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From left, Niles Deputy police Chief Vince Genualdi and Niles police Chief Dennis McEnerney do their part to pull a UPS jet Sept. 19 at the Law Enforcement Torch Run Plane Pull for Special Olympics at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

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SHOUT OUT

Job keeps Lupe Delarosa active

Evanston resident Lupe Delarosa rides his mountain bike year-round, traveling from his home near Dodge Avenue to a job on Northwestern University's campus.

Even if he didn't have that activity, his maintenance job, making sure Sargent Hall, a student housing center on campus stays clean, keeps him more than active.

"You're running up and down, doing this, doing that," he said. "If you're out of shape, forget it. You're going to be out of breath."

Delarosa, 50, seated on a bench downtown, took a breather long enough, allowing Pioneer Press to ask him a few questions.

Q. What brought you to Evanston?

A. I grew up in Humboldt Park. Because of my job here. I work for Northwestern in maintenance close to eight or nine years.

Q. What are some of your job responsibilities?

A. Everything. Making sure it (the building) is spotless — clean, swept, mopped. Making sure the



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Lupe Delarosa

walls, everything is clean.

Q. Can you pass on any of your cleaning tips to homeowners?

A. Making sure there are no kids around — when you're cleaning house make sure they're out.

Q. What do you like about your job?

A. The people, nice and friendly.

Q. Any hobbies?

A. Swimming, bike riding, weight lifting.

Q. How long does it take you to get to work?

A. Usually ten minutes. I usually take alleys.

Q. Doesn't the cold bother you, riding in winter?

A. Usually I take my coat off because it's too heavy.

Q. OK, a serious question: Cubs or White Sox (Lupe was wearing a White Sox T-shirt.)

A. White Sox.

Q. If the Cubs go to the World Series...?

A. I would root for them.

— Bob Seidenberg

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Lake County Sheriff personnel pull a UPS plane Sept. 19 at the Law Enforcement Torch Run Plane Pull for Special Olympics at O'Hare International Airport.

Pulling weight for a good cause

Law enforcement agencies support Special Olympics with annual event

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

You couldn't pull a fast one at the Law Enforcement Torch Run Plane Pull on Sept. 19 at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, not with all the cops watching.

But you could pull a plane several yards with the help of some philanthropic muscle power from teams of local law enforcement officers.

"We're veterans at this," said Niles police Chief Dennis McEnerney, whose team has done this before. "It's a piece of cake ... Once we get that baby rolling, there's nothin' to it."

Private organizations, police and public safety officials tested their strength in teams of 20 competing in a tug of war as they tried to

pull either a UPS Airbus A300 or a United Airlines 737 aircraft 12 feet in the shortest amount of time.

Each team had raised a minimum of \$1,000 to enter the competition. Proceeds from the event went to Special Olympics Illinois.

"It's exciting, it's a great cause and it's really an honor and privilege to participate because we can change lives," said Park Ridge police Chief Frank Kaminski.

Last year, 84 teams raised nearly \$150,000.

This year, the event pulled in more than that, said Alexandra McMillin, manager of communications for Special Olympics Illinois.

Donations will still be received over the next two weeks, she said, so a final count was not available.

"It's great to see people



The air horn has sounded and Dave McNichol, center, a deputy sheriff with the Lake County Sheriff does his part to pull a UPS plane.

supporting Special Olympics programs in Illinois, and we're excited to see them test their strength against a 90-ton airplane," said Matt Johnson, Special Olympics Illinois vice president.

This was the first year the

Buffalo Grove Police Department participated, with nearly 20 team members learning the ropes.

"I'm impressed with the number of people," Buffalo Grove police Chief Steven R. Casstevens said. "We're very

dedicated to raising money for the Special Olympics."

Last year, Rosemont and Morton Grove public safety officials combined forces for their pull. This year was no exception.

"It's a great event," said Officer Adam Tabor, Morton Grove Police Department community liaison.

"We just think it (Special Olympics) is a great organization," he said, "and if we can give back to the community, we try."

The event included a friendly rivalry between the Park Ridge and Niles police departments.

"It's not a competition, it's a partnership," said Officer Julie Genualdi of Niles, a Park Ridge community strategies officer whose husband, Vince Genualdi, is the Niles Police Department deputy chief.

Both Genualdis were present representing their respective teams.

Julie Genualdi was an Evanston, Northwestern University beach super plunger at last February's Polar Plunge which also benefited Special Olympics.

"This is what it's all about," Vince said. "You're in tears."

Other area teams included Round Lake Park and Lake County Sheriff's personnel, including the Wilmette Police Department.

"We encourage family and friends to join in the spirit by supporting their loved ones," Johnson said.

Donations can still be made at www.illinoisplanepull.com.

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Board members tour new amenities at Niles library

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

A 3-D printer, laser cutter, green screen and activities designed to educate elementary school-aged children in the areas of math and science are just a few of the new features that have officially debuted at the Niles Public Library.

The library district's Board of Trustees was treated to a sneak peek of the new facilities during its regular monthly meeting Sept. 16. The project was funded through a state grant.

Located on the lowest level of the library, the creative studio is made up of two rooms, Studio A and Studio B.

Donna Block, teen librarian for the district and one of the staff members who will monitor the studios' use and train patrons on the equipment, highlighted the creative possibilities of both rooms. Studio A, which is dominated by large green screen, can be used for making videos, editing footage, recording podcasts and creating artwork, among other things, she said.

Studio B, just around the corner, includes a 3-D printer and a laser cutter Block said is capable of engraving steel, cutting and engraving wood, creating designs and stamps on glass bottles as well as cutting rubber, fabric and leather. Also included in the space is a vinyl cutter that can produce designs for stickers, card stock and other materials, Block said. She said patrons can submit their designs via email to the library's staff to be produced on any one of the three machines. Once the designs receive staff approval, Block said patrons would be given a timeline of when they can expect to pick up their finished product.

Library officials said adults and teens age 13 and



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Niles Public Library's Director of Youth Services Arianne Carey gives a tour of the library's new Wonder Ground, a space focused on science, technology, engineering, arts and math learning.

up are allowed to use the technology available in the creative studio as long as they are either a Niles Library cardholder or student attending a school in the library's district.

Some board members expressed concern about what kind of supervision would be provided while patrons use the equipment.

Block said a significant amount of staff time would be required to operate the facility. The library's director, Susan Lempke, said staff would provide basic training to patrons on the use of the equipment, and those interested in learning more would be steered toward online resources.

In any case, she said, there will be "a learning curve on that equipment."

Patrons have already asked a number of questions about the yet to be unveiled creative studio, Lempke said. Though it's hard to judge how much use the facility will receive before it's actually opened, she said "I think it will be quite popular."

For the library's younger patrons, the Wonder Ground, a space focused on science, technology, engineering, arts and math

learning for children in kindergarten through fourth grade, debuted last weekend in the youth section of the library.

The educational theme will change each month, said Arianne Carey, director of youth and teen services. This month through next, she said, children will have the opportunity to learn about scientific tools, scientific reasoning and the human body. Future programming will include age-appropriate activities and lessons focused on botany, electricity and the world's oceans.

Carey said home-schooled children and their parents are welcome to check out the facility during school days and on weekends. Open labs at the Wonder Ground will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 6 p.m.

"That will be a little bit of a staffing challenge but we'll rally," she said.

Carey said the library is packed with young students every weekday after school and the new space will offer them an engaging educational environment.

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

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NEWS

Lincolnwood becomes ONCC's 56th member

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

The village of Lincolnwood last week became the latest community to join the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and village officials said they hope to build consensus for reducing airport noise while also getting approval for a noise monitor.

One of O'Hare's east-west runways — the 9L-27R runway on the far north side of the airport — takes approaching planes on a path that leads directly over Lincolnwood along Pratt Avenue, according to the village.

Village Manager Tim Wiberg said during the Village Board meeting on Sept.

16 that the village plans to leverage its membership with the ONCC to secure a noise monitor that would start recording noise levels from planes flying overhead.

Noise data recorded by the permanent monitors set up in other communities along flight path zones is sent to the Chicago Department of Aviation's Airport Noise Management System, which is connected directly to the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control radar, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation.

"If you drew a line from the 9L-27R runway going east, you'd hit Pratt Avenue — planes coming west from Lake Michigan take a path

that flies right over our village," Wiberg said.

The Chicago Department of Aviation stores the noise data and uses it for planning programs aimed at reducing airplane noise, and municipalities can qualify for noise monitors if they record sound levels greater than 65 decibels.

Communities that average noise levels at 65 decibels or higher can qualify for sound-insulation programs.

Mayor Jerry Turry said Lincolnwood planned to start by lobbying for a temporary noise monitor, and then the village could use that data to apply for a permanent monitor.

Lincolnwood is the ONCC's 56th member, and



ANTHONY SOUFFLE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2014

An airplane flies over a residential neighborhood in Park Ridge as it makes its descent into O'Hare International Airport. The Lincolnwood Village Board has voted to join Park Ridge and numerous other communities in the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission in an effort to reduce the noise of planes flying over the village.

joins 38 other municipalities and 16 school districts that are already part of the coalition.

"I think (joining the

ONCC) is a slam-dunk for us," Trustee Larry Elster said during the Sept. 16 Village Board meeting. "We've heard from our resi-

dents and this is a way to represent them."

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Niles police awarded grant by ComEd, National Safety Council

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

A Niles Police Department project aimed at teaching young bicyclists, from toddlers to teens, the basics of bike safety was funded entirely through a grant awarded by ComEd and the National Safety Council.

The roughly \$7,600 grant was one of 17 awarded to northern Illinois municipalities by ComEd and the NSC in support of local safety natives, according to a statement from the agencies. The total amount awarded to all municipalities was over \$137,000.

In February, the Niles Police Department purchased Safety Town, a mobile piece of equipment designed to provide children and teens with an

understanding of stop signs, intersection crossings and additional education about cycling on city streets, said Niles Sgt. Robert Tornabene.

Safety Town includes mock buildings, stop signs, directional signs and a roll-out tarp to be used as a roadway, he said, in addition to small bicycles and a 4-wheel pedal car for younger cyclists. Teens are welcome to use their own bicycles.

The inspiration for the project originates with the village's long-term plan to create more bike lanes and, in general, become a more bike friendly municipality, Tornabene said.

"(Police Chief Dennis McEnerney) felt it would be beneficial to have an education program—we didn't have one in the

past—to educate kids about bike lanes, safety and stopping at intersections so we don't have those issues occur," Tornabene said.

The National Safety Council, a nonprofit organization whose aim to prevent injury and death in communities, is in charge of administering the grants, according to a statement.

"These grants empower communities to reduce day-to-day risks and prioritize residents' well-being," said Kathy Lane, NSC's senior director of public relations. "We are proud to recognize Niles, not just for its dedication to safety, but for its creativity as well."

Tornabene said the department initially looked into the possibility of creating a brick and mortar

structure to teach children and teens the basics of bike safety, but "the cost is so astronomical... some upwards of \$200,000 to build."

The mobile Safety Town provided an ideal alternative, he said, because of its low cost and mobility.

The equipment was first rolled out to the public during the village's Bike Niles Fest in June.

Tornabene said Safety Town "was pretty well-received" at its public debut.

The equipment, he said, will be used for future events. Safety Town and the associated education programming is managed by the police department's bike unit.

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

Sex offender charged after failing to notify cops of Glenview move

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A former Morton Grove man has been charged with violating the state's sex offender registration act after moving to Glenview without notifying authorities, according to Morton Grove police.

James Whittington, 54, was arrested on Sept. 9 after someone told Morton Grove police that Whittington had moved to the 800 block of Laramie Avenue in Glenview, about a mile away from Loyola Academy in Wilmette, police said.

A former critical care nurse at Weiss Memorial Hospital on Chicago's north side, Whittington was required to register as a sex offender following his September 2011 conviction for allegedly injecting a patient

with morphine and sexually assaulting her in 2009.

Registered sex offenders can live near a school as long as their residence is at least 500 feet away, according to state law, but requires offenders to register their address with local police within three days of moving.

Up until July 1, Whittington had been living on the 7400 block of Lyons Street in Morton Grove in a home he shared with his ex-wife, police said.

He has since moved again to an apartment on the 8600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue in Niles, according to information on the Illinois Sex Offender registry.

Whittington is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 25 at the Skokie courthouse.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

The following items were taken from Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

THEFT

■ Trimone Williams, 35, of the 9100 block of Ewing Avenue, Skokie, was charged with felony theft on Sept. 13 after he allegedly stole money from his employer. Police said security video at a restaurant in the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue where Williams worked showed Williams removing money from two registers and placing the cash in his pocket. The restaurant later discovered it was short more than \$400, police said. Niles police said Williams was initially encountered by Chicago police during the investigation of a home invasion in the North Edgebrook neighborhood. He remains in Cook County Jail.

■ Celia Nuno, 19, of the 2400 block of Smith Street, Rolling Meadows, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 11 after she allegedly stole clothing from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. The clothing was valued at \$314, police said. She has an Oct. 1 court date.

RECKLESS DRIVING

■ Lukasz Wiercioch, 27, of the 8300 block of Park Avenue, Niles, was charged with reckless driving on Sept. 12 after he was stopped for allegedly traveling at 65 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Police said the traffic stop occurred at Dempster Street and Olcott Avenue. He has an Oct. 14 court date.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

■ Someone attempted to forcibly enter an apartment in the 8000 block of Churchill Terrace on the morning of Sept. 14, police said.

THEFT

■ A bicycle was stolen Sept. 6 from outside a store in the 9000 block of Golf Road. Police said the theft was not reported until four days later.

■ A man allegedly stole \$555.12 worth of toothbrush refills and Breathe Right nasal strips from a store in the 9000 block of Golf Road on the afternoon of Sept. 11. He was last seen getting into a black SUV driven by another man.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 11, thefts were reported from two lockers inside a fitness club in the

9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue. A wallet, watch and \$50 in cash were stolen.

■ On the morning of Sept. 13, police said a woman waiting at a bus stop in the 7000 block of Oakton Street handed her purse over to a stranger after she saw the man looking at her and heard him make a comment about her bag. Police did not disclose what kind of comment the man made about the purse. The woman told police she was concerned the man might have had a weapon and so she handed her bag to him. The purse was found in the 6900 block of Oakton Street, but it was missing a cellphone, state ID and keys, police said.

■ A man told police his cellphone was stolen on Sept. 12 after he left it in a checkout lane inside a store in the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said surveillance video showed another customer taking the phone and placing it in his pocket before leaving the store.

■ A purse was stolen from a car parked in the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue on the evening of Sept. 16. A window was broken to gain entry.

Police: Niles man killed in hit-and-run on Golf Road

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A 55-year-old Niles man was struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run incident in the 8600 block of Golf Road in Niles, police said.

According to a news release from the Niles Police Department, Tadeusz Dec was walking north across Golf Road just west of Greenwood Avenue about 11 p.m. when he was struck by a sport utility vehicle going west on Golf.

The cause of death was multiple injuries caused by the SUV striking Dec, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

According to police, Dec was crossing Golf Road and headed north when he was hit by what a witness described as a "light-colored" sport utility vehicle that was traveling west on Golf. The

vehicle did not stop after striking Dec, police said.

Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said Dec was not in a crosswalk at the time of the accident. It is believed he was on his way home when he was struck, Tornabene said.

The Niles Fire Department transported Dec to Lutheran General Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 11:35 p.m., police said.

The vehicle that fled the scene is described as a light-colored SUV with front end damage.

The Major Crash Assistance Team division of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force is involved in the investigation of the hit-and-run, police said.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Niles Police Department at 847-588-6500.

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EDUCATION

Notre Dame College Prep gets sponsor

Brothers of Holy Cross assumed role Aug. 31

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

The last day of August will be remembered as one of the most historically significant for Notre Dame College Prep High School in Niles, said the high school's president, Ralph Elwart.

After nine years without any formal religious oversight, the high school announced Aug. 31 that the Brothers of Holy Cross would assume sponsorship of Notre Dame College Prep.

The newly formed relationship drew the praise and support of the Archbishop of Chicago, Blase Cupich.

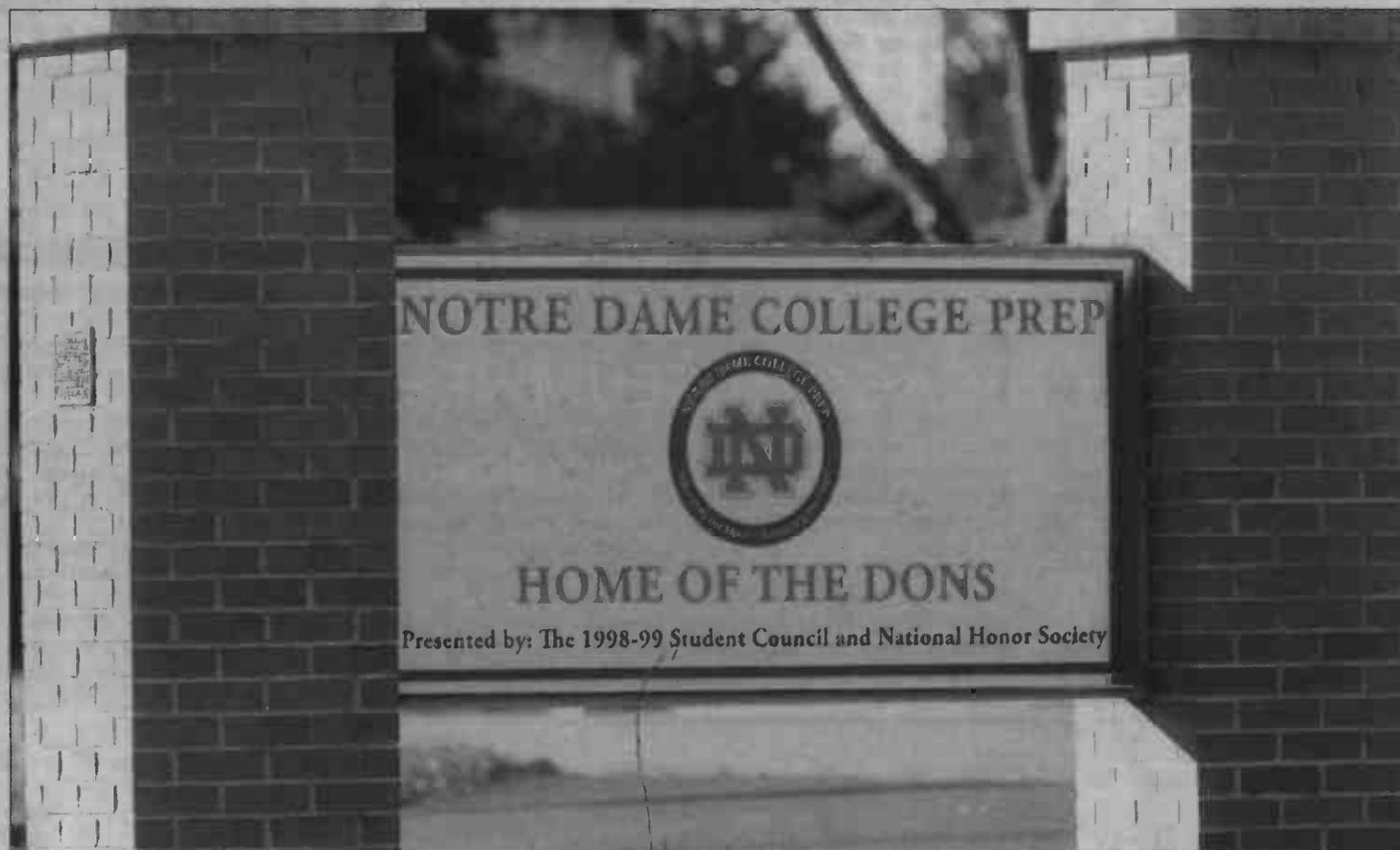
"This is a story of lay people stepping up to hold in trust a fine Catholic institution, nurturing its Catholicity in the Holy Cross tradition and helping it succeed by participating in a vibrant network of Catholic secondary schools," Cupich said in a statement.

The announcement is eclipsed only in importance by the opening of the school in 1955, Elwart said.

In June of that year, 16 members of the Priests of Holy Cross and a team of laywomen and men founded the school and began offering a Catholic education guided by the principles of the Congregation of Holy Cross, according to a release from the school. Today, Notre Dame College Prep has the distinction of being the largest all-male school in the Chicago Archdiocese.

In 2006, however, the Priests of Holy Cross withdrew their sponsorship of the school, Elwart said. He said Notre Dame College Prep "was something of an anomaly" for the Priests of Holy Cross who were, at the time, "better devoted to the colleges, principally the University of Notre Dame."

"This was their only high school," said Brother Ken Haders, assistant provincial and vicar of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross. He said the priests thought sponsorship of the school was no longer in



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their best interest given their many commitments to higher education institutions, their parish and foreign missions.

Elwart said the absence of any religious sponsorship "wasn't quite as dire as it seems."

An Association of Christian Faithful, a group composed of laypeople and others, was appointed by the Archdiocese of Chicago to oversee the religious operations of the school following the withdrawal of the priests, Elwart said. Ownership of Notre Dame College Prep was assumed by a board of laypeople on January 2007, according to the release.

In the absence of the priests, the school continued to grow, Elwart said.

"Internally, since the school was a Holy Cross school for decades, that remained the same," he said.

Haders said the school's continued commitment to the principles of the Congregation of Holy

Cross was a large part of the reason why the Brothers of Holy Cross decided to assume sponsorship of the high school.

"As Notre Dame College Prep continued to grow, even though the Priests of Holy Cross weren't there anymore, they never stopped being a Holy Cross school," he said.

After discussions between the Brothers of Holy Cross, the school's board and administration, the two groups decided that they were well-suited for one another, both Haders and Elwart said.

The Brothers of Holy Cross, unlike the Priests of Holy Cross, have, historically speaking, more experience working with secondary schools, Haders said.

The entire process — from discussions to official sponsorship — took several years, Elwart and Haders said. The sponsorship also required the approval of Cupich, they said.

Elwart said the relatively new archbishop supported the new relationship, as did his predecessor, the late Cardinal Francis George.

Religious sponsorship will not change the day-to-day operations at Notre Dame College Prep in any immediately noticeable way, Elwart said. What sponsorship really means, he said, is that the school will now benefit from the guidance and teachings of the Brothers of Holy Cross in addition to the advice that might be gained from administrators and faculty at any of the other 16 schools with their sponsorship.

The sponsorship does not entail any financial gain nor does it mean Notre Dame College Prep will be staffed by brothers, Elwart said.

"The sponsorship model developed amongst the brothers takes into consideration the fact that we don't have the personnel to remain present (in every school),"

Haders said.

Instead, he said, "a memorandum of understanding" is agreed to by both the educational institution and the Brothers of Holy Cross outlining the responsibilities each party has to preserve the educational mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

The benefit to the students, Elwart said, is that now they'll have a chance to meet and engage with students from around the country who have also been the beneficiaries of a Holy Cross education.

Both Elwart and Haders said they expect the new relationship between Notre Dame College Prep and the Brothers of Holy Cross to be a long-lasting one.

"This is one of those things that's going to last for a long time," Elwart said. "Nobody here thinks there is an end point in sight."

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

Niles Township High School D219 finalizes budget

By NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Niles Township High School District 219 will spend approximately \$17 million more this school year, or an increase of about 10 percent from last year, and the district will operate with a \$14.3 million deficit, according to a final budget for 2016 that was passed by the school board this month.

About half of the spending increase can be attributed to the district's purchase of 55 new school busses for \$4.9 million and a recent acquisition of three parcels of land in Niles for approximately \$2.5 million.

The land purchase, approved by the school board during its Aug. 4 meeting, encompasses three pieces of adjoining property that will eventually house a bus terminal in the 6100 block of Howard Street and the 6000 and 6100 blocks of Gross Point Road for the new fleet of busses, according to the school district.

District 219 purchased the busses, which are operated by Chicago-based school bus transportation company First Student, Inc., after the district decided not to renew a multiyear contract with Evanston-based bus company Positive Connections.

The school district is planning to build the bus terminal on the property sometime before next school year, according to the district.

Approximately \$15 million in capital projects is also planned for this year, according to Eric Trimberger, assistant superintendent for business for District 219.

Meanwhile, the district cut spending in some areas, including its supply budget, which at about \$5 million for fiscal year 2016 has been sliced by about \$487,000 from last year.

The school board also reduced the field trip budget by 50 percent and cut \$100,000 in funding for the Green Council for School Improvement organization and

\$50,000 for the Technology Council for School Improvement.

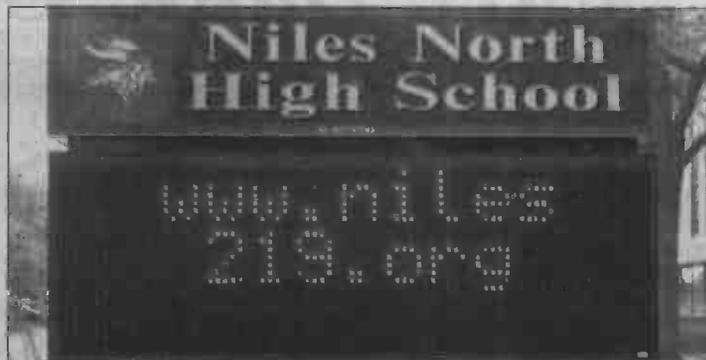
Green Council for School Improvement encourages initiatives that improve environmental sustainability throughout the school district, according to the District 219 website. The group planned to push for a long list of projects this year, including the installation of water bottle refilling stations, low-flow toilets and a rain barrel program.

The technology council is a group of staff and students who plan major technology-related initiatives and makes recommendations to the school board.

There was no word on how the funding cuts would affect either organization.

The amount the district spends on each student, known as the operating expense per pupil, is expected to increase by nearly 6 percent from last year to approximately \$24,500 per student, according to Trimberger.

The operating expense per pupil



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Niles Township High School District 219 will spend approximately \$17 million more this school year than last year.

is calculated by how much school districts spend per student, divided by the district's average daily attendance over the school year's nine-month period.

In 2014 (the most recent year for which data is available) District 219 had the fifth-highest operating expense per pupil in the state at \$22,339, according to state records.

The school district's revenue for

2016 is expected to be approximately \$148.9 million, according to Trimberger. Revenue includes a 1.6 percent increase in property taxes, a 24.5 percent increase in revenue from the state, and an 8.3 percent decrease in federal money, according to Trimberger.

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Gandhi Statue commemoration set

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen calls the dedication ceremony in 2004 introducing the life-size statue of Mahatma Gandhi to Heritage Park "a great event in the history of the village."

It began years earlier when a determined group of residents from the Indian community in and around Skokie came up with the project.

"It was his idea," said a smiling Usha Kamaria, one of the founders of the Gandhi Memorial Trust, as she peered up at the golden statue of the great leader of India. "It then just got into our brains."

This was a picture-perfect September day, and a handful of founders of the Gandhi Memorial Trust, visiting the statue to talk about their upcoming event, said the weather always seems to be just this way when people gather around the statue.

The Gandhi Memorial Trust will sponsor a communitywide 10th-anniversary commemoration of the statue from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 4 in Heritage Park, along McCormick Boulevard between Dempster and Church streets.

The founders consider the event a "peace and harmony rally" of sorts, which is in keeping with their original motivation of installing the statue.

"Skokie is such a diverse community," said Omprakash Kamaria, chairman of the Gandhi Memorial Trust. "This was the right place for bringing people together."

Those paying close attention might note that last year was, technically, the statue's 10th anniversary. But members of the Gandhi Memorial Trust decided to hold off on the commemoration for a year so significant upgrade work could be done on the statue. That work was performed this spring.



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The Gandhi Memorial Trust and the consulate general of India in Chicago will host a 10th anniversary celebration Oct. 4 in honor of Mahatma Gandhi and the statue.

How to attend Oct. 4 Gandhi statue celebration

McCormick Boulevard will be closed down between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 4 to accommodate the 10th anniversary commemoration of Skokie's life-size statue of Mahatma Gandhi.

According to the village, the commemoration event is expected to attract more than 300 attendees. Because of the large crowd, organizers requested a section of McCormick be closed off for the event,

which is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Heritage Park along McCormick Boulevard between Dempster and Church streets.

Skokie will provide and maintain detours around the portion of the closed roadway, according to the village.

Those driving to the event can park at the Joseph E. Hill Early Childhood Center, 1500 McDaniel Ave., Evanston. From there, a two-

block walk south on McCormick using the park's walking trail will lead visitors to the statue.

Vehicles with handicapped license plates will be allowed to park on McCormick Boulevard close to the statue. Those vehicles will enter from Church Street onto McCormick.

Police officers will be on hand to assist visitors attending the event.

— Mike Isaacs

"We needed to polish off the dust a little bit," said Satish Chander, a member of the Gandhi Memorial Trust executive board. "We want to keep this statue as glittering as (Gandhi's) personality."

The idea for a life-size statue of Gandhi began shortly after Usha Kamaria was elected trustee to the Niles Township Board more than a decade ago. She invited the community to join her at a meeting and celebration to get to know

government officials better.

"We exchanged a lot of good ideas about how to keep Skokie a great place for years to come," she said. "The mayor spoke highly about contributions made by the Indian community and was always willing to listen to any good suggestion."

One of those suggestions — a Gandhi statue as "an icon to world peace" in such a culturally diverse village — was especially resonant for him.

But forming the idea for Illinois' first life-size statue of Gandhi was only the beginning of the story. The Gandhi Memorial Trust and its nearly 10-member executive board had to raise money and attract donations to make the ambitious project a reality.

In the end, the statue cost \$75,000 to \$85,000 in actual funds, the founders say, but only because of many in-kind donations. The project would have been nearly double that, they say.

Village officials estimate that some 1,500 people attended the Oct. 2, 2004 dedication ceremony — Gandhi's birthday. One of the most memorable parts of the ceremony, Van Dusen said, was a hovering helicopter that dropped rose petals, making the day feel blessed.

This year's Oct. 4 ceremony — to be held two days after Gandhi's 146th birthday — will also be sponsored by the consulate general of India in Chicago. Several

hundred people are expected to attend.

The commemoration will feature music with the two Niles Township High Schools and musicians from the Indian community participating and dignitaries in attendance. Awards will be presented to two local people who have followed the spirit of Gandhi by selflessly giving back to those less fortunate, the Gandhi Memorial Trust states.

In the end, the founders say, the real star is Mahatma Gandhi himself and the statue that has meant so much to the community for more than a decade.

It measures more than 8 feet tall and stands on a pedestal, which brings overall height to more than a dozen feet. Gandhi is seen in the same simple and modest garb he wore for much of his adult life. In his hand is the Bhagavad Ghita, a holy book that guided so much of his mission.

Local schools have structured lessons about Gandhi around the statue, Gandhi Memorial Trust leaders say, people have used the statue and its surrounding benches as a place for tranquillity and solace from the harshness of everyday life.

"The Gandhi statue here in Skokie is a silent place for worshippers," Usha Kamaria said. "Whichever faith they belong to, I call it a place to find peace."

Many people ride bikes, jog or read a book near the statue, she said. The statue is one of the most frequently visited attractions in Skokie, according to Usha and Omprakash Kamaria.

"This statue has become a spot for all those looking for somewhere where you can be just with yourself," Usha Kamaria said. "It is the place for a reminder to humankind that there were and there are people in the world who stood against injustice and violence."

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New mosquito abatement district director gets feel for area

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
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The end of summer means mosquitoes are on the wane, but the work continues at local mosquito abatement districts, particularly for the new director of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District.

Locally, the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District — which serves 13 North Shore communities — has the challenge of preventing the spread of West Nile virus. On Sept. 18, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported there have been 22 cases of West Nile virus in Illinois this year, leading to three deaths. In the NSMAD area, there have been two cases where humans have been infected as of Sept. 18. Those numbers are far smaller than in 2012, when

there were 20 cases of humans being infected.

There may have been fewer West Nile virus cases in 2015 in the NSMAD territory, but the workload has remained the same. During the summer, crews lay traps for mosquitoes that are then brought back and analyzed three times a week. New NSMAD Executive Director Roger Nasci, who took the position in July after a 24-year career at the Centers for Disease Control, says the area's conditions make it a tricky endeavor to keep the virus in check.

"There is something about the ecosystem where the birds, the mosquitoes, the people and the virus all come together in the right combinations to cause these periodic outbreaks," Nasci said.

Once the traps are collected, biologists sift



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North Shore Mosquito Abatement District biologist Christopher Xamplas sifts through material located in traps as part of the work to prevent West Nile virus.

through the material collected to see how many mosquitoes are carrying West Nile virus. If necessary, the NSMAD will spray areas for 45 to 60 minutes to prevent an outbreak.

Despite being relatively new on the job, Nasci has seen why this can be a breeding ground for West

Nile virus given the characteristics of the stormwater-handling system.

"In our district alone, there are about 60,000 catch basins," Nasci said. "They all have a reservoir at the bottom that holds water and the mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus love those habitats. There

is organic material in there where it gets hotter and dryer and they stagnate and that brings in a lot of mosquitoes in our heavily populated neighborhoods."

While not many disagree with the mission of mosquito abatement districts in general, there are concerns about whether Illinois — which has more taxing units than any other state in the country according to the U.S. Census — needs four mosquito abatement districts in the Chicago-area alone.

Overall, the NSMAD has a \$1.5 million budget. The agency, which has five trustees appointed by Cook County commissioners, operates with eight full-time employees plus 15 seasonal employees.

"You are going to have to provide the same services that are provided by the special taxing district any-

ways and you will still need to have these satellite locations," he said. "You have special taxing districts with the units that are tailoring their services to the community's wishes and needs and the ecosystems that they serve."

As temperatures have started to dip for fall, Nasci has found time recently to reflect on his new responsibilities plus prepare for the summer of 2016.

"The last couple of the months have reinforced the complexity of doing mosquito control in an urban setting," Nasci said. "As we transition into our fall and winter season, we will evaluate our surveillance and determining how well our control programs have worked."

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NEWS

La Grange Park native preps to play piano for the pope

BY JANE MICHAELS
Pioneer Press

La Grange Park native John-Paul Kaplan has been tapped to play piano for Pope Francis during his visit to Washington, D.C.

"I am so honored and blessed to participate in this great occasion," said Kaplan, a recording artist, arranger and composer who lives in Lockport with his wife and 4-year-old daughter.

Kaplan, 33, who began studying piano at the age of 7, said he doesn't expect to be nervous when he plays for the pontiff Sept. 24 at St. Patrick's Church just after he addresses Congress.

"My hope is what I can express is what I experience through the keyboard," he said. "When you play with what's in your soul, there is no nervousness. You are one with the music and the expression is tied directly with the audience."

Kaplan, who was named for Pope John Paul II, attended St. Louise de Marillac School, where he began playing for school Masses as a third grader, he remembered.

"I'm a first-generation American. My parents came here from what is now the Slovak Republic," he said. "My parents had experienced communism and they were very fond of the pope. To see a leader rise from a communist state was quite phenomenal."

Music was a big part of his family's culture and daily life and Kaplan said he began studying the classical composers with Doreen Sterba DeZur.

"My teacher always held concerts and recitals at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange and I would be nervous," he said.

Kaplan said he transferred as a 7th grader to Northridge Prep High School in Niles and won a music scholarship at Elm-



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John-Paul Kaplan.

hurst College, but decided to study biology and chemistry. He continued performing and arranging various types of music, and friends encouraged him to record his songs, he said.

After forming Messenger Productions, a recording studio, in 2006, he released "This Is the Day," which won Instrumental Album of the Year in 2007 for the United Catholic Music and Video Association, Kaplan said.

At the awards ceremony, Kaplan said he met Mark Forrest, a well-known Irish tenor, and the two have collaborated on recording and performing in various venues, including Carnegie Hall and the White House.

Catholic Charities, which is hosting an event for the pope to meet clients served by the agency, asked Kaplan to play and Forrest to sing during a lunch, Kaplan said.

Kaplan said he looks forward to sharing songs from his new album, *Merciful and Gracious*, which includes songs he has written. The album's release coincides with the pope's recent announcement of the upcoming Year of Mercy, though Kaplan said he wasn't fully aware of the pope's intentions while working on the album.

