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Presidential candidate Rand Paul exits the stage after speaking during a rally at Royal Bath and Kitchen Cabinets in Niles on Aug. 1.

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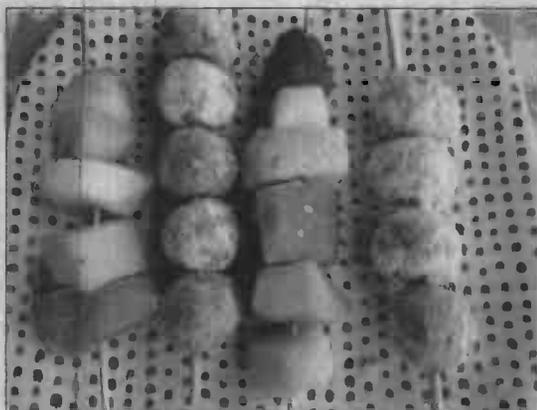
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Gayle Weinhouse, parade volunteer

Gayle Weinhouse is a key member of Skokie's Fourth of July Parade Committee, which recently completed a successful and well-attended event in downtown Skokie. Although a Chicago resident, she has regularly contributed to Skokie projects. The Skokie Review recently caught up with her for a series of questions.

Q: What do you or did you do for a living?

A: A writer and editor and developer of conferences and events. The title "Special Projects" seemed to follow me around for much of my career.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Rogers Park, on Chicago's North Side.

Q: Where did you spend most of your time in Skokie?

A: I've never been a Skokie resident, but Old Orchard was a second home for quite some time. I currently live in Chicago's Lakeview area.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: None currently, but I'm an absolute dog lover.

Q: What book are you currently reading, and what book



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Gayle Weinhouse

would you like to read next?

A: I'm currently reading "The Art of Social War" by Jodi Wing, and am making way for "The News Sorority" by Sheila Weller and "The Power of Your Subconscious Mind" by Joseph Murphy.

Q: What was your first job?

A: Lerner Home Newspapers, circulation and editorial departments.

Q: As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: A teacher. I taught four years on the city's South Side.

Q: Is there a movie you'd recommend?

A: "Chef" and, because of my love of music — "Whiplash." I haven't seen it yet, but "Love & Mercy" is next on my list.

Q: What's your favorite charity?

A: I was a longtime board member of Variety Club Children's Charities.

Q: What is an interesting fact about yourself?

A: I have a couple of savant-like qualities — I work crossword puzzles backward to make things a little more interesting, and I love parody and creating it when I can — fun poetry and otherwise.

— Pioneer Press Staff

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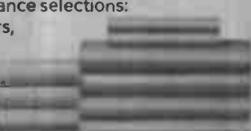
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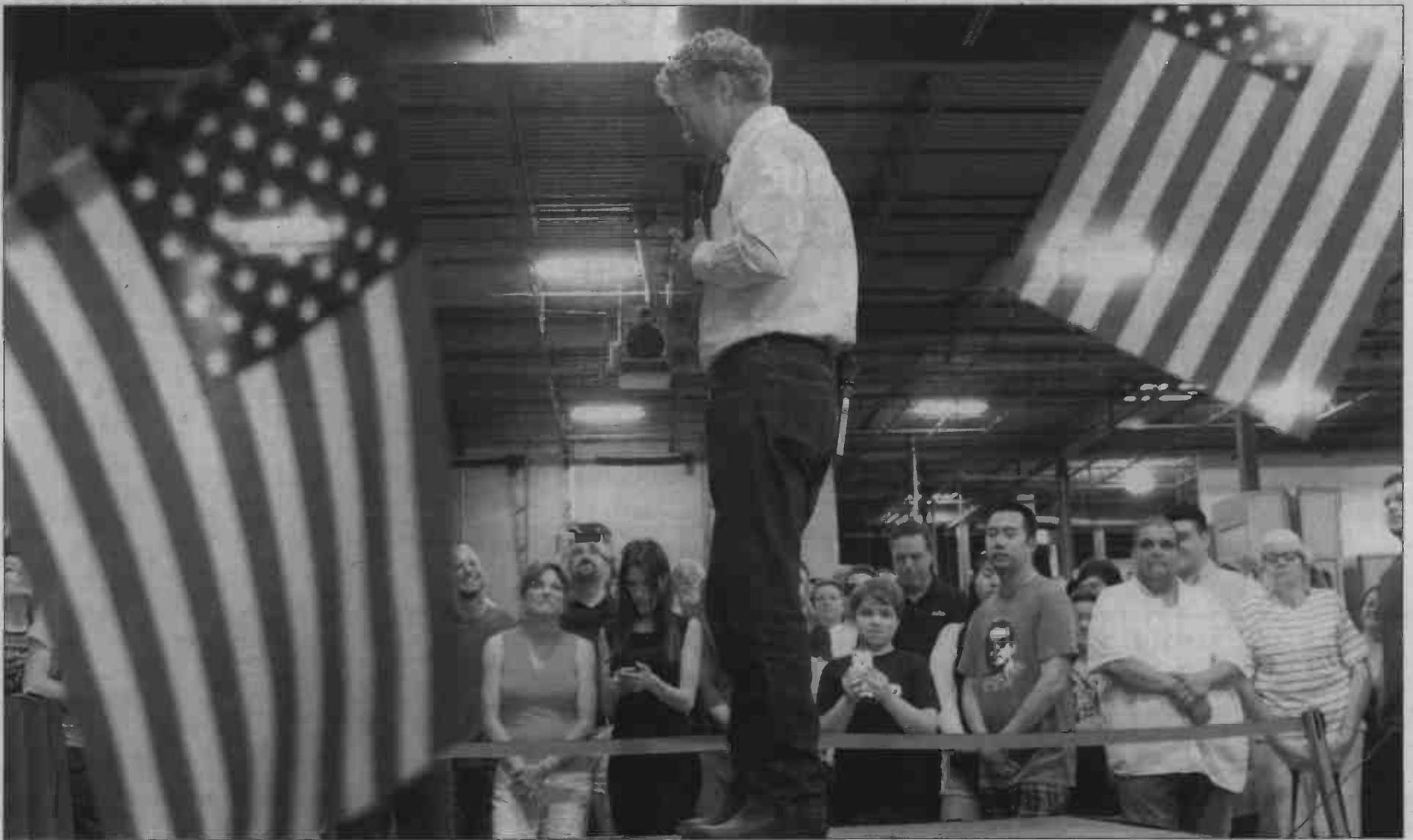
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Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul drew about 300 people to a rally in a business warehouse in Niles.

Paul pushes 'economic freedom zones' in Niles

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
 Chicago Tribune

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul opened a Niles campaign stop Saturday with a call to cut taxes and shrink government.

"Why are businesses relocating overseas? Because our taxes are too damn high," said Paul, speaking at a rally and book signing at the Royal Kitchen and Bath Cabinets warehouse. He said he'd scrap the current tax code for a single-rate system while eliminating the payroll tax entirely.

The libertarian-leaning senator from Kentucky — vowing his campaign's

long-term goal "is not just the primary, our long-term goal is Hillary Clinton" — said Republicans will need to court African-American voters to win the general election in 2016.

Part of his plan, he said, is a tax-cutting program for businesses in low-income areas that are growing and creating jobs, which he pitched during a May campaign stop on Chicago's South Side. "What I want to do is ... not take your money and send it back, but leave it in the community and never take it to begin with."

His call for smaller government included cuts to spending, a less powerful



Presidential candidate Rand Paul speaks during a campaign rally at Royal Bath and Kitchen Cabinets, 7530 N. Caldwell Ave., in Niles, on Aug. 1.

presidency and limits on government surveillance. "Let's collect more records of terrorists and less re-

records of innocent Americans." He also called for reductions in prison sentences, particularly for

those convicted of nonviolent drug crimes.

Paul's appearance in the northwest suburb, which drew a crowd of roughly 300, was organized by the Republicans of Maine Township, said Committeeman Char Foss-Eggemann. The group has invited all Republican presidential hopefuls to meet with local voters, and Paul is the only candidate to take the group up on the offer, Foss-Eggemann said.

Paul is polling well enough that he is expected to be included in Thursday's Republican candidate debate, to be hosted by Fox News. The Ohio debate is limited to the 10

candidates leading in the polls. Paul said he thinks the crowded field will boost his campaign. "It's easy for me to be a different kind of Republican."

Jan Bach, 58, of Park Ridge, said she's a longtime Paul supporter who liked what he said about limiting government. "I just wish there had been more people there," she said.

Others, like Phil Oenning, 65, of Park Ridge, said they're undecided and wanted to get a closer look at one of the contenders. "No one's really said anything yet," he said of the GOP candidates. "It will be interesting to see what happens (at the debate)."

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Jack Grana, utilities superintendent; Tony Dety, village forester; and Fred Braun, street superintendent, spent the morning of Aug. 1 collecting school supplies outside of Jewel-Osco, 8730 Dempster St. In Niles.

School supply drive provides 'proper tools' for education

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

August has begun, and with it the promise of a new school year, filled with new folders, pencils, backpacks and everything else a child needs to excel in the classroom.

For many families, buying school supplies can put a strain on already tight budgets, which is why Fred Braun, street superintendent for the Niles Public Services Department, decided to hold a school supply drive Aug. 1 at Jewel-Osco, 8730 Dempster St.

"We were trying to think of ways that we could give back to the community that haven't been done already," he said. "We hadn't heard of anyone doing a school supply drive and kids need the proper supplies so they can get a proper education so they can become better adults, so we said let's put together a school supply drive."

By coordinating with the Family Services Department and the local school districts, Braun and his team — Tony Dety, village forester, and Jack Grana, utilities superintendent —

came up with a list of school supplies that were most in demand and put their plan into action Aug. 1.

"We've been standing out here since 8 a.m. distributing fliers as people walk in the stores," Braun said. "We've filled carts over and over and put them in the truck, so I'd guess we have over 100 shopping bags."

By noon, the front seat of the public services truck was filled and bags were being put into Braun's and Grana's vehicles to be taken to Mark Twain School first thing Aug. 3.

"I was raised by a mom who was a retired public school teacher from the Niles schools, my sister also used to teach in the Niles school district and I know the value of a good education and how important it is to have the proper tools to get that education," Braun said. "The employees with the village of Niles are blessed and we have some things that people can't afford, so we figured this is one way that we can give back to people in the community who we serve."

For Dety, being able to do something that will im-

mediately affect the lives of local children and help out their families was great.

"I think it's nice to give back to the community and help out families who need a little extra help, especially with the expense of school for kids," he said. "It makes me feel good to know that kids are going to have everything they need for school and not feel like they're getting the short end of the stick."

As a father, Dety knows the cost of school supplies quickly add up, especially if there is more than one child in the home.

"You see all of the kids at school when you drop your kids off and you see some of them who don't have everything they need and now I know that at least we did something," he said. "A lot of people have four or five children who they have to send to school and it all adds up. It's a big expense."

Along with the supplies collected Aug. 1, a donation of 50 backpacks filled with school supplies was given to family services to help those in need.

Alicia Ramirez is a freelancer for Pioneer Press.

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Village board extends permit for planned Niles gun shop

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Roughly a year after the Niles Village Board approved a special-use permit allowing a gun shop and range to open within a mile of several schools, the board upheld its original decision by approving an extension to the permit despite protest from concerned residents from Niles and surrounding communities July 28.

Skokie-based grassroots group People for a Safer Society filed a lawsuit last October against the village, arguing that the gun shop and range would result in increased crime, endanger children and negatively affect businesses in the area. The suit, which sought to annul the special-use permit and prevent the village from granting a permit to any gun range on that piece of land, was dismissed without prejudice in June by Circuit Court of Cook County Judge Franklin

Ulyses Valderrama. The group filed an amended lawsuit July 27 that named the corporation behind the gun shop and range, 6143 Howard Partners, as a defendant along with the village.

If built, the gun shop and range, to be called the Sportsman's Club and Firearms Training Academy, at 6143 Howard St., would be within a mile of Niles West and Niles Central high schools in Skokie, NewHope Academy in Niles, a school for students with emotional disabilities, as well as several other schools.

In a letter to the village, Adam Firsel, one of the members of the corporation behind the yet-to-be-built gun shop and range, wrote that construction on the project had been delayed because of the lawsuit.

Despite the ongoing suit, Firsel wrote that his company had submitted an application for building permits to the village on July 2

and would begin construction on the facility as soon as the permits are granted.

Sixteen residents from Niles, Skokie, Morton Grove, Chicago and other nearby communities, including Niles Township High School District 219 Superintendent Nanciann Gatta, implored village trustees to deny the extension, while only two in attendance at the meeting July 28 spoke in favor of the gun shop and range.

"The gun range or shop has every right to locate in Niles, just not at this particular location," said Rosemary Palicki, a former village trustee.

Mayor Andrew Przybylo chastised the dozens of people in attendance at the meeting after comments made by Palicki and others generated several rounds of applause.

"This is not a pep rally for your particular interest," Przybylo said.

Skokie resident Stephen Young said his son was shot

and killed by someone using an illegally trafficked handgun "from a store that sold hundreds that turned up in crimes."

He told the board that a gun shop and range in Niles would inevitably attract a criminal element to the community.

Arlington Heights resident Art Ellingsen said the facility would serve to benefit Niles because children are safer when "lots and lots and lots of guns are in the community" in the hands of those trained to use them properly.

The sole Village Board member to vote against approval of the extension, Trustee Joe LoVerde, said that though he owned a gun himself, he "can't buy into the location" of the gun shop and range.

Trustee Denise McCreery voted in favor of the extension, saying that she had researched the issue extensively in addition to receiving feedback from Niles residents.



LEE V. GAINES/PIONEER PRESS PHOTO

Skokie resident Stephen Young told the Niles Village Board of Trustees during a meeting July 28 that a gun shop and range in Niles would attract a criminal element to the community.

Ultimately, the board voted 5-1 to approve the special-use permit extension.

Denyse Stoneback, founder of People for a Safer Society, said that while she would have preferred that

the board deny the extension, she still felt her group "had a strong case" against the village and the owners of the gun shop and range.

Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Amended lawsuit adds new defendant, specifies alleged threats to community

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

An amended lawsuit against the village of Niles and the company that plans to open up a gun shop and range in the village was filed July 27 by a Skokie-based gun control advocacy group that aims to prevent the facility from locating within five miles of several schools.

The initial lawsuit, filed last October by the advocacy group People for a Safer Society, sought to annul a special-use permit approved last July by the Niles Village Board that would allow for the sale of firearms, an indoor firing range and gun safety training at a

yet to be built facility at 6143 Howard St., in addition to preventing any such facility from opening up shop on that parcel of land in the future.

The group's lawsuit, as previously reported by Pioneer Press, was dismissed without prejudice in June by Circuit Court of Cook County Judge Franklin Ulyses Valderrama.

To address the concerns outlined by Valderrama in his June ruling on the matter, Tony Hind, an attorney for the group, said the amended suit names the 6143 Howard Partners, the company that plans to open the gun shop and range dubbed Sportsman's Club

and Firearms Training, as a defendant alongside the village of Niles.

Hind said the new suit also lays out specific alleged damages that would result from the existence of such a facility in addition to outlining the harm the gun shop and range would pose to the general public.

For example, the suit alleges that People for a Safer Society member, NewHope Academy, a school for students with emotional disabilities that is located about 600 feet away from the site of the yet to be built gun shop and range, will suffer a decline in enrollment if the Sportsman's Club and Firearms Training is allowed to

open up shop. The suit also alleges that the existence of the gun shop and range will endanger the current and prospective student body at the school.

As a result, the suit claims that NewHope abandoned a plan to upgrade to a larger facility within its current location and is now planning to leave the building altogether.

In addition to NewHope, the gun shop and range, if built, would also be within a mile from District 219's Niles West High School and Niles Central in Skokie, as well as several other schools.

Hind said additional parties have expressed an

interest in signing on to the lawsuit. If that happens, a motion will be required to have them added and a third iteration of the suit filed.

"If that doesn't happen, I'd anticipate we'd be facing yet another motion to dismiss from the village and the applicant or property owner now named as a defendant," he said.

Mike Connelly, an attorney for the village, said he expects that the lawsuit filed Monday will likely be amended once again.

But if the current suit stands, Connelly said he doesn't believe it will "survive a motion to dismiss."

People for a Safer Society founder, Denyse Stoneback,

said at a Village Board meeting July 28 that she believes her group has a "strong case."

Stoneback and over a dozen others in attendance at the meeting urged the board to deny a six-month extension to the special-use permit for the gun shop and range. The board ultimately voted 5-1 to approve the extension.

Like Stoneback, Hind said he's confident that the advocacy group's case is a solid one.

"I think we have a legally valid challenge, and I think it's properly stated," he said.

Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Police crack down on rule-breaking cyclists

By KAREN BERKOWITZ
Pioneer Press

Bicyclists Jason Ziomek and Michael Bailey had never met before July 28, but their paths crossed while they were completing their cycling regimens.

Almost simultaneously, the two cyclists breezed through a stop sign at a Highland Park intersection where Sgt. Chris O'Neill was specifically watching out for violations.

They had just circled the Fort Sheridan loop and were traveling south — Ziomek heading back to Wilmette, Bailey to Evanston — when O'Neill saw them travel through a stop sign at Patten and Whistler roads.

O'Neill activated his siren, pulled the cyclists over and asked to see their driver's licenses. After reminding the cyclists that Illinois law requires a complete stop and driver behavior is unpredictable, O'Neill issued both men traffic warnings. The warnings allow violators to avoid a ticket if they take an online quiz on bicycle safety from the League of Illinois Bicyclists within 30 days. Otherwise, the warning turns into a \$120 traffic ticket and could require an appearance in court.

"To be honest, I would say that a lot of cyclists, probably the majority, would not have stopped," confessed Bailey, 58, who was in the middle of a 20-minute interval of fast cycling when he went through the sign. "I definitely looked both ways, because I didn't want to get hit by a car, but I did not slow down."

Ziomek said stopping at every stop sign is a pain on a bike because it causes you to lose momentum.

"That's the hardest thing on a bike, getting back up to your speed," he said. "I understand the laws and I



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Highland Park police Sgt. Chris O'Neill, right, speaks with bicyclist Tony Pixton, 36, of Highland Park, July 28, after Pixton was pulled over for not stopping at a stop sign.

understand that I should come to a complete stop."

O'Neill's focus on stop sign violators along popular cycling routes was part of a 10-day enforcement and education campaign that runs through Aug. 2. The campaign is a joint effort by police in Highland Park, Deerfield, Lake Forest, Highwood and Bannockburn. In Highland Park, two patrol officers were assigned to bicycle enforcement during the campaign, and two officers on bicycles are watching for violations in the downtown district.

"A lot of the complaints are about bicyclists disobeying stop signs and red lights, or failing to yield to pedestrians in marked crosswalks," said O'Neill.

Another common complaint is about large groups of bicyclists who ride more than two abreast in violation of state law, he said.

"People complain that they're treating the road as if it's their own racing course," O'Neill said.

He said it made sense to collaborate with neighboring departments since bicyclists tend to travel through multiple communities.

"We are trying to make it consistent, because a lot of times we are dealing with the same riders," O'Neill said. Otherwise, "they might go unchallenged in one community, and get stopped in another."

Highland Park resident Christine Spore said she was happy to see police officers enforcing bicycling violations on Patten Road in her neighborhood.

"This is a military neighborhood and there are hundreds of children living here," Spore said. "When the police aren't here, the bicyclists don't care. Sometimes they don't care even when the police are here."

Bailey, the Wilmette cyclist, said he'd been hit by cars twice while bicycling and both times had to go to the hospital.

"Both times, the driver turned in front of me. In neither case was it my fault," Bailey said, adding, "I have never caused a wreck."

Ultimately, he said, drivers can inflict much greater harm on cyclists than the other way around.

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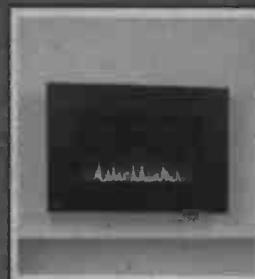
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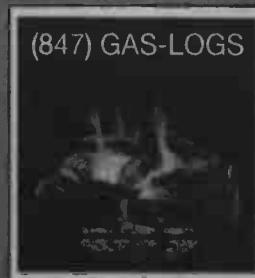
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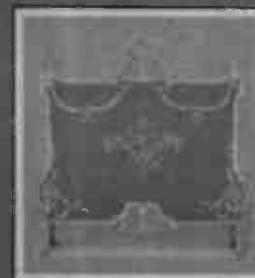


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POLICE REPORT

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Niles

RETAIL THEFT

■ Bonifacio Hilario, 34, of the 700 block of 19th Place, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on July 23 after he allegedly underpaid for a \$189 heater pump at a self-checkout aisle inside a store in the 900 block of Civic Center Drive. Police said Hilario scanned a bar code for an item priced at \$5.88. He has a Sept. 8 court date.

■ Bernard Otera, 23, of the 1900 block of Illinois, Des Plaines, was charged with felony retail theft on July 24 after he allegedly stole \$304.97 worth of merchandise from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Police said Otera had a prior conviction for felony theft. He has an Aug. 7 court date.

DUI

■ Mario Avila-Martinez, 30, of the 3600 block of West Ainslie, Chicago, was charged with felony aggravated driving under the influence and driving without a valid license following a traffic stop on the morning of July 27. Police said Avila-Martinez was speeding and crossing lane markings. He was taken into custody in the 8700 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 3:10 a.m. He has an Aug. 14 court date.

THEFT

■ On July 23, a boy reported that his iPhone was stolen after he left it near a skate ramp at Washington Park, 8900 N. Washington St.

■ A man told police that \$10 worth of coins were stolen overnight between July 23 and 24 from his unlocked vehicle parked in the 7600 block of Harlem Avenue.

■ A GPS was stolen overnight between July 23 and

from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 7900 block of Oconto Avenue.

■ A pair of Ray Ban sunglasses, valued at \$230, were reported stolen July 21 from a store inside Golf Mill Shopping Center.

Skokie

ROBBERY

■ A purse was forcefully taken from a woman's hands as she was standing at her front door at 9:57 p.m. July 26 in the 7700 block of Niles Center Road. Police said the thief then ran south and entered a white sedan, possibly a newer Hyundai, with another person driving. The suspect was described as a white male with a thin build and short hair and wearing dark pants and a white shirt.

BURGLARY

■ Electronics were taken from a home in the 5300 block of Cleveland Street

between 11 p.m. July 26 and 6:30 a.m. July 27. Police said entry was gained by cutting the screen on an open window.

■ An unsuccessful attempt was made to break into a home between 3 a.m. and 10:53 p.m. July 27 in the 5800 block of Cleveland Street. Police said an attempt to gain entry was made through a rear bedroom window.

■ A bicycle was taken at 4:35 a.m. July 23 from an unattached garage in the 8000 block of Lowell Avenue. Police said the thief was confronted by the victim and the bicycle was recovered.

■ Money was taken from two unlocked vehicles between 11 p.m. July 20 and 9 a.m. July 21 in the 8400 block of Drake Avenue.

DUI

■ Pedro N. Cambron Guzman, 22, of the 9000 block of Barberry Lane, Des Plaines, was charged with driving

under the influence of alcohol, possession of drug equipment and driving with no valid driver's license stemming from an incident July 26 in the 9600 block of Skokie Boulevard.

DRUGS

■ Kenton R. McKissack Jr., 18, of the 8200 block of Kenton Avenue, Skokie, was charged with possession of drug equipment and resisting, obstructing or disarming an officer July 24 in the 8200 block of Keating Avenue.

■ Vanessa M. Tiu, 36, of the 4700 block of Sheridan Road, Chicago, was charged with possession of drug equipment stemming from an incident July 25 in the 8000 block of Kenton Avenue.

■ Daniel Estrada, 24, of the 2800 block of West Arthur, Chicago, was charged with possession of marijuana stemming from an incident July 21 in the 7900 block of McCormick Boulevard.

■ Vashon Marcell Banks, 40, of the 100 block of Asbury Avenue, Evanston was charged with possession of marijuana stemming from an incident July 22 in the 9000 block of McCormick Boulevard.

THEFT

■ A Skokie teenager, 15, was charged with retail theft stemming from an incident July 24 at Westfield Old Orchard in the 4900 block of Old Orchard Road.

WARRANT

■ Luis O. Lopez, Jr., 23, of the 1200 block of East Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights, was charged on an in-state warrant and driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license July 25 in the 8200 block of Skokie Boulevard. Police said Lopez was found to have a warrant out of McHenry County for failure to appear on a disorderly conduct charge and was given a new court date.

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Chicago issues plan to cut O'Hare noise

BY JON HILKEVITCH
Chicago Tribune

The Emanuel administration on July 31 proposed an experiment at O'Hare International Airport to rotate the runways used late at night, possibly on a weekly basis, to spread out jet noise, the city's aviation chief told the Chicago Tribune.

In addition, the Chicago Department of Aviation will seek a change in federal rules so government funding could be used to replace or supplement the soundproofing on about 200 previously insulated homes closest to the airfield, Commissioner Ginger Evans said. Using public funds for re-insulation work is not permitted under the existing "once and done" rules, officials said.

The two proposals are part of the first detailed report by the city to mitigate aircraft noise caused by major changes in flight patterns at O'Hare almost two years ago. The action plan outlines the strategies Evans said have "a high chance of success" in dealing with the noise nuisance but also flatly rules out many other ideas offered by community groups that she said would compromise safety, hamper efficient operations or curtail O'Hare's growth.

The city's proposals still need to be evaluated and approved by a local noise commission and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Her decision to tightly focus noise improvements on nighttime flights and on residential areas near the airport probably will be met with criticism, in part because some of the public outrage over O'Hare expansion involves the seemingly incessant flights throughout the day and noise miles away from the airport.

Proposals officially off the table include:

- Keeping open all of O'Hare's existing runways.
- Imposing mandatory "fly quiet" rules regulating flight procedures during the overnight hours.
- Regularly shifting runway-usage patterns over the course of each day to prevent jet noise from saturating some areas.

■ Delaying or canceling construction of the final runway and runway extension planned under the O'Hare Modernization Program.

Gov. Bruce Rauner late last month signed legislation introduced on behalf of noise-weary residents that gives O'Hare the authority to operate up to 10 runways. The bill's supporters hope the higher limit eliminates one reason the city might use to close the diagonal runways.

The new law "has no short-term impact" on O'Hare's airfield plans, a city aviation spokesman said.

Foremost among the proposals by anti-noise groups that Evans has rejected is to permanently keep open two diagonal runways scheduled to close. The noise activists say all four of O'Hare's existing diagonal runways are vital to distributing noise more broadly across the Chicago area.

But the city's O'Hare Modernization Program envisions six east-west parallel runways along with only one pair of diagonal runways.

Three members of the Illinois congressional delegation wrote a letter to Evans asking that she "not impose any arbitrary deadlines in deciding the fate" of the two diagonal runways, which the city has already scheduled to close.

Evans has said repeatedly since she started her job in June that the diagonal runways are incompatible with O'Hare's new east-west runway layout and that they present potential dangers involving converging aircraft.

In the first three months of this year, only two O'Hare runways, 28 Right and 27 Left, were used for about half of all nighttime departures and arrivals, respectively.

The imbalance in runway usage could be fixed under new recommendation that the city will make to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and the FAA, Evans said. The city has developed a concept to rotate the designated "fly quiet" runways at night to abate noise. Instead of planes flying over the same air corridors night after night, the rotation of

runways — on possibly a weekly basis — would move the worst noise impacts from one community to another, aviation officials said.

While the plan might spread around the noise to more residents, it could also mean residents in a certain area would see relief for weeks at a time.

The experiment would start, pending FAA approval, after diagonal runway 32 Right closes Aug. 20, officials said. Diagonal runway 32 Left, which is scheduled to close in 2019, would be among the runways used in the rotation during the interim, officials said, adding that numerous runway combinations might be applicable to help spread out the noise.

Only one arrival runway and one departure runway are needed nightly, officials said.

"You pick a pair. Then you pick a different pair" a week later, Evans said. "That's a lot of options. That's a lot of spreading (flights)."

Even when only east-west runways are used late at night, air-traffic controllers will be asked to direct pilots to make turns when they reach the appropriate altitude after takeoff so that noise isn't restricted to communities east and west of O'Hare, officials said.

Evans said officials realize that ongoing noise mitigation programs do not provide relief for everybody affected by airport noise.

Evans said she was unaware, until meeting with Bensenville Village President Frank Soto, that some people live just beyond the apron of a new O'Hare runway. She said she recently drove into the neighborhood to experience the noise firsthand.

"I had no idea we had residences that are 3,800 feet from the runway," Evans said. "We walked and drove around that neighborhood listening to the aircraft. That is an area of very high impact."

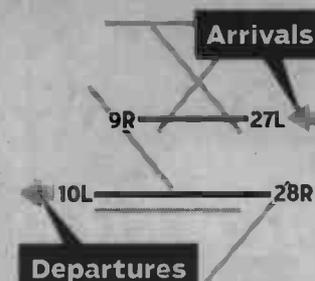
Evans said her department will work with the FAA to possibly reinsulate homes in areas where the day-night average is 70 decibels or higher.

Rotating runways

The Chicago Department of Aviation released several proposed concepts designed to mitigate noise — especially during the night. One of these proposals suggests dedicated runways for arrivals and departures for days or weeks, then rotating operations to distribute noise in the surrounding areas.

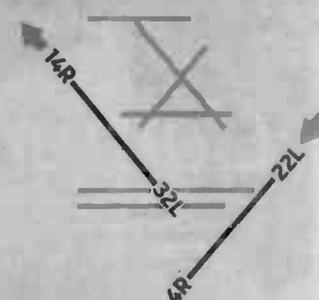
HOW IT COULD WORK

1 One runway is chosen for departures and another for arrivals.

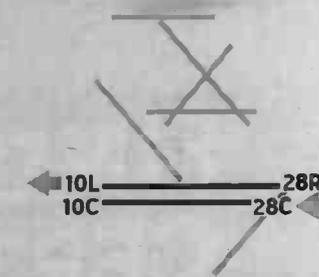
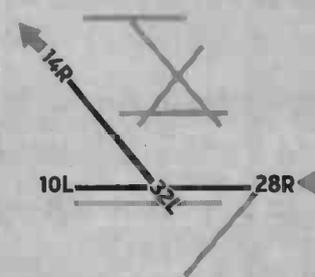


This configuration is used for a period of time — days or weeks.

2 To distribute the noise, another pair of runways is used — one for departures and one for arrivals.



3 Many options are possible. Runways are chosen by the CDA, air traffic control and prevailing winds.



Each runway will probably need a designated alternative to allow for construction, snow removal, runway maintenance and other operational needs.

SOURCES: Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Department of Aviation
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According to preliminary counts, "a couple hundred homes" are in the 70-decibel-plus area, Evans said.

The homes are in Bensenville, unincorporated DuPage County, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Rosemont and Schiller Park, said Aaron Frame, a city assistant aviation commissioner for the environment.

Among other areas that the Department of Aviation will focus on with the FAA and the airlines include doing a better job routing planes over Interstate 90 and industrial areas northwest of the

airport late at night, and to communicate more effectively with the public, Evans said. Preliminary plans are in the works to create a "live chat" online site and mobile apps for reporting airplane noise, she said.

"I feel very good about the recommendations," Evans said, saying she is going as far as she can to help reduce noise.

The Department of Aviation's complete recommendations are at <http://goo.gl/rtwgKg>.

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Video gambling revenue freeze costs Morton Grove \$15,000 per month

By MICHAEL JOYCE
Pioneer Press

Illinois municipalities, like Morton Grove, that host video gambling in bars and restaurants won't get their cut of profits from the machines until the state budget is in place, Gov. Bruce Rauner's office announced Aug. 3.

Morton Grove is prepared for the loss of \$15,000 a month according to Village Administrator Pro Tem Tom Friel.

Friel said there has been a heightened vigilance around expenditures since the budgetary impasse began.

"Prior to this we had directed our department heads to utilize increased scrutiny and judgment regarding non-mission critical discretionary expenditures," he said. "But we're not going to compromise our safety responses and other critical expenditures."

Friel said that while the \$15,000

a month received from video gambling had been factored into the current fiscal budget, it's not uncommon for budgets to change.

"We approximate what we think we'll bring in, but these things change sometimes," Friel said.

More than a month into the new fiscal year, the deadlock between Rauner and state lawmakers means Illinois still has no state budget.

The Republican governor and Democrats in the state legislature have been at a budget impasse for weeks. And the state doesn't have the authority to distribute video gambling profits to municipalities across Illinois without a balanced budget, Rauner spokeswoman Catherine Kelly said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for Illinois Comptroller Leslie Munger said attorneys in her office are looking into the video gambling issue.

Without a state budget in place, Illinois isn't able to pay many of its new bills. However, there are some exceptions.

The statement from Rauner's office indicates his belief that video gambling payments won't be among those exceptions.

In the statement, the governor's camp places the blame for the state's inability to pass a balanced budget on "(House Speaker Michael) Madigan and the legislators he controls."

Madigan said he believes Rauner caused the budget holdup, and he argues that the governor could've avoided a partial state shutdown by making changes to the budget that Democratic lawmakers sent to him in May and leaving the rest alone.

"The person who had the singular authority to avoid all this was Gov. Rauner," Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said.

It's unclear how the delayed



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Mary Callisen, a waitress, wins a hand at video poker at Bringer Inn, a Morton Grove tavern, in this file photo.

payments for video gambling will affect municipalities, but the financial hardships could vary widely.

