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Scott Holtz, Skokie booster, businessman

Scott Holtz is a booster and regular volunteer for downtown Skokie. He helped create the entertainment series, which just finished another season. He is vice president of the Independent Merchants Association and own North Branch Yoga with his wife.

Q: What was your first job?
A: I design and build websites.

Q: What is your favorite word?
A: Lurie.

Q: What is your favorite number?
A: 10/19/92, the date he was diagnosed, the population was 45 minutes away.

Q: What is your favorite book?
A: One of my favorite books is "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell.

Q: What is your favorite music band?
A: Death Cab for Cutie.

Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

Q: What is your favorite movie?
A: "The Shawshank Redemption."
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D219 hires crisis management PR firm

Legal firms chosen to review “particular employment-related matters”

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Two weeks after Niles Township High School District 219 placed its top two administrators on leave just days before the first day of school, the district retained a crisis management consultant during a special meeting.

The board has been tight-lipped about a decision announced Aug. 10 to place Superintendent Nanciann Gatta and Assistant Superintendent for Operations/Chief Legal Officer John Heintz on paid leave until further notice. At the board’s most recent meeting, officials voted to replace the district’s previously-hired legal counsel with a new firm and hire Chicago-based public relations firm Jasculca Terman and Associates.

Chicago law firm Franczek Radelet was hired last month, along with law firm Mayer Brown as outside legal counsel to help the board review “particular employment-related matters.”

Citing a conflict of interest regarding one of Mayer Brown’s clients and the school district, the board last week replaced the firm with another Chicago law firm, Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale, which will serve as special investigative counsel.

Rounding out the team of consultants hired by the district since the investigation began are financial accounting firm Sikich LLP and 4Discover, a computer forensic investigations company.

According to information from the school district, the board has agreed to pay an hourly rate of $190 to $285 to Franczek Radelet, and $450 an hour to Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale.

The accounting firm will be paid $300 an hour — up to $10,000 — for auditing services and $1,000 for related expenses; and the board has agreed to spend the same amount on IT services paid to the digital forensic investigators.

Board members declined to elaborate on the investigation. Officials previously have said the leave, which it said was in agreement with both administrators, was “due to differences” between the board and the administrators.

Tensions between Gatta — who makes $250,000 in base salary — and the school board have mounted since the spring election, when the board underwent a shift. Voters replaced three longtime incumbents with three new candidates from a slate that had links to the North Suburban Teachers Union.

Board President Mark Sproat, a newly-elected member who replaced former President Robert Silverman after Silverman stepped down in May, sided with new board member Linda Lampert during the July 13 board meeting in which Lampert raised questions about family ties Gatta has to Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine.

After being pressed by some of the board members about how she secured a recent deal with the university, Gatta — whose brother John Gatta is director of research at the Feinberg School — said on July 13 that her brother helped her secure a meeting at the university.

“T’was a leader who is networked in the larger educational community,” Gatta said on July 13. “I’m able to leverage relationships — just like the reason you’re on LinkedIn.”

Gatta also said she was transparent about the process of reaching the research agreement with the university.

Under the agreement, which the board tabled on July 13, the Department of Family and Community Medicine would have had been able to conduct ongoing research related to District 219’s health clinics for students.

The agreement was approved on June 22 by Rex L. Chisolm, vice dean for scientific affairs at Northwestern University, but it was never signed by the school district. According to Anne Roloff, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at District 219, the board wasn’t interested in moving forward with the proposed agreement, so it won’t be appearing on a future agenda.

Before the May changeover on the school board, Gatta had faced criticism from some parents due to her support of a new school calendar that shortened summer break by a week while adding more days to winter break.

She also had been questioned by officials at some local elementary districts that feed into the District 219 high schools about a plan she signed off on last year to provide resources for high school and college-readiness to Skokie School District 69.

Some parents and community members criticized the agreement, known as the “Classrooms First Consolidation,” saying it excluded the other elementary districts that feed into Niles North and Niles West high schools.

During the Aug. 4 board meeting — the last regular board meeting before the investigation was announced — the board voted to extend the “Classrooms First” initiative to include Golf School District 67.

Sproat did not respond to a request for how much the school district planned to spend on the investigation.

Roloff has taken over day-to-day operations while Gatta is on leave.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
A new state mandate passed in Illinois this year requires all sixth and 12th graders in the state to get vaccinated against meningitis—a highly contagious, sometimes-fatal disease that quickly causes inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord.

While some parents have concerns about the possible side effects of vaccines, Niles Township School District 219 hasn’t heard any complaints from parents regarding the meningitis vaccination since letters were sent out notifying families of the state’s new requirement earlier this year.

“We have notified students and parents several times via letter about the new requirement and have also publicized it in principals’ newsletters, at book pickup, etc.,” said Jim Szczepaniak, director of community relations at School District 219. “Students can get a vaccination at Heartland Health Center at both Niles North and Niles West as long as they have a signed parental consent to receive [vaccinations].”

Regardless of whether they have insurance, District 219 students can stop by the in-school health clinics and get a shot free of cost, Szczepaniak said, making it easy for kids to get vaccinated before the Oct. 15 mandated deadline without an appointment at the doctor’s office.

The Illinois Department of Public Health allows students to be exempt from vaccinations based on religious and medical reasons, but the new law signed by Gov. Bruce Rauner on Aug. 3 makes it harder for parents to claim an exemption.

The law requires parents who want an exemption to complete an objection form and present a signed statement from a religious official attesting to a legitimate religious exemption. Prior to the passage of the law, parents could simply write to school officials detailing why they think vaccines clash with their religious beliefs.

Lisa Litberg, whose son is a sophomore at School District 219, said she has concerns about the safety of vaccines, but said those concerns haven’t prompted plans to file an exemption request with the state to get her son excused from the vaccine mandate once he reaches 12th grade.

“He’ll be forced to get it eventually,” Litberg said.

Last school year, 18 parents at School District 219 had received religious exemptions to excuse their children from the vaccine requirements, according to state data. At Lincolnwood School District 74, that number varied between two and nine students, depending on each individual vaccine, and up to six students received exemptions at Skokie School District 69, according to the data.

As the parent of an eighth-grade daughter and a son who just started his junior year, Stephen Ramseyer said he’s supportive of vaccines as a preventive measure.

“I don’t know what all the side effects are, but if it will help them not get sick, then it’s a good thing,” Ramseyer said.

The vaccine, known under the scientific name meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), can prevent four types of meningococcal disease, and is about 55 percent effective within two to five years after the shot is administered, according to information from the National Vaccine Information Center.

“Between 1,000 to 1,200 people get meningococcal disease every year in the U.S.,” said Dr. Felissa Kreindler, a pediatrician with NorthShore University HealthSystem. “The vaccine protects against four types of the disease, including the three most common types in the U.S.”

Under the bill, the state added the meningitis vaccine to the list of vaccines students in certain grades must receive, including shots preventing chickenpox, measles, mumps, and Hepatitis B, among others.

While the risks of meningitis can be high once a person is infected, the risks associated with the vaccine are minimal, Kreindler said.

“The side effects of the vaccine can be redness or pain at the site of injection,” she said. “Of course, there’s always the risk of an allergic reaction to the vaccine or any of its components.”

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Village board approves ordinances to establish Touhy Triangle TIF

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Niles and Morton Grove hope to have Lake Michigan water flowing to both villages from Evanston by 2018, according to Niles Village Manager Steve Vinezeano.

The Niles Village Board voted unanimously at a recent meeting to join Morton Grove in hiring a financial consultant to ensure that the two municipalities get the best water rate possible during their ongoing negotiations with Evanston.

Rafelis Financial Consultants, a consulting company with expertise in water, stormwater and wastewater utilities, began working on behalf of both villages in July, said Niles Trustee Danette O'Donovan Matyas. At their most recent meeting in August, the Niles board agreed to pay Rafelis a total of $68,000 to be split by Niles and Morton Grove equally.

This past spring, Bill Balling, managing director of Arlington Heights-based consulting firm WRB LLC, recommended Niles pursue purchasing water from Evanston. Sharp rate increases imposed by Chicago, the village's current source of water, spurred what has been a yearslong search for an alternative water supplier.

The Niles Village Board voted in June to begin negotiations with Evanston alongside representatives from Morton Grove.

Balling and his firm, in addition to Gewalt Hamilton Associates, an engineering firm based in Vernon Hills, and law firm Holland and Knight LLC have assisted in the negotiation process.

The inclusion of Rafelis' services in the negotiation process is necessary to ensure that the wholesale water price Evanston offers both villages is based on the city's actual facilities and operational costs, Vinezeano said in a recent interview.

"They're making sure that the wholesale rate is based on facts and that there isn't something missing that might save us money," he said.

Just one penny off per thousand gallons of water, Vinezeano said, could make a huge difference.

After the water rate figures check out, Vinezeano said a cost study for the project from 2013 will be updated to reflect today's dollar amounts. Once that step in the process is completed, he said, the village plans to go out to bid to hire a company to conduct another study to determine a pipeline route that would connect Evanston's water supply to Morton Grove and Niles.

Vinezeano said the study is likely to cost about $250,000.

In the process, village officials this spring, Balling estimated that Niles would save $139 million in water expenses over the course of 40 years if the village purchased water from Evanston rather than Chicago. Niles' share of the cost of the project, if split with Morton Grove, he said, is estimated to be $56 million.

Vinezeano said the village will only move forward with the project once they know the savings will cover the actual cost of construction.

"Ultimately, our goal is to have water flowing (from Evanston) by 2018 because that's when Morton Grove needs to have it turned on - that's when their contract with Chicago ends," he said.

Vinezeano said Niles' contract with Chicago ends in 2019, isn't exclusive and requires no minimum amount of water be purchased from Chicago. If the project moves forward, Niles could begin receiving the bulk of its water from Evanston even before the village's contract with Chicago officially runs out, he said.
Pillars of Honor to bring traveling war memorial to Niles Senior Center

By Lindsey Compton
Pioneer Press

Pillars of Honor, based in Des Plaines, will feature its Traveling World War II Memorial model at the Niles Senior Center on Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.

The 8-foot-by-8-foot, 800-pound model is a version of the original National World War II memorial designed by Austrian-American architect Friedrich St. Florian. The design won against 400 other entries in a 1997 contest. The memorial is based in Washington, D.C., but due to a growing list of war veterans unable to travel, the traveling model was designed to bring the experience to them.

"We wanted to give a day of honor to WWII vets," Pillars of Honor treasurer and office manager Noreen Lake said. "We take it and travel for programs, especially to those that can't travel to Washington, D.C.

The no travel list was getting longer so we saw a growing need that we could support."

Since being incorporated in April 2010, Pillars of Honor has traveled to five different states, a total of 6,000 miles, Lake said. The organization first began hosting programs in libraries until organizations and businesses like the Niles Senior Center reached out and asked for a program at its facility.

Lake said programs usually consist of a presentation of colors, music from the era, a military veteran speaker and more, including an insert in the program book honoring local WWII vets "who registered or whose families told us before the events," Lake said. "We just need their name and branch of service."

Lake said guests are allowed to take photos and the program lasts around 90 minutes.

Although the volunteers do not take a profit from these events, Lake said all of them take away the gratitude that they helped a war veteran in some way.

"We have some of these gentlemen and ladies come up to us afterward with a tear in their eye and say 'Nobody ever thanked us before,' and 'This was wonderful,'" she said. "Everything was worth it when you hear that; it just makes it all worth the while. We're doing it for the love of the vets."

Lindsey Compton is a freelancer.
The following items were taken from Niles and Park Ridge police department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

Niles

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
- Adele Handler, 72, of the 8200 block of Elmore Avenue, Niles, was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 23 after police responded to her home for repeated complaints of a woman standing outside and yelling profanities. Handler allegedly admitted to police that she had been outside calling her neighbors “perverts.” According to police, an odor of alcohol was detected on Handler’s breath and she admitted to drinking a bottle of wine earlier. She also had a large, bleeding wound on her leg, but refused medical treatment, police said. Handler has an Oct. 1 court date.

BATTERY
- Anthony Watson, 39, of the 2500 block of West Medill Avenue, Chicago, was charged with battery Aug. 20. Police said Watson, the manager of a store on the 8200 block of Golf Road, was accused of pushing an employee out the door and then punching him several times. According to police, the victim was planning to end his employment in two weeks, but Watson ordered him to leave the store that day. The employee reportedly became angry and began “taunting” Watson before the altercation occurred, police said. Watson has an Oct. 1 court date.

DRUG POSSESSION
- Jason Newman, 21, of the 6300 block of West Touhy Avenue, Niles, was charged with possession of marijuana Aug. 21. According to police, a taxi driver flagged down a patrol officer around 12:30 a.m. to report that Newman, his passenger, was unable to pay his cab fare. While police were investigating, Newman reportedly paid the fare, but allegedly admitted to having marijuana in his pants pocket. A bag containing 1.1 grams of suspected marijuana was found, police said. Newman has an Oct. 1 court date.

RETAIL THEFT
- David McDaniel, 36, of the 2300 block of South Wesley, Berwyn, was charged with retail theft Aug. 22 after he allegedly exited a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center carrying a bag with $538 worth of unpaid clothing.

DUI
- Juliusz Cydzik, 19, of the 7400 block of Strong Street, Harwood Heights, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs Aug. 23 following a traffic stop at Caldwell and Lexington Avenue at 12:30 a.m. Avila has an Oct. 1 court date.

THEFT
- A woman reported her 2003 Mercedes Benz stolen Aug. 22 after she said she was unable to get her vehicle back from the company that had towed it from a Niles parking lot after it broke down a few days earlier.

DISPUTE
- Police were called to a home on the 8200 block of Oak Avenue after a woman reportedly threw a pillow at her adult daughter on Aug 19. Police found no signs of physical harm.

Park Ridge

THEFT
- A 16-year-old Park Ridge boy was charged with retail theft Aug. 11 following an investigation of stolen cigarettes at a gas station on the 1100 block of Touhy Avenue. He agreed to pay restitution to the business and was expected to appear before the Park Ridge Peer Jury, police said.

FLEEING
- Christian Delgado, 29, of the 6400 block of North Harlem Avenue, Chicago, was charged with fleeing and eluding a police officer, speeding and driving without insurance Aug 18. Bond was set at $2,000. He has a Sept. 28 court date.

LEAVING THE SCENE
- Luiz Delrio-Sanchez, 25, of the 800 block of East Oakton Street, Des Plaines, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, driving without a valid license, driving without insurance and following too closely Aug. 22. Bond was set at $2,000 and he has a Sept. 28 court date.

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Pace outlines features, costs of Pulse Milwaukee Line project

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

Pace held the second of two open meetings regarding the Pulse Milwaukee Line Aug. 26 at the Copernicus Center in Chicago, offering the public more details about the ongoing project.

A 12-minute video introduced attendees to the Milwaukee Line, a roughly $13.6 million project that will bring faster and more reliable service to the heavily trafficked thoroughfare starting in 2017.

The video explained that $9.1 million will be spent on construction of the new bus shelters and the traffic signal priority system that will allow buses to prolong green lights and shorten red lights to get back on schedule, if needed.

“Aside from building the stations, there’s the transit priority system, which we worked together with (the Illinois Department of Transportation) to implement,” said Pace spokesperson Patrick Wilmot. “There’s a lot of computer technology involved with that and then of course there’s the construction and the concrete and the real-time signage that we’re going to have at the stops.”

Another roughly $4.5 million will be spent on procuring new buses with updated amenities such as WiFi on board and USB charging stations for patrons to use during their trip.

The project is funded by a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program grant, as well as some Pace operating funds, Wilmot said. Congressional funding support from U.S. Rep Jan Schakowsky will be used for the transit signal priority system.

“Aside from building the stations, there’s the transit priority system, which we worked together with (the Illinois Department of Transportation) to implement,” said Pace spokesperson Patrick Wilmot. “There’s a lot of computer technology involved with that and then of course there’s the construction and the concrete and the real-time signage that we’re going to have at the stops.”