"I had heard something was going to be going on about mercy, so I prayed about it and what songs should be included so they would touch people," he said.

The album is meant to enhance listeners' spiritual life and meditation, he said.

"I pray with my music," he said. "My hands are just an extension of my soul on the piano."

Kaplan said he enjoys playing and has recorded his arrangements of jazz and popular music. He said he greatly admires and was influenced by Roger Williams.

Although he has played at Lincoln Center in New York, he said he prefers intimate settings, particularly Holy Hours during Eucharistic adoration at various churches around the country. He plans a tour throughout Illinois and Iowa in 2016.

"This program allows people to center on Christ, and during the meditation, I keep playing while Mark is speaking," he said. "I love touching people's hearts and bringing people back through the different songs I play."

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Booth family descendants return for house walk

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Photographs and documents were pored over, memories were shared and even a few tears were shed when two cousins who live on opposite ends of the country got together Sept. 13 in Glencoe.

What made the family reunion even more special was that it took place in a home designed for their grandparents by the iconic architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Alice Booth LeDoux and her cousin Mardie Melchin returned to their grandparents' house to take part in another event of the Glencoe Historical Society's yearlong celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Ravine Bluffs. That subdivision is where seven Wright-designed homes remain, a

main reason why Glencoe has the third-highest number of existing Wright structures in the world, according to Ed Goodale of the Glencoe Historical Society Board of Directors.

The grandparents of LeDoux and Melchin play a central role in this story as they just happen to be Sherman and Elizabeth Booth. Sherman was Wright's attorney and friend and Elizabeth was a leading women's suffragist in Illinois and one of four women primarily responsible for the passage of the act that gave Illinois women the right to vote in 1913, according to Glencoe Historical Society President Karen Ettelson.

Sherman Booth commissioned Wright to design the homes in Ravine Bluffs, Goodale said, and the Booths wound up moving into one of the prairie-style



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Sherman Booth's granddaughter, Mardie Melchin of Westford, Mass., poses near a street marker in which her mother, Betty, was photographed around 1913.

houses on Sylvan Road.

LeDoux would come over from Northbrook several times a year and Melchin would stay for a few weeks over the summer, coming in from the Boston area where her parents lived.

"It's probably the reason why I went to architecture school," said LeDoux, today a resident of Orange, Calif. "I

was always really interested in how someone could create a house like this."

LeDoux pursued architecture for several years prior to taking on a role in her husband's business.

Melchin added that no matter what type of house she sees, it will always be compared to Wright's offerings.

"It means that wherever I go, I look at a house and how it is situated on the land and how it works and how it doesn't," said Melchin, who today lives in Westford, Mass., working as an after-school program instructor.

As they sat in one of the upstairs bedrooms, the two cousins fielded questions about what they knew about the house from house walk participants. Melchin reminisced about the staircase on the third floor that came out of the ceiling that led to the tower at the top of the home. It has since been sealed off due to leaking.

"It was a good place to have wonderful thoughts and it still is," Melchin said.

The Glencoe Historical Society, which has put up miniature Wright sculptures throughout Glencoe as part of the centennial celebration, conducted a walking

tour of the Wright homes Sept. 20, to be followed by a gala slated for Oct. 3 at the Am Shalom synagogue featuring Max Weinberg, the drummer of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band.

Karen Ettelson, the president of the Historical Society, said the presence of the Booth family members has only enlivened the celebration.

"It was extraordinary to have descendants of individuals who were so critical to the development of Glencoe return home for our celebration," Ettelson said. "Their photos and personal documents have added immeasurably to the history of Glencoe."

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BUSINESS

Former Myron & Phil's owner opens Wildwood Tavern

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

For Mark Freedman, his first taste of the restaurant business 40 years ago proved to be one to savor. He was 11-years-old and it was 1971 when Freedman started bussing tables at a steakhouse called Myron & Phil's his father and uncle had just opened together on Devon Avenue in Lincolnwood.

Four decades later, Freedman's passion for the food industry has outlived the family's steakhouse, which he ran for nearly 15 years before deciding not to reopen following an electrical fire two years ago.

Myron and Phil's will live on, however, in a new tavern-style restaurant and bar Freedman recently opened in Niles at 6480 W. Touhy Ave.

Wildwood Tavern opened just over two years after the fire, which coincidentally started just a few hours before Myron, Freedman's father, passed away at age 95. Phil Freedman died last September.

Myron & Phil's was loved by many for its old-time "tablecloth steakhouse" vibe, but longtime loyal customers hoping to discover a carbon-copy version may be sorely disappointed.

"The restaurant is beautiful — and it's loud," Freedman said of his new endeavor.

"The environment is different because I'm catering to a different crowd now — it's not a \$40-a-plate dinner anymore, but a \$9 and \$10 hamburger and a sandwich," he said.

Freedman spent the past year gutting the building (formerly Christopher's Off the Bone) and installed high ceilings, iron chandeliers and a stone fireplace to give the 240-seat dining room and bar-area what he describes as an Alpine-style feel that mimics a woody ski lodge.

"We're living in a city, but there's a forest preserve behind us, so I wanted to give it a rustic feel," Freedman said.

Aside from the 36-seat wooden bar surrounding a series of TVs centered in the middle of the establishment as the focal point, customers walking through the doors for the first time will immediately notice a life-sized wild bear carving perched just next to the door.

Diners who prefer the sounds of an urban setting over the woods, however, can grab a spot outside on the 60-seat open air patio and watch the cars go by on Touhy, or they can take a seat at one of six tables on an enclosed porch facing the front of the building off Caldwell Avenue.

As for the food, diners will find a generous-sized menu filled with lots of casual pub-style entrees and appetizers like thin-crust pizza, sandwiches, burgers, salads and soup — mixed in with a few staples from Myron & Phil's.

Some of Freedman's favorites are the fried pickles, homemade tater tots, the Reuben sandwich and a turkey B.L.T. topped with fried green tomatoes and thick-cut bacon on sourdough.

Freedman did keep many of the age-old family recipes that turned his family's steakhouse into what some consider a North Shore icon, including the chopped chicken liver pate, skirt steak and the familiar pre-dinner spread that included pickle relish and tomatoes and green peppers.

"The slaw and the dressings are all still there," Freedman said, "but we're not sitting in a low-ceiling building in a steakhouse on Devon Avenue anymore."

Beer is also a star on the menu with 35 domestic and imported varieties available in bottles or cans to accompany the list of 20 different drafts, including local representation with crafts from Chicago-based Revolution Brewing and Sauganash's Alarmist Brewing.

Freedman said he once vowed to open a new restaurant by the time he turned 54 — the same age his father was when he co-opened



NATALIE HAYES/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Mark Freedman and his wife, Ellie Freedman, of Sauganash, opened the Wildwood Tavern at 6480 W. Touhy Ave. in Niles last month as a spinoff from Lincolnwood's Myron & Phil's, which closed two years ago. They kept many family recipes that turned his family's steakhouse into what some consider a North Shore icon.

Myron & Phil's in 1971.

He turned 55 two weeks after opening Wildwood Tavern in late August.

"I'll never forget when a friend told me eight years ago to stop running my father's restaurant and to get my own — I took that to heart," Freedman said.

The opening hasn't come without challenges. Quality kitchen staff can be hard to find and retain because they get higher pay in Chicago, where the minimum wage was recently bumped up to \$10 from the state's \$8.25 an hour.

A shortage of steady kitchen staff has forced Freedman to spend much of his day in the kitchen pitching in on food prep to get ready for the evening crowds.

While Freedman is confident that people will love the food, he admits orders may take a little longer than normal until he irons out a few kinks associated with being new.

Social media hasn't always been kind, either. A few people have taken to Facebook and Yelp to complain about lengthy wait times for orders.



One guest wrote on Facebook that Wildwood Tavern wouldn't last more than six months, and that Myron Freedman was "rolling over in his grave."

Freedman wrote back, and said he's confident his father would be proud.

"I talked to my 93-year-old mother and she said (Myron & Phil) had growing pains that lasted a few months after they first

opened, but in the 1970s you didn't have social media," he said. "It amazes me how good our food is, but it doesn't stop people from being mean on Yelp."

Wildwood Tavern is open from 11:30 a.m. to midnight, except on Fridays and Saturdays when it closes at 2 a.m.

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Was America ever great in the first place?



RANDY BLASER

Is America great? Was it ever great?

It is a great question, especially now with presidential candidate Donald Trump promising to restore America's greatness.

The term itself leads to problems.

"Greatness" is a word that general semanticists would call a higher order of abstraction, meaning it is a word that means different things to different people, as opposed to the word "chair."

We could have an expansive discussion on just what it means for a nation to be "great" before we get anywhere near answering whether the United States fits that criteria.

Is a nation great if it has full employment? What about education levels? How about income



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Republican Presidential candidate and business mogul Donald Trump exits his car wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat during his trip to the border on July 23 in Laredo, Texas.

levels or poverty rates? Can the GDP and rates of inflation measure a nation's greatness? What about policy toward its people, or policy toward other people, or some sense of justice?

I don't think greatness is so easily quantified. There has to be

something more.

Greatness does not equate with utopia, or the absence of any of the problems and human frailties that confront us on a daily basis — poverty, crime, racism and misguided policy.

Greatness is achieved in spite of

them. As the poet Robert Browning said, "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

If greatness is to be found anywhere in America, it is in this single sentence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

More than any other document, the Declaration of Independence is the founding document of this nation, and that sentence more than any other sums up the mission statement of the nation.

If that's not a call to greatness for all of us, I don't know what is.

I know the criticism. The Declaration of Independence was written by white male elites and meant for white males only and not people of color or women. Maybe so, but words have power. And I'll take those exact words today over any such critic's interpretation of them.

Besides, Abraham Lincoln put

the lie to that criticism in his Gettysburg Address. As did the more than 600,000 who died in the Civil War to determine whether any nation "so conceived and so dedicated could long endure."

It is true that in many instances, America has strayed from the path that leads to greatness. The Declaration states that all are created equal, but the Constitution enshrined slavery as law. Since then, the story of the nation has been one of trying to live our creed and overcome the human stains of racial and ethnic prejudice, taking advantage of the poor and pursuing power.

It is in overcoming our sins and flaws that makes one great, not the absence of any such problems.

So is America great? I'll say the idea of the nation as written in the Declaration is a great one, and the sacred duty of every American is to work to live up to those words. We owe that to history and to future generations of Americans.

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Denial of medical pot injures veterans again



DAVID RUTTER

No Americans are more revered with rhetoric or so ignored in reality than military veterans.

Veterans are handy props for slashing at the opposition political party or for carrying out military misadventures the politicians wouldn't force on their own children. So the 1 percent of Americans who serve under the flag are sent to fight and die. They are perfect tools for political manipulation.

They still have public relations value if they come home, healthy enough to walk or pretend they are healthy.

But when given a chance to help veterans recover their health and survive the trauma of war,

some political leaders go out of their way to deny help. It's a soulless, incomprehensible dereliction.

Gov. Bruce Rauner did that two weeks ago, just as he employed children with autism and adults with developmental challenges to squeeze political advantage.

Maybe Rauner is not officially the worst person in Illinois. But he's in the running.

Here's the standard I use. You're free to adopt it or ignore it. But achieving a preferred political end is not worth deliberately injuring bystanders to prove how serious your political intent is.

Hurting the innocent is not allowed.

Rauner is serious about restricting the rights of workers to argue for their own welfare; he does not want the family of a dead person killed by employer negligence to get too much money in court; he generally wants people with the most money to keep it.

He is willing to use the vulnerable, the ill and innocent to

those ends.

Even if you agreed with the governor's underling philosophical goals, inflicting pain to get your way is morally reprehensible. It's how tyrants get their way.

This apparent enthusiasm to impose hurt is a new political tool in Illinois. No politician in Illinois has dared to employ pain so freely as an educational device.

Rauner has given us something new.

Though they haven't asked me, I am only speaking for thousands of Illinois veterans who will suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) before the next decade, and for whom medically managed marijuana might make life more bearable. Or survivable.

Each diagnosed PTSD sufferer costs the Veterans Administration (VA) \$8,500 a year to treat but the VA's official policy, enforced by Washington mandate, is that marijuana's benefits are unproven.

But Rauner acted proactively and deliberately to deny the mod-

est comfort that medically prescribed marijuana might offer troubled veterans.

When he turned down adding 11 recommended health conditions to the accepted medical marijuana list last week, one of them was PTSD.

Nope, said the governor. We're just testing pot, he says, and it's too premature to help veterans.

But the "pilot project" in Illinois ends in January 2018, barely after the first crop is grown and distributed to its first customers. That time frame won't allow for proving much scientifically beyond anecdotal, personal evidence, which scientists usually dismiss.

The governor dislikes marijuana and has sent every signal possible that he will squelch it, if he can, even when doctors support pot's medicinal value.

Both the Illinois nonprofit Veterans with PTSD and the VA acknowledge that between 7 percent and 20 percent of those who served in Afghanistan and Iraq

have developed PTSD. Left unresolved, the symptoms can lead to thoughts of suicide, as experienced by 30 percent of respondents in a 2014 survey by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

National advocates are trying to keep 8,000 veterans alive who kill themselves every year to avoid the pain in their souls.

Whatever bad is caused by expanding access to marijuana, nothing is worse than PTSD — undeserved feelings of guilt, remorse, depression, self-loathing, sensitivity to sound and light, and a general inability to live a normal life normally.

So far only 3,000 Illinoisans are eligible for the pilot pot. If any are combat veterans, it's a coincidence.

The veterans needed mercy, and were turned away to prove a point.

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ERIC ALLIE



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Are we oblivious to danger, or immune to worrying?

Another Sept. 11 anniversary has come and gone.

I'm not sure why, but this year, the memories of that day came flooding back in a particularly strong way. I was getting the kids ready for school, and they were slow-poking their way through the morning. I was prodding (and probably doing a little yelling), with "Sesame Street" or "Arthur" on the television, when my phone rang. My neighbor, Heidi, said "Are you watching the news? Turn on the news."

I know I'm not alone when I say that flipping to the coverage and seeing an airplane fly into a well-recognized building — a symbol of American financial power and might — was at once surreal and incredibly, frighteningly real.

For only the briefest moment, I thought "Is that really happening?" Because of course it was. It was right there, on television.

For some reason, it made sense to bundle Grace off on the bus to kindergarten that



VIKI GONIA

morning. I wanted, perhaps, to make things seem as normal as possible for her for as long as I could. I wonder now about that decision. We truly had no idea what might have still been in store for us. I think that though our American sense of safety had been rocked, it wasn't a habit easily broken. It seemed that it would be a simple matter to zip over to the school to pick her up if anything else happened, or that she would be perfectly safe there.

Heidi and I sat on her bed and sipped coffee and watched coverage and cried a bit off and on and tried to act normal while her daughter Ana and my son Anthony hung out in the other room.

Later that day, when we

broke ourselves away from the television and went out into the world, there was a bizarre sense that the world had stopped. It was unsettlingly quiet. It felt just like it was — a lull between the time before and the time after.

In the time after, I raised my children to young adults. If there was a specter of terror hanging over their heads the whole time, it certainly wasn't any worse than when we used to hide under our desks for nuclear bomb drills. If anything, we're far more oblivious now to the dangers, both imagined and real, coming from beyond our shores than we were when I was a kid.

Or perhaps we're just immune to worrying about them.

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The Great Lakes need great care



SARA CLARKSON
Dateline

We use water rather casually at our house, though we try not to be wasteful. We drink it, cook with it, clean with it and grow our garden with it.

This was not always the case. I used to spend time every day thinking about water, whether it was safe to drink or brush teeth with, whether we could clean fruits and vegetables in it, how safe my toddlers were bathing in it. The nine years we spent living in three different developing countries in Asia were years in which water, its availability and its cleanliness, were a daily concern.

Since moving here, we don't give water a second thought. And, why would we? Just 20 miles away is Lake Michigan, one of the Great Lakes, which contain 22 percent of the world's fresh water. That was not a typo: 22 percent of the world's fresh water is only 20 miles away. My sister in California, who does not suffer through a long, cold and gray winter, who enjoys sunshine and days outdoors year round, must weigh the pros and cons of flushing her toilet and planting the rose bushes she loves to tend.

"We sit on a remarkable bounty in a world that is water-constrained," said Howard Learner, executive director of the Environmental Law & Policy Center at a recent talk in Hinsdale.

He talked about the tremendous resource that the 42 million people who

rely on the Great Lakes for their drinking water enjoy. The lakes don't just keep us alive and hydrated, they provide recreation such as swimming, boating and fishing, as well as a fair amount of industry. That is why we all need to do two things moving forward. We need to learn how to use water more efficiently and we need to keep our water free from pollution.

The Environmental Law & Policy Center is a public interest legal advocacy group that Learner founded in 1993 to improve environmental quality and protect natural resources in the Midwest. It is based out of downtown Chicago and has Midwestern regional offices as well as one in Washington, D.C. At last week's talk, Learner's focus was on water, but the center actually focuses on climate change, clean energy, clean air, clean water and clean transportation.

"People in the Midwest tend to think of the Great Lakes as infinite," Learner said.

We turn on the tap, and there is water. But, with indisputable science showing that our earth is warming either two or three degrees and that over time — that is the graphing of many years and not the examination of one individual year — Great Lakes water levels are dropping, we need to be conservation and clean-water oriented.

Learner talked about looking at ways of re-using "gray" water, for example, which is water that does not have to be pure for drinking but can be captured and re-used in industrial processes or in car washes or the like. Xeriscaping (pronounced zero-scaping) is landscaping that reduces the need for additional water and is another kind of option, as

are the use of home rain barrels, which can collect water for garden watering.

Invasive species such as the Asian carp are a real concern in our Great Lakes. So far the Asian carp have not made it into the lakes, but since the fish are absolutely voracious in their eating and in their reproducing, once they do it will be catastrophic for other fish in the lakes. Zebra mussels are another example of an invasive species.

Run-off from industrial facilities as well as agricultural run-off threaten the safety of our lake water. Unfortunately, there are a lot of various governmental agencies, rather than one central one, which regulate such things. The EPA oversees the coal plants while the Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversees the nuclear power plants and the Coast Guard monitors marine oil, for example. A better system of coordination is needed, Learner said.

"We don't have to do everything today," Learner said.

We can start small and at home, and over time great strides can be made just as they have with energy consumption and efficiency.

The Environmental Law & Policy Center will host its 2015 dinner and celebration, Climate Change Solutions That Work Well for our Environment & Economy, on Sept. 29 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Hank Paulson will be the featured speaker and will discuss Climate Change & Our Global Economy.

For more information about the center and/or its annual dinner, visit www.ELPC.org or phone 312-673-6500.



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St. John Brebeuf lines up eclectic music series

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Nine diverse programs are planned for Musica Lumina's 2015-16 concert season at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles.

First up at 3 p.m. on Sept. 27 is "Perspectives on Love and War," featuring tenor Christopher Reames.

"We've been at war for years. It's a subject that touches all of us on some level," said Music Director Marek Rachelski. "This concert puts perspective on both the connection between people and the effects of war. It sounds heavy. It is."

Reames originally sung portions of this program, accompanied by Rachelski, as part of his final dissertation recital for his doctoral degree at Stony Brook University in New York. "The recital was mostly war-related, either from a poetic standpoint or music that was composed around World War I, World War II and some in-between," Reames said. "It was a way for me to write about the music and the poetry in a narrative format."

When Rachelski and Reames began creating an expanded program for the Musica Lumina Concert Series, they decided, "There's more to be said here than just war," the tenor recalled. "So I looked back on my repertoire that was in my back pocket."

The program includes "La Mort du Nombre" by Olivier Messiaen, three songs from "The Heart of the Matter" by Benjamin Britten, Gerald Finzi's "Farewell to Arms" and Vaughan Williams' "On Wenlock Edge."

The second offering in the series is a performance 8 p.m. Oct. 10 by the New



PURDUE UNIVERSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

As part of the Musica Lumina concert series at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, the New Tradition Barbershop Chorus and the Purdue University Varsity Men's Glee Club will perform Oct. 10.

Tradition Barbershop Chorus and the Purdue University Varsity Men's Glee Club. Rachelski said the groups will perform "a good variety of music, between sacred and secular and pop. They were here last year and about 700 people showed up."

"The Magnificats" will be performed at 3 p.m. Oct. 25. Rachelski joked that it "sounds like a Broadway musical. It's not. It's a sacred text. 'Magnificat' is the prayer that Mary, mother of Jesus, spoke when the angel Gabriel visited her."

The Niles Metropolitan Chorus and Musica Lumina orchestra will perform three different settings of the prayer.

The third annual "Do-It-Yourself Messiah," led by the Niles Metropolitan Chorus, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 1.

"We do the entire Advent Christmas section and add a couple extra little bits from Handel's 'Messiah,'" Rachelski reported.

The woodwind Quintet Attacca from the Music Institute of Chicago will perform Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. Rachelski will accompany the quintet on piano for

Musica Lumina Concert Series

When: Sept. 27-May 15
Where: St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles
Cost: Admission is a free-will donation, except for the Oct. 10 performance, which is \$10.
Info: 847-966-8145; www.sjbrebeuf.org

one selection.

The Avanti Guitar Trio performs at 3 p.m. on Feb. 21. "These are people who are highly regarded regionally," Rachelski said, noting, "They're going to provide a varied program — everything from Bach to Beatles."

Niles Metropolitan Chorus and Musica Lumina return at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 20, to perform Mozart's "Mass in C Minor, K. 427."

The Singing Boys of Rockford will perform April 24 at 3 p.m. The season concludes at 3 p.m. May 15 with Music from the Slavic World, performed by Musica Lumina.

"This will be music largely for a chamber ensemble," Rachelski said.

Screen time: Highlights of the fall movie season

BY JACK COYLE
Associated Press

Though the fall movie season is traditionally the time of year when Hollywood gets serious, this fall is stuffed with spectacles.

Alongside the seasonal biopics, true-life tales and period dramas that will surely contend for Oscars, some of the biggest franchises around are set to add a whiff of popcorn to awards season.

James Bond returns in "Spectre" (Nov. 6), "The Hunger Games" comes to a close with "Mockingjay, Part 2" (Nov. 20) and a little movie called "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" lands Dec. 18.

Here's a monthly run-down of a few highlights to the upcoming movie season:

September

"Sicario" (Sept. 18) — Emily Blunt stars in Denis Villeneuve's grim and muscular drug war thriller on the U.S.-Mexican border.

"Black Mass" (Sept. 18) — Johnny Depp takes on the role of Whitey Bulger, the Boston mobster who inspired Jack Nicholson's gangster in "The Departed," in an engrossing true-life crime story.

"The Walk" (Sept. 30) — The French high-wire artist Philippe Petit, whose walk between the Twin Towers in 1974 inspired the 2008 documentary "Man on Wire," gets Robert Zemeckis' 3-D treatment, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt starring.

October

"Steve Jobs" (Oct. 9) — Danny Boyle directs Aaron Sorkin's script of the Apple co-founder, played by Michael Fassbender.



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Michael Fassbender plays the title role in "Steve Jobs."

"Truth" (Oct. 16) — A starry cast of Cate Blanchett and Robert Redford dive back into the CBS News scandal over the network's report on President George W. Bush's Vietnam service.

"Bridge of Spies" (Oct. 16) — Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks reunite for their fourth film together in a Cold War spy thriller about the negotiated release of a U.S. pilot shot down in the Soviet Union.



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Emily Blunt in "Sicario."

November

"Spotlight" (Nov. 6) — Thomas McCarthy dramatizes the reporting of the Boston Globe's "Spotlight" investigative reporting team and their Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the Catholic sex abuse scandal.

"By the Sea" (Nov. 13) — Angelina Jolie Pitt stars with husband Brad Pitt in her third directorial effort, a marital drama set in 1970s France.

"The Good Dinosaur" (Nov. 25) — Pixar returns with its second film of the year, a dino-and-boy tale that imagines Earth had the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs never struck.

December

"Joy" (Dec. 25) — David O. Russell's latest is a family drama across generations that reteams him with Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper and Robert De Niro.

"The Hateful Eight" (Dec. 25) — Quentin Tarantino initially bagged this wintry Western after his script leaked online. He eventually capitulated and will release the movie first only in theaters projecting it in 70mm film.

"The Revenant" (Dec. 25) — A year after his "Birdman" Oscar triumph, Alejandro G. Iñárritu is back with this gritty frontier Western starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

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Soprano Sylvia McNair goes all Gershwin with Camerata Chicago

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Pioneer Press

Two-time Grammy Award-winner Sylvia McNair will sing classic Gershwin songs in her first appearance with chamber orchestra Camerata Chicago, founded a dozen years ago by conductor Drostan Hall.

"I met her for the first time backstage at Ravinia Festival just this summer," said Hall, the British-born music director of the 60-member ensemble.

McNair will perform with Camerata Chicago for three concerts Sept. 24 at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Sept. 25 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge and Sept. 26 at Wheaton College. Facilitating this fortuitous arrangement is Tony Payne, general manager of the Wheaton College Artist Series.

"Sylvia is a graduate of Wheaton," he said. "She entered playing violin but it was here that she discovered her voice. She's had an iconic career."

The soprano has traversed all manner of things musical. She has sung on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera and the Royal Opera House, as well as in the hallowed halls of the Salzburg Festival. She performed with the New York Philharmonic and presented cabaret programs in the premiere Manhattan venues, the Rainbow Room and the Oak Room.

Her all-Gershwin program includes such numbers as "S wonderful," "Summertime," "Shall We Dance," "I Got Rhythm," and "The Man I Love." George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" will be played by Chicago-based pianist Sun Chang, first prize winner of the Union League Club's competition.



RHONDA ELY

Soprano Sylvia McNair will sing Gershwin hits like "Summertime" and "I Got Rhythm" for three concerts with Camerata Chicago.

Camerata Chicago with soprano Sylvia McNair

When and Where: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago; 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at Wheaton College, 501 College Ave., Wheaton.

Cost: Tickets are \$30; \$20 seniors; \$10 students with ID \$10; free age 16 and younger with an adult.

Contact: 312-987-1196; www.cameratachicago.org

The program also includes selections from "An American in Paris" and "Cattfish Row."

The relationship between Wheaton College and Camerata Chicago has been something special, Payne explained, adding "Drostan is a remarkable musical entrepreneur. He's a good friend and a cheerleader for the college. I knew that with the Camerata's ability to play everything starting with the early classical repertoire, they would be able to do a great job of accompanying Sylvia."

Pianist Chang is an added bonus. "We decided we

must have 'Rhapsody in Blue'" Hall said, "so we decided to pair a person (Chang) just beginning her career with Sylvia, who has had and still enjoys such a fabulous career. It is a nice balance."

Currently, Chang, a student at Northwestern University, is studying at the Royal Academy in London. "She's flying back for this event," Hall said.

Hall himself is a graduate of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England.

"Now we'll have to see how a British chap like me can do with Gershwin," he said.

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DC Comics is sending some of its top talent out on a special mission to celebrate nationwide Batman Day in thousands of bookstores, comic-book shops and libraries.

That includes Chicago comic book writer/artist Tim Seeley, who will appear Sept. 26 for a Q&A and signing at Barnes and Noble at Old Orchard in Skokie. Seeley will discuss his career in comics in general (including eight pre-DC years co-creating the indie thriller "Hack/Slash," about a female serial-killer survivor hunting down stray murderers) and his recent work on DC's "Batman: Eternal" and "Grayson" series. The latter featuring Dick Grayson (aka Robin the Boy Wonder, aka Nightwing) re-imagined as an undercover agent in the nefarious spy organization SPYRAL.

We caught up with Seeley to talk about his lifelong ambition.

Q: Was getting into comics your dream job as a kid?

A: For sure. I still have reports I submitted in first grade during career week about how I wanted to be a comic book writer. When I was 7 or 8, I even wrote to a comic book company and they sent me some sort of submission form -- but of course I had no idea what that was.

Q: How quickly did you start working after you got out of college?

A: I graduated at 22 with an immediate plan to work in comics. And I kind of lucked into it pretty early. I did indie stuff for about 10 years, starting out as an artist and then somehow became a guy who also writes comics. I've mostly been writing. I get to draw some pages every once in a while. And being able to draw allows me to step in and do some design work every once in a while -- to try my hand at re-designing characters, which is pretty cool.

Q: How does it feel to be working for DC after so many years at independent publishers?

A: Well, for one thing, you're finally getting to work on things your parents have heard of (laughs). When you go home for a family dinner and everyone asks, "What are you working on now?" and you mention some indie thing, they all think you don't have a real job. But now I can say I'm working on Batman and that makes it sound like all those years were worth it.

Q: How did you feel when you were asked to work on "Batman: Eternal"?

A: I'm not going to lie. I was completely thrilled. I lost a couple of nights sleep. I was so excited. They had me come out for a



DC COMICS

Comic book writer/artist Tim Seeley for Batman Day

When: 2 p.m. Sept. 26

Where: Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie

Cost: Free

Info: 847-676-2230;

www.barnesandnoble.com

summit in the New York offices, where I got to sit with the big writers and talk about Batman for a week and get paid for it.

Q: How do you feel about Dick Grayson as a character?

A: I think of him the same way I think of Batman. He started out as the young, inexperienced guy, the novice, and you as a comic book reader and a person grew as Dick did. In my case, he was Robin when I was a kid and then he became Nightwing when I was in my teens, so being the guy who's getting to work on his new incarnation is a really cool thing for me.

I've always thought of him as a character who helped Batman retain his humanity. Dick went through something similar to Batman: he lost his family because of crime. But he didn't deal with it the same way because he had Batman to catch him before he fell all the way into darkness. Batman's about vengeance. Dick tends to be the guy who wants to save everyone.

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SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Characters from "Star Wars" will help the Skokie Library celebrate the film epic on Oct. 3.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

'Force'-ful fun at Skokie Library 'Star Wars' event

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
 Pioneer Press

People can pose for photos with Storm Troopers at the Star Wars Extravaganza, noon-4 p.m. Oct. 3 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Fans of the film series will enjoy a variety of other activities for all ages, including craft projects, a role playing game and trivia games at this drop-in event.

"In the new Youth Digital Media Lab we'll be using the green screen," said Susan Teller, a Youth Services advisory specialist. "People can pose and we're going to drop a Star Wars background onto that."

Everyone will get a glow stick. "Sixteen lucky people are going to get 3D light saber hilts that we ran off on our 3D printer," Teller said. Other people will be taught how to use the 3D printer to make a hilt.

There will be a display of over two dozen dolls, including a life-sized Yoda doll, dressed in Star Wars characters' costumes created by Kathy van Beuningen.

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

Farm fresh fun

Chef demonstrations, locally grown apples, s'mores by a campfire and healthy snacks will be some of the treats at the 5th Annual Hullabaloo at Howard Street Farm, 3669 Howard St., Skokie, 2-6 p.m. Sept. 26. Strictly Jug Nuts will perform and there will be farm bingo, crafts and children's activities. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5; \$20 per family.

For details, call 847-425-5125 or go to www.talkingfarm.org.

Tea for two

Kids ages 3-8, with a caregiver, are invited to a Storybook Tea Party, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Dress up for stories, songs, sweets and "tea." Reservations are required.

For details, call 847-677-5277, ext. 234 or go to www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Take to the street

Wheel fun is in store for families who Bike the Ridge on Sept. 27. From 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Ridge Avenue, between Howard and Church Streets in Evanston, will be closed to vehicular traffic. Along the way, bicyclists will enjoy a variety of free activities and free snacks.

For details, call 847-448-4311 or go to www.cityofevanston.org/biketheridge.

Twisted tales

Classic fairy tale characters will have raucous adventures when the internationally acclaimed Village Puppeteers present "Lost in Storyland!," 2-3 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Book Market at Hanger One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glen Town Center, Glenview. The show, which features colorful puppets and lots of laughs, is good for all ages. Registration is required.

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THE SUMMIT OF PARK RIDGE

Lottie Pillarski, from left, Dorothy Kadzlelawski and Frela Holowicki were winners in a trivia game contest on Sept. 15, when The Summit of Uptown from Park Ridge visited with the St. John Brebeuf Golden Agers in Niles. The ladies each won a lunch for two at The Summit prepared by Chef Dave Marino and a gift card. For more information about The Summit and its programs/activities, see www.summitofuptown.com or call 847-825-1161.

MAINE TOWNSHIP GARAGE SALE ON SEPT. 26



MAINE TOWNSHIP

The 10th Annual Community Garage Sale for MaineStay Youth & Family Services department of Maine Township will be held, rain or shine, Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Benefiting disadvantaged children and hungry families, the event will feature wares from over 80 families. Proceeds from the event benefit the Adventure Maine Township Summer Camp and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry. For more information, call Anne Camarano at 847-297-2510, Ext. 272 or email her at acamarano@mainetown.com. Information is also posted on the Maine Township website at www.mainetownship.com/garagesale.

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DISTRICT 219 BOARD

Niles West senior Eric Robinson, center, was recognized for his achievements by the D219 Board of Education during the "Student Highlights" portion of its recent board meeting. Robinson served in a paid Internship over the summer at the prestigious French Pastry School in Chicago, learning bakery and confectionary arts. Robinson was able to attend a special reception in August at which Chef Sebastien Canonne, Academic Dean for Faculty & Programs at the school, was knighted in the Order of the Legion of Honor, France's highest civilian honor.

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Mary Ellen and Roger Merriman of Park Ridge were among 200 supporters at "The Mette Masquerade," the second annual Wilmette Theatre Gala at the Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette on Sept. 12. The festivities supported the Wilmette Theatre's artistic, educational and community programming. More information at www.wilmettetheatre.com.