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Italian festival moves to Niles on 115th anniversary

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
Pioneer Press

A legend from the 1600s, an old-world curiosity called the "Flight of the Angels" and a rich part of Chicago's Italian-American history are coming to Niles on Labor Day weekend.

The Maria Santissima Lauretana festival is moving from Berwyn, where it has been held for more than 20 years, to Niles. It will take place from Sept. 4-7, with Italian food, live music, concerts, religious processions, outdoor Masses and more, on Church Street just east of Greenwood.

"The people of Berwyn were very gracious to us, but our members on the Northside complained it was too far, so we moved it back," said Joe Camarda, president of the Maria Santissima Lauretana Society of Altavilla Milicia in Chicago. He credited Tom Bondi, a former Niles trustee and a member of the religious society, and Joe LoVerde, executive director of the Niles Park District, with helping the festival move to Niles.

The Lauretana festival, sometimes called a feast, is known to generations of Chicagoland Italian Americans for one distinctive feature, called the Flight of the Angels. This custom, part religious devotion and part entertainment, originated in the narrow streets of southern Italian towns.

In Italy, they would decorate the balconies of homes across the street from one another, put the kids in harnesses onto ropes strung from balcony to balcony across the street, and make them fly like angels, Camarda explained.

In the United States, members of the society assemble a rope and pulley system between two elevated platforms. Two young girls are chosen to be the angels, and they



PAM DEFIGLIO/PIONEER PRESS

Two young girls "fly" toward each other during the 2014 Flight of the Angels.

spend weeks memorizing the prayers they will chant. During the festival, each girl climbs up her platform and is fitted into a harness. Society members then use the ropes and pulleys to move the girls toward each other. When they meet in the center, they recite prayers to Mary, known as the mother of God and a sacred and revered figure in Catholicism.

"The purpose of the Flight of the Angels has to do with how the Archangel Gabriel went to tell [Mary] she was going to bear the son of God," Camarda said.

Assembling the flying apparatus "takes a lot of know-how," Camarda said.

In addition to the Flight of the Angels, the festival will feature 7th Heaven and Iliana Incandela in

concert Sept. 5, and the Rat Pack Reprise, a tribute group, will perform Sept. 4. On Sept. 7, the festival will wrap up with Enzo and Iliana Incandela, Tony Spavone and Gino Nuccio.

On Sept. 6, there will be religious processions at 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., an outdoor Mass at 10:30 and Flight of the Angels at 5 and 8 p.m.

Those elements go to the core of the Lauretana society's purpose, which Camarda said is to maintain and expand faith in the Blessed Mother.

"It's our tradition from our hometown [Altavilla Milicia]," he said.

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Niles Historical Society to serve up fun with ice cream social fundraiser

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

The dog days of summer have arrived and for many there is no better way to cool off than enjoying some cold, refreshing ice cream.

Luckily for the people of Niles, that's exactly what the Niles

Historical Society will be dishing up during its annual fundraiser Aug. 8 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave.

"It is based on the old style ice cream social where people would gather and share," Michael Crisci, Niles Historical and Cultural Center administrative assistant said.

"It's an ice cream social plus pie by Baker's Square."

Food tickets at the event are \$2 each with free parking available in the rear lot. Along with the pie and ice cream, there will be hourly tours of the Niles Historical Museum and caricature artists, according to the village website.

This year will also feature a

special guest, Ruthie Jager, Miss Illinois 2015.

According to Crisci, the fourth annual event is raising funds for enhancements to the building, including restoration and security costs.

"These events have been pretty good as long as it doesn't get real hot," Crisci said. We're hoping for

between 200 and 400 people. Last year we got 150, so we're trying to get more people involved."

For more information about the Niles Historical Society and Cultural Center, call (847) 390-0160 or email NHS@vniles.com.

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Godzilla fans descend on Niles

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

Roughly a dozen fans and interested individuals came out to the inaugural Godzilla Mini-Fest hosted by the Niles Historical Society and Cultural Center Aug. 1.

Fans of the Japanese monster spent the afternoon looking at action figures, listening to a panel and discussing the merits, and foibles, of this cult classic through the years before watching the Kaiju classic, "Godzilla vs. Mothra."

"I feel like Godzilla was very interesting because I've never seen another character kind of go through a transformation like that where it starts off as this one thing, where the original movie was very dark and was a very serious movie," panelist Alex Andrea of Harwood Heights said. "And then, as the series progressed, it turned into essentially kids movies and they kind of hero Godzilla up and I've never seen a character go through that transition before."

While panelist Mark Carter of Niles said the late Ishiro Honda, the creator of Godzilla, thought the campiness of Godzilla movies in the 1970s took away from the character and the original idea, the audience and Andrea disagreed, saying it adds to their affinity for the franchise.

Whether Godzilla is presented as a serious monster, the result of nuclear fallout or a monster battling other giant creatures, such as King Kong, Andrea thought the Godzilla movies acted as a barometer of what was popular in American movie culture. For example, in the film "Godzilla vs. Mechagodzilla," which came out in 1974, the bionic monster was created by a race of war-like humanoid apes, much like those that took over the world in the 1968 American film, "Planet of the Apes."

"That was a theme in a lot of the Godzilla movies, they'll take from other movies," Andrea said. "Especially in the '90s, almost every movie had some sort of influence

from an American production."

Movies featuring Superman, Terminator and Indiana Jones have all been influences in Godzilla movies, according to Andrea, with some scenes mimicking their American counterparts almost exactly.

"I guess to just kind of keep Godzilla relevant, because I mean, how much substance is there really? It's a giant monster that fights another monster," he said. "I guess you've kind of got to force it sometimes."

One of those times it was forced, according to both Carter and Andrea, was when Godzilla was put into a movie meant for King Kong.

"The biggest indicator that it was supposed to be a King Kong movie was that Godzilla has an interest in a girl, which I mean there's this pretty girl and he's just staring at her," Andrea said. "That's not Godzilla. He has other things to do, he has no time for girls."

Campy or not, many of these fans, young and old alike, say they



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Panelists Alex Andrea, of Harwood Heights, left, and Mark Carter, of Niles, talk about the evolution of Godzilla Aug. 1 in Niles.

will continue to follow the franchise in whatever direction it takes, from the original films that used six-foot-tall costumes worn by Japanese actors to the current films that use computer-generated imaging.

"To a lot of people, they see this and they don't get it," Andrea said. "But to me, I see

people who wanted to make a movie, so they made a movie. It's much more impressive to see all that work on screen — to make all of these things work — than it is to see it come to life on a computer screen."

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NEWS

Crawford Avenue construction set to be finished by year's end

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

For nearly two years, a Cook County-led construction project has forced drivers, local residents and the nearby Lincolnwood School District 74 community to muster up extra patience as crews tore up the roadway and ripped up sidewalks along busy Crawford Avenue.

The total reconstruction of a mile and a half stretch of Crawford from Howard Street in Skokie to Devon Avenue in Lincolnwood is expected to wrap up by the end of this year, according to Andrew Letson, assistant to the Lincolnwood public works director.

The major aspects of the project are scheduled to be completed by the end of August, but crews will continue landscaping and restoring medians and parkways through the fall and spring.

The two-lane traffic pattern that has diverted motorists traveling in both directions to the east side of the street this year will continue through the duration of the project.

A slightly different traffic pattern started Aug. 3, however.

The Lincolnwood Public Works Department announced the closure of the two innermost lanes between Touhy and Wallen avenues starting that day, and the two outermost lanes opened instead.

The four-lane road has been reduced to two traffic lanes during the spring and summer months of 2014 and 2015 while the project continues.

When the new Crawford Avenue reopens this year with four newly-reconstructed traffic lanes, the road will be lined with new sidewalks and fire hydrants and LED streetlights.

"It's going to be a brand new road," Letson said. "The project will wrap up



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The total reconstruction of Crawford Avenue from Howard Street in Skokie to Devon Avenue in Lincolnwood is expected to wrap-up by the end of this year.

with the installation of the new streetlights along with landscape and restoration work on the median and the sides of the road."

Crawford is owned by Cook County, and county representatives have been working with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the villages of Lincolnwood and Skokie on plans to reconstruct the roadway for several years.

Since the construction period began in early 2014, drivers have had to navigate new traffic patterns and changing detours periodically set up at various points along Crawford.

Meanwhile, residents living along the construction route dealt with water shut-offs during the installation of the water main and closures of their driveways and some side streets.

Some lawns along Crawford were also torn up during construction while new sidewalks were put in, and Letson said new sodding would likely be put in to the torn-up areas in the fall when temperatures drop.

During the first part of the two-phase project in 2014, the entire east side of Crawford was reconstructed before the project shut down in the winter months and resumed in the spring with the reconstruction of the west side of the

road. Crews have been repeating the work that was completed on the east side of the road since the final project phase began on the west side of Crawford in March.

School District 74 — which lies in the heart of the construction zone at Pratt and Crawford avenues — has had to work with ongoing traffic challenges posed by the project. School officials plan to continue offering free bus service to families this year to reduce traffic volume during pick-up and drop-off times.

In Skokie's stretch of Crawford, the northbound and southbound traffic lanes from Howard to Oakton streets, and the northbound lanes from Devon Avenue to Howard Street were reconstructed last year.

This year, the southbound lanes from Devon Avenue to Howard are being reconstructed.

Crews are conducting maintenance on the signals at the CTA crossing, along with median work, traffic signal upgrades, new street lighting, and sidewalk and drainage improvements, according to information on the village of Skokie's website.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Storm leaves downed trees, branches all over the area

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

It didn't take Mother Nature long to wreak havoc throughout Skokie after a brief but brutally intense thunderstorm whipped through the area after 3 p.m. Aug. 2.

Following about 20 minutes of pounding rain and pelting hail, Skokie properties and streets were littered with fallen branches and even entire trees. Some streets were temporarily impassable.

At Tripp Avenue near Oakton Street, a fire truck rushed to the scene when a large downed tree branch fell on top of power lines; the quiet Skokie North Shore Sculpture Park looked like a collection

ground for kindling after the storm.

The Chicago Tribune reported that one person was killed, three people were seriously injured, and 17 to 20 more were taken to area hospitals when a tent collapsed at the Wood Dale Prairie Fest near Wood Dale Junior High, according to Wood Dale Deputy Police Chief Mike Rivas.

The Tribune also reported the collapse of a dome in northwest suburban Rosemont and the temporary evacuation of the music festival Lollapalooza in Grant Park downtown.

In Skokie, there were no reported serious injuries following the storm, according to the Fire Department. But it appeared as

though the Skokie Public Works Department was going to have a busy time picking up tree branches from streets and alleys, sidewalks and parks.

The National Weather Service had issued severe thunderstorm warnings for areas north and west of Chicago earlier in the afternoon, according to the Chicago Tribune.

One warning was issued until 3 p.m. for northern Cook County and northern DuPage County. That storm, moving east at 45 mph with 60 mph wind gusts, and golf-ball sized hail was expected to affect communities like Elgin, Schaumburg, Oak Park, Park Ridge and Evanston and O'Hare International Airport as well as Skokie



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Following a brief but intense storm the afternoon of Aug. 2, Russell Rosa clears away a big tree branch from his home near Oakton Street and Tripp Avenue.

before moving out over Lake Michigan.

Latrice Moreno cleared away tree debris from her vehicle when the skies quieted after the brief storm.

These tree branches could have fallen on a car," she said. "They could have fallen on someone inside a car or caught outside. If clearing away some tree

branches is the worst we got, we should consider ourselves lucky."

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Whole Foods employees welcome shoppers to the store opening at 2748 Green Bay Road in Evanston on July 29.

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Third Whole Foods store opens in Evanston

BY BOB SEIDENBERG
Pioneer Press

Evanston resident Kelly Marcelle, a shopper at the Dominick's Finer Foods store at 2748 Green Bay Road before it closed, was one of the many who got her first look on July 29 at the new Whole Foods store that has taken its place.

"The minute I walked in, it just felt so open and spacious," she said, opening her arms to emphasize the point. "This is amazing."

Marcelle joined hundreds who gathered in the parking lot before the store's Evanston grand opening, one of the many people attracted by the band, coffee truck and gift cards to the first 500 customers.

Whole Foods officials didn't cut a ribbon but instead, according to company tradition, broke chunks off a loaf of bread in what they called a "bread-breaking ceremony," tossing the pieces to the crowd as the store officially opened.

For the city, the event marked the second major supermarket opening officials attended in a week. Evanston officials had gath-

ered the week before to welcome Valli Produce, which opened in another former Dominick's site at Dempster Street and Dodge Avenue in the Evanston Plaza Shopping Center.

Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl welcomed Whole Foods, which now has three stores in Evanston, to the newest spot. Whole Foods officials said the most recent location will employ 221 people, 54 of whom live in Evanston.

The new store clocks in at 53,004 square feet. By comparison, Whole Foods' other Evanston stores, are at 24,000 square feet, for 1111 Chicago Ave., and 33,000 square feet at 1640 Chicago.

The largest store has a number of special features, too, including beer and wine bars, a coffee bar and a sandwich station with in-house smoked meats such as brisket, pork and chicken.

Dan Gordon, store team leader, said a juice bar in the location also offers "smoothie bowls," described as thick and creamier smoothies, served with fruit and nut toppings.

Randi Schwartz, a Deerfield resident, and Jasmine Hauser, of



Evanston Ald. Jane Grover, 7th, speaks to a crowd at the Whole Foods opening in Evanston.

Wilmette, stopped by the wooden wine bar on the first day.

It was too early to order wine, Hauser said, "But we can study the menu." Schwartz said a group on her block already has planned to have an outing there.

The former Dominick's played an important role in residents' lives, said Ald. Jane Grover, 7th, in whose ward the supermarket is located.

She said that after learning of the store's closing in late 2013, neighbors threw a farewell party

for Dominick's employees, many of whom they had struck up relationships with over the years.

The new store includes large seating areas and several TVs, which Grover said encourages camaraderie.

She said the store should also benefit other nearby businesses.

Whole Foods announced previously it would feature an exclusive beer brewed by Evanston-based Sketchbook Brewing Co.

"We've partnered with local breweries for the last six stores we've opened in the Chicago area and are always excited to see what new beers the brew masters create," said Mike Kilgore, Whole Foods Market's Midwest associate coordinator for store bar venues.

The store also will participate in Whole Foods efforts such as five days of "community giving" in which 1 percent of the day's net sales will go toward North Shore-based organizations including the Evanston Public Library, the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, the Evanston Animal Shelter, the Wilmette Park District and the Winnetka Community House.

Under the company's "One

Dime at a Time" program, customers who bring their own bags for shopping have the option of getting 10 cents per bag off their total or they can donate it to the month's selected charity organization.

When Dominick's was in the location, budget shoppers could shop at both Dominick's and the Jewel grocery a few blocks north in Wilmette. Whole Foods, with organic and specialty items, brings a different dimension to the area, but in some cases, also higher prices.

"You'll probably see people shop at both (Whole Foods and Jewel)," said Jeff Smith, a long-time representative of the Central Street Neighbors Association, an active community group in the area. "You figure out which store items you like."

It's not all that different, he said, than on Chicago Avenue right now, where a Jewel, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods operate in close proximity.

"People really want to have a second grocery store," he said.

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Boy Scouts move to allow gay leaders is overdue

A few years ago, my son got a job at a Boy Scouts summer camp. When he came home, he shared stories about camp and some of the other adult leaders who served as camp counselors or teachers.



RANDY BLASER

with my sons throughout the debate for a couple of reasons. First, I wanted the positive influence Scouting would have on my sons, and second, I

thought it best to work to change policy from within. It seems the strategy has worked.

And here's why I think internal advocacy has had a greater impact than any outside pressure applied by social action groups: The media says the old policy was a ban on adult gay leaders. It never explains a simple fact — If you are a parent or legal guardian of a boy in Scouting, you are an adult leader.

It's less common for Scouts to have strangers stepping forward, applying for jobs as adult leaders and being screened and interviewed for the jobs.

Although that is a procedure for paid positions, it's not the case at the individual troop level, where the real interaction between Boy Scouts and adult leaders occurs.

Basically, the adult leaders

One of them, he told us, was gay, and it wasn't a big deal.

Of course, if he admitted he was gay, it would have been a big deal because, at the time, gay adult leaders were banned from Boy Scouts.

That policy came to a rather quiet end last week when Robert Gates, former U.S. defense secretary and current president of Boy Scouts of America, announced the end to that ban.

Over the years, I've seen this issue tear apart local Scouting communities and the local service organizations that fund them. I've seen families quit Boy Scouts and join other groups over the issue. And I've seen community groups stop funding local Boy Scout troops because of it.

I decided to stay in Scouting



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

In this June 28 file photo, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts prepare to lead marchers while waving rainbow-colored flags at the 41st annual Pride Parade in Seattle, two days after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide.

most Boy Scouts deal with on a regular basis are the moms and dads of the other boys in their troop or den.

Over the years, society has changed to the point where it is more and more likely that a boy coming into Scouting might have two moms or two dads. That

simple fact under the ban would have put local Scout leaders in the position of denying a mom or dad the opportunity to spend time with their son at meetings, merit badge workshops and camping trips.

I don't think that was going to happen.

So policy change or not, gay adult leaders was going to happen.

There is a need to protect young people from sexual predators and pedophiles. As we have all learned over the years, homosexuality does not equate with pedophilia or other sexual deviance any more than heterosexuality does.

And anyone's sexual orientation, sex in any shape or form has no place in Scouting. It just isn't appropriate.

So the idea that a gay leader might start teaching Scouts about being gay is just nonsense. It's inappropriate for leaders to talk about sexuality at all.

Finally, adult leaders are offered training in youth protection, so we are on the lookout for behavior, talk and activity that is inappropriate with Scouts.

Scouting is about developing leadership and outdoor skills for boys.

For years, we've been teaching boys to treat everyone equally and fairly. And now it is happening.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Could physical currency be on its way out in the U.S.?



PAUL SASSONE

The love of debit cards is the root of all evil ...

Admittedly, that doesn't have the biblical heft of the original quotation. But it may become more accurate.

A few weeks ago, we all huffed in impotent outrage at Chase bank's announcement that it would no longer count coins for customers. But not being able to get our coins counted at the bank might just be the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the future of currency.

There is a movement advocating the elimination of coins. Argu-



LM OTERO/AP

In this 2013 file photo, freshly-cut stacks of \$100 bills make their way down the line at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Western Currency Facility in Fort Worth, Texas.

ments in favor are buttressed by the U.S. Mint's own figures. It costs the government 1.7 cents to make a penny and 8 cents to make a nickel, according to a 2014 Washington Post report. In 2013, taxpayers were losing \$105 million each year to produce pennies and nickels.

But coins aren't the only issue when it comes to currency. Is currency — real, cash money — on its way out?

A 2014 study by Bankrate.com found that 40 percent of Americans carry less than \$20 in cash. And that 9 percent carry no cash at all. What people are using to

pay for even small purchases is debit cards, credit cards or some other form of mobile technology.

Last year, shoppers used plastic for 29 percent for all point-of-sale purchases, according to the market research firm of Javelin Strategy and Research. That number is predicted to rise to 33 percent by 2017.

The firm states that last year, 27 percent of all point-of-sale purchases were made with cash. It projects that number will drop to 23 percent by 2017. It goes on to state that 66 percent of all in-person sales involve the use of plastic, of which 31 percent are by debit card.

The direction seems to be to a cashless society.

Some countries are well on the way. The Christian Science Monitor ran a story a few years ago about Sweden which it called an

electronic payment-based economy.

Even church donations are made by swiping credit cards. Swedes claim that crime has gone down — less cash available, less crime.

Is this America's future? Maybe. But if so, the transformation might take some time. While more Americans use less cash, we still appear to want currency to be available even if we don't use it as much.

For example, a 2014 YouGov/Huffington Post poll found that while 34 percent of those polled favor eliminating the penny, 51 percent are against killing the coin.

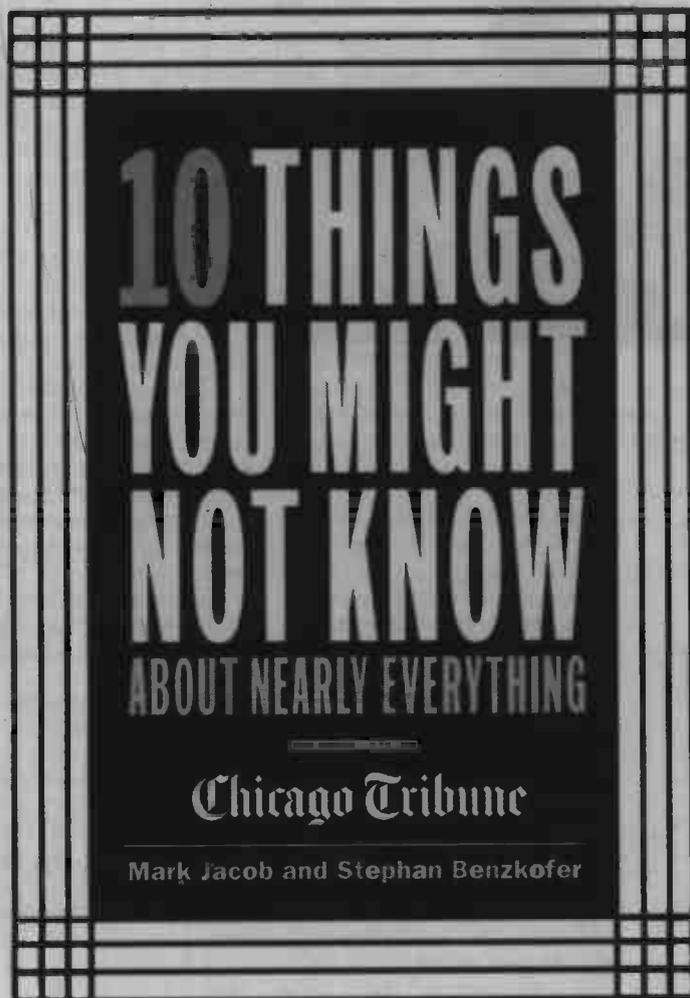
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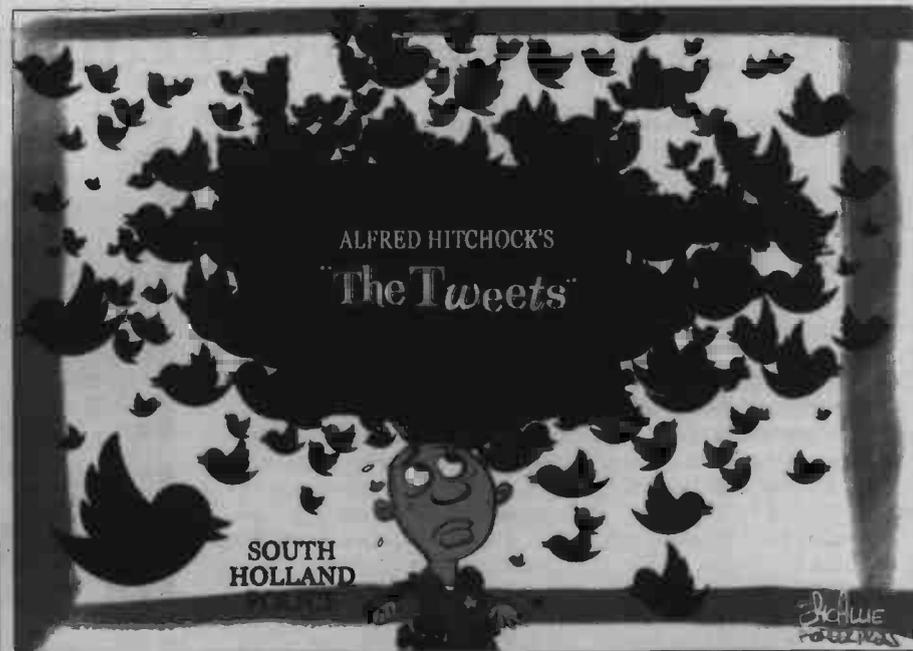
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ditka's son should get jail time

On Mike Ditka's son: I read the item in last week's Buffalo Grove Countryside and am extremely concerned.

I guess being the son of a famous father entitles one to certain benefits, including only getting your

wrist slapped when being afool of the law.

This concerns me because the younger Mr. Ditka lives in Deerfield and I live in Buffalo Grove. Who knows? On his next DUI he's likely to run into me.

I think the judges are being too kind to Mr. Ditka and should spend some time locked up. But I guess he and "da coach" have some great attorneys.

— Roger Gorlicki, Buffalo Grove

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Jack's was like 'home' for customers, employees

Jack's Restaurant on Touhy Avenue, an institution in Skokie for the last 50 years, is closing its doors for good in August.

The employees, the working family of Jack's, have labored here for 20 to 30 years. The customers, Jack's other family, have been eating at the restaurant for generations. The customers know the waitresses, busboys and cooks

by name. Jack and George, the father and son owners of Jack's, know their customers.

Jack's has been the go-to-place for politicians, actors, gangbangers, ministers, priests and rabbis; for families, kids, for the bride and groom still in their wedding attire. Jack's has been the place to go for a quiet cup of coffee, a sandwich, a bowl of soup, a salad and con-

versation with someone from the Jack's family who cares, who listens.

Now the end is near. All the customers will have to find a new home, but it won't be the same. The employees will be looking for a new home, too. But none will be the same as that very special place called Jack's.

— Kathy Sugars, Skokie

Preventing USPS mishaps

In my last column, I mentioned how I was freaking out because a bunch of my son's bar mitzvah invitations that I handed to a lady at the post office had never gotten to their destinations. I ended up contacting most of the people on our guest list and found several more who had not received the invitation. And while most guests received their invitation a few days after I mailed them, I also had numerous guests, who live close by, who did not receive their invites for almost two weeks. Oy! How could this have happened? I decided to call up the post office to figure out this mystery.

First, I told my story to a really nice gentleman who asked me a few questions in order to find out what went wrong.

"What color were the envelopes, ma'am?" was his first question. "I hope you didn't use blue because that's the hardest color for the computer to read."

"Um ... well, I used this really fabulous, two-toned, muted blue color," I said. "But it was certainly not too dark."

"And how about the ink color?" the man asked. Apparently black or red ink on a blue envelope is also difficult for the computer to read.

I told him I used a cool black. It was also very large and thick and was extremely legible. Furthermore, I got the envelope from an incredible company that, I'm sure, would not be using these amazing envelopes if they weren't getting to their destinations.

And, when I handed a huge pile of blue envelopes to an actual person, shouldn't someone have put them in a "sort-by-person" pile and not the "sort-by-computer" pile?

The post office man put me in touch with Sean Hargadon, a really helpful customer relations coordinator in the corporate communications office for



SUSAN DUBIN

the post office in order to investigate further and help the readers of this column on any future mailing endeavors.

First, what's the deal with colored envelopes? Should they be avoided and why?

"Envelopes in different colors are OK to mail," Hargadon said. "The key thing to remember is that the ink must be legible against the background color of the envelope. That's why it's important to use black ink for printing purposes, so the letters and numbers can be read easily even on a different colored background."

Next, are labels read easily by the machine?

"Standard white and clear labels can be used on an invitation and can be read by the machine provided the font is legible and ink reads well," Hargadon said.

And what about the shape of the envelope?

"Shape does matter in terms of postage," Hargadon said. "A standard letter envelope is used for many different types of mailings and costs the price of one first-class stamp to mail. Larger sizes and different shaped sizes can affect the price of postage. For those inquiries, customers can go online to usps.com or talk with the retail associates at the local post office about specific details."

Last, Hargadon gave a list of additional invitation tips:

- A well-addressed envelope is important. Did you know mail is sorted on high-speed automated equipment as fast as 35,000 pieces an hour? The machines "read" the addresses, so it's important to print or write clearly. If there is an apartment number, be sure

to include it on the same line as the street address. The last line in the address should include the city, the two-letter abbreviation for the state and the ZIP code.

- Avoid mailing invitations that are bumpy because of thickness or uneven contents. This can jam processing machines and/or damage the invitation.

- Whether you dress your invitation in a traditional style or use more flamboyant papers and embellished envelopes, take care with the most important accessory — the address. Provide a complete return and delivery address, including apartment number, on each envelope.

- The delivery address should be typed or printed clearly and parallel to the longest side of the letter so the address is legible from an arm's length away.

- The return address must contain the complete address of the sender, including the ZIP code, in the upper left corner of the envelope. Only one return address may be used, and it must be located so it does not affect either the clarity of the destination address or the application of service labels and notations, such as postmarks.

- Be sure to use first-class postage on all your invitations.

- You can confirm ZIP Codes easily at www.usps.com by clicking on "Find a ZIP Code" on the navigation bar.

Well, although I'll never know exactly what happened to some of those invitations, especially since I did follow all the aforementioned rules, I will definitely make sure my son uses plain, white envelopes for his thank-you cards!

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Top cabaret artists sing the blues

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Pioneer Press

Billie Holiday, whose touching voice and tragic life made her a legend of the jazz world, is being honored on the centennial of her birth as part of the Ladies Sing the Blues II concert at the Skokie Theater.

The cabaret-style production initially opened with eight singers at Davenport's Piano Bar on Milwaukee Avenue April 6 and repeated on Holiday's actual birthday April 7. It was so successful that when it was presented at the Skokie Theater June 12, the show was sold out. The Aug. 13 show is an encore, giving Lady Day's fans another chance to remember her. A few of the cast members have changed, bringing new voices to the mix.

The ladies singing the blues in this production will be Amy Armstrong, Elaine Dame, Kimberly Gordon, Jasondra Johnson, Frieda Lee, Liz Mandeville, Tecora Rogers and Jeannie Tanner.

"For me it all starts with the music," said Daryl Nitz, the show's director. He worked for a year on the production celebrating the singer's 100th birthday year, searching through Holiday's vast repertoire. "She recorded 588 songs, often recording the same song many times during her career. I selected 40 that I thought would work for this show."

Next came the casting. "People tell me that I am good at matching people to a song, and I think that is true," he said. "So I offered my list of 40 to some of the finest cabaret singers in town. They told me what they wanted to sing and we finally ended up with 24 songs in the show."

Tacoma Rogers speaks frankly about the reason she is drawn to Holiday. "It's not only her music," she said. "It's her life. My sister Juanita was 10 years older than me. She loved to sing and play the piano. She wanted to be a singer, and many things that happened to Billie happened to her. She struggled with drugs, she was taken advantage of, she suffered from racism. She's deceased now. So when I sing Billie's songs, I guess I am really singing about my sister too."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jeannie Tanner performs during the Billie Holiday Centennial show at Davenport's Piano Bar. Tanner also performs in the show Aug. 13 at the Skokie Theater.



LAINE DAME PHOTO

Elaine Dame will perform Billie Holiday's "You're My Thrill" and "The Blues Are Brewin'" for Ladies Sing the Blues II.

Rogers' numbers are "Easy Living" and "Pennies From Heaven."

Rogers' interests are diverse. She heads an 11-member gospel group that she is taking to Russia in the fall while also earning her Ph.D. at DePaul University in African-American religious history and culture. Her goal is to

create a program for African-American males ages 10 to 12 years old. "Singing is my joy and I believe we should use our gifts," she said. "But you can get lost in that whole show business thing, like Billie, like my sister."

Elaine Dame is singing "The Blues Are Brewin'" and "You're My Thrill."



JOHN MANNING PHOTO

Singer Tecora Rogers feels a personal connection to the music.

"I recorded 'Thrill' on my CD 'Come Love,'" she said, noting that this will be first time she has taken part in this show. "It really is a thrill to work with such great singers."

The Elaine Dame Quintet plays at the Uptown Underground, 4707 N. Broadway from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday nights, and she will take

Ladies Sing the Blues II

What: Billie Holiday Centennial Birthday Celebration
When: 8 p.m. Aug. 13
Where: Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie
Cost: \$32
Information: 847-677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com

part in the Chicago Jazz Fest, which runs Sept. 3-6 in the Chicago Cultural Center and Millennium Park.

Jasondra Johnson will sing "Strange Fruit," the haunting song about lynching.

"She'll follow it with a Fats Waller medley," Nitz explained. "Ain't Misbehavin,' 'I Can't Give You Anything But Love,' and 'It's a Sin to Tell a Lie.'"

Frieda Lee, who has performed in all three shows, will sing "A Fine Romance" and "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," as well as "Tain't Nobody's Business" with Rogers. A choral conductor and vocal coach with the Chicago Public Schools, Lee will guide the singers in the final number, Holiday's own song, "God Bless the Child."

Jeannie Tanner, a well-known Chicago-based jazz singer and composer, also is doing the show for the third time. She will sing Johnny Green's "Body and Soul" as well as "Promise Me the Moon," a song of her own composing. "Billie recorded so many songs with 'moon' in the title," she said. Among them are "Moonlight in Vermont," "What a Little Moonlight Can Do," "Blue Moon," "Moon Glow," and "I Wished on the Moon."

"So Daryl asked me if I would compose a song with 'moon' in the title," she continued. "I had a something in the works and that's the one I'll be singing."

Tanner has been a full time musician for the last seven years, including writing music for television. She heads the Jeannie Tanner Quartet, which plays regularly around the Chicago area.

"The people producing 'Ladies Sing the Blues' are really great," Tanner said. "And the acoustics in the Skokie Theatre are fantastic. We love working there."



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YouTube superstar MattyB raps at North Shore Center

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

Twelve-year-old rapper MattyB (aka Matthew David Morris) became an overnight sensation five years ago when his debut video, a cover of Justin Bieber's "Eenie Meenie," racked up 500,000 YouTube views within 24 hours.