Most of the people at the Aug. 26 event were happy that Pace was implementing an express bus on a very busy thoroughfare, hoping it would ease some of the congestion on the buses.

“I take [Pace Route 270] daily in the morning and afternoon,” said Dan Feltis of Norwood Park, a resident of the Norwood Park area of Chicago. “It’s exciting to see that they’re going to improve the Milwaukee Avenue roadway and to see the first implementation of Pulse on this corridor and I’m hoping it’ll save my commute.”

Garland and Heather Armstrong of Elmwood Park also attended the meeting. Both said the new line would greatly improve their lives, since they frequently take the Route 270 bus.

“Despite support from some, it was in the details where Paul Paterno of Prospect Heights has concern,” said Paterno, who owns a business on Milwaukee and Central avenues.

“One of their stops is going to be on the outside one of my businesses, which I’m not complaining about, but they’re going to change the driveway construction, which will be very, very difficult for my customers to get in and out of the lot,” he said. “I’m not against them putting the bus stop in there because it may bring some new business to the area, but to change the driveway would hinder our business, plus it will hinder traffic patterns for my customers.”

Central Avenue is just one of the 10 stops along Milwaukee Avenue that Pace has proposed for the Pulse project. There are eight proposed stops between those two points, including Central Avenue, Austin Avenue/Ardmore Avenue, Haft Street/Howard Street, Touhy Avenue, Harlem Avenue/Howard Street, Oakton Street/Oak Mill Mall, Main Street and Dempster Street.

Wilmot said a fare structure has not yet been set by the board.

“Pace Route 270 service will continue to run on Milwaukee Avenue after the implementation of Pulse, though less frequently than it does now,” he said.

This was the final public meeting before the implementation of the project begins in late 2016 or early 2017. For more information about the project, visit pulse.pacebus.com.

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Morton Grove Historical Museum to feature antique map collection

BY LINDSEY COMPTON
Pioneer Press

If you have forgotten what a paper map looks like, the Morton Grove Historical Museum will have plenty on display as a refresher of times before GPS devices and smartphones.

Opening Sept. 20 at 2 p.m., the new exhibit titled "Morton Grove Maps" will feature a presentation by George and Mary Ritzlin of Evanston's George Ritzlin Antique Maps & Prints.

The Ritzlins, being "very knowledgeable about maps," will discuss maps' historical importance and will have a few maps for sale from their shop, Melissa D'Lando, museum curator at the Morton Grove Historical Museum, said.

Although the Evanston shop did not have any maps of Morton Grove, according to D'Lando, there was a "pretty substantial archival collection passed down through donations and things they found."

The museum's nearly 50 maps dating back to the late 19th century became a permanent collection that covers a vast aerial view of the Morton Grove area, she said.

"We have so many great maps in our collection that we decided to feature them," D'Lando explained of the reason for the new exhibit.

Free to the public, the exhibit includes programs and displays, and features a map that predates the year Morton Grove was incorporated in 1895.

The exhibit will be the first of its kind at the museum as a means of educating the public about the history of the village and the reason preservation of maps is important, D'Lando said.

"You used to pull out your atlas, and now you punch (directions) into your iPhone, and it's a totally different experience," she said.

"In our effort to educate the residents about the history of their area, letting them see the maps we have is the best way to do that," she said.

"There's no artifact more perfect than a map to demonstrate that."

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A map from 1891 depicting what is now Morton Grove will be on exhibit.
Sears magnate's fight against Jim Crow

Documentary details efforts to educate south

BY KAREN BERKOWITZ
Pioneer Press

Julius Rosenwald never completed high school, but he became a wealthy man by building Sears into a mail-order Goliath and acquiring company stock.

Embracing the Jewish doctrine of "tikkun olam," or repairing the world, the philanthropist wasn't content to sit on his fortune.

In the early decades of the 20th century, Rosenwald used his money to educate black children in the segregated South, build YMCAs that welcomed black residents and award fellowships to "a who's who" of black artists and scholars, including W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Marion Anderson and James Baldwin.

Working with Booker T. Washington and local communities, he helped create more than 5,300 schools in the rural South by providing seed grants. Rosenwald's work to school black children out of poverty is the focus of "Rosenwald," a new feature-length documentary from director Aviva Kempner.

The film opens Sept. 4 at the Landmark Renaissance Cinema in Highland Park, the North Shore suburb where Rosenwald and his wife Augusta kept a summer estate named Tel Aviv. The grounds of their lakefront estate in the Ravinia area later would become Rosewood Park and Rosewood Beach.

Both Kempner and Peter Ascoli, Rosenwald's grandson and biographer, will be available to take questions from the audience after the Highland Park cinema's 1 p.m. matinee showing on Sept. 5.

Kemper said she was inspired to take on the project a dozen years ago, while attending a talk by the late Julian Bond about the relationship between blacks and Jews. She had gone to the Hebrew Center on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, expecting to learn more about the 1960s civil rights movement.

"I was surprised to hear Bond speak enthusiastically about the partnerships that Sears CEO Julius Rosenwald forged with African-American communities decades earlier," wrote Kempner, in a director's letter released in advance of the film's opening.

Kemper learned of Rosenwald's alliances with Booker T. Washington and local communities to supplement the meager education that was provided blacks in the "Jim Crow south."

"A flash bulb exploded in my head, and I decided on the spot that I would make a film on Rosenwald," she said.


Ascoli said he knew only bits and pieces about his grandfather's achievements until he began researching his biography in the early 1990s. In creating the documentary, Kempner drew on Ascoli's "Rosenwald: The Man Who Built Sears, Roebuck and Advanced the Cause of Black Education in the American South."

Speaking of his grandfather, Ascoli said, "Here is a young man who never finished high school or went to college, which was not unusual in the 1880s. What is unusual was the fact that education meant so much to him."

Rosenwald served on the boards of both the University of Chicago and Tuskegee University, and contributed money to many colleges and universities, his grandson said.

"Yet he resolutely refused to accept any honorary degree from any college or university because, he said, 'I never went to college,'" Ascoli noted.

Ascoli said his grandfather's "give-while-you-live" philosophy was influenced by Rabbi Emil Hirsch of Congregation Sinai in Chicago.

"Hirsch believed that it was incumbent on the wealthy members of his generation to give money to causes that would lead to social change, and Rosenwald absolutely believed that," said Ascoli, a member of the faculty at Chicago's Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership.

Rosenwald might be better known among Chicagoans if he had allowed the Museum of Science and Industry, a focus of his later years, to be named the Rosenwald Industrial Museum as a committee originally proposed. But according to Ascoli, Rosenwald did not want to saddle his family with future obligations and worried that other benefactors may not contribute.

His interest in the museum was sparked years earlier when he took his two youngest children on a trip to Europe in 1911. As an answer to their boredom, Rosenwald promised to spend one day a week doing something of each child's choosing.

"My uncle William was 8 and he only wanted to go to one place, which was a new museum called the Deutsches Museum in Munich, Germany," Ascoli said. "The museum would become the prototype for the Chicago institution.

He couldn't bring it to fruition right away, because he was running Sears and was involved in matters related to World War I, Ascoli said. After his retirement in 1924, he devoted his attention to the museum, working through the Commercial Club of Chicago, Ascoli said. The museum was not completed until after his death in 1932.

At Rosenwald's insistence, the foundation that bore his name went out of existence after his death, due to his belief that foundations shouldn't be "self-perpetuating," Ascoli said.

What else will movie-goers learn from seeing the documentary about Rosenwald?

"I think the public is going to see a man who was very modest, sort of self-effacing, which is why many people in this country have never heard of him," Ascoli said, noting they'll also see a true innovator, both as a businessman and benefactor.

"Rosenwald" also is opening Sept. 4 at the Landmark Century Cinema in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood.

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Morton Grove Civic Center to host Belize Tea and Cultural Celebration

BY LINDSEY COMPTON
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It's high time for tea time at the 8th annual Tea and Cultural Celebration taking place Sept. 27 at the Morton Grove Civic Center.

The event, hosted by the Belize Culture and Heritage Association, celebrates the colonization and independence of Belize. In its eighth year, the event aims to educate residents on the history of the Central American country.

Hot tea will be served along with a variety of food and performances related to the country's cultural history.

What began as a class project in 2005 eventually sprouted into an active nonprofit organization that president and founder Sharon Stame says she is "proud to share with the community." In the past, Stame said her organization has participated in a number of local community events, including the Skokie Festival of Cultures. Although currently the organization put a number of performances and partnerships on hold, "the tea is a continuous event," she said.

"I started the tea because being from Belize and being British subjects, we typically drink tea," Stame said. "Our culture is very diverse; we have a myriad of various mini cultures in the Belizean culture, including Chinese, East Indian, African American and so many others."

Stame's event celebrates the anniversary of the battle against Spain on Sept. 10, 1798 where Belizeans fought in defense of their country, she said. The tea also celebrates Belize's Independence Day on Sept. 21, 1981.

While the event holds true to her culture, Stame added this year's event is special - "it's also in memory of my aunt who recently passed away," she said.

"She used to drink tea religiously around 2 or 3 p.m. every day," Stame said, explaining that tea is a cultural tradition that brings many family and friends together.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a toy which will be donated to the Belize Salvation Army Children's Christmas Fund. Stame added women can wear "frocks, hats and gloves," if interested.

Tickets are on sale for $25 for adults and $10 for children 10 and under. The event will begin at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets, send an email to info@haceb.org or call 312-320-6017.

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The myriad teapots guests may see at the 8th annual Tea and Cultural Celebration on Sept. 27 at the Morton Grove Civic Center. The event celebrates the Independence of Belize and its culture.
Putting for a good cause
Event raises funds for special recreation organization

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

On the outside, it looked like a care-free outing you see on a perfect summer day all the time: Miniature golf, a barbecue, families and friends getting together under clear blue skies, picnicking under a broad tent with lined up tables.

All of that was offered at the Liponi Foundation's annual event last month at Adventure Golf, part of the Skokie Sports Park on the east end of town. There were laughs and smiles, a few holes-in-one and a whole lot of burgers and chicken eaten, but there also was the recognition of the importance of what lay behind such a fun time out.

Without the Liponi Foundation, executives of the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation say the organization could not make important purchases for participants with disabilities.

M-NASR is an extension of six member Maine and Niles Township park districts, including Skokie, Des Plaines, Golf Main, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Park Ridge. It offers year-round recreation programs and services for children and adults with disabilities who live in the member-district communities.

Formed in 1990, The Liponi Foundation for Special Recreation was named after the late Sam Liponi, whose family, since 1985, has donated to M-NASR.

"Everything that's raised through this foundation goes to the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, and they deal in recreation programs for [disabled], children and adults," said Stella LiPomi who sits on the foundation board.

In the past, funds raised through the Liponi Foundation have paid for wheelchair-accessible vehicles, scholarships, special events and equipment.

The foundation is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and, while the miniature golf fundraiser began in Des Plaines, Skokie has assumed hosting duties the last 18 years.

M-NASR Executive Director Suzanne Bear said the mini-golf fundraiser generates about $6,000. It's one of two key fundraisers for the foundation, which also holds a silent auction dinner dance. That event raises about $35,000, Bear said.

Each year, M-NASR considers how the more than $40,000 from the fundraisers should be spent, and proposals are brought back to the 12-member Foundation Board.

Most of funding this year will go toward scholarships - summer day camps and other programs M-NASR runs throughout the year, Bear said.

"We're so appreciative of the Liponi Foundation," she said. "They are so generous and willing to support us. We couldn't do what we do without their help, so we're very lucky."

Adventure Golf closed down Aug. 12 to accommodate some 130 people who signed up to play miniature golf for the cause. Skokie Park District Executive Director John Ohrlund took on the duties of grillmaster, aided by Des Plaines Park District Executive Director Don Miletic.

Skokie Park Board President Mike Reid said the Liponi family has donated thousands of dollars to M-NASR, so the foundation was formed in their name. The Liponi family had a child with a physical disability who wanted to enjoy recreational activities like others, he said.

Foundation fundraising events over the years, Reid said, has been a benefit for another reason: It has provided opportunities for community park districts in the area to join forces for a good cause.

Some of the families who navigated through the course's tunnels, ramps and oversized animals have been doing so for years. Nancy Portillo, an accounting supervisor at the Skokie Park District, brought her family: husband Robert and their two sons, Austin and Colin.

Finishing up one of the twisting and turning challenges on the course, she said her family never misses this event.

"They come into our park district and add so much. They need extra help to do what they do."

For more information about the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, or to donate to the Liponi Foundation, visit www.mnasr.org/liponi-foundation.
Park Ridge-Niles District 64 website wins national award

**BY BOB CHIARITO**
Pioneer Press

Park Ridge-Niles District 64 board members learned that the district will receive recognition for its website, which recently completed its first year of operation.

At the Aug. 24 meeting of the district board, Mary Jane Warden, director of innovation and instructional technology, informed the board that the district site has been selected as a winner in the 2015 Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association's Communications Contest and will be presented an award Sept. 18.

Warden said the district site is getting recognition because of the amount of research done before its launch. She said the district partnered with private company American Eagle, a Park Ridge-based company with clients such as the Park Ridge Public Library, in 2013 to research the needs of the district for a year. The analysis was done primarily with the help of an online survey, focus groups and data mining.

The district site features several custom features that are now being duplicated by other schools, Warden told the board. Warden also said other educators have requested information about how the district's site was created and how the research was done, and have asked for referrals to its content management system provider and design team.

Among the noted accomplishments of the website are principal blogs that enable communication with district parents, new photo galleries, the use of Google calendars and a more prominent translation tool.

The district plans to introduce a new dashboard to the site that provides key indicators of financial performance, student learning and other measures. Warden and District Technologist Allison Blum told the board they are recommending Cyfe, a social, marketing, analytics and sales monitoring software according to its website, as its dashboard tool. Warden and Blum said initial displays will allow web users to view fund balance/days cash on hand, the financial profile of the district, revenues and expenses and sixth-day enrollment by building and grade level on the website.

Warden also told the board that, based on input from users, a new feature will be added to allow a staff directory filtered by title instead of only by grade level. In addition, a community survey is planned for the new school year to focus on communication issues.

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Restaurant brings Brooklyn to Wilmette

Firefly Kitchen offers unique menu, ambience

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Pioneer Press

"I fell in love with Brooklyn."

That's what Dean Salerno said about the New York City borough where he and his wife, Mia, lived for a few years.

"It's a comfortable setting, it's beautiful and old, and it reminded me of the Bronx back when I was a young kid," said Salerno, who is a native of Rockland County, New York.

"You'd walk outside and you'd have these brownstones converted into restaurants and whiskey bars."

Salerno's fond memories and love for his roots is what led the veteran chef, along with his wife, to open their Wilmette bistro, Firefly Kitchen.

Located on Green Bay Road, on the border of Wilmette and Evanston, Firefly Kitchen, which opened in June is a relaxed, upscale bistro that offers seasonal comfort dishes in a space reminiscent of stylish, hip Brooklyn.

"It's an intimate, cozy, romantic setting, and it's casual," said Salerno, who lives in Evanston with Mia and their two children.

Firefly Kitchen's rustic modern decor includes elegant, industrial lighting, washed wood floors, handmade black walnut tables and tufted booth seating.

On its warm, gray walls: black and white photographs of Brooklyn and Chicago bridges and parks, as well as painted song quotes like, "Hello, I love you, won't you tell me your name?" and "Love the wine you're with."

The restaurant, which seats 75, also features a bar area and a garden patio.

"In the short time we've been open, this has also become a social place that brings the neighborhood together," said Salerno, who holds a culinary degree from the New York Restaurant School.

With a menu that changes often, Firefly Kitchen serves appetizers, salads, fish, chicken and steak entrees, burgers, house-cut french fries and side dishes.

