic Park” conquered in 1993. Of course you know what you’re getting in “Jurassic World.” I wasn’t expecting the world, but I wouldn’t have minded sharper jokes and grander action scenes. — Michael Phillips

“Pitch Perfect 2” ★★
PG-13, 1:55, comedy. In the 2012 hit, which was equal parts PG-13 raunch and energetically paced underdog fantasy, screenwriter Kay Cannon (who wrote the sequel as well) let Anna Kendrick’s wary, guarded Beca run the show and negotiate the narrative complications with a light, dry touch. This time, by design, Kendrick fades into the ensemble woodwork, and her character’s main dilemma is how long she can keep her recording studio internship a secret from the all-female Barden Bellas a cappella group. It’s a dumb conflict; delayed secrets tend not to work when stretched across half a movie or more, even if you have Keegan-Michael Key aboard to play the music producer who becomes Beca’s mentor. — 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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Szylko, Stanley A.
Stanley Szylko, 88, of Park Ridge, IL passed away Saturday May 23, 2015.

Stan was born as Stanislaus Anthony Szylko to the late Jozel & Jozefa Szylko, on September 12, 1926 in Chicago. A first generation American, he was proud of both his Polish heritage as well as his American upbringing. He graduated from Washburn High School in Chicago in 1944 and received a degree from Acme Trade School as a Tool & Die machinist in 1945. He went on to make a lifelong career at Diemasters, Inc. based in Elmhurst IL, where he raised his children from 1967-1988. Skilled with his hands and his head, Stan finally retired in 2002, after several attempts and 55 years with the company.

Beginning in 1945, Stan served in the US Army as a member of Headquarters Troop 6th Constable Squad. An M-1 Rifle Sharpshooter, he was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal as well as WWII Victory Medal.

Stan led an active life and was always involved in clubs and organizations. His affiliation with both the YMCA and as a founding member of the Penguins social club spanned over 70 years of loyalty, service and friendships. Stan held those relationships dear and like family. He was also a member of the Immaculate Conception (Elmhurst) and St. Paul of the Cross (Park Ridge) Parishes; and remained very active with the Arts, Music, Sports and Casino visits with the Maine Township Streamers over the last 25 years while living in Park Ridge.

Stan was an avid traveler who was always interested in what adventure was around the corner. He traveled to nearly all US and Canadian states plus visited over 50 countries in his lifetime. His passion was for Mexico where he took countless extended trips along the Yucatan Peninsula including his favorite destination, Kukulcan, whether with family, friends or as a solo traveler. He never met a stranger.

A humble, gentle and Independent man his entire life, Stan's greatest love was for his family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Frances Szylko (Meyer), and is survived by his three children - Monica Lussier of Scotts Valley, CA; Edward Szylko (Michelle Hansen) of San Francisco, CA; and Raymond Szylko (Michelle) of Mercer Island, WA as well as his beloved grandchildren Trevor, Shannon, Megan, Kaija, Mason, and Sabine. In addition, he held especially dear his nephews Robert, William and Kenneth whom he helped raise; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Friday June 26th, Mass at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington Street in Park Ridge at 10am with military burial at St. Adalbert Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully accepts donations sent to the Elmhurst YMCA at 211 W. First Street - Elmhurst, IL 60126 - Attention Donations.

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Cadillac, Lexus inject life into brands with new sport coupes

BY KIRK BELL
Tribune Newspapers

Cadillac has represented the pinnacle of American luxury for more than a century. Lexus got its start in 1989, but it has forged a reputation as Japan’s finest luxury automaker. Despite their lofty standing, both brands are more known for somewhat stodgy luxury barges than for sport coupes. Now, however, Cadillac and Lexus are trying to change their images by building sport coupes meant to take on the big kid on the block, the BMW M4.