Since then, the clean-cut, tween-friendly Georgia native has continued to achieve phenomenal success on YouTube, with five million subscribers and more than two billion cumulative views. He has also embarked on a successful concert career, including an upcoming Aug. 9 performance at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts in Skokie.

We caught up with him on the road for a few quick questions about his music, his goals and how he feels about being compared to Bieber.

Q: How long have you been performing?

A: About five years. I've been making videos for five years and performing live shows for two years.

Q: What made you realize you wanted to do this?

A: My cousin Marshall (Manning) was a rapper and I was always asking him to help me make a video. So, finally, he put me on YouTube and it went viral overnight — with half a million views. So, we just kept doing it.

Q: Half a million views overnight?

A: Yes sir, it was just crazy. Because he was a rapper and he'd put me on there just for fun. And it just blew up.

I was really excited because I thought only my family would see my videos and it ended up being more like the whole world



MATTYB PHOTO

Rapper MattyB, 12, performs at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

MattyB

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did. That was really great.

Q: Do you enjoy recording and performing?

A: Yes, but performing, mainly. That's the best part. I love doing live shows. I love seeing all my fans. They're amazing. I love the energy level when I walk on stage and everyone's screaming. It's just great.

Q: Speaking of that, who do you see as your main audience? Who are you trying to reach?

A: Mainly, it's young girls, but we have all different ages.

Q: What are you trying to achieve with your music? Is it true that one of your goals is presenting a more wholesome

image for rap?

A: Yes sir. I've always loved rap music, but a lot of the rap nowadays is really dirty. So a lot of kids my age can't listen to it. I like the idea of keeping it clean so kids my age can listen to good rap.

Q: Do people ever compare you with Justin Bieber, since he also started out very young on YouTube?

A: Yeah, they do a lot. But I think that's good because he started out the same way and now he's really big.

Q: Can you see yourself in the future being in that sort of position, with that sort of fame and all that goes with it? How do you think you'd feel about that?

A: I like the idea of being very well known for the music part. But not the bad part...

Q: You mean with all the trouble he's had and the paparazzi and all that other stuff?

A: Yes. But the music part would be cool.

PEOPLE

Spotlight: What people in the arts are up to

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

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

Luke's in "Love": La Grange native Luke Michael Grimes is in the cast of The New Colony's world premiere production of Mr. Margaret Svetlove's, "Stanley in the Name of Love." Grimes is an ensemble member with First Floor Theatre and has appeared in shows at Goodman Theatre, Victory Gardens Theater, Red Orchid Theatre, Writers Theatre and About Face Theatre. Performances run through Aug. 29 at the Den Theatre. For tickets, visit www.thenewcolony.org.

Most wanted: A crime wave hit the Wilmette Theatre stage on Aug. 1 and 2 when students in Actors Training Center's Musical Theatre Intensive presented "Bonnie & Clyde the Musical." The cast included Wilmette residents Lucas Alcantara, Logan Aldrich, Madi Hart, Liam Oh, Reilly Oh, Maliha Sayed and Cameron Wise. Evanston residents in the show were Elizabeth Baker, Colleen Daugherty, Eloise Lushina and Seth Steinberg. Winnetka residents were Frankie Nayman, Gracie Nayman and Faith Steinman. Also performing were Megan Delaney (Western Springs), Sammie Landau (Buffalo Grove), AJ Milanias (Libertyville), Logan Scofield (Oak Park), Jaden Levine (Northbrook), Katherine Melulis (Glencoe), Jacob Simon (Deerfield), Megan Wilcox (Park Ridge) and Isabel Koleno (Lake Forest).

Timely topics: Author Glen Shuld's (a pen name) "The Color of Character"



RILEY O'DAY PHOTO

The cast of "Bonnie and Clyde" performs. The show ran at the Wilmette Theatre.

centers around his growing up in Skokie and Evanston Jewish and gay, as well as race relations. It's available on amazon.com.

They've got your number: If you're game you can play Bingo, eat dinner and mingle with actors at the interactive dinner-theater show, "We Gotta Bingo" at Chicago Theater Works. It's produced by Bill Collins of Elmwood Park. Cast members include Skokie resident Jane Allyson-D'Arienzo and Michael Tatar of Evanston. For tickets, visit wegottabingo.com.

Here comes a hero: A Latin superhero comes to the rescue in Juan Francisco Villa's "Don Chipotle," being presented by terraNOVA Collective and the Playground Theater, Aug. 25-Sept. 27 at the Storefront Theater. Glenview native Isabel Quintero is on that magical adventure. She has performed with Goodman, Lifeline, Steppenwolf, Victory Gardens, and Teatro Vista. Quintero used to be a DJ on the highest rated Spanish language radio program in Miami-Ft. Lauderdale. Visit tix.com for tickets.



LUKE GRIMES PHOTO

La Grange native Luke Grimes

Killer cast: Libertyville native Michael Joseph Mitchell, Oak Park native Ryan Kitley and Evanston resident Mark Ulrich are three of the four cast members in "Assassination Theater: Chicago's Role in the Crime of the Century" by Hillel Levin, Aug. 11-Nov. 7, at the Museum of Broadcast Communications. Director Kevin Christopher Fox is an Oak Park resident. The show, based on secrets revealed by retired FBI agents, posits that the Chicago mob killed President John F. Kennedy. For tickets, visit assassination-theater.com.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Exotic animal meet and greet at Niles Library

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Beth Wagner has been connecting kids with exotic animals for over 25 years. You can expect your children to have exciting creature encounters when the owner of Scales & Tales Traveling Zoo visits Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., 2-3 p.m., Aug. 9.

"I sit the children in a circle and I take the animals out one at a time," Wagner said. "Everybody's going to get a chance to touch and hold and even wear animals."

Kids will have some unusual experiences at this library event.

"We're going to bring an anteater you can walk by the tail, an owl that flies, a pig that eats like a vacuum cleaner and chinchillas you can wear," Wagner said.

Several other animals will visit, including a two-toed sloth.

"It's entertaining for all ages," Wagner said. "You get to interact with animals you never get to meet up close."

Pick up free tickets 30 minutes before the program in KidSpace.

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

Here come the sharks

Your kids, ages 3-12, can join a Shark Week Celebration, 4-4:45 p.m., Aug. 10-Aug. 14 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. They can drop-in any of those days to do shark-themed crafts and play shark-themed games.

For details, call (708) 867-7828 or go to eisenhowerlibrary.org.



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An owl will be among the animal visitors when Scales and Tales comes to the Niles Public Library Aug. 9.

Moving music

The Great Chicago Kid-die Express Train Company will take kids on trackless train rides at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa in Niles, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 7. Meanwhile, the Juke Box Band will play pop tunes, classic rock, blues, country and jazz. Food will be available for purchase.

For details, call (847) 967-6633 or go to www.niles-parks.org.

Get your money's worth

Bring your old coins and paper money to the World's Fair of Money, Aug. 11-Aug. 15 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Your family will

see such treasures as a rare nickel that is worth \$2.5 million. Admission is \$6 for adults; free for children 12 and under. There is complimentary admission for everyone on Free Appraisal Day, Saturday.

For details, go to www.money.org/worlds-fairmoney.

On your mark...

School starts soon so get your first-timers prepared at Get Ready, Get Set...Kindergarten! 1-2 p.m., Aug. 12 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. There will be stories and games and a surprise guest. Kids must be accompanied by a grownup.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or go to www.skokiellibrary.info.

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SUBURBAN COOKS

Apples to apples

Baker shares her award-winning pie recipe

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

There are not too many people who can say they grew up on a farm, but there are even fewer who can say they grew up in the middle of an apple orchard like Naperville resident Kay Slocumb.

"The whole time I was growing up, we had lots of apples," Slocumb said. The farm was northwest of Schererville, Indiana, and offered both picked and pick-your-own apples. Slocumb recalled working in the orchard with her two brothers. "We picked apples for other people, but we also picked up apples that had blown out of the tree to make apple cider," she said. "We grew all different varieties."

As one might expect, the family enjoyed gallons of apple cider, dozens of apple pies and many other apple dishes. "My mother [Esther Hilbrich] was a terrific baker and my dad liked his desserts, and we had plenty of apples," Slocumb said.

So when Slocumb heard that the Naperville Heritage Society was looking for contestants for the apple pie contest during the annual Hometown Picnic last year, she decided to enter.

"I broke my foot last Fourth of July so I couldn't golf," said Slocumb, who started golfing when she was a child on the farm. "So to keep busy, I decided I would make a pie."

Slocumb based her pie on a recipe she found in a pie and pastry cookbook that she got as a wedding shower gift many years ago. She always makes her own crust.

"I use ice water in my crust and try to add the least amount of water that I can. I think the smaller the amount of water, the flakier the crust," she said. She chose to top the pie with a crumb topping instead of a crust, which added both texture and sweetness to the pie. She also used a variety of apples.

"I used Granny Smith because they are really tart and firm. Then I also added Braeburn and Pink Ladies because they have great flavor," Slocumb said. "Good pies have a mix of apples. There

should be some for juice, some for texture and some for flavor."

She hand flutes her crust by placing two fingers on the rim of the pie pan and pushing the thumb of her other hand between them to make a scallop.

Slocumb nestled her pie in a large round pasta bowl to protect the crust. "I thought there was no way that I would win," she said. "There were some beautiful apple pies at the picnic when I went to drop mine off. But I wanted to enter because I have this affinity for apples."

She was surprised that she won first place. "My mom would have been proud," she said with a grin.

Now retired, Slocumb enjoys baking and cooking when she isn't golfing, volunteering at Naper Settlement, playing piano or traveling. She and her husband Frank have taken several trips with Overseas Adventure Travel.

"The interesting thing about traveling with this company is that it is more of a cultural exchange and there is always a home-hosted meal one day during the trip," she said.

She has tried upside down chicken in Jordan, home-cured stuffed prosciutto in Dubrovnik, Croatia, and guinea pig in Machu Picchu, Peru. "Guinea pig is a special meal for guests and we all tried it but, well, it is always interesting to try what people feel is a special meal."

Slocumb's idea of a special meal usually includes dessert.

"My mom was known for her French Pastry, which was really an ooey-goey bar cookie that was crispy on the outside and soft in the middle. I never was able to master that one," she said.

But Slocumb does make her mom's apple cake.

"It's a great cake because it is small and filled with lots of apples. It is very simple and very tasty. My mom made it a lot."

Slocumb shares her apple pie recipe for others to try as apples begin to ripen. She encourages others to enter upcoming apple pie contests and perhaps take home a winning ribbon like she did.

Judy Buchenot is a freelancer.



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

Kay Slocumb works on making her mother's apple cake, a quick and easy recipe with lots of diced apples.

Kay's Apple Pie

CRUST

- 1 1/3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 3-4 tablespoons ice water

1. Place flour, salt and shortening in a bowl and use a pastry cutter to cut into mixture until pea-sized pieces of dough form.
2. Start sprinkling water into mixture, one tablespoon at a time while tossing with a fork. Keep adding water until dough almost cleans the sides of the bowl.
3. Gather up dough into a ball. Roll out on a floured pastry sheet or waxed paper. Lift crust and place into 9-inch pan. Trim crust about 1/2 inch from rim of pan. Turn under this edge and flute.

FILLING

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- dash salt
- 6 cups peeled and thinly sliced apples

1. Place sugar, flour, nutmeg, cinnamon and salt in a bowl and mix. Toss apples in the mixture to coat. Spread mixture into crust.

FRENCH CRUMB TOPPING

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup firm butter
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1. Place flour, butter and brown sugar into a bowl. Use a pastry cutter or fork to cut together until crumbly. Sprinkle over the apple filling. Bake at 425 degrees for 50 minutes. Cover top with foil for the last 10 minutes if the top is getting too dark.

Kay's culinary cue

Use the recipe for a 10-inch pie for a 9-inch crust, which allows plenty of extra dough when rolling out the crust and forming the edges.

Enter your own pie recipe

Think your apple pie recipe is better than Kay's? Why not try entering it in an apple pie contest? There are two opportunities for pie-baking competitions this month. The first is the Naper Settlement's Hometown Picnic on Aug. 8. Pie bakers must pre-register by calling the learning experiences co-coordinator at 630-305-5252. Complete rules can be found at www.napersettlement.org. The second apple pie contest will be part of the Naperville Jaycees Last Fling on Sept. 4-7. Registration is taken 30 minutes before the contest. For the date, time and details, visit www.lastfling.org.

Find more suburban cooks on page 4.

Pack a basket of picnic fun



BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

There's a reason picnics are a summertime staple. They're versatile, relatively easy to prepare and offer a great excuse for getting your family outside and off their screens. Although I can't promise an ant-free picnic, the following tips and activities can help you keep things engaging and hassle-free.

The Essentials

Planning on sitting on the ground? Bring along a blanket that has a waterproof lining or pack an old shower curtain, which can be used as a protective barrier. Skip the paper goods and opt for melamine plates and cups. These shatterproof dishes are sturdier than their paper counterparts and won't buckle or spill so easily. For a touch of elegance, rap flatware in cloth napkins, which can double as placemats.

What to Serve?

For picnic food, just about anything goes. But if you're looking for easy, child-friendly edibles, stick with finger foods that taste good at room temperature. Sub sandwiches, flatbread pizza, and peanut butter and jelly pinwheels are typical crowd-pleasers. So is anything that can be served on a stick.

What to Do?

If you're picnicking at the beach or in a park there's usually no shortage of activities. But if you want some DIY fun, try these easy-to-assemble, portable activities.

Flamingo Ring Toss

- You need:**
- Pool noodles
 - Lawn flamingos
 - Strong packing tape



Flamingo Ring Toss is an easy-to-make picnic game with pool noodles and lawn flamingoes.

Directions:

- Make pool noodle rings by connecting the ends of each noodle with heavy-duty packing tape.
- Place flamingoes in the lawn as desired. You might want to assign different points to each flamingo based on its distance and accessibility.

To play:

- Players take turns tossing their rings onto the flamingoes.

Blanket Boggle

You need:

- Blanket
- Card stock or heavy duty paper
- Markers
- Velcro tape
- Timer or hourglass

Directions:

- Write one letter on each piece of cardstock and then stick a small piece of Velcro (rough side up) on the back the card.
- Place nine pieces of Velcro (soft side up) on your blanket spaced to accommodate nine cardstock

letters.

To play:

- Designate one person to randomly place nine letters on the blanket. As in traditional boggle, players race to come up with as many words as possible using the letter combinations on the blanket. The person or team with the most words wins.

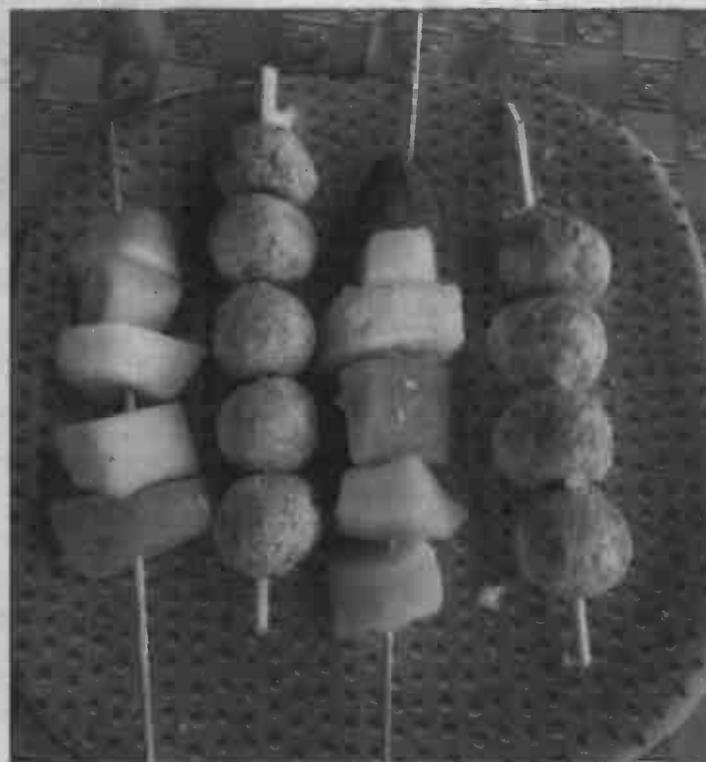
Foam Dice Top It!

You need:

- Foam dice (Buy foam dice via Amazon, at a teacher supply store or consider making your own with Styrofoam cubes and paint)
- Gummy fish (pennies, bottle caps, or poker chips also work)

To play:

- Each player has 2-3 dice. Players roll their dice at the same time and each player or team adds their dice together. The player or team with the highest number wins a fish. Continue playing until fish are gone or lunch is ready.



Any food you can put on a stick is ideal picnic fare.

Beekeeper educates people about honey

By Judy Buchenot
Beacon-News

When Oswego resident Ed Bell was 12 years old, he enjoyed reading the Foxfire series of books, which recorded the traditional folk culture in Appalachia from building log cabins to faith healing.

"I really liked the story about beekeeping and always wanted to try keeping bees, but my family moved around too much for me to try it," he said.

The interest in beekeeping was forgotten as Bell pursued his doctorate in education and started a 27-year career in university administration. Then came a series of events that allowed Bell to think about making a career change. "I decided to start riding the green wave and be part of the food chain," said Bell, 53. "I started working with bees about nine years ago."

Today his company, Belfry Bees and Honey, sells honey and offers educational classes related to honey.

"We have around 150 to 160 hives at 19 sites," Bell said. "I have developed a great relationship with area farmers who welcome bees. All of our bees are kept on USDA certified organic properties."

Each hive produces between 40 to 120 pounds of honey for harvest.

"We leave between 60 to 80 pounds of honey for the bees to have to survive the winter," he said. Bell sells most of the harvested honey at area farm stands and farmers markets, including markets in Aurora and Geneva.

"I have seen a real growth in hobbyist beekeeping," Bell said. "It is simple enough that anyone can do it provided their city ordinances allow it." He teaches classes about honey and the art of beekeeping at several area locations, including SciTech in Aurora. He will be part of the free Aug. 23 event at the Conservation Foundation's Dickson-Murst Farm at 1550 Dickson Road in Montgomery.

Bell is buzzing with honey information. "Honey is actually a mixture of a variety of sugars. The bee does an amazing job of taking nectars, adding enzymes and making honey. We can tell what is in honey but we don't know the secret recipes."

He points out that honey is about 25 percent sweeter than processed sugar, which means less can be used. Honey is also easier to digest than sugar.

"Personally, I use honey as a general sweetener. I drizzle it on salads and fish. I mix it up with some other ingredients for a steak sauce. I also use it in my coffee, which surprises people who thought honey should only be used in tea."

One of the perks of being a beekeeper is that he has access to capped honeycomb, which is unprocessed honey straight from the hive.



JUDY BUCHENOT/BEACON-NEWS

Ed Bell checks out one of the frames from one of his more than 150 hives at area farms.

"It is very impressive to place a capped honeycomb on a cheese platter right next to the Brie and prosciutto ... delicious," Bell said. He does sell some capped honeycomb at The Garden Faire in Oswego.

Buying honey from a local beekeeper is preferable, Bell said.

"First, you know where your honey is coming from and you know it is made with local pollens, which some people claim helps them deal with allergies," Bell said. "Local honey helps support the local economy and most local honey is raw, which means there is little or no processing unlike the big companies."

The color of honey comes from the flower nectars, Bell said.

"My honey is wildflower honey but

there are some varieties like buckwheat honey, which is almost black," Bell said.

He also pointed out that honey that is crystallized has not gone bad. The jar just needs to be gently warmed in hot water to turn back into a liquid state. The honey only needs to be about 100 degrees to be liquid.

Bell said honey can be used in many ways. "Honey is great mixed with soy sauce," noted Bell, who said the sweet flavor complements the saltiness of the soy sauce. He thins honey with soy sauce, adds a little hot sauce and marinates chicken legs and thighs in the mix. He then bakes the chicken in the oven or grills it at low heat.

"The honey caramelizes on the skin of

Honey Orange Salmon

- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 1/2 teaspoons water
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 egg whites
- 2 tablespoons cumin seed
- 2 tablespoons whole coriander
- 2 tablespoons fennel seeds
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 4-ounce salmon fillets, skin on

1. First make the glaze by whisking together orange juice, honey, lemon juice and ginger in a nonreactive pan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat.

2. Mix cornstarch and water in a separate bowl. Add to pan and simmer one to two minutes, stirring constantly as mixture thickens. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm.

3. Whisk egg whites in a shallow bowl until they are foamy. Place cumin seed, coriander and fennel in an electric spice grinder or blender. Blend until spices form a coarse powder. Place on a shallow plate.

4. Dip the flesh side of the salmon in egg whites and then into the spice mixture. Heat oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Place the salmon skin side up and spice side down in the pan. Fry about five minutes or until a crust forms. Flip the fillets and cook about five more minutes until fish is tender. Place crust side up on a serving plate. Drizzle glaze over fillets before serving.

Ed's Culinary Cue

Honey is sold by weight, not volume. One cup is about 12 ounces by weight, so if a recipe calls for a cup of honey, you will need to buy 12 ounces of honey.

the chicken and it is so good," he said.

Bell noted that honey recipes are popping up everywhere. There is even a recipe for peanut butter honey play dough that can be found at the website for the National Honey Board. Bell shares one of his favorite recipes using honey for others to try.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

How to deal with a hacked email account

Want to know a secret? Help Squad has a mother and she has consumer issues, too.

In fact, Help Squad Mom recently called requesting assistance with a problem: her email had been hacked and her account suspended. As a dutiful daughter and run-of-the-mill consumer (not a Help Squad columnist), I contacted AT&T technical support on her behalf. This wound up being a two-and-a-half-hour odyssey that began via online chat with an offshore AT&T technical support representative (while Mom listened to and followed instructions read to her via speaker phone), transitioned to a phone call with the same rep and ultimately concluded with an escalation to a U.S.-based tier 2 technical support representative.

Tier 1 support determined that if Mom could just reset her password, she would be back in business. This was easier said than

done, however, for in order to reset a password, one must first remember the answer to one's security question and also have a functional email or cell number to which a new temporary password can be sent. These were stumbling blocks 1 and 2. Though Mom was able to guess the answer to the security question she set up 10 years ago, the secondary email she included was no longer in use, and its associated password had long been forgotten.

As the password for the secondary email address could not be ascertained, the password for the hacked email account could not be reset. AT&T tier 1 support finally gave up and escalated me to tier 2 support.

At this point, the tier 2 rep cut right to the chase. Rather than spending any more time on the secondary account, he got right to investigating the details of the initial, suspended account. And



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Help Squad

guess what was discovered? Due to security risk, the hacked email had been permanently suspended — it would never be re-enabled, even if the password challenge could somehow be conquered!

So what did we learn from this time-consuming and somewhat stress-inducing exercise?

■ Be sure your email account has a unique password that includes a combination of upper- and lower-case letters, numbers and symbols so it cannot be easily deciphered.

■ Update your account's security questions — and be sure to re-

member the answers!

■ Make sure you have an operational secondary email address, as well as a text-enabled phone number associated with your account for password reset and other account communications.

■ If your email is hacked, ask upfront if your account has been permanently suspended. It's not clear whether you will receive a definitive answer, but it's worth inquiring. When Help Squad put this question to AT&T's senior public relations manager Phil Hayes, he said simply: "We strive to resolve every customer problem as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. Our front-line customer service representatives are able to troubleshoot and resolve the vast majority of phone calls made to technical support."

Hayes also offered the following if an account has been compromised:

■ Notify contacts using an al-

ternate email address to warn them not to open anything from your compromised address.

■ Create a new email address. It's best to start fresh if you can.

■ Keep records of every activity tied to your email account.

■ Keep browsers updated. This is the simplest, most effective way to protect all your information.

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PETS/ANIMALS

Ghostowl the cat getting a name in art restoration

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

There's a term making the rounds in the world of art restoration: Ghost Owl.

As in, "Let's Ghost Owl this painting."

The expression can be traced to an 8-year-old cat — Ghostowl — owned by Katy Gallagher, the coordinator at Restoration Division, a fine arts conservator in Chicago.

Ghostowl was a rescue, adopted from the River Grove Animal Hospital. She was about 4 months old and had been found living in a trash can.

"Since she hadn't had any human contact before that point, she is basically feral," Gallagher says. "I have friends and family who have never seen her. We have a very close relationship, but she doesn't permit anyone else, not even my husband, to pet her. She is very beautiful and kind of looks like an owl. That and her elusive quality gave her the name."

It was a work discussion a couple of years back that launched Ghostowl to fame.

"We were trying to brainstorm. Should we buy an X-ray for the studio? It'd be very useful to us," Gallagher says. "But then we asked, Where else would we have access to an X-ray machine?"

X-rays are integral to art restoration. They're a means to learn about a painting — damage, old



KATY GALLAGHER

Ghostowl has lent her name to the world of art restoration.

repairs, materials used, type of paint and sometimes characteristics as specific as its region of origin can be ascertained. All these help determine the age.

After the discussion at work, Gallagher thought of Heal Veterinary Clinic on North Rockwell Avenue in Chicago, where Ghostowl was an occasional patient.

"Because my cat came here, I liked this place," she says.

So the next time Restoration Division needed to have a painting X-rayed, an appointment was made at Heal. The name on the file? Ghostowl, of course. And the name prominently displayed on the top of the X-ray was Ghost Owl.

That was about 2½ years ago. Since then, the term has crept

into the lexicon of Restoration Division employees and clients. It started after a New York antiques and art dealer had an item X-rayed. When he wanted another one done, he said, "Give me the Ghost Owl." The folks at Restoration Division knew exactly what he meant, and it's now part of their vernacular, something they share with their clients, Gallagher says.

Over the last few years, there have been about five Ghost Owl X-rays, none of which Ghostowl was present for. The most recent was in mid-July.

There are no prohibitions against veterinarians using their X-ray machines for such purposes. They bought them; they can use them as they see fit. A vet's X-ray also make more sense than a dental X-ray (too small) or a hospital's (too much paperwork, too little whimsy).

"Probably the most important (reason to X-ray) is to determine if an artwork is a good copy," says Dmitri Rybchenkov, owner and director of Restoration Division. "Take 17th-century Flemish artwork. It never went out of style, and people were always copying them. So you want to determine if you're looking at a copy or an original. You can use UV light to tell the difference between a very old painting and one done in the last 50 to 60 years, but beyond that ..."

And experts know how to interpret what they see.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dmitri Rybchenkov of Restoration Division prepares a painting for X-rays on July 16 at Heal Veterinary Clinic.

"When someone paints from life, you need to see traces of the process," Rybchenkov says. "If it's painted from life, especially in a traditional manner, you can't do it in one sitting without changes. It's inevitable something will be changed, erased, scraped. The surface may seem the same, but it's the stuff inside that tells a copy from an original."

Advanced X-ray techniques were in the news earlier this year when the Mauritshuis museum in The Hague announced that one of its prize paintings, "Saul and David," was a real Rembrandt. For the last half-century, there was doubt about the authenticity of the painting because so much paint had been added during previous restorations. Researchers used X-rays to see through the paint and found that the original pigments were the same as the Dutch master used in the 17th century. The restored "Saul and David" is now the star attraction at an exhibition that runs through

Sept. 13.

The painting done in July, belonging to a private client, represents a religious scene, with the Madonna holding the baby Jesus as another cherubic urchin — presumably John the Baptist — stands nearby.

"It's a late Renaissance piece, severely damaged and restored several times, the last time recently and not very well," Rybchenkov says.

It took only one X-ray for him to reach a verdict.

"It told me the painting was original, because I saw the changes were done when the painting was done," he says. "It allowed me to see the old restorations, which is helpful."

He estimated the painting was done in the second half of the 17th century, maybe the middle of the second half. And now, thanks to Ghostowl, the restoration work can begin.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Miss Rosie

I didn't get along with the other dog in the home, so I am grateful that Save-A-Pet took me in. I am a very sweet girl that loves to have her butt scratched. While many comment on how cute I look with my round face and adorable ears, I am also pretty smart. I know sit, stay and lay down. I walk well on leash and did great with the 1-year old child in the home. I am an easy-going and affectionate dog, ready to love a new family.

This Boston Terrier is about 7 years old, spayed, up-to-date on routine shots and rabies, heartworm negative and on preventative and microchipped.

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In lieu of birthday gifts, husband opts for love letters



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

Choosing a birthday gift for a spouse isn't always easy, especially if he or she is one of those "really hard to buy for" types. The difficult search could have you walking around the mall, wondering if you should go with perfume, a pair of Lululemon pants, an Apple watch or a Bloomingdale's gift card.

But one of my readers solved this problem a long time ago. Goran Mladenovic, of Glenview, doesn't buy his wife, Rolinda, birthday gifts. Instead, he gives her handwritten love letters.

Below are a few passages from Goran's "gift" for Rolinda's Aug. 4 birthday:

The Simple Sight of You

Good morning my Darling. I LOVE YOU and HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

I was just thinking, does an "I love you" on your birthday carry any more weight than it does on every other day of the year? I don't know.

I do know that there was an "I love you" coming your way today anyway, the same as every day before this and the same as every day after.

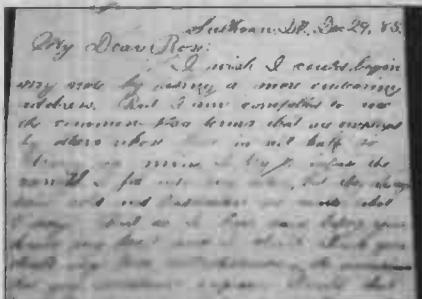
The words are ripped out of me by an irresistible and undeniable force. That same force is capable of constricting my throat in mid-swallow or denying my lungs air in mid-breath. It is capable of diverting my eyes in an instant, while it compels my hands to reach out with urgency and longing.

So, what is the catalyst? What is the trigger? What is the cause that gives birth to this all powerful force? Why, my darling, it is compellingly and wonderfully the simple sight of you.

*Happy Birthday. I love you.
Goran / 2015*

Reading Goran's intimate letter to his wife caused the hair on my arms to stand up straight. The beauty of this heartfelt and passionate letter stems from the amount of time the Mladenovics have been together. Theirs isn't a new relationship consumed with butterflies and lust.

I think it is safe to say that the couple, who have two pre-teen children, have most likely faced adversity during their



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A love letter from Ivory J. Martin to Rose Eden, dated Dec. 29, 1885, was part of the Newberry Library's exhibit "Love on Paper" in January 2015.

time together. But not only have they stood the test of time, they have managed to keep romance and love very much alive.

Sadly, I haven't heard of too many long-term couples who write love letters of this magnitude.

I couldn't resist contacting Mladenovic to ask him what their secret is. What's the key to keeping a marriage healthy enough after many years to write intensely romantic love letters for birthday gifts?

"There is no secret. I just love her and what I write just comes out," Mladenovic said. "It's just how I feel. If you knew what she was like, you'd understand. She's the best. I never feel like I'm giving her anything, but rather that she is bringing it out in me."

Mladenovic said he doesn't think enough men realize that when a young woman dreams of being married, she doesn't picture the day in and day out chores and responsibilities of life, but instead envisions romance.

"She doesn't dream of driving kids around all day, cleaning the house and not having enough time to shower some days," he said. "She dreams of romance, and if a husband loves his wife enough, he will try hard to provide that for her."

If this column has motivated you to write your spouse a love letter, remember this. Lord Byron, Winston Churchill, Edgar Allen Poe and Voltaire are hard acts to follow. But the good news is, no one, including your spouse expects your letter to read like one of theirs. The hardest part of composing a love letter is getting the pen in your hand. Once you begin to put your thoughts on paper, write from the heart and you'll surprise yourself.

Happy birthday Rolinda!

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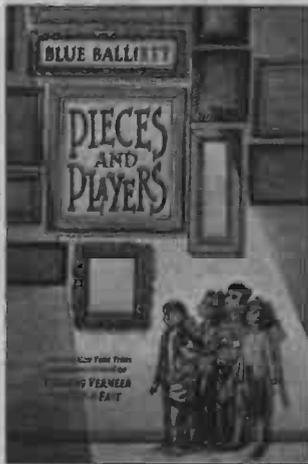
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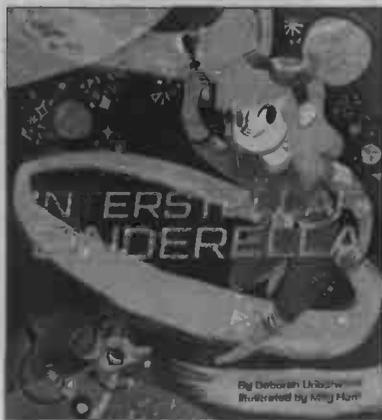


Pieces and Players

By Blue Balliett, Scholastic, 306 pages, \$17.99, ages 8-12

The thieves struck the Chicago art museum at night, making off with 13 works — including a Manet and a Vermeer. How did the villains evade the night guard? And why did they snatch a brass eagle, but leave a Michelangelo? The task of unraveling the mystery falls to five 13-year-old detectives, assembled by a prickly museum trustee who may herself have something to hide. Readers will have to wade through some back story, as the author of “Chasing Vermeer” unites heroes and heroines of previous books, but the preparation pays off. Balliett has a great feel for tween angst; I’ve never read a more convincing passage about the trials of middle school acne. Her characters are just the right combination of awkward and inspired, and their journey into the Chicago art world — complete with a visit to the Chicago Picasso sculpture in Daley Plaza — is full of intriguing twists and turns. Adults are going to be pushing this book on the smart kids — a good move — but one of the pleasures of “Pieces and Players” is that it explores many gifts: the ability to make unlikely friends, to get adults to tell you their secrets, to connect with a work of art. Kids who don’t see themselves as brainiacs, but

should, will find a lot to love in this tale teeming with art and ideas.