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| 2768 S Embers Ln, Arlington Heights | Chang Kim | Olendzki Trust | 08-24-15 | \$205,000 |
| 1975 N Stillwater Rd, Arlington Heights | Roger R Urban | Almee L Freyer | 08-24-15 | \$218,000 |
| 948 W Happfield Dr, Arlington Heights | Jacqueline Cullen | Kathryn R Franklin | 08-21-15 | \$235,000 |
| 1644 Fox Run Dr, Arlington Heights | Nadejda Fratea | Kenneth Lee | 08-24-15 | \$255,000 |
| 1137 N Beverly Ln, Arlington Heights | Silvlu Avram & Elena Avram | John J Reid | 08-24-15 | \$260,000 |
| 425 S Phelps Ave, Arlington Heights | Kenneth Koroll | Ephraim Enterprises Inc | 08-25-15 | \$262,000 |
| 1631 S Chesterfield Dr, Arlington Heights | Tomasz Okroj & Dorota Okroj | John Francis Robin | 08-24-15 | \$290,000 |
| 30 S Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights | Anne Serveas | Grandview Capital Llc | 08-21-15 | \$307,000 |
| 430 S Evergreen Ave, Arlington Heights | Robert Bollweg & Alexandra Bollweg | Scott Kurth | 08-25-15 | \$333,000 |
| 1106 N Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights | Matthew S Vucoy & Jennifer R Vuckov | Brian T Rausch | 08-21-15 | \$340,000 |
| 2046 N Cherry Hill Dr, Arlington Heights | Michael D Geist & Rebecca M Gelst | Kaiser Trust | 08-20-15 | \$347,500 |
| 808 W Brittany Dr, Arlington Heights | Michael P Haack & Lisa D Haack | Mark D Benson | 08-25-15 | \$364,000 |
| 425 S Dryden Pl, Arlington Heights | Katherine S Compagno & Kathryn C Odell | Andrew Tripp | 08-21-15 | \$371,500 |
| 601 S Highland Ave, Arlington Heights | Keth Kazmier | David L Sordo | 08-25-15 | \$379,000 |
| 1415 S Kaspar Ave, Arlington Heights | Anson A Mount III & Denise M Martorano | Helen Serges Estate | 08-24-15 | \$415,000 |
| 710 E Crestwood Dr, Arlington Heights | Matthew R Diamond & Dana Diamond | John A Photopoulos | 08-25-15 | \$434,500 |
| 615 W Braeside Dr, Arlington Heights | James Martin & Anne Martin | Amarjit S Kular | 08-21-15 | \$437,500 |
| 1914 N Derbyshire Ln, Arlington Heights | Andrew P Kuczak & Carrie H Kuczak | National Residential Nominee S | 08-25-15 | \$482,500 |
| 4222 N Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights | Michael Gerskovich & Junko Gerskovich | J James Graziano | 08-25-15 | \$550,000 |
| 185 N Hickory Ave, Arlington Heights | Stoian Mladenov | Frontier Investment Group Llc | 08-21-15 | \$583,000 |
| 1115 Miller Ln, # 202, Buffalo Grove | Yelena Rubina | Mikhail Rakhunov | 08-21-15 | \$100,000 |
| 51 Old Oak Dr, # 412, Buffalo Grove | Olga Stobbs Williams | Mariana Villegas | 08-21-15 | \$102,000 |
| 177 Glendale Rd, Buffalo Grove | Viktor Yatsyk | Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee | 08-20-15 | \$167,000 |
| 571 Saint Marys Pkwy, Buffalo Grove | Sergey Mezhericher | Geoffrey P Miller Sr | 08-25-15 | \$171,000 |
| 492 Park View Ter, # 102, Buffalo Grove | Joan Witt & Sandra Terrell | Charles M Moran | 08-21-15 | \$175,000 |
| 602 Le Parc Cir, Buffalo Grove | Christopher E Clarke & Sally Mae Clarke | Kay B Dean | 08-14-15 | \$202,000 |
| 294 Timber Hill Rd, Buffalo Grove | Howard J Citron & Sandra J Citron | Ellen Halem | 08-24-15 | \$205,000 |
| 125 N Buffalo Grove Rd, # 203, Buffalo Grove | Robert W Alcorn & Carley Alcorn | Gannon Trust | 08-14-15 | \$222,500 |
| 237 Timber Hill Rd, Buffalo Grove | James Ryan | Judicial Sales Corp | 08-20-15 | \$223,500 |
| 243 E Fabish Dr, Buffalo Grove | Sudhamohan Gowd Muppagouni & Jayasree Vootukuru | Jagvinder S Bolina | 08-19-15 | \$224,000 |
| 422 Le Parc Cir, Buffalo Grove | Srinivasa Rao Adusumalli & Saritha Thota | Lynn M Kuhlow | 08-20-15 | \$239,000 |
| 915 Plum Grove Cir, Buffalo Grove | Robert M Davis | Lewis Trust | 08-24-15 | \$278,000 |
| 956 Thompson Blvd, Buffalo Grove | Stephen M Schneider & Tiffany C Schneider | David Panek | 08-14-15 | \$290,000 |
| 312 Chicory Ln, Buffalo Grove | Saqib Baloch | Zhanna Linger | 08-18-15 | \$300,000 |
| 425 Lamont Ter, Buffalo Grove | David Siegel | Viking Investment Partners Llc | 08-20-15 | \$313,000 |
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| 921 Thompson Blvd, Buffalo Grove | Yongsheng Chen | Kay Elizabeth Segal | 08-20-15 | \$385,000 |
| 6 Cobblestone Ct, Buffalo Grove | Michael D Solis & Margarita Solis | Felyce Gilford | 08-19-15 | \$389,000 |
| 74 Manchester Dr, Buffalo Grove | Jatin N Doshi & Maya Doshi | William A Stelnberg | 08-19-15 | \$390,000 |
| 401 Ronnie Dr, Buffalo Grove | Prakash Shanmugam | Philip L Wax | 08-19-15 | \$425,000 |
| 156 Ironwood Ct, Buffalo Grove | Rebecca Schnulle & Michael Leissner | Adam G Feldman | 08-14-15 | \$448,500 |
| 630 Cobblestone Ln, Buffalo Grove | Jian Dong Yao & Juan Zhang | John Welker | 08-17-15 | \$450,000 |
| 409 Lauren Ln, Buffalo Grove | Shik Lee & Eun Joo Park | National Residential Nominee S | 08-20-15 | \$520,000 |
| 300 Blackthorn Dr, Buffalo Grove | Thomas George Parakiliatu & Susan Thomas | Eduard Chernin | 08-20-15 | \$615,000 |

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| 1327 E Washington St, # 209, Des Plaines | John F Mckay Jr & Geralyn Mckay | Linda Carter Estate | 08-25-15 | \$186,000 |
| 476 Alles St, # 406, Des Plaines | Jeffrey Peitz & Brittini Rivera | Klm Trust | 08-25-15 | \$187,000 |
| 9036 W Oaks Ave, Des Plaines | Asif Iqbal | Felix Benjamin | 08-25-15 | \$190,500 |
| 354 N 8th Ave, Des Plaines | Faik Genis | Fannie Mae | 08-24-15 | \$225,000 |
| 34 S Meyer Ct, Des Plaines | David J Krasnopolski | Michelle M Warren | 08-21-15 | \$230,000 |
| 9696 N Oak Ln, Des Plaines | Anthony J Masisi | Addante Trust | 08-20-15 | \$245,500 |
| 942 E Forest Ave, Des Plaines | David Curley & Colleen Mcgulgan | Sandra C Pepich | 08-24-15 | \$249,000 |
| 574 Radcliffe Ave, Des Plaines | Jacob W Shnitzler & Megan M Shnitzler | Kenneth G Chamlin | 08-24-15 | \$260,000 |
| 1694 Buckingham Dr, Des Plaines | Ahmed Alsanousi & Maya Szyperka | Agatha Piecha | 08-25-15 | \$265,000 |
| 715 Elizabeth Ln, Des Plaines | Tanya M Herrera & Marco A Herrera | Nancy J Wertepny | 08-21-15 | \$305,000 |
| 8653 Saint John Ln, Des Plaines | Jerason Banes & Ksenia Banes | William J Bermudez | 08-24-15 | \$310,000 |
| 134 Clyde Ave, # 1W, Evanston | Hanna Eiler | Allan Wicht | 08-24-15 | \$60,000 |
| 735 Dobson St, # 2N, Evanston | Zev Fieger | Jeremy Goldberg | 08-24-15 | \$75,000 |
| 1605 Dodge Ave, Evanston | Lynn Langton | Halyan Li | 08-25-15 | \$170,500 |
| 1001 Hull Ter, # 41, Evanston | Michelle Puetz & Peter E Margasak | Ricardo Aceves | 08-25-15 | \$212,000 |
| 1720 Maple Ave, # 306, Evanston | Jennifer L Federer | National Residential Nominee S | 08-20-15 | \$222,000 |
| 1202 Monroe St, Evanston | John R Jacobs & Jessica M Jacobs | Donovan Mixon | 08-24-15 | \$230,000 |
| 1531 Crain St, Evanston | Stephanie I Engstrom | Vincent Donoghue | 08-21-15 | \$238,000 |
| 811 Chicago Ave, # 803, Evanston | Eddy O Roman & Rocio L Roman | Aleksandra Babinska | 08-21-15 | \$262,500 |
| 1514 Elmwood Ave, # 3, Evanston | Jordan Dods | Cara T Lockwood | 08-25-15 | \$264,500 |
| 531 Wesley Ave, Evanston | Rohit Poola & Nicole Legate | Alan J Berna | 08-24-15 | \$284,000 |
| 325 Dewey Ave, Evanston | Erik S Smith & Lauren M Smith | Catherine A Wolfe | 08-21-15 | \$295,000 |
| 1580 Sherman Ave, # 706, Evanston | Giuseppe Buscarnera & Fiorella Mete | Stephen R Dunn | 08-21-15 | \$335,000 |
| 1416 Lee St, Evanston | Michael W Combs & Christine M Combs | Reinfranck Trust | 08-21-15 | \$357,000 |
| 1801 Seward St, Evanston | Steven Drajpuch | John P Corrigan | 08-20-15 | \$360,000 |
| 1720 Maple Ave, # 1940, Evanston | Tianyang Liu | Joseph K Hwang | 08-25-15 | \$398,500 |
| 1570 Elmwood Ave, # 802, Evanston | Douglas J Stieber & Melanie A Stieber | Heather V Roberts | 08-20-15 | \$405,000 |
| 1209 Central St, # B, Evanston | Melissa A Siavelis | Peter D Edgerton | 08-24-15 | \$407,500 |
| 2322 Marcy Ave, Evanston | Deborah Iantorno | Bundesen Trust | 08-25-15 | \$426,000 |
| 2333 Hartrey Ave, Evanston | Mary Meghan Flanigan | Catherine Devuono | 08-24-15 | \$450,000 |
| 2519 Noyes St, Evanston | Simon Welling & Elyssa Welling | Mariam Lease | 08-25-15 | \$539,000 |
| 6017 Crain St, Morton Grove | John Corwine & Kathleen Corwine | Joan Suarez | 08-21-15 | \$240,000 |
| 9230 Osceola Ave, Morton Grove | Aleksandar Pajic & Amela Mulahmetovic | Roth Trust | 08-24-15 | \$255,000 |
| 5830 Main St, Morton Grove | Jo A Karr | Charlotte M Adams | 08-21-15 | \$270,000 |
| 5531 Greenwood St, Morton Grove | Muzammil Kukawadia | Cherrilyn A Ronquillo | 08-21-15 | \$276,500 |
| 9120 Oleander Ave, Morton Grove | Dorian A Ortega | Gary S Piper | 08-24-15 | \$307,500 |
| 8820 Olcott Ave, Morton Grove | Dave Gonzales | Adam Sliwiak | 08-20-15 | \$337,000 |
| 9128 W Terrace Dr, # 11, Niles | Maureen Clarisse Osorio & Jeremy Clayton | Marcin Sierak | 08-25-15 | \$75,000 |
| 9074 W Terrace Dr, # 5K, Niles | Ana D Tamasan | Liberty Bank For Savings | 08-20-15 | \$76,000 |
| 9128 W Terrace Dr, # 3N, Niles | Aneta Kuzelovska | Victoria Zemlinsky | 08-24-15 | \$80,000 |
| 8001 W Courte Dr, # 304, Niles | Kishor Dave & Hemlata Dave | Sarah A Harford | 08-24-15 | \$165,000 |
| 6840 W Oakton St, Niles | Philip S Manzella & Dawn M Schultz | Charles J Campbell Estate | 08-24-15 | \$175,000 |
| 8861 N Grand St, Niles | Suzan Awesha | Karen L Conner | 08-21-15 | \$181,000 |
| 8029 W Elmore St, Niles | James Duff & Mary Duff | Erik S Weber | 08-20-15 | \$230,000 |
| 7741 N Oconto Ave, Niles | Nathan C Frideres & Katherine M Sullivan Frideres | Edward Dowtort | 08-20-15 | \$288,500 |
| 8500 W Roseview Dr, Niles | Stephanie A Strzelecki | Jnj Investments Llc | 08-24-15 | \$345,000 |
| 8308 W Oak Ave, Niles | Parag Chokshi & Aika Chokshi | Stanislav Jarosz | 08-24-15 | \$535,000 |
| 1621 S Clifton Ave, Park Ridge | Collin Ostergaard & Molly Ostergaard | Nina Kulagin | 08-20-15 | \$330,000 |
| 1020 Peterson Ave, # 301, Park Ridge | Michael J Labarbera & Erica L Labarbera | Marilyn G Schawk | 08-24-15 | \$377,500 |
| 1525 S Ashland Ave, Park Ridge | Jonathan Kander & Sarah Kander | Brian J Smith | 08-25-15 | \$445,000 |
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HIGHLAND PARK

Farmhouse steps from town has many newer updates; hardwood flooring throughout. Four bedrooms, two baths. Kitchen features granite counters, island, and stainless steel appliances done in '14. 2nd-floor bath done in '13, 1st-floor bath newer. Basement addition '13, roof '02, A/C '02, water heater '09, both sump pumps '13, furnace '09 plus most of electrical and plumbing newly replaced. 2nd floor has two bedrooms, loft area currently used as office and full bath, plus bonus area.

Address: 1293 Ridgewood Drive
Price: \$525,000
Schools: Highland Park High School
Taxes: \$9,058
Agent: Kim Kelley/@Properties



LONG GROVE

Over \$80k in recent updates & upgrades. Four-season room with ceiling fan & private yard. Living and dining rooms have new hardwood flooring & crown molding. Kitchen has granite island/breakfast bar, custom back-splash & loaded with cabinets. Two-story family room boasts floor-to-ceiling window & corner fireplace. 1st-floor den, library & updated powder room. Master suite has walk-in closet & spa-like bath. Three more bedrooms & updated shared bath. Recently finished basement.

Address: 8015 Insignia Court
Price: \$550,000
Schools: Stevenson High School
Taxes: \$13,474
Agent: Jane Lee/RE/MAX Top Performers



WINNETKA

Traditional home close to parks, schools and town. Open 1st floor includes bright living room with fireplace and views of backyard. Dining room with hardwood floors opens to sunroom/family room. Newer kitchen with breakfast bar & storage. Mudroom off of 1 1/2-car attached garage. 1st-floor office with built-in shelves. Master bed/bath with 3 more bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Basement includes rec room & laundry. Paver patio and huge fenced backyard. Move-in ready.

Address: 1518 Edgewood Lane
Price: \$665,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School Northfield
Taxes: \$15,139
Agent: Sara Sullivan/The Hudson Company



GLENVIEW

Four-bedroom, three-bath Colonial home with hardwood floors on 1st & 2nd floors. Spacious formal rooms. Updated kitchen opens to family room with fireplace and sliders to maturely landscaped yard. Separate door leads to 1st-floor laundry/mud room and garage. 1st-floor bedroom with adjacent full bath. 2nd floor has master suite. Full finished basement with generator. Private yard with large deck.

Address: 1728 Riverside Court
Price: \$589,000
Schools: Glenbrook South High School
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Baker has perfected cookie recipe

By Judy Buchenot
The Beacon-News

About three years ago, Batavia resident Susanna Brandon was browsing Pinterest, the online idea bulletin board, when something caught her eye.

"I saw these decorated cookies and thought, 'That's what we need — gorgeous cookies. Maybe I could make these.'" Brandon is not fond of spending time baking, but she does like to present her many nieces and nephews with special treats on holidays and birthdays. She also likes to contribute to her church's bake sales. After many tries and a lot of practice, her cookies have become legendary among friends, family, church members and others.

"It's really not that difficult," said Brandon, holding up an acorn-shaped cookie with a glistening sugar top. She does admit there are a few tricks.

The first is finding a good sugar cookie recipe that doesn't spread too much but still tastes good. "I wanted the cookies to raise a little and not be too hard," she said.

"I use Buttery Sweet Dough emulsion in my cookie dough recipe instead of regular flavoring like vanilla extract. There are different flavors also." The emulsions can be found at craft stores like Michaels or at online sites.

Unlike many sugar cookie recipes, this dough does not need refrigeration, but it does need to "set up" for a few minutes before being rolled out.

"I usually use cookie cutter shapes that aren't too intricate," she said. "But if I do use an intricate shape, I pop the baking sheets with the cut cookies into the refrigerator for a bit before baking to lessen the spread. You can also add a little more flour or omit the baking powder so they don't spread as much."

It is important to note that these cookies do not brown on the bottom or on the sides. They are just baked until set.

Brandon has found that "the icing goes on better after the cookies have set a day." She then makes the royal icing, a frosting that dries smooth and firm. The flavoring for the icing must be an emulsion instead of an extract since most extracts contain oils that keep the



JUDY BUCHENOT/THE BEACON-NEWS

Susanna Brandon first outlines the cookie shape with a stiff frosting. After it dries, she floods the space with a thinner frosting.

meringue-based icing from setting if up properly.

Brandon makes icings with different consistencies. "Getting the right consistency is the hardest part," Brandon said. "The icing for outlining should be firm, sort of like toothpaste, but the icing for flooding the cookie should be less firm, like shampoo."

After obtaining the different consistencies, Brandon uses AmeriColor food gel to color her icing. "Remember that the icing will dry darker, so don't put in too much color," she said.

Brandon places the outlining icing into disposable decorating bags with an outlining tip. She

places the flooding icing into ketchup squeeze bottles. She stores the icing in a tall glass with a damp paper towel in the bottom. The damp paper towel keeps the frosting from hardening.

Brandon then begins outlining areas of the cookie. When the icing is firm, she uses the flooding icing to fill in the area. This softer icing flows to the outline and dries flat. If there are multiple areas of color, she does each area separately and allows it to dry before outlining and filling the next area. Swirls, dots and other embellishments can be added to the flooded area. "There are so many tutorials on the Internet that demonstrate

Sugar Cookie

- 2 cups unsalted butter
- 3 cups confectioner's sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 teaspoons Buttery Sweet Dough emulsion
- 5 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt

1. Cream butter and sugar together with a mixer. In a small bowl, mix together the eggs and emulsion. Add to butter mixture and mix well.

2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly add to butter mixture until well blended. Allow dough to set for a few minutes while you are lining cookie sheets with parchment and preparing a lightly floured surface for rolling. Roll out dough using an adjustable rolling pin if possible. This type of rolling pin has spacer bands that make it easier to roll dough to an even thickness of 1/4 inch thick.

3. Cut out shapes and place on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake at 400 degrees. Check after 6 minutes. Cookies will take 6 to 7 minutes depending on your oven. Cool and store for one day before icing.

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- 4 pounds powdered sugar
- 10 tablespoons meringue powder
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 4-6 teaspoons flavored emulsion
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- Food gel colors

1. Mix the sugar and meringue powder in a bowl. In a separate container, mix the water, emulsion and corn syrup. At low speed, add the liquids to the dry ingredients. Once blended, beat at high speeds until stiff peaks form. Do not over beat the mixture.

2. When it is the consistency of toothpaste, stop beating and mix in colors as desired. Add water to part of the mixture to make icing for flooding.

Susanna's Culinary Cue

When mixing icing colors, use several measuring cups with pouring spouts instead of bowls. The tinted icing can then be easily poured into squeeze bottles or decorating bags.

techniques," she said.

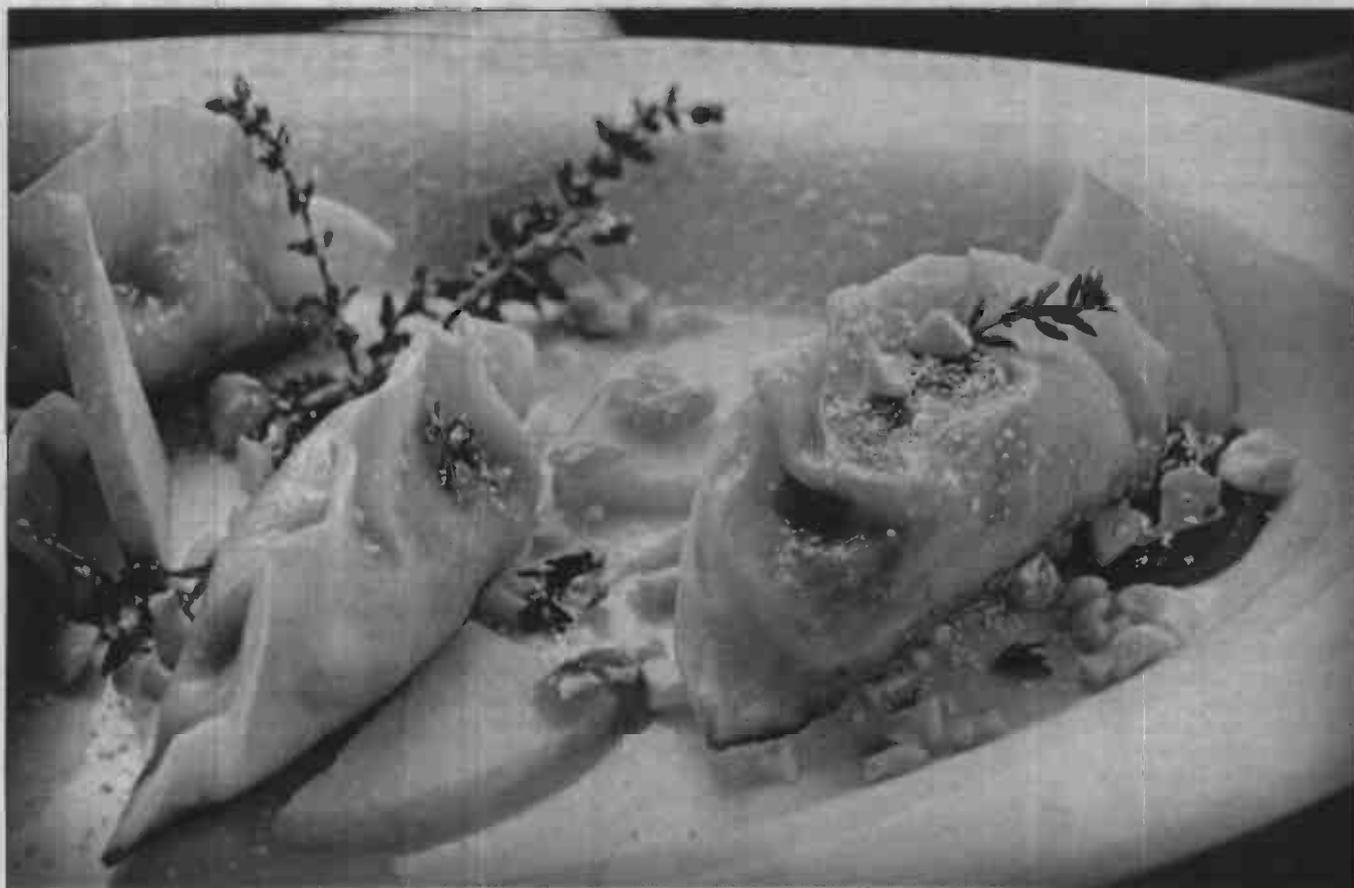
For fall leaf cookies, Brandon uses color mist, which is similar to an edible spray paint that adds soft colors to the flooded areas. Once finished, cookies need to dry at least four hours before being placed in air-tight containers to store or freeze. The cookies can be kept in the containers for one month or in the freezer for three months. Leftover frosting can be kept on the counter for one month.

Professionally, Brandon is the

vice president of creative operations for a Chicago advertising firm, but personally, she is everyone's favorite cookie maker. She shares her recipes for others to try but notes that her creations will be on sale at Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church's annual cookie walk on Dec. 5.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

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MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Inspired by the combination of apple pie and cheddar, these ample dumplings feature sweet caramel sauce and savory bacon.

Caramel apple bacon dumplings welcome fall



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

As the sun crossed the celestial equator Wednesday, it signified a balance between seasons. While folks welcome spring in the Southern Hemisphere, we in the Northern Hemisphere are ready for fall and all the cozy dishes that come along with such a transition.

The availability of fresh seasonal produce becomes more limited as the days grow shorter and cooks must rely on late season produce and shelf stable spices to bring meals to life. The advent of autumn always brings out my kitchen creativity.



Delicate wonton wrappers stuffed with diced Granny Smith apples.

Thoughts of cooler evenings, blazing bonfires and cozy sweaters inspire dishes that remind diners autumn is the season for enjoying food in bold and unexpected ways.

I picked up a few luscious apples to greet fall and my thoughts turned to the time honored tradition of serving apple pie

with a wedge of cheddar cheese. What seems like an unlikely combination works beautifully because opposites attract on the plate just as they do in life. Striking a savory-sweet balance in a batch of apple pie-inspired dumplings is an ideal way to honor the equinox and bring the flavors of the season to the table in a whimsical manner.

The addition of bacon may seem slightly out of place in this apple-focused dish, but the stick-to-your-ribs meat offers a much needed salty element to an otherwise sweet nibble just as cheddar cheese compliments a traditional pie. The unexpectedly sweet addition of caramel sauce helps the crunchy nuts and pungent thyme leaves adhere to these savory dessert dumplings like glue.

Even better, these inspired little bites are an appetizer and dessert in one.

Cheers to the start of a delicious season of eating!

Autumn Caramel Apple Bacon Dumplings

Yields approximately 1 dozen dumplings or 4 servings

- 2 slices of bacon
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 2 teaspoons of brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch mixed with 1 tablespoon of water
- 1 dozen round wonton wrappers
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons of canola oil
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar
- garnishes: Chopped peanuts, sliced raw apple, thyme springs and caramel sauce

1. Cook the bacon in a skillet until crispy and discard all but one tablespoon of the dripping. Drain the bacon on paper towels and crumble or chop into small pieces (if the bacon is too large it may poke holes in the delicate wrappers).

2. Sauté the diced apple in the reserved bacon drippings over medium heat until very tender; about 8 minutes. Mix in the cinnamon, thyme leaves and brown sugar before adding the cornstarch and water mixture. Cook until the corn starch thickens the juices in the pan; about 1 minute. Mix in the crumbled bacon and allow the filling to cool to room temperature.

3. Crack the egg in a small dish and beat lightly. Lay six wonton wrappers on a work surface and place a scant tablespoon of filling in the center of each wrapper. Dip a finger into the cracked egg and run the coated finger around the edge of half of the wrapper. Fold the wrapper over the filling to form a half-moon shape. Make sure the egg seals the edges together and pleat if desired. Stand the dumpling up on their flat side. Repeat with the remaining six wrappers.

4. Heat the oil in a clean nonstick skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot place the dumplings sealed side up in the oil. Cook the bottoms until golden brown and crispy; about 1 minute. Holding the lid over the pan to protect yourself from splatters, pour 1/3 water into the pan. Cover tightly, reduce heat to medium and allow the dumplings to steam for 5 minutes. Remove the lid and allow any remaining water to evaporate.

5. Remove the dumplings to a platter. Sift some powdered sugar over the dumplings and garnish the plate with the chopped peanuts, sliced apple, thyme springs and caramel sauce.

SUBURBAN COOKS

Nutrition expert recommends easy breakfasts

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

It may have been challenging to get your children to eat breakfast when they were in grade school, but when they are teens, it can seem impossible.

Many teens have no issues with hitting the snooze button for a few minutes of sleep and then rushing out the door to catch the bus without even a glass of orange juice. Then they arrive at school where they are expected to concentrate on algebraic equations, write brilliant essays and learn French verb forms for several hours before visiting the lunchroom.

Tamara Waldschmidt, of Naperville, a licensed dietitian/nutritionist, said the practice of skipping breakfast has a strong potential to affect teens' school performance.

"There have been several studies concluding that breakfast has a big impact on a student's alertness and academic performance," said Waldschmidt, who runs Midwest Dietitian, a private practice in Naperville.

She admits that breakfast is a challenging meal.

"But good nutrition does not have to be complicated. There are many nutrient-dense foods that are easy to grab and eat. Breakfast is the time to break the fast from sleeping all night. The brain relies heavily on glucose levels. It is important to keep the glucose within a normal level so you can stay attentive and optimize cognitive function."

Foods metabolize into glucose at different rates, a key reason why both the combination and timing of foods is important. She offers a few strategies for parents to try to help their teens add breakfast to their daily schedule.

To begin, she suggests that parents practice what they preach by having a positive attitude about breakfast. The mom who is telling a teen to eat a good breakfast as she rushes out the door with only a cup of coffee may not be effective. "One helpful way to get kids to develop good habits is to model it ourselves," Waldschmidt said. "If your teen sees you sit down and eat, they are more likely to do the same thing."

Taking time to eat is ideal.

"Fostering a healthy relationship with food is key. If you can sit down for a few minutes and eat with your teen, it becomes a social time also," Waldschmidt said. The few minutes together eating breakfast is an opportunity to provide nutrition as well as some positive feelings for the day ahead.

Breakfast does not have to involve bacon, eggs, pancakes and omelets, Waldschmidt said.

"You can make good nutritional choices with something as simple as a granola and fruit parfait," she explained.

The granola provides starch and fiber. The fruit offers key nutrients and fiber while the yogurt brings in the dairy and protein. Layering the mix in a parfait glass makes it an attractive option that might bring a teen to the table. Another alternative might be an English muffin with a slice of cheese and deli ham with a piece of fruit on the side.

"Aim for variety with minimal processed foods," Waldschmidt said.

Instead of focusing on what not to eat, she suggests focusing on healthy options. If there is an occasional doughnut or toaster pastry, it is not the end of the world. Moderation and balance are key factors.

Waldschmidt acknowledges that hectic schedules arise when your teen has to be at school early for practice or the parent needs to be gone before the teen is out of bed.

When the ideal situation of sitting down to breakfast is not feasible, eating on-the-go is better than eating nothing at all. Encourage the teen to take a banana or an apple plus an oatmeal muffin and milk carton.

Some teens simply do not have an appetite when they get out of bed, Waldschmidt said.

"Try spreading out breakfast. Get them to drink a glass of milk and then send them on the bus with a granola bar and some dried fruit and trail mix so they are ready to face the day."

Although smoothies are a popular option with teens, Waldschmidt suggests pairing the beverage with some solid foods so that teens feel like they are eating a meal rather than skipping the



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

Tamara Waldschmidt layers yogurt and fruit into an appealing dessert glass to create a quick and easy breakfast option.

meal. Teens obsessed with body image and weight may need some support sorting out disordered eating concerns, which is one of the focuses of Waldschmidt's practice.

The goal is to balance normalized eating into everyday life without fears or anxieties over the relationship with food.

Parents with concerns can reach Waldschmidt at tamaralrd@gmail.com. Many teens benefit from having guidelines and a focus on tuning into honoring or restoring internal hunger and full cues.

Waldschmidt reminds parents that children do not have the same cooling ability as adults and

therefore can become dehydrated more quickly. If a child is off to an early morning practice, be sure they have water for before, during and after the activity.

"This is even more important if they are wearing a heavy uniform or equipment. They need to stay hydrated," she said.

Waldschmidt offers two easy breakfast options for others to try. The parfait is a breakfast to be eaten at home while the pancake burrito is a meal for those days when there is not time to sit down. She also provides a few guidelines for portion size that are easy for teens to remember.

Judy Buchenot is a freelancer.

Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait

- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup whole blueberries
- 1 1/2 cups vanilla yogurt
- 3/4 cup granola cereal

1. Divide strawberries and blueberries into four 8-ounce parfait or dessert glasses. Use half the yogurt to make a layer over fruit. Use half the granola for a layer in each glass. Repeat with remaining yogurt and granola. Serve immediately or store in refrigerator. For variety, use different fruits like bananas or melon balls or different yogurt flavors.

Pancake
Burritos

- 1/2 banana
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter or almond butter spread
- 1 pre-made pancake

1. Microwave the pancake for 25 seconds until it is warm and soft. Spread with peanut or almond butter. Place banana in the center. Roll the pancake around the banana, burrito style. Grab a carton of milk to enjoy with the burrito on the way to school.

Portion size

Measuring cups aren't always handy when trying to figure out portion size. Here are some ways to visualize food portions.

- 1 cup = baseball
- 1/2 cup = tennis ball or light bulb
- 1 tablespoon = poker chip
- 3 ounce serving chicken or meat = deck of cards or palm of your hand
- 3 ounce serving of fish = checkbook
- 1 medium apple or orange = 1 tennis ball
- 1/4 cup of dried fruit or nuts = golf ball
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter = 1 ping pong ball

Jeep dealership comes through for unhappy customer

Dear Help Squad,

Approximately one year ago, we had to have our Jeep towed to Fields Chrysler Jeep Dodge in Glenview. While the Jeep was there, I asked them to check the air conditioning. We were told the AC only needed a recharge and they put a dye in the line. If it didn't stay cold, we could bring the car back and the dye would lead them to the problem. From the time we drove away, the air did not blow cold. We intended to bring the Jeep back to the dealership but didn't get around to it.

Fast forward to this year. The AC still doesn't work, so we made an appointment with Fields. My husband asked that they please not recharge the AC and figure out the root of the problem. A few hours after dropping off the car, Fields called to say it was ready. At pick-up, my husband was told the AC had been recharged and dye was added again. He explained he

hadn't wanted it recharged, but they said that's what the car needed. We were billed \$162.97. My husband drove it off the lot blowing hot air. The next day we returned and Fields did what we originally asked and found the problem — then proposed to charge nearly \$3,000 to fix it. My husband immediately left. Clearly, Fields recharges the AC to make money upfront then does the research AFTER they've received the initial money.

We simply want our \$162.97 returned. My husband called and left several voicemails for the service adviser but never received a call back. We would have called Fields' general manager but at that point why bother? Nobody is ever around to actually take or return a phone call. We took our Jeep elsewhere and had the problem fixed for half the price. How can a company that prides itself on its customer service not return a



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

phone call from a paying customer? Please let me know if you can help us.

Melissa, Mount Prospect

Help Squad first reached out to the service adviser with whom Melissa's husband had left several messages. He called back to say he wasn't sure who the customer was, but he'd like to see her emailed complaint, as he was interested in looking into it further. Shortly after, we also received a call from Fields' service director, Doug Morris. Before Help Squad could provide background or ask any questions, Mor-

ris announced that, "I spoke with Melissa this morning. This thing is resolved; I'm giving Melissa her money back. I think the whole issue stems from a lack of communication." He went on to say, "We've additionally got an open recall on her car for which we have parts. I told her 'I get it if you don't want to bring the car back, but you live in Mount Prospect and so do I, so I can stop by one day next week to pick up your car and get it back when the work's done.' She took me up on the offer and I'll be getting her Jeep next Wednesday."

In response to our inquiry confirming all was resolved, we received the following email from Melissa:

"Thank you so much for helping us with this situation. (Though) Doug was disappointed I didn't reach out to management before emailing you ... I explained we shouldn't have to contact man-

agement ... In any case, Doug was very nice and he was more than willing to refund our payment. He was also very apologetic and said the way we were treated was unacceptable. (T)his morning, he dropped off a loaner for us and picked up our Jeep. It should be ready for my husband to pick up this afternoon on his way to work."

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 you.

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Putting their best paw forward

By William Hageman | Tribune Newspapers

Dog and cat owners take note: Several pet-related products have come on the market recently to make your life easier — and cater to your favorite pet.

Mason Cash pet bowls

Mason Cash, the venerable British pottery company, is bringing its classic pet bowls to the U.S. market. Designed for cats, dogs, rabbits and other small critters, the bowls are made of heavy stoneware, making them difficult to tip over. One cool design element: a nontip bowl with angled sides that prevent long-eared dogs from getting food on their ears. Other bowls are colorful or with unique designs. Accompanying place mats are also available. Prices range from \$5.99 to \$79.99. Go to their website at www.masoncashpets.co.uk for the full range of products. To locate the nearest dealer, email customercare@typhoonhomewares.com.



ADRIAN WYLON/PETS AT HOME



KEVIN SKIBINSKI/PAW BOSS

Paw Boss

There are certain unpleasant aspects to having a canine companion. Dog breath. Picking up after Mr. Flapdoodle's backyard excursions. Cleaning muddy paws.

That last task, though, has gotten a lot easier, thanks to an ingenious invention called Paw Boss.

It's a portable paw-washing device that cleans each foot in fresh water, rather than using the same bucket and having each paw "washed" in progressively grungy water. It's a simple idea: A clean-water reservoir is filled with water and soap. A tilt of the device transfers water into a cleaning compartment. A paw is dipped into the cleaning solution through a hole in Paw Boss — with practice, little Mr. Flapdoodle should master that part himself — and is rubbed against a cleaning pad. The foot is withdrawn and dried. Bingo.

With another tilt of Paw Boss, the dirty water flows into a holding tank, and the process starts over with fresh water for paws two, three and four.

There's no need to empty dirty water between paws, and an independent lab has verified that Paw Boss eliminates 99.5 percent of bacteria. Made in the U.S., it comes in basic black and gray, but there are 10 "skins" with different colors and designs that can be added.

Paw Boss sells for \$29.99 and can be ordered through www.pawboss.com. There's also a nifty video of it in action.

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DOG-PROOFER

PET OF THE WEEK



Dokken

You should sometimes check how many of us are able to pile into one little kitty bed, not that there are not enough — on the contrary. But it is a lot more fun to sleep together after we have spent so much time chasing each other and having a riot. This is why I need a home with another cat or more and of course, getting another kitten would be totally awesome. Ask about the half off of the second adoption fee.

He is about 5 months old, neutered, up-to-date on routine shots (including rabies), tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV and microchipped.

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Can there be unconditional love in romance?



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

In my opinion, one of the most beautiful sounds in the world is that of a child singing. So, when I happened to walk by my 12-year-old daughter's room recently and heard her sweet voice singing the new R. City and Adam Levine hit song, "Locked Away (Would You Still Love Me The Same)," I stood outside the door and listened.