Cadillac’s contender is the ATS-V, which benefits from General Motors’ best engineering. It features a carbon-fiber hood, wider fenders to tuck in the 18-inch Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires and extra underbody bracing. A 3.6-liter twin-turbocharged V-6 engine delivers the grunt. The RC F is the top performer in the Lexus lineup. It gets a high-revving 5.0-liter V-8 engine and adds an engine compartment brace and a rear partition brace to stiffen the structure.

We tested the Cadilac ATS-V and the Lexus RC F on the street and the racetrack at beautiful Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis., to see if America and Japan can build cars worthy of comparison to the BMW M4.

Round 1: Power

Cadillac and Lexus take different approaches to power, but they arrive at similar figures. The ATS-V’s twin-turbocharged 3.6-liter V-6 engine makes 464 horsepower and 444 pound-feet of torque. The thumping heart of the RC F is a 5.0-liter V-8 that spins out 467 horsepower and 389 pound-feet of torque. The Lexus comes exclusively with an eight-speed automatic transmission, while the Cadillac offers an eight-speed auto as well as a six-speed manual.

Given the power figures, the performance numbers should be about equal, but they’re not. That’s because the Cadillac weighs 300 pounds less than the Lexus. Cadillac quotes 0 to 60 mph times of 3.9 seconds with the manual and 4.4 with the automatic, while the Lexus makes that sprint in 4.4 seconds. Acceleration in both cars is exhilarating.

A true performance coupe should offer a manual transmission, so the Cadillac gets points for its smooth-shifting six-speed. While both automatic transmissions are quick to shift, neither is as responsive as the dual-clutch transmission offered in the BMW M4. Lap times are quicker with this new breed of transmission, and both companies would be wise to develop their own and use them in several products.

Scoring: The Caddy is faster and offers a manual.

Round 2: Dynamics

These cars have very different but rewarding personalities. The ATS-V is agile and tossable. It feels hunkered down, and the tires provide relentless grip. It is a very balanced car that turns in quickly and provides feedback as it approaches the limits of adhesion. The steering has some nice heft and offers gratifying road feel. The brakes, which are the same binders used on the last CTS-V, are relentless.

The RC F may be a bit overweight, but it wears that weight well, driving like a lighter car. The car turns in crisply and rotates willingly, no doubt aided by the torque vectoring system. It leans just enough in corners to provide feedback as it reaches the limits of adhesion. Though a bit light, the steering is delightfully quick. The brakes are also sturdy. They handled a day at Road America without warping or fading.

Performance coupes usually ride hard, but both cars are fairly forgiving. The Cadillac’s Magnetic Ride Control suspension, which reads and adapts to road conditions quickly, is the likely reason for its smooth ride. The Lexus just offers excellent suspension tuning. Both cars need to be this good if they are going to challenge the BMW M4.

Scoring: Lighter weight equals quicker moves, so the Cadillac gets the nod.

Round 3: Interior

The ATS-V loses only one round in this middleweight fight, but it comes out on top in the areas most important to a sport coupe: power and dynamics. However, these cars are very evenly matched, right down to the price, which starts at around $62,000, and I’d be plenty happy to settle for the loser. They are worthy competitors to the M4, and that shows just how far these two manufacturers have come.

Lexus RC F

Lexus sounds better. Advantage Cadillac.

The Cadillac ATS-V

The Lexus RC F

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King Ranch an urban cowboy

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Tribune Newspapers

It requires ranch-sized ambition to take the best-selling truck on earth, cast aside long-held expectations and reinvent it. Discounting a century of steel bodies and the V-8 as holy grail, the 2015 Ford F-150 embraces neither. To add a heap of Texas style, and you have the F-150 King Ranch Super Crew.

Looking more urban than cowboy, the truck gleams with a huge chrome grille, LED headlamps and chrome exhaust tip. Around back, LED box lighting, deployable side steps, rear tailgate stairs, and bed extender are ready to bunk inside. Embroidered dash coverings, genuine wood trim and silver accents add style.