Salerno's favorites include truffle mushroom risotto, roasted organic chicken, Napoleon tartare and the Salerno burger.

"A lot of my techniques are French- and Italian-based because that's my background," he said.

Mike and Marie Levy of Evanston have eaten at Firefly several times since it opened and describe the atmosphere as "perfect."

"We lived in the city for a long time, so to us this is a nice blend of a cool, city restaurant with the convenience of being in the suburbs," Mike Levy said. "There's a lot of fun dishes. I always wind up getting the Salerno burger, and my wife loves the risotto."

"I love the decor, the room, the feel of it," said Connie Heneghan of Evanston, who has eaten at Firefly with her husband, Mike, several times. "It's warm, but elegant. It's not a fancy place but it's pretty and it has character."

With his love of culinary arts beginning in home economics class in elementary school, Salerno has been a chef since 2001.

He said he and Mia moved to Evanston, Mia's hometown, in 2012.

Salerno is also the owner of a 3-year-old catering company, Firefly Events & Catering, which services events that span from birthday parties to large, elegant weddings.

"Watching someone take a bite and seeing that they love what they just ate is what inspires me," Salerno said.

A lot of new restaurants have opened up around here, and we are always looking to try new places," Heneghan said. "This restaurant has put their energy into the food and it shows."

Firefly Kitchen is located at 111 Green Bay Road in Wilmette. To learn more about the restaurant, see www.ffkitchen.com.
Hillary Clinton off the mark on race issue

No one can doubt there are racial issues in this country that we need to overcome. The big question remains: How do we do it?

Do we write more laws? Do we reinvent systems? Do we allocate resources in different ways? Or do we work to change the hearts and minds of Americans to think and act in a way that is right and just?

It's an important question, and it's important that our leaders point us in the right direction.

The leading Democratic candidate for president, Hillary Clinton, offered an answer to that question in a dialogue she had last week with members of the activist organization Black Lives Matter. Her answer, I'm afraid, leaves much to be desired from someone who wants to be president.

"Look, I don't believe you change hearts," she said. "I believe you change laws, you change allocation of resources, you change the way systems operate."

I think she is wrong. And history, as some people like to say, is on my side.

Equal rights advocates from the beginning have agreed that you just can't change laws. You also have to change hearts. Laws can only go so far, but the real issue resides in the hearts of men and women.

We've had 50 years of changed laws, and despite the laws, many of our schools are still highly segregated, only now they are legally separate and unequal.

Many of our urban neighborhoods are mostly segregated, too, even though white flight has taken families to the suburbs and back to the city again. Today, segregation is more an economic issue than a legal one.

Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks July 23 in Columbia, S.C. Clinton has praised South Carolina leaders for removing the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds.

In the hearts of men and women.

So, there is no shortage of teachers. An outdated way of looking at education, sure, but not a teacher shortage.

Education used to be thought of in terms of personal enrichment. Students became better persons by being exposed to the great thoughts and achievements in art, literature, music, the sciences and mathematics.

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The kind of education that will keep America "ahead" is in science, mathematics, technology and engineering.

And only changed hearts can change the economic decisions that people make about where to live and where to send their children to school.

Most know of the great civil rights speech given by the Rev. Martin Luther King on Aug. 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C., when he spoke of a time when all people are judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. He didn't ask for laws or systems or bureaucracies that day.

But there's another great speech, one given by an American president, the office to which Hillary Clinton aspires.

On June 11, 1963, President John F. Kennedy spoke to the nation about his proposed legislation which became the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

I recommend you watch the speech on YouTube. You'll be struck that any American president would ever use such language as Kennedy did.

None have since.

And you'll see that after Kennedy spoke about legislation, which was needed then and is sorely needed today, he added this: "But legislation, I repeat, cannot solve this problem alone. It must be solved in the homes of every American in every community across our country."

Legally, we've solved the problems of racial injustice in this country. It's every American home in every community across the country that needs work.

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United States has an outdated view of education

So, I'm watching TV news and the newscaster tells me there is a nationwide teacher shortage.

Nonsense, I tell the newscaster; there is no shortage of teachers. An outdated way of looking at education, sure, but not a teacher shortage.

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First Springfield visit uncovers national treasure

SARA CLARKSON
Dateline

In 12 years of living in Illinois, I have never been in the vicinity of Springfield. A few weeks ago, my husband and I were going past it on the highway so I suggested we stop and visit the Lincoln museum. I seemed to remember some hoopla when it opened 10 years ago.

We discovered a real national treasure. The formal name is the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and it opened to the public in April 2005. Before that, the Gettysburg Address was kept in a musty basement and other artifacts received similarly casual treatment.

The museum, if you haven't gone, is so engaging and provocative and informative that it is well worth the tedious three-hour trip through the cornfields just for that visit.

Finding the place was easy, parking was simple, the admission fee reasonable and the docent who greeted us could not have been more helpful.

Visitors are first directed to "Journey 1" which is Lincoln's pre-presidential years complete with a look inside the same sort of log cabin he would have grown up in when the Lincoln family settled in Little Pigeon Creek, Ind., in 1818. The cabin would have been in a wooded area, and the life-size diorama is set up like that with dappled sunlight and the sound of birds chirping. Once you step inside, the visitor feels how cramped a log cabin can be especially if a large family is staying and sleeping and snoring there. We see the young Abe, who has taught himself to read, reading by the fire light. The museum creates an authentic feeling, the sense of how crowded and essentially threadbare this home was. In other sections of Journey 1, we meet Mary Todd and learn that he liked her for her "lively wit" and their "mutual interest in politics."

Before going on to the White House, or Journey 2, visitors can attend the presentation "Lincoln's Eyes," a holographic kind of movie complete with stereo sound effects, rumbling and shaking as well as smoke. It was most effective in describing the sorrows and weight of life and decisions that Lincoln felt: the loss of his mother, the loss of children, the grave decision to wage a civil war, the controversial nature of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Journey 2, The White House Years, is one of the best museum displays I have ever experienced. It explains the dresses Mary Todd Lincoln and other women of the day would have worn, the sadness that Mary and Abe would have experienced as parents living in the White House when they lost their son, and the controversial nature of the decisions Lincoln was forced to make. Each aspect of it is portrayed in a way that engages our senses and provokes our consideration and understanding of the time.

The museum continues to celebrate its 10th anniversary with special programming including lectures, family days and a Civil War Ball on Saturday, Nov. 14. For more information about the Ten Year activities visit TenYearsLincoln.com. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Visit www.presidentlincoln.illinois.gov for more information but more importantly, be sure to visit the museum.
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SALLY HIGGINSON

Nothing is more life-affirming than a wedding, and after two decades of birthday parties, bar mitzvahs, and high school dances, it's about time the festivities revolved around proper adult celebrations. To say I was psyched when I got invited to a wedding in Napa is an understatement. Elation comes closer to labeling my euphoria.

Then I read the dress code: "Casual chic attire for an evening of fun — bring your dance shoes! Also a light layer in case the weather cools so we can party all night long."

Every aspect of the specifications for guest attire sent me into a tizzy. What's "casual chic," and do they sell it to women over 50? Do "dance shoes" come in size Frankenstein? I'm down with bringing a tote filled with shawls, jackets, sweaters and blankets to accommodate every 5-degree drop in the temperature, but partying all night long? I start to fade long before Cinderella's curfew, and I'm pretty sure that doesn't count as "all night."

I'm strong. I'm brave. Translation: I walked into a store within the ZIP code and asked for a little something to wear to this Napa wedding. Here I must pause, take a breath, and confess that most of the women's clothing stores in my town cater to women who stopped growing when they were ten. Apparently, I live among double zeros, extra-petites, and size non-existent. I don't hate them, or resent them. I just wish a few stores would carry clothes larger than size starving.

As luck would have it, the boutique I entered had a single dress, unsold, in size Sally. Though made primarily of macramé, it featured a light sheath that managed to cover what needed covering. I ventured out of the dressing room and thought, uncharacteristically, that it looked pretty good. This might actually qualify as "casual chic."

Preening in front of the minor, I rotated left and right. "Not bad," I offered. "I think I like it." The salesman nodded. "Add a pair of Spanx to tighten this up," he said, waving to the general area where my children had spent nine months gestating, "and get a good bra to push the girls up, and I think it'll be great."

My girls and I pouted — they always seem to be a little downcast. I'll admit. Sure, he might be right. But really, must he point it out with such blithe abandon?

He tried to talk me into adding a belt, but I was interested in the bracelet-sized leather strip he held up. I made my purchase, and then did my best to walk out with lifted spirits accompanied by lifted girls.

Fast forward to Napa, and the wedding. The grooms were stunning. Imagine Dudley Do-Right marrying Gaston. Their cleft chins and strong jaws stole the show, and I'm certain that every person there wept a tiny bit at the loss of these men in their dating pool. By every person, naturally, I mean me.

Casual chic be damned. Everyone wore smiles.

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Paging all readers

BY DONALD LIEBENSON  |  Pioneer Press

Summertime, and the reading's easy. But in fall and winter, book lovers looking perhaps to broaden their literary horizons move off the beach and into bookstores and libraries to join others in reading and discussing the latest or greatest. It's book club season, and the unaffiliated reader should have no trouble finding a group near them that's on the same page as they are when it comes to reading preferences, although it can be an illuminating experience to have those preferences tested.

These books clubs are diverse in their make-up and in the types of books they consider. But they have a couple of things in common: the groups are open to anyone and all are looking for members! Below is sampling of local book group for adults, but many of the libraries and stores also have book clubs for children, young adults, parents and children, as well as additional adult groups.

Chicago

Book club: Great Books Discussion Group
When and where do you meet: Every other Thursday at Roden Branch, Chicago Public Library, 6083 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago.
Contact: Peter Amberson, 773-472-3572
Number of members: 7-40
Age range of members: 50-80
Group description: Every year, we select a theme (last year's was English History through the eyes of Shakespeare). We read all of Shakespeare's history plays. This year, the theme is the Renaissance.
Recent or upcoming book selections: "The Mandrake" by Machiavelli, "From Dawn to Decadence" by Jacques Barzun.

Book club: Roden Readers (Adult Book Discussion Group)
When and where do you meet: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Roden Branch, Chicago Public Library, 6083 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago.
Contact: Sharon Gums, 312-744-1478
Number of members: 12
Age range of members: 45-80
Group description: We read fiction and nonfiction, some classics, some bestsellers, some favorites of our group members.
Recent or upcoming book selections: "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson, "Blind Man's Garden" by Nathan Donahue, "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson, "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson.

Harwood Heights

Book club: Eisenhower Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group
When and where do you meet?: The first Monday and Tuesday of the month. 7-8 p.m. Monday and 2-3 p.m. Tuesday at the library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.
Contact: Melissa Lambrecht, Adult Reference Librarian, 708-867-7828
Number of members: The total of the two groups is between 25 and 30 each month.
Age range of members: 25-95
Describe your group: This book discussion group reads all types of books. The materials must be available in large type and on audio.
Recent or upcoming book selections: "The Children Act" by Ian McEwan, "Please Look After Mom" by Kyung-Sook Shin, "Long Man" by Amy Greene.

Lincolnwood

Book club: Third Monday Adult Book Discussion
When and where do you meet: 11 a.m. the third Monday of every month at the Lincolnwood Public Library.
Contact: Jennifer Hunt, 847-677-5277
Number of members: 20
Age range of members: 55+
Group description: We read mostly literary fiction books but include one "classic" novel and one nonfiction book per year.
Recent or upcoming book selections: "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher" by Timothy Egan, "Euphoria" by Lily King, "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng.

Book club: Books In the Woods
When and where do you meet: 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every other month at locations around town (the Sept. 28 meeting will be at LWoods).
Contact: Barbara Friedman at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 847-677-5277
Number of members: 15
Age range of members: 45+
Group description: Evening meetings out of the library, fiction and nonfiction selections.
Recent or upcoming book selections: "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, "The Circle" by Dave Eggers, "And the Dark Sacred Night" by Julia Glass and "The Martian," by Andy Weir.

Morton Grove

Book club: Walk 'N Talk Book Group (Morton Grove Public Library)
When and where do you meet: We start at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., and walk to surrounding parks and trails. The book group meets every other month.
Contact: Megan Rosol at the Morton Grove Public Library, mrosol@mglp.org
Number of members: Approximately 10.
Age range of members: We have members in the 20s and 70s, and anything in-between.
Are there any requirements to join?: You need to be able to walk at a comfortable pace.
Group description: This is a book group for active readers. We combine the benefits of walking with talking about books. We walk a little, talk about the book a little and socialize a little. Our book choices include both fiction and nonfiction titles that touch upon the subjects of walking, exercise, travel or adventure.
Recent or upcoming book selections: "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce, "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson, "Traveling with Pomegranates" by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Monk Taylor, "Eva and Otto and Russell and James" by Emma Hooper, "The Rings of Saturn" by W. G. Sebald.

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**Morton Grove continued**

**Book club: LitLounge**
When and where do you meet: 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at The Curragh, 8266 Lincoln Ave., Skokie.
Contact: Megan Rosol from Morton Grove Public Library and Annabelle Morszen from Skokie Public Library, 847-673-7774
Number of members: 20
Age range of members: Adults of all ages.
Group description: LitLounge is a social book discussion group facilitated by both the Morton Grove and Skokie public libraries.

**Book club: PAGES (Morton Grove Public Library)**
When and where do you meet: 7 p.m. second Monday of the month at Barnes & Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie.
Contact: Dan Thorson, Adult and Teen Services Librarian, dthorson@mgpl.org
Are you currently meeting?: Yes, as of Sept. 14
Number of members: 4
Age range of members: 35-65
Group description: PAGES club is an adult book club for readers of young adult (teen) books. We discuss new and popular young adult titles with a strong appeal to older adults. Young adult books span different genres and interests. Typically, they are fast and entertaining reads.
Recent or upcoming book selections: September 2015: “Gabi, a Girl in Pieces” by Isabel Quintero, October 2015: “Anna Dressed in Blood” by Kendare Blake

**Niles**

**Book club: Wednesday Afternoon Book Group**
When and where do you meet: 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Niles Public Library.
Contact: Greta Ulrich, Adult Services Librarian, 847-663-6617.
Number of members: 15
Age range of members: Varied
Group description: We discuss contemporary literary fiction with an occasional non-fiction title, usually a memoir or travel narrative.

**Skokie**

**Book club: Pages through History (Skokie Public Library)**
When and where do you meet?: 7 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month in February, May and August and in November on an alternate Wednesday due to holidays at the Skokie Public Library Book Discussion Room.
Contact: Kathy Sexton, Readers Services Librarian, 847-673-7774
When is your next meeting? Nov. 11
Number of members: 25
Age range of members: 35-70
Group description: Pages through History reads recently published non-fiction books covering any number of historical topics.
Recent or upcoming book selections: “Consider the Fork: A History of How We Cook and Eat” by Bee Wilson and “She-Wolves: The Women Who Ruled England before Elizabeth” by Helen Castor

**Book club: Old Orchard Book Group**
When and where do you meet: 7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Barnes & Noble Old Orchard.
Contact: Kathy Glarner, Barnes & Noble Old Orchard, 847-766-2230
Number of members: 11
Age range of members: 30s to 60s
Group description: We read a mix of classics, historical fiction, nonfiction, memoirs and contemporary literature. We enjoy books that introduce us to or expand our knowledge of other countries and cultures.
Recent or upcoming book selections: “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr, “Their Eyes Were Watching God” by Zora Neale Hurston (September book).