Interstellar Cinderella

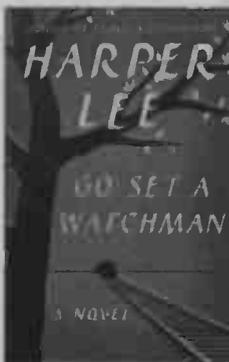
By Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Meg Hunt, Chronicle, 40 pages, \$16.99, ages 3-5

I can’t think of a tougher fairy tale to retell than Cinderella — witness Disney’s pretty but forgettable screen version earlier this year. The idea of sweetness, patience and beauty rewarded by princely love may not be (remotely) modern or egalitarian, but it has a primal power — like Barbie or “The Bachelor” franchise — that defies the forces of progress. Enter Deborah Underwood, who battles the siren call of the glass slipper not with reason alone but also with humor, magic and power tools. Her Cinderella is a whiz with a wrench who can fix any appliance but dreams of a career in spaceship repair. When the prince of the kingdom announces the Royal Space Parade, the wicked stepmother leaves Cinderella with a broken spaceship to repair — and no tools. “My toolbox!” our heroine laments. “We’re stranded here, I guess.” But in true cute sidekick

fashion, her robot mouse, Murgatroyd, sends out a “cosmic SOS” and a fairy godrobot appears. The cheeky retro illustrations — think, the Jetsons’ hipster cousins — perfectly match the can-do spirit of the book, and the ending is laugh-out-loud funny. It’s the perfect antidote to fantasies of princely rescue.

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2. “To Kill A Mockingbird” by Harper Lee (Grand Central, \$8.99)
3. “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing” by Marie Kondo (Ten Speed, \$16.99).
4. “The Girl on the Train: A Novel” by Paula Hawkins (Riverhead, \$26.95).
5. “The Wright Brothers” by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster, \$30).



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The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace

By Jeff Hobbs, Scribner, 419 pages, \$16

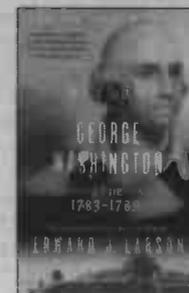
Hobbs explores the life of his former college roommate, who was shot and killed at age 30. Raised by a single mother in a rough neighborhood of Orange, N.J., Peace earned a full scholarship to Yale, graduating with a degree in molecular biophysics and biochemistry, but secretly divided his life between the intellectual and street worlds and became involved in the drug trade.



The Secret Place: A Novel

By Tana French, Penguin, 480 pages, \$17

The Secret Place is a pinboard where the girls at St. Kilda’s boarding school pin secrets anonymously. When someone posts she knows who killed the handsome and popular Chris Harper, detectives Stephen Moran and Antoinette Conway investigate the year-old murder — finding they must navigate their suspicions of each other, the school’s PR-conscience administration and a fellow detective whose daughter attends St. Kilda’s.



The Return of George Washington

By Edward Larson, William Morrow, 367 pages, \$16.99

Larson examines Washington’s life during 1783 to 1789, looking at Washington’s retirement from the Continental Army, domestic life at Mount Vernon and the beginning of his first term as president in 1789. Larson also explores the failed Articles of Confederation, the 1787 Constitutional Convention and Washington’s vital role as the convention’s presider in shaping the federal government.



Prisoners, Lovers, & Spies

By Kristie Macrakis, Yale University, 377 pages, \$20

Macrakis details the impact of invisible writing on history. Macrakis considers examples such as a 5th century BC Persian slave’s tattoo, Ovid’s advice to use milk for secret love notes, Mary Queen of Scots’ invisible ink messages to Catholic supporters and al-Qaeda’s hidden instructions embedded in pornographic movies. The book includes kitchen chemistry recipes for invisible ink.



Panic in a Suitcase: A Novel

By Yelena Akhriorskaya, Riverhead, 309 pages, \$16

The Nasmertov family immigrates to New York and attempts to be American while maintaining their Eastern European culture. A Printers Row Journal review called the book a “valuable addition to the novels capturing the Eastern European immigrant experience... Akhriorskaya has found a bit of grotesque fun in this age-old story.”

— Jeremy Mikula

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

BACK TO SCHOOL

Technology supports engaged learning

Latest stats indicate that more students, parents and educators are turning to digital learning resources than ever before.

From personal mobile devices to electronic communication with teachers and exploration with 3D printers, robotic and specialized labs, area private schools are making cutting-edge technology a priority.

Take a look at a handful of the most exciting, innovative offerings below:

During the summer, Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette converted one of its classrooms into a specialized Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Lab.

"The STEAM Lab opens the door to a more creative environment for the students to learn and grow," Sandy Locher, RDHS mathematics teacher and a former engineer, explains.

The lab will be home to the school's robotics club as well as a 3D printer. Locher stressed the importance of an innovative learning environment for female students who are uniquely motivated by global issues.

"They want to feel like they are helping and improving people's lives," she says. "Whether it is making prosthetic limbs or designing buildings that can survive hurricanes or earthquakes, they want to contribute to a bigger ideal. The STEAM lab will demonstrate how girls can tackle global issues on a local scale."



Students at Regina Dominican High School use various technologies to enhance learning in the classroom.

As part of an ongoing 3D-printer curriculum at North Shore Country Day School (NSCDS) in Winnetka, its 5th grade class has partnered with Over the Rainbow, an Evanston-based organization that supports people with physical disabilities.

Many of the OTR residents are in wheelchairs, and some use Dynavox devices to assist in speaking.

"The residents have a variety of physical disabilities that make daily living significantly more difficult," explains Dani Chung, communications associate for NSCDS. "Working in small groups with their OTR partners, the fifth-grade

students brainstormed ideas for items they could design to make daily tasks easier for the residents."

Patrick Hughes, founder and CEO of Inclusion Solutions, an Evanston organization that helps people with disabilities navigate the world, says he appreciated how the group jumped in to learn more about each other. "I think it was a win-win partnership for everyone."

At Nazareth Academy in LaGrange, students combined scholarship and service while developing Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS). The program,

which originated at Purdue University, connects students with area charitable organizations and provides an innovative outlet to explore engineering solutions.

"We are so lucky to have students who want to make a difference in the world," explains Dr. Roberta Zasadzinski, the Nazareth physics teacher who brought EPICS to the school following a workshop in 2012. "Sometimes they don't see science and engineering as a way to do that, so they shy away from those subjects."

Last year, Zasadzinski's AP Physics class and students participating in an

after-school club partnered with the MidAmerica Service Dog Foundation and Aspire, a human-services nonprofit.

For the 2015-2016 school year, students hope to work with Helping Hand Center, another nonprofit dedicated to those with disabilities. Also on the horizon: weaving EPICS into the school's Environmental Science curriculum.

In Libertyville, students at St. Joseph Catholic School enjoy a bevy of digital tools right at their fingertips. Middle-schoolers each have Chromebooks, and the school regularly uses iPads, Google Apps for Education and PC technologies to teach students 21st-century skills.

"In general, the technology in our building provides teachers and students with tools to create, formatively assess and differentiate instruction," Kelly McMahon, director of technology, says. "Our staff and students find new uses every day."

Whether students are reenacting a novel through movie creation on an iPad, sharing a Google Doc with a teacher to exchange feedback during the writing process or explaining mathematical thinking using screencasting software, students are encouraged to embrace varied tech tools and look for new ways to think critically and creatively.

The school employs a robust technology staff, and it is also home to a media center and Engineering for Kids, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program.

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LFCDS will also host a fall Special Speaker Series featuring two New York Times best-sellers that will be open to the public. On Tuesday, Sept. 29, Dr. Michael Thompson will offer insights on how children can navigate success in school and in life. On Wednesday, Oct. 21, Dr. Ned Hallowell will offer advice on raising happy children. To register, visit lfcds.org/speakerseries.

Tips to keep kids healthy and safe

Back-to-school prep means more than a trip to the office supply store. Help kids stay strong, healthy and safe this school year by putting wellness front and center.

"Thinking about back-to-school now can help parents keep kids on track for a healthy summer and start to school," says Dr. Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

With that in mind, Hassink recommends taking the following steps.

Ease into the school schedule

Ease the back-to-school transition by keeping bedtime and meals scheduled during the summer and adjusting timing as school approaches. If your child has been going to bed later than usual, begin adjusting his or her bedtime earlier toward the end of summer. Depending on age, children and teens

need between 8.5 to 9.5 hours of sleep nightly.

For young children, arranging to see their new classroom and meet their new teacher before school starts can calm first day jitters. Go over the school schedule with your child, including how she will get to school and what the plans are for after school time.

Schedule a pediatric visit

The back-to-school season is a good time for scheduling a pediatric exam. Create a list of items you want to discuss with your child's pediatrician. This list should include ensuring your child is up-to-date on vaccinations, a crucial part of preventive care.

It's a good idea to build a medical home with a pediatrician by sticking with one doctor or medical practice throughout childhood and adolescence.

The doctor will be better informed

of your child's medical history and aware of any emerging problems.

Beyond medical testing, pediatricians are well-equipped to counsel patients and parents on emotional and social issues, as well as issues that often crop up during adolescence, such as smoking, drugs, drinking, sexual activity and depression.

"Parents can ask a pediatrician about anything related to the care of their child or teen, medical or not," says Hassink. "The visit can be a good way to bring up these issues."

Consider sports

Sports can foster confidence, cooperation and healthy habits, and the start of the school year brings many opportunities to join various programs.

Hydration, nutrition and proper conditioning are important for any sport, especially those with intense training in warm weather.

Schedule a sports physical with your pediatrician to discuss your child's overall health and how to prevent injuries.

Talk safety

If your child will be walking to school, travel the route with him to assess its safety. Find out about traffic patterns and crossing guards. Teach your child safety rules like looking both ways.

If possible, have your child commute with an older sibling or neighbor. If your child will be riding a bike or skateboard, be sure he wears a helmet. Review basic rules for safer riding.

Bus riders should also be mindful of safety rules, like remaining in one's seat and listening to the driver.

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Back-to-school means back to the hustle and bustle of carpool, homework and extracurricular activities. It also means a fresh start and exciting, new developments to share.

Here is a round up of some of the latest happenings at area private schools and learning centers.

Entering its second year this fall, Beacon Academy in Evanston offers an innovative Montessori-based high school education with an intimate student body (less than 40 students) and educational freedom that includes community partnerships and open spaces for exploratory learning.

Similar to a small liberal arts college, students meet in long class blocks a few times a week to foster "student agency and a deep dive into learning," says Kate Anderson, director of admissions and marketing. "We have



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abundant opportunities for hands-on investigation, student-centered discussions, experimentation, critical thinking and fieldwork."

Anderson said the school's pioneering approach has already piqued the interest of higher-learning institutions such as Northwestern excited about

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Roycemore, in Evanston, will celebrate its centennial this year. The school has revamped its strategic plan and added core values and an update its mission statement.

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Aurora - 939 W Galena Blvd., 2nd fl over Boys Motor. Thurs 8/6, Fri 8/7 & Sat 8/8, 8am-4pm. Furniture, household items, clothing, toys & lots of misc.

Aurora - Aug 6, 7, 8 9am-4pm 1452 Foxcroft Dr. Boys clothing and toys, books, decorations, kids picnic and train table, misc.

Aurora - Multifamily sales at 115 & 180 S Evanslawn, 8/7 & 8/8, 8-3. Household items.

Aurora - 834 W New York St., Thurs 8/6, Fri 8/7 & Sat 8/8, 8am-4pm. Large sale of fishing equip, reels, rods & tackle box loaded w/ lures. Medical equip, walker, shower chairs, etc. Baby cradle, DVD's, 4 bar stools, Hot Wheels, Matchbox cars, comforters, clothes, hats, purses & coats. Misc. toys & crafts, 6 in bench grinder & bikes.

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Crestwood - CRWC. 5331 W 135th St. Aug 8, 9am-1pm. Junk in The Trunk. Public Welcome.

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Evanston - Bethel United Ministry will be hosting a book sale at 2315 Main St., 60202 Sat. 8/8 11am-4pm. There will be books for all ages at bare minimum costs. 773-366-5049 or 847-721-0510.

Highland Park - 86 Prospect Ave. 8/8 @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm & 8/9 @ 9:00 am-3:00pm. Not to be missed! Designer furniture, bedding, drapes, collectibles, books, lighting, toys and more. Everything must go!

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Lake Forest - Fri and Sat Aug 7th-8th 9a-4p. 381 Spruce Ave. Antiques and Vintage Sale. Lifetime collections, dress forms, display items, antique columns, garden items, primitive, country, and more!

Long Grove - Aug 6th-9th 8am-5pm 5556 Oak Grove Drive. Huge Sale! 1000's of sportswear - great for back to school. Under armor, Wilson, Nike etc. 100's for \$1.00. coaches and vendors welcome. Electronics and tools, Tons of other stuff!

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Niles - 8250 N Oriole Ave, Fri 8/7 & Sat 8/8, 9am-3pm. Misc. HH & Kitch, furn, clothing & more!

Norridge - 7961 W. Argyle St., Thurs-Sat, Aug. 6-8, 8am-5pm. Huge Garage Sale. Knick-knacks, jewelry pieces, and much more.

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Park Ridge - Multi Garage Sales! 600 Block of Park Plaine Ave. Fri / Sat, Aug. 7th & 8th. 8 AM - 4 PM both days.

Park Ridge - 1908 S Washington Canfield/Higgins Area Huge Garage Sale! August 7th & 8th 9am-5pm Multifamily - loads of stuff!

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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIAN E DE-KELAITA A/K/A MARIAN E DE KELAITA
Defendants
14 CH 16957
7220 BECKWITH ROAD MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- ZACHARIAH CHACKO, SOBI ZACHARIAH, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE Defendants 09 CH 23095

10066 LA CROSSE AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 15, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 16, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 10066 LA CROSSE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-09-203-063. The real estate is improved with a yellow brick, one-story, single-family house with a one-car, detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0919060. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA0919060 Attorney Code: 91220 Case Number: 09 CH 23095 TJSC#: 35-8930

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AR3 Plaintiff,

-v- ELPIDIO MARIN, ESMERALDA MARIN Defendants 10 CH 025433

5304 HOWARD STREET SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 1, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5304 HOWARD STREET, SKOKIE, IL 60077. Property Index No. 10-28-130-029. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to the Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-11-02164. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-02164 Attorney ARDC No. 03465002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 11 CH 005509 TJSC#: 35-9753 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 166378/

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

-v- ANWAR A. SAMANI, FARIDA A. SAMANI, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. C/O GENPACT REGISTERED AGENT INC Defendants 11 CH 005509

7532 CRAWFORD AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 11, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 14, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7532 CRAWFORD AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-27-407-047. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-11-02164. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-02164 Attorney ARDC No. 03465002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 11 CH 005509 TJSC#: 35-9753 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 166378/

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION REVELE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC Plaintiff,

-v- CHERYL SPERLING, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LEAH KLAHR, IF ANY, ROBERT KLAHR, LESLIE LUSHINGTON, WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF LEAH KLAHR, DECEASED, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 30127

8939 POTTAWATTAMI DRIVE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 5, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8939 POTTAWATTAMI DRIVE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-14-318-018-090. The real estate is improved with a one-story, single family home with a one car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to the Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1213113. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1213113 Attorney Code: 91220 Case Number: 12 CH 30127 TJSC#: 35-8589 1663637/

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

-v- IOAN GALEA, MELANIA GALEA, VELOCITY INVESTMENTS, LLC. Defendants 13 CH 024265

7821 N. KENTON AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 15, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 17, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7821 N. KENTON AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-27-105-048. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-13-08690. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-13-08690 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 13 CH 024265 TJSC#: 35-9329 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 166389/

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

-v- RAFAELA RUBIO, JESUS RUBIO Defendants 13 CH 024267

8451 N. KEDVALE AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 3, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 8, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8451 N. KEDVALE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-216-002. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-13-20815. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-13-20815 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 13 CH 024267 TJSC#: 35-8648 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 166427/

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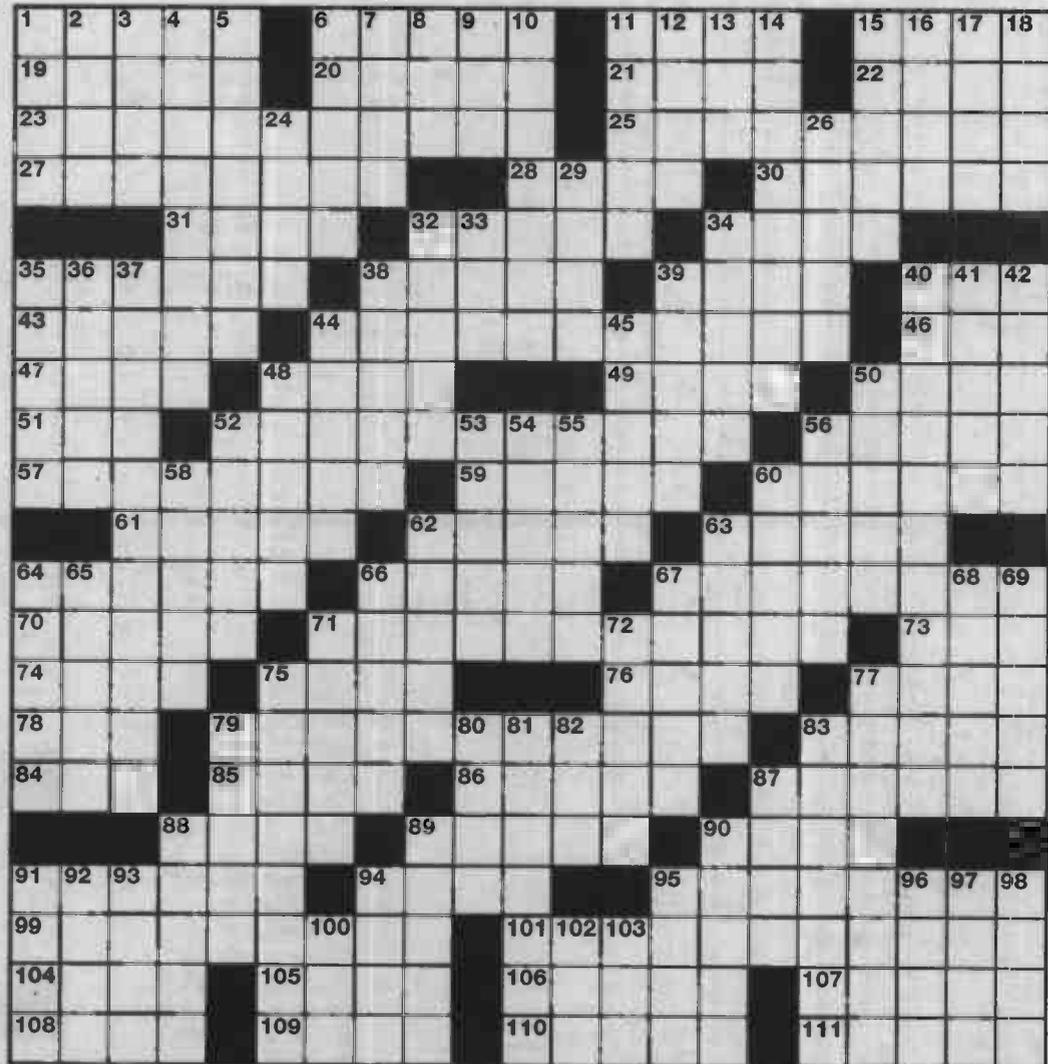
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- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Real Tiger name	160 11 67 106 60 92 133
B. Companion of Paul	114 105 73 95 136 63 152 163
C. Gemini 4 pilot	4 46 161 94 129 15 151 80 27 72 112
D. Disruptiveness	166 7 30 113 48 96 68 157
E. Best part	8 128 121 29 107 41
F. Commodity exchange item	104 17 144 123 39 83 56 138
G. Wee one: 2 wds.	44 12 1 26 140 125 90 154
H. Approval	35 28 122 109 75 98 14 58 139
I. Stir up feeling	87 51 69 162 153 3 119 145 102

J. 0-0: hyph.	25 100 147 40 120
K. Impulsive	18 74 137 49 155 38
L. Piqued	101 21 148 141 89 159 54 82 126
M. Surprising reversal: sl.	108 130 55 33 9 93 24 78 124 165
N. Site of Norfolk and Suffolk: 2 wds.	77 31 61 103 20 88 118 134 2 47
O. Colleen of song: 2 wds.	111 127 97 42 168 66 59 5 81 156 22
P. Korea-China border	6 116 53 146 132 158 13 91 36
Q. Duplicate	86 34 50 79 70 16 135 99 150
R. Due	65 164 57 142 117
S. Deep Blue victim	143 62 167 52 37 115 85 23
T. Very significant	10 19 131 43 76 149 64
U. Sheriff P. Coltrane	71 110 32 84 45

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This and That

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- "Viva Zapata!" cry
- The Annunciation* artist
- Pyrenees native
- Mendelssohn symphony
- Spanish diacritic
- Le Misanthrope* author
- Flower bed
- culpa
- Storm
- Elects
- Margot Fonteyn, e.g.
- Publican's serving
- The Cyclists* artist
- Doris nee von Kappelhoff
- Eliot's Silas
- Encourage
- Instrumental
- Swift heroine of Greek myth
- Shocks
- Sportscaster Berman
- Shoppers' guides
- Railroad unit
- Don't Look Back* singer
- Louis foe in '41
- Cheese concoction

Down

- Bill's title: abbr.
- B'way Burrows
- Roulette play
- Rebel
- Grain sorghum
- Java neighbor
- Kind of computer
- Uncertain
- "___ for Peace": Ike
- Singer Jerry
- Classics 101 text
- At no time: Ger.
- Auto
- Made of: suffix
- Aries
- Menu phrase
- Appropriate
- Have reference
- Yggdrasil or rowan
- Praise fulsomely

- Spoil
- Glom
- Capp creation
- Green land
- Buy and sell
- Hero's partner
- Mormon state
- Jelly and jam
- Brighton break
- Dogpatch nickname
- Defeat Truscott
- Escargots
- One hundred makuta in Kinshasa
- Flivver
- Seine feeder
- Construction unit
- Rung
- Cheek mark
- Massachusetts Cape
- Rue Morgue murderer
- Paul on guitar
- The ___*: Sandra Bullock film
- Nabokov heroine
- First name in newscasting
- Sounds of uncertainty

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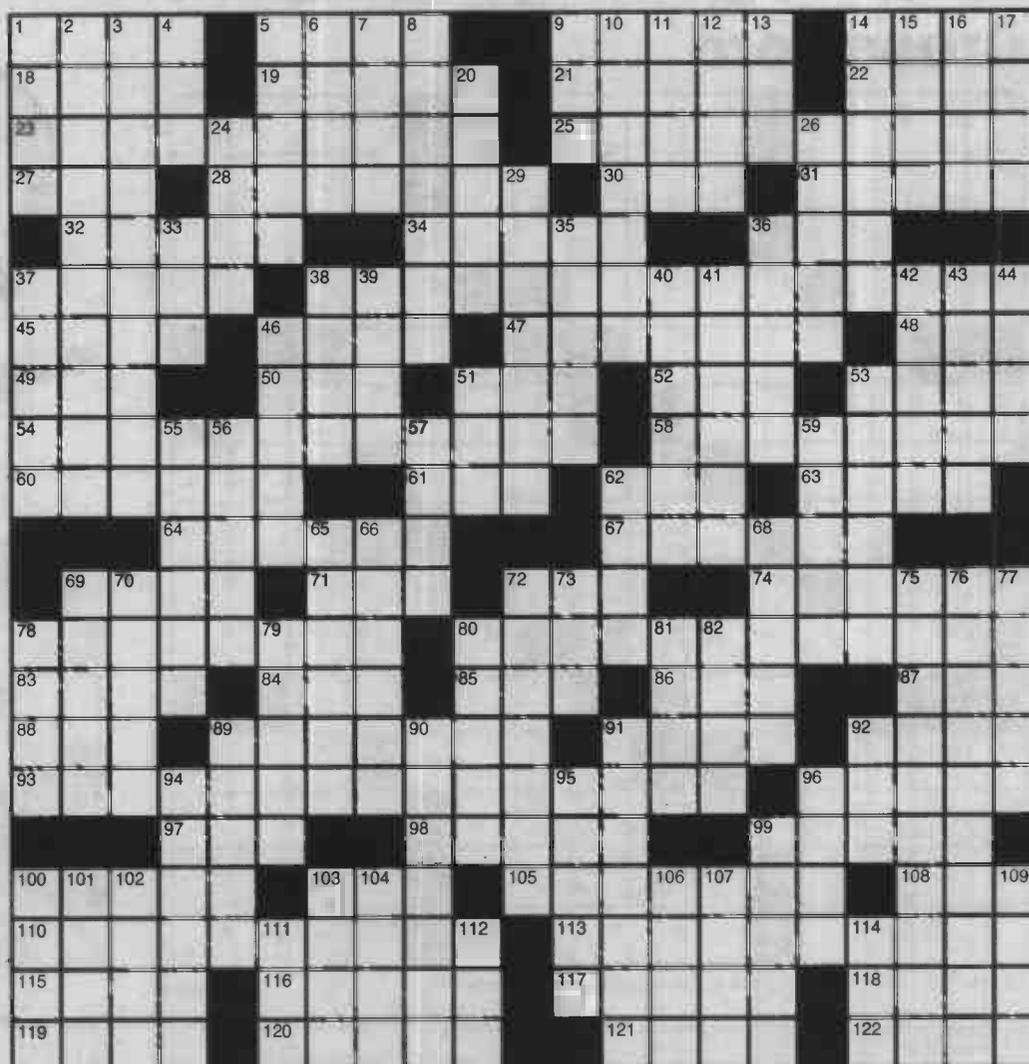
- 1 Palms in your hands
5 Used Google Wallet, say
9 Washington or Ford
14 — shot
18 Event before a closing
19 Bug
21 Milan-based fashion house
22 Duel measure
23 Refrigerator message
25 Fight spot
27 Toe preceder?
28 Really hot
30 Attach, in a way
31 Fair attractions
32 Ball standout
34 Weasel relative
36 Barfly
37 Spinner?
38 Pastime that celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2013
45 Agree to another tour
46 Campus bigwig
47 Surfing mishap
48 — Center: L.A. skyscraper
49 "X-Men" actor McKellen
50 Yellowstone sight
51 Hi— monitor
52 SFO info
53 "The Long, Hot Summer" director
54 One of a game's 100
58 Last courses
60 Buy from
61 2000 MapQuest acquirer
62 Morph- ending
63 Too cute, in Chelsea
64 Not real
67 "Raging Bull" Oscar winner
69 Attention
71 —wop
72 CBS hit set in Vegas
74 License
78 Tour of taverns
80 Picnic purchases
83 Any one of a 1963 all-brothers Giant outfield
84 Enjoy some courses
85 Bodega pronoun
86 Big name in lip balms
87 Med. checkup initials
88 N.Y. school overlooking the Hudson
89 Expanse

- 91 Downward movements
92 Award named for a Muse
93 Soup toss-ins
96 Invitee
97 Pink label
98 Cockamamie
99 Lover of balance and harmony, so they say
100 Like TV's "Wayward Pines"
103 Swabbie
105 Where most people get into hot water
108 —K
110 Audiophile's collectible
113 Place to find a mate?
115 Puffed-up
116 Track bet
117 Unit of purity
118 Move with a mouse
119 "Anything ___?"
120 Its mascot uses fowl language
121 Seasoned salts
122 Blue-bottled vodka

Down

- 1 "Over here!"
2 Records concern
3 2013 Literature Nobel
4 Instant
5 Two-time U.S. Open winner Stewart
6 Actress Paquin
7 How some games are won, briefly
8 Spoils
9 SFPD alert
10 Midriff-revealing wear
11 Airport arrival
12 Asgard head
13 Tried to win, with "for"
14 Quick squirt
15 Set, as a trap
16 Troubling spots
17 Spots for coats
20 First Literature Nobel from Ireland
24 German city, to Germans
26 Tiler's need
29 City SSE of Santa Fe
33 Tablet holder
35 "— man should have money in his head, but not in his heart": Swift
36 Eggs on

- 37 Goody two shoes
38 One taking a selfie
39 Casino chip collector
40 Software instruction file
41 — Tracey, one of the original Mouseketeers
42 Rumble in the Jungle setting
43 Lenya of "From Russia With Love"
44 Tolkien tree giants
46 Ownership consequences, often
51 Carnival city
53 Edit a lot
55 Brief glance
56 Less adorned
57 Passion tea maker
59 Throat condition
62 Singer Adams
65 Pop-up producer
66 Pre-Aztec Mesoamerican
68 "None for me"
69 Mea —
70 Hot and bothered
72 Game show with a Red Light Challenge
73 Place for peels
75 Milwaukee Brewers' home
76 Disorderly
77 Letter-shaped opening
78 3, 4 and 5
79 MetLife competitor
80 Praline piece
81 Back
82 Nutmeg-flavored quaffs
89 Order to attack
90 Area south of SoHo
91 "What did I tell you!"
92 Baby panda
94 Holy threesome
95 Talent
96 "Shadow Dancing" singer Andy
99 Craves, with "for"
100 Gutter locale
101 Carrier with a King David Club
102 Jeter's 1,311, briefly
103 Holey pursuit?
104 Track
106 Vindictive goddess
107 Onetime Russian monarch
109 Liable to snap
111 Nos. expert
112 — hall
114 Pigs out (on), for short



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Jumble

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



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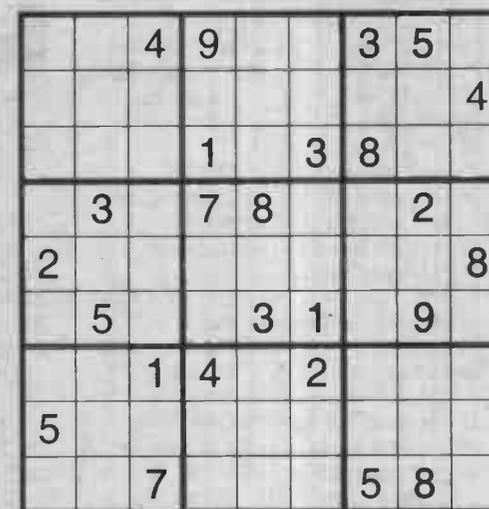


Sudoku

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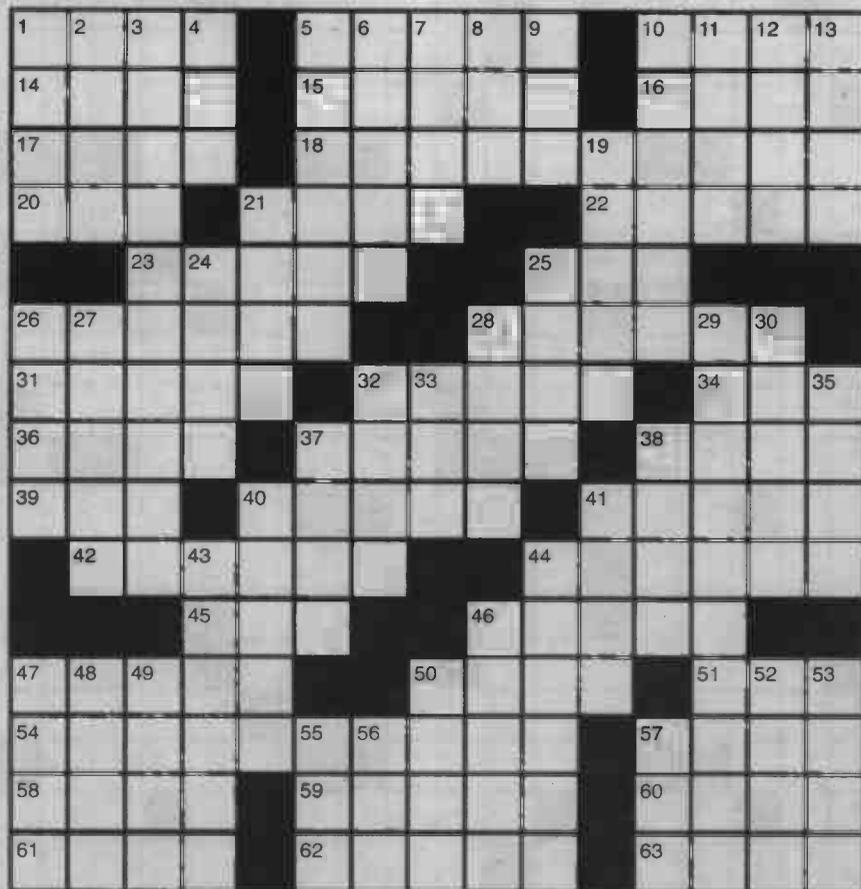
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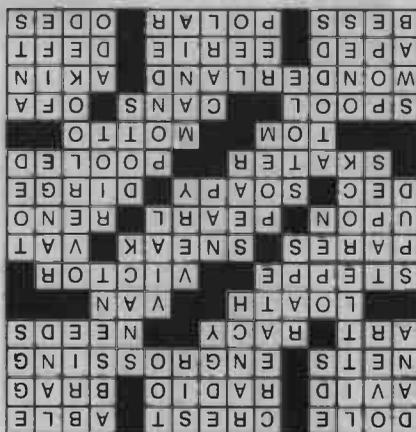
ACROSS

- 1 Robert or Elizabeth
- 5 Toothpaste brand
- 10 ___-bodied; hale and strong
- 14 Passionate
- 15 Disc jockey's medium
- 16 Boast
- 17 Butterfly catchers' needs
- 18 All-consuming
- 20 Mr. Linkletter
- 21 Suggestive
- 22 Has to have
- 23 Reluctant
- 25 Vehicle for a large family
- 26 Large plain in Asia or Europe
- 28 Hugo or Mature
- 31 Removes potato skin
- 32 Weaselly fellow
- 34 Large tub
- 36 Read ___; study about
- 37 Necklace bead
- 38 City in Nevada
- 39 Last page of a calendar: abbr.
- 40 Full of suds
- 41 Funeral song
- 42 Sonja Henie or Scott Hamilton

DOWN

- 44 Combined
- 45 Actor Selleck
- 46 Slogan
- 47 Thread holder
- 50 Pantry stackables
- 51 One ___ kind; unique person
- 54 "Alice in ___"
- 57 Related; similar
- 58 Mimicked
- 59 Spine-chilling
- 60 Skillful
- 61 Mrs. Truman
- 62 ___ bears; Arctic creatures
- 63 Lofty poems

Solutions

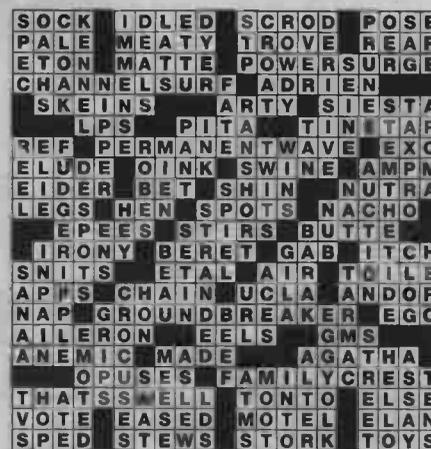


- 19 Eat between meals
- 21 Criticizes
- 24 Ajar
- 25 Lab bottle
- 26 Tater
- 27 Records
- 28 ___ important person; VIP
- 29 Didn't notice
- 30 Stove
- 32 Burn
- 33 Daytime rest
- 35 Three-___ sloth
- 37 "Evangeline" or "The Raven"
- 38 Hilarious one
- 40 Outer garment
- 41 Specks
- 43 Quarreling
- 44 Contemplate
- 46 Frenzy
- 47 Q-tip, for one
- 48 Pius X, for one
- 49 Singles
- 50 Jung or Reiner
- 52 Small flute
- 53 Colony insects
- 55 Congressman's title: abbr.
- 56 Zodiac sign
- 57 Hustle & bustle

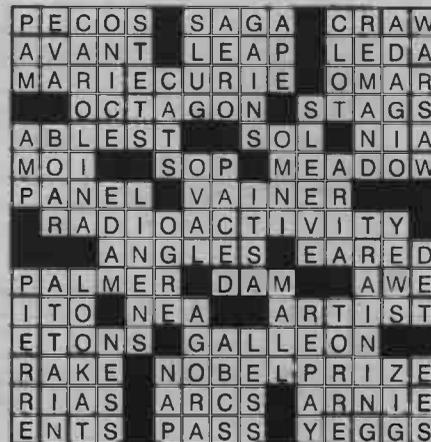


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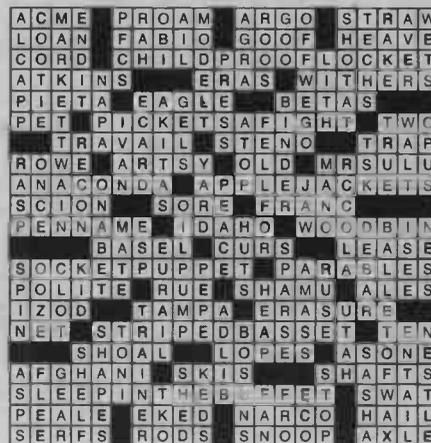
"On the Sea"



"Married to Their Work"



"Close Encounters"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(J.K.) GALBRAITH: REMUNERATION: The salary of the chief executive officer of the large corporation is not a market reward for achievement. It is frequently in the nature of a warm personal gesture by the individual to himself.