"If I got locked away, and we lost it all today, tell me honestly, would you still love me the same?" she sang. "If I showed you my flaws, if I couldn't be strong, tell me honestly, would you still love me the same?"

With instant tears in my eyes, I wanted to burst into her room, grab her and say, "Yes!"

The unconditional love that all parents have for their children never wavers, as far as I can tell. We love and fully stand by our kids when they are sick, hurting emotionally and even when they make mistakes and exhibit behaviors that disappoint, anger and hurt us.

But what about unconditional love in romantic relationships? Unlike our love for children, parents or siblings, I think finding and maintaining love without limitations or conditions with a spouse is so much more difficult.

When two people meet and fall in love, everything seems perfect. The one you just fell hard for can't do anything wrong. But time passes, and if the relationship blossoms into long-term love, we begin to see flaws and bad habits — things that might drive us crazy or that are unattractive to us. That doesn't mean the relationship won't work out or that the couple can't be happy. It's just the reality of infatuation and newness wearing off, and the revelation of the person's genuine self.

If two people stay together long enough, "stuff" starts happening, and that's when the couple finds out if they have unconditional love.

Sickness, injury, accidents, unemployment, significant monetary gains or losses

Unconditional love examples:

- Bringing him/her chicken soup during the flu and not worrying about catching it.
- Offering support, patience and understanding when he/she is unemployed.
- Listening for hours when he/she cries about something you might think is silly.
- Loving him/her through self-doubt and times of low self-esteem.
- Not caring if he/she gains 30 pounds.
- Doing something really thoughtful and not expecting anything in return.
- Forgiving him/her, even if it's really difficult.
- Loving him/her when you have nothing to gain but the love you share.

and aging are just a few of the countless factors that can affect who we become, and ultimately if our spouse will choose to stick by us or not.

In theory, no one who is divorced experienced unconditional love in his or her marriage, because one or both people decided to split up. I'm not judging anyone for being divorced. Trust me, I, myself, am divorced. But, in unconditional love, words like "we grew apart" or "we fell out of love" simply don't exist.

Is it easy to love someone unconditionally? Hell no. But it has to feel amazing, right? The double-edge sword is that often times, something bad has to happen for a couple to realize their love is unconditional. Could that realization be the silver lining to a tragedy?

My boyfriend recently said to me, "I think you love me unconditionally," which I took as a huge compliment. I think he is correct, but the reality is, fortunately and unfortunately, we won't know for sure until we are tested. And it is almost a certainty that if we stay together long enough, we will be. Those thoughts are both scary and great.

Just as R. City and Adam Levine want to know "would you still love me the same," we all want to believe our love has no bounds, that it is pure and unbreakable. It is that hope and optimism that inspires us to believe in the one thing we truly desire: true love.

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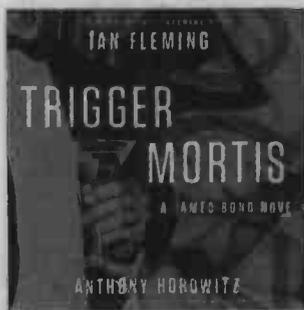
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**Trigger Mortis: A James Bond Novel**

By Anthony Horowitz, with original material by Ian Fleming, narrated by David Oyelowo, Harper Audio, 9:32, CD \$39.99, download \$24.99

Anthony Horowitz, author of the best-selling young adult Alex Rider series, earlier successfully shifted gears to fill in for Arthur Conan Doyle on two well-received Sherlock Holmes novels, "The House of Silk" and "Moriarty." Now, he's standing in for Ian Fleming in the new 007 spy thriller, "Trigger Mortis." The action begins just weeks after Bond's tangle with Auric Goldfinger. Giving voice to Bond, as well as Pussy Galore and a new Bond girl, Jeopardy Lane, is actor David Oyelowo, best known for his role as Martin Luther King in "Selma." Oyelowo lives up to the Bond promise: self-contained and smooth, whether driving a Formula One race car in a scene

first imagined by Ian Fleming, or plotting his escape from the hands of the Korean genius of evil, Jai Seung Sin. While Oyelowo makes a believable Bond, it's in his performance as Sin where the real fun lies. Sin is wonderfully creepy. The voice is wan and thin, almost weirdly cheerful. Sin has teamed up with SMERSH in an ambitious plan to subvert America's struggling rocket program to their own evil ends. Oyelowo is particularly good in action sequences, bringing just the right amount of breathlessness to fiery car crashes and death-defying subway rides.

**My Brilliant Friend**

By Elena Ferrante, narrated by Hillary Huber, Blackstone Audio, 12:38, CD \$29.95, download \$24.47

Hillary Huber's voice is confiding and intimate in the first book of Elena Ferrante's four-book Neapolitan series, "My Brilliant Friend." Published in Italy in 2010 and in the United States in 2012, "My Brilliant Friend" was released on audio this year. On Sept. 1 the fourth and final book of the series, "The Story of the Lost Child," was published and simultaneously released on audio, again with Huber as narrator. "My Brilliant Friend" is the story of Elena Greco and her fierce companion, Lila Cerullo, as they grow up in Naples in the 1950s, in a neighborhood where poverty, violence and death are commonplace. In one scene, 10-year-old Elena stands outside Lila's home while her friend spits insults at her

enraged father. "Suddenly the shouting stopped and a few seconds later my friend flew out the window, passed over my head, and landed on the asphalt behind me." As Lila's father continues screaming threats, Lila struggles to her feet. "...(W)ith an almost amused grimace," Lila says to her father, "I haven't hurt myself." It's this ferocious determination that draws Elena to scrappy Lila, "skinny, like a salted anchovy," and, as everyone soon realizes, remarkably smart. Elena is determined to keep up with Lila. If Lila is bright, Elena strives to shine. If Lila is brave, Elena will be brave, too. But the poverty and corruption around them have sharp talons, snagging even at the moment when Lila appears to be soaring away. Huber, narrator of more than 250 audiobooks, is pitch-perfect for Ferrante's elegant prose, the warm voice of that smart, sparkling friend you hope will disclose just one more secret.

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "Purity: A Novel" by Jonathan Franzen (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$28).
2. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" by Marie Kondo (Ten Speed, \$16.99).
3. "The Girl in the Spider's Web" by David Lagercrantz (Knopf, \$27.95).
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5. "The Story of the Lost Child" by Elena Ferrante (Europa, \$18).



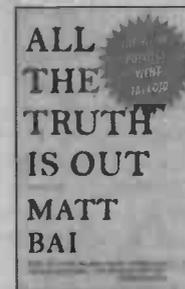
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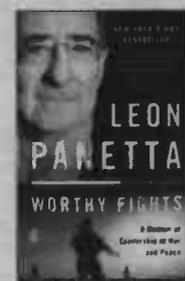
**Hush: A Tess Monaghan Novel**

By Laura Lippman, William Morrow, pages, \$14.99

Melisandre Harris Dawes was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the death of her infant daughter. Twelve years later, she returns to Baltimore and asks Tess Monaghan to provide security. Soon, someone begins leaving Melisandre threatening notes, and when Melisandre becomes the prime suspect in a murder, Tess must uncover the truth about her unusual client.

**All the Truth Is Out**

By Matt Bai, Vintage, 263 pages, \$15.95
Subtitled "The Week Politics Went Tabloid," "All the Truth Is Out" is a fresh look at the extramarital affair and tabloid journalism coverage that scuppered the 1980s presidential campaign of Colorado Sen. Gary Hart, a candidate for the Democratic nomination who had held a lead over George H.W. Bush in the polls.

**Worthy Fights**

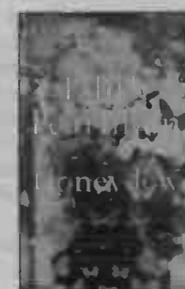
By Leon Panetta with Jim Newton, Penguin, 498 pages, \$18

Panetta reflects on his life and career in government, beginning as an Army intelligence officer, congressman and later the White House chief of staff under Bill Clinton. After a brief retirement, Panetta became the CIA director in 2009, culminating in the bin Laden raid, and then became the defense secretary in 2013, overseeing the withdrawal from Iraq.

**Gutenberg's Apprentice: A Novel**

By Alix Christie, Harper Perennial, 422 pages, \$15.99

Peter Schoeffer is on the cusp of becoming a Parisian scribe when his foster father Johann Fust summons him to Mainz, Germany, to meet Johann Gutenberg, the man whose workshop Fust is funding. Fust orders Peter to become Gutenberg's apprentice, and as the two work together to create copies of the Bible using Gutenberg's new printing press, the duo face the threat of the Catholic Church.

**Honeydew: Stories**

By Edith Pearlman, Back Bay, 292 pages, \$15.99

Each story in "Honeydew" focuses on the difficulties of being human, such as the title story, which involves an affair, illegitimate pregnancy, anorexia and adolescent drug use. Other stories include "The Golden Swan," in which a lavish cruise ship holds a secret stowaway, and "Tenderfoot," which follows a widowed pedicurist who falls for a client with his own buried trauma.

— Jeremy Mikula



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The Maine Thing: Ten who were born there

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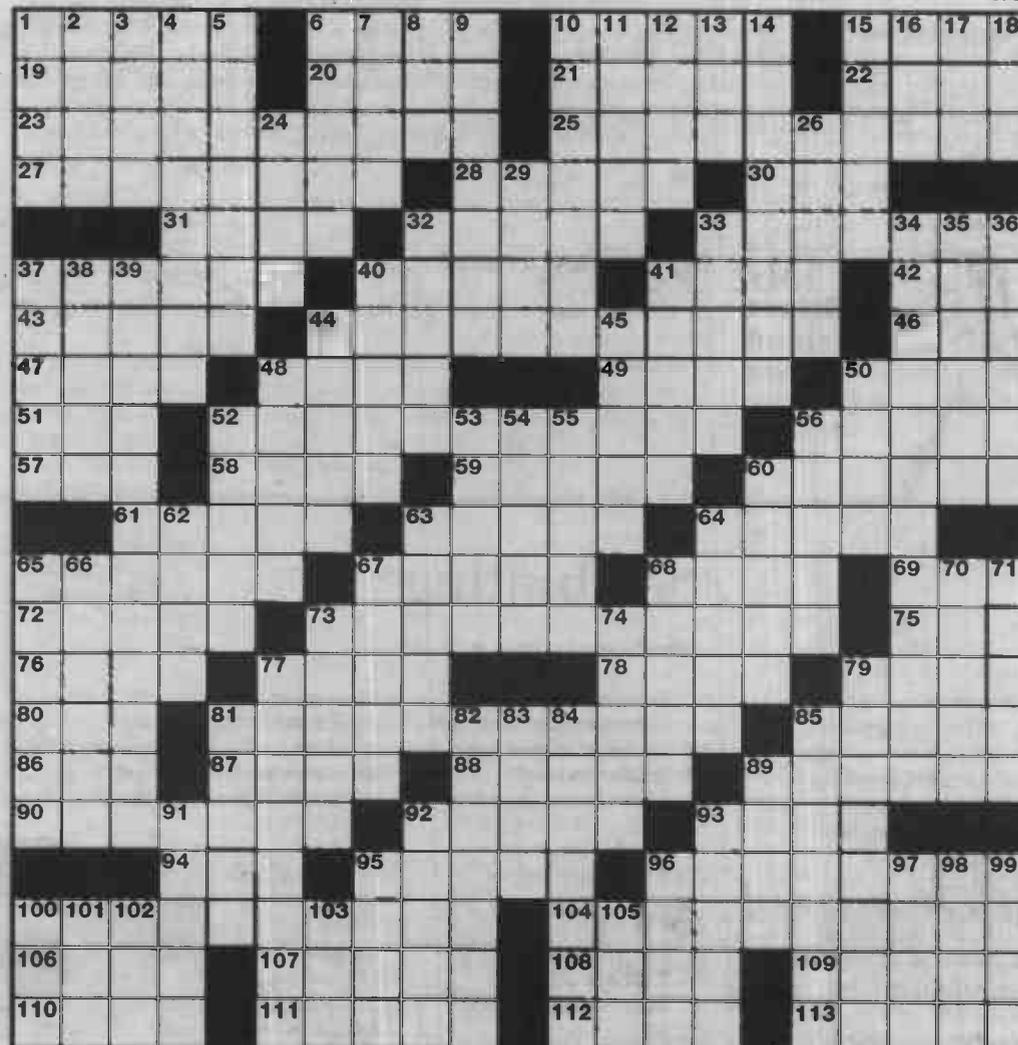
Across

- 1 Orange soda brand
- 6 Ice cream flavor, for short
- 10 Thin cookie
- 15 Back to the Future bully
- 19 Best possible
- 20 It means "both"
- 21 Nasal appraisal
- 22 Fencing weapon
- 23 First female Olympics marathon winner
- 25 Ted Kennedy's Senate successor
- 27 Netanyahu's constituents
- 28 Chase away
- 30 Farm implement
- 31 Abrasive material
- 32 "I pass"
- 33 Initially
- 37 Ledger column
- 40 Dutch South Africans
- 41 Business card nos.
- 42 Eleanor Roosevelt, — Roosevelt
- 43 Salmon roe, in sushi
- 44 Former Family Feud host
- 46 Veto
- 47 Mozart's Coronation —
- 48 Neighborhood shop
- 49 Dissenting votes
- 50 Fox's X-Files partner
- 51 Sched. entry
- 52 Mental-health reformer
- 56 Small souvenir
- 57 Cub Scout group

- 58 Sets as a price
- 59 Brown shades
- 60 Common toast
- 61 Makes better
- 63 Cabinet department
- 64 Bereft of fleece
- 65 Does penance
- 67 "Pardon me," in Parma
- 68 Goose cousin
- 69 Tooth filler's degree
- 72 Flies the coop
- 73 Giant of horror fiction
- 75 Grammy category
- 76 Recital performance
- 77 Hippie event
- 78 Superlative suffix
- 79 Marching band instrument
- 80 Prefix for lateral
- 81 Dancing With the Stars host
- 85 Winter drink
- 86 — Tin Tin
- 87 Rooster-shaped device
- 88 Wicked ways
- 89 IOU
- 90 Regard with scorn
- 92 Sled stoppers
- 93 Girl from Glasgow
- 94 Batteries for remotes
- 95 Make a new hole
- 96 "Ditto"
- 100 St. Elmo's Fire actor
- 104 Alice star
- 106 Rubáiyát poet
- 107 Math comparison
- 108 "Green" sci.
- 109 Make better

Down

- 1 Nation near Tonga
- 2 Fusses
- 3 Close at hand
- 4 Bright-colored songbirds
- 5 It's west of Saskatchewan
- 6 "Be quiet!"
- 7 Wellness grps.
- 8 Kimono belt
- 9 French auto
- 10 Petulant
- 11 Followed a curved path
- 12 Outfox
- 13 911 responder: Abbr.
- 14 Seedy environments
- 15 Brimless hat
- 16 Facebook milestone of 2012
- 17 Hardly any
- 18 Marshland
- 24 Yale rooters
- 26 Domineering
- 29 River of Spain
- 32 — game (pitcher's coup)
- 33 Fax forerunner
- 34 Cinderella in Into the Woods
- 35 A Few Good Men director
- 36 Newest NFL team
- 37 Intended
- 38 Glide on ice
- 39 Maine senator since 1997
- 40 Western neckwear



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- 41 Dumas' Les — Mousquetaires
- 44 Sudden moves
- 45 Excessive
- 48 Medicine measures
- 50 Energetic one
- 52 Acts boldly
- 53 In a state
- 54 Cybermoney
- 55 Glee teen
- 56 Sandal strip
- 60 Protestors' chorus
- 62 Golden Rule word
- 63 Extended operatic solo
- 64 Bern-born
- 65 Laughable
- 66 Canadian coin
- 67 Goosebumps author
- 68 Presents unfairly
- 70 Actor Willem
- 71 Primitive weapon
- 73 Water near the Sorbonne
- 74 Physicist Bohr
- 77 Early period in automaking
- 79 "Tsk, tsk!"
- 81 Perrier competitor
- 82 Can refuse to
- 83 Nero's 507
- 84 Curly lock
- 85 Body of precedents
- 89 Family nickname
- 91 Military chaplain
- 92 Stop more squeaks
- 93 Stew server
- 95 Alphabetic quartet
- 96 High-hatter
- 97 Fairly matched
- 98 Marmalade ingredient
- 99 Discontinues
- 100 Book before Psalms
- 101 Actress Thurman
- 102 "Dapper" dresser
- 103 Boy from Glasgow
- 105 Hosp. area

Quote-Acrossic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- 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. 'Am I Blue?' singer | 91 115 151 28 17 100 42 82 77 60 4 |
| B. Any-which-way | 40 74 16 114 126 95 164 163 62 |
| C. All right: hyph. | 73 154 20 99 31 117 38 11 148 |
| D. 'Dr. Zhivago' leitmotif: 2 wds. | 141 7 167 118 71 58 98 18 113 84 |
| E. Ford's aviation venture: 2 wds. | 78 94 27 110 155 59 50 125 |
| F. Champion or advocate | 70 26 153 37 51 101 130 |
| G. Sustenance | 56 48 22 90 127 105 86 35 168 |
| H. Airport hub below sea level | 162 5 79 139 47 120 104 93 |
| I. Part jet, part not | 44 135 85 32 54 102 6 122 72 |

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| J. Dixieland's 'Round Mound of Sound' | 75 140 2 108 88 150 |
| K. Kid's game: 2 wds. | 49 3 69 131 160 29 146 103 |
| L. Tick off | 124 169 119 97 143 63 45 67 165 23 |
| M. Suggestion | 13 133 89 41 76 57 109 152 |
| N. Bestselling textbook author | 36 15 158 161 55 111 137 96 |
| O. Forecast attempt | 136 61 138 21 43 87 1 157 68 123 |
| P. Mother of sisters | 134 19 9 166 66 107 |
| Q. Elizabethan satirist/dramatist | 149 25 132 83 39 |
| R. Made urbane | 46 106 81 121 12 142 30 156 |
| S. Unharmful | 65 129 147 159 116 10 80 53 34 |
| T. In the general area | 144 171 92 14 52 145 24 |
| U. Without fear or trepidation | 128 112 8 33 170 64 |

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Job Hunting

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- Here, in Barcelona
- Dross
- Former Giant coach Sherman
- Takes some rays
- Array
- Lasso
- He won the Kentucky Derby four times
- It's #1 in the zodiac
- Selfish ones
- Seine
- Hormel competitor
- Australian Open winner: 1980
- Love to Ovid
- Not ___ many words
- A 007 player
- Organized crime
- Seasons
- Conclude
- Jack and Jill's implement
- Formerly, formerly
- Columnist and TV host
- Acted the sycophant
- Watchdog agency's initials
- Materialize
- Gee whiz!

- Washington correspondent: 1944-1974
- Epitome of slowness
- Nincompoop
- Start of a famous soliloquy
- Bart or Warren
- Teeth covering?
- Fin's components

Down

- Site of Egyptian dam
- Part of a ream
- Like certain matches
- Man or Jersey
- Pronoun
- ___ Angeles
- Bat wood
- Pontiac of the '60s
- Start of Virgil's epic
- Ooze
- Tahoe, e.g.
- Roman road
- Antony borrowing?
- Danube tributary
- French I verb
- The Making of an American* author
- Clerical garb
- Switch positions
- Edens

- French cheeses
- Electrical current, for short
- Horse trader
- Edwin Markham's man?
- Acts human
- Pause
- Arab chieftain
- Script beginning
- Kills: sl.
- Mine yield
- Actress Sommer
- Relative of delts and quads
- Unreliable musical instrument?
- Rim
- Singer John
- West Point freshman
- Lew or Mitchell
- Too
- La Bamba* costar
- Elizabeth
- H.S. junior test
- Author Wiesel
- Is under the weather
- Aware of
- LPs of the '80s and '90s
- Hunky-dory, for short
- Troy, NY col.
- Sword swallower?

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Kohl exhibit lets kids exercise imagination

Guess what, kids? Fitness can be more exciting than video games.

That's the message of the upcoming exhibit "Run! Jump! Fly! Adventures in Action" at the Kohl Children's Museum in Glenview.

"Run! Jump! Fly!" lets children use their imagination — and a little bit of technology — to try out surfing, kung fu and rock climbing and train like their favorite action stars. Kids stretch their muscles while developing balance, strength and coordination in the exhibit's simulated adventures.

"We want children to learn that exercise is something that is fun to do, as opposed to something adults tell you you should do," says Sheridan Turner, Kohl president and CEO.

"Run! Jump! Fly!" was created by the Minnesota Children's Museum and opens Sept. 29 at Kohl. It is one of three temporary exhibits Kohl hosts each year to enhance its extensive permanent displays and activities.



"Run! Jump! Fly! Adventures in Action" opens at the Kohl Children's Museum Sept. 29.

The new exhibit addresses the challenges parents face in a culture where children often are distracted by sedentary activities and video or computer games. "Run! Jump! Fly!" includes a station where visitors can get on stationary bikes with wings and propellers, then ride their "flycycles" in front of cloud-shape panels that light

up with stars as cyclists pedal. In the Climbing Canyon, kids traverse a wall in search of a hidden treasure.

Turner's favorite? The Surfing and Snowboarding display, complete with balance boards, motion sensor and video of pine trees and ocean.

"Run! Jump! Fly!" is aimed at children ages 5-12 and toddlers can join in at their own area, Turner says. "Getting children to love exercise now will only encourage them to be fit for their future," she says.

If you go

Where: Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview.

When: Sept. 29-Jan. 10

Hours: 9:30 a.m.-noon Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. Sundays, special hours for members.

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Courtesy of the village of Antioch

Participants in the Antioch Wine Walk held last fall wait for their glasses to be filled at a local shop.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This list is not all-inclusive. More listings online.

ANTIOCH

SEPT. 26 WINE WALK

Downtown Antioch; 1 to 4:30 p.m., with check in starting at 12:15 p.m.

A time to socialize and try new wines while enjoying downtown Antioch. Tickets are \$40. Call 847-395-2160.

SEPT. 27

FAMILY KITE FLYING DAY

Osmond Park, 38 W. Depot St.; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free. The first 100 children in attendance will receive a free kite. Visit antioch.il.gov or call 847-395-1000.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

SEPT. 20

MOTORING AT THE MUSEUM

Arlington Heights Historical Museum, 110 W. Fremont St.; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A car show featuring classic cars, muscle cars, street rods, trucks and motorcycles. Admission is free for spectators. Car entry fee is \$10. Visit ahmuseum.org or call 847-255-1225.

OCT. 3

AUTUMN HARVEST FEST

North School Park, Eastman Street and Arlington Heights Road; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A family festival. Visit ahpd.org or call 847-577-3000.

BARRINGTON

SEPT. 26 AND 27

ART IN THE BARN FINE ARTS SHOW

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, 450 W. Route 22, Barrington; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An annual fine arts show with art on display and available for sale. Cost is \$5; kids younger than 12 are free. No pets. Visit artinthebarn-barrington.com.

NOV. 7 AND 8

SHOWCASE OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Drive; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 7 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8

A showcase featuring original works of art and crafts from artists from the Midwest. Parking and admission are free. Visit barringtonparkdistrict.org or call 847-381-0687.

BUFFALO GROVE

OCT. 23

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Community Arts Center, 225 McHenry Road; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

A chance for kids to trick or treat along a trail lined with friendly characters. Free, but only the first 250 guests to pre-register will receive a goodie bag. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, visit bgparks.org or call 847-850-2100.

OCT. 24

THE GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT

Raupp Museum, 901 Dunham Lane; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kids ages 3 to 12 can "hunt" for a

pumpkin in the outdoor area behind the museum then head inside to decorate their pumpkins and explore the museum. Prior to the pumpkin hunt, a canine costume contest will be held at 10:45 a.m. Cost is \$10 for residents or \$13 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit bgparks.org or call 847-850-2100.

DEERFIELD

OCT. 23 AND 24

HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

Jewett Park Community Center, 836 Jewett Park Drive; 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 23 and 3 to 9 p.m. Oct. 24

Kids of all ages are invited to experience haunted houses, carnival games, a bonfire, a hayride, face painting, a movie in the park and more. The cost for a wristband for the Saturday afternoon activities (3 to 6 p.m.) is \$5. The evening sessions (7 to 9 p.m.) are free, although a fee is required for the haunted house. Visit deerfieldparks.org or call 847-945-0650.

EVANSTON

SEPT. 27

BIKE THE RIDGE

Ridge Avenue, between Howard and Church streets; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A chance to ride along Ridge Avenue without any vehicle traffic. Children are encouraged to decorate their bikes. Only non-motorized bicycles are allowed, and children younger than 18 are required to wear a helmet. Visit cityofevanston.org or call 847-448-4311.

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EXPLORE OUTDOORS

This list is not all-inclusive.
More listings online.

FARMS

HISTORIC ELAWA FARM

1401 Middlefork Drive, Lake Forest
cityoflakeforest.com

A historic farm, many of the buildings have been restored including an ice house, wagon shed, stable and quarters.

WAGNER FARM

1510 Wagner Road, Glenview
847-657-1506; glenviewparks.org

This 18.6 acre farm is one of the last working dairy farms in Cook County.

GARDEN/NATURE CENTERS

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe
847-835-5440; chicagobotanic.org

You can come back again and again throughout the seasons to this 385-acre garden featuring 25 display gardens and four natural areas situated on nine islands surrounded by Lake Michigan.

CLARA DIETZ BIRD SANCTUARY

Park and South avenues, Glencoe
glencoe-parkdistrict.com

More than an acre of bird baths and feeders placed to attract a variety of species to this passive park.

ECOLOGY CENTER/LADD ARBORETUM

2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston
847-448-8256

Provides a number of programs, camps and special events focused on ecology and nature such as learning to fish and living a green life.

EMILY OAKS NATURE CENTER

4650 Brummel St., Skokie
847-674-1500, Ext. 2500; skokieparks.org

This 13-acre savanna and nature center is an oasis full of native wildflowers, grasses, oak trees, a three-acre pond and trails.

EVELYN PEASE TYNER INTERPRETIVE CENTER

2400 Compass Road, Glenview
847-901-6828; glenviewparks.org

This 3,000 square foot center is a showcase of green technology.

HELLER NATURE CENTER

2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
847-433-6901; pdhp.org

Situated on 97 acres of oak-hickory forest, tall grass prairie, an oak savanna and wetlands, there is much to explore.

KEY NATURE LEARNING CENTER

Hibbard Road and Skokie Boulevard, Wilmette; wilmettepark.org

Situated on 4.6 acres there is a nature trail and footbridge that lead to a pond and waterfall.

THE GROVE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview
847-299-6096

A National Historic Landmark and on the National Registry of Historic Places,

this 123 acres of ecologically diverse prairie land features two historic homes, an Interpretive Center, a Native American Village and numerous trails.

WILDLIFE DISCOVERY CENTER

13401 Middlefork Drive, Lake Forest
cityoflakeforest.com

Part nature center, and part wildlife sanctuary, museum and biological station there are exhibits and live reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds.

GOLFING / PUBLIC

ANETSBERGER GOLF COURSE

1750 Techny Road, Northbrook
847-291-2971; nbparks.org

DEERFIELD GOLF CLUB AND LEARNING CENTER

1201 Saunders Road, Riverwoods
847-945-8333; deerfieldgolf.org

DEERPATH GOLF COURSE

500 W. Deerpath Road, Lake Forest
847-810-3888; deerpathgolfcourse.com

CANAL SHORES

1031 Central St., Evanston
847-475-9173; canalshores.org

GLENCOE GOLF CLUB

621 Westley Road, Glencoe
847-835-0250; glencoe-golfclub.com

GLENVIEW NATIONAL 9 GOLF CLUB

2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview
847-657-1637; golfglenview.com

GLENVIEW PARK GOLF CLUB

800 Shermer Road, Glenview
847-724-0250; golfglenview.com

HIGHLAND PARK CC

1201 Park Ave. W., Highland Park
847-433-9015; highlandparkcc.com

LAKE BLUFF GOLF CLUB

355 W. Washington Ave., Lake Bluff
847-234-6771; lakebluffgolfclub.com

SPORTSMAN'S CC

3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook
847-291-2351; nbparks.org

SUNSET VALLEY GOLF COURSE

1390 Sunset Road, Highland Park
847-432-7140; sunsetvalleygolfcourse.org

TECHNY PRAIRIE PARK AND FIELDS

1750 Techny Road, Northbrook
847-291-2971; nbparks.org

THE GLEN CLUB

2901 W. Lake Ave., Glenview
847-724-7272; theglenclub.com

WEBER PARK GOLF COURSE

9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie
847-674-1500, Ext. 3600; skokieparks.org

WILLOW HILL GOLF COURSE

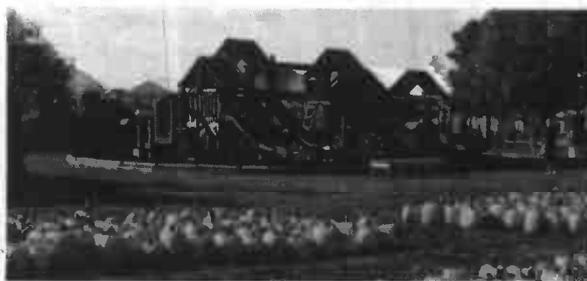
1350 Willow Road, Northbrook
847-480-7888; willowhillgolfcourse.com

WILMETTE GOLF CLUB

3900 Fairway Drive, Wilmette
847-256-9777; wilmettepark.org/golf

WINNETKA GOLF CLUB

1300 Oak St., Winnetka
847-501-2050; winpark.org



Goebbert's Garden Center

PUMPKIN PATCHES

Here's a list of some of the area pumpkin patches that feature pumpkins and much more.

This list is not all-inclusive.
More listings online.

COUNTRY BUMPKIN GARDEN CENTER

27691 N. Gilmer Road, Mundelein
847-566-2176; thebumpkin.com

The annual Pumpkin Fest is held everyday in October. Moon walks, petting zoo, straw maze, pumpkins and barrel train. Paid admission required for Pumpkin Fest activities. Fest hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

DIDIER FARMS

16678 W. Aptakisic Road, Lincolnshire
847-634-3291; didierfarms.com

Pumpkin Fest runs through Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and includes hayrides, pony rides, craft area and Animal Land. Tickets required for certain activities.

GOEBBERT'S FARM & GARDEN CENTER

40 W. Higgins Road, South Barrington
847-428-6727; goebbertsgardencenter.com

Fall Festival runs through Halloween. Open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Halloween Day opened 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Nov. 1 to mid April. Admission fee for Animal Land & Little Farmers Play Yard.

KROLL'S FALL HARVEST FARM

13236 W. Townline Road, Waukegan
847-662-5733; krollsfarm.com

Farm hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; noon to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Corn Maze hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; noon to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Price is \$7 per person ages 12 and over, \$5 for ages 12 and under and free for age 3 and under. Cash only. Hayrides, gift shop and farm animals are also available.

STADE'S FARM AND MARKET

3709 W. Miller Road, McHenry
815-675-6396; stadesfarmandmarket.com

Open weekends only 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Shades of Autumn fall festival is underway. Festival includes hayrides, petting zoo, mazes and children's activities. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The festival is also open in October on Fridays and Columbus Day Oct. 12. Admission to the theme park is \$15 for ages 3 to 64, \$10 for ages 65 and older, and free for children 2 and under.

The second annual craft show will be held Sept. 26-27.

Pumpkin September 26 to October 31 Fest

Great Pumpkins. Great Fun.

Have fun everyday beginning September 26th till October 31st at Country Bumpkin's PumpkinFest. Barrel Train, Petting Zoo, Moonwalks, Straw Maze and more. Decorating? We have Corn Stalks, Straw Bales, Hardy Mums, Halloween Shop and lots of Great Pumpkins!

Paid admission required for PumpkinFest activities, weather permitting.

FREE Barrel Train Ride

Exchange this coupon for a ticket to ride our Barrel Train.
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The garden center with mulch more.
Gilmer & Hawley 847 566-2176 Mundelein
Mon-Fri 8-6, Sat 8-5, Sun 10-4 thebumpkin.com



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**OCT. 9 TO 11
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**

Various locations throughout Evanston
7 to 9 p.m. Oct 9; 9:30 a.m. to 10:30
p.m. Oct. 11; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 11

This inaugural event will feature
storytellers and students showcasing
a variety of story styles and cultural
perspectives. Visit epl.org or call
847-448-8600.

**NOV. 1
DAY OF THE DEAD CONCERT**
Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.
4 to 6 p.m.

A concert with the Mexican Folkloric
performing ensemble in celebration of
Dia de los Muertos as well as a costume
parade and interactive arts stations.
Free. Visit cityofevanston.org or call
847-448-4311.

GLENCOE

**OCT. 3
HARVEST FEST**

Kalk Park, Park Avenue and Green Bay
Road; 2 to 8 p.m.

An afternoon of family-friendly fall
activities, including games and entertain-
ment. Free. Visit glencoe-park-district.com
or call 847-835-3030.

**OCT. 22
BOO BASH**

Takiff Center, 999 Green Bay Road;
5:30 to 7 p.m.

A Halloween-themed evening of
treats, entertainment, crafts and
carnival games. Tickets are \$7 prior to
the event or \$10 at the door. Advance
registration is required. Visit
glencoe-park-district.com or call
847-835-3030.

GLENVIEW

**SEPT. 26
FLIGHT FEST**

Gallery Park, 2500 Chestnut Ave.;
2 to 8 p.m.

A celebration of Glenview's aviation
history. Free admission. Visit
glenviewparks.org or call 847-724-5670.

**OCT. 4
THE GROVE FOLK FEST**

The Grove National Historic Landmark,
1421 Milwaukee Ave.; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A day of live folk music, storytelling,

square dancing and hayrides. Cost is \$4
for adults and \$1 for children 12 and
younger. Visit glenviewparks.org or call
847-724-5670.

**NOV. 5-8 AND 12-15
THE GROVE ARTS AND
CRAFT FAIRE**

The Grove National Historic Landmark,
1421 Milwaukee Ave.; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 5, 6, 12 and 13; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Nov. 7, 8, 14 and 15

A craft fair featuring holiday crafts,
gift items, jewelry, seasonal decora-
tions, personalized items, gourmet
foods and baked goods. Tickets are \$15.
Parking is free. Strollers are not allowed
inside. Visit glenviewparks.org or call
847-724-5670.

GRAYSLAKE

**OCT. 31
TRICK OR TREAT**

Downtown Grayslake; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Trick-or-treating at participating
businesses in the downtown district.
Visit grayslakechamber.com.

**NOV. 27
TREE-LIGHTING FESTIVAL
AND HOLIDAY MARKET**

5:30 to 8 p.m.; Tree-lighting at Center
Street and Seymour Avenue. Events
throughout the downtown area.

All events free. Santa will arrive
at the corner of Center and Whitney
streets at 5:30 p.m. Visit
grayslakechamber.com.

**HIGHLAND PARK
OCT. 2 AND 3
HARVEST AND HARMONY
FEST**

Roger Williams Avenue, between St.
Johns and Dean avenues, and In Jens
Jensen Park; 4 to 9 p.m. Oct. 2 and 11
a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 3

An inaugural outdoor musical festival
featuring performances by Marshall
Crenshaw, The Bottle Rockets and many
others. The festival will kick off with the
unveiling of the new Ravinia District
streetscape at 4 p.m. Oct. 2. Admission is
free. Visit the Ravinia District on Facebook.

**OCT. 23
X-FAIRIENCE**

Sunset Woods Park, 1801 Sunset Road;
6 to 9 p.m.

Kids ages 8 to 14 can visit a haunted
house and enjoy carnival rides and
attractions. The cost is \$10 for a
wristband for all attractions. No cost for



photo by Chris Cizek

Lighting Jack-o'-lanterns at the Great Highwood Pumpkin Fest.

parents attending with their children.
Visit pdhp.org or call 847-831-3810.

**NOV. 21
HOLIDAY LIGHTING
CEREMONY**

Port Clinton Square, downtown
Highland Park

Activities include a family scavenger
hunt, musical performances, the
lighting of the holiday lights and an
appearance by Santa. Visit cityhpil.com
or call 847-926-1000.