**Book club: LitLounge (Skokie Public Library)**
When and where do you meet: 7 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month except August at The Curragh Irish Pub, 8266 Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

**Skokie**

**Book club: Park Ridge Public Library**
Book Discussion Groups
When and where do you meet: Varied days and times for the Nonfiction Book Discussion, Thursday Morning Book Discussion and Wednesday Evening Book Discussion at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave.
Contact: Laura Scott, Reader Services

**Park Ridge**

Contact: Kathy Sexton, Readers Services Librarian, 847-673-7774
Number of members: 15
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Age range of members: 30-70
Group description: We read mostly recent fiction that tends toward the “cutting edge” side of things. I would say meeting in a pub makes us unique!
Mini Comic Con returns to Eisenhower Library

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

You'll find kids and even adults strolling around in costumes at Mini Comic Con, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 5 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

“We have a lot of people here who are really into comic books,” said Penny Blubaugh, outreach and Young Adult librarian. The library's first Mini Comic Con drew 250-300 people. They are expecting even more at this third annual event.

Fifteen artists will be displaying their artwork. Seven vendors will sell comic books, collectibles, jewelry, clothing and more.

“We will have a showing of a stop-motion animation that a bunch of teens made last winter,” Blubaugh said, “and a couple of the people who worked on it will be here to talk to people.”

There will be two panels, “Make Your Own Plushy” and “Cosplay 101.” A costume contest will be divided into four categories: toddler-second grade, third-sixth grade, seventh-twelfth grade and adults.

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

Grand time

That's what grandparents will have if they take their grandkids to the “Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa” storytime, 11 a.m. Sept. 12 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. You'll celebrate Grandparents Day by hearing Anna Dewdney's book, then do related activities together.

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

Squares deal

You and your children can win prizes at the Second Saturday Breakfast Bingo, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sept. 12 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Breakfast treats will be served at this drop-in event in the Large Meeting Room A&B.

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

Shedd Aquarium's Auxiliary Board sponsored the BLU gala, "Frog Wild."

‘Frog Wild’ night raises $415,000 for Shedd Aquarium

Event: BLU: ‘Frog Wild’
Presented by: Shedd Aquarium Auxiliary Board
Benefiting: Shedd Aquarium education and conservation initiatives
Location: Shedd Aquarium, where guests visited the ‘Amphibians’ exhibit
Date: July 25
Attended: 1,050
Raised: $415,000
Website: sheddaquarium.org

Yacht Club takes Chicago Lighthouse guests on cruise

BY PIONEER PRESS STAFF
Pioneer Press

On Aug. 18, the Chicago Yacht Club hosted more than 60 blind or visually impaired guests from The Chicago Lighthouse for the Power Fleet Cruise for the Visually Impaired, co-sponsored by Wintrust.

A parade of more than a dozen powerboats, volunteered by Chicago Yacht Club members, sailed south through Monroe Harbor for Adler Planetarium, then north past Navy Pier before returning to the club.

“Our guests are totally immersed in our love of boating by feeling the wind on their face and fully sensing every aspect of the movement of the boat,” says Nick Berberian, Power Fleet Chairman and Treasurer of Chicago Yacht Club, in a release. “The ear-to-ear smiles on their faces say it all.”

The Chicago Lighthouse has served people who are blind or visually impaired since 1906. “To be able to take a cruise out on the lake in the summer, is an amazing experience for our participants. We look forward to this fantastic outing every year,” said Jennifer Miller, Senior Vice President of Financial Development at The Chicago Lighthouse.

Learn more at chicagoyachtclub.org.
For Chicago Lighthouse, call (312) 666-1331 or see www.chicagolighthouse.org

Shel and Dan Tenett of Lake Bluff

Bill Egan of Skokie, from left, representing sponsor, with daughter, Erin, and wife, Laura

Samantha Fasel, left, and Robin Borgeson, both of Lake Forest

Boats parade past Navy Pier during the Chicago Yacht Club Visually Impaired Cruise.

The Chicago Yacht Club Visually Impaired Cruise did a drive-by of the Chicago Lighthouse.

Want to see your event in Trend? Debbie Hoppe, Trend editorial assistant, will send you guidelines. Email her at dhoppe@pioneerlocal.com.
Grill with care

Follow these tips to reduce intake of potentially dangerous chemical compounds that studies show are created by high heat and flames. Page 17
Methodist pastor cooks food from his homeland

By Judy Buchenot
Beacon-News

Although he is not too fond of pizza, the Rev. Sam Park has found many things he appreciates here in the United States.

Park and his wife, Haena, along with their two children, moved to Aurora in July when Park became the new pastor at Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church on Ridge Road in Aurora. He came to Aurora from Community United Methodist Church in LaMolle, where he had served for five years. Both he and his wife were born in Korea and moved to the United States about 14 years ago.

Like many others before them, the Parks, who are both 40, decided to move to the United States for religious reasons. "The Korean church is very conservative," Sam said. "The pastor of my church in Korea asked me to bring friends to church and I invited a friend who was in a wheelchair. The pastor came to me and told me that my friend could not attend the church because he was in a wheelchair and was not a whole person. This did not seem right to me so I went looking for a church where everyone was welcome."

After searching, Sam and Haena came to the United States so Sam could attend seminary. Sam is pleased to be able to welcome everyone to the churches he now leads in the United States.

There were some adjustments to life in the United States for the couple. "This is a very different culture," Sam said. "One of the biggest changes was the language. In Korea, there are two types of language. There is a language of respect that is used in formal situations, and then there is a casual language. Here it is all the same. It is always casual."

Food was an easier adjustment. "The food here is different, but there are Korean grocery stores where we can get everything we need," Haena said.

"My kitchen tip is to have a wife who is a very good cook," said Sam, smiling at his wife. "My wife became a very good cook and can make everything we had in Korea. We also eat American food like hamburgers and hot dogs."

He said that there are fast foods in Korea but the options are more frequently items like noodle soups or kebabs.

Park and his wife make their own kimchi, which they have as a side dish once or twice a day.

"You can buy kimchi all made, but most Koreans make their own," Sam said.

The couple has a small refrigerator that is solely used to keep the vegetable mix at a constant temperature so it ferments properly for one month. Since the door is frequently opened on their main refrigerator, the temperature fluctuates, making it a less than ideal place to age the kimchi.

Making kimchi begins with 25 to 30 pounds of cabbage that is soaked in salt for 24 hours. Haena and Sam said. The next step is to carefully rinse away all of the salt. Haena then prepares a sauce of red and green peppers, radishes, salt and fish sauce that is mixed with cabbage.

The kimchi is edible at this point but is better after being kept at 34 degrees for at least one month. Traditionally, kimchi was buried in a jar to ferment underground. Haena sometimes uses the kimchi as an ingredient in other dishes, but it is most often eaten as a side dish. Since it is high in fiber and low in calories, it is considered a healthy addition to one's diet.

Rice is another common side dish for Korean meals at the Park home. Special visitors will be treated to Galbi, a sweet Korean barbecued beef. The dish requires LA cut short ribs, available at Korean markets and from some butchers. The LA short ribs are cut very thin across the bone.

Thin cuts of steak can be substituted if the special cut cannot be found. Haena soaks the meat in cold water for one hour to remove any blood or bits of bone before she places it in a marinade for six to eight hours. The beef is quickly grilled in less than 10 minutes.

The Korean ingredients in the marinade can be found in the imported foods sections in grocery stores.

The couple share their recipe for others to try for dinner and invite the community to come join them at Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church, where "everybody is always welcome," Sam said.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer for the Beacon-News.

Find more suburban cooks on page 4.
Muddy good fun

"Something magical happens when we allow our kids to play in the mud," says Liza Gardner Walsh, author of the new book, "Muddy Boots."

I recently spoke with Walsh about her interest in outdoor education and why she thinks it's imperative to encourage kids to muck it up in the mud. "Going outside and getting dirty is a quintessential part of childhood," says Walsh. "It ignites a creative spirit, a sense of wonder and allows kids to just be kids." So kick off your shoes, roll up your sleeves and get ready for some muddy good fun courtesy of Walsh.

**Mud Monsters**

Let your kids' imaginations run wild with these earthy creatures that make excellent pets provided they stay outdoors at all times.

- **You need:**
  - Dirt
  - Water
  - Natural materials like sticks, flowers, rocks, grass, etc.

- **Directions:** Making a mud monster can be as simple or complicated as you like. Slowly combine dirt and water until you have a consistency that is firm and pliable. Go on a walk or search your backyard for natural materials that can be used to give the monster facial features and personality such as three eyes (rocks), scaly skin (leaves) and long, skinny arms (sticks).

  "Be sure to let your kids be as creative as they like," says Walsh, "after all, when it comes to making mud monsters the world is literally at their fingertips."

**Magic Mud**

Your kids will love watching this muddy concoction explode. "But be careful," cautions Walsh, "this activity is so much fun, it can become habit forming."

- **You need:**
  - Dirt
  - Water
  - Big plastic container or bowl for mixing the mud
  - Baking soda
  - Powdered tempera paint or ground-up colored chalk
  - White vinegar
  - Measuring cup
  - Spoon

- **Directions:** Mix dirt and water in container until the consistency is slightly thicker than pudding. Add in a cup or two of baking soda. Pour mud mixture into cake pan or pie tin. Sprinkle powdered paint on top of mixture (but don't stir too much or the mud will absorb the colors and make them disappear). Slowly pour in white vinegar until the mud begins to bubble and erupt. Continue adding vinegar and more paint to see how the muddy colors change.

**Mud Painting**

This activity is inspired by the ancient Malian art of bogolanfini, also known as mud cloth. As the name indicates, bogolanfini are pieces of handmade cloth that are dyed with fermented mud and decorated with geometric patterns and motifs.

- **You need:**
  - Canvas of your choice, such as a white T-shirt, pillow case or sheet
  - Dirt
  - Water
  - Black food coloring (optional)
  - Paint brushes

- **Directions:** Create your paint by mixing dirt and water together until you reach a consistency that is similar to tempera paint. To make your "paint" darker, add black food coloring. Place your canvas on a flat surface and start painting. If you would like to incorporate the characteristics of an authentic bogolan cloth, divide your canvas into different sections and paint geometric patterns or motifs in each section. Leave canvas outside to dry for 10-12 hours. Once the mud has set, rinse off excess mud with clear water to reveal your magical mud-stained design.
Culinary business focuses on Argentinian cuisine

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

After growing up in Argentina with a mother and grandmother from Germany and a father from Italy, Nestor Fortini developed a very diverse palate. His first love is Argentine food, which he says "has a huge European influence — Italian, Spanish, German. Argentina is very big on grass-fed beef. We are the beef capital of the world. Argentina is also known for its many sauces — especially chimichurri.”

About four years ago, Fortini, 48, decided to start The Grumpy Gaucho, his own culinary business. He began selling the flavorful sauces from Argentina and then branched out into empanadas. To be compliant with health regulations, Fortini needed to rent space in a commercially licensed kitchen.

"The only kitchens available were in Elgin or Chicago," the Naperville resident said. After making the long trip to Elgin for several years, he was very pleased when Sage Culinary Studio opened in Naperville.

"It is perfect," he said of the new commercially licensed kitchen where he rents space to make his items and store his stock.

Fortini makes the empanadas, sauces and other items in the commercial kitchen and transports them to events in a mobile unit that has an oven, refrigeration and everything else he needs to serve hot, fresh empanadas.

Fortini said empanadas are very popular in Argentina and are usually eaten as an appetizer. An empanada is like a small, hand-held pot pie. He imports a special dough for his empanadas from Argentina.

"Most doughs I tried were too close to pie dough. This dough is flaky — more like phyllo," he said.

He makes eight different savory fillings from scratch including beef criolla, ham and cheese, chicken pesto, barbecue pork, spinach and ricotta, blue cheese and ham, and traditional beef.

Empanadas are served with sauces, which Fortini also makes from scratch. The chimichurri sauce is a tangy mix of parsley, garlic, red pepper, oregano, olive oil and vinegar.

Another popular sauce is the cilantro, jalapeno and pesto with lime sauce. He also makes a provencal sauce with parsley, garlic, Parmesan cheese and olive oil.

When customers request it, he makes a pesto sauce. Sauces are an important part of cuisine in Argentina and are used in many ways from topping grilled meats to sandwich spreads.

Fortini also makes other Argentine dishes for special events. Piononos are made from a sheet of lightly sweetened dough that is covered with savory fillings and rolled up and sliced. Migas are crustless sandwiches made with a very thinly sliced bread that is layered with multiple fillings and then cut into squares.

Fortini hopes to someday open a small restaurant that would offer many of these Argentinian specialties. But for now, he can be found at the Plainfield Farmers Market on Saturdays and the Oswego Farmers Market on Sundays. He sells the empanadas freshly baked with sauces but also has frozen empanadas and sauces for customers to bake at home.

Fortini offers two recipes for a taste of Argentina that show how sauces change something simple into a flavorful dish. The first is a simple sandwich that becomes special with the addition of chimichurri sauce. The second recipe is a different approach to sweet potatoes using another Argentinean sauce.

Some grocery stores carry the sauces, and Fortini also sells them on his website, www.grumpygaucho.com.

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Dear Help Squad,

I have always flown Southwest Airlines and have had good things to say about them. But on June 14, I purchased tickets in my sons' names for a family vacation. One son was unable to come home from overseas, so we postponed the vacation and I turned both their tickets into travel funds. I called and was told I could not use the funds except in their names until they expired, and then I could move the funds to my account.

My son is now home, so yesterday I called to use the funds and was told they had expired and I would lose $100 per ticket! That is $400! I talked to customer service and was transferred to someone in a different department who said they are the only ones who can make exceptions, and they had no record of a conversation with me from last year. After explaining I followed their instructions, I asked to be transferred to a supervisor. I waited on hold for a long time and a very curt supervisor told me there was nothing he could do—period. I was very frustrated and posted the above, along with the following, to their Facebook page: They say it is my fault for not documenting who I talked to and I did not get the right information from the right department.

I received email vouchers for $257 from the original $657 paid for the tickets. I went to update my Facebook post and found it deleted. I was also blocked from posting anything more. I am so frustrated I was given misinformation that I followed.

Virginia, Glen Ellyn

Because Virginia had two complaints, Help Squad took a two-pronged approach to resolution. We first reached out to Reputation.com to learn just what companies can and cannot do with the posts on their company Facebook pages, then we sent an email to CATHY CUNNINGHAM Help Squad Southwest detailing Virginia's complaint.

Though Southwest's “Contact Us” page on its website says “Responses to your comments may take up to 48 hours,” the confirmation email we received said, “Please allow up to 30 days for a response.” We allowed 48 hours, got no response and got in touch with Southwest spokesperson Alyssa Eliasen. When we talked to her, Eliasen held firm to the information already shared with Virginia. Tickets can be changed and used under the name booked for up to a year with no change fee. Virginia was granted an exception to this rule allowing her to use her banked travel funds for a $100 per ticket fee.

Eliasen stated Virginia would have been informed of all of the above when she called to cancel her tickets, though she would not have received an email confirming any of it. Instead, she would have to reference the terms from her initial confirmation email.

It was obvious that on this issue, there was either a serious misunderstanding or egregious miscommunication. But because Virginia had no written documentation from the call, a slight exception to the airline's policy was all she was allowed.

Then there was the matter of Virginia's Facebook posts on the Southwest page. Though Eliasen sent Help Squad individual links and screen shots to Virginia's posts, we could not locate them on Facebook ourselves.

Said Eliasen: “I'm able to confirm I can see both her posts on August 7 and 8.” What Help Squad saw was a gap of five days, between Aug. 5 and 10, where no posts appeared. When asked about Virginia's claim that she was blocked from adding additional posts, Eliasen stated, “I'm not sure why she would think she was blocked. I confirmed with our social media group that she didn't violate any policies, so she has not been blocked from posting.”

Need help?
Did a company overcharge you or deny your request for a return? Are you the victim of fraudulent business practices? Do you have a consumer question you would like answered? Send your questions, complaints, injustices and story ideas to HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com and we will be happy to help.

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Did Cook County Animal Control investigation go deep enough?

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

Members of the animal welfare community are pleased that a Cook County inspector general's report has highlighted shortcomings in the county's Department of Animal and Rabies Control. The question now is whether the report went far enough and whether anything will come of it.