Last week's Sudoku

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2	6	3	1	5	8	7	9	4
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1	4	9	2	7	3	8	5	6
4	9	1	5	6	7	2	8	3
6	5	2	8	3	9	1	4	7
3	7	8	4	1	2	9	6	5

This week's Jumble

CRUNCH KITTEN EQUITY
GROWTH HYBRID THROAT
Her husband struggled with his diet for years. She's loved him —

THROUGH THICK
AND THIN

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2007-Q54 Plaintiff,

vs.
TEODATO QUIJANO A/K/A TEODATO S QUIJANO, MILDRED QUIJANO A/K/A MILDRED M QUIJANO Defendants
13 CH 11783

7309 N KEELER AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 20, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 21, 2015, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7309 N KEELER AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-27-420-013-0000, Property Index No. 10-27-420-014-0000. The real estate is improved with a 1/2 split level, single family home with a two car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1300692, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1300692 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 13 CH 11783 TSC# 35-10596 1664537 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/2015 3453084

Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION S/B/M/T Plaintiff,

vs.
HANNA PYZKIEWICZ, TOMASZ ZUBRYCZYK; PNC BANK N.A. S/B/M/T NATIONAL CITY BANK S/B/M/T MID-AMERICA BANK, FSB; KRYSZYNA MANDERYL CONDOMINIUM OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
13 CH 6224

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 14, 2015, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, August 21, 2015, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.L.N. 12-10-313-019-1037. Commonly known as 9514 Lawrence Avenue, Apt. 2504, Schiller Park, IL 60176. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty-pierce.com>, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1226307 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1663494 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/2015 3440342

LEGALIS**Bid Notice**

Legal Notice
The N. Shore Cr. ft Performing Arts will receive proposals for PURCHASE OF STAGE DRAPES until 3:00 p.m. local time August 26, 2015.

Bidder to provide total cost to replace stage drapes in performing arts center.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained by calling Frank Rose: 847-679-9501 x 3012. Proposals should be mailed to: NSPCAS Attn: Stage Drapes; 9501 Skokie, Blvd, Skokie, IL 60077.

Proposals submitted unsigned or received subsequent to the deadline date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Center reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in the manner best serving the interest of the Center.

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FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,

vs.
ALICE KAY A/K/A ALICE M KAY, ALICE M KAY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ALICE M KAY TRUST DTD 3/17/00, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ALICE M KAY TRUST DTD 3/17/00, CITIBANK, N.A., FOUNTAIN TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants,
14 CH 20570

5214 GALITZ STREET UNIT 403 SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 15, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 16, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 5214 GALITZ STREET UNIT 403, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-28-105-063-1012. The real estate is improved with a mid rise condominium; no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA10204, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA10204 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 14 CH 20570 TSC# 35-8918 1663957 8/6, 8/13, 8/20/2015 3460008

Bid Notice**LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Morton Grove Park District, accepting sealed bids for the construction of a parking lot at the Oriole Park Aquatic Center. The scope of this project is to construct a parking lot, asphalt path, curbing, apron, gutters, necessary drainage and landscaping. A site visit is advised.

Specifications require a 10% bid surety with the proposal. In addition, the successful bidder must provide a satisfactory performance bond and required proof of insurance. A \$25.00 non-refundable plan fee is also required.

All contracts for work are subject to Park District rules and regulations, and must provide payment of Cook County prevailing wage rates to all workers involved in this project.

Specifications will be available Thursday August 6, 2015, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053. All sealed bids will be received Monday, August 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Attn: Greg Jayne Superintendent of Parks, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read. All bids must be received on or before that time. Any bids received after 9:30 a.m. on the specified date will be returned unopened. 8/06/2015 3473001

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.
EMILY M. ZAHARPOPOULOS, PANAGIOTIS G. ZAHARPOPOULOS Defendants,
15 CH 001489

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Bid Notice**LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Morton Grove Park District, is accepting sealed bids for the construction of a parking lot at the Oriole Park Aquatic Center. The scope of this project is to construct a parking lot, asphalt path, curbing, apron, gutters, necessary drainage and landscaping. A site visit is advised.

Specifications require a 10% bid surety with the proposal. In addition, the successful bidder must provide a satisfactory performance bond and required proof of insurance. A \$25.00 non-refundable plan fee is also required.

All contracts for work are subject to Park District rules and regulations, and provide for payment of Cook County prevailing wage rates to all workers involved in this project.

Specifications will be available Thursday August 6, 2015, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053. All sealed bids will be received Monday, August 27, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Attn: Greg Jayne Superintendent of Parks, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read. All bids must be received on or before that time. Any bids received after 9:30 a.m. on the specified date will be returned unopened. 8/06/2015 3472618

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Bid Notice**Village of Skokie Notice to Bidders**

The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed BIDS for

Garage Floor Rehabilitation Program

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive BIDS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent until 1:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

A mandatory site visit will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at Skokie Public Works Building Garage, 9050 Gross Pointe Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

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

A copy of the proposal can be obtained by visiting www.skokie.il.us Village Department, Purchasing, Bids & RFP's to download a copy. Proposals can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above.

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

Michael Aleksic
Purchasing Agent
Village of Skokie
8/6/2015 3479527

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Bid Notice**BID INVITATION/ADVERTISE-MENT**

The Skokie Park District will receive sealed bids for Parking Lot Striping & Crack Sealing for the Skokie Park District. Bids shall be on a stipulated sum basis.

Bids are due and will be opened and read aloud on Friday, August 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at the Park District Administrative Offices, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, IL 60077, Room 105.

EXAMINATION/PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained starting Friday, August 7, 2015 at the District Administrative Offices, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, IL 60077, in accordance with instructions to Bidders. Documents will be available during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Documents will be issued to prime bidders only.

No bids may be withdrawn without the written consent of the Skokie Park District. Only bids in compliance with the provisions of the Bid Documents will be considered. Bids will be considered firm for a period of ninety (90) days. The Skokie Park District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed to be in the public interest. This project is a prevailing wage job; therefore bidders shall pay prevailing wages. A copy of the Skokie Park District Prevailing Wage Ordinance NO. 15-012 is included in the specifications.

Skokie Park District
8/6/2015 3479302

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Legal Notice
The Leyden Area Special Education Cooperative consists of the following school districts:

Rosemont #78
Rhodes #84.5
Penneyer #79
River Grove #85.5
Norridge #80
Mannheim #83
Leyden High School #212
Franklin Park #84
Ridgewood High School #234
Elmwood Park #401

Each district independently or in conjunction with other member districts offers a full continuum of services to address the specific educational needs of all eligible students with disabilities, ages 3 through 21 who are residents of the member school districts' catchment areas. This full continuum includes; instruction in standard programs with modification, separate standard programs with resource assistance, instruction in special classes in standard attendance centers for much or all of the school day, home/hospital instruction, separate standard programs with residential placement. Additionally, the cooperative endeavors to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services ages birth thru 21. All children with disabilities are protected by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEA") and Article 14 of the school code. A copy of these rights is available by calling or writing: Melinda McGuffin, Director of Special Education, Leyden Area Special Education Cooperative, 10401 West Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131 (847) 455-3143 08/06/2015 3475652

Notice of Public Hearing & Tentative Budget

Leyden Area Special Education Cooperative
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of School District Number 83, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for Leyden Area Special Education Cooperative for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Mannheim SD 83 Administrative Offices, 10401 W. Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois in this School District as of 8:00 o'clock a.m., on the 6th day of August, 2015. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:15 o'clock p.m. prior to the Board's next regular monthly meeting on the 10th day of September, 2015, at Westdale School, 99 W. Diversey, Northlake, Illinois in this School District Number 83.

Dated this 6th Day of August 2015.
School Board of School District Number 83, Cook County of Cook, State of Illinois

By: Mary Lou Stefanski
Mannheim School District 83
Board Secretary
08/06/2015 3475615

Plaintiff File No. 232160
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
CASE NO.: 15SC017555

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT
 Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior is hereby commencing a forfeiture proceeding against the following items of wildlife or wildlife products, which were seized in the Chicago area of Illinois on the dates indicated because they were involved in one or more violations of any of the following Endangered Species Act, Title 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1538, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 11 U.S.C. Sec. 1371-1372, the Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 3372, Wild Bird Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1377-4916 or the African Elephant Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 4221-4245. These items are subject to forfeiture to the United States under Title 16, U.S.C. Sec. 1540(e), 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1377 or 16 U.S.C. Sec. 3374 and Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 12.23. Any person with an ownership or financial interest in said items who desires to claim them must file a claim with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, 10600 Higgins Road, Suite 200, Rosemont, IL 60018, Telephone 847-298-3250. Such claim must be received by the above office by August 30, 2015. The claim will be transmitted to the U.S. Attorney for institution of a forfeiture action in U.S. District Court. If a proper claim is not received by the above office by such date, the items will be declared forfeit to the United States and disposed of according to law. Any person who has an interest in the items may also file with the above office a petition for remission of forfeiture in accordance with Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 12.24, which petition must be received in such office before disposition of the items. Storage costs may also be assessed.

File Number: 2015302714
 Seizure Date: 05/28/2015
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 Items: Two (2) American alligator boots
 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/15 3432748

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT:
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 DATE: August 27, 2015
 BEGINS AT: 11:30AM
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 8/6, 8/13 2015 3471136

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Probate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, PROBATE DIVISION

THE ESTATE OF GEORGE T. CERNAK, deceased.
 CASE NO.: 2015 P 003932

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of GEORGE T. CERNAK, 1660 Oakton Place, Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 28, 2015 to Conrad Szweczyk, as Supervised Administrator, whose mailing address is 205 W. Randolph Street, #850, Chicago, IL 60606 and whose attorney is Michael J. Moran, 121 S. Wilke Road, Suite 501, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Claims must be filed on or before January 28, 2015, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Claims must be filed with the representative of the Estate or in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. If filed with the representative, within ten (10) days after filing his claim with the Court; (1) shall cause a copy of the claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his Attorney of record, unless the representative or his Attorney has in writing, either consented to the allowance of the claim or waived mailing or delivery of copies in writing, and (2) shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

Notice of these proceedings is hereby given by publication to the unknown heirs of George T. Cernak.
 DATED: 8/6/15
 MICHAEL J. MORAN, Attorney for The Estate of GEORGE T. CERNAK

Prepared by:
 Michael J. Moran, Attorney No. 25946 Michael J. Moran & Associates, P.C. 121 S. Wilke Road, Suite 501
 Arlington Heights, IL 60005
 847-577-8556
 8/6, 8/13, 8/20/2015 3477615

Public Hearings

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 17.56.170(E)(2) of the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances that the Village of Harwood Heights Plan Commission will be conducting a public hearing on August 26, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the Village of Harwood Heights Village Hall (7300 West Wilson Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60706) to consider the application of FLORIAN KALMAN ("Applicant"), pursuant to Sections 17.56.180 of the Village Code for a zoning map amendment, rezoning 6453 W. Forest Preserve Drive, Harwood Heights, Illinois 60706 ("the Property") from its current R1 - Single-Family Detached Residential District classification to R2 - Single Family Attached and Two-Family. The Property bears tax identification number 13-18-202-001-0000 and is legally described as follows:

LOT 16 IN BLOCK 1 IN VOLK BROTHERS MONTROSE RIDGE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Applicant does not propose any change to the two-family residential building currently located on the Property, but suggests that a previously-completed second-story addition to the structure makes the property more appropriate for the Village's R2 zoning district. All interested persons are invited to attend, be heard and question those presenting testimony at the hearing. All inquiries regarding this public hearing can be directed to Natalie Mendel at the Village of Harwood Heights Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
 Marcia Polowy
 Village Clerk
 8/6/15 3480067

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Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Governing Board of Education of Golf School District 67 in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Said Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 17, 2015 at Golf Middle School, 9401 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, Illinois. The Tentative Budget will be on display and available for public inspection at the District Administrative Offices, 9401 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, through the date of the Public Hearing.

Board of Education
 Golf School District 67
 Cook County, Illinois
 Samina Hussain
 Secretary
 8/06/2015 3473647

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Niles Elementary School District No. 71, Cook County, Illinois, Clarence E. Culver School, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District Office, located at 6901 W. Oakton Street, Niles, Illinois 60714 after 9:00 a.m. July 22, 2015. Notice is hereby further given that a Public Hearing on said budget is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) on the 15th day of September, 2015 at Clarence E. Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton Street, Niles, Illinois 60714, in said Niles Elementary School District No. 71.

Nicolle Schieffer
 Secretary, Board of Education

JULIE KOSIUK
 Superintendent
 8/06/2015 3466397

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Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Skokie Zoning Board of Appeals, Thursday, September 2, 2015, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:

2015-92 - 7921 Kedvale Avenue
 Darius and Tiberu Cloran request a variance in order to construct a 20'x20' detached garage resulting in a building coverage of 52.5% rather than the 40% maximum as required by Section 118-13(b) of the Zoning Chapter of the Skokie Village Code in an R3 Combined Housing district.
 PIN: 10-17-205-018-0000

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
 Plans and related documents are available at the Village's Community Development Department, Planning Division, (847) 933-8447 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

SPECIAL AID: Available upon request for the disabled. Call (847) 673-0500 or email info@skokie.org

Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. This notice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on August 6, 2015. Brian L. O'Donnell, Chairman
 8/6/2015 3480385

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Public Notices

Niles School District 71
 Niles, IL 60714
 847 966-9280
 Culver School Community,

Niles School District 71 Board of Education is seeking applicants for an open seat on the Board. This is an appointment until the next Board election in the spring of 2017.

In order to serve on the Board, you must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- You are an United States citizen
- You are at least 18 years of age
- You are a registered voter
- You are not a child sex offender
- You do not hold another public office
- You are a resident in District 71 for at least one year immediately preceding the appointment

Interested individuals should complete and submit the application to the School Board. The application is also posted on the District's web site and available in the main office. The deadline for application is Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The Board anticipates interviewing applicants during a Board meeting later in August.

There are two ways to submit the Board member application. It may be submitted in a sealed envelope to the main office at Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton, Niles, IL, 60714. Alternatively, you may attach the completed application to an email at board@culver71.net.

Thank you in advance for your interest in serving on the Board.

Sincerely
 Niles SD 71 Board of Education
 8/06/2015 3466432

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 Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education School District 73.5, County of Cook, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 is on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Skokie School District 73.5, Superintendent's Office, 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL 60076, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each Monday through Friday on or after August 6, 2015.

In addition, the tentative budget will be posted on the District's web site (www.sd735.org) and available for public inspection at the Skokie Public Library, 5217 Oakton. Notice is further hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of September 2015 at Elizabeth Meyer School, 8100 Tripp, in this School District.

Sally Graham, Secretary
 District 73.5, Board of Education
 8/6/2015 3442027

Notice of Public Hearing Board of Education of Pennover School District #79
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 79, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Office of the Board of Education, 5200 North Cumberland, Norridge, Illinois in this School District, from and after 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of August, 2015.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 p.m., on the 9th day of September, 2015, at Pennover School in this School District Number 79. Dated this 3rd day of August, 2015, School Board of School District Number 79, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois.

By /s/
 Mark Diarte, Secretary
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marked the celebration kick off with a special opening assembly and proclamation. Invitations will be given to many Evanston leaders and local dignitaries, says Joan Daugherty, director of communications and sustainability initiatives.

"On the hundredth day of school, we will have a school-wide birthday bash," Daugherty says. "A large-scale community service project featuring 100 Acts of Kindness is also planned for the year."

In the spring, a full weekend of centennial-focused events will feature a Party of the Century gala hosting hundreds of the school's more than 1,200 alumni and its families.

Montessori education has always prided itself on preparing children not just for school but also for life. In this tradition, the school year at Alcuin Montessori School in Oak Park begins with a week of internships where students work with a mentor to learn what it's like inside the jobs that spark their curiosity.

"Knowing that education is more than just memorizing facts and crunching numbers, we strive to help our adolescent students discover who they want to be and to prepare them to take on a role in the adult world," says Roxy Krawczyk, a middle-school teacher at Alcuin.

In the spring, students compile their resumes, craft compelling cover letters and solicit job opportunities from the local and greater Chicago community. Students then spend a week working under the tutelage of an employer in their industry of interest.

Alcuin most recently partnered with local businesses including Sugar Fixe Patisserie, Musikgarten of Oak Park, Geppetto's Toy Box, Garland Flowers, Pine Dental Care and Christopher Barrett Photography.

At the Mathnasium in Hinsdale, students have been working hard to develop their math skills. The learning center (ages 6-18) will celebrate with an end-of-summer pizza party this month.

The center opened nearly two-and-a-half years ago and serves around 100 students from area schools. It's aim is to teach kids math in a way that makes sense to them, explains Antoinette Watson, center director.

"While we are focused on filling specific math gaps, we also like to work on other math skills with games," she says. "The kids learn all kinds of math concepts from simple addition with games like BlackJack and 99 or Bust

to probability games like Liars and Dice and Yam Slam."

For students who meet goals, a pizza party is an opportunity to hang out at the center with their favorite instructors, play games and enjoy recognition of their achievements.

Trinity High School in River Forest will start the school year with a new principal, Noreen Powers Ed.D. A DePaul graduate, Powers has 17 years of experience teaching at the university level and four years as an administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago. A 10-person search committee fielded resumes for almost 20 candidates and unanimously selected Powers.

"Trinity is confident that Dr. Powers' collaborative leadership style, commitment to improving the lives of young women through education and her deep sense of mission and commitment to Catholic education will be valuable assets to Trinity High School," the school shared on its website.

Dr. Antonia Bouillette informed students and staff back in January that she had made the exciting yet difficult decision to retire after 36 years as a Catholic-school educator. Seven of those years were spent at Trinity where she says she "saved the best for last."

Significant accomplishments of her time with Trinity include a new health and fitness center and the implementation of a five-phase technology program.

At Lake Forest Country Day School (LFCDS), an essential part of student learning is the understanding that social and emotional development is inextricably linked with academic achievement. In this vein, LFCDS will host a fall speaker series featuring two nationally recognized, The New York Times bestselling authors.

On Sept. 29, Dr. Michael Thompson, author of "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys," will share insights on helping children to navigate success in school and life. Dr. Ned Hallowell, author of "The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness," will visit LFCDS on Oct. 21 to offer advice on raising happy children (and remaining sane) in an ultra-competitive, ultrafast, attention-deficit society.

"We are pleased to sponsor this series as we believe that well informed parents are better able to provide the appropriate support and partnership that leads to student success," says Whelan, LFCDS head of school.

The speaker series is open to the public. To register visit lfcds.org/

Easy prep ideas for back to school

With the back-to-school season gearing up, getting the kids prepped and ready for a successful academic year can quickly add up.

Discount retailer Dollar General is sharing tips to make the experience easier and more affordable.

Use the list

Schools usually provide supply lists to ensure the classroom is well-stocked and students have what they need for the year. To ensure you are getting exactly what your student needs, take some time to review classroom necessities before making purchases.

Tax-free weekends

Several states and localities offer tax-free weekends prior to the start of the new school year. Tax-free items include school and office supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, clothes and some electronics. Take full advantage of the savings opportunity when shopping online or at local retailers like Dollar General, for supplies ranging from folders, pen-

cils, pens, notebooks and binders, to backpacks, lunch coolers and clothing basics.

Think outside the lunchbox

Back-to-school also means back to making early morning breakfasts and packing lunches and snacks. Stock up on easy school meal needs, from bread, eggs and cereal to peanut butter, jelly and chips. To feed your hungry students, find quick and delicious meal ideas at DG Meals (dg.com/easymeals).

Save time and money online

Online ordering is a great way to save money, gas and time while having all your school and home supplies just a click away. For example, Dollar General offers the same selections online as you will find in-store. Visit dollargeneral.com or text JOIN to 34898 for exclusive digital coupons which can help you save even more on back-to-school needs.

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Area athletes gear up for successful seasons

Striving for excellence both academically and in competition, student-athletes shine

Work hard. Play harder. That seems to be the motto for so many athletes at Chicagoland's suburban private schools.

Here's a look at some of the best — and unique — sports programs, to share what's brewing on the field, in the pool and around the Gatorade cooler.

Twenty-four members of Lake Forest Academy's class of 2015 will be playing at the college level this fall across 10 sports, including eight for Division I teams such as Cornell, Stanford and Boston College. This is especially impressive considering the small size of the school and the fact that LFA is not a member of any athletic conference.

"To have 24 college athletes in a class of 124 is truly amazing considering how strong our school is academically and the time commitment it takes for both school and training for your sport," shares Darrin Madeley, athletic director, of the players he's seen mature through his program. "It really shows how special these student athletes are."

LFA has a strong track record of athletic success and requires all students to participate in sports as a graduation requirement. In 2014, LFA had 14 students continue their athletic careers to the undergrad arena, and former student Alex DeBrincat was recently named Rookie of the Year for the Canadian Hockey League.

St. Norbert School, a K-8 in Northbrook, proudly offers a sports program that emphasizes integrity, sportsmanship and team spirit along with a no-cut policy that promotes inclusion and participation.

Programs including track, football, basketball and more begin in fifth grade and help students "develop strong, healthy and disciplined minds and bodies," as part of the school's athletic mission.

"We are blessed with dedicated coaches who provide instruction, motivation, and who work together to build team unity," the school's athletic

page says of St. Norbert's coaching staff.

The school's varsity boys' football team reigned as 2011-2014 football champions and has plans for success on the field again this year.

With more than 24 boys and girls sports teams, Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein will continue its hugely successful athletic program still riding high from a host of wins from the 2014-2015 school year. Thanks to updates done over the summer, athletes will be playing on newly replaced football turf, freshly resurfaced outdoor track and refurbished tennis courts.

Brienne Minor was named state champion in girls' tennis last season and ranked ninth in the country. This earned her a full athletic scholarship at the University of Michigan. Girls' varsity soccer advanced to the state finals. Gymnastics state qualifier Samantha Lococo placed third in floor exercise and 11th in all around. David Biondo placed seventh in pole vault at the state track and field meet. Carmel saw two wrestling medalists as well.

Also notable, alumnus Sean McGrath recently signed to play with the Indianapolis Colts after time with the Seattle Seahawks and the Kansas City Chiefs. In addition, current varsity football player Sean Foster was one of only 400 players in the country nominated to play in the U.S. Army Bowl.

Montini Catholic High School, located in Lombard, welcomes a new head basketball coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Daryl Thomas's impressive resume includes a basketball scholarship from Indiana University where he played for the legendary Bobby Knight, a short career with the NBA Kings and 14 years of playing professionally overseas.

Thomas formerly worked as the manager of player development and lead basketball instructor at the Chicago Bulls/White Sox Academy in Lisle. He was also an assistant varsity and head sophomore boys basketball coach at St. Joseph's High School in



Class of 2014 Lake Forest Academy's college-bound student-athletes include (left to right): Back row: Brandon Amoroso, Isaiah Foust; Middle Row: Dejon Brissett, Calum Bishop, Wes Annan, Dominic Rowley, Christian Tchamitichian, Nick Frystak, Andrew Strudwick, Ryan Clamage, Jacob Rooth; Front Row: Kristin Chivers, Carly Thomas, Justine Felitto, Eliza Tarr, Amanda Bozorgi, Katie Kim, Katy Shadek, Kristen Zengeler; Not pictured: Malcolm Chaka, Stephen Payne, Diago Quinn, Julia Yerger.



Montini Catholic High School's new head boys varsity basketball coach, Daryl Thomas, is welcomed by Tom Lentine, athletic director.

Westchester, where he worked with his former high school coach, Hall of Famer Gene Pingatore.

"Daryl brings a great deal of coaching, instructional and personal basketball experience to the present and future young men who will be participating in our basketball program," says Jim Segredo, president of Montini Catholic. "I am very excited about the future of our basketball program."

Fenwick High School in Oak Park hopes to continue its stellar athletics program. The boys' basketball team is eager to compete as a top contender in state next year.

More than two dozen students are playing at the college level from the class of 2015. Grace Cronin is poised to take a state championship in track and field after finishing second in two state events last spring.

"Grace is a great student who is extremely dedicated in the classroom and in athletics," shares Scott Thies, athletic director.

Recognized by Sports Illustrated as a top athletic program in the nation, Fenwick values bringing out the best in every student.

Last year, Fenwick staff earned several coaching awards — including a Hall of Fame win — as part of the Chicago Catholic League and East Suburban Catholic Conference. Both its boys and girls water polo teams placed third in the state, and numerous athletes were named to All-State teams.

"We are proud of the Class of 2015 and all they contributed to Fenwick High School," Thies says. "Our underclassmen learned a lot from this graduating class and we expect great things from them moving forward."

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Are your dentist's or doctor's views or hobbies fair game for patients?

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

She found out about the Cecil the lion controversy when a co-worker mentioned that a dentist in nearby West Bloomington, Minn., was under fire for allegedly killing the beloved Zimbabwean lion after it had been lured from a national park.

"Oh! I go to a dentist in West Bloomington," the 54-year-old Minnesotan said casually.

She got on the Internet and discovered that her longtime dentist, Walter Palmer, was the lion hunter in question.

Palmer, a noted big game hunter, has said in a statement that he relied on professional guides to ensure a legal hunt and didn't know the lion was a local favorite.

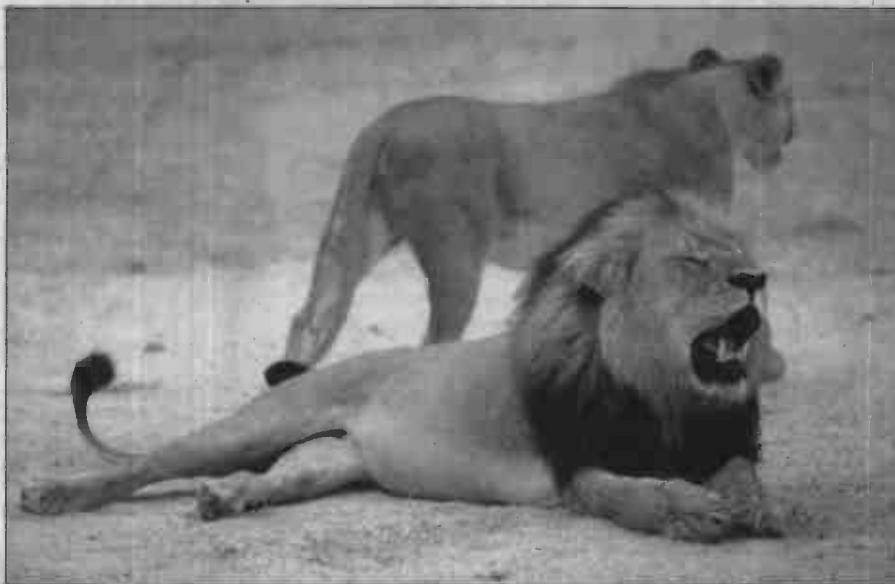
"I didn't think I'd have as strong a reaction," says the woman, who asked to remain anonymous because of the furor over the issue.

"It makes you think: Do you research everyone? And who has time for that? Do you just assume the best unless someone throws something in front of you and you feel like you have to make a moral decision? I don't know."

In the wake of the Internet uproar, which has included attempts to put Palmer out of business with outraged online reviews, it seems reasonable to ask: To what extent do we want to know about our health providers' controversial views and activities? And to what extent should they matter?

Interviews suggest that actively quizzing a health professional on her political views and outside activities is rare, and that parting ways with a health care provider over such issues is even rarer.

Chicago dentist Barbara Mousel says patients gener-



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A much-loved Zimbabwean lion named Cecil was allegedly lured out of the Hwange National Park boundaries and killed, sparking international outrage.

ally don't try to determine her views on controversial issues such as abortion and gun control.

"In the dental office setting, bringing up controversial topics is not necessarily a good thing. It's just like dinner conversation," she says. If a patient does bring up a topic such as abortion or gun control, she tries to move on to a topic that's less likely to be divisive.

Asked if a patient has ever left her practice because of her views or hobbies, she pauses to think.

"You know, I've been in practice 32 years, and I can't recall that happening," she says.

Dr. David A. Harrison, an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, says that when he's a patient, he actually prefers not to know too much about a medical provider.

"I just want to know that they're competent, that we're developing a good relationship," he says. "I don't want to get distracted by their (personal) stuff."

That allows him to focus on providing his doctor with all the information that he or she needs to know to treat him, and on complying with the doctor's treatment plan, he says.

"I certainly want to have confidence that they're skillful, in terms of their technical skills, their knowledge and their relational skills," he says. And, yes, some behaviors would be deal breakers: "Obviously, I would not want to have a pedophile as a health care provider. But in some ways I don't see their beliefs as being critical to my care."

Mousel, similarly, said there are issues that are deal breakers, but also areas of disagreement — say, differing views on legal hunting in the U.S. — that she can accept. Among the issues she would weigh: the degree of disagreement between her and the health care provider, and the skill level required for the procedure.

Palmer's patient says she never knew he was a big game hunter.

"He was a great dentist.

Really highly skilled, and does a lot of cosmetic dentistry and great root canals," she says.

Still, she feels she has to take the allegations about Cecil, and more importantly a black bear in Wisconsin, into account. In 2008, Palmer pleaded guilty to making false statements to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about shooting the bear. The bear was shot in an unauthorized area, according to court records. Palmer was given one year probation and fined nearly \$3,000.

"I'm from a family of hunters — we're in Minnesota — but you eat your food, and you do it for a reason," Palmer's patient says. "Trophy hunting and big game? I guess I don't plan on going to him again. It's just core beliefs that are so different. I don't want to support it, even indirectly."

She says she isn't planning on quizzing her next dentist on his hobbies, but she may look him up on Facebook.