Heated, cooled and power-massaged front seats soothe away long days. Crank up the Sony audio system with Hank or Gaga as both seem appropriate. A full-length panoramic glass roof lets both rows enjoy sunshine.

Ford learned some hard lessons with its SYNC infotainment system. Early versions were confusing to operate, and voice commands went unheard. The latest version still has a cumbersome touch screen with quadrants for Phone, Navigation, Entertainment and Climate, but has classy aluminum knobs below for volume and tuning.

None of this makes the F-150 controversial, but body panels are fabricated from aluminum instead of steel to save up to 700 pounds. The truck still rides on a fully boxed steel frame, and thanks to decreased weight, claims 12,200 pounds maximum towing and 3,270 pounds payload capacity.

Most F-150s, including this one, go through the door with Ford's 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6 that delivers 365 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque through a six-speed automatic transmission. That's 20 horsepower less than the available 5-liter V-8, but 33 pound-feet more torque for moving heavy loads and brisk acceleration. This 4x4 truck achieves 17/23 mpg city/highway, or about 2 mpg better each than the V-8. Competitors do better but not while matching Ford's horsepower and torque.

Shedding 700 pounds while employing turbocharged engines saves fuel but also changes the F-150's drive character. Ford trucks always seemed heavier and rougher than competitors, but this truck feels relatively nimble (it's still a big pickup).

While it can work, the F-150 King Ranch is no work truck. It's for wealthy businesspeople and retirees who own RVs, classic cars or boats. No sensible person would get this pretty boy dirty.

The F-150 King Ranch is gussied up for weekend cowboys, but tough enough for real ones—provided they possess a vault. King Ranch editions start at $48,885 but come to $63,710 all-in.

Williams is a freelancer.
Yamat's play in tough conditions impresses his future coach

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

When the putt fell into the cup, Orion Yamat tilted his head to the right and shrugged his shoulders as he looked in his caddie's direction.

His only birdie came on his 36th and final hole of the Western Junior Amateur at Riverside Golf Club in North Riverside. Yamat's 79-77 for a 16-over 156 was a long way from the 7-over cut line.

But the Niles resident and recent Maine East graduate took away some positives from his first appearance at the Western Junior, one of the top junior tournaments in the country.

"It was great practice for college," said the 17-year-old Yamat, who plans to play at Loyola of Chicago. "There are going to be tournaments where you don't know the course and don't get many practice rounds, and you still have to shoot a good score."

Yamat's future college coach, Kyle Stefan, followed him for a few holes on June 17, and came away impressed with how the incoming freshman carried himself in the difficult conditions, which included a steady rain and soggy, sloppy fairways.

After the first two rounds, only three in the 156-player field were under par for the tournament.

"There is nothing more miserable than playing 36 holes in wind, cold, maybe snow, and that's what we do up here," Stefan said. "You have to have the internal fortitude to get through it. It was good to see him play in less-than-perfect conditions. It makes you a better player. No, 77 wasn't his best, but he was not checked out. That shows me what I can expect."

Yamat is one of three players in Stefan's second recruiting class at Loyola, and the only one from the Chicago area. There is one other area player on the 2015-16 roster, Arlington Heights' Kenny Mleko, a sophomore from Hersey.

"I think Loyola is a great opportunity for me," Yamat said. "I like the coach, and I like the way he goes about things. He knows when to press you and when to back off. He doesn't hound you. He's very understanding."

Stefan said Yamat, who finished second in the 2014 Class 3A state tournament, should compete for a starting spot as a freshman. That's one reason why Yamat said the Ramblers are a good fit for him.

"A big thing is to get playing time," he said. "I didn't want to go to a school where I had to claw my way just to play. I want the chance to get into the lineup."

Stefan said Yamat's combination of talent and disposition will take him far in the game of golf.