Released Aug. 21, the report confirmed frequent criticisms that the department falls short in reuniting lost pets with their owners, is hamstrung by outdated technology and doesn't operate in an efficient manner. It also recommended the department work with shelters and other animal groups.

"I think they covered the important things - a centralized website, have it accessible so animal control officers or law enforcement officers can scan a (found) dog and go into the system, and that dog doesn't even have to go into a shelter," says Susan Taney, founder of Lost Dogs Illinois, an organization that works to unite pet owners with their lost animals.

One problem, she says, is that the Animal Welfare League, where many of the strays the county collects end up, does not post photos of found dogs or dogs that have been brought in. It does post photos of adoptable dogs. So if a dog is brought in and the owner does not claim it, in three days it's made available for adoption. There have been recent cases of dogs being found and then adopted out to new homes before their owners could find them, she says.

Taney also points out two areas that the report didn't address - standardizing fees and stray hold periods. Both vary widely.

"By doing what the audit report suggested plus standardizing fees and hold periods, it would go a long way to improving the animal control system in Cook County," she says. "Pets are family members. We need to keep these families together."

He estimates "hundreds, probably thousands" of pets have been returned home and says the number of pet deaths at pounds has been greatly reduced. He has offered Cook County the use of the system.

Justin Shlensky, an associate attorney at Kozar Law Office and a member of the Chicago Bar Association's Animal Law Committee, says he is "highly disappointed" that the report recommended the department merely comply with the minimum requirements as stated in the ordinance, such as the requirement for two facilities to hold stray animals.

Currently, there is only one, the Animal Welfare League. Shlensky agrees with the IG, Taney and Pennington that the database needs an overhaul.

"Part of what the Animal Law Committee did was comparables," he says of the group's recent work. "We looked at eight of the 10 largest counties in the United States (Cook County is No. 2). We found, of the other eight we were able to gain information from, Cook County was severely lacking in a database. I think Cook County has an obligation to taxpayers and those who buy rabies tags to have a database."

Pennington, who was interviewed by investigators from the inspector general's office, is sure he can help.

"When you lose your pet, you would go to the one Chicago pets website," he explains. "You first check to see if it is at one of the pound facilities. If not, then you look at the general public 'Found' page to see if a neighbor has your pet. If not, then you post as a Lost pet and generate a flyer that doesn't list any of your personal data. Each night you get an email of all pets of your pet's breed that came into Chicago's various pounds that day and any posted Found pets."

Often there are animal lovers who will try to cross reference the Lost pet lists with the Pound lists and message pet owners of their pet possibly being at the pound."

The inspector general asked that the board inform him of any actions taken on the recommendations within 30 days.

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On the brink of my 50th birthday, despite kicking, screaming and fighting the milestone with all I've got, I did manage to find an appealing take on the number.

With all the physical drawbacks of the big 5-0 comes a certain wisdom.

Like a magical gift from above, 50 feels smarter, with a presence of self-assurance, peace, grace and understanding, especially when it comes to love.

Here are 50 things I've learned about love in my 50 years:

1. Happiness in your love life starts with being happy with yourself.
2. If he stops your heart, don't be scared. Embrace it.
4. The one who got away wasn't meant to be.
5. If you think he might be cheating, he is.
7. Every woman should have a cougar relationship in her life.
8. A guy who doesn't want to meet your friends doesn't deserve you.
9. Know the difference between love and self.
10. Older men are better in bed than younger men.
11. Your kids are watching the way you love (or don't love) your spouse. They will love (or not love) the same way.
12. If your gut says it isn't right, listen to it.
13. Qualities in a great boyfriend are different from qualities in a great husband.
14. If you are trying to figure out if he's into you, he isn't.
15. A man who doesn't acknowledge Valentine's Day is selfish and kind of stupid.
16. Real love means being there for illness and financial down times.
17. If your girlfriend doesn't like your date, her gut instinct is almost always right.
18. If he cheats, it is NOT your fault.
19. When considering marrying someone, look at the family. You are essentially marrying them.
20. Men see women 10 pounds lighter than women see themselves. So guess what? You just lost 10 pounds!
21. If you break up and get back together with someone more than once, your relationship probably isn't going to work out.
22. He either likes you the way you are or he doesn't. If he doesn't, that's perfectly OK.
23. Don't worry so much about meeting "the one." Instead, savor and be grateful for the intensity and excitement of dating.
24. Divorced people can never imagine falling in love again and many do.
25. Platonic friends of the opposite sex are gifts.
26. A woman's decision to leave her spouse could lead you to the love of your life.
27. Playing the victim in a divorce will prevent you from ever moving on.
28. If you love who you are, men will love you.
29. You never forget the smell of a man's skin if you truly love him.
30. A few extra pounds doesn't matter on a woman if she feels happy and healthy about the way she looks.
31. There is nothing sexier than making love with the father of your children.
32. If you end up having sex with a close friend (a "When Harry Met Sally" kind of thing), be prepared to lose the friendship if it doesn't work out.
33. A friend who ends up dating a man she knows you have an interest in isn't really a friend.
34. It's never too late to call an old boyfriend and apologize for the way you treated him. Even if it's 25 years later.
35. The best part of having out-of-the-ballpark sex with someone is keeping it completely to yourself.
36. Never say no to a blind date.
37. Relationships without honest communication suffer greatly.
38. Trust and loyalty are must-haves in the search for Mr. Right.
39. Hiring a night nurse after a new baby will minimize fighting in your marriage.
40. Resentment is the root of all divorce.
41. Instead of fighting about it, see if it's possible to laugh about it.
42. Sex doesn't solve problems, but it is a great way to reconnect in challenging times.
43. If you don't respect him, the relationship has no chance of working.
44. It's never too late to call off the wedding, even if the invites are in the mail.
45. Dry spells always end. Don't lose hope.
46. Everyone is perfect for the first three months of a relationship. Know going into it that the shoe will drop. That doesn't mean it won't work out.
47. Men are attracted to women who are truly passionate about what they do.
48. A relationship only gets boring if you let it.
49. Cooking for a man makes him feel good. Cooking for a man wearing sexy lingerie makes him feel great.
50. If you want a Cinderella story, be your own fairy godmother. You're the only one who can pick out the perfect glass slipper.

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ROUNDUP | SPIRITUAL

Map: Collected and Last Poems
By Wislawa Szymborska, translated from the Polish by Clare Cavanagh and Stanislaw Baranczak, edited by Clare Cavanagh, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 447 pages, $32

When awarding Wislawa Szymborska the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1996, the Nobel commission called her the "mothers of poetry." But they didn't stop the invocation there, adding that her elegant, precise works hold "something of the fury of Beethoven." All of which is to underline the supreme sadness that one of Europe's greatest recent poets is not better known this side of the Atlantic. "Map: Collected and Last Poems" could right that. Here, for the first time, is the English translation of all of the poems of Szymborska's last Polish collection, including previously unpublished works. In all, "Map" gathers some 250 poems written between 1944 and 2011. While Szymborska, who died in 2012, focuses her attention on quotidian subjects — an onion, a cat — she plunges them to probe life's big questions — love, death, and passing time. And while she might not be as widely read in America as poets Mary Oliver and Mark Strand, her words bore deep into a shared soulful landscape. She is poet serving as spiritual guide. Consider, for instance, this one stanza from the poem "Nothing Twice": "Why do we treat the fleeting day / with so much needless fear and sorrow? / It's in its nature not to stay, / today is always gone tomorrow." Is that not a call to savor the one holy hour that is upon us? To not fritter away a single day? We can only hope that hers becomes a household name, in any house that believes poetry is direct line to the depths of the human spirit. This tome is the place to begin.

Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality
By Pope Francis, Melville House, 167 pages, $14.95

Naomi Oreskes, professor of the history of science at Harvard University, begins her introduction to this particular printing of Pope Francis' latest encyclical by reminding us "(I)t seems that the Pope's latest line is that the Earth has a right to it. Sometimes, however, a book catalyzes thought into action." She goes on to count "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Silent Spring" as two such masterworks. And then she deftly tucks "Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality: On Care for Our Common Home" onto that same rare call-to-action bookshelf. As it should be. This breathtaking amalgam of urgency and poetry mines the spirit and appeals to the moral core. Billed as the pope's pontifications on the environment, it is in fact a sweeping letter addressing a spectrum of global sins, not the least of which is summed up in Francis' declaration that "(O)ne earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." That a secular publisher, Melville House, chose to print in its entirety the papal document — termed by The Guardian "the most astonishing and perhaps the most ambitious papal document of the past 100 years" — bespeaks its relevance beyond the walls of the Roman Catholic Church. Where it stirs the soul, though, is in its majestically crafted sentences that wholly illuminate the understanding that nature is "a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness." Coupled with the pope's insistence that pillaging the planet exacts too costly a toll on the world's poor, this work drills home the plea that we "hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

2. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner, $27).
4. "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates (Spiegel & Grau, $24).
5. "The Devil In the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America" by Erik Larson (Vintage, $16).

NEW IN PAPERBACK

America's Bitter Pill
By Steven Brill, Random House, 515 pages, $18

Brill explores the Affordable Care Act, looking at how the law was written, how it is being implemented and how it is changing — and not changing — the health-care industry. Brill looks at the battle in Washington and across the country to pass the bill, and how many of the issues the law intended to fix are still problematic.

The Girl Next Door: A Novel
By Ruth Rendell, Scribner, 289 pages, $16

In the summer of 1944, a group of friends discover a tunnel in their neighborhood outside of London where they play. On the same land 60 years later, construction workers discover two skeletal hands — one male, one female. The friends are drawn together to tell of their childhood to a detective, but as the investigation continues, the threads holding their relationship together unravel and the truth is revealed.

The Carrier: A Zailer and Waterhouse Mystery
By Sophie Hannah, Penguin, 471 pages, $16

Gaby Struthers is forced to share a hotel room with Lauren Cookson when their plane is delayed overnight. Lauren blurts out that an innocent man is going to prison for murder. The man is Tim Bresay, the only man Gaby has ever truly loved, but who confessed and provided the police with the murder weapon — without providing a reason or motive.

Crazy Love You: A Novel
By Lisa Unger, Touchstone, 368 pages, $15.99

Ever since childhood, Ian has known Priss is different. He's his best friend, shielding him from bullies and from his family's secrets. As adults, Ian has a successful career, but Priss is still indulging in booze, drugs and sex. When Ian meets Megan, he begins changing, but Priss hates change, and when Priss becomes angry, terrible things happen.

Infidel Kings and Unholy Warriors
By Brian A. Catlos, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 390 pages, $16

Catlos offers a history of the Mediterranean during the era of the Crusades. Citing examples of Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders, Catlos argues that the period from 1050 to 1200, commonly thought of as one fueled by religious extremism, was in fact driven by a mix of political self-interest, personality and ideology.

— Jeremy Mikula

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**Quote-Acrostic**

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

**Clues**

**Words**

A. Like an ambassador

B. Curious

C. More desirable

D. PA Dutch barn decorations: 2 wds.

E. Basic

F. Tractor-trailers, briefly

G. Hold dear

H. Worst

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**Hat Trick**

**BY CHARLES PRESTON**

**ACROSS**

1. Thomas Waller
5. Beginning of a wound healing
9. Firemen’s equipment
14. River or range
15. Poi source
16. Houston athlete
17. Forbidden behavior
18. Makes a mistake
19. Big birds
20. Pillbox
23. Employ
24. Nautical shout
25. Highway
26. Placid
28. Break a commandment
29. Actor Holbrook
32. Derby
36. Lotion ingredient
39. Guido’s highest note
40. Toast toppler
41. Pork pie
46. Youngster
47. Psyche parts
48. Heckle
52. Speeder’s penalty
54. Houston-based org.

**DOWN**

1. Mushroom or mildew
2. Cloche
3. Pomp and Circumstance composer
4. Actress Anderson
5. Location
6. Italian city
7. Lulu
8. Spill the beans
9. True
10. Soccer star
11. Pub pints

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Last week's crosswords

"Shades of Meaning"

JOHN P. RIEBEL: YOU'VE GOT MAIL:
Writing letters is at least three millennia old. When Egyptian pharaohs extended their influence they needed to correspond with their subject vassals and inscribed clay tablets they then baked and sent.

This week's Jumble

FIGURE PROMPT LETHAL AVENUE TYCOON VISUAL

When it came to getting a job, their son wasn't —

APPLYING HIMSELF
Guys: To flirt effectively, act like a decent human

By Lauren Loftus
The Washington Post

It's a story as old as time. Guy spots girl across the bar. Girl smiles coyly. Guy saunters over and asks if it hurts. Girl finishes the line, "When I fell from heaven? You bet." Cue the laugh track.

Flirting. We've been at it since the days of playground hair-pulling and sweaty-palmed school dancing. Getting the hang of it is like riding a bike: there are bruises at the start, but eventually it becomes second nature. And once we master the playful banter and arm grating, we stop thinking so much about what works and what doesn't.

So, of course, some psychologists asked men and women to do just that. For a study recently published in the journal Interpersona, participants were asked to examine which flirting techniques they thought were most successful.

First, men and women were asked to rank actions that they thought would be most effective. Women, Wade said, seemed more in tune with what moves worked best on their male counterparts. Most of the flirting techniques women said they'd use to attract male attention were physical, such as "dancing with you" or "smiling at you." When men were asked to rank the women's moves, they scored actions involving direct physical contact the highest. "She kisses you on the cheek" got the No.1 spot, followed by "She rubs against you" and "She moves closer to you."

Men, on the other hand, "miss the subtleties," Wade said. "Of the things they wrote down...kind of make you wonder."

Among the actions submitted by men and ranked highly by women: "He has dinner with you" and "He acts interested in you" (presumably by grabbing a slice of pizza with you). And then there was this gem: "He spends time with you," which was second only to "hanging hands." Oof.

Citing some older research, Wade said one of the reasons the men's flirt list was far more general could be because "men aren't that attuned to actions that work especially well." If you asked even the most successful men how they pick up women, many would have trouble articulating specific behaviors, Wade said.

He suggested that if we observed men interacting with women in a more natural environment (such as a bar), rather than have them list what they think works, "you wouldn't see things that are so relationship-specific," he said. That's the difference between perceived and actual effectiveness.

And don't worry, guys, it's not that complicated. The study concluded that women perceived men who acted committed and caring to be best at flirting. Maybe eat a slice of pizza with her every so often.

Nuzzle up to the study

Want to read the Interpersona study? Go to www.Interpersona.psychopen.eu (type "flirting" in the search field).

Living with others without too much stress and drama

By Sasha Lekach
Tribune Newspapers

First dorm. First apartment. First home. These may seem like entirely different situations, but there are a surprising number of parallels between dorm life and post-college life when it comes to sharing a roof.

For many, college offers the first extended opportunity in sharing living space. By following some ground rules, sharing a dorm room should be easier.

Mutual respect

Andrea Yusim Meltzer is in the business of finding compatible roommates. As CEO of Skokie, Ill.-based online roommate-matching service Compatibility, Meltzer has seen the fallout when people live together, no matter how well matched they seem.

To ensure a smooth living situation, she stresses mutual respect. Issues such as inviting friends over or borrowing your roommate's personal belongings without asking first need to be addressed.

"Once you've respected a person, it leaves a real bad taste," she said.

Harlan Cohen, who covers roommate travails in his book, "The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run Into in College," agrees but adds a caveat. Before you assume the worst, keep an open mind. If your roommate is eating your food, for instance, he suggests finding out if the person is having money problems.

"It's better to check in before making accusations," he said.

Look in a mirror

Flipping the roommate focus onto yourself is Cohen's ultimate suggestion. He stressed that in conflicts, it's typical to start by blaming the other person. Instead, ask yourself, "What did I do and how did everyone react?"

"If you talk about it, it won't be explosive," Cohen said.