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CDC reports teens having far less sex than they used to

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

A possible upside to teens being eternally tethered to their devices? They're having a lot less sex than they used to.

A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report says from 2011 to 2013, 44 percent of females ages 15 to 19 and 47 percent of males ages 15 to 19 had experienced sexual intercourse at least once.

That's a sharp decline from previous decades. In 1988, for example, 51 percent of female teens reported having had intercourse at least once, and 60 percent of male teens reported they had.

And they're all about that birth control, with 79 percent of female teens and 84 percent of male teens using contraception the first time they had intercourse, according to the report (percentages that have remained the same over time).

Teens who wait to have sexual intercourse for the first time until ages 18 or 19 are even more likely to use contraception. Ninety-three percent of female teens who postponed intercourse until their late teens used protection the first time, compared with 77 percent of females who were 17 or younger at their first encounter. Ninety-nine percent of males who first had intercourse at 18 or 19 used protection, compared with 82 percent who were 17 or younger.

At least one expert linked the decline in sexual intercourse to the HPV vaccine, an optional series of three shots administered to boys and girls as young as 11 to

prevent genital warts and various cancers that can be caused by the human papillomavirus, including cervical cancer, anal cancer and vulvar cancer.

"The shots," The Washington Post points out, "come with an educational conversation. Kids learn earlier about the prevalence of STIs and how they're spread."

"They learn from doctors that you can catch HPV even if you use a condom," Brooke Bokor, an adolescent medicine specialist at the Children's National Health System, told the Post. "They might think: How else can I stay healthy?"

A decent (though disputed) number of teens are also hearing from their parents about sex, according to a survey of 2,000 parents and their teen children conducted in 2011, the beginning of the years mentioned in the CDC report.

Forty-two percent of parents said they've talked to their 15- to 18-year-old kids "many times" about abstaining from sex, but just 27 percent of teens said their parents have talked to them "many times." Forty-eight percent of parents reported talking to their teens about when sex should or shouldn't take place; 29 percent of teens agreed with that statement.

Perhaps the truth is somewhere in the middle.

One indisputable fact, reported in the CDC study, is that teen births have fallen 57 percent over the past three decades.

All in all, good news.

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What you should know before taking out a reverse mortgage



JANET KIDD STEWART
The Journey

If you took out a reverse mortgage without adding your spouse to the documents, do you know what could happen with the property after you die?

Did you know you could lose the house if you forgo maintenance or get behind on property taxes?

Are you under the impression the mortgage is with the government?

Reverse mortgages, which typically pay homeowners 62 and older a portion of their home equity until the borrower dies or moves, are complex products with provisions that occasionally are a moving target.

So it's little surprise that when the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently showed consumer ads about the products to about 60 seniors who had very little knowledge about them, the homeowners had trouble even understanding that the products were loans that have to be repaid.

"As older consumers consider reverse mortgage loans to tap into their home equity, they need to be careful of those late-night TV ads that seem too good to be true," CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in issuing a consumer alert about the products. "It is important that advertisements do not downplay the terms and risks of reverse mortgages or confuse prospective borrowers."

CFPB officials stopped short of claiming any of the 97 ads met the regulatory definition of deceptive marketing practices, and a trade group representing reverse mortgage lenders



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said it has filed a freedom of information act to review the ads used in the focus groups.

But the false impressions created by the print, TV and Web ads pointed out some useful tips for seniors who are starting to research whether such a product is right for them, and recent changes to some of the terms affecting holders of reverse mortgage holders are worth noting.

These are not government loans. While lenders offering federally insured reverse mortgages must comply with certain rules, the loans themselves are not taken out directly with the government.

Read the fine print. Homeowners applying for a federally insured home equity conversion mortgage (HECM) are required to undergo counseling about the terms. Make sure you understand them before signing, including the fact that you could face foreclosure if you fail to maintain the property or pay property taxes. The CFPB said few ads mentioned interest rates or repayment terms.

Widow relief. In a

separate action on June 12, the Federal Housing Administration issued a fix on a HECM policy that consumer advocates said had been pushing many widows and widowers into foreclosure after their spouses died because they hadn't been included on the loan. The revision, which eliminates certain requirements for survivors to assume the reverse mortgage, had previously been for mortgages originated after Aug. 4, 2014. Now, holders of earlier mortgages have the same protection.

Home for life. CFPB also said the ads created a false impression that a reverse mortgage guarantees you can stay in the home the rest of your life. In fact, there are upkeep provisions, as well as different financial terms that don't come with the lifetime guarantee. For example, if you take the money out in large installments early in the life of the loan, you could exhaust the payments relatively quickly.

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How to reap biggest rewards using cash-back websites



CAROLYN BIGDA
Getting Started

You're probably familiar with using promotional codes to save when you shop online. But what about getting cash every time you click "buy" at a major retailer?

That's the concept behind cash-back websites, which link you to retailers and allow you to earn dollars when you make a purchase. Today, more than a dozen cash-back sites exist, with shoppers typically earning between 5 and 7 percent on each transaction, according to Cary Tang, co-founder of CashReporter, a cash-back website comparison search engine. Sometimes you can pocket more.

"There are promotions around busy holiday seasons, especially Christmas, where cash-back amounts are doubled," she said. "That's when unknowing consumers are really missing out."

To maximize these potential rewards, here's what you need to know.

Pick a site. Cash-back and coupon websites earn a commission from stores when they direct shoppers to retailers. When you make a purchase, you get a cut of that commission in the form of a cash reward.

"The business model is sound, and you can count on the payouts," said Joanie Demer, co-founder of The Crazy Coupon Lady, which tracks coupons and other deals.

Some websites, however, may work with more retailers or be able to negotiate higher rebates. Demer, for example, contends that Ebates have



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some of the best rewards. She also likes FatWallet, Mr. Rebates and TopCashback, among others.

You can use a search engine such as CashReporter to compare cash-back offers, or visit a handful of sites until you find one that offers the best rewards for the stores you visit most.

Follow directions. In order to earn cash, you must create a direct trail between the cash-back site and the retailer. If you don't — say, you visit a store's website in another window on your Internet browser — you may not be credited with rewards.

"If you can't show a clear path that you were motivated to buy at Amazon through Ebates, for example, you might not get credit," Demer said.

Beware of exclusions too. You may not earn rewards if you use a gift card to make a purchase, and some products or brands do not qualify. So be sure to read the rules and directions on cash-back websites before you begin shopping.

Claim your cash. Once you start earning cash, some cash-back sites may automatically send you a payment via PayPal or mail

you a check once a month or once every three months.

Other companies will require you to request payment. And before you can start to receive money, you may have to accumulate a minimum rewards balance, often \$10.

Over time, the money can add up. Scott Kluth, founder of CouponCabin, which launched a cash-back program in November, estimates that users will earn about \$500 per year in cash rewards.

Maximize savings. As tempting as the cash bonus may be, though, Demer cautions against letting the rewards drive your shopping.

"Don't buy things you don't need just because there is cash back," she said.

Also, be sure to shop around. While you may be able to snag cash for a product at one retailer, another store that doesn't qualify for cash rewards may sell the same item for a lower price altogether.

And consider other ways to save. Demer said she sometimes gets a better deal by buying a discounted gift card from websites such as Gift Card Granny and using the card to make a purchase.

Create right mindset to pay off credit card debt

By Valencia Higuera
GoBankingRates.com

Paying off credit card debt might be one of the best moves for your personal finances. It can improve your cash flow, giving you an opportunity to build an emergency fund or save for retirement. In addition, paying off credit cards helps increase your credit score.

But if you have huge credit card balances and live paycheck to paycheck, it can feel as if you'll never make headway.

American households carrying credit card debt have an average balance of \$15,609, according to personal finance website The Simple Dollar. From this data, you might conclude that credit card debt is simply a way of life. But just because some people live with massive debt doesn't mean you have to be a permanent member of this club.

Paying off large debt is by no means easy, but if you change your mindset and adjust your approach you can trick yourself into getting out of debt.

Double payments

Minimum payments are a trap to keep people indebted for as long as possible. Interest accrues every month you carry a balance on your credit cards. This increases how much you owe overall, and it makes your credit card company richer.

To pay down large balances faster, you should pay more than the minimum, so set a goal to double your minimum payments every month. This is a simple concept, yet it can be hard to drum up the extra cash. This is where a little trickery comes in handy.

You might say you don't have enough cash to make higher credit card payments, but I'm willing to bet you spend money impulsively on at least a few items every month. This can be



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extra junk food tossed into your grocery cart or random \$5 purchases at a convenience store. These purchases seem minor, but you're failing to realize that every impulse buy wastes money that could be used to increase your minimum payments and pay off debt sooner.

So the next time you're about to spend impulsively, have a heart-to-heart with yourself. Think about your debt goals and ask yourself: Do I really need this item? This approach works because you're able to take a step back and think about what you're buying and

perhaps realize the purchase is pointless. But don't just put the item back on the shelf and move on. Take the money you would have spent on this "almost" impulse buy and use it to pay down your credit card debt.

Money-saving expert Andrea Woroch offered a practical suggestion for making this approach a part of your daily routine.

"If you feel the urge to buy a new pair of shoes or sunglasses, take a quick peek at your credit card debt by viewing your mobile app," she said. "This will remind you of your debt-free goals, and every

time you seriously avoid an impulse purchase, make a payment in the amount that you would've spent on that item." This is an effective trick because you're able to make room in your budget for additional payments with very little effort.

Even if you only pay an extra \$10 every month, you'll save on interest and pay off the debt quicker.

Reward yourself

Getting out of credit card debt takes willpower, which some of us lack. It takes willpower to cut up your credit cards and live off

cash, and you need willpower to consistently make higher payments. If you haven't been successful with meeting your debt payoff goals in the past, there's a simple way to boost your willpower. According to the American Psychological Association, you can build up self-control and reach goals by rewarding yourself for reaching milestones.

You might think you have to stop spending altogether to pay off credit card debt. But depriving yourself long term can backfire. Obviously, you'll need to make sacrifices and

cut some spending to get rid of credit card debt, but this doesn't imply never having fun or treating yourself. You might find it's easier to stay on course if you reward yourself with a free or low-cost activity or splurge for every \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 of debt you pay off.

This approach is different because it strikes a healthy balance between saving and splurging, plus it reduces the risk of frugal fatigue, which can trigger overspending later. It's also effective because you're giving yourself an incentive to stick with a plan.

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Diagnosis produced drastic lifestyle change and switch to 'veganic' food growing

By David Templeton
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH — Before the diagnosis, and long before any thoughts about “veganic farming,” Janet McKee was devoting physical and mental energy to a frenzied corporate career.

That lifestyle caught up with her when she learned she had ulcerative colitis — inflammation of the lining of the large intestine, linked to stress, medications and poor diet. Her doctor prescribed drugs while warning she'd likely be on them for the rest of her life and also might need surgery.

She accepted the diagnosis but not the prognosis.

Instead, she dove headlong into scientific research that prompted lifestyle changes and adoption of a whole-plant vegan diet, which cured the colitis. She sought formal education to help others fight health problems through dietary and lifestyle changes,

which eventually led to her decision to use veganic farming to raise more nutritious fruits, vegetables, herbs and seeds.

Veganic? Combine the vegan idea of avoiding cow and chicken manure and blood and bone meal as fertilizer, with the concept of organic farming — avoiding genetically modified plants and chemical fertilizers. Among other practices, veganic farmers use cover crops rather than manure to restore nitrogen to the soil.

“Why would you spread animal manure on your fields when you eat a vegan diet?” McKee said. “I wanted to grow the healthiest produce for the public that's possible, and one of the concerns is *E. coli*, which comes from the manure and not from the

spinach or vegetables.”

E. coli is a bacterium that causes food poisoning. Her opinions were bolstered when she learned that the bone and blood meals used in organic farming “are byproducts of slaughterhouse production.”

“If you think about it logically, the practical reality is that there is not enough poop available to grow the vegetables we need,” said Ron Khosla, a champion of veganic farming who supports www.veganic.org. He operates Huguenot Street Farm, a 77-acre veganic farm in New Paltz, N.Y.

Still a rare agricultural practice, he said, veganic farming offers a more environmentally sound way to recondition the soil and reduce greenhouse gases produced by manure and also has cost advantages. Animals and the soil both contain microbes to convert plants into fertilizer.

“You have to eliminate the middle men — the cows and the chickens,” Khosla said.

McKee's road to veganic farming was a winding one.

After returning to good health through a vegan diet, managed stress and improved sleep, she no longer needed medications. Quitting her corporate job in 1997, she became board-certified as a holistic health counselor, among other credentials. In time she would become a preferred provider for the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute Hillman Cancer Center and advisory board member of the Nemaquin Woodlands Resort's new Holistic Healing Center.

In 2012, she started SanaView (www.sana-view.com) to take her message online with videos and webinars.

The 50-year-old Franklin Park, Penn., resident remains a popular speaker on health topics while counseling individuals and groups about combining a whole-plant diet, especially raw plant foods, smoothies and high-nutrition juicing, with stress control and quality sleep. Her website includes testimonials from people who have used her methods to improve health, several involving cancer.

Sherina Tiberia represents a dramatic example. The former New Castle, Pa., resident now living in Bonita Springs, Fla., had lung cancer (bronchioloalveolar adenocarcinoma) with aggressive tumor growth. Her doctor told her to get her finances in order, saying she had three to six months to live.

She went on experimental drugs that stopped the tumors' progression but left them intact. About then she began seeing McKee, who put her on a raw-plant diet with flaxseed powder, juicing and exercise, all of which made Tiberia feel so much healthier that she decided to quit the medications she'd been taking for 14 months.

Within six months, she said, the tumors were shrinking, and seven years later there is no evidence of tumors.

“She saved my life,” Tiberia said. “I am living proof that a clean, good, organic diet works.”

In a word of caution, McKee said she always recommends that the people she counsels continue following physicians' advice and treatments.

McKee said she eventually realized that store-bought organic vegetables, picked before ripe and shipped long distances, weren't providing optimal



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Janet McKee, with freshly picked strawberries, and farm manager Kevin Keslar pose in Somerset Co., Pa. They have started a “veganic” farm on a historic property near Donegal.

nutrition. “They lose their life force,” she said. “The things that benefit health and life are diminished. And I was guilty as anyone of eating blueberries from Ecuador in January.”

Three years ago, she and her son Nathan crested a hill and spotted a 52-acre historic farm for sale in Donegal Township, Pa., with a log cabin covered by wood siding as the main house.

She bought that farm and restored the large barn and several outbuildings, including a springhouse. Farm manager Kevin Keslar, 40, continues building greenhouses heated and lit by solar panels, which also power electric fencing. No-till farming practices help preserve soil biology.

“It's funny that I'm ordering beneficial insects that will eat the non-beneficial ones,” McKee said. “If the soil is healthy, there aren't as many pests. I'm still in the learning phase.”

She already sells vegetables and herbs to local restaurants and an area country market.

The Fruit Tree Planting

Foundation, based in Pittsburgh, is growing seedlings on her farm and giving them away for donations to help the Pittsburgh Food Bank. The farm also houses 30 rescued bee hives to pollinate her crops.

For now, she continues soliciting advice from farmers about alternatives to herbicides, pesticides and manure. In time she says she wants to grow most of her own food and have greens available year-round in her greenhouses.

“There is nothing more fulfilling and healthy than growing your own food, and it is so rewarding when you have that, although it obviously involves freezing and canning, with dried herbs, kale chips and jars and jars of fermented red and green cabbage,” she said.

The farm is available for tours, meetings and workshops.

Good health requires sufficient sleep, hydration and managed stress, but “the key is food,” she said. “Food is medicine.”

Khosla, formerly an international organic certi-

fication consultant to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, said veganic farming avoids the salts and remnants of antibiotics and growth factors found in manure, all of which can end up in the vegetables and groundwater.

Transporting manure from factory chicken farms and spreading it on fields in large quantities is costly and labor-intensive and also causes the release of nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas 300 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

The veganic alternative involves legumes and other crops that draw nitrogen from the air and are then plowed into the soil. Veganic methods also help control weeds.

“The biggest advantages go to the soil, planet and water table,” Khosla said. “Most of the folks attracted to organic farming come from an idealistic perspective. But if you just cared about money and looked at this system, you'd say, ‘Gosh, the numbers work, and this is what we should be doing.’”

DREAM HOME



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Palatial estate in Western Springs for \$2.99 million

ADDRESS: 4050 Central Ave. in Western Springs

ASKING PRICE: \$2.99 million

Listed on April 9, 2015

This palatial, 10,000-plus-square-foot estate is nestled on a half-acre of land. The home includes six bedrooms, 5.2 baths and a four-car garage. Although grand in stature, the cozy feel of the home is pervasive in the design and intimate layout. Architecturally significant touches and refined details are showcased in each of the 22 rooms. The residence is in one of the state's top school districts and offers upscale shopping nearby, a short commute to downtown Chicago and is equidistant to O'Hare and Midway airports.

Agent: Steve Siciliano of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 708-352-4840

At press time this home was still for sale.



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Quick ways to catch cooler air

What you need to know about cooling down your house when the temperature heads for upper register

By Danielle Braff
Tribune Newspapers

It feels as if it's 100 degrees inside, and you need some tools to cool down your house stat. We rounded up some experts who offered quick-fix tips to get your home down to a reasonable temperature — even if the sun is trying its hardest to make you sweat.

Install an Energy Star ceiling fan. These can quickly lower the temperature of your room by 4 to 6 degrees — and they cost just a few cents per hour to operate. "For better results, pair with an air conditioner that provides cooler, drier air that the fan can then circulate," said Jaclyn Pardini, Lowe's spokeswoman.

Seal your home. Save up to 10 percent on electricity bills by using caulk, weather strips and spray foam around windows, doors and other hot spots including basements, crawl spaces and attics, Pardini said.

Remove moisture from the air. A dehumidifier can make an instant temperature difference in how a home feels on humid days. "Drier air will make the home feel cooler, particularly in areas that have inadequate ventilation, and will prevent the buildup of mold and mildew," Pardini said.

Install thermal curtains or cellular shades. More than 30 percent of home heating happens through your windows because they have the thinnest insulation barrier in the home, Pardini said. Thermal curtains — which cost about \$25 per panel — can reduce monthly energy bills by up to 25 percent.

Add insulation: Attics are often the largest source of potential heating and cooling loss in the home, and about 65 percent of homes in the United States are under-insulated, Pardini said. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, homeowners can save up to 20 percent on the heating and cooling portion of



Quick cool

These products will cool you — and your home — quickly.

Hampton Bay Southwind 52-inch Ceiling fan: Use the remote control to operate this fan (there are no hanging chains), which comes with a lifetime motor warranty. The light has a dimmer, and it's a quiet, smooth fan. \$89.88 at www.homedepot.com

Lava Heat Aire Aviator: Try this outside on a hot day, and it'll spray cool mist throughout your backyard with technology inspired by turbo jet engines, which use the power of wind and water. It has a 25-gallon water tank that provides up to 16 hours of uninterrupted cooling. \$1,699 at www.abt.com

Lasko 20-inch 3-speed fan: It's an energy-efficient fan that can pivot or stay in one place. This comes fully assembled and is ready to go with three speeds. \$29.98 at www.lowes.com

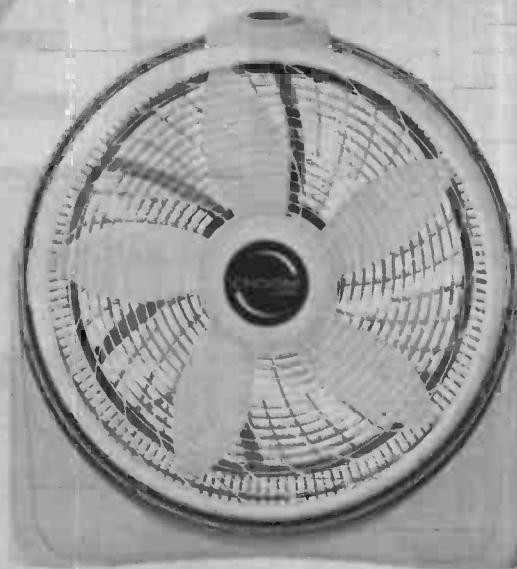
their energy bill with a properly insulated and air-sealed home.

Install a window air conditioner. These are the most popular units because they are easy to install and they're affordable — and some models can double as a heater, said Todd Marks, regional merchandising manager for The Home Depot.



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Keep in mind that most models can be installed in a single or double-hung window, and typically come with accordion panels that allow for a secure fit. Some models are designed to fit in sliding windows, but they require a support of some kind, such as a



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wooden plank or a specially designed shelf that can be attached to the exterior of your home.

Be savvy about air conditioner size and type. Before you shop for a window air conditioner, measure the square footage of the space you plan to cool, said Chris Hoffmann, project manager of heating, ventilation and air conditioning at Abt Electronics in Illinois. "Take a picture of the window (or wall sleeve) where you would like to place the unit, and bring along measurements ... so the sales associate can help you pick the proper unit," Hoffmann said. Also, make sure you have a

proper electrical plug available, because many older homes aren't properly wired or don't have the proper plugs. They should be 115 or 220 volts, he said.

Get a portable air conditioner. "Portable air conditioners or freestanding units can be used to cool a specific area in a home such as a bedroom," Marks said. "They are easy to set up and don't require permanent installation." These have a standard window venting kit for the exhaust hose, and many are mounted on casters so you can move them from room to room. Many also have reservoirs that need to be emptied periodically.

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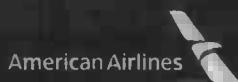
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Big Greek Food Fest of Niles

Benefiting: Holy Taxiarchai & Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, Niles

Purpose: Festival proceeds represents 15 percent of the church operating cost, and will support new and improved facilities that include a new classroom, new gymnasium, a second floor and kitchen expansion

Location: Church parking lot, filled with busy food tents, smoking meat grills, music and dancing

Attended: 15,000

Dates: July 18 to 20

Websites: www.saintharalambosgoc.org and www.bigreekfoodfestofniles.org



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Perry Giannopoulos, of Arlington Heights (from left), chairman of the festival and parish council president, with festival volunteers: Conny Mitas, Nitsa Davos and Sue Adraktas, all of Chicago and Jim Papakostas, of Niles



Andrea Gulliford, of Chicago (left); and Maryann Kanelos, of Niles, volunteers



George Karavitis, of Tampa, Florida (from left); Tim Spyrtos, of Elmwood Park; Achilles Xinogalas, of Niagara Falls, Canada; "Mascot Elias TV" Kosta Spiratos, of Chicago; and Xanthy Kalas, of Niles, representing Greek television local sponsor



Eleni Siavelis, of Glenview, vendor of "Eleni's Jewelry & Accessories"



Volunteer Eleni Kozlowski, of Chicago (left); and Anna Lemperis, of Niles, admissions chairwoman



Koula Kalogeros, of Deerfield (from left), chairwoman of the food tent; Father George Lamberis, of Addison, assistant pastor; and Eleni Lanzourakis, of Morton Grove, public relations chairwoman



Georgia Presvytera and husband Father Dean Botsis, senior priest at Holy Taxiarchai & Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church of Niles



Elaine Couris, of Morton Grove (from left); Terry Bougioukos, of Niles; and Litza Kalogeros, of Morton Grove, kitchen assistants

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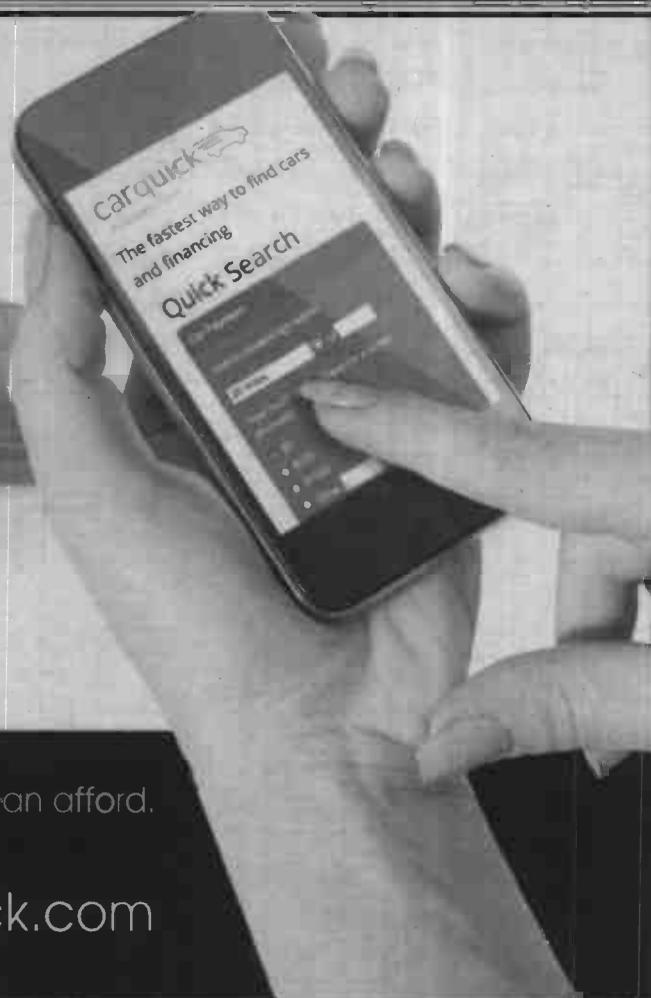
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2234 S Goebbert Rd, # 414, Arlington Heights	Andrzej Janton	Scott S Oh	07-01-15	\$82,000
1205 E Hintz Rd, # 212, Arlington Heights	Tomasz Zebracki & Agata Potwora	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	07-02-15	\$97,500
1615 E Central Rd, # 310B, Arlington Heights	Jeffrey John M Gutierrez & Christine Marie R Gutierrez	Daniel Sinard	07-07-15	\$122,500
1605 E Central Rd, # 418 C, Arlington Heights	Bozena Kijowska	Brooke Kauffman	07-07-15	\$127,500
2503 E Hunter Dr, Arlington Heights	Thomas Lange & Richard L Lange	Nicole Baskerville	07-01-15	\$170,000
416 N Derbyshire Ave, Arlington Heights	Anthony Dadabo & Courtney Dadaboof	Sean J Smythe	06-30-15	\$225,000
1341 S Evergreen Ave, Arlington Heights	Richard Halperin & Lauren Halperin	Joseph P Shepherd	07-02-15	\$242,000
2608 E Del Aire Dr, Arlington Heights	Scott S Dueball	Mary F Cooper	07-07-15	\$243,000
1640 N Douglas Ct, Arlington Heights	Florin Jon Fortis & Allina E Fortis	Edward Turner	06-30-15	\$252,000
303 S Forrest Ave, Arlington Heights	Artur Lasyk	Heidi Ann Haemker	07-06-15	\$275,000
919 N Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Ryan Hutchins & Lauren Hutchins	West Suburban Bank Trustee	07-01-15	\$285,000
714 W Lynnwood Ave, Arlington Heights	Oliver Medina & Milblen L Medina	Izzo Trust	07-06-15	\$300,000
511 S Roosevelt Ave, Arlington Heights	Kan Kosuge	Craig Bloomfield	07-07-15	\$315,000
2915 N Highland Ave, Arlington Heights	Jeffrey S Hanson & Jillian R Hanson	April M Boeck	06-30-15	\$320,000
803 W Victoria Ln, Arlington Heights	Nima Naraghi	David L King	07-02-15	\$351,000
836 N Salem Ave, Arlington Heights	Daniel Manis & Julie Manis	Joseph M Orlando	07-01-15	\$362,500
738 N Pine Ave, Arlington Heights	Marcin Gotowski & Aleksandra Stechnij	Robert S Ward	07-02-15	\$375,000
606 W Burning Tree Ln, Arlington Heights	Philip J Zaleski & Donna M Zaleski	Home Usa Lic	07-02-15	\$400,000
4025 N Mitchell Dr, Arlington Heights	David Kelly & Pamela Kelly	Mitsunaga Trust	07-06-15	\$438,000
37 N Lincoln Ln, Arlington Heights	Brian T Kuznia & Cynthia Yee	M I Homes Of Chicago Llc	07-02-15	\$441,500
1508 W Plymouth Dr, Arlington Heights	Mark Bauman & Tracy Bauman	Gary A Hrivnak	07-02-15	\$448,000
33 N Lincoln Ln, Arlington Heights	Satish Balakrishnar & Radhika Yechangunja	M I Homes Of Chicago Llc	07-02-15	\$450,000
336 W Waverly Ct, Arlington Heights	John T Polihronis Jr & Brittany Rose Polihronis	Robert E Pettigrew	07-07-15	\$455,000
45 N Lincoln Ln, Arlington Heights	David A Knudson & Michel L Knudson	M I Homes Of Chicago Llc	07-07-15	\$518,000
1007 E Valley Ln, Arlington Heights	Joseph W Ratzki & Julie Ratzki	Richard Olejniczak	07-02-15	\$620,000
614 W Sigwalt St, Arlington Heights	Javier Villarreal	Mike Fravell	07-02-15	\$635,000
126 N Stratford Rd, Arlington Heights	Jordan Bradish & Kristina Bradish	Mary Beth Flanders	06-30-15	\$635,000
1202 N Race Ave, Arlington Heights	Aakash Bhansali	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	07-02-15	\$836,000
10 Old Oak Dr, # 201, Buffalo Grove	Badriddin Artikov & Lola Artikova	Sungmin Kim	07-06-15	\$115,000
200 Willow Pkwy, Buffalo Grove	Lauren E Ogg Burnett	Gary Cohen	07-01-15	\$187,500
432 Diane Dr, Buffalo Grove	Ronald Ney & Isabella Ney	Edward E Kleca Estate	07-06-15	\$205,000
1454 Fairfax Ln, Buffalo Grove	Pavel Ulasau & Hanna Volkava	Thomas Swenson	06-29-15	\$259,000
686 Bernard Dr, Buffalo Grove	Carlos J Esquivel & Mary C Esquivel	Chicago Acquisition Partners	07-07-15	\$270,000
620 Marseilles Cir, Buffalo Grove	Dimitri Offergenden	Jeffrey M Press	06-29-15	\$310,000
43 W Fabish Dr, Buffalo Grove	Alex Millionshik	Arnold L Rosenberg	06-29-15	\$460,000
496 Thorndale Dr, Buffalo Grove	Xue Jun Jia	Evgueni Fayn	06-30-15	\$550,000
1101 Holiday Ln, # 2, Des Plaines	Dijana Vujovic & Darko Jankovic	Rohan Swack	07-01-15	\$50,000
9460 Dee Rd, # 1B, Des Plaines	Sebastian Emmanuel	Fannie Mae	07-02-15	\$67,000
9635 Brandy Ct, # 4, Des Plaines	Odulia Greif	Fannie Mae	07-07-15	\$90,000
1566 Woodland Ave, # C, Des Plaines	Edwin A Palacios	Fouzla Sattar	07-02-15	\$110,000
1327 Brown St, # 303, Des Plaines	Alexandru Codreanu & Tsveta Todorova	William Lang	07-06-15	\$187,000
1330 Perry St, # 501, Des Plaines	Susan J Davies	Travis James Dragicevich	06-30-15	\$197,000
9275 Cedar Ln, Des Plaines	Timmy Thomas & Savitha E Thomas	Saji Thomas	07-02-15	\$200,000
1492 E Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines	Maxwell T Nieder	Sandra L Picchiotti	07-01-15	\$200,000
390 S Western Ave, # 309, Des Plaines	James Pierson & Elizabeth Pierson	Stone Gate Of Des Plaines Llc	07-06-15	\$213,500
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466 Courtesy Ln, Des Plaines	Thomas Cecchin & Lisa Cecchin	Right Residential II Fund I	07-01-15	\$325,000
9500 Greenwood Dr, Des Plaines	Jennifer Hamilton & Timothy Hamilton	Jan Padowski	06-30-15	\$475,000
802 Forest Ave, # G, Evanston	Mitchell S Paskawych	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	07-01-15	\$112,000
715 Mulford St, # 1C, Evanston	Timothy Dotson & Letha Pena	Andrew P Traficanto	07-06-15	\$135,000
2036 Dodge Ave, Evanston	Carlos Guadarrama	Melanie Race	07-07-15	\$147,500
800 Elgin Rd, # 1115, Evanston	Hai Guohao Jin	Clarize Ditching	07-07-15	\$238,000
1570 Elmwood Ave, # 909, Evanston	Yumin Li	1570 Holdings Llc	06-30-15	\$240,000
800 Elgin Rd, # 1405, Evanston	Ying Cai & Lilian H Wang	Jonathan Weinstein	06-30-15	\$283,000
2526 Jackson Ave, # 1N, Evanston	You Yun Ma	Maria Hothem	07-06-15	\$310,000
1719 South Blvd, Evanston	Joshua Dreler & Jennifer Dreler	Jesus Villega	07-07-15	\$320,000
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9519 Crawford Ave, Evanston	Tracy McGuire & Amanda L Mculre	Glenn Blicharz	07-06-15	\$385,000
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519 Chicago Ave, # B, Evanston	Daniel A Hetzel	Mitchell Santiago	07-07-15	\$430,000
2506 Isabella St, Evanston	Bain Rumohr & Laura Rumohr	Franck D Guillet	07-06-15	\$519,000
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3028 Park Pl, Evanston	Ian D Merritt & Catherine M Merritt	Mark J Hurley	06-30-15	\$635,000
3806 Church St, Evanston	Jason D Appleson & Toya N Appleson	Mark S Steinberg	07-07-15	\$650,000
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3024 Park Pl, Evanston	Dat T Le & Andrea Le	John S Frigo	07-02-15	\$776,000
1940 Orrington Ave, Evanston	Matthew C Simpson & Megan I Simpson	Joshua W Barney	06-30-15	\$842,500
726 Sheridan Rd, Evanston	Peter D Edgerton & Gabrielle Edgerton	Edward L Chainski	07-02-15	\$947,500
1710 Livingston St, Evanston	Alberto Alvarez & Susan D Aufrecht	Davis Trust	06-30-15	\$1,140,000
2320 Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston	Mark Barbato & Patricia A Barbato	Eric Bernhardt	07-07-15	\$1,210,000
8613 Ferris Ave, Morton Grove	Stephan Cajuste & Sashana Cajuste	Dolores M Dougherty	06-30-15	\$250,000
9317 Cameron Ln, Morton Grove	John Chencian	George J Strack	07-06-15	\$258,000
7937 Foster St, Morton Grove	Karoline N Youkhana	Chicago Title Land Tr Co Ttee	06-30-15	\$275,000
8101 Central Ave, Morton Grove	Mohammed Ajjaz & Shah Nawaz Elahi	Chul Ki Kim	07-07-15	\$310,000
9430 Oilphant Ave, Morton Grove	In Sun Yoo & Yong Ja Yoo	Mark Schlichting	07-02-15	\$370,000
7436 Foster St, Morton Grove	Ma Theresa T Hidalgo	Whelan Trust	06-30-15	\$394,000
8819 Oketo Ave, Morton Grove	Jonathan Richard Lahn & Daria Kozicki Lahn	Cornel Ianchici	07-06-15	\$605,000
7631 N Olcott Ave, Niles	Gilda Antigona Josan	Fannie Mae	07-02-15	\$225,000
8140 N Osceola Ave, Niles	Jagdish Yadav & Ranjana Adhikari	Hemin Lee	07-07-15	\$251,500
9248 N Callero Dr, Niles	Sam Y Kim & Jom S Kim	Donna Tholke	07-01-15	\$350,000
8028 N Merrill St, Niles	Connor F Fiahive & Lauren A Fiahive	Linda M Pappaiardo	07-07-15	\$350,000
7006 W Main St, Niles	Andy Kartsistaris & Effie Kartsistaris	Brown Flesk Llc	07-07-15	\$630,000
1212 Glenlake Ave, Park Ridge	Domaciano J Rivera	Vbt Sfre Lic	07-01-15	\$210,000
1731 Pavilion Way, # 204, Park Ridge	Cheryl Collins	Iracema N Mc Cann	06-30-15	\$229,000
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920 N Knight Ave, Park Ridge	Lori A Uldriks	Joseph J Ramirez	07-06-15	\$305,000
1312 Park Ridge Blvd, Park Ridge	Michael T Laglness & Stephanie M Laglness	Robert M Jaeger	07-01-15	\$320,000
1523 Potter Rd, Park Ridge	Tamika Lebean	William V Reichert Jr	07-07-15	\$350,000
170 N Northwest Hwy, # 409, Park Ridge	Andrew J Duff & Claire Belton	Jill M Thomas	07-02-15	\$472,500
746 Parkwood Ave, Park Ridge	Bryan M Root & Kathleen M Root	Milan Stojakovic	07-01-15	\$475,000
310 S Greenwood Ave, Park Ridge	Albert Lee & Soyang Kwon	Reaf Llc P2	07-01-15	\$575,000
422 Root St, Park Ridge	Kevin A Dohr & Susan C Dohr	Citimortgage Inc	07-01-15	\$729,000
315 S Knight Ave, Park Ridge	Noah B Rorem & Natalie N Rorem	Michael Guerra	06-30-15	\$861,000

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4-bedroom, 2-bath home with expanded windows. There is a custom kitchen, featuring stainless steel appliances, slide-in stove, built-in microwave and granite counters. Hardwood floors throughout the house and all marble bathrooms feature new vanities. Professional landscaping with all new sod and plants. Finally, large fenced-in backyard with fruit trees.