"He's a highly competitive guy who wants to succeed deeply," Stefan said. "But he doesn't press himself or get nervous. There is no fear in his game. Right now, his game is a smidgen off, but he projects as a high-level player. I am encouraged by his game."
Keenan Dolezal
Barrington, P, Sr.
2015 stats: 31-8, 246.1 IP, 138 H, 99 BB, 338 K, 1.56 ERA
College: Loyola of Chicago

Keenan Dolezal trains and plays the sport year round. Michael Freese, her personal coach and the Barrington assistant coach, said he marvels at Dolezal's great work ethic.

"She's a keeper. Loyola is lucky to get her," Freese said.

"I can't wait to stand back and watch and see the next chapter in her life."

Rachel Krzysko
Barrington, OF, So.
2015 stats: .349 BA, 32 R, 8 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 33 RBI
College: Undecided

Last season's starting catcher successfully converted to a right fielder to help fill a need after another outfielder suffered an early season injury. The cleanup hitter turned into a slugging outfielder with a strong arm, finishing second on the team in triples and home runs.

"She made a huge catch in the state semifinals against Lincoln-Way East with a line drive catch," Fillies coach Perry Peterson said.

Amanda Guercio
Lake Zurich, C, So.
2015 stats: .457 BA, 43 R, 10 SB, 13 2B, 8 3B, 2 HR, 40 RBI
College: Undecided

The repeat Pioneer Press All-Area First Team pick also was named all-state in Class 4A by the Illinois Coaches Association for the second straight year. She was second-team all-state this year and a third-team pick last year. Guercio increased her batting average (.443 in 2014) and runs scored (26) when compared to last season.

"She understands the game and has made great strides in her mental game," Bears coach Amanda Rodriguez said.

Giulia Magnelli
Ridgewood, 1B-P, Jr.
2015 stats: (Hitting) .549 BA, 39 R, 10 2B, 7 3B, 5 HR, 41 RBI; (Pitching) 4-3, 71 K, 3.14 ERA
College: Undecided

The Rebels' top power hitter struck out only 12 times this season and committed only two errors in 189 innings played. She was named Class 3A all-state this year and a third-team pick last year. Guercio increased her batting average (.443 in 2014) and runs scored (26) when compared to last season.

"She is always willing to challenge herself," Rebels coach Steve Poznansky said.

"This past year, she was one of two girls [in the school] that participated in a physical education weightlifting class."

Amanda Howell
New Trier, OF, Sr.
2015 stats: .400 BA, 22 R, 6 2B, 4 HR, 34 RBI
College: Denison (Ohio)

The right fielder was named her team's outstanding offensive player and was selected as a Central Suburban League Scholar Athlete. She was named Illinois Coaches Association Class 4A all-state second-team.

"At bat and in the field, she consistently came up with big plays that were critical to our team's success this season," Trevians coach John Cadwell said.
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Courtney Richardson

Maine South, OF, Sr.
2015 stats: .448 BA, 4 2B, 3 3B, 32 RBI
College: Michigan

The four-year starter, co-captain and center fielder led the Hawks to a second-place finish in the Central Suburban South this season. She is a repeat Pioneer Press All-Area First Team pick and was named to the Illinois Coaches Association Class 4A all-state second team.

“She not only would practice with us, but she would work with her family to get a little extra in,” Hawks coach Mel Kolbusz said. “You could drive past a field at any time and see her getting an extra round or two of hitting in. She became more of a vocal leader in her last season with us, but she always was a leader by example.”

Maeve Nelson

Oak Park-River Forest, 2B, Fr.
2015 stats: .508 BA, 56 R, 15 2B, 4 3B, 36 RBI
College: Northwestern

Nelson declared her college choice before her freshman season started and didn’t disappoint. She led OPRF in batting average, doubles and triples all while moving from shortstop, her normal position, to second base because the Huskies had senior shortstop Taylor Arends.

“[Her position switch] was seamless,” Huskies coach Emily Richardson. Harris enjoyed a breakout season, helping OPRF finish third in Class 4A after an arm injury limited her to eight innings in the circle last season.