HIGHWOOD

**OCT. 9 TO 11
THE GREAT HIGHWOOD
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

Highwood City Park, 17 Highwood Ave.
4 to 9 p.m. Oct. 9; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct.
10; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 11

The annual festival will include live
music, hay rides, pony rides, pumpkin
displays, pumpkin carving, pumpkin
lightings each night, a 5K and 10K
pumpkin run and costume contests.
Visit highwoodpumpkinfest.com.

LAKE BLUFF

**OCT. 23
TRUNK OR TREAT**

Blair parking lot, 355 W. Washington Ave.
6 to 8 p.m.

Kids can trunk or treat, visiting
decorated vehicles for Halloween treats.
Contests will be held for both costumes
and trunk decorating. Free for vehicles
and children. Trunk participants and
children must register for the event by
Oct. 16. Trunk setup will begin at 5:30
p.m. Oct. 23. To register, visit
lakebluffparks.org or call 847-234-7275.

LAKE FOREST

**SEPT. 27
BAGPIPES & BONFIRE**

Middlefork Farm Nature Preserve, on
Middlefork Drive off Waukegan Road;
4 to 7 p.m.

The 28th annual event is held by the
Lake Forest Open Lands Association. Cost
for the event is \$100 for adult members
(\$175 for non-members) or \$35 for youth
members ages 4 to 20 (\$50 for non-mem-
bers). Free to children 3 and younger. Visit
lfola.org or call 847-234-3963.

**OCT. 25
CROCTOBERFEST**

Wildlife Discovery Center, 1401
Middlefork Drive; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A chance to meet live crocodiles and
other reptiles and learn and explore
with the expert staff and members
of the Chicago Herpetological Society
and the Madison Area Herpetological
Society, who will give short talks about
crocodiles and their kin. Cost is \$5 per
person. Visit wildlifediscoverycenter.org.

**OCT. 30
HALLOWEEN TRICKS & TREATS**

Lake Forest Recreation Center Gymnasium,
400 Hastings Road; 5 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy age-appropriate activities,
including a haunted house, spooky
games and a haunted hay ride. The
event is free, but limited to residents of
Lake Forest. Visit lrfec.com.

**NOV. 27
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
CEREMONY**

Market Square, 1 Market Square; 3 to 7 p.m.

The 32nd annual event will include a
variety of holiday-related activities for
families. Visit cityoflakeforest.com.

LAKE ZURICH

**OCT. 2 AND 3
CRAFT BEER FEST**

Henry J. Paulus Park, 200 S. Rand Road
5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 2; 2 to 7 p.m. Oct. 3

A chance to sample more than 40
craft beers from local and regional
breweries along with food and live mu-
sic. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday
sessions are \$40 in advance or \$50 the

day of. Designated driver tickets are
\$10. Visit lzcrafterbeerfest.com.

LIBERTYVILLE

**OCT. 16 AND 17
BARN BURNER BBQ**

Lambs Farm, 14245 W. Rockland Road

A barbecue competition sanctioned
by the Kansas City Barbecue Association.
Proceeds benefit Lambs Farm, a
nonprofit organization serving adults
with developmental disabilities. Visit
lambsfarm.org or call 847-362-4636.

**OCT. 29
HALLOWEEN FEST**

Libertyville Sports Complex, corner of
Peterson Road and Route 45; 5:30 to
7:30 p.m.

Halloween-themed activities for kids
10 and younger. Registration is \$5 in
advance or \$8 at the door. Parents and
grandparents are free. Visit libertyville.com/recreation
or call 847-918-7275.

**OCT. 31
TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN
STREET**

Milwaukee Avenue in downtown
Libertyville; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trick or treating for kids and families
at businesses in downtown Libertyville.
Free. Those who donate a toy or make a
\$10 donation to Toys for Tots will receive
a professional digital image of their
trick-or-treaters.

LINCOLNSHIRE

**OCT. 30
BOO BASH**

North Park, 1025 Riverwoods Road;
4 to 9 p.m.

An evening of Halloween fun and
themed activities. Email tzozulya@lincolnsshireil.gov
or call 847-913-2313.

LINCOLNWOOD

**OCT. 24
PUMPKINS IN PROESEL
PARK HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Proesel Park, 6915 Kostner Ave.; 1 to 3 p.m.

A Halloween party featuring trick or
treating, a pumpkin patch, a bounce
house, games and refreshments. Free.
Call 847-677-9740.

**NOV. 30
LINCOLNWOOD LIGHTS**

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N.
Lincoln Ave.; 5 to 6 p.m.

The annual holiday tree-lighting
celebration. Free. Visit lincolnwoodil.gov
or call 847-677-9740.

MORTON GROVE

**OCT. 2 AND 3
OKTOBERFEST**

Prairie View Park, 6834 Dempster St.
4 to 10 p.m. Oct. 2 and 3, with a pan-
cake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 3

A fall celebration featuring food trucks,
a beer garden, live music and family
entertainment. Tickets for the pancake
breakfast are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the
door. Visit mortongroveparks.com or call
847-965-1200.

**OCT. 24
HALLOWEEN FAMILY FEST**

Prairie View Community Center, 6834
Dempster St.; 3 to 6 p.m.

A costume party featuring
Halloween-themed activities for kids
ages 3 to 12. Free. Visit
mortongroveparks.com or call
847-965-1200.

MUNDELEIN

**FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS,
OCT. 2 TO 31
CARINVALED OF CHAOS
HAUNTED HOUSE**

Barefoot Bay Family Aquatic Center,
1461 N. Midlothian Road; 7 to 10 p.m.

A carnival with a demented ring-
leader is in town to haunt and disgust
visitors. Cost is \$10 per person. For
those 14 and older. Visit
mundeleinparks.org or call
847-566-0650.

**OCT. 24
BOO BASH**

Community Center and Community
Park, 1401 N. Midlothian Road
4 to 7 p.m.

Halloween-themed events for
families. All events are free for kids ages
3 to 11 and their parents. Visit
mundeleinparks.org or call 847-566-0650.

NILES

**OCT. 10
FAMILY RESOURCE AND
WELLNESS FAIR**

Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center
Drive; 9 a.m. to noon

The fair will feature health screen-
ings, resource booths from community
groups and service agencies, entertain-
ment and free refreshments. Free. Email
hsv@vniles.com or call 847-588-8014.



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Animal Land Zoo

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Lake County Forest Preserves offers a Hike Lake County program that includes canine companions.

Hike Lake County

Its official Fall is here, and it's the perfect time to get out and enjoy the crisp air according to Nan Buckardt, director of Education for the Lake County Forest Preserves (LCFP).

"The temperatures are cooler, fall colors add extra beauty, and insects typically subside," she says.

LCFP offers plenty of opportunities to take advantage of these and other health benefits, especially through the Hike Lake County program. The 17-year old tradition challenges the community to complete seven of 12 designated trails on foot between now and Nov. 30.

Out of 186 miles of trails in the preserves, it's a struggle each year to select the 12 trails to highlight because they all offer their own great adventure. "Lake County has an amazing array of ecosystems and we are proud to display them in our program," says Buckardt. "We hope that if people see a Monarch emerging from a chrysalis, or the way the water flows in a stream, that the time they spend in the preserves will become more meaningful."

The trails are easy to follow and well-marked stating distances so that even beginners will gain confidence from navigating them. In fact, some guided hikes, which provide natural and cultural history, are available to help you start your journey.

The director suggests bringing (along with water) a walking buddy. You can even bring along up to three of your favorite canines. Each person (or dog) who completes the hikes earns a commemorative shield,

sketched, and designed each year specifically for the program.

"This year's design is to commemorate the pending completion of the Des Plaines River Trail," according to the director.

To get more information on how to get your hikes started; how to take them mobile; and to learn safety tips and yielding etiquette as well as hours and a list of trails, visit LCFPD.org/HLC.

2015 Hike Lake County Challenge Trails

Captain Daniel Wright Woods Canoe Launch, 1.8 miles.
Cuba Marsh, 3.4 miles*.
Fox River, 1.1 miles.
Grant Woods—South, 1.9 miles.
Heron Creek, 1.6 miles.
Lyons Woods, 1.9 miles.
McDonald Woods, 3.1 miles**.
Nippersink, 1.3 miles.
Oak Spring Road Canoe Launch, 3.2 miles*.
Old School, 1.4 miles.
Van Patten Woods, 2.4 miles*.
Waukegan Savanna, 1.8 miles^.
Wild Card You pick. Choose a 2-mile walk at any Lake County Forest Preserve trail.

* Counts as two trails.

^ Section or entire trail not wheelchair accessible.

A GUIDE TO AREA BIKE TRAILS

This list is not all-inclusive. More listings online.

DEER GROVE TRAIL

The 3.5 mile trail runs through the forest preserve of the same name and links to the Palatine Trail system.

DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL

The 56.3 mile Des Plaines River Trail and Greenway traverses north-south along the route of the Des Plaines River through both Lake and Cook counties.

GREEN BAY TRAIL

The 9-mile trail runs just east of Green Bay Road through Winnetka and Glencoe parallel to Metra's commuter rail line north of Chicago's city limits.

MILLENNIUM TRAIL

When finished, this 35-mile route through Chicago's northern suburbs will connect communities in northwestern Lake County; 28.5 miles of the trail are complete.

NORTH BRANCH TRAIL

The 20-mile trail is named for the North Branch of the Chicago River.



photo by Judy Flowers

Bikers enjoy the North Branch Trail at Linne Woods in Morton Grove.

NORTH SHORE BIKE PATH

Runs for nearly 8 miles between Lake Bluff and Mundelein, paralleling State Route 176 for the path's entire length.

NORTH SHORE CHANNEL TRAIL

The 6.7 mile North Shore Channel Trail extends from the junction of Green Bay Road and McCormick Boulevard in northern Evanston to the junction of Lawrence Avenue and Francisco Avenue in Chicago.

ROBERT MCCLORY BIKE PATH

The majority of the 26.5 mile route

follows a historic Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad corridor.

SKOKIE VALLEY BIKE PATH

This 9.8 mile trail connects Highland Park in the south to the northern trailhead in Lake Bluff.

For more information, *TrailLink by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy* offers a comprehensive look at bike trails and paths in Illinois and across the country at trailink.com.

EXPLORE THE ARTS

This list is not all-inclusive. More listings online.

ACTING TROOPS/ THEATERS

CENTERSTAGE

"Strike Up the Gershwin!" will be presented Nov. 20-22 and Nov. 27-29. The cabaret-style revue features a selection of Gershwin's best-loved melodies. Performances are held at the Gorton Community Center's John E. Baggett Auditorium, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. 847-234-6062; centerstagelakeforest.org

CITADEL THEATER COMPANY

Performances are held in a renovated 150-seat theater in Lake Forest. "Ordinary People" will be run through Oct. 18. "Oliver!" will be presented Nov. 20-Dec. 20. 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest; 847-735-8554; citadeltheatre.org

CLOCKWISE THEATRE COMPANY

A The Midwest premiere of "Soldier's Heart" will be presented Sept. 25 through Oct. 18. at the Genesee Theater, 221 Genesee St., Waukegan. 847-775-1500

DEERFIELD FAMILY THEATRE

"Mary Poppins The Broadway Musical" will be presented Nov. 13-15, 20-22 at the Caruso Auditorium, 1800 Montgomery Road, Deerfield. 847-223-2659; deerfieldfamilytheater.com

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ON THE COVER

Nick Yanez of Lake Bluff and his daughters, Millana, 9 (girl with pink coral bike), and Dea, 5 (bike with training wheels), walk home from school, which they do via the bike path in nice weather.

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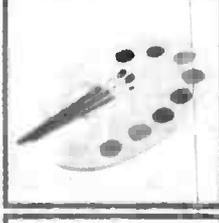


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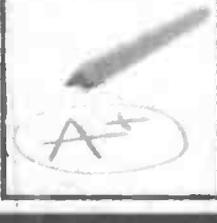
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The circus and performing arts organization based in Evanston — and long associated with Chicago's Lookingglass Theatre — is celebrating its 20th anniversary season, and with that comes the recent grand opening of an expanded studio space, a gala celebration in April and special performances throughout the season.

Marketing Manager Michelle Higgins is particularly excited about this year's Winter Circus, which combines the talents of circus professionals with students in a narrative show. It runs Feb. 13-March 20, 2016.

"It's a unique opportunity for professional circus people to mentor the youth — the next generation of performers," Higgins says.



Above, students practice their trapeze moves during class at The Actors Gymnasium. Right, students work with ribbons while balancing on rolling globes.

Photos courtesy of The Actors Gymnasium

She said the most popular classes are the circus classes for ages 8-12, but there are classes for all ages, starting with kids as young as 2 and adults into their 70s. Something new this fall will be classes for children and adults with disabilities.

Part of the organization's mission statement



reads: "At The Actors Gymnasium, people learn to fly — physically, emotionally and creatively."

Higgins stands by that. "What we've heard most from parents is that they feel like they're part of a community and that their kids are finding their own creative voices that show-

case the ways in which they're unique."

Fall classes have begun, but if the class is not filled up, you can register and get a pro-rated rate.

The Actors Gymnasium is located at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston; 847-328-2795; actorsgymnasium.org.

PERFORMING ARTS

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HIGHLAND PARK PLAYERS

"Avenue Q," the Tony Award winning musical will be presented Oct. 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25 at the Northbrook Theatre at the Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave. in Northbrook. highlandparkplayers.com

KIRK PLAYERS

The current season includes productions of "The Velveteen Rabbit" in November and December; "The Ladies Man" April 1-3; and "Seussical Jr. The Musical Jr." June 3-5. Performances are held at Mundelein High School Auditorium, 1350 W. Hawley St., Mundelein. 847-521-6192; kirkplayers.org

NORTHLIGHT THEATRE

The 2015-16 season includes "Funnyman" through Oct. 18; "You Can't Take It With You" Nov. 6-Dec. 13; "Mothers and Sons" Jan. 22-Feb. 28, 2016; "Butler" March 11-April 18; and "The Gospel According to Thomas Jefferson, Charles Dickens and Count Leo Tolstoy: Discord" May 6-June 12. The theater is located at 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. 847-673-6300; northlight.org

OIL LAMP THEATER

"Jest a Second" will be presented Sept. 24-Nov. 8 and "It's a Wonderful Life — A Live Radio Play" on Nov. 19-Dec. 20. The theater is located at 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview. 847-834-0738; oilamptheater.org

PETITE OPERA PRODUCTIONS

An updated version of "The Magic Flute" will be presented Nov. 6-22 at the Mary Wilson House Beyer Auditorium, part of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church campus, 306 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. 847-553-4442; petiteoperat.org

PICCOLO THEATRE

The 2015-16 season includes "The Outfit" through Oct. 10; "Clara and the Nutcracker" Nov. 6-Dec. 20; the annual "First Laugh — One Act" festival Feb. 5-13, 2016; and "The Misanthrope" March 25-May 14. The theater is located at 600 Main St., Evanston. 847-424-0089; piccolothatre.com

PIVEN THEATRE WORKSHOP

"Young People's Company" will be presented Dec. 16-29. The 2015-16 season continues with "Project" Feb. 8-13, The Second Annual Piven Improv

Series Feb. 13-March 13 and "Dead Man Walking" by Tim Robbins on April 16-May 15. Performances are at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. 847-866-8049; piventheatre.org

PALETTE, MASQUE & LYRE THEATRE

Upcoming shows for 2015 include "A Few Good Men" Sept. 25-27; "Shrek: The Musical" Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1, 6-8, 13-15; and "A Christmas Carol" in December. 877 Main St., Antioch. 847-395-3055; pmltheatre.com

SOVOYAIRES

The theater group has been bringing Gilbert & Sullivan musicals to the North Shore since 1965. "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be presented Oct. 9-11 and Oct. 16-18. Performances are held at Chute Middle School Auditorium, 1400 Oakton St., Evanston. 847-835-1024; savoyaires.org

THE WILMETTE THEATRE

"Oliver!" will be presented Nov. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at the Auditorium of the Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road, Wilmette. 1122 Central Ave., 847-251-7424; wilmettetheatre.com

THE ACTORS GYMNASIUM

"Circus in Progress: An Evening of Daring New Work" will be presented Oct. 10 and "Fall Youth Circus" will be held Nov. 8-9 and 15-16 at the Noyes Cultural Center, 927 Noyes St. in Evanston. 847-328-2795; actorsgymnasium.org

WINNETKA THEATRE

Winnetka Theatre includes the Big Noise Theatre Company, which performs three plays per season from October through May at the Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. 847-604-0275; winnetkatheatre.org

WRITERS THEATRE

The 2015-16 season begins with "Marjorie Prime" Oct. 21-Feb. 21 at 664 Vernon Ave., Glencoe. "Arcadia" will be presented March 16-April 24, at WT's new state-of-the-art venue at 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. 847-242-6000; writerstheatre.org

ORCHESTRAS

THE LAKE FOREST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This orchestra presents five concert pairs at the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts in Grayslake.

"Achucarro Plays Grieg" at 8 p.m. Nov. 7 and 2 p.m. Nov. 8.; "Beethoven 8" at 8 p.m. Jan. 23 and 2 p.m. Jan. 24. 847-295-2135; lakeforestsymphony.org

LAKE SHORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Orchestra performs at the Northside College Preparatory High School auditorium, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago. "In the Key of Sea" will be performed Nov. 2. 312-409-5670; lssso.org

NORTHBROOK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The orchestra performs at Sheely Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook. Upcoming concerts are Oct. 11 "Between Heaven and Earth"; Nov. 15 "Romantic Vienna"; Jan. 17 "Celestial Briance"; March 6 "Bohemian Odyssey"; and May 15 "Royal Treasure from Saxony." 847-272-0755; northbrooksymphony.org

NORTH SHORE CHAMBER ARTS ENSEMBLE

Concerts are performed in the sanctuary of the North Shore United Methodist Church in Glencoe. Upcoming concerts include the "Cookies, Cocoa

and Carols" at 4 p.m. Nov. 29; and "The Great Baroque Classics" at 4 p.m. Dec. 6. Northshoreensemble.org

NORTHSHORE CONCERT BAND

The NCB performs 12-15 concerts a year, including a November through June four-concert series at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. "Zero to Sixty!" will be presented at 3 p.m. Nov. 1. 847-432-2263; northshore-band.org

SKOKIE VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Concerts are held at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. The season kicks off is Oct. 11 with "Students and Teachers." 847-679-9501, Ext. 3014; svsso.org

THE NEW NORTH SHORE ORCHESTRA

Concerts are held at The Unitarian Church of Evanston. A concert will be held at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 15. 847-864-2288; newnorthshorechamberorchestra.org

For a list of area dance and other performing arts activities, visit chicagotribune.com/suburbs/advertising/fallfun



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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OCT. 16

MONSTERS BALL

Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St.; 6 to 8:30 p.m.

A family-friendly Halloween party featuring games, entertainment, dancing and a pizza dinner. Attendees should wear a costume. Cost is \$15 per person for residents or \$18 for non-residents. Visit niles-parks.org or call 847-967-6633.

OCT. 24

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Stepping off from Oak Park to Grennan Heights; Parade steps off at 9 a.m., and a party follows from 10 a.m. to noon

A costume parade and party featuring games, snacks and surprises. Cost is \$10 for residents or \$12 for non-residents. Registration is required. Visit niles-parks.org or call 847-967-6633.

NORRIDGE

OCT. 23

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY

Norridge Recreation Center, 4631 N. Overhill Ave.; 6 to 8 p.m.

A Halloween party for kids 12 and younger that will include games, treats, music, activities, a craft and a costume contest. Participants must preregister. Cost is \$5 for residents or \$6 for non-residents. To register, visit norridgepk.com.

NORTHBROOK

SEPT. 26

AUTUMNFEST

Meadowhill Park, 1479 Maple Ave.; 2 to 6 p.m.

A family-friendly event. Admission is free. Visit nbparks.org or call 847-291-2960.

NOV. 7

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave.; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Crafters can rent spaces by calling 847-291-2988. Visit nbparks.org or call 847-291-2960.

PARK RIDGE

SEPT. 25 AND OCT. 23

FAMILY CAMPFIRE

Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave.; 7 to 9 p.m.

A chance to sit around a campfire and listen to stories, sing songs and

make s'mores as well as take a hike around the pond. Cost is \$15 per family. To register, visit prparks.org or call 847-692-5127.

NOV. 7

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave.; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

An annual sale featuring handmade crafts and items from local artisans and crafters as well as baked goods and used items. Exhibitors and vendors can reserve a space for \$30. To register, visit prparks.org or call 847-692-5127.

NOV. 13

DADDY DAUGHTER BALL

Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St.; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A "Frozen"-themed evening of music, dancing and dining for girls ages 2 to 11 and their dads. Cost is \$30 per couple for residents or \$35 for non-residents. Early registration is encouraged because the event sells out. To register, visit prparks.org or call 847-692-5127.

SKOKIE

OCT. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30 AND 31

SCREAM SCENE

4701 Oakton St.; 7 to 10 p.m.

A haunted house recommended for those 10 and older. A lights-on haunted house for younger children will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 17 and 24. Tickets are \$10. Tickets for the lights-on event are \$3 for children and \$2 for adults. Visit screamscene.org or call 847-674-1500.

OCT. 10

PRINCESS BALL

Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St.; 5 to 7 p.m.

A chance to dress and be treated like a princess for the evening and also meet Disney princesses. Dinner and dancing will also be included. Preregistration is required. Tickets are \$15 for residents or \$18 for non-residents. Visit skokieparks.org or call 847-674-1500.

OCT. 11

DEVONSHIRE COUNTY FAIR

Devonshire Cultural Center and Park, 4400 Greenwood St.; 1 to 4 p.m.

An afternoon of music, performances featuring superheroes and princesses, a puppy parade, hay wagon rides,

pumpkin decorating, inflatables, face painting, games and food and beverages. A book of event tickets is \$10 or \$25 for a family of event. Individual event tickets are \$2. Visit skokieparks.org or call 847-674-1500.

OCT. 16 AND 17

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St.; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 16; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 17

A chance to learn about the creatures who live at Emily Oaks and enjoy a campfire, songs and snacks. This is a non-frightening event intended to be fun and informative. Tickets are \$5, and advanced purchase is recommended. Visit skokieparks.org or call 847-674-1500.

NOV. 28

NORTH POLE EXPRESS

Departing from the Glenview Metra station, 1021 Depot Ave.

Trains depart at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. A train trip to the North Pole (Fox Lake) including singing holiday songs and sipping chocolate milk. Children will visit with Santa at the North Pole before leaving for home. Tickets are \$12 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required. Visit skokieparks.org or call 847-674-1500.

VERNON HILLS

SEPT. 26

OKTOBERFEST

Vernon Hills Metra station, 75 Route 45 3 to 10 p.m.

A family event including crafts, pumpkin painting, a petting zoo, inflatables, raffles and live entertainment. Visit vernonhills.org or call 847-367-0880.

OCT. 30

VERNON HILLS FALL FEST

Sullivan Community Center, 635 Aspen Drive; 6 to 9 p.m.

A Halloween-themed family event. Tickets are \$1 for those 2 and older if purchased by Oct. 29 or \$5 on the day of the event. Visit vhparkdistrict.com or call 847-996-6800.

NOV. 28

HOLIDAY TREE AND MENORAH-LIGHTING CEREMONY

Vernon Hills Golf Course, 291 Evergreen Drive; 4:30 p.m.

Watch as the holiday tree and menorah are lit for the holiday season and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and cider. Free. Visit vernonhills.org or call 847-367-3700.

WAUCONDA

SEPT. 26 AND 27

FARM HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Lake County Discovery Museum and Lakewood Forest Preserve, 27277 N. Forest Preserve Road; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Antique tractors, farm machinery, cars and steam engines will be on display, and there will be a petting zoo, tractor parades, sheep-herding demonstrations, wagon rides and scarecrow making. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Save \$1 on admission by registering at lcpd.org. Visit lcpd.org or call 847-367-6640.

OCT. 25

TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN STREET

Main Street; Noon to 5 p.m.

Trick-or-treating, games, a pet costume parade, a pumpkin-carving contest, pumpkin decorating, spooky stories, a kid-friendly haunted house and bounce houses along Main Street. All events are free and sponsored by Main Street businesses.

WAUKEGAN

OCT. 17 AND NOV. 21

ARTWALK

Downtown Waukegan, along Genesee Street; 5 to 9 p.m.

ArtWauk is a monthly arts celebration, with different art and artists showcased at each event. Visit waukeganil.gov.

OCT. 30

RAY BRADBURY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee; 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The 10th annual event will celebrate Waukegan native Ray Bradbury's favorite holiday with ghost stories, fables and tales told on the theater stage. Visit genesee theatre.com.

OCT. 31

HALLOWEENFEST

Bowen Park, 39 Jack Benny Drive; 3 to 7 p.m.

Wear your Halloween costume and enjoy games, trails and spooky fun. The



Little girls dress up and are treated like princesses at the Skokie Park District's Princess Ball.

event is free for all ages and will be held rain or shine. Visit waukeganparks.org.

WILMETTE

OCT. 23

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road; 6 to 9 p.m.

A family-friendly event for kids age 4 and up. A pizza dinner is included, and kids will get a goodie bag and visit the pumpkin patch. Tickets are \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents in advance or \$20/\$25 the day of the event. Two adults per family. Visit wilmettepark.org or call 847-256-6100.

OCT. 18

FALL HARVEST FUN

The Lakeview Center in Gillson Park, at Lake and Michigan avenues; 1 to 3 p.m.

An afternoon of fall activities. Tickets are \$24 for residents or \$30 for non-residents. For more information, visit wilmettepark.org or call 847-256-6100.

OCT. 24

PUMPKIN WALK

Linden Square, 400 Linden Ave.; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An afternoon of Halloween fun, including hayrides, face painting and treats. Costumes encouraged. Free. For more information, email info@wilmettechamber.org or call 847-251-3800.

NOV. 20

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave.; 7 p.m.

The annual lighting of the village holiday tree and holiday carols. Free.

NOV. 21

HOLIDAY PARADE

Stepping off from Linden Square, 400 Linden Ave., and proceeding to

Wilmette Village Center 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A holiday parade featuring bands, bagpipes, clowns and decorated vehicles. Free. Email info@wilmettechamber.org or call 847-251-3800.

WINNETKA

OCT. 23

PUMPKINS ON THE BEACH

Tower Road Beach, 899 Sheridan Road 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The beach will be transformed to a pumpkin patch and kids can enjoy pumpkin decorating, carnival games and a costume contest. Cost is \$5 for residents or \$10 for non-residents. Visit winpark.org or call 847-501-5779.

OCT. 24

LLOYD BEACH'S HAUNTED TRAIL OF TERROR

Lloyd Beach, 799 Sheridan Road 6:30 to 9 p.m.

A haunted trail or terror including visits to the Insane Boathouse, monster-infested beach and graveyard of spirits. It is not suitable for young children. Tickets are \$5 per person and available at the door. Visit winpark.org or call 847-501-5779.

ZION

OCT. 30

TRAIL OF TREATS AND HALLOWEEN FEST

Shiloh Park and the Leisure Center, 2400 Dowie Memorial Drive 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Trick or treating starting at 5 p.m. at the south end of Shiloh Park continuing to the north end, then on to the Leisure Center for fun activities for kids, including games, face painting, hayrides, a bounce house and a costume contest. For more information, visit zionparkdistrict.com or call 847-746-5500.

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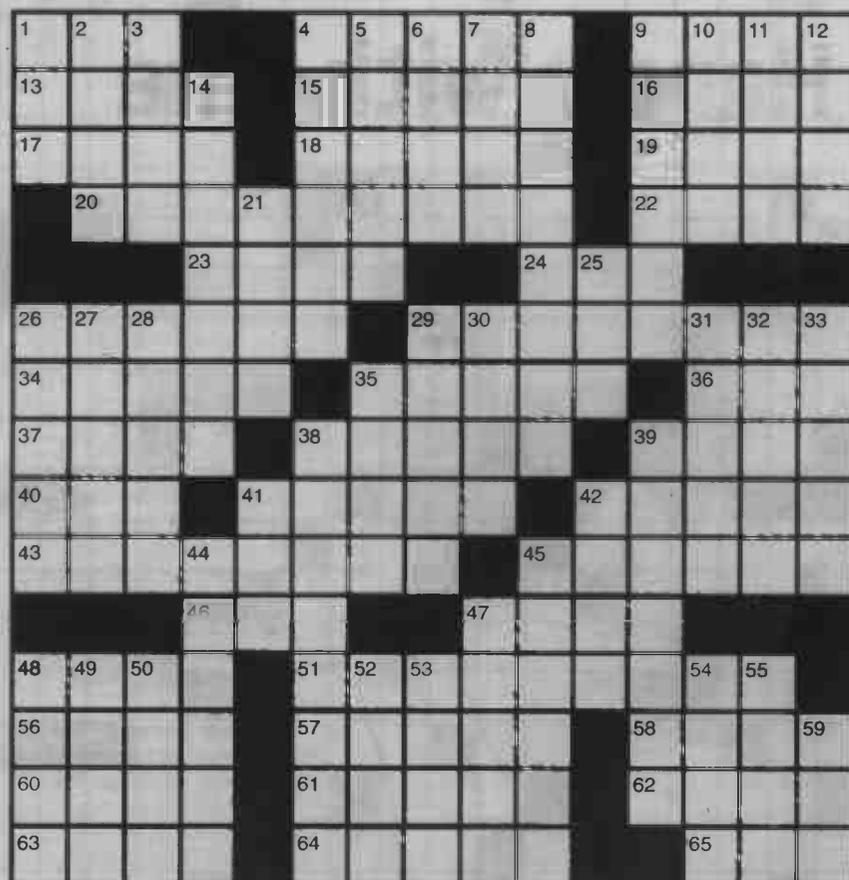
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ACROSS

- 1 Trike rider
4 Ice cream ball
9 Apartment
13 Astonishes
15 Row of shrubs
16 Greasy
17 Actor Hackman
18 Decorate
19 "As ye sow, so shall ye ___"
20 Walked unsteadily
22 Ponder
23 Lower limbs
24 Montgomery's state: abbr.
26 Arrogant
29 Any one of the "To Tell the Truth" regulars
34 Mealtimes
35 Closes
36 Feel awful for having done
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38 Library patron's armful
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42 Door hanger's metal piece
43 Doable
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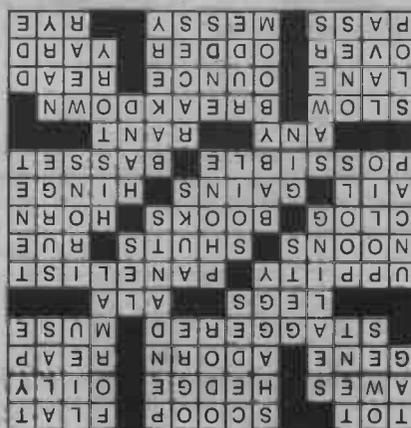
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48 ___ as molasses

- 51 Nervous ___; emotional collapse
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57 1/8 of a cup
58 ___ up on; study about
60 "___ the Rainbow"
61 More peculiar
62 Three feet
63 ___ away; perish
64 Sloppy
65 Deli loaf

DOWN

- 1 Price label
2 Has debts
3 Circus shelter
4 In need of a haircut
5 Gives up land
6 Smell
7 Bogeyman
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9 Not casual
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11 "Woe is mel"
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14 Making airtight

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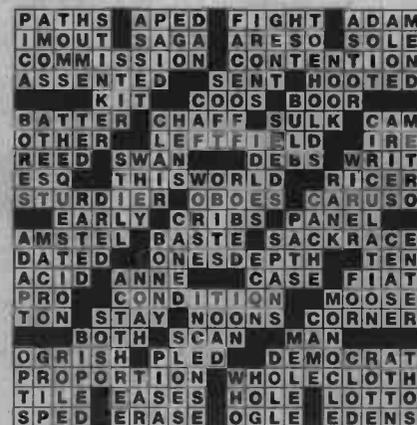
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26 Remove the lid from
27 ___ vaccine; Salk's invention
28 Swimming spots
29 Bell's invention
30 Diving birds
31 Actor Jeremy
32 Sharp increase
33 Religious belief
35 Dirt
38 Post-WWII birthrate increase
39 School subject
41 Clear liquor
42 ___ over; deliver
44 Board cutters
45 Place to buy donuts & bread
47 Runs fast
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52 Boorish
53 Says no more
54 Be clothed in
55 ___ a one; none
59 Ike's Initials



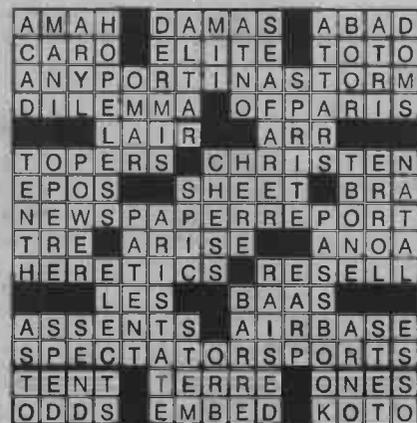
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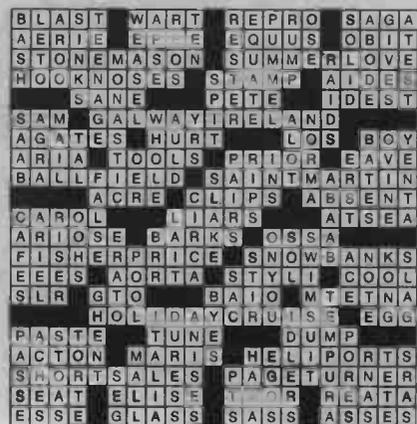
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Last week's Quote-Acrossic

(Margaret) DRABBLE: (The) PATTERN IN (The) CARPET: One of the strangest experiences of a jigsaw occurs when an elusive piece suddenly makes itself known. At once, the piece becomes so much a part of the pattern that you cannot remember where the gap was.

Last week's Sudoku

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This week's Jumble

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ESSAY

Raising a teenage girl? Handle with care

By Ellsabeth Egan
Tribune Newspapers

When my first baby was born, the doctor handed her to me and said, "Meet your future teenage daughter." Then she called her own teenage daughter, and the two of them had a loud argument about dinner. The daughter's voice was audible through her mother's flip phone: "That is REVOLTING and I would rather eat DOG FOOD."

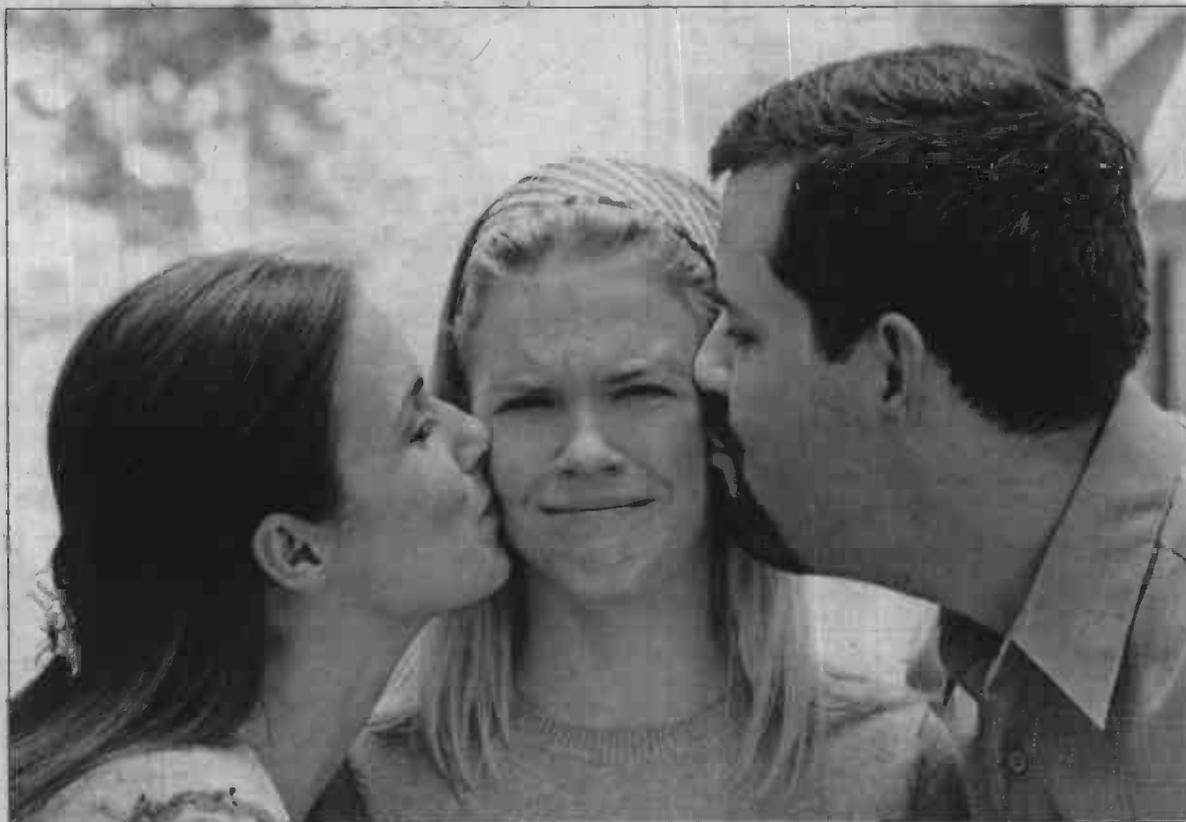
My husband and I raised our eyebrows at each other. Surely our cashew-shaped bundle would never pick a fight with us about veal scallopini. If she became a vegetarian, we would develop a taste for seitan. When she reached adolescence, our groovy brand of friend-parenthood would save the day.