Address: 107 Julie Drive
Price: \$449,900
Schools: Notre Dame High School College Prep
Taxes: \$6,393
Agent: Elda Kramarski/Exit Realty Redefined



LIBERTYVILLE

4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. This Cape Cod home features great curb appeal with a white picket fenced yard, which leads to a covered front porch/seating area. The home also has hardwood floors and an updated kitchen with custom cabinets, newer appliances and granite counters. There is a coffered ceiling in the dining room with nice trim work. The master suite is spacious, with dual vanities and separate tub and walk-in shower.

Address: 524 Broadway St.
Price: \$439,000
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: \$8,547
Agent: Kim Sanders



LAKE ZURICH

3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. The living and dining rooms feature vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors and a 3-way fireplace. The large kitchen has plenty of cabinet and storage with lots of counter space. There is a bay eating area overlooking the deck, which leads to a backyard surrounded by the woods. First floor features large master suite with private luxury bath including a whirlpool, separate shower and walk-in closet. The second level features two bedrooms with a Jack & Jill bathroom, as well as a possible fourth bedroom.

Address: 24674 West August Lane
Price: \$380,000
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: \$8,265
Agent: Michael Cell/RE/MAX Experts



DEERFIELD

4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. The home features a living room with hardwood floors, a separate formal dining room, a kitchen and spacious family room. The master bedroom has an ample walk-in closet and private bath. The home also has a back yard and is close to parks, shopping areas and restaurants.

Address: 1042 Gordon Terrace
Price: \$429,000
Schools: Keshet Day School
Taxes: \$10,591
Agent: Michele Vold/Coldwell Banker Residential

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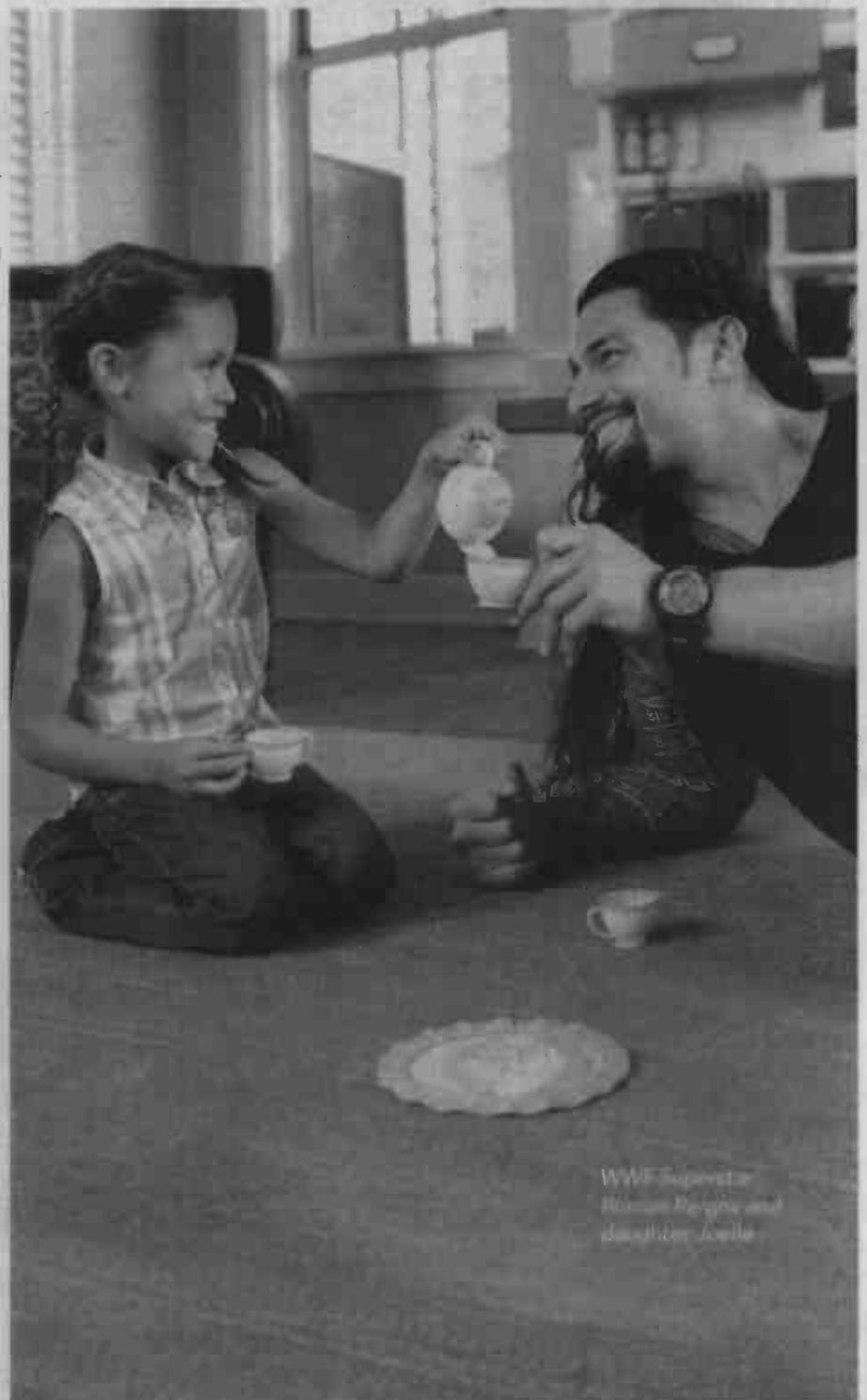
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Thursday, August 6

SkillTwins Soccer Camp: Youtube Soccer sensations Josef and Jakob, also known as the SkillTwins conduct a footwork summer camp. Open to ages 7 to 18. 1:15 p.m. & 5:45 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Addison Youth Soccer, 400 South Rohlwing Road, Addison, \$285 plus transaction fee, 847-989-4973

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program boxes can be found at many local police stations. Accepted are: prescription medications, all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-1300 ext. 146. 9 a.m. Daily, participating police departments include: Des Plaines; Evanston; Glencoe; Niles; Northbrook; Park Ridge; and Wilmette

Weinberg's one-of-a-kind prints at the Des Plaines Public Library: These prints capture the moment in time from observations of daily life. The Des Plaines Public library hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-0515

NRBQ: 8 p.m. Thursday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$36, 847-492-8860

It's Thursday, Let's Dancel Sam Fazio Quartet: 7 p.m. Thursday, 1603 Orrington Ave. Plaza, 1603 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free.

Josh Rzepka Trio: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

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

Native Haute Couture: Features garments that showcase American Indian artistry and expertise in tanning, weaving, embroidery, beadwork and tailoring. 10 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

Summer Camp at The Actors Gymnasium: A summer day camp for young people aged 9-15, The Actors Gymnasium Circus and Performing Arts Camp is perfect for young performers who want to strengthen, stretch and flex their creative muscles. 9 a.m. Daily, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$1,180 per Session \$2,275 for both sessions, 847-328-2795

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

Hot Summer Nights: Local bands are joined by professional dance instructors to provide visitors with easy-to-understand mini-dance-lessons corresponding to the music genre of the evening. 6 p.m. Thursdays, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

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 past replicas of American landmarks including the Statue of Liberty. 10 a.m. Daily, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$6 adults; \$5 seniors; \$4 children ages 3-12; under 3, free, 847-835-5440

Fruit and Vegetable Garden Family Drop-In Activities: Discover where food comes from and how plants grow. 10 a.m. Daily, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Butterflies & Blooms: 10 a.m. Daily, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Adults \$6; seniors \$5; children (3-12) \$4; children (2 and under) free, 847-835-5440

6 Wicket American Croquet: North Shore Croquet Club offers free coaching sessions and practice games. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays and Wednesdays, Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road, Glencoe, free, 847-409-5526

"Bleacher Bums": Comedy, tells the story of a group of Chicago Cubs fans lounging on the bleachers as they do everything but watch the game. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$35, 847-834-0738

Book Bites: Reading Social: "Mary Coin" by Marisa Silver. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview House, 1843 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-742-0692

Twitter: Get acquainted with this online social networking service that has more than just text messaging. Sign up for a Twitter account before class. 2 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Chagall for children: This highly-interactive exhibit features hands-on activities and audio descriptions of each of Marc Chagall's works. 9:30 a.m. Daily, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, \$11-\$10, 847-832-6600

Enter to win Lincolnwood Town Center's Back to School Model Contest: This top model contest is open to 13-17 year olds. All registrants must "like" or "follow" one of the following Lincolnwood Town Center's social media: Facebook, Twitter or Instagram account. Daily, Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Road, Lincolnwood, free, 847-674-1219

Shakes, Rattles and Roll: Ages birth-2 years with caregiver. Registration required. 10 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Converting Your VHS Home Movies: The new Digital Media Lab is the place to learn how to convert old home movies on VHS to a DVD or digital format. Registration is limited to four, with Morton Grove residents having priority. 10 a.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Teen Art Studio: No previous skill or supplies needed. Ages 13-18 welcome. Registration is required. 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

The American Legion, Post 134 seeks volunteers: Raise funds for Poppy Days to help veterans. For more information, call Ken Trumbull at 847-663-0539. 6 a.m. Daily, The American Legion Post 134, 6144 West Dempster St., Morton Grove

2016 Republican Presidential Debate Viewing Party: The Niles Township Regular Republican Organization (NTRRO) hosts an event that's open to the public. 8 p.m. Thursday, The American Legion Post 134, 6144 West Dempster St., Morton Grove, \$10 per person at door, 847-675-6745

Book Discussion: 1 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

Louis Ramey: 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484

Rockin' In the Park 2015: Cover bands, food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after every show. 7 p.m. Thursdays, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Food Drive In Skokie: Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. All foods can be dropped off at Walgreens. For further information, call Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation office at 847-675-4141. Daily, Walgreens, 3945 West Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

German Stammtisch: Practice German and learn about German culture. For all experience levels, from native speakers to beginners. 1 p.m. Thursday, Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, free

Niles Township School Supply Drive: Niles Township is holding a school supplies drive to assist area children in need this coming school year. New supplies and monetary donations will be accepted. Additional information and detailed school supply lists can also be found online at school district web sites in Skokie, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Niles and Glenview. 9 a.m. Weekdays, Niles Township Government, 5255 Main St., Skokie, free, 847-727-9510

Free museum admission for military: Free admission is extended to all military personnel and their families through Labor Day in participation with Blue Star Museums. 10 a.m. Daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Manhattan Medium: World-renowned clairvoyant, Thomas John, is also known as the Manhattan Medium. Chicago author and journalist, Jennifer Weigel interviews John and facilitates his psychic messages to audience members. 7 p.m. Thursday, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$20 advance; \$25 door, 847-251-7424

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Friday, August 7

Tab Benoit: 8 p.m. Friday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$36-\$56, 847-492-8860

Nia: Hollistic dance fitness: 11 a.m. Friday, Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, \$11 drop-in. \$80 unlimited class pass., 847-869-6477

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian free admission day: 10 a.m. Friday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free, 847-475-1030

5Rhythms Dance: A movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Tuesdays, Foster Dance Studios, 915 Foster St., Evanston, \$15; \$10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

Pinterest for Small Businesses: This social media program can help a business grow by increasing visibility on the web. 2 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

GLEnergy presents Barbra Streisand: Hy Speck returns with an informative and entertaining tour through the life and career of Barbra Streisand, one of the greatest female entertainers of the last fifty years. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, call ext. 7600, or visit the Reader Services Desk. 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Make It and Take It: Kids with a parent or caregiver are invited to stop by and make a craft to take home. 10 a.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Concert in the Park: Listen to The Juke Box Band play their crowd pleasing repertoire of classic rock, blues, country and jazz. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oak Park, 7700 Lee St., Niles, free, 847-967-6633

Gentle Yoga: Admittance on first-come, first-served basis. 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Parisian Salon Concert: featuring George Lepauw: In a complete performance of all 24 Preludes and Fugues from The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I by J.S. Bach. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Services Under the Stars: All are welcome to join in learning from the large range of Jewish teachings. 6:45 p.m. Friday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

Tot Shabbat with pizza/pasta dinner: This service is for children up to age seven and their families; older siblings are encouraged to join. Contact Janice Hadesman at 847-205-9982 Ext. 211, or jhadesman@templebeth-el.org, to RSVP for dinner. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 847-205-9982

Share The Warmth: Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. Bring lunch. 9 a.m. Fridays, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

Duplicate Bridge: 9 a.m. Fridays, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

Backyard Summer Psalms and Fellowship: Each week come enjoy fellowship together as this congregation reads and reflects on one of the Psalms of Ascent and the present journey of their own lives. Bring a beverage and a snack to share. Call the church office for the location. 7 p.m. Fridays, Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hibbard Road, Wilmette, free, 847-446-4300

Saturday, August 8

Health & Safety Fair: Tour fire trucks, climb walls, get tips on healthy eating and participate in free health screenings, including blood pressure, BMI and blood glucose. Consult with a doctor about your health concerns while your children participate in games and other activities. 9 a.m. Saturday, Holy Family Medical Center, 100 N. River Road, Des Plaines, free, 847-297-1800

Renegades Travel Baseball Tryouts: The tryouts/evaluation camps for U11-U12 begin at 10 a.m. each day followed by U13-U14 at 1 p.m. each day. Visit the website for more information. Saturday-Sunday, Maryville Academy, 1150 N. River Road, Des Plaines, free, 847-350-8435

Golf Maine Summer Party: All area families are invited to join in the evening's activities: Inflatable bounce house, food, music, face painting and family games. At dusk, the movie, "Big Hero 6" begins. 6 p.m. Saturday, Dee Park, 9229 West Emerson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-297-3000

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

Ronnie Earl & The Broadcasters with Diane Blue: 8 p.m. Saturday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$25-\$65, 847-492-8860

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. Noon Saturdays, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday: 9 p.m. Saturdays, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 adult advance; \$20 at the door, 847-521-6434

Garden Chef Series: Top local chefs show how to prepare delicious meals using the freshest fruits, herbs and vegetables. 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Native Plant Garden Family Drop-In Activities: Explore the plants and animals in aquatic habitats and learn what kinds of animals depend on ponds and lakes. 10 a.m. Saturdays-Sundays and Wednesdays, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Gardeners of the North Shore Show: Judged exhibition with more than 500 entries of anything a home gardener can grow. Noon Saturday-Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Kite Festival: Enjoy set-to-music stunt-kite performances by members of the Chicago Fire Kite Team at the 11th Annual Kite Festival. Participants may bring and fly their own kites. 10 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Farmers market: Glenview: 9 a.m. Saturdays, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, Free, 847-657-1506

Freshmen College Bootcamp: While high school graduates anxiously await college life, PEER Services provides a three hour course that puts some worries to rest. The program focuses on decision making skills. With health, stress, roommate relationships and time management all on the agenda, students can get a head start. noon Saturday, PEER Services Inc, 3633 West Lake Ave. #305, Glenview, \$75, 847-492-1778

Crafting for Charity: Join in this summer charity project, making lap blankets for the sick and infirm. Email at info@mgpl.org for details on donating acrylic yarn or participating if not available for this meeting. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Morton Grove Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturdays, Dempster Street and Georgiana Avenue, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436

Saturday First Run Feature - "Pitch Perfect 2": 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Northfield Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays, Happ Road and New Trier Court, 6 Happ Road, Northfield, free, 847-446-4451

Ages 18 and Up - Weekend Film Camp: Takes place Aug. 8-9, 14-16 and 21. Learn how to develop a story through the art of screenwriting. Each class is devoted to one aspect of film-making: Script development, pre-production, two days of production, post-production and then ending with a film festival. Class takes place on Friday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$130, 847-692-3597

Park Ridge Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Saturdays, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-318-5217

Motley Crue: With special guest Alice Cooper. 7 p.m. Saturday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$20-\$149, 847-635-6601

Preserving Survivor Stories: Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question, and "natural language" technology software retrieves Pinchas' response, creating an interactive dialogue. Free with Museum admission. 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Wilmette Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturdays, Wilmette Village Center, Along 12th Street and Wilmette, Central and Greenleaf Avenues, Wilmette, Free

Sunday, August 9

Sean Hayes with Brother: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$34, 847-492-8860

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Interfaith Concert on the Lake: Headliner performer Nimo Patel, brings his own brand of music to the stage, along with Chicago's Poetry Pals, who perform their readings and music. Visit InterfaithActionofEvanston.org and SpiritualPlaydate.com. 2 p.m. Sunday, Evanston History Center, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston, free, 847-361-1254

Do Not Submit: A Storytelling Open Mic: Sign-Up 6 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Chicago Botanic Garden Farmers Market: 9 a.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

"Love Is Strange" (94m/n/R/2014): A tender tale about longtime partners, Ben and George, who face late-in-life crises. Starring John Lithgow and Alfred Molina. A casual audience-led discussion follows matinee screenings. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Glenview Squares Benefit Dance for C.A.R.E.: Proceeds go to Community Animal Rescue Effort. Followed by Mainstream/Plus Square Dance. 6 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, 847-309-1329

"Music In The Air": Cantor Benjamin Warschawski is recognized worldwide for his extraordinary talents. 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$95, 847-675-4141

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

Monthly Museum Architecture Tour: "Symbolic by Design": Explore how the Museum's architecture and interior design help to tell a story and enhance understanding. 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Monday, August 10

11th Annual Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Golf Outing: This golf outing will feature current and former Chicago sports celebrities. All funds benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation in efforts to raise money for families of fallen and catastrophically injured Chicago police officers. 11 a.m. Monday, White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, \$60-1000, 312-499-8899

Nla: Holistic dance fitness: 11 a.m. Monday, Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, \$11 drop-in. \$80 unlimited class pass., 847-869-6477

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

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: The Mudflapps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Carillon Concert Series: 7 p.m. Monday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

hoopla, MyMediaMall & Zinio Individual Appointments: Meet with trained Library staff for a 45-minute one-on-one session and learn how to download books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows, or music to your portable device. Glenview Library card required to register. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Drop-In Chess Club (up to grade 8): Bring own chess set if possible. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. 7 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Summer Drop-In Movies In the Community Room: 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Book Discussion: "A Thousand Acres": By Jane Smiley. 11 a.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Community Service Club: Make placemats for Meals on Wheels, create coloring books for children in need, complete compassionate and engaged projects for the community while earning community service hours. Each meeting counts for one volunteer hour. Bring volunteer sheet to verify hours. 4 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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

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

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Free Walking Clinic: Instruction from certified personal trainer. All fitness levels can participate. Call to register. 6 p.m. Monday, Gillson Park, Sheridan Road & Michigan Avenue, Wilmette, free, 847-251-6834

Tuesday, August 11

Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse: 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

Tuesday Morning Music: Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances on Tuesday mornings in the McGinley Pavilion overlooking Evening Island. Music varies from string quartets to Native American flutes, and are focused towards an older crowd. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Music on the Esplanade: Unwind with free live music. Bring a picnic (allowed only on concert evenings) and enjoy the sunset. Listen to a different musical genre each Tuesday. Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Open Hockey Rat Time: Players 18 years and older wearing full equipment can partake in a pickup hockey game. 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, \$10, 847-724-2800

Word 2010 Basics: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Ready for Kindergarten: Teachers from Extraordinary Kids Kindergarten Enrichment Program engage children (those entering kindergarten) in science, math and art activities. 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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Country in the Park: Free concert series. 7 p.m. Tuesdays, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

World's Fair of Money: Visitors can see eye-opening exhibits of historic, multi-million dollar rare coins and colorful paper money including the Treasury Department's Billion Dollar Showcase featuring \$100,000 bills. 10 a.m. August 11-15, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$0-6, 719-482-9867

Jewish Short Stories: Stories by familiar authors as well as works by lesser-known writers to be read. Materials provided in advance of each class. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Great Books Discussion Group: For more information on joining, call 847-673-1814. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-7774

Wednesday, August 12

Bensenville French Market: 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Bensenville Village Hall, 12 South Center St., Bensenville, free

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. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, \$3; \$2 with a member, 847-391-5399

Kasey Chambers: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$30-\$55, 847-492-8860

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

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Farm Dinners: Learn first-hand from Windy City Harvest Youth Farm students how the organic produce is planted, cultivated and harvested. 5 p.m. Wednesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$220, 847-835-5440

Dancin' Sprouts: Enjoy free musical entertainment for the Garden's youngest visitors. Hours are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the Esplanade. Wednesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Girls Like Us: The Music of Joni, Carole & Carly: Celebrate the groundbreaking music of Carole King, Carly Simon, and Joni Mitchell. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Intro to Microsoft Excel 2010: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Classics on Wednesday Film Series: 1 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player looking for an opponent or a beginner interested in learning new skills, join our new weekly chess club. Chess sets and clocks provided. No registration required. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Storytime and Snacks (ages 2 and up with parent/caregiver): Join Mrs. Schmitt for stories and fun in the Lifestyle Center. 10:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Whole Foods Market, 840 Willow Road, Northbrook, free, 847-205-5353

Northbrook Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Wednesday, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free.

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Beginning Bridge Lessons: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$75 member; \$83 guest, 847-692-3597

Wine 101 Class and Outing: This Wine 101 Class/Outing for "55 and Over" meets at WineStyles for a class filled with wine facts and tastings. After the class, and samplings, browse the store for different wines to take home. 2 p.m. Wednesday, WineStyles Park Ridge, 105 South Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, \$10 member; \$12 guest, 847-692-3597

Thursday, August 13

Hawallan Luau: Dress in Hawaiian attire or even your swim suits and be ready to participate in the dance, if you choose. The Barefoot Hawaiians perform all the various forms of Polynesian, Hawaiian and Tahitian dance. Bring lawn chairs and come hungry. The Uncle Bub's BBQ Hawaiian Buffet includes: slow-roasted pulled pork, slow-roasted Hawaiian chicken, mac n' cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, and watermelon. No charge for ages 4 and under. 5:30 p.m. Aug. 13, Bensenville Water Park, 1100 W. Wood St., Bensenville, \$24-18, 630-766-7015

93XRT welcomes Los Lobos: 8 p.m. Aug. 13, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$75, 847-492-8860

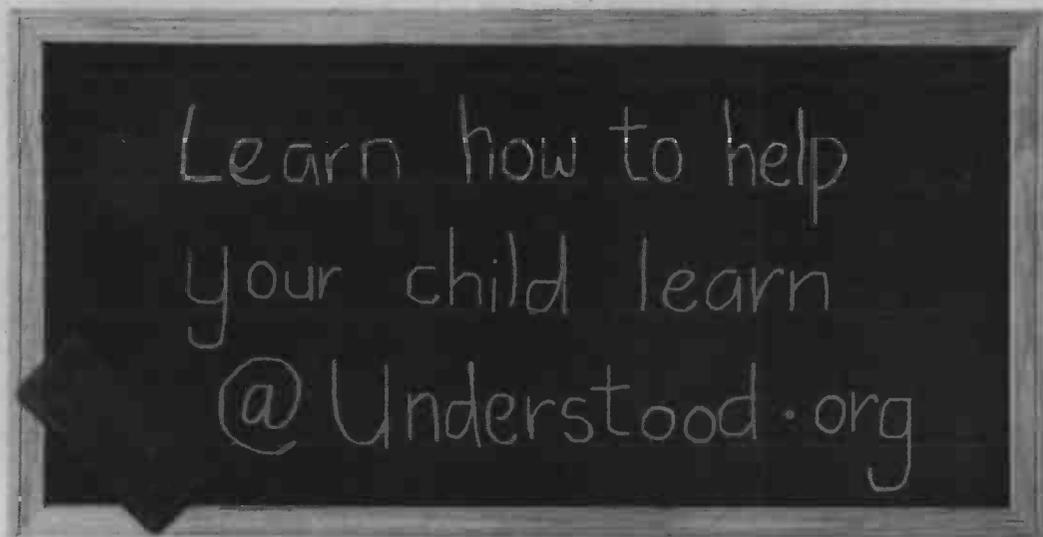
Diabetes month by month: Learn how to prevent, manage and take care of your diabetes to prevent complications. Class is bilingual (English and Spanish). 5 p.m. Aug. 13, Erie Family Health Center Evanston/Skokie, 1285 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, free, 847-666-2346

Digital Memories: Drop by the library to learn how to use the scanner in the Digital Media Lab for preserving photos, negatives and more. Registration is not required. 2 p.m. Aug. 13, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Party at the Y Community Cookout: The public is invited to enjoy a cookout picnic, inflatable bounce houses, live music, and more in a relaxed social atmosphere. 5:45 p.m. Aug. 13, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Walking the Talk Series: Nutritional IV Therapy: A monthly guest speaker covers topics that integrate health and wellness into your lifestyle. 7 p.m. Aug. 13, Chicago Sports Institute, 1847 Oak St., Northfield, free

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**"Ant-Man" ★★★**

PG-13, 1:57, action. "Ant-Man" has been skittering around the development corridors of Hollywood so long, the earliest unproduced screenplays about the tiny superhero actually preceded the Disney film "Honey, I Shrank the Kids." That was another age (1989), decades before our present "Age of Ultron," an epoch of expensive cheap thrills dictated by the steady, crushing rollout of so many Marvel movies that even the good ones start to seem like ants at an endless picnic. But wait. The

"Ant-Man" we have before us, half-an-inch tall and played by genial, skillful Paul Rudd, turns out to be better company than you'd think possible in a multistrand franchise lousy with corporate directives. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Minions" ★★½**

PG, 1:31, animation. It's the role of a minion to be a servile follower of a person in charge. That means they are resigned to playing the supporting role. That's the problem with the new animated comedy "Minions." The pill-shaped yellow characters introduced in "Despicable Me" as the subordinates to the villainous Gru have now taken center stage. The charm and humor they brought in tiny doses in the previous films now come in a massive blast that wears thin quickly. — *Rick Bentley, Fresno Bee*

**"Pixels" ★★½**

PG-13, 1:06, comedy. In "Pixels," directed by Chris Columbus, the 40-something self-described losers who spent too much time at the arcade are the ones who will inherit the earth — led by their benevolent leader, Adam Sandler, of course. When a mysterious alien invasion that looks eerily similar to "Galaga" hits a military base, President Cooper (played by Kevin James) has no choice but to call in his big guns. The only ones who can combat this invasion are the Arcaders: Sam (Sandler), Ludlow (Josh

Gad) and former nemesis Firecracker (Peter Dinklage), sprung from the clink for the occasion. "Pixels" is a blast of energetic fun, though it doesn't attempt to stray outside the lines or reflect on its "Godzilla"-style formula; the novelty of nostalgic video game characters as space invaders sustains the film. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune Newspaper Service*



"Southpaw" ★★½R, 2:04, drama. Jake Gyllenhaal stars as a boxer who spirals into near-instantaneous poverty, unemployment, heavy drinking, suicidal craziness and indecipherable levels of Method mumbles, while his daughter is taken into custody of child services. The champ must retrain himself for life inside and outside the ring, under the tutelage of wizened trainer Tick Willis (the formidable and ever-welcome Forest Whitaker). The fights look like a hundred other fights we've seen in the movies, with slightly zapped, sped-up action and

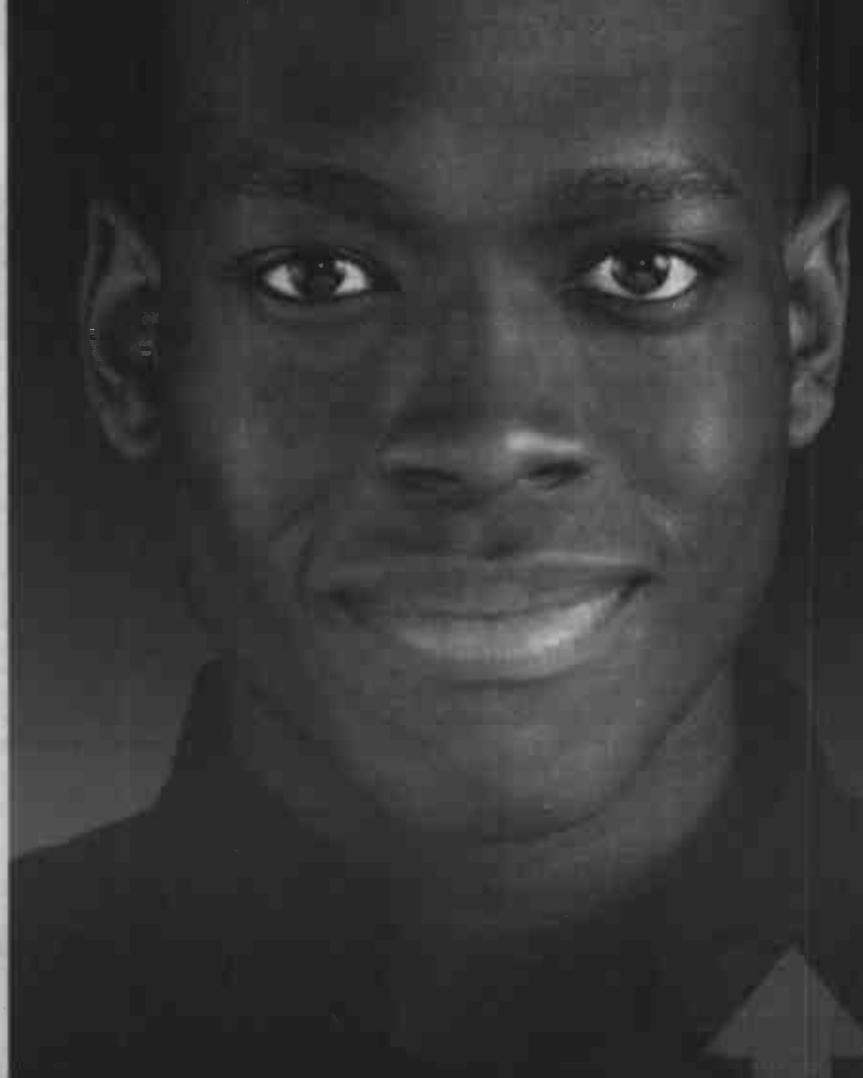
quick cutting that's more expedient than inspired. The same can be said of the whole movie. — *M.P.*

**"Trainwreck" ★★★½**

R, 2:02, comedy. At the risk of raising expectations, the first few scenes of "Trainwreck" are among the best that director Judd Apatow has ever done. In or out of the "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"/"Knocked Up" universe of arrested-development guydom.