“The winning pitcher in the Class 4A state third-place game ranked second in homers for the Huskies (33-4). When she wasn’t pitching, she batted as the designated player.”

Samantha Linde

Oak Park-River Forest, OF, Jr.
2015 stats: .449 BA, 21 2B, 2 3B, 5 HR, 35 RBI
College: James Madison

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Chardonnay Harris

Oak Park-River Forest, DP-P, So.
2015 stats: (Pitching) 18-3, 118.2 IP, 20 BB, 176 K, 1.59 ERA; (Hitting) .494 BA, 12 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR, 32 RBI
College: Auburn

Harris overcame two offseason concussions (one in a car accident and another playing basketball) to become one-half of the Huskies’ dynamite pitching platoon with Emily Richardson. Harris enjoyed a breakout season, helping OPRF finish third in Class 4A after an arm injury limited her to eight innings in the circle last season.

“Harris pitched a perfect game against Loyola on April 13.

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Softball

Jenny Behan

Carmel, 3B, Sr.
2015 stats: .532 BA, 63 R, 14 2B, 17 HR, 63 RBI
College: James Madison

Behan, who fell one home run short of equaling her school record in a season, had four grand slams as a senior and finished with 53 career homers. Behan was one of five players named all-East Suburban Catholic League for a third consecutive time.

Caitlin Catino

Buffalo Grove, OF, Sr.
2015 stats: .539 BA, 13 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR
College: Wisconsin-Whitewater

The four-year varsity player and leadoff hitter led Mid-Suburban East champion Buffalo Grove in batting. She was named to the Pioneer Press All-Area Softball Second Team for the second season in a row.

Maria DeVito

Mundelein, 2B, Sr.
2015 stats: .486 BA, 15 2B, 6 HR, 42 RBI
College: Eastern Illinois (walk on)

The four-year varsity player and batting .486. DeVito once again led the Mustangs in batting and RBIs this spring.

Kendall Duval

Leyden, 1B-OF-P, Jr.
2015 stats: .449 BA, 5 HR, 55 RBI; 12-8, 4.46 ERA

The three-year starter has played all over the field and should rank among the school’s all-time greats when her career is over. In each of her final two seasons of the game, both against Maine West, Duval belted a two-run home run.

Taylor Koenigs

Stevenson, SS, Sr.
2015 stats: .510 BA, 8 3B, 2 HR, 37 RBI
College: Valparaiso

The Patriots were a No. 10 seed in a Class 4A sectional, but reached a supersectional with the help of Koenigs, a three-year varsity infielder. Koenigs equalled her own school record for home runs in a season with nine.

Caitlyn Santiago

Oak Park-River Forest, 1B, Jr.
2015 stats: .394 BA, 39 R, 12 HR, 38 RBI

After Oak Park-River Forest won 17 games to begin the season, Santiago kept the momentum going in mid-May with three home runs in six games during an eight-game winning streak. She ranked second on the team in doubles.

Rachel Macdonald

Barrington, C, Jr.
2015 stats: .451 BA, 36 R, 17 SB, 15 2B, 5 HR, 35 RBI

In her first varsity season, Macdonald was named to the National Pastpitch Coaches Association’s All-North Region Second Team. The No. 3 batter led the Fillies in batting average, stolen bases and RBIs.

Emily Richardson

Oak Park-River Forest, P, Jr.
2015 stats: .392 BA, 11 R, 6 2B, 6 HR, 24 RBI; 15-1, 112.1 IP, 88 H, 30 BB, 100 K, 1.59 ERA
College: Vaiparosso

The winning pitcher in the Class 4A state third-place game ranked second in homers for the Huskies (33-4). When she wasn’t pitching, she batted as the designated player.