(Are you laughing? I am.)

Fourteen years later, here's what I'd tell my new mom self about my current teenage daughter — who, despite occasional tiffs, really is well worth the wait.

1. You never know who will come downstairs in the morning. One morning, she'll be all smiles — she loves your new sweater. The next day, she'll gesture with her chin at the sweater you're now wearing for the second day in a row because she said she liked it. This time she'll say, "Are you really wearing that?"

2. She rarely wants a hug. When she does, the effect is reminiscent of finding a warm spot in a cold lake. You don't know why it's there but you float there for a while, enjoying the view. Fifty percent of the time, as she's extracting herself from your arms, she'll say, "Can I have money to buy Julia a birthday present?"



JOSE LUIS PELAEZ/STONE

Teenage daughters rarely want a hug — let alone a kiss — from their parents.

3. You know you need to keep opinions to yourself. But sometimes she wants your opinion: on a situation with a friend, on whom she should write about for Women's History Month. The next day, when you ask, "Did you learn anything interesting about Susan B. Anthony?" she'll look at you as if she has no idea who you are. #coldspot

4. After a decade of making small talk with baby sitters, nothing beats having your own teenager meet you at the front door in her pajamas. She wants to know if you liked the movie and what you had for dessert. #warmspot

5. You think she's wasting her money on cheap black booties from Forever21.com. When they

arrive in the mail, you're surprised that they look stylish on her. When she goes to bed, you try them on. Guess what? You look like a 41-year-old mom wearing cheap shoes.

6. You ask her if she'll sign up for model UN, dance team, chorus and science Olympiad. She says nobody does these things. What about the chorus? You heard they take a year-end trip to Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom. She rolls her eyes: "Nobody joins the chorus." You wonder who was on those buses outside the school last spring.

7. For years, she couldn't wait to ride in the front seat. Now that she's eligible, she opts for the third row of the minivan. #coldspot

8. She'll encourage you to join Instagram, and she'll remind you to like her pictures. If you write, "I love this face" beneath one, the comment will quickly vanish. She wants your vote, not your adoration.

9. Her friends are funny, responsible and kind. Their mothers promise they aren't like this at home. The mothers who tell you that they're best friends with their teenage daughters are not your people. Be happy to have friends your own age, especially ones who have known you since you were her age.

10. You feel proud when you observe her with grandparents and young children. Unfortunately, her goodwill doesn't always extend to the middle-aged.

11. Your husband used to be the center of her world. She still loves his pancakes, but when she has something she wants to talk about, she whispers, "Can you ask daddy to leave the room?"

12. When you peek inside her closet, you worry she might be a hoarder. Solution: Don't peek inside her closet.

13. You ask if she has a crush on anyone. She says, "People don't say 'crush.'"

14. You wonder about drinking, drugs, parties where the parents aren't home. She rolls her eyes and says, "Mom, I'm still a kid."

15. She's interested in your life: how old you were the first time you

kissed a boy, why you chose your particular career path. #warmspot

16. You realize that who she is has less to do with who you are than you originally thought.

17. You can tell her what to say — thank you, I'm sorry — but that doesn't mean she'll follow the script or that she'll mean it when she does, which is the whole point. You know it's time to throw away the cue cards, but sometimes you hold them up anyway. You can't help yourself.

18. When you say, "Are you wearing mascara?" she bursts into tears. No matter how many times you rewind the encounter, you can't figure out where you went wrong.

19. She has no idea how pretty she is.

20. She thinks she knows everything.

21. "Don't talk to me in that tone" is the new "I'm counting to three."

22. Remember that body you used to know as well as your own — better, even? That body is gone. When she catches you staring, she asks, "Why are you looking at me?" If you're lucky, she's a swimmer so you can admire her graceful curves and strong legs from the back row of the bleachers. You smile at her on the diving block. She's on her mark, ready to go, and you are her biggest fan. You hope she knows that.

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DISNEY INTERACTIVE

John Vignocchi, left, and John Blackburn of Avalanche Software introduce new Star Wars figures for "Disney Infinity" on the D23 2015 stage, with the help of "Star Wars" stars Daisy Ridley and John Boyega.

Disney game exec leverages social media pixie dust

Lake Forest native focuses on close ties with fans

By Joe Fourhman | Tribune Newspapers

The third release of the mashup video game series "Disney Infinity" is now available in stores, and Disney Interactive's Vice President of Production John Vignocchi finally might take a day off. Although anybody who has had even a fleeting encounter with Vignocchi knows that he will not. There is no vacation when at any moment you're willing to talk with Twitter fans about Darkwing Duck.

"I always wanted to talk to video game developers," Vignocchi says of his teen days when he toiled away on "Mortal Kombat" FAQs, just as gaming's Internet fandom was beginning. "It's a bit of me giving back, because when I was a kid, that's what I cared so much about."

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Under Vignocchi's guidance, providing that connection between the game fans and the game makers has become a focal point for "Disney Infinity."

A Lake Forest native who got his break at Chicago's legendary arcade game company Midway Games, Vignocchi is the smiling, scrubbed face of "Disney Infinity." He's a top level exec who loves talking with ground level fans. He's willing to appear in loosely structured live Internet streams where things break and people talk over each other like a college TV production. Then he pivots right into the shoes of a master showman as he appears on "Good Morning America" or stands on the D23 Disney conference stage in Anaheim, Calif.

On one of his recent Twitch livestreams — dubbed "Toy Box TV," a reference to the game's construction mode — Vignocchi displayed the forthright persona that defines him. The story begins with Vignocchi and John Blackburn, CEO of "Infinity" developer Avalanche Software, in the D23 auditorium, rolling out a series of 3.0 announcements. After hyping up Star Wars toys with glowing lightsabers and action figures based on the upcoming film "Zootopia," they revealed a special surprise: a D23-exclusive "power disc" accessory for "Disney Infinity." Only 5,000 were produced, it was never to be sold at retail, and it was free for D23 attendees.

The crowd in the theater was over the moon. The crowd watching at home was less enthused. "Disney Infinity" appeals to both a video game audience and a Disney geek audience, two groups who very much like to collect every single thing. How will anybody who did not make it to D23 get this rare trinket?

Disappointed gamers pummeled Vignocchi online, and he took some time on the next "Toy Box TV" episode to talk about it. He could have ignored it; he could have offered up a corporate-speak non-apology. Visibly upset, he instead confessed to letting the fans down and promised to find some way to make up for it.

Will Kelley, host of the fan-produced "Inside Infinity" podcast, says Vignocchi's personal engagement is a double-edged sword.

"He is loved and respected by the community when things are going well, but when things are bad, the negativity is focused directly toward him."

Vignocchi represents that doe-eyed "Disney Magic" while shouldering the weight of video game development for the most complicated entertainment company on Earth. His sincerity is why gamers love him, and also why they feel so free to unload on him. He's leading the Mouseketeers in song on a company-branded guitar, only the song is a video game and the guitar is Twitch.

A Star Wars, Disney mashup

The first "Disney Infinity" was released in 2013. Two years and two sequels later, the basics of "Disney Infinity" have not changed. The game interacts with toys that let you choose which Disney star you want to be. Put Mickey Mouse on the scan base and you're Mickey. You can switch to Spider-Man or Captain Jack Sparrow or Tinker Bell, assuming you own those particular toy figures.

This year's "Disney Infinity" adds the ultimate pop culture trump card, Star Wars. The entire saga is represented, from the original films to the quickly approaching "The Force Awakens." Luke, Leia and Han now join a game that pulls from all over Disney's greatest hits. Star Wars joins the likes of "Toy Story," the Muppets, ESPN, "Frozen," the Avengers and the Enchanted Tiki Room. Thanks to the company's voracious dual appetites of creation and acquisition, "Disney Infinity" is the family-



"Rise Against the the Empire" from "Disney Infinity."

friendly franchise blender you could not have imagined 10 years ago.

"Family friendly" does not necessarily mean "wallet friendly." The mixture of character toys, playsets and other accessories adds up fast. The starter game package includes two Star Wars figures, a Star Wars adventure playset, and the 3.0 game itself for \$64.99. Available separately, several new-for-3.0 \$35 playsets and plenty of \$14 figures will let you play as new characters and explore different Disney worlds. It sounds financially daunting, but the video game industry has enjoyed years of proving the formula works, assuming the game is solid and the brands are desirable. This "toys to life" category, pioneered by Activision's "Skylanders" and followed by Disney, Nintendo and soon Lego, has already generated billions of dollars in sales in just a few years.

Beyond Star Wars, 3.0 will introduce an impressive list of recognizable names to the "Infinity" collection — Mulan! Olaf! The Good Dinosaur! Tomorrowland! Hulkbustor Iron Man! "Inside Out!" — and Vignocchi promises more reveals to come.

"We still have more Marvel characters to announce, more Pixar characters, and more Disney characters," he hints, fully aware that those sub-categories are far too broad to encourage accurate speculation.

Toy Box drives outreach initiatives

Walt Disney had a word for the attention-directing landmarks that dot Disneyland: weenies. In Walt's view, when you saw a weenie (like Space Mountain), you walked toward it. For "Disney Infinity 3.0," Vignocchi and the team knew Star Wars was a big enough weenie to get gamers' attention, but it's the all-encompassing Toy Box mode where "Infinity" players will spend the bulk of their time. In the Toy Box, you can mix and mingle elements from all across the Disney multiverse. While this process can be as simple as dropping buildings and vehicles into an empty field, the more adept Toy Box aficionados can take advantage of a suite of programming tools. These levels can be shared online, and Disney has fully embraced the community of popular Toy Box creators that has sprung up around this feature.

The Toy Box is at the center of a series of fan outreach

initiatives that show Vignocchi's dedication to personally interacting with the game's devoted. Concurrent with August's D23 event, the top Infinity fans and level creators were invited to a special Toy Box Summit where they participated in live Twitch panel discussions and were treated to behind-the-scenes info. A select group was even allowed to decide on a Disney character to be added to the game. They chose Peter Pan, and Vignocchi hopes to have the original lost boy ready for his "Disney Infinity 3.0" debut by the fall of 2016.

Kelley, who has been invited to summits in 2014 and 2015 on the strength of his enthusiast podcast, says Disney has been very free with information about 3.0.

Of course, not everybody can run a video game fan site or make the trip to an "Infinity" preview event. So the "Disney Infinity" team put together an online "Player's Pick" poll to vote on which classic Disney character should join the game's roster. At this writing, the poll has devolved into a two-horse race between Mabel from "Gravity Falls" and Vignocchi's sentimental favorite, the aforementioned Darkwing Duck. The stats are so skewed that nefarious doings are suspected.

Whoever wins that particular Disney-nerd showdown likely will not make the cutoff for this year's release, which raises the specter of "Disney Infinity 4.0." It's too early for Vignocchi to go on the record about the next game, but it's easy to presume that Disney has no plans for "Infinity" to end.

"At some point, we have to add swimming," Vignocchi says, before pointing out the logistical challenges posed by adding water to a future version of the game. He has clearly been over this many times with the programmers, deep technical discussions over how to make swimming fun. Players may want the Little Mermaid in "Infinity," but that means solving the problem of a hundred other characters suddenly needing to operate underwater.

Naturally, Vignocchi can bring up fan mail on the topic.

"I had a member of the community send me a video the other day," he recalls. "He said flying inside of 'Infinity' is fun, if we could make swimming like flying, we'd have something."

And there's the special brand of Disney Magic that John Vignocchi brings to the table: his mouse ears are always listening to fans.

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Eat like a lineman: The nutrition, not the quantity

By Daniel Neman
Tribune News Service

The average woman needs about 1,800 or 2,000 calories to get through her day. For the average man, it is more like 2,400 calories.

But what if you're an athlete? What if you're, say, an offensive lineman on a professional football team?

The more you physically exert yourself, the more calories you need for fuel. The average offensive lineman requires 6,200 to 6,500 calories a day to perform at his peak with sufficient energy throughout an entire game.

Even a lowly quarterback needs 5,200 to 5,400 calories.

Obviously, athletes don't eat like the rest of us, and elite athletes don't eat like ordinary athletes.

Babe Ruth was known to devour two porterhouse steaks, two salads, two orders of fries and two apple pies a la mode for dinner — and then make after-dinner snacks out of a dozen hot dogs washed down with a dozen Coca-Colas.

But those days, perhaps fortunately, are gone. Eating is more of a science now. Today's athletes are likely to follow a health-conscious regimen, and many professional teams hire their own nutritionists and dietitians.

Simon Lusky is the team chef for the St. Louis Cardinals and is also chef and owner of Revel Kitchen. A nutritionist with a degree from the Johnson & Wales culinary school, he tailors his meals to athletes depending on the sport, the training and even their roles on their team.

Lusky cooks meals and gives nutrition advice to everyone from professional athletes to the people he calls weekend warriors — those who may run 5K or 10K races, play soccer or maybe ride a bicycle for exercise — to people who are essentially sedentary. Though their needs are different, he has the same mantra for everyone: "I believe in balance overall, a good balance between fat, protein and carbohydrates."

How this balance is formulated, however, is different for the different lifestyles.

"Sedentary people want to watch carbohydrates, but it's vice



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versa for athletes. For athletes we want to get them carbs, and time them well," he said.

Lusky said that a good balance for weekend warriors and many elite athletes, including baseball players, is to consume 50 percent of their calories in carbohydrates, 30 percent in protein and 20 percent in fats.

There are carbohydrates, and then there are carbohydrates. Lusky prefers what he calls "clean" carbohydrates — whole grains and unprocessed foods as opposed to, say, white rice and white bread.

"They can have potatoes, but not mashed potatoes with butter and cream. We're roasting them. We can give them potatoes, but not dirtying them up with the other stuff," he said.

Protein is important for everyone, but athletes especially need it because it helps to repair muscles. For his clients and restaurant customers, Lusky focuses on what he calls high-quality proteins, "things that are wild-caught or grass-fed." Fresh vegetables and fruits are also important sources of protein. But he warns that protein is only helpful up to a point.

"They say that you can't metab-

olize anything more than two grams of protein per pound of body weight. After that, your body can't use it and just flushes it out. Those are calories that make your body work hard and can put a lot of strain on your body, such as your kidneys trying to get rid of it" he said.

For most athletes in training, he recommends a ratio of 1 gram of protein daily for every pound of body weight.

When he is cooking for the Cardinals, Lusky often likes to make healthy, nutrient-dense versions of otherwise unhealthy comfort food. Instead of fried chicken, he makes roasted chicken covered with crushed corn flakes for crunch. Instead of a typically decadent risotto, he makes a version with barley instead of rice, using dehydrated mushrooms for extra flavor and the liquid they reconstituted in as stock.

For macaroni and cheese, he makes a sauce mostly out of pureed butternut squash. The cheesy flavor comes from a combination of three cheeses, including a tangy goat cheese to offset the sweetness of the squash.

For dessert, he will occasionally splurge and make a bread

pudding. He uses less cream than most versions, substituting skim milk and coconut milk, and he replaces some of the sugar with sorghum, which has a lower glycemic index. But even so, it's bread pudding. It's not going to be great for you.

"I like to tell everyone, including elite athletes, that everyone should lead their life by the 80-20 rule," he said. Eighty percent of the time, you should watch what you eat. In the other 20 percent, you should "live a little."

When Lusky first came to work for the Cardinals, the team's strength and conditioning coach Pete Prinzi told him, "You can't train hard and diet hard. Something will give." Just as it is important to take a day off from exercise to let your body rest, Lusky believes that taking a day off from dieting is important for your mental health. You can't live up to unreal expectations, he said.

What is vital for athletes eating balanced meals is to keep at it, he said.

"Consistency is everything. It is important to keep up what you are doing, even if it is a little bit. Never quit. Something is better than nothing."

Wild Mushroom Barley Risotto

Yield: 4 (1-cup) servings Per serving: 317 calories; 8 g fat; 3 g saturated fat; 13 mg cholesterol; 12 g protein; 45 g carbohydrate; 1 g sugar; 9 g fiber; 209 mg sodium; 172 mg calcium

- 1 ounce dried mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup uncooked barley
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper
- Chives, for garnish

1. Soak mushrooms in 6 cups of lukewarm water for at least 30 minutes. Strain and reserve the water. Chop mushrooms. Heat mushroom water until it is steaming hot, but not yet simmering.

2. Heat oil over medium heat in a large pot. Add shallot and garlic and cook until shallot is translucent, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add barley and stir until coated with the oil. Raise temperature to medium high, add wine and cook, stirring, until most of the wine is absorbed into the barley.

3. Add one ladle of the hot mushroom liquid and stir constantly until it is nearly all absorbed. Add another ladle and stir constantly until it is nearly all absorbed, and so on. Keep adding liquid and stirring until the barley is tender and cooked through, about 45 minutes. If you run out of the mushroom liquid and the barley is not yet cooked through, add water.

4. Stir in Parmesan cheese. Taste and season with plenty of salt and with pepper. Serve with chopped chives sprinkled on top.

Recipe by Daniel Neman from an idea by Simon Lusky

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How to cut the cord on your cable TV

By **Debble Carlson**
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Sick of paying the \$200-a-month bill for pay TV and thinking of cutting the cord?

Join the club. According to research firm SNL Kagan, more than 600,000 people ditched their cable, satellite or other telecom pay-TV services in the second quarter, cutting the number of combined residential and commercial subscribers at midyear to 100.4 million.

It's become easier than ever to do without pay TV, given the multitude of high-quality entertainment available online, whether it's a subscription service like Netflix, or Hulu Plus, or from a number of free entertainment services, like hoopla digital, which partners with libraries to bring on-demand video, audio, e-books and comics to card holders.

The growth in media-streaming players makes it simple to move online content to TV so watchers don't have to huddle over a small computer screen.

Still, there are a few things to consider before completely cancelling pay TV. Although the growth of online entertainment and streaming is getting better, the experience isn't quite the same as pay TV. Further, there are a few types of programming that still are better viewed with pay TV. That said, below are some options to consider.

Get a high-definition antenna. The most extreme cord-cutting means paying only for one thing: an HD antenna. This works best in urban areas where the antenna can pick up broadcast stations. HD antennas pick up all the major networks, plus other programming. Most of these antennas are about \$35 and up, and AntennaWeb.org can help



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"The Top 10 shows come from broadcasters, and those can be reached by buying a pair of rabbit ears."

— David Gandler, CEO of fuboTV, which streams live soccer matches online

cord-cutters figure out the right antenna type.

John Carroll, mass communication professor at Boston University, said in urban areas antennas can deliver great connections and broadcast quality. The downside is since programming is live, there's no real control over when watchers access the content, unless they have a DVR or similar device to record shows.

Just having an antenna to receive broadcast television no longer labels you a Luddite, either. According to a survey of 1,200 consumers on the changing dynamics of TV

and online video viewing by Limelight Networks, a private content delivery network, 20 percent of the respondents say they have no cable or other pay TV subscriptions.

Buy a monthly subscription service for online access to certain channels. Many pay TV channels offer stand-alone online subscriptions. David Gandler, chief executive officer of fuboTV, which streams live soccer matches online, said a combination of an antenna and a subscription service or two may be enough for some people.

"From a Nielsen perspective (which conducts TV show ratings) the Top 10 shows come from broadcasters, and those can be reached by buying a pair of rabbit ears at your local (store). ... I think that and a combination with one major service like a Netflix would appeal to a majority of consumers," he said, adding monthly prices for many subscription services range from \$4.99 to \$12.99.

But, Carroll warned, buying several ala carte subscriptions can start to add up.

"It can be expensive, especially if you want HBO

Go, ESPN and some of the premium cable channels. Then all of a sudden you put together enough individual services and it isn't going to save that much money," he said,

Finding out what online entertainment services are available takes time, he said. Some services, like Yidio, allow users to search for free TV shows and movies across hundreds of providers and consolidates the information on where the programming is available and at what price.

Get a media-streaming player to watch online content on a TV. Popular options include Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV and Google's Chromecast. These have dedicated hardware that plugs in a TV's HDMI port (which most TVs built in the past

few years have). All of them work slightly differently and are generally less than \$100.

The downside to these players is they don't have live TV, Carroll said.

Before cord-cutters consider switching to just online entertainment, they need to make sure they have fast enough internet speeds.

"What does that broadband connection look like, and at peak times? It might be one thing at 10 a.m., it's another thing at 8 p.m.," said Nigel Burmeister, vice president of product and solutions marketing at Limelight Networks.

Buffering, which refers to pauses during playback so more data can be downloaded, is the reason for these differences. Burmeister said buffering was the No. 1 complaint in their survey about people's frustrations with online content and a reason some people stick with cable.

When not to cut the cord. Carroll said people who aren't technologically savvy or want to see a lot of live sports may want to stick to paying for cable TV. Plus, he said, people concerned about online privacy and tracking may want to rethink online streaming since there is a lot of data being collected with these services. That data is then used for targeting advertising, he said.

In the end, everything is a trade-off when it comes to making these choices, he said.

"Essentially everybody pays in different coin of the realm. Some is information, some is money, some of it is time watching advertising," he said.

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U.S. Concerns: Immigration, climate change, Israel, Iran and Russia, China: Jim Kenney examines each of these complex areas, including changing patterns of population movement and growing global tension. 10 a.m. Thursdays, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$40 NSSC members; \$52 non-members, 847-784-6000

Beginning Mah Jongg: Join this six-week class for beginners. 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$52 member, \$57 guest, 847-692-3597

Beginning Ukulele Classes: Seven week class. Participants must provide their own ukulele. 1:30 p.m. Thursdays, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$28 member; \$33 guest, 847-692-3597

Chair Yoga: 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$76 member, \$84 guest, 847-692-3597

Centennial Activity Center Art Exhibit: Both self-taught and classically trained artists come together to showcase their talent. 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$9, 847-692-3597

Reader's Theatre: Open to adults 18 and over. Brings storytelling and radio theater to life. 10 a.m. Thursdays, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$55 member, \$60 guest, 847-692-3597

Intermediate Ukulele Classes: Seven week class for those who have experience playing the ukulele. Participants must provide their own ukulele. 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$28 member; \$33 guest, 847-692-3597

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Accepted are: prescription medications, all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. 9 a.m. Daily, Park Ridge Police Department, 200 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, free

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

Oktoberfest: 11:30 a.m. Daily, Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse, 10233 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, \$6, 847-699-1200

Michael Palascak: The local comedian - as seen on "Letterman" and "Leno" - headlines a stand-up showcase. Featuring Larry Reeb. 8 p.m. Thursday; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22-\$25 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484

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

Food Drive in Skokie: Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. Daily, Walgreens, 3945 West Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

The Language of Business: This class helps attendees improve their reading, writing and math skills as they learn the language of business ownership and management. The final location is subject to change. 6 p.m. Thursdays and Tuesday, JVS Chicago, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, free, 855-463-6587

"Funnyman": 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$15-\$65, 847-673-6300

Special Exhibition Three Years, Eight Months, and Twenty Days: The Cambodian Atrocities and the Search for Justice: Learn about the Cambodian genocide and the current trials to bring the perpetrators to justice. 10 a.m. Daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Wilmette Fiber Arts Group: Sponsored by the Wilmette Public Library, this group of people is interested in all aspects of fibers arts: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. 10 a.m. Thursdays, Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-293-6755

Lend a Helping Hand with your Backhand: Court the Cure Tennis Tournament: All proceeds from Court the Cure support breast cancer research initiatives led by Katharine Yao, MD, Director of the Breast Surgical Program at NorthShore, to ensure early detection and more effective treatments for many generations to come. 9 a.m. Thursday, Winnetka Platform Tennis Club, 540 Hibbard Road, Winnetka, \$50 per person

Story Time with Author and Illustrator Sailna Yoon: Award-winning author and artist Sailna Yoon presents her new picture book, "Penguin's Big Adventure." 4 p.m. Thursday, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 811 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-8880

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Friday, Sept. 25

Main Street Opera presents Puccini's "Madama Butterfly": 7:45 p.m. Friday, The Alta Villa, 430 N. Addison Road, Addison, \$22-\$55, 224-764-1615

Summer Concert Series at White Pines: Live performance by SHiNDiG. 7 p.m. Friday, 37 Bar and Grill, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, free, 630-766-7015

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

Spoon River Anthology: Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the publication of Illinois poet Edgar Lee Masters most noted work in this stage production of 'Spoon River Anthology.' 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-\$25, 800-838-3006

Third annual "groovin' on the greens" fundraiser to benefit Canal Shores: 7 p.m. Friday, Canal Shores Golf Course, 1030 Central St., Evanston, \$75; 10 for \$650, 847-475-9173

"The Outfit": 8 p.m. Friday; 8 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday, 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. Friday and Tuesday, Foster Dance Studios, 915 Foster Street, Evanston, \$15; \$10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

ACE 2015: More than 150 juried artists gather to exhibit jewelry, ceramics, metal, fashion wearables, glass, furniture, fiber decorative, leather, mixed media, basketry, paper and wood crafts. Funds raised support research at North-Shore University HealthSystem preventing ovarian cancer. 10 a.m. Friday; 10 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$15-13, 224-364-7270

You're invited! Friday Night "Appy Hour": Library staff will be on hand to demonstrate the many library apps and services that are available free for smartphones, tablet, or portable devices. Enjoy appetizers and a live jazz performance by Terra Sounds School of Music & Arts in the Lobby. Kids (ages 4 & up) can have fun in a nearby room with crafts and stories, hosted by teen volunteers. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

MGPL After Dark: The Chicago Sinfonietta: Project Inclusion Ensemble An eclectic repertoire from classic string quartets by Mozart and Beethoven to contemporary takes on the music of Coldplay and Motown. 7 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Gentle Yoga: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Share The Warmth: Prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

Duplicate Bridge: 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

Marc Anthony and Carlos Vives: 9 p.m. Friday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$60-\$200, 847-635-6601

"Next to Normal": 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$28 - \$38, 847-677-7761

St. Peter's UCC Rummage and Bake Sale: 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday, St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave., Skokie, free, 847-673-8166

Saturday, Sept. 26

Churchville Schoolhouse open house: 11 a.m. Saturday, Churchville Schoolhouse, 3N784 Church Road, Bensenville, free, 630-833-1457

A Gershwin Tea: Pianist Kent Wehman plays Gershwin's greatest hits. Includes a full English-style tea service. 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Cafe la Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, \$50, 847-692-7726

Fall Craft and Vendor Fair: 9 a.m. Saturday, First Congregational United Church of Christ Des Plaines, 766 Graceland Ave., Des Plaines, free, 847-299-5561

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

FUSE: Studio: Wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12. Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday: Adult Comedy. 9 p.m. Saturday, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 adult advance; \$20 at the door, 847-521-6434

Lake Street Church Hoe Down and Auction: Includes an early supper, a special craft activity and a theme movie for children. Mixer around 8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston, \$15 advance; \$20 at door, 773-294-8991.

The Bluegrass Advocates Live at The Knot: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Fruit and Vegetable Garden Family Drop-In Activities: Discover where food comes from and how plants grow. 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

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. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Farmers market: Glenview: 9 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, Free, 847-657-1506

Everything Is Everything: Russell Copenhaver exhibit and music by Van Go Go: 6 p.m. Saturday, The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

Celebrate Glenview's Aviation History: Flight Fest kicks off with kid-friendly activities and plenty of Glenview history. 2 p.m. Saturday, Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Dungeons and Dragons Workshop: 2 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Batman Day: Catch episodes of the 1960s Batman series, create a Batman paper mask, or apply a Batman themed temporary tattoo. 1 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Sound Advice: Award Winning Audiobooks Presentation: Enjoy a presentation about some of the award-winning audiobooks that earned top recognitions for their excellence in storytelling and production. noon Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Crafting for charity: Knit or crochet a 36-by-36 inch lap blankets for the sick. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Morton Grove Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Dempster Street and Georgiana Avenue, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436.

Family Movie: "Home": 2 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

My Gym Playdate: This active story time is brought to you by the Skokie My Gym, which gives children a mental and physical workout. 10 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Cutting Cable TV's Cord: Internet TV for Beginners: The experts from local technology company FireLogic provide a hands-on lecture showing attendees how to take advantage of modern internet TV services. 10 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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

Indoor Community Garage Sale: Over 80 families display and sell merchandise. 9 a.m. Saturday, Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, free, 847-297-2510

Erik Griffin: The actor and comedian performs stand up. 8 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$25 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484

The Scorplions: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$30-\$100, 847-635-6601

Wilmette Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Village Center, Central and Greenleaf Avenues, Wilmette, Free.

For Kids 5k: Grab your sneakers for the third annual For Kids 5k to benefit children of Northwestern Settlement. This chip-timed, stroller-friendly course is open to all. 10 a.m. Saturday, A. Perry Homes, 564 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, adults \$35; children, students and veterans, \$20, 847-440-5400

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Sunday, Sept. 27

The Winds of Fall at Nichols Hall: Rembrandt Chamber Players perform works by Mozart, Beethoven and Thuille. 3 p.m. Sunday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$38 general admission, \$10 student, 312-360-3145

Chicago Botanic Garden Farmers' Market: 9 a.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

GlenVIEWINGS Fall Film Series: "Mr. Turner": 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Banned Books Week: Visit the special display featuring books challenged for attempted bannings. 9 a.m. Sunday-Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

The Village Puppeteers Present "Lost in Storyland!": 2 p.m. Sunday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Fiddlers of Chicago: Paul Tyler, an old-time fiddler, square dance caller and anthropology professor, will play tunes and tell stories that present highlights of Chicago's history from 1804 to the present. 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Critic's Choice: "Human Capital": 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

St. John Brebeuf Concert: "Perspectives on Love and War." 3 p.m. Sunday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 North Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 847-966-8145

Erev Sukkot and Pizza in the Hut: 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, \$7-25, 847-675-0951

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

Erev Sukkot at Temple Judea Mizpah: TJM provides the entree and members are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share (for 8-10 people). RSVP by Sept. 24. 4 p.m. Sunday, Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, \$5 individual or \$12 family, 847-676-1566

Music & Readings Bably Yar Commemoration: Come honor the memory of the 34,000 Soviet Jewish victims of this 1941 massacre by Nazi killing units near Kiev. 2 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Monday, Sept. 28

Book Bables: 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Gift of Music Organ Recital: David Fienen plays works by Felix Mendelssohn, Jan Bender, Larry Long and J.S. Bach. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Presbyterian Homes - Elliott Chapel, 3131 Simpson St., Evanston, free, 847-492-2915

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: The Mudflapps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Mosaics for the Garden: Garden Bench: Led by DJ Garrity, garden and outdoor enthusiasts create unique works in stone. Reservations are required. 9 a.m. Monday-Thursday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$750 nonmember; members receive 20 percent discount, 847-835-8278

hoopla, MyMediaMall and Zinio Individual Appointments: Meet with trained library staff for a 45-minute one-on-one session and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows, or music to one's portable device. A Glenview Library card is required. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Books in the Woods: This book discussion features "Studs Terkel's Working: A Graphic Adaptation" by Harvey Pekar. 7:30 p.m. Monday, L. Woods Tap & Pine Lodge, 7110 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-3350

DIY Teen Craft: Festively Fall Votive Holder: For all teens ages 13-18 years old to make and take home an illuminated mason jar adorned with autumn leaves and twine. 7 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yarn Gang: Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: 10:30 a.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

Lego Club: 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Homework Help: Area high school students to offer homework help on Monday nights. 6:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Stormwater Solutions: Landscape architect Camille Stauber discusses how to stop flooding by using smart plants. 7 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Parkinson's Support Group: For people with Parkinson's, as well as their caregivers and families. 10 a.m. Monday, Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-509-0927

Networking Event: Join in on a lively discussion on topical issues of the day. 9 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 NSSC member; \$25 non-member, 847-784-6000

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Support Across the Continuum of Care: The Role of Palliative Medicine: Dr. Martha Twaddle, a visionary in Hospice and Palliative Medicine discusses the vital role that supportive care plays when we, or someone we love is seriously ill. 7 p.m. Tuesday, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 1427 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-864-1472

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

Supervision Group: Chicagoland's credentialed music therapists are invited to this networking event. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dempster Street Theatre, 2008 Dempster St., Evanston, \$5, 847-448-8337

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

Tuesday Morning Music: Music varies from string quartets to Native American flutes, and are focused towards an older crowd. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Open Hockey Rat Time: Players 18 years and older wearing full equipment can partake in a pickup hockey game. 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, \$10, 847-724-2800

View of the Sea: England Coast-to-Coast: World traveler John Lynn is joined by an international cast in this travelogue about his 200-mile trek across Northern England. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Internet Searching Basics: This class offered to teach how to find and evaluate useful websites. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Northern Lights: Fall Homework Help Center: Thirty-minute sessions for homework, reading and math skills provided on a first-come, first-served basis. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

LEGO Club for grades 1-3: Join us for our monthly free-build. 4 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Storybook Tea Party: Come to a Storybook Tea Party. Enjoy stories, songs, sweets and "tea." 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

CARE: ComEd's Financial Assistance and Energy Efficiency Programs: As part of the library's Movies, Munchies, and More, come and learn about ComEd's financial assistance and energy efficiency programs. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Listen Up: 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

TEDxNorthbrookLibrary: Education: Perspectives: Each month, the library screens three TED Talks and hosts discussion to follow. This month's theme is Education: Perspectives. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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Eastern and Western Ways to the Center: Introduction to the Religions of the World: Jim Kenney from Common Ground touches on seven of the world's oldest and most influential religions, each offering its own unique approach to the discovery of ultimate reality and its own path to a deeper knowledge of one's own true nature. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$40 NSSC members; \$52 non-members, 847-784-6000

Asian Pop-Up Cinema series: Ecotherapy Getaway Holiday: This is a Chicago-area premiere showing of this film in Japanese with subtitles. The story is somewhat like a reality show and has a group of middle-aged ladies getting lost during a trip into the woods. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$13; special discounts for students and seniors, 847-251-7424

Junior League of Evanston-North Shore Open House: All are invited to attend an informational New Member Open House. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, free, 847-441-0905

Wednesday, Sept. 30

"Reel" Talk Movie Night: "White People": 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, YWCA Evanston and North Shore, 1215 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-865-8445

Preschool Story Time: Stories and songs for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

One-on-One Job Counselling: Counseling is available for any for any stage of your career. 9 a.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Mutual Funds, ETFs and Smart Beta Funds: Investment advisor Bill Olivieri of Cenacle Capital Management discusses mutual funds. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

LEGO Club: Calling all Master Builders. Join us for our monthly free-build. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Literary Latte Hour: Join in this informal setting where you can relax with a hot beverage and tell others what you've recently enjoyed reading (or not enjoyed). 10 a.m. Wednesday, Glenview Grind, 989 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-0111

Intro to Publisher: Covers the basics of creating different publications using design templates and inserting media and text. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Make a Lot With LittleBits: Learn how to build circuits that blink move and buzz. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Senior Coffee Hour: How to Keep Your Mouth Healthy: Illumident, Inc., presents a program on oral hygiene for seniors. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a beginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Classics on Wednesday Film Series: 1 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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

Bingo and Pizza: Treat yourself to slices of cheese, sausage and veggie pizza from Spuntino's. Afterwards, play several games of bingo. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$8 member; \$10 guest, 847-692-3597

Patti Vasquez: The Chicago comedian performs stand-up. 8 p.m. Wednesday and Oct. 1, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484.