Communication

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Another thing people need to ask themselves, Cohen said: Do they want their new roommate to be a casual acquaintance they share a dorm room with or their next best friend? "We have expectations, and our roommates can't always meet these expectations," he said.

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Strategies for managing finances of elderly parents

JANET KIDD STEWART
The Journey

Call it the triple-whammy: An elderly parent, a new significant other and an aging bull market.

A reader recently shared his frustrations over watching his elderly father gift a large portion of his assets to a new, much-younger girlfriend. He is his father's designated power of attorney, but learned quickly through his attorney that there's not a lot he can do about the situation because the father hasn't been declared (often by a physician) to be incapacitated.

The months or years leading up to a determination that would trigger a power of attorney designation are complex and often emotionally painful.

Meanwhile, as interest rates remain at historically low levels, and market prognosticators trim their expectations for stock and bond portfolio returns in coming years, families are concerned about a combination of big withdrawals and low returns at the end of life that will ultimately decimate the elders' savings and leave adult children on the hook to make up the difference.

Many of the worst financial abusers are the very children or other relatives who are supposed to be looking out for these seniors, experts say.

"It's the old he said, she said," says Martin Shenkman, a New Jersey tax and estate planning attorney.

"It's the new girlfriend unduly influencing the senior or taking incredible care of him, and it's the children who are just trying to save their inheritance. Often, nobody considered a neutral party knows."

Beginning to document examples of financial mismanagement is a common first step but can also be fraught with consequences, experts say.

Shirley Whiteman, an estate planning attorney and president of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, said she has seen many families pull apart as children fight in court to take control of parents' assets.

"Then if the children lose, the parents by then are so angry they cut the kids off completely," she said.

Inheritance issues are always tricky, as any parent knows who has contemplated leaving assets to children according to their perceived needs rather than splitting them equally. On that front, many families have learned that children's circumstances can change often over time, and that giving different amounts can permanently damage sibling relationships long after the parents are gone.

Splitting an estate equally puts the onus on the children, not the parents, to be good stewards of the money.

In other words, simpler is sometimes better. That's the theory behind financial planner Satoru "San" Asato's retirement income planning with clients, he said.

One client, a mentally fit and affluent woman in her early 80s, began dating a man with very few financial resources, prompting an adult child, her power of attorney, to voice some concerns.

"What makes the situation manageable for us is our process," Asato said. When the woman first became a client, they agreed that the goal of her financial plan was to spend her assets down completely, with no inheritance goal.

Using software and a withdrawal discipline that can respond to investment return volatility and a planning horizon five years beyond a conservative life expectancy estimate, he's confident she won't exhauster the funds. If for some reason it begins to look like she might, she can tap home equity. If not, then the home becomes the asset she passes down to heirs.

"I tell clients, 'My interest is in you staying financially independent for the rest of your life, and we're going to (aim) to spend all that money down to zero," Asato said. "When I say that, they are initially shocked, but by the time we discuss it a little bit, they all say, 'Yes, I want to stay independent, and any money leftover and the real estate can go to the kids.'"

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Share your journey to or through retirement or pose a question at journey@janetkiddstewart.com.

Tips for college students opening a bank account

CAROLYN BIGNA
Getting Started

College students need cash and, just as important, someplace to put those dollars. So this time of year as school begins, many students will be in search of the best checking and savings accounts.

If you're one of those students, here are a few things to consider.

Look broadly. You don't have to limit yourself to the bank on campus. Many financial institutions offer remote check deposit and free ATM networks, so you can broaden your search to include online banks, credit unions and community banks.

"Some of the obstacles that existed three or five years ago to banking remotely are less prevalent today," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst for Bankrate.com.

And there's good reason to shop around. According to Bankrate, 72 percent of the 50 largest credit unions offer free checking accounts. Banks, meanwhile, often require direct deposit or a minimum balance to avoid a monthly maintenance charge or other fees.

Student checking accounts are the exception, but you qualify only as long as you are a student. Once you turn 22 or 23, the student status typically goes away, and you have to meet minimums and other conditions.

Where to start your search? Use websites to find and compare banks, such as bankrate.com gobankingrates.com and nerdwallet.com.

To find credit unions, go to asmarterchoice.org. You have to become a member of a credit union in order to bank at one, and membership can depend on where you live, how you go to school or work, among other things.

"But we're pretty sure that just about anybody can find two or three credit unions nearby that they can join," said Bill Hampel, chief economist and chief policy officer at the Credit Union National Association.

Consider your banking needs. As you compare banks, think about what you need from a checking or savings account. For most students, maintaining a hefty minimum balance when you're working only part time or don't have a job is a challenge.

"Avoid anything that charges you for having too low of a monthly minimum balance," said Nico Leyva, partner relations manager for banking at NerdWallet.

Then, consider your banking needs and habits. Will you have access to fee-free ATMs at school as well as when you travel home during school breaks? Will you receive paper checks (which may be handy for certain bills, such as rent) and a debit card? Do you want to be able to go to a branch?

"A lot of studies show that students want to have access to a person in case of an emergency," Leyva said.
Baby on way? Rework your budget

New addition alters spending, savings needs

By Mary Beth Storjohann

Deciding to have children is one of the most life-altering choices you'll ever make. Joy, stress, excitement, exhaustion, hundreds of books on how to not screw up and thousands of bucks to prepare your little one: Your plate is now loaded. Here are some considerations to make sure you're prepared — financially, anyway.

First, got $250,000? According to CNN Money, it will cost the average, middle-income couple a minimum of $241,080 to raise a child who was born in 2012. And that's per child. If you want a big family, you face upward of seven figures just to get your kids out OK some 20 years from now.

Of course this enormous bill won't hit you at once, and I'm sure plenty of Americans raise kids on less. This statistic, however, does highlight the need for some serious planning and organization, even as you wallpaper the nursery. In short: Rework that budget.

Savings. Build emergency savings to cover three to six months of living expenses. Err on the side of caution if your household will have only one income after the birth. Remember, you want this money accessible; don't sink it into the stock market or tie it up elsewhere.

New spending. Factor in new or higher expenses such as diapers, wipes, formula and baby food. Start pricing these items and determine if you need to adjust other areas of your budget to compensate.

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Transportation. What does your car situation look like? Does your vehicle offer safe and adequate room for a child's car seat? Will you need to put aside money for a second or replacement vehicle? Set a plan to work toward this goal.

Medical costs. Always read the fine print on your insurance policy regarding coverage throughout the pregnancy, and understand that your premiums and co-pays may increase once your baby arrives. Check with your employer's human resources department for any tax-advantaged health-spending plans. Also, you typically have up until 30 days after birth to add your baby to your insurance. Do not miss this window.

Child care. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that child care costs skyrocketed in recent decades. Explore your costs, whether for day care groups, individual care or your own nanny. Are you or your working spouse planning to switch to a stay-at-home parent? Sketch out what your new financial picture will look like with one income instead of two.

College. Hope to assist your children with higher education? Given these ever-increasing costs, plan to start saving as early as possible. Your retirement comes first, though: Your kids can take out loans and get scholarships for college. Nobody will lend you money for your retirement.

I recently put out a call for new parents to offer tips on parenting. Among other money-saving tips:

- Network with other parents and families to trade clothes and such items as playpens and swings.
- Create a budget for wine.
- Never go to the grocery store without a list.
- Don't buy every big-ticket item prior to your baby coming; borrow such items as baby carriers from friends for a test drive.
- Don't be loyal to pricey brand names.
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Cancer experts urge moderation in grilling

Hot flame, high heat can create unsafe chemicals

By Christie Aschwanden
Washington Post

Firing up the backyard grill to cook some juicy meat over a hot flame: It's an American tradition, especially on the coming Labor Day weekend. Charring pork, beef, fish and poultry is a good way to kill bacteria, but studies show that high heat and flames can create potentially cancer-causing compounds.

But how dangerous are these chemical compounds, really? Are they harmful enough to reconsider our love of grilled meat?

When I posed these questions to Rashmi Sinha, deputy branch chief at the National Cancer Institute, she hedged. Numerous studies have linked chemicals in grilled meat to cancer, she says, but the evidence is circumstantial, and it's not clear how much you would have to eat to substantially increase your risk.

Cooking meat at high temperatures produces two main types of compounds with cancer-causing potential: heterocyclic amines (HCAs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). At high temperatures, the amino acids, sugars and other compounds in meat undergo chemical reactions that generate HCAs, while PAHs emitted from flames or smoke stick to the surface of the meat.

Much of the research linking HCAs and PAHs to cancer comes from studies in which laboratory animals were fed the compounds at levels thousands of times greater than people would get from a normal diet. Researchers can't ethically feed these chemicals to people to see what happens, Sinha says, so they compare people who were exposed to more of the compounds with those who had less. "You ask people about their eating habits, so it's not a direct measure," she says.

In one such study, Kristen Anderson at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and colleagues looked at the eating habits of more than 60,000 people, 208 of whom were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer over a nine-year period. The researchers found that those who reported the highest consumption of cooked meat at high temperatures had a 70 percent greater risk of developing pancreatic cancer than those with the lowest intake; colorectal and prostate cancer have also been linked to grilled meat consumption.

While more studies are investigating HCAs and cancer in humans, the link is still not definitive, Anderson says.

Figuring out whether grilling meats poses a cancer risk is more challenging than it might seem. For starters, HCAs and PAHs must be metabolized by specific enzymes in the body to become dangerous, and people have varying levels of these enzymes. It's also difficult to accurately measure how many HCAs and PAHs people consume. In part, this is because there's no easy way to estimate the levels of these compounds in any particular serving of food. That depends on factors such as how the meat was cooked and how much meat people actually ate.

Imagine that you were asked to recall how often you'd eaten grilled meat in the past six months, how large the portions were and how hot the grill had been. How confident would you be in your response? Your answer suggests why population studies are not seen as hard proof.

If grilling meat does pose a danger, the best way to reduce your risk, of course, would be to cut meats out of your diet, or at least stop cooking them on high heat, particularly the flames lapping at the meat," she says. Don't char or burn meat, and cut off burned portions.

You never want to eat undercooked meat, but it's not a bad idea to avoid overcooking. A 2012 study found that well-done meat had 3 1/2 times the amount of HCAs that medium-rare meat did.

More tips: Wrap your meat in foil to protect it from smoke. If you can, cut away fat before grilling.

Taking away the fat is good, because it drips onto the hot surface, which causes more smoke and flashing," Sinha says. Some studies have suggested that certain marinades — those containing rosemary, for instance — might reduce the production of HCAs, but whether this reduces cancer risk isn't clear, Sinha says. "You might reduce one [type of HCA] but increase another one, and we don't know which are the worst."

Given all these uncertainties, it's impossible to declare how much grilled meat is safe, Sinha says. She recommends moderation: Eating meat from the grill every day is clearly much riskier than eating it once a month, she says, "but I can't give you a number where it goes from OK to bad."
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Trickle-down theory

By Rene Lynch
Tribune Newspapers

LOS ANGELES — Ripping up the lawn is the single best way to save water in drought-stricken California, but doing that can take weeks, if not months, of consideration and planning. And then there's the cost.

Many of us are just not ready to take that step.

We've compiled more than 40 wallet-friendly tips for reducing your water footprint — no matter what state you live in — that go beyond ditching the lawn. Some of these steps are obvious but bear repeating. And we know that some of these tips save water at the expense of using another energy source.

But water conservation expert Tracy Quinn of the Natural Resources Defense Council said that making just a few small changes to our daily habits can result in big water savings. "Every little bit helps."

In the kitchen:
- Post reminder notes over all your sinks, beginning with the kitchen.
- Don’t rinse scraps of food down the sink after dinner. Scrape them into your garbage can. (This is a good use for all those take-out napkins that seem to clutter everyone’s “junk drawer”)
- While waiting for the dish water to warm up, use the cooler stream to fill up your pet’s water bowl, fill the ice cube trays, fill reusable water bottles or fill a water pitcher that you keep in the fridge.
- It won’t kill you to do dishes in cold water. Pretend you’re glamping.
- But if you absolutely need hot water, consider heating up a teakettle at dish time and supplementing it with the cooler water right out of the faucet. (Rubber gloves are recommended)
- Got ice cubes left over in water glasses after a dinner party? Toss them onto the lawn.
- Fix that leaky kitchen faucet and any other leaks around the house. That drip, drip, drip may not seem like a lot but could waste hundreds of gallons a year, Quinn says.
- Not ready to spend big on a water-conserving dishwater, washing machine or toilet? How about efficient new faucet aerators and shower heads? Many cities offer rebates, and some may even give them away.
- Your dishwasher is its most efficient when you’ve got a full load.
- Some dishwasher models, however, offer a half-load option, which can be helpful if you live alone or rarely cook.
- No dishwasher? Consider paper plates and cups if you’re hosting a huge bash. (Before you buy, find out which ones can go in your compost bin or your city’s recycling bin.)

In the laundry room:
- Wait until you have a full load before washing clothes...
- but if that is not an option, readjust the load-size control.
- Stop and think about the age of your washing machine (and dishwater). If they’re 10 years or older, they’re not as water efficient as they could be, says Ron Vogelweide, global sustainability director for Whirlpool Appliances. The technology has changed dramatically. Newer machines "use significantly less water and less time, and less energy," he said.
- If your washing machine is old enough to drive, consider using a coin laundry. It might just save you money.
- Use the Internet to check out appliance rebates offered by your water and energy suppliers.

In the bathroom:
- Place a cup and refillable water bottle in the bathroom for toothbrushing.
- Don’t walk away while the shower is “warming up.” Be brave. Meanwhile...
- Position a sturdy plastic bucket or pitcher in your shower to collect the cooler water and then use it to fill a watering can for your potted plants, to clean the shower stalls or to fill the toilet tank for flushing.
- Aim for a three-minute shower. (Pretend you’re in the military.) Here’s the drill: Get wet. Shampoo. Condition. Scrub down. Rinse off. Bonus points if you turn the water off during your shampoo and scrub down.
- Use a kitchen timer in the bathroom to track your shower time. The timer function on your smartphone works too.
- If your bathroom sink takes forever to warm up, use a splash of heated teakettle water combined with tap water in a bowl to wash your face before bed.
- Don’t let the water run while you’re shaving.
- Use this simple test to make sure your toilet tank is not leaking into the bowl. Put a few drops of food-safe dye in the tank. Quinn says. Give it 15 minutes. If that color becomes visible in the bowl, you’ve got a leak.
- Don’t flush the toilet bowl just to throw away stuff, like a tissue. That’s what the trash can is for.

Beyond the front door:
- Shower at the gym two or three times a week.
- Don’t wash your car in the driveway. Why? It can use up to 100 gallons of water, Quinn said. Worse: Runoff sends debris and toxins into storm drains and, in turn, rivers, lakes and the ocean.
- Stop servers before they just plop down glasses of H2O at your table, unless you intend to drink them.
- Wash your dog at a self-serve pet wash, or take Buster to a groomer.

In the yard:
- Talk to a gardening expert about whether aerating your lawn — punching little holes through the compacted soil below — can help you down on the water it needs. (Do-it-yourself aerator sandals cost about $20)
- Make sure your sprinkler heads are water thrifty. (Some cities offer rebates on water-efficient replacement heads)
- Adjust sprinklers so they only hit the lawn, not the sidewalk, the front porch and your neighbor’s front porch.
- Skip one or two lawn waterings a week.
- Scale back your sprinklers’ run time by two to three minutes.
- Sweep sidewalks instead of using a hose to do the dirty work.
- Shop around for rain barrels. Many cities offer discounts.
- Make sure hoses have water-efficient spray nozzles, and get rubber washers to fix any leaks. Quinn says hoses without nozzles can waste 8 gallons or more of water by the time you walk back to the spigot to turn them off.
- If you know you want to tear up the lawn but just don’t have a design yet, consider letting it go brown until you make up your mind. (You might want to let your neighbors in on your plans)
- Use mulch or composting around plants, reducing how much water they need.