Alex Koziol

Trinity, OF, Jr.
2015 stats: .481 BA, 46 R, 29 SB, 6 HR, 3 3B, 14 RBI

The Blazers finished second in the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Red with help from its speedy, slap-hitting leadoff batter. The center fielder ranked second on Trinity’s team with 65 hits on the season.

—George M. Wilcox, Pioneer Press
At 5-foot-5, Keenan Dolezal doesn't look like a prototypical ace pitcher. Many elite high school softball pitchers dazzle opposing batters with their power, perhaps using a grunt or a couple of slaps of their glove off their front leg to add a dash of intimidation. Through her four-year career, Dolezal has stamped her own style at Barrington. In spite of her small stature, she was a powerful pitcher with command of her fastball and help from a changeup and rise ball.

Dolezal, one of three seniors on this year's team, helped Barrington earn its ninth state tournament berth and established her legacy as one of the best pitchers in school history.

"Keenan was a fierce competitor," Barrington coach Perry Peterson said. "She worked hard to develop the skills she had. For us, every time she would lead our team on the field, we knew when she pitched, we had a chance to win the game."

Dolezal pitched all but 12 innings this season and had 19 shutouts. Barrington didn't win the Mid-Suburban West or either of its two regular-season tournaments, but Dolezal heated up in the postseason as the Fillies allowed only six runs before the state tournament. The Fillies finished fourth in state.

Barrington varsity assistant coach Michael Freese started working with Keenan Dolezal when she was in fifth grade and, in his words, "a little tiny thing." Keenan Dolezal began to show signs of becoming an elite pitcher in middle school, according to Freese. He said she learned how to place a snap on the ball.

"It was hard to overcome given her size and physique," Freese said. "She was 13 years old when I knew she could become something special. She started to develop a good velocity, good command, good control and you could see that work ethic."

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Keenan Dolezal played in only five games as a freshman on the varsity, but finished 29-2 as a sophomore with an 0.82 ERA while leading Barrington's best team to a 36-2 record and third place in 2013. She pitched a perfect game that year against Fremd and threw another no-hitter against Fremd on May 9.

"She has developed into a fine pitcher, a great kid and a greater role model," Peterson said.

Keenan Dolezal became a three-time Class 4A all-state selection by the Illinois Coaches Association and was named to the all-North Region first team from 2013-15 by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

This season, she passed Abby Reed to become Barrington's all-time wins leader. Keenan Dolezal finished with a 90-21 career record. She also passed Claire Voris to become her school's season (338 in 2015) and career (856) strikeouts leader.

Her college softball career will take her to Loyola. Keenan Dolezal will attempt to battle returning pitchers Madison Hope and Ashley Rogers for playing time next season.
Willie Bourbon
Stevenson, 3B, Sr.
2015 stats: .430 BA
College: Northwestern

After quarterbacking the Patriots to the Class 8A title in football, Bourbon helped the baseball program to a Class 4A sectional championship. The North Suburban Lake Player of the Year for baseball also was named to the Illinois Coaches Association's Class 4A all-state team.

Anthony Delaurentis
Barrington, 2B, Sr.
2015 stats: .392 BA, .473 OBP, 7 HR, 30 RBI
College: Indiana (not planning on playing baseball)

Delaurentis went from Barrington's B team as a freshman to the Illinois Coaches Association's Class 4A all-state team as a senior. He played second base but was also a star on the mound, going 6-2 with a 1.83 ERA.

Ben Samborn
Glenbrook South, 1B, Sr.
2015 stats: .422 BA, .480 OBP, 3 HR, 26 RBI, 13 2B
College: Illinois (possible walk-on)

The kind of player a team wants in the batter's box in a big situation, Samborn struck out just three times in 123 plate appearances this spring. He had the game-winning hit in the Titans' 11-10, extra-inning victory over rival Glenbrook North on April 23.