Senior High Youth Group: For all youth grades 9 to 12 to engage in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

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"Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation" ★★½

PG-13, 2:11, action

With "Mission: Impossible," 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. — *Michael Phillips*



"The Perfect Guy" ★★

PG-13, 1:40, drama

Sanaa Lathan is as tough as she is fetching, which is why it's so disheartening to watch her play a doopy victim for much of "The Perfect Guy," in which her well-to-do professional is terrorized by a new flame who doesn't take kindly to being dumped. Boasting a screenplay by Tyler Williams that never fails to telegraph its every move, David M. Rosenthal's film is a cheap "Fatal Attraction"

knockoff, complete with a subplot involving the potentially dire fate of Lathan's character's beloved pet. No bunnies wind up being boiled, but the rest of this second-rate genre effort is a strictly by-the-books affair. Despite an appealing trio of leads, it seems likely to entice only those who thirst for thriller clichés. — *Nick Schager, Variety*



"Straight Outta Compton" ★★½

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 too harsh or 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, Calif., 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, I think, 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.*



"A Walk in the Woods" ★★

R, 1:44, drama

In the wake of "Wild," in which Reese Witherspoon's version of Cheryl Strayed hiked the Pacific Crest Trail and reckoned with her demons, we now have "Mild," better known as "A Walk in the Woods." It stars Robert Redford and Nick Nolte as travel writer Bill Bryson and his buddy, fictionalized by Bryson as "Stephen Katz," having a go at the Appalachian Trail for a little light banter and a

casual insight or two regarding life's highways. The project grew out of Bryson's 1998 book. Early on, Redford hoped to persuade Paul Newman to co-star, as a sort of ambling swan song for Butch and Sundance. That didn't work out, but Nolte's depiction of a veteran illberline is the best thing in a pretty routine picture. — *M.P.*



"The Visit" ★★½

PG-13, 1:34, thriller

In M. Night Shyamalan's clever, cheeky and only slightly scary horror film, 15-year-old budding documentary filmmaker Becca (Olivia DeJonge) and her 13-year-old wanna-be rapper brother, Tyler (Ed Oxenbould), are going to visit their grandparents, whom they've never seen. Grandfather (Peter McRobbie) and Nana (Deanna Dunagan) have tracked their daughter down online and invited the

children to stay for a week at their isolated farm. That means mom can spend some quality time with her boyfriend. Of course, Grandfather and Nana turn out to be as creepy as midnight in a graveyard. Since much of the film is from the viewpoint of Becca's cameras, "The Visit" fits into the tiresome found-footage trend, but Shyamalan unexpectedly injects it all with a wily sense of humor that works. — *Cary Darling*

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Mary A. (Geer) August, 93, died on Sept. 12, 2015



in Scarborough, Maine. She was born on March 20, 1922 in Portland to Dr. George I. Geer & Jennie E. (Merrill) Geer, as the seventh of eight children. She graduated from Deering H.S. (1940). She attended Northeast Business School Portland, and worked as a bank teller. She married Kastic C. August, a

LT. Commander in the Navy, in 1946. They moved to Boston where K.C. graduated from Harvard Business School. They moved to Chicago for her husband's work. In 1959 they moved to Park Ridge, where their children went to public schools. In 1989 Mary & K.C. moved to Prospect Heights. At the time of K.C.'s death in 1996, Mary was living in Scarborough, Maine, where she became a resident of an ocean side retirement community, living there until her death. Mary was a homemaker, and a beloved daughter, mother, wife, sister and grandmother. She was active in Manor Community Church in Chicago's Marionette Manor, and at the Park Ridge Community Church. She participated in her children's schools and scouting endeavors. She enjoyed bridge, and traveling widely with her husband. She was grateful for her good health and her family life. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and all seven siblings. She is survived by her son, John Geer August of Princeton, New Jersey; her daughter Virginia August and her husband Dr. Brian Zack, also of Princeton; her daughter Susan L. August-Brown and her husband Mark Brown of Scarborough; her grandchildren, Rebecca Callahan, Ian Zack, Daniel Zack and Lily August-Brown; and three great grandchildren. Her funeral will be held at Hobbs Funeral Home in South Portland, Maine on September 18.

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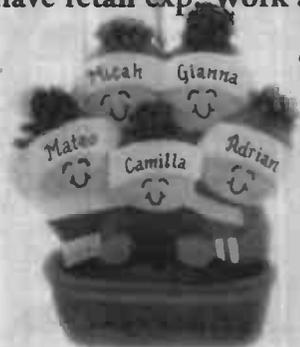


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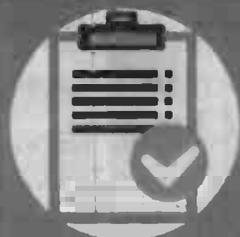
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
SOFIA NIKIFOROS, SOFOKLIS NIKIFOROS, STATE OF ILLINOIS
Defendants
10 CH 034991

9001 MAJOR AVENUE MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 8, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 13, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9001 MAJOR AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-17-414-017; 10-17-414-018. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to the quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W303 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-13-27213. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W303 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-13-27213 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 10 CH 034991 TISC#: 35-10381 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff

V.
LILIANA SOLOVASTRU A/K/A LILIAN SOLOVASTRU; VASILE SOLOVASTRU; STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Defendants

10 CH 28129
Property Address: 6818 BECKWITH ROAD MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Shapiro Kreisman & Assoc. file # 09-026678 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 29, 2015, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on October 30, 2015, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 6818 Beckwith Road, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Permanent Index No.: 10-18-115-012

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$865,219.39. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information and to view auction rules at www.kallens.com. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Barrington, Illinois 60015, (847) 291-1717, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS C/WALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-29T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff

V.
MOHAMMAD S. SAYANI A/K/A MOHAMMAD SALIM SAYANI; TRESSA SAYANI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,
Defendants

10 CH 9500
Property Address: 9225 NORTH SAYRE AVENUE MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Shapiro Kreisman & Assoc. file # 10-034764 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 16, 2015, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on October 19, 2015, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 9225 North Sayre Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Permanent Index No.: 10-18-106-046

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$719,109.28. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information and to view auction rules at www.kallens.com. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Barrington, Illinois 60015, (847) 291-1717, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY
Plaintiff,

CATALINA RODRIGUEZ
Defendants
11 CH 07793

4244 NORTH NEW ENGLAND AVENUE HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 28, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 29, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4244 NORTH NEW ENGLAND AVENUE, HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706 Property Index No. 13-18-314-026-0000. The real estate is improved with a yellow vinyl siding, two story home with a two car detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty.pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1100441. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1100441 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 11 CH 07793 TISC#: 35-11059 1669921

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

IGOR KHRESTIN; GENE KHRESTIN AKA GENNADIY KHRESTIN AKA GENNADIY KHRESTIN
Defendants,
11 CH 12039

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above captioned cause on March 25, 2014, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-22-331-011-0000. Commonly known as 8023 KILBOURN AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1105229. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
WANDA POLSAKIEWICZ, WANDA POLSAKIEWICZ AS TRUSTEE OF THE WANDA POLSAKIEWICZ LIVING TRUST DATED 8/26/06, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE WANDA POLSAKIEWICZ LIVING TRUST DATED 8/26/06, 4628 RIVER ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
11 CH 36921

4628 NORTH RIVER ROAD #3C SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 13, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 14, 2015, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4628 NORTH RIVER ROAD #3C, SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176 Property Index No. 12-15-116-052-1016. The real estate is improved with a 3 story multi-unit building with outdoor parking. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(b)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(a-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 14-0385. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1123386. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1123386 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number. 11 CH 36921 TISC#: 35-10314 1668474

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR NEWLANDS ASSET HOLDING TRUST,
Plaintiff,
-v-
HAZEL ASUFIRIN, CLOCK TOWER POINT OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
14 CH 11880

4811 N. OLCOTT AVE. UNIT #614 Harwood Heights, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 14, 2015, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4811 N. OLCOTT AVE. UNIT #614, Harwood Heights, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-12-425-009-1086 VOL 136. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$325,697.60. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(b)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(a-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 14-0385. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Attorney File No. 14-0385 Attorney Code. 30342 Case Number. 14 CH 11880 TISC#: 35-12094 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1668872

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
JAMES L NUTINI, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR LINCOLN MORTGAGE AND FUNDING CORP., SKOKIE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
14 CH 19137

5215 GALITZ STREET SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 27, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2015, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5215 GALITZ STREET, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-28-11-045-1030. Property Index No. 10-28-11-045-1007. The real estate is improved with a brown brick, condominium; no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(b)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(a-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1404766. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1404766 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number. 14 CH 19137 TISC#: 35-10981 1669905

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALBERT M. ALMONTE, JOH G. ALMONTE, AS NOMINEES FOR UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,
14 CH 8921

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 12, 2015, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4534 Main Street, Skokie, IL 60076. P.L.N. 10-22-105-036-0000. The mortgaged real estate is a single family residence. The subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, or similar. Bidders who fail to do so will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Sheryl A. Fyock at Plaintiff's Attorney, Latimer Levay Fyock LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 422-8000. 35002-839 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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LEGALS

Bid Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Norridge, Illinois that sealed bids will be received for the following project:

2015 Water Main Replacement - Plainfield Avenue Project

The improvements to be constructed are located on Plainfield Avenue from Leland Avenue to the cul-de-sac located south of Leland Avenue in the Village of Norridge. This improvement consists of the removal and replacement of driveways, sidewalks, installing new water main, re-connecting existing water services, placement of hot-mix asphalt patches and surface course, sodding of disturbed parkway areas, and all other appurtenant work thereto.

Sealed bids will be received up to the hour of 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 2015, in the office of the Village Clerk in the Village Hall located at 4000 North Olcott Avenue, Norridge, Illinois and will be publicly opened and read at that time.

Bidding documents, consisting of the bid proposal, project specifications, and project plans are available at the office of Edwin Hancock Engineering Co., 9933 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, Illinois 60154, upon payment of a non-refundable charge of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per set of bidding documents. No bidding documents will be issued after 4:00 P.M. on October 9, 2015.

All bid proposals offered must be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount not less than Ten Percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or a cashier's check or certified check, made payable to the Order of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Norridge and in an amount not less than Ten Percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid as a guarantee that if the bid proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into and the performance of the contract properly secured. No bid proposal shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid bond or check.

A performance bond and a payment bond, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract price and with a corporate surety approved by the Village of Norridge, will be required from the successful bidder to guarantee the full performance of the contract.

The Contractor and Subcontractor shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130), and other applicable Federal Laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards.

The Village of Norridge reserves the rights to determine the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, to waive irregularities, and to reject any or all bid proposals. 9/24/2015 3604782

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Board of Education for Skokie/Morton Grove School District #69 is soliciting Statements of Interest and Qualifications from qualified architectural firms to provide comprehensive Architectural services to assist the School District in performing possible planning, remodeling, construction, life-health safety projects and special projects.

All architectural firms that are interested in being considered must obtain the RFQ packet from Skokie/Morton Grove School District #69, 5050 Madison Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077. 9/24/15 3592724

Qualifications will be received until 12:00 p.m., on October 16, 2015 in the office of the Board of Education, 5050 Madison Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077. 9/24/15 3592724

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Bid Notice

LifeStorage of Little Village will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7 on October 13th, 2015 at LifeStorage of Little Village, 3245 W. 30th St., Chicago, IL 60623, (773) 376-8577.

Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As is / Parts only," no titles or registration.

Bid 2Win, 441.001668, Brook Snyder

| Tenant Name | Unit # |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Maria C Tamburino | 1018 |
| J Guadalupe Alvarez | 1049 |
| Ruben Vilaseca | 1228 |
| Juan Eduardo Ibarra-Anguiano | 2078 |
| Mercedes S Davis-Wise | 2139 |
| Mercedes Alvarez | 2191 |
| Pedro Hernandez | 2199 |
| Andre Weathers | 2245 |
| Irene Reyes | 2344 |
| Daniel Lucido | 2443 |
| Demetrio Corona | 2454 |
| Zobia Ambaroen | 3018 |
| Yanisette E Sanchez | 3109 |
| Aaron M Martinez | 3138 |
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-HE1
Plaintiff,

-v-
KATHRYN ANN THOMAS
Defendants

12 CH 44464
4340 NORTH OLCOTT AVENUE
Norridge, IL 60706

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 16, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 19, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FOUR (4) IN RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCK "C" IN WALTER SASS' 1ST ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SAID RESUBDIVISION REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TITLES OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON MARCH 18, 1955, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1582105

Commonly known as 4340 NORTH OLCOTT AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706

Property Index No. 12-13-426-018-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$55,542.51.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C14-95537.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 263-0003
Attorney File No. C14-95537
Attorney Code. 43932
Case Number: 12 CH 44464
TJSC#: 35-10655

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT- CHANCERY DIVISION

BYLINE BANK, an Illinois banking association, v/va North Community Bank, successor by merger to Edens Bank, Plaintiff,

-v-
EON JUNG SEO, an individual; IE J. SEO A/K/A JAMES SEO, an individual; and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2015 CH 04222
Foreclosure #: 7159 North Kenton Avenue
Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712

Calendar 61

Honorable Michael Otto

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 20, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 9 IN ROBINS ADDITION TO LINCOLNWOOD, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 420 FEET OF THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING WEST OF THE RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 7159 North Kenton Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712

Property Index No. 10-34-102-015-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$110,413.30.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, KENNETH S. STRAUSS, ARNSTEIN & LEHR LLP, 120 SOUTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 1200, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 876-6686
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9/10, 9/17, 9/24/15 3561620

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 8, 2015 the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners of the City of Countryside adopted a comprehensive amendment to its Rules and Regulations. This amendment provides for a police officer lateral hire procedure. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said amendment shall be effective as of October 4, 2015. By order of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, City of Countryside, Illinois

Jerry Welch/s
Mark Burdett/s
Mary Louise Pisone/s
9/24/2015 3593172

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Legal Notices

PARK RIDGE PARK DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Park Ridge Park District, 2701 West Sibley Street, Attention: Maryanne Lucarz, Park Ridge, Illinois, for the Centennial Fitness Center Boiler Replacement, until Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., at which time such bids will be publicly opened and announced in the Board Room at the Maine Park Leisure Center of the building located at 2701 West Sibley Street, Park Ridge, Illinois.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at the Centennial Fitness Center located at 1515 West Touhy Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois. All Bidders are required to attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting in order to familiarize themselves with the existing conditions, perform all field measurements and fully understand the nature and scope of the work. Bidding Documents are available at no charge by contacting Maryanne Lucarz of the Park Ridge Park District, by phone at 847.922.3482 or by email at mluczar@prparks.org. Email requests for Bidding Documents shall include name of bidding firm, contact person, mailing address (no PO Boxes), telephone number, and email address. The successful bidder shall and all subcontractors shall be required to pay the general prevailing rate of wages in the locality for each craft or type of worker or mechanic needed to execute the contract or perform the work.

Board of Park Commissioners
Jim O'Brien, President
9/24/2015 3604971

Public Hearings

Notice of Lincolnwood Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., the Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on each of the matters below in the Council Chambers Room of Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois:

Case #PC-12-15
3400 West Pratt Avenue - Special Use and Variations for Construction of a Senior Housing Facility and Off-Street Parking

Consideration of a request by South Bay Partners for a Special Use to permit senior housing within the MB Manufacturing/Business District. The Petitioner additionally seeks a Variation to permit off-street parking in the front of the proposed building, and any additional relief that may be discovered during the review of this case at 3400 West Pratt Avenue.

At this Public Hearing, the Plan Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to these requests. Persons desiring to comment or present evidence or testimony on any of these matters should appear at this Public Hearing or submit written comments in advance for consideration at the Hearing. Written comments, addressed to the Village Zoning Officer in the Community Development Department of Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Hearing. Information concerning these requests is available for inspection in the Community Development Department during normal business hours.
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Case #PC-13-15
Zoning Code Text Amendment - Consideration of Prohibition of Front Yard Parking in Business, Office, and Manufacturing/Business Districts

Village Board Referral for a Text Amendment to Section 7.06(S), and any additional Article/Section of the Zoning Code that may be discovered during review of this case, to consider prohibition of off-street parking in front and corner side yards. At this Public Hearing, the Plan Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to these requests. Persons desiring to comment or present evidence or testimony on any of these matters should appear at this Public Hearing or submit written comments in advance for consideration at the Hearing. Written comments, addressed to the Village Zoning Officer in the Community Development Department of Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Hearing. Information concerning these requests is available for inspection in the Community Development Department during normal business hours.

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,

-v.-

JULIETTE GARCES, THE CLOCK TOWER POINTE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants

10 CH 54687
4811 N OLCOTT AVE UNIT 301
Harwood Heights, IL 60706

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 22, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 23, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PARCEL 1: UNIT 4811-301 IN THE CLOCK TOWER POINTE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS (AS MEASURED ON THE EAST AND WEST LINES THEREOF): PARCEL A: LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7 IN BLOCK 9 AND LOTS 4, 5, AND 6 TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE VACATED 16 FOOT ALLEY LYING NORTH OF AND ADJOINING SAID LOTS 4, 5, AND 6 IN BLOCK 10; AND ALL OF VACATED GUNNISON STREET LYING BETWEEN AFORESAID BLOCKS 9 AND 10 IN OLIVER SALINGER AND COMPANY'S LAWRENCE AVENUE MANOR, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL B: THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF OLIVER SALINGER AND COMPANY'S LAWRENCE AVENUE MANOR, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF AFORESAID SECTION 12, RECORDED APRIL 28, 1925 AS DOCUMENT 8886267, LYING WEST OF THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTH 18.61 ACRES OF THE EAST 31.86 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12 AFORESAID, AND LYING SOUTH OF THE CENTERLINE OF ALLEY, EXTENDED EAST, IN BLOCK 10 IN OLIVER SALINGER AND COMPANY'S LAWRENCE AVENUE MANOR AFORESAID, (EXCEPTING THAT PART THEREOF FALLING IN LAWRENCE AVENUE), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL C: THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 18.61 ACRES OF THE EAST 31.86 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING SOUTH OF THE CENTER LINE OF ALLEY, EXTENDED EAST, IN BLOCK 10 IN OLIVER SALINGER AND COMPANY'S LAWRENCE AVENUE MANOR, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3, IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 AND THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, (EXCEPTING FROM SAID TRACT OF LAND THE EAST 333.03 FEET (MEASURED ON THE SOUTH LINE AND ALSO EXCEPTING THAT PART THEREOF WHICH LIES SOUTH OF THE SOUTH 50 FEET THEREOF, (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE SOUTH LINE), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 0716903044, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS. PARCEL 2: THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE PARKING SPACES P2-49, AND STORAGE SPACES S2-49, LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS DELINEATED ON THE SURVEY ATTACHED TO THE DECLARATION AFORESAID RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 0716903044.

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The judgment amount was \$380,106.70.

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Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-16/2 PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF THE LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Illinois has caused to be prepared in tentative form a Budget, and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to the final action thereon; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 17th day of September, 2015, and notice of said hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with. NOW THEREFORE, Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois as follows: Section 1: That the fiscal year of this Public Library District is hereby fixed to begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of the amount available and expenditures, and the appropriations contained therein, and hereby is adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and the sum of \$8,514,352 or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, as specified in the attached schedule detailing the estimated revenue available and appropriations for the said fiscal year. Section 3: That transfers from one appropriation of any amount specified for any object and purpose, not affecting the total amount appropriated, may be made at any meeting of the Board by ordinance enacted by a 2/3 vote of all the trustees present and voting, and that by like vote, the Board may by ordinance make appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate unforeseen emergency. Section 4: That the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District, having established by ordinance a Special Reserve Fund—and having resolved to adopt a plan or plans as provided by law to replace or make significant repairs or improvements to major facility and ground systems, to fund space reutilization, renovation, and/or remodeling projects, to provide for the purchase of a library site, construction of a library building, purchase of a library building, purchase and furnishing of equipment for a library building, or for other purposes included in the plan—may transfer any unexpended balance of any item of any general appropriation of the Corporate Fund of this Ordinance to said Special Reserve Fund and, thereby accumulate funds for the Library District as provided by law. Section 5: That the invalidity of any item or section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or any part thereof. Section 6: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed. Section 7: That the Secretary of the Lincolnwood Public Library District shall publicly post or keep available this Ordinance for inspection by any interested party in the main office of Library. ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2015, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Beard, Berger, Gimbel, George, Poulosom. Nay: none. Absent: Martel, Stavivoga.

CERTIFICATION. I, LINDA POULSOM, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 17, 2015, being titled "ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF THE LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016" [Ordinance No. 2015-16/2], the original Ordinance being a part of the official record of said Lincolnwood Public Library District. DATED: September 17, 2015

Part I: Estimated Revenue Available
Corporate Fund Balance on hand July 1, 2015 \$1,934,505
Anticipated revenue other than property tax such as fines, fees, gifts, grants, interest \$43,100
Anticipated revenue from bonds or debt certificates \$2,200,000
Anticipated Property Tax Collections \$2,498,828
Special Reserve Fund Balance on hand July 1, 2015 \$1,853,576
Total of Special Tax Fund Balances on hand July 1, 2015 \$167,360
TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE \$8,697,369

Part II: Corporate Fund Appropriation
Library Materials, Resources, Services & Programs \$432,360
Supplies \$55,320
Contractual & Other Outside Services \$55,680
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses \$243,120
Training, Development, & Recruitment \$37,800
Community Information & Relations \$8,520
Salaries and Benefits \$1,622,760
Capital Equipment Lease & Purchase \$159,360
Other Expenses \$3,600
Contingency \$110,355
TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION \$2,648,520
The foregoing expenses are appropriated from the general property tax for corporate purposes.

Part III: Building & Maintenance Fund Appropriation
Building & maintenance \$205,560
Contingency \$10,278
TOTAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION \$215,838
The foregoing expenses are appropriated from a special tax in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

Part IV: Social Security Fund Appropriation
FICA \$114,000
Contingency \$5,700
TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION \$119,700
The foregoing expenses are appropriated from a special tax in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

Part V: Liability Insurance Fund Appropriation
Liability Insurance \$26,880
Contingency \$1,344
TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION \$28,224
The foregoing expenses are appropriated from a special tax in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

Part VI: Audit Fund Appropriation
Audit \$11,760
Contingency \$588
TOTAL AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION \$12,348
The foregoing expenses are appropriated from a special tax in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

Part VII: Special Reserve Fund Appropriation
Renovation expenses \$5,500,000
TOTAL SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION \$5,500,000
Expenses appropriated from sources other than a current tax levy. Said amount to be used in accordance with applicable law.

Part VIII: Appropriation Summary
TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION \$2,648,520
TOTAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION \$205,560
TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION \$119,700
TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION \$28,224
TOTAL AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION \$12,348
TOTAL SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION \$5,500,000
GRAND TOTAL \$8,514,352

ESTIMATED CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR
Estimated cash expected to be on hand at end of FY2015-2016 \$183,017
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Storage - Legal

LifeStorage of Humboldt Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on October 14, 2015, at LifeStorage of Humboldt Park 4014 W. Grand Ave. Chicago, IL 60651. Phone # 773-235-3779 Fax # 773-235-2885. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As is / Parts only," no titles or registration. Bid2Win, 441.001668, Brook Snyder

| Tenant Name | Unit # |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Baudilio Rodriguez Rosano | 422 |
| Ashley S Fields | 926 |
| Carla Duncan | 900 |
| Flor Reyes | 329 |
| Lavrus Bennett | 335 |
| Florida Rivera | 417 |
| Patricia Jones | 272 |
| James Ellis Jr | 349 |
| Shanicka Smith | 88 |
| Frances M BerCerril | 40 |
| Christopher Medack | 722 |
| Debra J Davis | 738 |
| Rebecca A Rakstad | 283 |
| Anthony Washington | 652 |
| Daisy Matos | 282 |
| Cynthia M Oliphant | 704 |
| Shirley A Lewis | 158 |
| Public Library | 919 |
| Charles Hoskins | 33 |
| Shaketa Presley | 269 |
| Thomas Collins | 148 |
| Rosa J Castro | 215 |
| Shawntae L Gowdy | 214 |
| Angelo Del Valle | 56 |
| Priscilla Ross | 79 |
| Monica E Bailey | 699 |
| Donnell Furlow | 818 |
| Naron Harris | 29 |
| Lanette Allen | 806 |
| Kenyata Morehead | 802 |
| Ladwyne K Harris | 319 |
| Crystal Barrios | 752 |
| Collette Carter | 151 |
| Maria E Hernandez | 16 |
| Allen Jones Jr | 628 |
| Antonio Rentas | 26 |
| Domonique Nelson | 844 |

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Life Storage Centers of State Street will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday October 13, 2015 at Life Storage Centers of the State Street, 2361 S. State St. Chicago, IL 60616.

Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As is / Parts only," no titles or registration.

| Tenant Name | Unit # |
|--------------------|--------|
| Kelly Bond | 145 |
| Health on Earth | 220 |
| Wellness Center | 220 |
| Darry Pulce | 248 |
| Jennelle Taylor | 254 |
| Phillip London | 1042 |
| Torrie Cole | 1060 |
| Alex Blackshire | 1136 |
| Georgina Tlatelapa | 1158 |
| Susan Manuel | 1162 |
| Rod Miller | 2002 |
| Andre Gage | 2008 |
| David Scott | 2144 |
| Alana Mike | 2151 |
| Debbie Patterson | 2153 |
| Clezeal Collians | 2200 |
| Sonya Gage | 3065 |
| Joanne Dawson | 3066 |
| Bradley Gibson | 3105 |
| Earl Grandberry | 3174 |
| Deon Goston | 4042 |
| Tischa Thomas | 4048 |
| Teresa Spomer | 4082 |
| Francisco Collasso | 4103 |
| Kevin Danenport | 4114 |
| Carolyn Brunt | 4120 |
| Arnold J E Romeo | 4131 |
| John H Reed | 4145 |
| Lisa Maldonado | 4162 |
| Jerome Wilder | 4175 |
| Latonia Kyle | 5001 |
| Michael Brown | 5058 |
| Tyan McCuller | 5071 |

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| Tenant Name | Unit # |
|-----------------|--------|
| Jessica Bealer | 4059 |
| Mengstong Wang | 1086 |
| Michael Thomas | 1039 |
| Thomas Hilligos | 2004 |
| Thomas Hilligos | 2005 |
| Thomas Hilligos | 2058 |
| Thomas Hilligos | 2047 |

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| Tenant Name | Unit Number |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Romeo M. Mecanas | A2166 |
| Ruby Villareals | B1151 |
| Zenaida Martinez | B2112 |
| Elizabeth Rodriguez | B2186 |
| Jeanette Alvarez | C1119 |
| Robert Suwada | C1168 |
| Miguel Gomez | C2141 |
| Laura Horwitz | C2161 |
| Daniel Roldan | O1135 |
| John Streety | O2211 |

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Luxe TRUCKS

Pickups get more refined and expensive

BY BRENT SNAVELY
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Three continue to add chrome, leather, wood and high-tech features to their pickups to turn vehicles that were once viewed as workhorses into refined, luxurious vehicles that can still tow a boat or haul gear.

Over the past several years designers have continued to push the limit, elevating the price of high-end pickups past \$50,000 and then past \$60,000. And that's just for the full-size pickups. The average price for most high-end versions of larger heavy-duty pickups exceeds \$70,000.

Today's top-of-the-line trucks have heated steering wheels, heated and cooled seats and aluminum wheels, along with all of the latest high-tech features such as rearview cameras and blind-spot monitoring systems, not to mention enough chrome to blind onlookers on a sunny day.

Every time automakers roll out a higher-level truck, they discover there is more demand than they anticipated, leading executives to predict the industry will continue to push the limit.

"Have we found the ceiling yet? I don't think so," said Stuart Pierce, marketing manager for the GMC Sierra.

In 2014, what a consumer paid for a car or truck sold in the U.S. hit a record-high average of \$32,386, a 17.5 percent increase compared with 2004, according to Edmunds.com, while the average transaction prices



GENERAL MOTORS

The 2014 GMC Sierra features leather treatment, as well as heated and cooled seats, symbolizing the trend to luxury pickup trucks that easily run past \$50,000 in price.

for the entire pickup segment has risen to \$40,696 over the same period, a 41.3 percent increase.

Doug Scott, Ford's truck group marketing manager, said many of the customers who are paying \$50,000 or more for a pickup are paying more for the horses or horse trailers that the truck is being used to tow.

"I think we can go higher," Scott said. "The customer ... wants exclusivity. I definitely don't think this is the limit or the ceiling."

No-brainer for automakers: With no apparent limit to demand or a ceiling for a top-end price, it's not surprising to see automakers continuing to pursue more sales with ever more luxurious trucks. The profit margin for the average

pickup truck is about \$10,000, and it's much higher for the higher-priced models.

Scott acknowledged that it doesn't cost much in terms of product development or engineering to

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— Doug Scott, Ford's truck group marketing manager, on luxury truck pricing

pick out higher-quality materials and tech features and add them to the existing manufacturing process.

Still, Ram CEO Robert Hegbloom said automakers must be careful. The trucks have to exude both toughness and quality.

"You can't just put a higher-price sticker on it," he said.

What, exactly, is a luxury pickup truck? Depending on who you talk to, luxury pickups are defined as a pickup truck that costs

either more than \$40,000 or more than \$50,000.

Ford recently announced it is bringing back the top-of-the-line Limited trim level of the F-150 for the 2016 model year, describing it as the "most advanced and luxurious truck ever."

The truck, which will go on sale this winter, will sell for more than \$60,000. It has unique 22-inch aluminum wheels, a special grille and badging in places such as the tailgate. Ford's luxury truck models also include the Ford F-150 Lariat, which starts at \$39,310, and the Ford F-150 King Ranch, which starts at \$49,120.

Fiat Chrysler sells the Ram 1500 Laramie, which starts at \$39,275, and the Ram 1500 Laramie Longhorn, which starts at \$47,185.

In addition, Ram announced in June that an updated version of its Ram 1500 Laramie Limited starts at \$50,675.

The Laramie Limited includes Argento wood; all-black, full-leather seating; a leather-wrapped steering wheel; real wood

interior components; and unique badges that the company describes as a "black-tie" luxury alternative to the popular Southwestern-themed Laramie Longhorn edition pickup.

Hegbloom said about 29 percent of Ram's light-duty pickups sold for \$40,000 or more in 2009. Today, 67 percent of the brand's pickups sell for more than \$40,000.

At GM, the top-of-the-line trucks include the GMC Sierra 1500 SLT, which starts at \$46,810; the GMC Sierra 1500 Denali, which starts at \$49,665 for two-wheel-drive versions; and the Chevrolet Silverado High Country, which starts at \$45,100 for two-wheel-drive versions.

This year, more than 50 percent of the GMC Sierra models sold were either Denali or SLT versions, Pierce said.

More mpg: During 2008, when gas prices zoomed past \$4 per gallon, pickup truck sales slumped as some people opted for smaller cars.

Over the past year, gas prices have been relatively low and stable. Those low prices have given American consumers more discretionary income and have contributed to a decline in sales of small and alternative fuel cars. The fastest-growing vehicle segments in the U.S. are small and midsize crossovers.

Automakers say luxury pickup sales are less susceptible than they were in the past to gas prices. That's partly because they are more fuel efficient and also because the buyers are different.

"These are people who can't live without a pickup truck. The largest majority are not going to switch segments," Pierce said.



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The 2015 BMW i3 has an all-electric range of 81 miles, plus a 60-mile gas generator boost.

Odd BMW i3 plug-in works

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

BMW made an odd choice with its oddball electric car. While most other plug-ins try to look like conventional cars, the i3 proudly boasts its eco-oddness inside and out.

There is no b pillar on which to hang the rear doors. Instead, the front and rear doors swing out like French doors.

It makes getting in and out of the car much easier, as you don't need to move the front seats forward to get in the back.

Once inside, it gets more complicated. The rear door must be shut before the front door. Once in the back, you can't get out unless a front-seat rider first opens the front door.

There is no dashboard to speak of. Instead there are two screens, one behind the steering wheel where the instrument cluster would be and a wider navigation screen in the top center of the dash.

The drive screen, with supports made of lightweight magnesium and plant fibers, shows speed, battery life, fuel life. The center screen shows navigation, phone, audio — all the connected car stuff.

Behind the screens is carbon-fiber-reinforced plastic, which is what the whole cabin is made of. It looks like interior trunk

**2015 BMW i3
TERA REX**
Compact plug-in hybrid

Price as tested:

\$53,550

Base price: \$46,250

MPGe: 137 city, 111 highway

Electric-only range:
81 miles

Motor: 22-kWh battery,
170-horsepower

Range extender: 650cc
2-cylinder gas engine

Parting shot: Planet Earth
is blue, and there's some-
thing you can do.

material. But it is eco-cool. Beneath the screens is an 8-inch band of wood made of eucalyptus trees that BMW says is sourced responsibly.

The gear stick is a stub on the steering column that has a push-button park and start/stop.

The test model came in top-of-the-line Tera trim with the optional 2-cylinder range extender (REx), which is a gas-powered generator that provides up to 60 miles of additional range if you can't reach a charger.

There are three drive modes for the REX: Comfort, EcoPro and EcoPro

Plus. EcoPro Plus extends the electric range by about 5 miles, to 86 miles, and boosts the fuel range by a couple of mpg as well. The trade-off is that you can't use the air conditioning or drive over 56 mph.

It's punchier than most other electric cars, largely because it's lighter.

The 22-kilowatt-hour, 450-pound lithium-ion battery helps provide 170 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque that is always available. It hits 60 mph in 7.2 seconds.

The lightweight carbon-fiber applications enable the i3 to have an 81-mile electric range, about the same as the Leaf.

I let the battery drain to see what would happen, and there was nothing noticeable. The small display on the lower part of the drive screen showed that gas power was being used, but there were no noticeable shifts in drive quality or cabin noise.

The i3 also features the heaviest regenerative braking this side of the Tesla Model S. Around town, letting off the accelerator means that you're braking. Let off the accelerator fully, and the car will lurch a bit as it comes to a stop.

After a week with the i3, I went from regarding it with curiosity to marveling at its capability.

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Anti-theft code blocked radio



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Q: I love my Honda CR-V, but the car clock and radio/CD no longer function. A notice appears on the panel stating, "Enter Code." I have no idea what the code is.

Is there a simple answer to this?

— E.J., Chicago

A: It is an anti-theft feature. Anyone who steals your radio will discover that it is useless. Since nobody has removed your radio, we suspect that your battery was disconnected and the code got erased. It should be in your owners manual.

Q: I have had fair success using DuPont Polishing Compound (white) or Rubbing Compound (red) to restore cloudy headlight lenses. I've even used 600 grit wet sandpaper on my daughter's 10-year-old vehicle. The lenses were really bad. If you use the sandpaper, you must follow up with the rubbing and/or polishing compound to get out the

microscopic sandpaper scratches. Using these products requires a lot of hard rubbing. But it is 20 minutes well spent.

— T.K., Naperville, Ill.

A: Most of the headlight lens restoration kits contain two or more sheets of wet/dry sandpaper of differing abrasion ratings. The steps go from using the most abrasive to the least, but your idea of rubbing compound for the final finish sounds great.

Q: I have a 2002 Toyota Camry XLE with 131,000 miles. Recently the check engine light came on and was diagnosed as the purge valve and the vapor canister. The estimated cost to repair was just over \$900. Is it worth doing on an almost 14-year-old car?

— J.G., Naperville, Ill.

A: The things you describe are all parts of the emission control system. All vehicles dating back to the 1996 model year are subject to periodic emissions inspection in Illinois. Ask your shop to reset the MIL (malfunction indicator light) and clear any codes. Then keep your fingers crossed that it does not illuminate again.