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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Scarsdale Estates home with five bedrooms has elegance and lots of details. Intricate millwork, professionally designed kitchen with custom cabinets, granite counters, stainless appliances. Master suite has spa-like bathroom, oversized walk-in closet and fireplace. Fresh paint. Refinished hardwood flooring. Yard is circular paver stone. Close to town, train and expressway.

Address: 827 S. Arlington Heights Road
Price: $689,925
Schools: Prospect High School
Taxes: $13,494
Agent: Maxine Goldberg/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

HIGHLAND PARK


Address: 1875 Edgewood Road
Price: $659,000
Schools: Highland Park High School
Taxes: $12,630
Agent: Maria Del Boccio/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

PARK RIDGE


Address: 719 N. Dee Road
Price: $674,900
Schools: Maine South High School
Taxes: $10,557
Agent: Gretchen Gullo/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

GLENCOE

Huge lot with four-bedroom home quiet street near town, train and schools. First floor has sunny living room, formal dining room, office, full bath and large kitchen with eating area that opens to family room addition. Second floor master has private bath and huge closet. A hall bath is also on second level. Lower level is unfinished. Two-car garage.

Address: 365 Jefferson Ave.
Price: $659,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School
Taxes: $14,102
Agent: Joanna Hudson/The Hudson Company

Listings from Homefinder.com.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, Sept. 3

Barronc Whitfield & the Savages: 8 p.m. Thursday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $12-$22, 847-492-8860

Found Launches Live Music Every Thursday: The Josh Rzepka jazz trio performs. 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8910

Become a Mad Scientist, and Meet Award-Winning Author Jon Scieszka: Wear your best Mad Scientist costume to meet Jon Scieszka, the best-selling author of the Frank Einstein series. 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

All My Relations: A Seneca History: This exhibit introduces the history of the Seneca culture through the lives of Simas and her relations. 11 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

Native Haute Couture: The exhibit celebrates the history of Native American high fashion from pre-contact to today. 10 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

Studio 108 Ribbon Cutting and Reception: Celebrate this exciting new phase in The Actors Gymnasium's growth, by checking out the newly completed space. 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Noyes Cultural Art Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 847-329-2795

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America: This exhibition 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, free-$10; visit pass $45, 847-835-5440

Butterflies & Blooms: The exhibit features hundreds of butterflies and the flowers they reside on. 10 a.m. Thursday-Monday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free-$6, 847-835-5440

Friday, Sept. 4

Des Plaines Farmers' Market: 3 p.m. Friday, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Comedy Sportz at Leela Arts Center in Des Plaines: 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St, Des Plaines, $15-$25, 800-838-3006

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

The Outfit: In this modern fairy tale noir, comically tragic Nora lives in a world of shadows, with a lecherous landlord, the world's worst boss and a pack of co-workers straight out of Mean Girls. She meets Marco, the son of a butcher and a budding clothing designer who changes her life with a remarkable outfit. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Sept 11, 8 p.m. Sept. 12, Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St., Evanston, $27; $23 seniors; $15 students; $11 children, 847-424-0089

5Rhythms Dance: Come explore the 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

115th Annual Maria SS Lauretana Religious Feast (New Location): The congregation of the Society of Maria SS Lauretana of Altavilla Milicia presents its religious feast honoring the blessed mother. 3 p.m. Friday-Monday, Church Street along Golf Mill Park, Church Street and North Cumberland Avenue, Niles, free, 773-736-3766

Parisian Salon Concert: Pianist George Lepauw, 2012 Chicago Tribune Chicagoan Of The Year, completes a rarely heard performance of all 48 Preludes and Fugues of JS Bach's The Well Tempered Clavier. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Gentle Yoga: Gentle Yoga returns to the library in the Pollack room. Sessions involve sitting and standing exercises for improved physical strength and mental clarity. 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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Saturday, Sept. 5

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

Victor Wooten: 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $27-$42, 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. Saturdays, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Amy O. Woodbury’s 15th Annual Front Yard Art Sale: The artist’s entire collection, consisting of acrylic paintings, mixed-media pieces, collages and murals, will be for sale. 8 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Amy O. Woodbury, 1931 Colfax Ave., Evanston, $15 adult advance; $20 at the door, 847-644-8781

Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday: 9 p.m. Saturdays, Chicago’s Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, $15

Garden Chef Series: Top local chefs show how to prepare delicious meals using the freshest fruits, herbs and vegetables. 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glenco, free, 847-835-5440

Nature Nights: Seed Scatter: Hitchhiking, exploding and parachuting are ways plants spread their seeds. 5 p.m. Saturday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, $26 per child for nonmembers; 20% off for Garden Plus members, 847-835-5440

Fruit and Vegetable Garden Family Drop-In Activities: Join at the Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden for fun, hands-on activities for families and children. 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

150th Anniversary of the End of the Civil War: Living history in an encampment with living Civil War soldiers who are on site. Oral histories are presented in authentic Civil War era uniforms. 9 a.m. Daily, Gienview History Center, 1121 Waukegan Road, Glencoe, $5 suggested donation, 847-724-2235

Farms Market: Gienview: 9 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glencoe, free, 847-675-1806

Flight-to-Fun Kids Club: I’ll Ninjas with Championship Martial Arts: Gienview: Train to be a Ninja with Master Kristen Miller and hear some stories. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glencoe, free, 847-729-7500

Silver Screen Series: “The Teahouse of the August Moon”: The story is about a soldier who is sent to Americanize a small village on Okinawa. Gradually and ultimately, the soldier becomes assimilated to the local customs with the help of his interpreter and a lovely young geisha. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6460 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Back to School with Style: Spark your back-to-school spirit as you design creative and unique school supplies. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Morton Grove, free, 847-663-1234

Morton Grove Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Dempster Street and Georgia Avenue, 6200 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-5420

Northfield Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Happ Road and New Trier Court, 6 Happ Road, Northfield, free, 847-446-4451

Park Ridge Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-318-5217

Selich at Temple Beth Israel: High Holy Days observance begins with Selichot Services. II p.m. Saturday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-0951

Selichot Services in Skokie: Rabbi Yehoshua Karsh, teacher, guidance counselor and founder of the Torah Learning Center of Northbrook, is the guest speaker at the Men’s Club sponsored Selichot Services at Ezra-Habonim. Rabbi Karsh, speaks with his topic of “I Forgive You - The Art of Letting Go and Moving On.” 9 p.m. Saturday, Ezra Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Sunday, Sept. 6

Mushroom Show at Chicago Botanic Garden: Members of the IMA provide information and answer questions regarding fungi. 10 a.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Malott Japanese Garden Family Sundays: Take part in engaging, educational and fun activities related to Japanese gardens and culture. 11 a.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

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Pre Rosh Hashana Shofar Factory: Students learn about the significance and history of the Shofar, from the cleaning to the polishing. Attendees can partake in a pickup hockey game. 4 p.m. Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Money Matters Discussion: 10 a.m. Monday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Old Orchard Cruise Night: Monday Night Car Shows will collect donations to build a scholarship fund for students looking to pursue programs focused in automotive skills. 5 p.m. Monday, Westfield Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie, free, 847-433-2409

Exploring Grief: 7 p.m. Monday, Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-281-4272

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Christian Scott: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $17-$82, 847-492-8860

Rotary Club of Evanston LightHouse: 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

Irish Music Session: 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St, Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Tuesday Morning Music: Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances in the McGinley Pavilion overlooking Evening Island. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Open Hockey Rink 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, 847-724-3800

Movies, Munchies, and More: Film—“Unbroken”: The story is about Olympian and war hero Louis Zamperini. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yarn Gang: 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. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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Wednesday, Sept. 9

**The Wallers:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $30-$55, 847-492-8860

**The Acoustic Sound: Freeman and Bouchard:** Klezmer folk artists Freeman & Bouchard are featured at this month's session. 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Merion, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $10, 847-864-6400

**Great Books Discussion Group:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-7774

**Preschool Story Time:** 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-444-8610

**Digital Demos in the Lobby:** Explore the Library's digital movie, TV show, music, ebook, audiobook and magazine collections. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**YMCA Preschool Art Classes (ages 3-5 with an adult):** 10 a.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**App Series: Teach Yourself:** Come get and share suggestions for apps on fun themes. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**REACH Adult Education Fair:** Resources for the Education of Adults in the Chicago Area, is a consortium of colleges and universities whose mission is to present educational opportunities to adult learners. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

**Chess Club:** Whether a skilled player or a beginner, all are welcome. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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**Classic on Wednesday Film Series:** Free weekly screening of classic films at the Northbrook Public Library. 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Storytime & Snacks:** Join Mrs. Schmitt for stories, fun and a tasty snack in the Lifestyle Center. 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Whole Foods Market, 840 Willow Road, Northbrook, free, 847-729-7500

**Northbrook Farmers Market:** 7 a.m. Wednesday, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free

**Great Women Who make a Difference in the Business World:** Leah Polin looks at the women who have broken the glass ceiling in some male-dominated industries and what changes to anticipate by their creative leadership. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 NSSC members; $13 non-members, 847-784-6000

**Pullman National Monument Tour:** Take a step back into history and visit the unique town of Pullman which was built as the first planned industrial community in the United States; planned as a utopia, to house the workers of George M. Pullman's Palace Car Company. 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $79 NSSC members; $99 non-members, 847-784-6000

**The Films of Mike Nichols: The Graduate:** This film received seven Oscar nominations, winning Nichols his only one for Best Director. It's a classic triangle situation kept fresh by an insightful script, great acting and a music score. 2 p.m. Sept. 10, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$35, 847-492-8860

**Diabetes month by month:** Learn how to prevent, manage and take care of your diabetes in order to prevent complications. 5 p.m. Sept. 10, Erie Family Health Center Evanston/Skokie, 1285 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, free, 847-666-2346

**Much Ado About Mysteries:** Discuss murder in the Far East. Advance registration recommended. 7 p.m. Sept. 10, Glenview Public Library, 3000 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Travel Planning Online:** Learn to use Internet tools for travel planning, including purchasing airline tickets and vacation packages online. 2 p.m. Sept. 10, Glenview Public Library, 3000 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Everybody Move:** 9:30 a.m. Sept. 10, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Email Doctor Is in:** Bring in questions about email problems. 10:30 a.m. Sept. 10, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Sew Simple:** Make a lanyard or ribbon headband using the library's KidSpace sewing machines. 4:30 p.m. Sept. 10, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Iv Therapy:** A monthly guest speaker covers topics that integrate health and wellness into your lifestyle. 7 p.m. Sept. 10, Chicago Sports Institute, 1847 Oak St., Northfield, free

**Chicago Area Clean Cities Golf Outing and Fleet Education Seminar:** Join members of the Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition for their free fleet education seminar. The event is followed by their golf outing and dinner. 8:30 a.m. Sept. 10, Maple Meadows Golf Club, 272 Addison Road, Wood Dale, $100.

**Friday, Sept. 11

**Jammin' with Jens Farm-to-Table dinner to raise funds to support the Maryville Jen School:** 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11, Maryville Academy, 1550 N. River Road, Des Plaines, $70, 847-294-1982

**Eric Lindell:** 8 p.m. Sept. 11, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$35, 847-492-8860

**Drop-In Chess Club (up to grade 8):** 7 p.m. Sept. 11, Glenview Public Library, 3000 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Voice Your Choice: advance directives on your final wishes:** By planning ahead and documenting your treatment preferences, you can prevent arguments and spare your loved ones and those close to you the anxiety of having to guess your wishes. 1 p.m. Sept. 11, Glenview Public Library, 3000 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Game Night:** 5 p.m. Sept. 11, Glenview Public Library, 3000 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500
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Appy Hour: Come with your smartphone or tablet to learn how to download apps, hear about some of the best ones out there and share your favorites. 3 p.m. Sept. 11, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Live music: Widely recognized as one of Beethoven's most famous works, Symphony No. 9 in D Minor is much more. 10 a.m. Sept. 11, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 NSSC Members; $13 Non-members, 847-784-6000

Oktoberfest at Hofbrauhaus Chicago: Celebrate Bavarian culture, cuisine and beer. 11 a.m. Sept. 11 and 12, Hofbrauhaus Chicago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-671-2739

Funnyman: Chick Sherman (played by the one and only George Wendt) was once a rising Vaudeville star. Along with his less than enthusiastic agent, Chick tries to revive his career by starring in an off Broadway production. 8 p.m. Sept. 11, 2:30 p.m. Sept. 12, 8 p.m. Sept. 12, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $15-$65, 847-673-6300

Saturday, Sept. 12

LOL Saturday featuring Damon Williams, Joey Villagomez, Debbie Sue Goodman: 10 p.m. Sept. 12, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15-$25, 847-492-8860

Horse Feathers: 7 p.m. Sept. 12, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $17-$28, 847-492-8860

“Tapestry of Friendship” Benefit: Senior Connections benefit features entertainment, hors d’oeuvres, live and silent auctions, and raffle packages. One hundred percent of the proceeds support Senior Connections’ mission to match isolated seniors with volunteers in the community. 4 p.m. Sept. 12, Charles G. Dawes Home, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston, free, 803-448-7573

Third Annual Pet-A-Palooza: Enjoy fun dog competitions with great prizes, a pet parade, petting zoo, exotic animal show, children’s activities, a raffle, rescue groups, vendors and refreshments. noon Sept. 12, Westminster Place (at Presbyterian Homes), 3200 Grant St, Evanston, free, 847-570-3439

SS. Peter & Paul Greek Fest: Come enjoy delicious Greek food, homemade pastries and mouth-watering loukoumades in the indoor comfort of the church community center. 1 p.m. Sept. 12, Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-2235

Cemetery Sleuthing with Patricia Desmond Biaiss: Discover what to look for in graves and headstones. 3 p.m. Sept. 12, Forest Cemetery, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glenview, free, 847-835-5440

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Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-492-8860

How-to Fest: Bring the whole family to have fun and learn from local experts. 12 p.m. Sept. 12, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Niles Garden Club: Composting 101: Look at basic techniques and clear up myths. 10 a.m. Sept. 12, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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"American Ultra" ★★★½
R, 1:35, action
A soup spoon turns lethal in the unlikely hands of sweet and spacey stoner Mike (Jesse Eisenberg) in the violently paranoid action comedy "American Ultra." Mike's a lot like the spoon—harmless unless deployed in the right way—because he used to be a particularly effective "asset" at the CIA, a term used to describe highly trained superkillers. But the program was shut down, Mike's memories replaced with serious phobias, and he was planted in a sleepy West Virginia town with a girlfriend, Phoebe (Kristen Stewart) until a young upstart at the CIA decides to permanently terminate Mike, and his old boss goes rogue to save him. A madcap, murderous chase ensues. This is a deeply weird film—in the best way—and feels incredibly of this particular moment. —Katie Walsh

"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 Shrunk 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

"The Man From U.N.C.L.E." ★★
PG-13, 1:56, action
Director and co-writer Guy Ritchie's "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." inspired by the 1964-1968 TV series, tells a tale of nice suits, pretty sunglasses and actors posing, not acting. The male stars are Henry Cavill as Napoleon Solo, American CIA spy with a sociopath's devotion to his wardrobe, and Armie Hammer as Illya Kuryakin, the Soviet KGB operative enlisted to team up with Solo in Cold War 1963 to unravel and destroy a Nazi-tinged, nuke-minded crime ring based in Italy. Ridiculously handsome, inhumanly smug, the Solo we have here is a clothes rack, not a protagonist. While Hammer's Kuryakin is better company, together they're like a '60s Ken doll and Ken's exchange student frenemy from Minsk. —M.P.

"Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation" ★★★½
PG-13, 2:11, action. With the new "Mission: Impossible" movie, even if it's the most assured and satisfying of the five so far, it sounds foolish to even mention the things the characters say in between screeching tires, gunfights, knife fights, motorcycle derring-do and the opening act featuring Tom Cruise dangling for real (real enough to make it look cool and frightening) on the outside of a plane high over a Belarus airstrip. But it isn't foolish. One of the pleasures of "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation" is the snap and tension of writer-director Christopher McQuarrie's dialogue. At one point a character describes Cruise's Ethan Hunt as an unstoppable force of destiny in such wittily florid terms, it's like a love letter crossed with a term paper, dropped into a spy movie. —M.P.