David Burnside
Glenbrook North, OF, Sr.
2015 stats: .444 BA, .586 OBP, 4 HR, 42 RBI
College: Rose-Hulman (Indiana)

Burnside was one of the toughest outs in the area this spring. In addition to his lofty on-base percentage, the Illinois Coaches Association's Class 4A all-state pick struck out only 12 times in 142 plate appearances.

Fitz Stadler
Glenbrook South, P, Sr.
2015 stats: 8-3, 1.24 ERA, 56.1 innings pitched, 97 K
College: Arizona State

At 6-foot-8, the right-hander was one of the most imposing pitchers around. He struck out nearly two batters per inning on his way to Illinois Coaches Association Class 4A all-state honors.

Patrick Rumoro
Oak Park-River Forest, C, Sr.
2015 stats: .377 BA, 1 HR, 40 RBI, 10 2B
College: Louisville

Playing for the Huskies is tradition for Rumoro's extended family, and he could have been one of the best in his family to wear the uniform. The catcher followed his father, two cousins and two uncles onto the Oak Park-River Forest varsity and helped the team to a third-place finish in Class 4A this spring. He was chosen for the Illinois Coaches Association's Class 4A all-state team as a senior.

Ryan Kramer
Nazareth, OF, Sr.
2015 stats: .454 BA, 4 HR, 25 RBI, 11 2B
College: Carthage (Wisconsin)

The offensive catalyst for the Class 3A state runner-up Roadrunners, Kramer did his part in the title game by going 2-for-4 with two RBIs. The lead-off hitter was named to the Illinois Coaches Association's Class 3A all-state team.

-- Matt Harness, Pioneer Press
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Chris Botsoe
Hinsdale Central, OF, Sr.
2015 stats: .395 BA, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 35 R, 14 2B, 6 3B, 15 SB
College: Louisville

Botsoe made a full recovery after suffering a fractured orbital bone near his left eye last season. A three-year starter, Botsoe was selected to the Illinois Coaches Association's Class 4A all-state team as a senior.

Charlie Maxwell
Evanston, SS, Jr.
2015 stats: .386 BA, .515 OBP, 15 SB, 4 3B, 33 RBI
College: Undecided

Maxwell sparked the Wildkits' run to a Class 4A regional title and a sectional final, where they lost to Oak Park-River Forest in 11 innings.

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Casey Dodge
Barrington, 3B, Sr.
2015 stats: .475 BA, .495 OBP, .985 fielding percentage
College: Might walk on at Illinois or Michigan

Dodge was as solid offensively as he was at his corner infield spot, where he committed only one error.

-Jack Yalowitz
Loyola, DH, Sr.
2015 stats: .364 BA, 4 HR, 22 RBI, 6 2B
College: Illinois

Yalowitz was a big reason the Ramblers won their second Class 4A regional title in as many years. He hit .292 in the challenging Catholic Blue. On the mound, he went 6-4 with a 2.25 ERA and 84 strikeouts in 59 innings.

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2015 stats: .386 BA, .515 OBP, 15 SB, 4 3B, 33 RBI
College: Undecided

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George Karkazis
Lake Forest, DH, Sr.
2015 stats: .430 BA, .541 OBP, 8 2B, 6 3B, 2 HR, 26 RBI
College: Miami (Ohio)

Before he was a two-year standout behind the plate, Karkazis got his first varsity start at second base as a sophomore in the playoffs.

Matt Flach
Nazareth, OF, Sr.
2015 stats: .382 BA, .479 OBP, 11 2B, 3 HR, 33 RBI
College: Luther (Iowa)

One of top-ranked juniors in the state, Johnson will play in the Under Armour All-American Game at Wrigley Field on Saturday, Aug. 15.

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College: Miami (Ohio)

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Kevin Forde
Fenwick, P, Sr.
2015 stats: 9-2, 62.2 IP, 115 K, 2.12 ERA
College: St. Joseph's (Indiana)

After suffering the hard-luck, 2-1 loss to Grayslake Central in a 2014 Class 3A supersectional, he began this spring's Class 4A playoff run with a five-inning, complete-game no-hitter against Niles West.