"Trainwreck" hails from the universe next door: arrested-development, female division. Amy Schumer plays a fictionalized variation on herself, also named Amy, or more accurately a variation on the stand-up and "Inside Amy Schumer" Comedy

Central personae that have carried Schumer to her current showbiz location. "Trainwreck" is all kinds of funny, and as with any talent showcase worth its salt, the tone of the humor adjusts to suit the talents on screen. — *M.P.*



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DR. JAMES LYLE HANCOCK, age 93, formerly of Skokie. U.S. Navy Pearl Harbor survivor. Graduate of Northwestern University and Illinois College of Podiatry; Past President, Glenview Rotary Club. Beloved husband of Leila; dear father of James Brian (Linda); Keith Anthony (Rebecca), and Rory Martin (fiancée, Nicole); loving grandfather of Shannon (Scott) Knight, Courtney, J. Brian II (Kristie), Hilary, Kimberly, Andrew, Heather, and Kelsey; cherished great-grandfather of Grace and Harper; and fond brother of the late Clifford (the late Pat). Funeral Mass, Friday, August 14, 2015, at 9 a.m., at Addolorata Villa, 555 McHenry Rd., Wheeling, IL, 60090. Interment, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org), P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS, 66675 or Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL, 60693. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Krackenberger, Mary Patricia

Mary Patricia Krackenberger, née Welch, age 69, died on Saturday, August 1. She was the beloved wife of John; loving mother of Katie (Scott Baker), Michael, and Peter (Christine) Krackenberger; dearest grandmother of Ryan and Colin Hegg. Born August 11, 1945 to Frank and Frieda Welch and younger sister of Dennis and Kathrine Welch, and "sister" of Amy Thompson, she was a lifelong resident of Skokie, IL. In 1967, Mary traveled to India where she volunteered as a member of the U.S. Peace Corps. She attended John Marshall Law School, where she met her husband-to-be. Mary and John were married on February 6, 1971 and graduated from law school in 1973. Mary was a practicing attorney, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many, and active member of the St. Lambert Church community. Despite battling cancer for nearly 10 years, Mary remained active and in great spirits, traveling with her husband, frequently visiting the Chicago Botanic Garden, snuggling with her dog, Jasper, and spending time with her many friends and family who will miss her dearly. According to Mary's wishes, her body is being donated to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois so that future doctors may have the opportunity to further their medical knowledge. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 8th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Lambert Church 8148 Karlov Ave., Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL, 60660 (www.misericordia.org), where Mary was a volunteer. Funeral info: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Can '16 Prius save hybrids?

Segment's sales are stuck in niche

BY CHARLES FLEMING
AND JERRY HIRSCH
Tribune Newspapers

The next Toyota Prius will arrive just as hybrids seem to be going out of fashion.

Set to debut this fall, the 2016 version of the groundbreaking green car leads a segment beset by falling gas prices and the rising efficiency of conventional gasoline cars.

The fourth-generation Prius, analysts say, will have to be an extraordinary car to match its previous successes, and it's unlikely to breathe new life into the flagging hybrid segment.

"The Prius and hybrids in general are in a very tough position right now," said Kelley Blue Book senior analyst Karl Brauer.

In many ways, the Prius is the hybrid segment. Last year, Toyota sold 207,635 of the three Prius models combined, accounting for 42 percent of the hybrid market, according to IHS Automotive.

It's by far the best-selling hybrid in U.S. history, having sold more than 1.8 million units since its debut as a 2001 model. It has, in recent years, often been the best-selling car of any kind in California.

But Prius sales this year are off 15.8 percent from 2014, according to industry research firm Autodata Corp., a figure that mirrors falling sales for all hybrids.

Toyota has so far said little about the 2016 model, but the automaker has acknowledged a few key facts: It will be in dealerships by year-end, come first in hatchback form only — with wagon and compact versions to arrive later — and look more like a conventional sedan.



Toyota has been offering heavy discounts to move the current model Prius, above, off dealer lots. The 2016 Prius likely will command a higher sticker price as a redesigned model.

It will drive more like one too, with sharper handling, according to Toyota. Fuel economy will improve by about 10 percent, to more than 55 mpg.

Is that enough? Some analysts say it isn't — because hybrids generally cost more than conventional vehicles, and because fuel economy alone isn't drawing consumers as it did when gas prices were high and threatening to go higher.

"This segment struggles because of the economics," said Stephanie Brinley, an analyst with IHS Automotive. "With gas prices staying low, it becomes even more difficult to ... make back the higher price of a hybrid in fuel savings."

To increase sales, Toyota will have to convince buyers that the Prius is a great car that just happens to get great mileage.

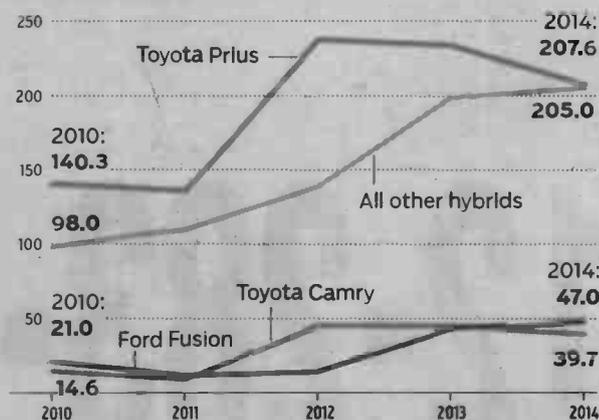
"If Toyota cannot present this as an attractive, fun-to-drive, high-quality vehicle that oh-by-the-way also gets 60 miles

Prius dominates

The Toyota Prius is the best-selling hybrid in the U.S., accounting for 42 percent of the hybrid market last year and the biggest slice of sales over the last five years.

UNIT SALES OF HYBRID VEHICLES

Scale in thousands



Source: IHS Automotive

to the gallon, it will not be successful," Brauer said. "If the biggest selling point is the fuel numbers on the window sticker, that won't get it done."

Toyota deserves credit for leading the industry in hybrids, and with the Prius

it once cornered the high-mileage market. When the second-generation Prius debuted as a 2004 model, its rating of 46 mpg in combined city and highway driving seemed an impossible engineering feat. A similarly sized Mazda3

compact of the day got only 26 mpg.

Sales were helped, too, by the Prius coming with a sticker in California that allowed owners to use carpool lanes on the freeway — a perk that has since gone away. (The stickers are now reserved for zero-emissions vehicles.)

But the new Prius will face increasing competition on all fronts. More automakers are offering more alternative-fuel models, including diesels, plug-in hybrids, electric cars and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

The biggest challenge, however, may come from traditional gasoline-powered cars, which have made big strides in efficiency as automakers work to meet rising federal fuel economy standards.

Many automakers now offer conventional vehicles that get 40 miles to the gallon on the highway. The 2015 Prius gets a combined 50 miles per gallon, while the Mazda3's number has risen to 34.

A fuel efficiency rating of 55 mpg for the next Prius would still be impressive. "But you're giving up something in terms of comfort, performance and interior space" with a hybrid, Brauer said.

Toyota has not announced pricing for the new model will be priced close to the current model, or about \$25,000 to \$31,000, depending on options. That's a good bit more than, for instance, a comparable Honda Civic.

In another sign of waning demand for hybrids, Toyota has been offering heavy discounts to move the current model Prius off dealer lots. At least one Los Angeles dealer has offered hatchback versions recently for less than \$20,000, according to TrueCar.com.

The 2016 Prius will probably command substantially more as a redesigned model. It may also offer more luxury and technology in a package that's more like a traditional sedan, said analyst John O'Dell of Edmunds.com, the Santa Monica auto information company.

"This car will look more like an alternative family vehicle," O'Dell said. "That means they may be able to raise the price range, since they can include more features in a sedan."

O'Dell said the top-of-the-line Prius may be priced as high as \$35,000.

The future of all hybrids remains tenuous. Sales seem stuck in a small niche, despite substantial investments in engineering and marketing of hybrids by nearly every automaker. Some automakers have even offered hybrid models at the same or only slightly higher prices than their conventional gasoline equivalents.

But the Prius and dozens of other hybrids — most of them converted versions of conventional models — amount to only about 2.5 percent of all U.S. auto sales.

If the next Prius can't grow sales, that won't bode well for hybrids from other brands.

"If the Prius cannot be successful this time around," Brauer said, "I don't know how any hybrid can be successful."

Unless, of course, gas prices rise.

"You are always one fuel price spike away from people falling back in love with alternative-fuel vehicles," said Ford sales analyst Erich Merkle, whose company makes the C Max and Fusion hybrids.

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The 2015 VW Golf GTI is lighter, bigger, faster and better than previous iterations.

GTI earns best-of-year love

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

The 2015 Volkswagen Golf has had a banner year. It was Motor Trend's car of the year. It was the North American Car of the Year. It was at or near the top of every 10 best auto list of 2015.

We tested the sportier two-door GTI. The most noticeable difference is hidden beneath the hood. The direct-injection 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine, part of VW-Audi's MBQ architecture shared by the Audi A3 and TT, generates 210 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque, a boost of 10 horsepower and 51 pound-feet from the previous model. It's not overly impressive from a stop, but as soon as the turbo kicks in, anywhere from 2000 rpm and beyond, it has the kind of power and quickness that make you smile.

The GTI sits slightly lower than the Golf and has sturdier sway bars, so zipping in and out of corners doesn't roll you off the seats. Tight turns and the ability to get in and out with a burst are the most impressive performance elements of the always-fun without ever being obnoxious hatch.

Zippping around town was enabled by the six-speed manual transmission, which comes standard. The

2015 VW GOLF GTI S

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Base price: \$24,395

MPG: 25 city, 34 highway

Engine: 2.0-liter turbocharged in-line 4-cylinder with direct injection

Transmission: 6-speed manual

Parting shot: The new GTI combines fun, value and economy better than any car on the market.

gear stick has a dimpled golf-ball handle, and the gearbox should be used in driving programs intent on resuscitating the manual transmission. It's smooth, direct and simple. It makes driving fun and isn't a nuisance in traffic.

The flat-bottom leather-wrapped steering wheel adds to the sporty tactile impression while driving. Yet the fun factors don't have to sacrifice economy. We averaged 37 mpg at highway speeds averaging 50 mph over 83 miles, which is well above the EPA estimated 34 mpg highway.

Passengers not accustomed to sportier bucket seats remarked on its snugness, but I felt they fit like a glove. Getting the kids out of the back seat was no problem. The sturdy release on the top of the seats is easy to pull, and the 7-year-old knew by feel whether it engaged. That goes for the 60/40 fold-downs into the hatch, with the clever armrest that doubles as a spacious pass-through for skis or longer sports equipment. With the seats folded down, the GTI has 52.7 cubic feet, which is 15 percent larger than the outgoing model. The interior space is extraordinary for a two-door hatch.

Infotainment never rises above functional, despite being all new. Voice commands were inconsistent but impressive.

The redundant steering controls let you easily scroll through stations without having to hold for a few seconds, making for a simple, though unsophisticated, interface.

The clunkiest thing in the car is the proprietary Media Device Interface (MDI), a fat cable made for iPod connectivity that can be replaced by different adapters for different devices. Like iPods, the MDI is being phased out for the universal element of a USB starting with 2016 models.

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Try to give your rotors a break



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I have a 2011 Ford Edge with 50,000 miles. My Ford dealer indicated that brake linings (pads) were 5 mm on all brakes. This put my brakes in the "yellow zone" on the vehicle checkup report. I asked if the brake linings could be replaced now to avoid damage to the rotors, and they recommended not replacing the linings only. They told me that both the rotors and the linings should be done together because the rotors and the linings "wear together" and that replacing only the linings will result in squeaky brakes since new pads will not fit well on the existing rotors. In the past, I had always heard that you replaced the brake pads before the rotors needed to be re-ground. Has this recommendation changed, and what would you recommend?

— V.B., Ann Arbor, Mich.

A: Unless the rotors are worn beyond the mandatory discard thickness, we

prefer to replace the pads only. Not only does this obviously save money, but time. New pads must be burnished into new rotors before the best braking performance is achieved. Burnishing involves making multiple stops (with cool-downs in between) to transfer some of the brake lining material to the rotors. It takes about 200 normal brake applications to achieve this if the technician fails to burnish your brakes using a quicker method. This is unnecessary if the old rotors are used.

Q: We own a 2008 Ford Taurus. In 2011, the paint on the hood started bubbling and chipping off. The local Ford dealer told us it was not covered under any warranty and we were out of luck unless we wanted to shell out about \$1,800 to repaint the hood. We have quite a large patch of bare aluminum on the hood of the car. Can you tell me if car owners have any other recourse for what is clearly a defect in the manufacturing of this car?

— J.O., Riverside, Ill.

A: The Center for Auto Safety suggests contacting the service manager at your local Ford dealership. The service manager has access to the field repre-

sentative and should submit your request for financial assistance to the rep. Sometimes, partial payment of the repair costs is offered. You may choose to accept or go to small claims court. Check out the Center for Auto Safety website, www.autosafety.org for guidelines.

Q: I have a 2007 Toyota Highland Hybrid with 115,000 miles. I have been faithful in its recommended maintenance. Is there any data regarding the longevity of the hybrid battery; is there anything that reflects miles versus battery replacement? Would it be advisable to trade my hybrid, or can I presume the Highlander Hybrid has more miles?

— J.O., Chicago

A: The hybrid batteries have a design life of at least 10 years. Chances are they will live long beyond that. Toyota claims that the batteries will last "the life of the car." The company warrants its batteries for 8 years/100,000 miles. In California the warranty is 10 years/150,000 miles

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STAYING LOCAL

Red Stars soccer caters to enjoyable family experience

BY KEN RYAN
Pioneer Press

Editor's note: This is the final in a series of stories about things for sports fans to do and see in and around the Pioneer Press coverage area.

It's a sunny Saturday evening and my wife and I have loaded our three children into the minivan to head out for a new family experience.

After a 15-minute drive from our west suburban home, we arrive at the campus of Benedictine in Lisle — the home of the Chicago Red Stars women's soccer team.

Parking, which is free, is quick and easy. I easily navigate the family vehicle through the ample parking lot, past tailgaters and groups of children kicking soccer balls. We secure a parking spot a moderate distance from the entrance to the university's sports complex.

Easy parking without much walking is essential to our family, as one of my sons, Jay, is physically handicapped. He makes it to the stadium with no difficulties.

I've been to Benedictine many times over the years in my capacity as a sports writer covering high school events, ranging from soccer, track and field, to baseball. It's always been one of my favorite venues, a well-designed, professional-looking complex that I would expect to see at a university twice the size.

Tonight the complex has taken on a whole new personality. This atmosphere

Red Stars remaining home schedule

All games at Benedictine University, Lisle
Aug. 12, vs Sky Blue FC, 1 p.m.

Aug. 16, vs Washington Spirit, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 23, vs Western New York Flash, 4 p.m.

Sept. 6, vs Houston Dash, 4 p.m.

feels like a party. My family and I are immediately greeted by friendly faces and free giveaways.

We are handed cups of fresh, sliced mango from a smoothie vendor and, much to the delight of all three of my kids, people are distributing complementary chocolate milk jugs courtesy of Nesquik. My son Caleb chugs his within moments, while Jay and Kristine tuck theirs into the backpack to enjoy later.

It's not long before Jay and Kristine spot the Red Stars' mascot, Supernova, who poses for a friendly photo with Jay and offers a high-five to Kristine. Caleb and my wife, Susan, line up for a showdown that involves transferring jelly beans from one jug to another. Caleb's reward for winning is a handful of Red Stars temporary tattoos.

One more giveaway — a water bottle that Caleb happily snatches up — and our family is ready to hit the concession stands.

Concessions are simple, but offer enough selection to please our family: pizza combo for Caleb, chicken

strips for Kristine and nachos for Jay. Susan and I go with a brat and a burger, with chips and drinks to round out our order. The prices are reasonable in comparison to other professional sporting events: Our dinner for five is \$28.

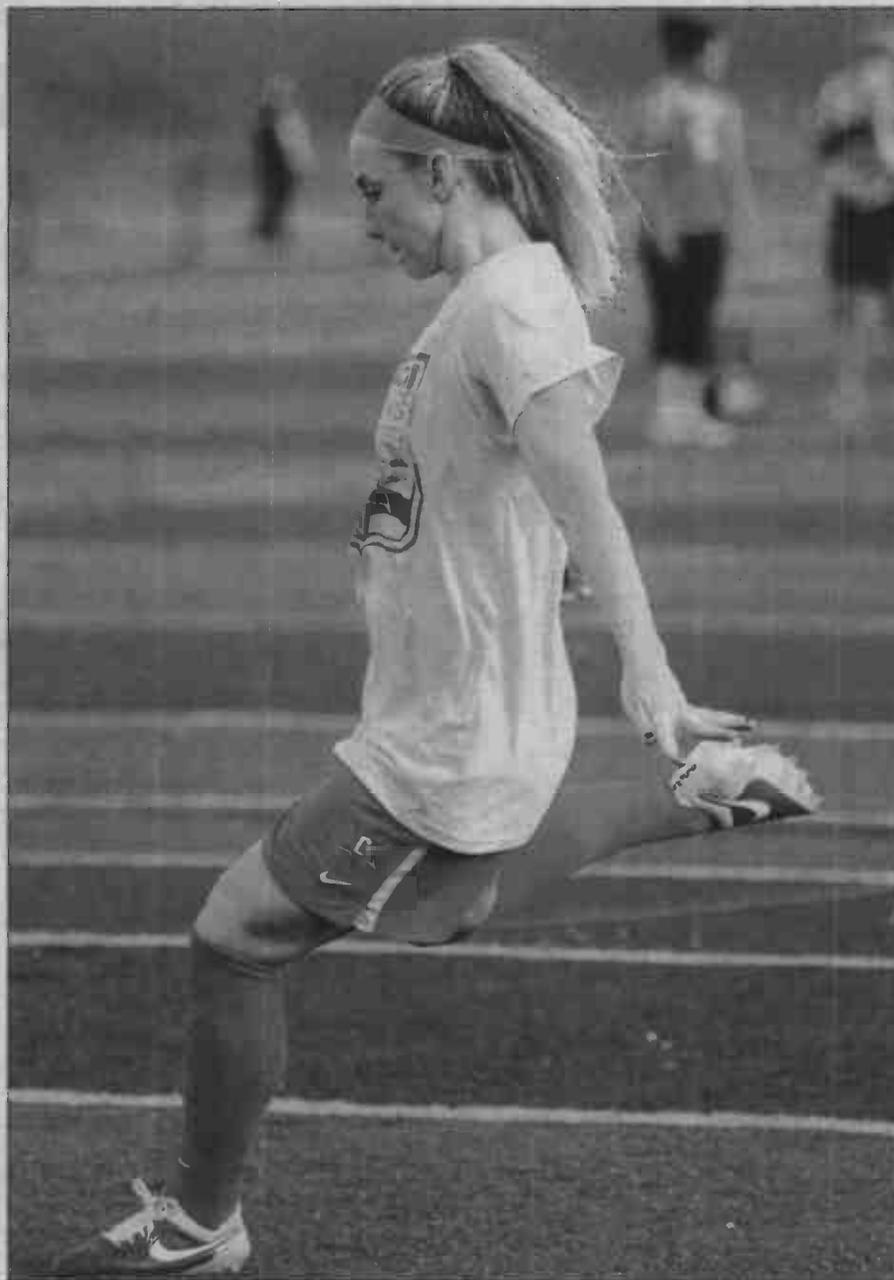
After filling our bellies, we venture into the stadium to find our seats.

The stadium, which features a synthetic turf field, has a seating capacity of 3,071 and is mostly filled on this night. Tickets prices begin at \$10, while upscale VIP guest suites each can accommodate 20 people, and a premium table offers seating along the sidelines. For us, the bleachers are just fine.

As the public-address announcer introduces the starters before the game, the crowd saves its biggest applause and cheers for fan-favorites Julie Johnston and Christen Press. The pair rewards the fan support by each scoring in a 2-2 draw against defending Women's National Soccer League champion FC Kansas City.

The Red Stars (7-1-6), established in 2007, are currently in second place in the nine-team league and feature FIFA Women's World Cup stars, including American champions Johnston and Press. They are joined by U.S. teammates Lori Chalupny and Shannon Boxx, as well as the Canadian trio of Karina LeBlanc, Melissa Tancredi and Adriana Leon, and New Zealand captain Abby Erceg.

Red Stars personnel keep fans involved by encouraging different chants and Jay



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Julie Johnston, the 2014 Women's National Soccer League Rookie of the Year, warms up before the Red Stars face the Boston Breakers at Benedictine on July 18.

enjoys banging on the bleachers as "We Will Rock You" blares through the loud speakers.

We strike up a conversation with a family sitting in front of us, who is attending its first game of the season but has been to a few games in previous seasons.

Hannah Bressner, a 20-year-old from Darien, watches the game with her parents and boyfriend. She's wearing an old Red Stars jersey of former player Casey Nogueira, whom she met during a summer camp in North Carolina a few

years back.

"I just like the fun atmosphere," says Bressner, who played a season for Heartland Community College in Normal, and wants to try out for St. Xavier this fall. "It's a low-maintenance experience. It's easy to get in and out and there's not a bad seat in the house."

With the Red Stars enjoying a 1-0 lead at halftime, the crowd is treated to more family fun. Participants squeeze inside giant inflatable balls and play Knockerball soccer, which involves a fair amount of collisions.

Supernova shoots T-shirts into the stands, which is always a dependable crowd-pleaser. Despite sitting in one of the last rows of the bleachers, Jay tries his best to catch a souvenir, with no luck.

His disappointment doesn't last long as we purchase a T-shirt with a Red Stars logo inspired by the Chicago flag, on the way out of the stadium.

A new Red Stars fan is born.

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STAYING LOCAL

Par-King offers one-of-a-kind test of mini-golf skills

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Located on Milwaukee Avenue in Lincolnshire, just across from the Regal Cinemas, the giant pink castle is a hard-to-miss local symbol along a busy stretch of road amid numerous corporations and chain restaurants.

The pink castle is the centerpiece of Par-King Skill Golf, a hidden gem for sports fans or families seeking quality entertainment in the area. With two 18-hole courses that include 19 moving obstacles and seven water holes, the pink castle is an eye-catching aspect of the Par-King miniature golf course.

Just ask Mundelein junior Matt Szczepanski, a 16-year-old from Wauconda.

"It was a really cool course," Szczepanski said. "It was really nice. We were bummed out since we couldn't go in the castle. We thought it was part of the course."

Par-King Skill Golf is not your normal, run-of-the-mill miniature golf course.

Szczepanski and two of his friends all visited Par-King on Friday, July 24 for the first time. All three found the course to be unique and enjoyed the different aspects of each hole.

A golfer at Mundelein, Marco Rosales admitted the course was tough.

"I thought this course was really nice," Rosales said. "I don't go mini-golfing very often, but I'm an actual golfer. This was actually very difficult for me putting. I like all the props. Some of the holes were really tricky. It is easily the best golf course that I've been to."

A multi-generational, family-owned business that has been in operation since the 1950s — when it was based in Morton Grove and called 4G Fairways — Par-King bills itself as one of the most creative courses in the



GEORGE C. BOZDOS

Par-King Skill Golf in Lincolnshire features two 18-hole courses with 19 moving obstacles and seven water holes.

PUTTING AROUND

Par-King Skill Golf in Lincolnshire isn't the only place to play golf on a miniature level. Here are a few other places that might be closer to you:

Aloha Falls Miniature Golf and Games

Location: Libertyville
Cost: \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for children

Did you know? Aloha Falls Miniature Golf and Games has more than 100 arcade games, along with a pool table, ping-pong table and air hockey table.

Summary: An entertainment destination with fun and stimulating holes and arcade games for families, the Aloha Falls Golf and Games features a café and bar, plus two Hawaiian-themed courses.

country. Par-King's Lincolnshire course opened in 1977 and doubled the size of

The Hub at Berens Park

Location: Elmhurst
Cost: \$6 for residents, \$7 for non-residents

Did you know? Among the many features at the Hub are four batting cages, a 6,000-square-foot water play area and a 3,500-square-foot pavilion.

Summary: An 18-hole miniature golf course with a water feature and practice green, the Hub limits playing parties to five people and strokes to six on any hole.

Putting Edge Norridge

Location: Norridge
Cost: \$10.50 for 13 and over, \$8.50 for 12 and under

Did you know? The Putting Edge Norridge offers an unlimited play op-

tion for \$2 more, which can be purchased before or after your round.

Summary: Unlike some courses, the Putting Edge Norridge is indoor and features "blacklit" course with glow-in-the-dark colors, images and sounds.

Pioneer Park Mini-Golf & Batting Cages

Location: Niles
Cost: \$5 per person

Did you know? Friday Family Fun Nights are affordable for families, with a \$7 charge per person that includes one round of mini-golf, one batting cage token, a hot dog, small drink and chips.

Summary: Available for birthdays or party rentals, Pioneer Park Mini-Golf & Batting Cages features 18 challenging

holes and automated batting cages. For groups of 20 or more, the mini-golf charge drops to \$3 per person.

Highland Park Golf Learning Center and Adventure Golf

Location: Highland Park
Cost: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children

Did you know? An ideal destination for children and adults, the Highland Park Country Club and Learning Center Golf offers mini-golf with the use of an outdoor patio.

Summary: There are many options for all golf lovers, including a driving range and country club to play 18 holes.

not have a theme. Each hole is a unique experience, from the giant clown to the golf

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ball rollercoaster, the Statue of Liberty hole, the Sears Tower and the 1970s-style spaceship and the huge roulette wheel.

"We took the best of everything, from what we thought out clientele liked from not only the miniature golf but the landscaping," Par-King owner George Boznos said. "During the daytime, this is a great family business. All you see out here is families. But at night, there's a whole another segment of customers that come in until dinner. After dinner, it's a date place. Our clientele during the day is young children and families. At night, it's high school and college students. For families, this is great. It's good, clean, wholesome fun."

Elliott Sathnoff, a 16-year-old from Hawthorn Woods, called the miniature golf course a must-attend place for local residents.

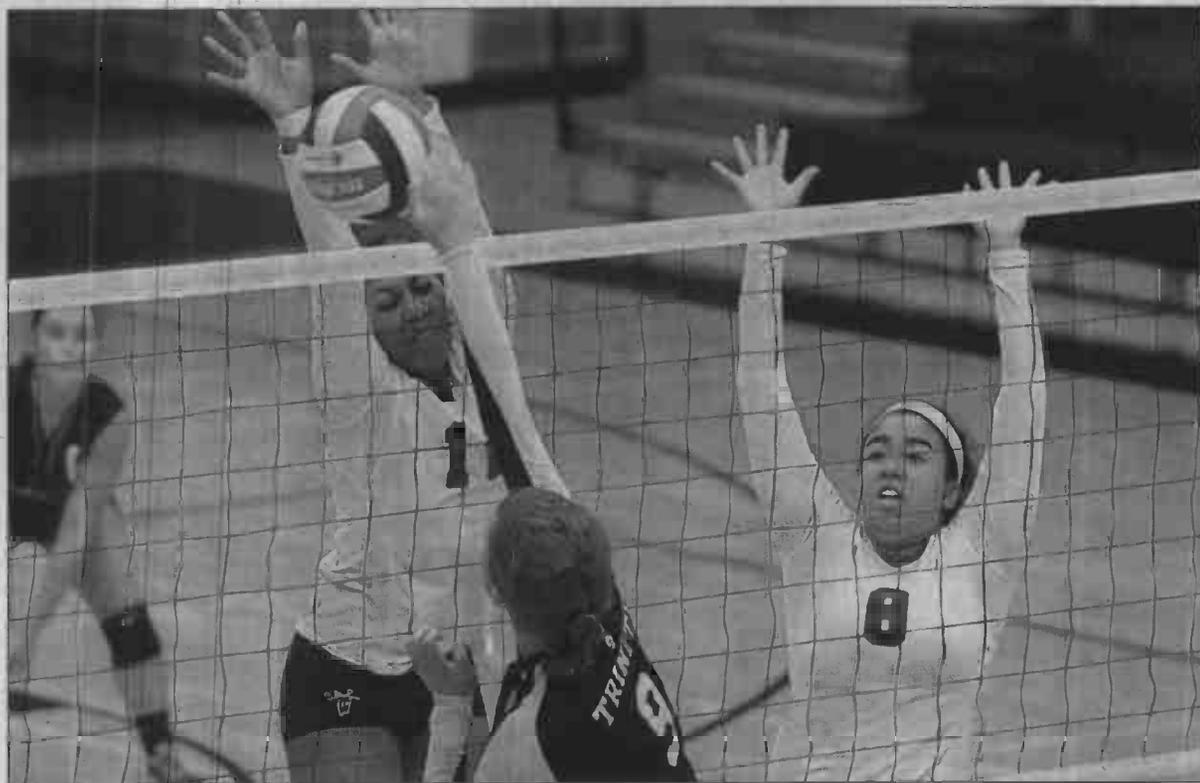
"It was really fun," he said. "I liked the courses and it was very interesting with all the obstacles and we had a good time."

With parking for 200 cars and extra parking available in the grass, Par-King Skill Golf can accommodate more than 200 people and is open seven days a week in June, July and August. Able to hold corporate events and birthday parties, Par-King is a unique, and memorable, aspect of the community.

"I know for sure that I'll definitely be back," Szczepanski said after completing one of the 18-hole courses.

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Niles North's Amanda Green (left) blocks a kill attempt by Trinity's Carly Uhlir in a New Trier volleyball tournament game at Glenbrook North on Sept. 6, 2014.

Top-tier athleticism sets Louis, Green apart

BY MATT HARNISS
Pioneer Press

By Division I standards, Taylor Louis and Amanda Green still are in the learning stage of their careers, according to Marquette women's volleyball coach Ryan Theis.

Both Louis and Green — graduates of Niles North — started playing the sport as freshmen in high school.

"They are relatively late to volleyball," Theis said. "Both have a good understanding and knowledge of the game, and they have played at high levels. But they have some deficiencies."

That doesn't mean Theis is down on the players he recruited from Skokie. It's quite the contrary.

"Athletically, they will be two of the best on our team

and maybe rival some of the best in the Big East," he said. "We like getting those athletes and teaching them the game. It's easier to teach great athletes."

Louis, a 6-foot-2 outside hitter, will be a redshirt freshman this season, and the 6-1 Green, also an outside hitter, will be a true freshman. Theis said both of them can reach as high as 10-5, more than three feet higher than the net.

"The ability to play that high above the net is elite," Theis said.

Despite their athleticism, Louis and Green — varsity teammates for three seasons at Niles North — both admitted they are behind most of the women at the



Taylor Louis

Division I level. Louis said she agreed with Theis' decision to redshirt her last year.

"I came in like Bambi," she said. "The players were more advanced, more experienced.

I had to clean up my hitting and my defense."

Green has spent a little more than a month on Marquette's Milwaukee campus and during that time she's played against her future teammates in open gyms. She said she's no longer the dominant player she was in high school.

"There are a lot better players around me, but I enjoy the competition," she said. "It's going to make me a better player."

A year ago, Marquette

went 24-9 and 14-4 in conference play. For the fourth consecutive season, the Golden Eagles advanced to the NCAA Division I women's volleyball tournament. They lost to Illinois State in the first round.

Theis said he sees Louis as a major contributor when Marquette starts its season Friday, Aug. 28, against North Dakota in Ames, Iowa. That's because of her play in the spring. Louis led the team in points scored during the short, exhibition-style season.

"My very last game is when it all started to click," Louis said. "I started seeing things quicker, and I got used to Division I volleyball."

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Nichol wins second silver medal at Special Olympics World Games

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Christopher Nichol left the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles with a pair of silver medals after his second-place finish in the 200-meter backstroke.

Nichol, who trains at the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles and graduated from Notre Dame College Prep in 2014, finished in 3 minutes, 37.41 seconds in Division M1 on July 31.

Five days earlier, he placed second (1:44.13) in the 100 back.

Nichol also earned a fifth-place ribbon for his part on the U.S. 4x50



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Christopher Nichol

freestyle relay team that finished in 2:54.55 in Division M3. In addition, the Chicago resident received a participation ribbon in the 100 butterfly.

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Ruffolo, Ferri named to all-tournament team

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Elite Baseball Training teammates Michael Ruffolo and Sam Ferri were named to the all-tournament team at the 2015 17U Perfect Game World Series at Goodyear (Ariz.) Ballpark.

Ruffolo, who was a junior on Ridgewood's baseball team this spring, had slash stats of .500/.588/.500 at the tournament, which ran from July 17-21. He went 7-for-14 with three walks and three runs.

Ferri made one appearance on the mound and struck out four batters in 3.1 innings without allowing an earned run. The Norridge resident and Notre Dame senior-to-be didn't walk a batter and allowed two hits.

Ruffolo has committed



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Michael Ruffolo sprints down the first-base line during a game on May 28 at Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn.

to Indiana State and Ferri has committed to Arizona State.

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Seeing stars

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Chicago Red Stars striker Christen Press rips a shot against Seattle Reign FC on April 18.

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