"Straight Outta Compton" ★★
R, 2:26, biopic
"Straight Outta Compton" is a musically propulsive mixed blessing of a biopic, made the way these things often get made: with the real-life protagonists breathing down the movie's neck to make sure nothing unflattering gets in the way of the telling. As relayed by director F. Gary Gray, the rise of South Central Los Angeles hip-hop revolutionaries N.W.A. begins in Compton in 1986 and ends less than a decade later, with Eric "Eazy-E" Wright's AIDS-related death in 1995. The closer the film sticks to the recording booth the more vivid its impact. A tougher-minded biopic would've had the nerve to acknowledge some of the group's seamier material and its role in the group's international success. —M.P.
Gartner, Betty E.
Betty E. Gartner nee Nolan. Age 92 of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of Richard V. Loving mother of Michael (Cell) Tristano, Lynn (Wayne) Sobczak and Helen (Gary) Martin. Dearest grandmother of Jenny (John), Sarah (Marie), Marly (Caleb), Scott (Renee), Neil (Christine), Drew, Daniel and David. Devoted great-grandmother of Oakley and Ellie. Visitation Friday, August 28, 4-9 p.m. and Saturday, August 29, 9-9:30 a.m., at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral service Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

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SELCTIOti: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, and the same are hereby budgeted and appropriated for general corporate purposes and to defray and pay for all expenses and liabilities of the Niles Public Library District for the fiscal year now ending.

SECTION 2: That the budget for the current fiscal year hereby adopted as beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION 3: That the several sums above mentioned and designated as appropriation, which is THIRTEEN MILLION NINETY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS ($13,096,152), be and the same hereby appropriated as proper fractional parts of the said amount.

SECTION 4: That the cash on hand determined by law as current assets available for library purposes at the end of such year is $2,416,947, the estimated operating budget for such fiscal year is $5,398,568. The estimated cash balance is $33,000.

SECTION 5: That the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance or any of the items herein shall not render invalid any other portion or any of the items hereto.

SECTION 6: That the Board of Trustees of the Niles Public Library District has established a special reserve fund to be accumulated from the excess revenues hereinafter provided and set aside as a special reserve fund for the purpose in accordance with 75 I.C.S. 16-40-56 and that said Board of Trustees shall adopt a plan or plans pursuant to the provisions of 75 I.C.S. 16-40-5 of the Public Library Act of 1971.

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The white Ford van rumbled down Devonshire Street in central Phoenix. Lasers up front mapped the road's roughness, and high-definition cameras on spider-like arms in back recorded continuous images of cracked asphalt.

With 65 percent of U.S. roads rated in less than good condition, cities and states no longer leave funding decisions to intuition and influence. Instead, they use data vacuumed up by arachnid-armed “spider vans” with bulbous cameras and Global Positioning System equipment protruding from roofs. Six computers inside Phoenix’s 4-ton vehicle stored data for engineers to download.

“Our roads are in pretty tough shape,” said Mark Glock, the city’s deputy director for street transportation. “We are on a 65-year cycle, and we know pavement only lasts 35 years. We’re very limited in our treatments.”

About 20 transportation departments, from Seattle to South Dakota to Connecticut, are deploying vans known as an Automatic Road Analyzer, sold by a unit of Fugro, to triage work and stretch budgets. These departments, and others using systems made by a handful of competitors, use the data to comply with new federal rules requiring states to survey roadways and set targets for improvement.

The push to resurface roads comes as Congress dithers over refinancing the depleted Highway Trust Fund. The latest of 54 short-term extensions to the fund since 2005 was passed at the end of July, while a long-term measure favored by the Senate was held up in the House.

Arizona receives as much as 29 percent of its money for highways and transit projects from the fund, four percentage points above the U.S. average, according to a February report by the Pew Charitable Trusts. In other states, the situation is more dire. Twelve rely on it for 37 percent or more, including Montana, North Dakota, Mississippi, Georgia, Vermont and Rhode Island.

Improving the condition of the country’s highways and bridges will cost $120 billion between 2015 and 2020, while current spending at all levels of government is just $83.1 billion, according to the U.S. Transportation Department.

“The system is falling apart,” said Kirk Steudle, director of Michigan’s Transportation Department, which deployed the vans to determine that the state’s 120,000-mile road network needs at least $1.2 billion in improvements.

“The Highway Trust Fund isn’t providing enough revenue, and there isn’t even any political will to address the issue.”

In Phoenix, where complaints pour in about triple-digit heat cracking roads, state funding for street work has fallen 30 percent since 2007. Before the city purchased its van in 2008, citizens who complained loudest often got their streets resurfaced first.

Today, engineers apply data and images of the city’s 5,000-mile street network to create digital color-coded maps that rate conditions from good to poor. They used the ratings to devise a five-year maintenance plan.

“We didn’t have a comprehensive grasp of the condition of every road and street,” said Rubben Lolly, a city engineer. “Now we have the business to tell residents, ‘Your road is in a condition to wait because there’s someone with one that’s in worse shape.”

Using sensors, the spider van measures an assortment of pavement characteristics, including detailed imaging of the road’s surface for rutting, roughness and other defects.

Engineers analyzed Devonshire Street, which last received a new surface in 2001, using information recorded by the sensors. Despite its surface like alligator skin, Devonshire was classified in good condition overall, scoring 67 out of a possible 100 points, two above fair. It’s due for its next overhaul in 2018.

Data collected by systems mounted on ARAN, which recorded images on VHS tapes when they were first deployed three decades ago, help officials prevent damage as well as fix existing flaws, said DJ Swan, a Toronto-based senior pavement management engineer with the company. Engineers can pull up historical images on mobile phones.

“Pictures show us when a crack first appeared and how it changed,” Swan said. “We know exactly why roads are failing and what we can do to prevent the failure, it’s cheaper to do it that way.”

Such detailed measurements have been used across the U.S. to save money, overcome opposition to tax increases and to assist after natural disasters.

The maps proved critical to persuading the Phoenix City Council to place a measure on the Aug. 25 ballot asking voters to increase the sales tax to 0.7 percent from 0.4 percent, in part to fix and repair roads.

Legislators in South Dakota voted to raise the gasoline levy by 6 cents a gallon in April, the first jump in 16 years, after Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard in a January speech displayed pictures of rutted roads taken by a spider van. The vehicle travels the state’s highways six months out of the year to catalog craters caused by freezing and thawing.

“Our roads are, by far, our state’s most valuable physical asset, worth over $14 billion,” Daugaard said. “Our entire economy, indeed our very well-being, depends on road infrastructure. And, right now, our roads are underfunded.”

Darin Bergquist, secretary of the state’s Department of Transportation, said the pictures told the story.

“Any time you can go to the legislature with objective data, as opposed to subjective opinions, that really helps,” he said.

Louisiana used images from a van after Hurricane Katrina to make a case for additional federal funding to repair damage, and crews there recently collected another 90,000 miles of data.

Connecticut’s Transportation Department created a catalog of cracking and roughness. Engineers can log onto a computer, select a year and “drive” down byways, said Kevin Nursick, a spokesman.

“We used to have to go out to a site to see if signs were missing, but now we can look on the digital highway and see if they’re there or not,” he said.
Wolves lose season opener

The Niles West football team opened its season with a 45-41 loss at Buffalo Grove on Aug. 28.

The Wolves return home on Sept. 4, when they play host to Lane at 7 p.m.

The Indians kicked off their season with a 28-6 victory at Oak Lawn.

—Pioneer Press sports department report

Szczesny, Flaws start soccer season strong

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Barrington's Jenna Szczesny, a freshman forward on the Loyola of Chicago women's soccer team, scored the team's second goal in the Ramblers' 3-2 double-overtime, season-opening win against UNC Greensboro on Aug. 21 in Greensboro, N.C. She followed that up with a goal and an assist in the team's home-opener, a 2-0 victory against St. Francis on Aug. 28 in Chicago.

Through four games, Szczesny led the Ramblers in points (5) and shots (16).

Flaws off to fast start

Illinois women's soccer star Janelle Flaws has picked up right where she left off last season. The redshirt senior from Glenbrook South recorded seven goals and added two assists through the team's first four games this season. She scored or assisted on a goal in each of those first four games, and she also recorded the Illini's first two goals of the season in a 4-1 victory against Oakland on Aug. 21, in Champaign.

Last season, Flaws led the team in points (35), goals (16), shots (103), shots on goal (47) and game-winners (3). She finished second on the team in minutes played with 1,663, starting 19 games.

She was one of 28 Division I women's soccer players named to the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list before the season. The Hermann Trophy is the premier individual award in NCAA soccer. She also was named to the watch list before last season.

Jenna Miller, a New Trier graduate, is also on the team. The junior midfielder recorded 119 minutes in the team's first four games. Last season, Miller played in 16 of the team's games, starting 12.

Sophomore defender Sarah Warren (Hinsdale South), junior midfielder Summer Schafer (an Oak Brook resident) and redshirt sophomore forward Ellie Ordonez (York) also are members of the team. Warren has started all four games, while Schafer has earned two starts and appeared in each game.

Louis paces Marquette

Three area athletes powered the Marquette women's volleyball team to a 3-0 start to the season, which included a 3-0 upset of then-No. 21 Iowa State.

Right-side and outside hitter Taylor Louis, a redshirt freshman from Niles North, leads the team in kills (59), kills per set (5.9) and points per set (6.3). Defensive specialist Riley Burchett, a freshman from Nazareth, is tied for the team lead in service aces (3) and ranks fifth in digs (12). Amanda Green, also a Niles North graduate, is a freshman outside hitter for the Golden Eagles.

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

Nick Bullock is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
In Mark Egofske's second year as Niles North's football coach, the Vikings' nonconference schedule included the Skokie Skirmish against Niles West and a game against overmatched Amundsen.

Amundsen struggled to field a team that year, Egofske recalled, and Niles North won 54-0. The victory brought the Vikings one game closer to qualifying for the postseason, but its value ended there.

"It didn't serve a purpose," Egofske said. "We didn't get better after playing them.

Egofske is now in his fourth year as Niles North's coach and the Vikings (1-0) have increased the difficulty of their nonconference schedule. With their annual game against Niles West slated to take place as a Central Suburban Cross-division semi-finals in 2012.

"We just felt that, going into our North side of the division, as long as we stay healthy playing these guys, they're going to make us a better team because they're going to play fast," Egofske said. "It forces us to play fast, up-tempo and we take that and you just keep building on that as you play the Highland Parks and the Glenbrook Norths. That's the big thing. This is one of the top 6A teams in the state. You play them, you know what? I'm sure we can manage well in our division."

The Scouts (1-0) present a stiff test for Niles North when they play in Skokie at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4. Lake Forest rolled to a 45-5 win over Dunbar in the first week of the season behind second-year starter Danny Carollo, who threw for 170 yards and four touchdowns. Fleet-footed running back Quinn Julian scored three times in Week 1. Senior wide receiver Brian Doherty hauled in six receptions for 96 yards and one touchdown against the MightyMites.

Lake Forest's offensive attack is multi-faceted and difficult to stop. Julian, who averaged 100 yards per carry as a junior in 2014, is especially dangerous. He possesses the same type of game-breaking speed as Niles North seniors Barrington Wade and Craig "Dutch" Dawkins.

"If they have the kind of speed that I've heard about, I'm certain there's probably no way to duplicate it [in practice]," Lake Forest coach Chuck Spagnoli said of Dawkins and Wade. "We'll do the best we can and we'll try to, at some point, give ourselves an opportunity to catch those guys.

Dawkins' speed helped Niles North rally in its 63-32 victory against Shepard on Friday, Aug. 28. The Astros were ahead 24-21 at halftime, but Dawkins returned the opening kickoff of the second half for a touchdown. He also carried the ball five times for 108 yards and two touchdowns. Wade rushed 11 times for 164 yards and a touchdown. The Iowa commit's lone reception went for a 68-yard score.

The way Niles North rallied was encouraging for the Vikings.

"That's the type of team we are," Niles North senior strong safety/wide receiver Romario Gayle said. "When we face adversity, we like to come back with big runs and score many touchdowns."

The key to preventing Niles North from doing so, Spagnoli said, is to do the defensive fundamentals correctly and take proper angles of pursuit to the ball. "Because otherwise," he said, "you've got no chance once you get caught behind them because it will be over."

The same figures to be true for Niles North's defense as it tries to limit Lake Forest's big plays.

"We can't play the way we played [against Shepard] and beat Lake Forest," Egofske said.

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Dons eager to see how they measure up against Wildkits, Jones

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During a brief break in a film session on Aug. 30, Eric Harper stood outside room 410 at Notre Dame in a green Michigan State T-shirt with white lettering.

At 7:30 p.m. Sept. 4, the Dons will play host to Evanston and Michigan State recruit Naquan Jones. When asked if he was excited about the opportunity to play against Jones, a smile came across Harper's face.

"Oh yeah," the junior running back said. "It's always exciting going against somebody of his caliber of competition. I've been looking forward to it. I have no problems with [Jones]. He's just a good player, and I want to see how we compete against him."

Ever since Evanston (1-0) was added to Notre Dame's schedule, playing the Wildkits has been something Harper and senior center Tom Simon both said they and many of the Dons (1-0) have looked forward to.

Not only are the schools less than seven miles apart, which should create a fantastic atmosphere in Notre Dame's home opener, Evanston's roster features three Division I recruits. Jones starts on the offensive and defensive lines. Quarterback Matt Little has committed to Western Michigan. And Tray Banks, a wide receiver and defensive back, is a Miami (Ohio) recruit. All three are seniors.

"We've talked about [the Evanston game] since we scheduled it," Simon said. "It's the most talent we're going to go against, so we're pumped up."

Dons senior quarterback Tyler Tsagalis, a Western Illinois commit, added: "It's fun, to kind of see how you compare. He's going to Michigan State. Why is he so good? You can see it in the game first-hand."

The similarities between Notre Dame and Evanston, especially on offense, should make the game intriguing. Both teams have explosive attacks that are led by strong-armed quarterbacks who can also beat teams with their legs.

"[Tsagalis] can obviously make all the throws, he's mobile and he can be productive in the run game," Evanston coach Mike Burzawa said. "It's kind of similar to our offense, viewing both teams. They've got a solid running attack and obviously they've got the quarterback who can do both. That's what the game of football has evolved to. When you have a dual-threat quarterback, offenses become very dangerous and difficult to stop."

A key for the Evanston and Notre Dame defenses on Friday night figures to be limiting big plays. The Wildkits pulled away from Proviso West in their 42-21 victory on Aug. 28, in large part due to the Little-to-Banks connection. Banks caught four touchdowns — they were 17, 45, 24 and 17 yards — which tied a single-game school record set by Brandon Hilliard in 2014.

Notre Dame's offense proved to be explosive against McHenry, as the Dons scored on their first two possessions of the first and third quarters en route to a 27-7 victory. Harper scored twice on the ground, including a 30-yard scamper. Tsagalis scored one rushing touchdown and connected with senior wide receiver Tim Simon for another.

While Notre Dame has looked forward to playing Evanston because the Wildkits' talent level represents a good measuring stick, a win for Evanston in what should be a lively environment would bode very well for the Wildkits. After playing the Dons, Evanston has winnable Central Suburban crossovers in Weeks 3 and 4 against Glenbrook North and Maine East.

"We know it's obviously going to be a huge challenge to play Notre Dame at their home stadium," Burzawa said. "They're a well-disciplined football program, extremely successful and they've got a lot of guys coming back on offense. They've got a [FCS] quarterback. They're very strong up front. Defensively, they're very solid. It's going to be a huge, huge test for us."

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