Matt Wilson
Nazareth, 0E-P, Sr.
2015 stats: (Hitting) .417 BA, 12 2B, 30 RBI; (Pitching) 7-1, 33.1 IP, 27 H, 19 BB, 32 K
College: Elmhurst

Wilson helped the Roadrunners to their best finish in program history. He suffered his first loss of the season in the Class 3A championship game when he came in to pitch relief against Highland.

Mike Johnson
Hinsdale Central, 1B, Sr.
2015 stats: .379 BA, .495 OBP, .985 fielding percentage
College: Might walk on at Illinois or Michigan

While he was a huge part of the Red Devils' attack this spring, Johnson was also a 6-foot-3, 280-pound offensive lineman with the Hinsdale Central football team.

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Fitz Stadler
stares down opposing batters
Player of the Year is imposing, just like one of his childhood idols

BY MATT HARNES
Pioneer Press

When he was younger, one of Fitz Stadler's favorite baseball players to watch was Seattle Mariners and Arizona Diamondbacks ace Randy Johnson.

At 6-foot-10, Johnson's mere presence on the mound was enough to get some batters out. The hard-throwing, right-handed Stadler - a recent Glenbrook South graduate and the Pioneer Press MI-Area Baseball Player of the Year - stands 6-8, weighs 220 pounds and was the most dominant pitcher in the area this spring. In 56.1 innings pitched, he allowed only 30 hits and struck out 97.

In a 15-1, five-inning win over Carmel on April 7, Stadler threw a no-hitter while striking out 11, including six in a row. A few starts later, Stadler struck out nine and allowed four hits in a 5-3 win over New Trier.

Earlier this month, Stadler was drafted in the 32nd round of the MLB Draft by the Chicago Cubs, but he intends to play college baseball at Arizona State. Before that happens, he took time to talk with Pioneer Press reporter Matt Harness.

Q: When and where did you get your start in baseball?
A: "I feel like as soon as I was born. My dad [Matt Stadler] was a swimmer, but he let us decide which sports we wanted to play. I started playing competitively when I was 7 years old. I played summer travel baseball for the Glenview Patriots until I was 9. During the spring, I played in a house league. From 10 to 13, I played for the Glenview Blaze. Then, I went back to the Glenview Patriots right before high school."

Q: Have you always been a pitcher? When did you focus full-time on pitching?
A: "I've pitched and played first base. I switched to just pitching last year. I miss playing in the field, but I still played first base in practices. Position players contribute every day, and I wish I could do that. That was tough."

Q: Your brother, Walker Stadler, just finished his baseball career at Indiana University, and your other brother, Sully Stadler, will be a senior player for the Hoosiers. How did they influence you growing up?
A: "It was mostly Walker. He was the mediator between me and Sully. We got into a few scraps, but we are all good now. We were young and would get into stupid fights during a basketball game. I could communicate more with Walker. He really paved the way for me, and I thank him very much for that."

Q: Who was the toughest batter you faced in high school?
A: "That's a hard one. I will say I went up against [Glenbrook South's Ben Samborn] a lot in practice. He's one of the best hitters around. We had a lot of fun competing with one another. Of course, we would talk trash here and there. [Glenbrook North's] David Burnside was another one. I've known him most of my life."

Q: Who was your favorite player when you were younger?
A: "Ken Griffey Jr. I collected baseball cards, and I always had his in the front page. That's where the good guys went. I don't remember watching him [play for the Seattle Mariners], but I do remember him with the [Cincinnati Reds]."

Q: Now that you won't be eligible for the MLB Draft again until after your junior season in college, are you looking forward to playing for the Sun Devils?
A: "Very excited, and I am anxious to get out there. I leave on June 29, and I'm pumped to start a new chapter in my life. It will make me compete harder to reach that next tier."
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