Q: I had repair work done on a 2010 Accord

with 53,000 miles. The dealer referred to service bulletin 13-078. They replaced spark plugs on cylinders 1 through 4 and "updated software," but then I read that the bulletin mentions rotating piston rings as the cause of the fouled plugs. Does this make it more likely that I will have problems in the future?

— P.A., Chicago

A: Honda issued a powertrain warranty extension resulting from a settlement, covering repairs of engine misfire regarding piston rings on certain cylinders that rotate and their gaps align, which can lead to spark plugs fouling, on some 2008-12 model year vehicles. Piston rings are not full circles, but have a gap so that they can be installed. If the gaps line up, the rings cannot seal properly and oil gets by and fouls the spark plugs. If this alignment is not corrected, yes, you will have future problems.

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An anti-theft feature in a Honda CR-V disables the radio and needs a code to be reset.

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Congratulations to your winner!

**Niki Ahlstrand,
Maine East High School**

Ahlstrand averaged 6.75 kills in the Blue Demons' first four matches. She also

notched 11 kills and 3 blocks in Maine East's recent loss to Highland Park.

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No. 1 better

Winning the BMW Championship was nice, but Jason Day became the top-ranked player in the world Sunday

BY JOHN P. BORNEMAN
Pioneer Press

Jason Day sat above the crowd, answering questions with the BMW Championship trophy to his left and a smile on his face.

He wasn't on top of the world — just a temporary stage inside the interview room at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest — but he must've felt like it. Just minutes earlier, Day was celebrating with his pregnant wife, Ellie, and 3-year-old son Dash, who came onto the 18th green, golf club in hand, to congratulate his father on Sept. 20.

A winner of four of his last six starts, including his first career major at the PGA Championship, Day was finally assured of taking over the No. 1 spot in the World Golf Ranking.

"I just always had a vision of me standing on top of the earth when I was a kid and knowing that, right now, there's no one on this planet that's better than me. That's pretty cool," Day said.

Pretty cool, indeed.

Born in Beaudesert, Australia, Day's first golf club was picked from a pile of garbage, as the now-famous story goes. He grew up watching Tiger Woods develop into perhaps the most dominant player in golf history. At the age of 20, Day told reporters he wanted to chase down Woods and become the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

The golf world scoffed. But Day, now 27, paid no attention.

"I'd love to say I told you so, but that wouldn't be very nice," Day said. "I would still thank them, because that was kind of the fuel that lit the fire for me, especially with the dedication over these last few years, because I know that a

lot of people were thinking against me on that."

In the end, Day didn't have to chase down the 39-year-old Woods, who announced last week that he had undergone a second surgery on his back and has fallen to 292nd in the world. Instead, he's had to navigate a talented group of peers that includes Rory McIlroy — who he replaced at No. 1 — and Jordan Spieth.

"He's been the best player in the last month, or last whatever, couple months, going back to really the end of the [British] Open Championship," Spieth said before the BMW Championship.

When Day decided to chase the No. 1 spot, he sat down with longtime coach and caddie Colin Swatton to devise a step-by-step plan. He was scheduled to arrive at the top spot when he was 22 years old.

"We had an actual plan, 'OK, this is what you're going to do, this is what you need to practice, this is how everything needs to happen,'" said Day, "and I'm 5 years late.

"But, I mean, better late than never, right?"

It might never have happened if it wasn't for Swatton — the first person Day said believed he could become No. 1 — and Day's family. Swatton walked Conway Farms twice on Sept. 20, once with a bag during the final round and once in the morning so that he could map out potential trouble areas. His knowledge helped Day shoot a 2-under 69, finishing the BMW Championship at 22 under, six shots ahead of Daniel Berger.

After winning the third of four tournaments in the FedEx Cup playoffs, Day talked about the sacrifices his mother made to support his family when he was a



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Jason Day celebrates with his son, Dash, after winning the BMW Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest on Sept. 20.

kid, saying he was looking forward to calling her. Ellie and Dash were waiting at the 18th green on Sept. 20, just as they were when he won the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin in August.

With that support group, it's no wonder he's over-

come the mental obstacles he said used to hold him back. Day won on the PGA Tour in 2010 and 2014, but he has exploded for five wins in 2015.

"The last piece of the puzzle was for me to really think my way around what I needed to do, and the

belief that I had in myself, it's slowly getting there," Day said. "I just felt like it was going to kind of be like what I was when I was a junior and an amateur where I just would walk on the golf green and feel like I was the best, and that's what it's starting to feel like

right now."

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Carleton volleyball wins ADM Invite behind Duke, Chao

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

The Carleton women's volleyball team, with its five Chicago-area athletes, dominated the ACM Volleyball Invitational Sept. 11-13 in St. Paul, Minn. The Knights won each of their four matches in three sets.

The Carleton offense was led by **Caroline Duke**, from Evanston, and **Samantha Chao**, a Niles West graduate.

Duke, a junior setter, turned in an impressive all-around performance against Lake Forest on Sept. 13, tying for the team lead in kills with seven to go along with 12 assists and seven digs. She followed that up with a team-high 22 assists later that day against Lawrence.

Chao, a senior setter, led the Knights in assists against Lake Forest with 16. She then turned in 15 assists against Lawrence.

Katherine Miles, a sophomore right-side and middle hitter from Maine South, finished with four kills and two digs against Lake Forest, and three kills and a dig against Lawrence. Glenbrook North product **Trish Hare**, a junior outside hitter, played one set against Lawrence and finished with a kill and two digs. New Trier's **Maggie Carragher**, a junior outside hitter, is also on the team.

Kelly, Platteville are 2-0

Through the first two games of the season, Guerin's **Tom Kelly** had the Wisconsin-Platteville football team rolling.

The Pioneers topped Buena Vista 49-13 on Sept. 5 in Platteville, Wis., then beat Dubuque 31-7 on Sept. 12 in Dubuque, Iowa.

Kelly, a junior quarterback, started both games. Against Buena Vista, he completed 21-of-25 pass attempts for 277 yards and five touchdowns. He then followed that up with a 24 for 33, 316-yard, two-touchdown performance against Dubuque.

Several other area athletes are also on the team. Senior offensive lineman **Grant Fosberg** is a Lyons graduate and Ridgewood's **Adam Kutylowski** is a sophomore wide receiver.

Dolins keeps Brandeis streak alive

Junior **Maddie Dolins** placed fourth overall in the Brandeis cross country team's first meet of the season, the Roger Williams Invitational on Sept. 5 at Colt State Park in R.I. The Highland Park graduate finished the 5-kilometer event in 19 minutes, 21.74 seconds, placing second on her team. The strong performance kept alive Dolins' streak of taking first or second for the Judges in every meet in which she has competed.

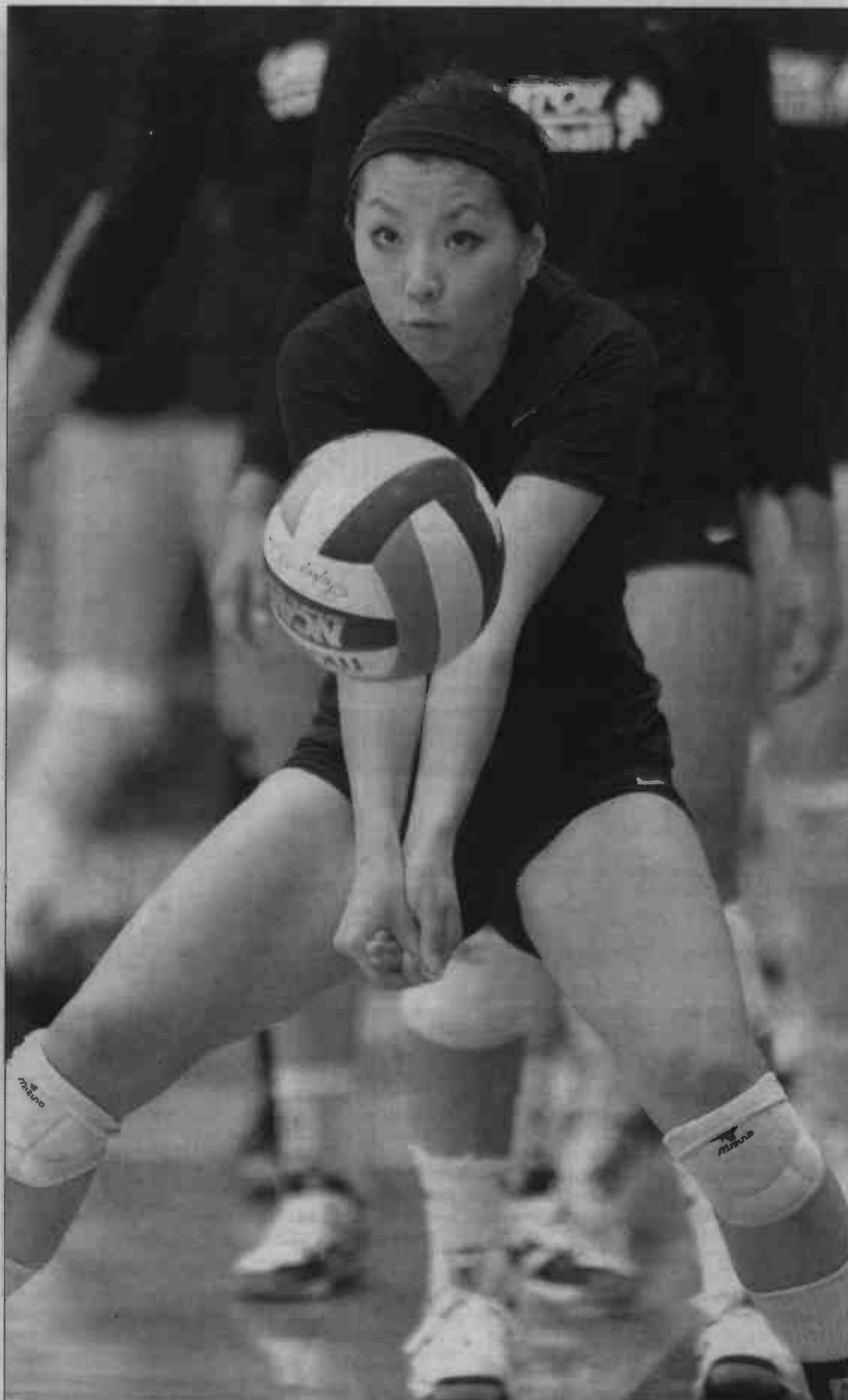
Finishing just behind Dolins was teammate **Lydia McCaleb**, a junior from Evanston. McCaleb crossed sixth overall with a time of 19:42.04.

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

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Carleton junior setter Caroline Duke, from Evanston, had seven kills, 12 assists and seven digs in a win over Lake Forest.



Samantha Chao, a senior from Niles West, had 31 assists overall in back-to-back wins for Carleton at the AMC Invitational.

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Blue Demons blanked again

The Maine East football team enters its Central Suburban North opener this week in search of its first win of the season.

The Blue Demons lost 52-0 at Evanston on Sept. 18 in a Central Suburban crossover game that was ended after three quarters because of lightning.

Maine East plays at Maine West (2-2) at 7 p.m. Sept. 25.

In losses to Schurz, Curie, Waukegan and the Wildkits, the Blue Demons have been shut out three times and outscored 170-20.

—Pioneer Press staff report



Evanston's Justin Tobin deflects a pass by Maine East's Jusuf Zvidlic on Sept. 18.

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Maine East ballcarrier Daniel Choe is surrounded by Evanston's Anthony Hutchins (24) and Grant English (46).



Maine East's Sargon Odicho runs down the field.



Maine East's Jullo Cabrales has the ball jarred loose by Evanston's Jalan Jenkins.

Service errors prove costly for Maine East

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

The Maine East girls volleyball team trailed by at least seven points twice in the final game of its 25-20, 20-25, 25-21 loss at Highland Park.

The Blue Demons rallied in both instances on Sept. 17, first turning a 10-3 deficit into a 10-10 tie. The Giants answered with a run soon after to extend their lead to 21-13, but Maine East responded with six straight points to put a serious scare into Highland Park.

The Giants held on to win the Central Suburban North match.

While the third game was the decisive one on Sept. 17, the first proved to be a missed opportunity for Maine East. Its six service errors were a substantial reason why.

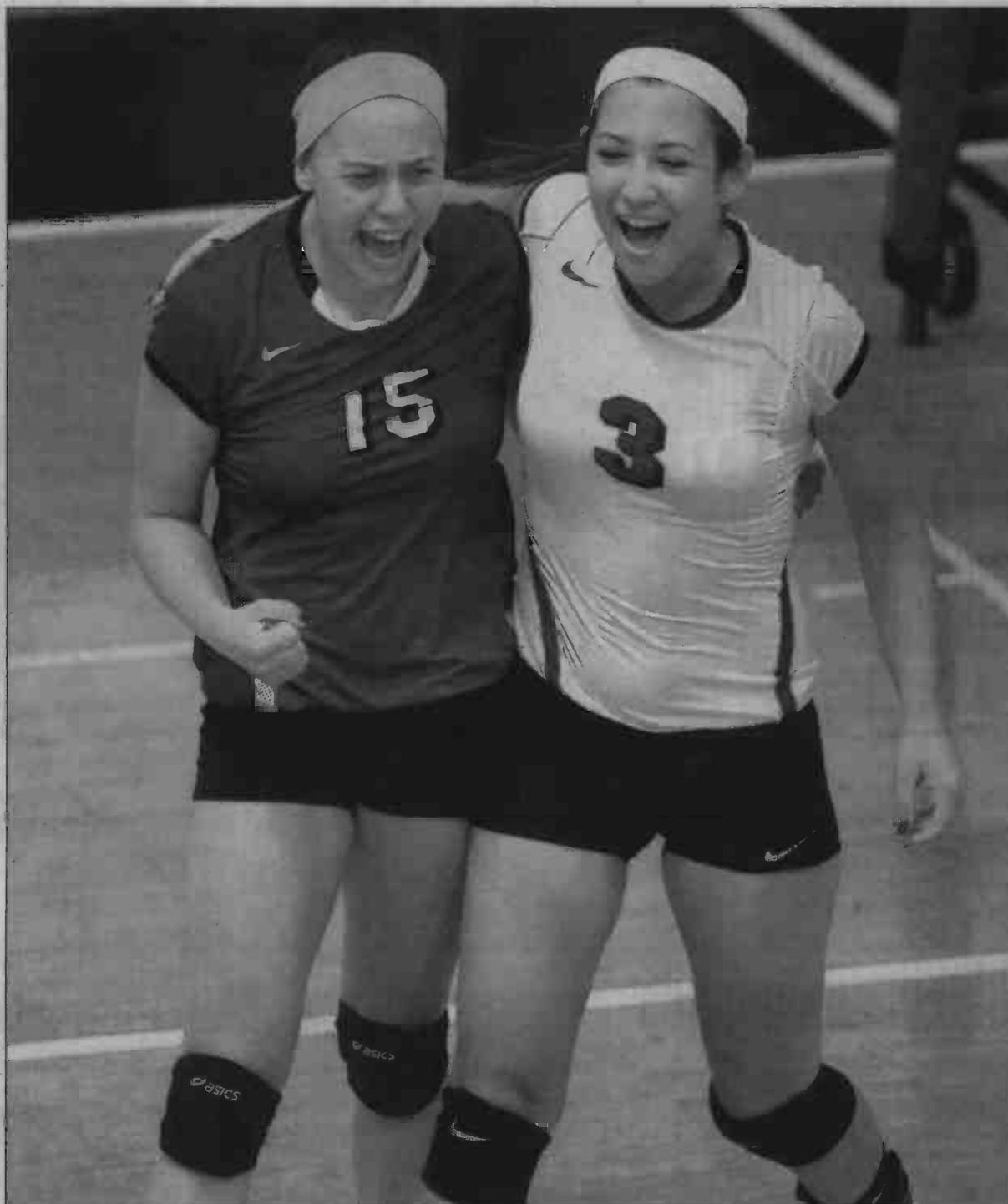
"I talked to them about [the missed serves]," Maine East coach Anne Bezek said. "I said, 'You missed six serves in the first set and we lost by five.' And we missed in what I call must-serve-in situations. You never want to miss a serve, but there are certain times where you've got to go back there and be able to serve in. ... Four of those six were in those must-serve-in situations. It ended up making the difference in the set."

The match's first game unfolded similarly to the third. Highland Park (6-10, 2-0 through Sept. 17) started very fast and led 15-6.

The Blue Demons (3-4, 0-2) made it 16-11. They seemed to find their groove and settle in during that stretch, but an errant serve provided Highland Park with a free point and a chance to regroup.

"When our serving's off, it just gives us a hard time because we struggle a little more in serve-serve," Bezek said. "We just need to serve better so that we're playing defense instead of serve-serve to defend those points."

Still, Maine East kept



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS

Maine East's Kelli Lindberg (15) and Miranda Duro (3) celebrate a point during the first game on Sept. 17. Highland Park won the match 25-20, 20-25, 25-21.

coming. It scored four straight points, including an ace by senior middle hitter Niki Ahlstrand (11 kills, three blocks) and a Highland Park mishit back-to-back, to make it 19-15.

The momentum of the game was turning, but the

Blue Demons had their fourth service error of the set.

Another followed soon thereafter to put Highland Park ahead 22-16. Maine East continued to pose a real comeback threat, how-

ever. A kill by senior outside

hitter Maggie Chwieralski (five kills, 10 digs) was followed by a block by senior middle hitter Mad-die McTague and a kill by senior outside hitter Kelli Lindberg.

The Blue Demons had once again turned up the

pressure on Highland Park, only to be let down by their serving once again. Lindberg's kill was followed by Maine East's sixth service error of the game. It gave Highland Park its sixth free point of the game and did in the Blue Demons.

"We were serving very, very aggressive, which is why we missed so many," Ahlstrand said. "But toward the end, we kind of got nervous and shaky, so we couldn't serve as well."

Bezek added: "We've just got to try to work on serving under pressure a little bit more. We've done it a little bit after practice after some other matches where we didn't serve so well. But we've just got to kind of be mentally tougher."

The Blue Demons adjusted in their second and third games. They stopped hitting with so much power and didn't go for the corners of the court as frequently when serving.

Positive results followed, as Maine East had four service errors in the second game — one came when it was ahead 24-19 — and zero in the third.

Although the Blue Demons didn't win the match, decreasing the number of free points they gave Highland Park helped them win the second game and then nearly come back in the third.

"We kind of [got] together as a team [after the first]," Chwieralski said. "We were like, 'We need to step up, focus when we're behind the line and just get it in.'"

Game notes

■ Miranda Duro, a senior libero, finished with 18 digs for Maine East. Senior setter Gloria Majka had 23 assists.

■ After the match, Bezek said that sophomore Erika Christiansen is likely out for the season. Christiansen was expected to be Maine East's starting setter this year, but her season was derailed by a fracture in her left wrist. The injury was discovered in the pre-season.

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Niles West works to overcome lack of height

By ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

Size is one of the biggest assets a team can have in volleyball.

Without it, teams have to improvise.

Take Niles West, for example. The Wolves' offense is run by third-year starting setter Eleni Balourdos, and it features outside hitters Dominique Krason and Kaila Johanson. Krason and Johanson are experienced and talented. They both can elevate and hit with power, but they're undersized by volleyball standards.

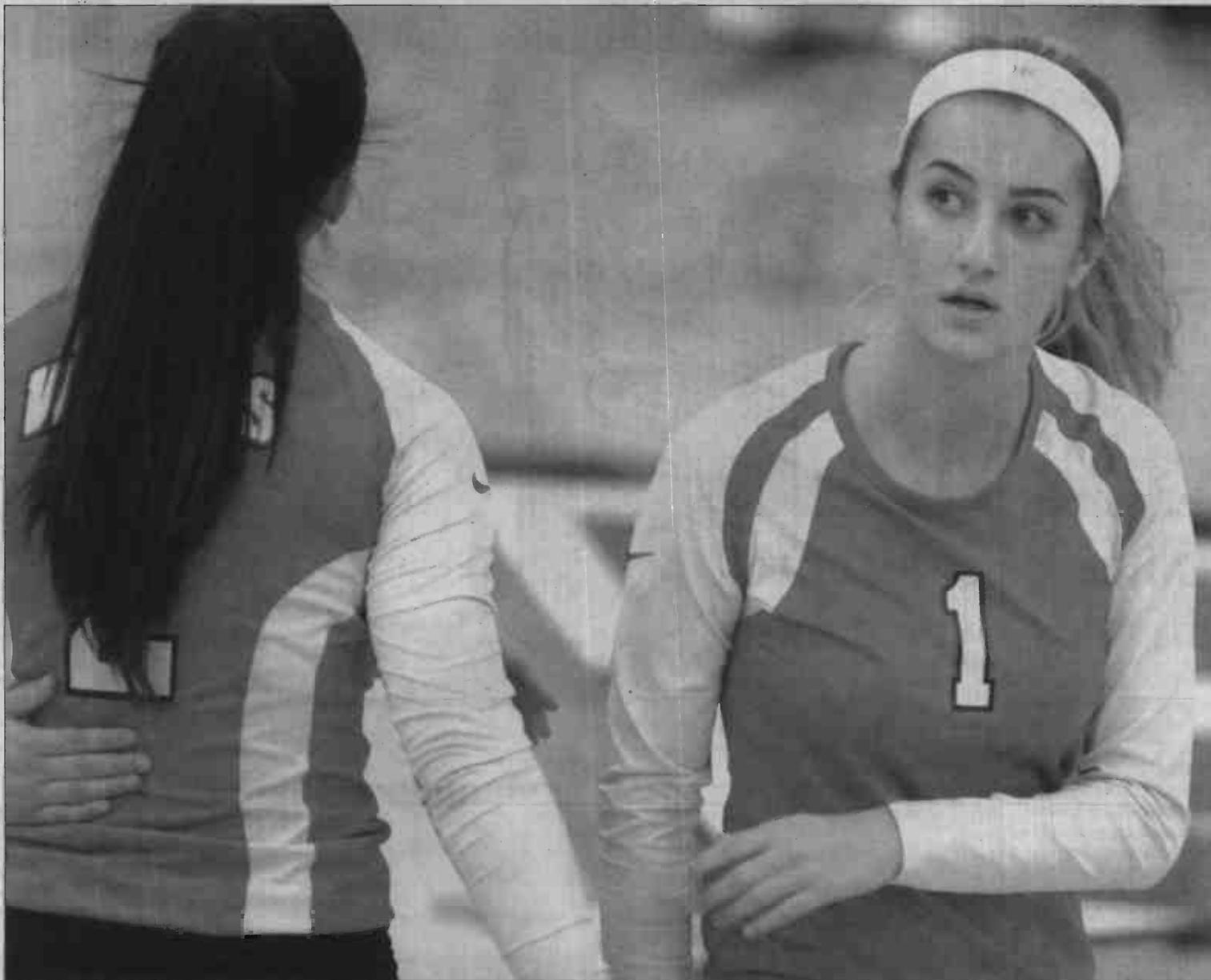
Krason, a senior, is listed at 5-foot-8. Johanson, a junior, is listed at 5-7.

On Sept. 16, they faced an Evanston team with eight players who are listed at 5-9 or taller. That included senior Ruby Smith, a 6-3 middle blocker tasked with trying to thwart them.

"Kaila and I both have power, but ... we can't always use it because there are such big walls in front of us," Krason said after Evanston's 25-23, 14-25, 26-24 victory. "[We have to] just resort to playing smart, seeing what's open, going around [the block], [hitting] roll [shots]. It's not about showing off and hitting hard, you've got to play smart."

Smith and Evanston's block was very effective in the first game against the Wolves. Smith and 6-0 middle blocker Naydiia Gary had three blocks apiece in the first game. Niles West adjusted in its 25-14 domination of the second game, however. The Wildkits recorded just one block during the second game, and the Wolves had 11 kills.

"For most of the game, we were changing up the offense," Niles West coach Stacy Metoyer said. "Not just keeping it that same comfortable set — shooting sets out to the antenna, 32s [where the ball is set halfway between the outside and the middle]. Just totally switching up our offense,



TIM BOYLE/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Niles West's Dominique Krason (1) looks towards the scoreboard during the Wolves' match against Evanston on Sept. 16 in Skokie.

which was working really good."

More of the same followed in the third as the Wolves took a 20-12 lead. Evanston didn't have any blocks up to that point in the match's decisive game.

"Even though they have very short hitters, they can jump high," Evanston senior outside hitter Stacie Litinsky said. "Second of all, they're very quick. We're not used to teams that are as quick as that."

Niles West seemed in command at that point, but

Litinsky sparked a rally with three kills and then Smith had two blocks to make it 20-19. The pressure of the situation negatively affected the Wolves' attack.

"I think we just got tight," Metoyer said. "We weren't switching it up. Our hitters were hitting into the block or hitting out of bounds. I don't really know why."

Down the stretch, Niles West mostly elected to hit with power in a high-pressure situation. It didn't work against a taller Evans-

ton win the third game.

The Wolves reverted to their natural inclination after the Wildkits rallied, "which is what you shouldn't do," Krason said. "Everything's just so fast and you're thinking, 'Hit hard, hit off the hands, hope they mess up,' instead of, 'Hope that we get that smart play or tip or something.'"

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Niles West's Kaila Johanson heads toward the bench during the Wolves' match against Evanston.



Niles West swept in crossover games

The Niles West football team enters its Central Suburban South opener on a two-game losing streak after falling to Deerfield 43-21 on Sept. 18 in Skokie.

The Wolves, who also lost a Central Suburban crossover game to Niles

North in Week 3, travel to Glenbrook South (2-2) on Sept. 25 to begin league play. The game is scheduled to kick off at 7:30 p.m.

Niles West dropped to 1-3 on the season.

—Pioneer Press staff report

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Niles West's Matthew Metz (10) carries the ball against Deerfield in Skokie on Sept. 18. Deerfield won the Central Suburban crossover game 43-21.



Niles West's Matt Galanopoulos, right, fights off a tackle attempt by Deerfield's Michael Santos (33).



Niles West's Johnny Pabst (14) looks to pass.



Deerfield's Charlie Jones (7) catches a pass between Niles West's Malik Butler (24) and Harold Davis (23).

Niles North's passing games shows promise

Vikings coach expresses serious concerns about move to CSL South

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

Barrington Wade gained 380 yards against Niles West in Week 3, but the Iowa recruit was knocked out of Niles North's game against Maine South after just three carries.

Wade hurt his right shoulder on the first defensive series on Sept. 19. Two days later, Niles North coach Mark Egofske said via email that Wade isn't likely to play against Deerfield this week.

Wade's exit left the Vikings without their two best offensive players, as senior wide receiver/running back Craig "Dutch" Dawkins (left knee) is likely out for the rest of his senior season. Even so, Niles North kept it close in the first half in Maine South's 63-21 victory. The Vikings did so with three long touchdown throws from senior quarterback Markhus Taylor to the Vikings' talented group of wide receivers.

"We've got to step up," senior wide receiver Matthew Taylor said of the wide receivers' mind set with Wade and Dawkins out. "The running game's not going to be there. Barrington's hurt, Craig was one of our best players. ... We've all just got to step up and fill in."

They were able to do that during a second quarter in which Markhus Taylor threw for 271 yards and three scores. His first touchdown was to senior Romario Gayle, who beat one-on-one coverage on a 53-yard touchdown. On his next throw, Markhus Taylor looked for his twin brother in one-on-one coverage. Maine South's defensive back seemed to be in position to break up the pass, but Matthew Taylor snared



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Niles North's Jordan LaBelle, right, is tackled by Maine South's Ryan Gibbons during the first half in Park Ridge on Sept. 18.

the ball and then ran 78 yards for a touchdown.

"I know that corner could not guard me," said Matthew Taylor, who finished with eight receptions for 154 yards. "I was just too fast for him, honestly."

Matthew Taylor's touchdown cut the Hawks' lead to 21-14. Following a defensive stop, the Vikings tied the game 21-21 when Gayle once again torched one-on-

one coverage for a 90-yard touchdown reception with 7:06 remaining in the second quarter.

The trio of Matthew Taylor, Gayle and junior Jordan LaBelle, whose quickness and elusiveness make him a threat whenever he gets the ball, form one of the most dangerous receiving corps in the Central Suburban League. They also showed that Niles North's offense

can remain very explosive, even without Wade and Dawkins.

"We're not going to get away from what we do [with Wade out]," Egofske said. "We're pretty good blocking up front. It's a pretty good system that we've got. We'll stay with what we're doing, it will just have to be different faces."

The Vikings showed they can compete with Maine

South during the second quarter, but the Hawks responded with six straight touchdowns en route to the victory. The fight Niles North showed in the second quarter is encouraging for this year, but the lopsided score between one of the state's best programs and the Vikings wasn't encouraging for future seasons.

This is the last year that the Central Suburban

League will have crossovers between the North and South divisions. Instead, similarly-sized schools in the Central Suburban League and Mid-Suburban League will play one another in Weeks 3 and 4, according to Glenbrook North athletic director John Catalano. Niles North will play two of the Mid-Suburban League's mid-sized schools as determined by this year's enrollments and a success factor — the current group is Elk Grove, Hersey, Prospect and Schaumburg — starting next year.

The Central Suburban North won't have to play Maine South any longer, but the Vikings will.

Niles North is slated to move up to the Central Suburban South next season because Waukegan is leaving the Central Suburban League for the North Suburban Conference. Vernon Hills is taking Waukegan's place in the Central Suburban League. That means Niles North — a school with a 2,130-person enrollment, according to IHSA.org — will play bigger schools like Evanston (enrollment: 3,079), New Trier (4,061), Glenbrook South (2,828) and Maine South (2,338) each year.

"It's silly that we're playing teams like Maine South," Egofske said. "For us, [next year] is even worse. ... It's just so ridiculous."

Egofske added: "Sooner or later, some superintendents and principals are going to have to step in and make some decisions. Otherwise, football's not going to last at Niles North. ... Nobody wants to come out here [and lose by 42 points]. And then the injuries. The injuries are the biggest thing. The most injuries that we get are at the lower levels, playing these big schools."

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CONFERENCE PREVIEW

CSL NORTH

Stopping the run will be a tough task for defenses

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

The Glenbrook North and Highland Park football teams meet on Sept. 25 in the Central Suburban North opener, and both teams figure to be contenders for the conference championship.

Each team has an effective ground game, but it stands to reason the team that can slow down the run might be the one that starts 1-0 in league play.

"Any year you want to be a winning football team, you have to be able to run the ball and stop the run," Highland Park coach Joe Horeni said. "It seems like running is a strength of a lot of teams this year, so it will be a challenge."

The Spartans are led by senior running back John Clark, who has 653 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns. He has averaged 7.9 yards per carry. But the Giants counter with junior running back DJ Penick, who leads the league with 887 rushing yards to go with eight touchdowns. In addition, Deerfield senior Johnny Fisher and Niles North senior Barrington Wade are among the better backs in the area. Fisher has 445 yards, and Wade has 689, averaging 10.9 yards per attempt.

Penick had his lowest output of the season on Saturday, Sept. 19, in a 40-13 loss to New Trier in Northfield. New Trier coach Brian Doll said the Trevians forced Penick to run sideline to sideline, and it resulted in him finishing with 89 yards on 20 carries.

"We had to respect his speed, and we didn't want



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Glenbrook North's John Clark has been tough to bring down. He's rushed for 653 yards and scored 12 touchdowns.

him to run vertically," Doll said. "We just tried to slow him down enough, so we could get three or four guys around him. We then made

sure we secured the tackle."

Glenbrook North senior defensive end Patrick Strickland said he's familiar with the conference's col-

lection of running backs and understands the emphasis each week will be on limiting the opposing team's rushing yards.

A former outside linebacker, Strickland's assignment in the run game is to keep runners between the tackles. He said he knows

stopping Penick will be a challenge on Sept. 25.

"We all have our jobs, and mine is making sure a running back doesn't get to that edge and get into the open field," he said. "Once he gets into the middle, I will chase him down from behind or he will be tackled by a defensive tackle or linebacker. It's a domino effect."

As much as run defense is about scheming, Horeni said it also comes down to intangibles. The Giants will be counting on players like senior defensive tackle Gabe Guzman, senior safety Cristian Volpentesta and junior linebacker Robert McCraren, according to Horeni, to provide those immeasurables.

"You want your defensive linemen to be able to pick up two offensive linemen, your linebackers to read their keys effectively and play through blockers and you want players to make tackles," Horeni said. "It's one thing to get to the right spot, it's another to bring them down."

"All of these [running backs] are going to be tough to bring down. That's why defensive football is also energy and effort."

Niles North coach Mark Egofske joked his team simply will try to outscore its opponent. But that could prove difficult without Wade, who injured his right shoulder during the 63-21 loss to Maine South on Sept. 19. Wade is doubtful for the league opener against Deerfield, according to Egofske.

"We haven't been able to stop anybody yet," said Egofske, whose team is surrendering an average of 41.5 points a game while scoring 39.5. "To say we are going to stop any of these kids is asking a lot."

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CONFERENCE PREVIEW

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Line play a big reason for Maine South's success

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There are many reasons why the Maine South football team has had such a prolonged period of success in the Central Suburban South, but a simple truth is at the core of one reason that is perpetually underrated.

"If you can't get past somebody, how are you going to be able to do anything?" Hawks junior Kevin Jarvis asked.

Jarvis is a 6-foot-5, 320-pound offensive guard who's another in a long line of outstanding linemen who have been key to Maine South's 70-game conference winning streak.

The Hawks have had "more linemen going to college, playing in college, by far than any other position," Maine South coach Dave Inserra said.

Currently, the Hawks (2-2) have two Division I-caliber players in Jarvis and senior Liam O'Sullivan on their roster. O'Sullivan is a 6-7, 245-pound offensive tackle who's committed to Cincinnati. O'Sullivan has missed the Hawks' last three games, but Inserra said he is hopeful that O'Sullivan (right shoulder) is able to return for conference play. Central Suburban South play begins on Sept. 25.

There have been rumblings this season that 2015 might be the year that Maine South's streak ends. Evanston has three Division I commits — quarterback Matt Little (Western Michigan), cornerback/wide receiver Tray Banks (Miami (Ohio)) and offensive/de-



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Maine South's Ibrahim Nasir (53) makes a tackle during the first half of the Hawks' home game against Niles North on Sept. 18. Nasir, along with Kevin Jarvis and Liam O'Sullivan, is one of the Hawks' talented linemen.

fensive lineman Naquan Jones (Michigan State) — and New Trier is an ascending program that reached the Class 8A state quarterfinals a year ago.

But Maine South once again has a big, strong, athletic offensive line that the Hawks will lean on to try to continue their dominance of the conference.

Jarvis, O'Sullivan and senior nose guard/offensive tackle Ibrahim Nasir are the standouts on both lines this year. All three are similar in that they're big, strong, physical and well-coached.

They're also outstanding athletes, even though they're big. Jarvis was a Class 3A state qualifier in

the shot put during his sophomore track season. Nasir, who Jarvis said is "freaky at pretty much everything" qualified for the Class 3A state wrestling meet as a heavyweight earlier this year.

O'Sullivan doesn't play any other sports at Maine South — he's dabbled in AAU basketball and track, but neither stuck, according to Inserra — but he is "unbelievably athletic," Inserra added.

Jarvis, Nasir and O'Sullivan are similar to the caliber and quality of linemen Maine South has produced during its 14-year run as Central Suburban South champions. For evidence,

one just has to look at Maine South's All-Number team (since 1990) that's posted down the hall from the Hawks' locker room.

The linemen run from No. 51 (Tony Colletti, an all-state player in 2004 who played at Southern Illinois) to No. 79 (Jeremy Arbuthnot, the Hawks' left tackle on Maine South's Class 6A state championship team in 2000). In between are several standout linemen who have helped extend Maine South's 14-year conference winning streak: Tyler Bolger, Greg Ebacher, Dan Poulos, Davis Neilands, Andrew Maratea, Sean Sullivan, Pat Maloney and Vince Natali. That group is so deep that it

doesn't even include Brendan Brosnan (No. 74), who's currently a redshirt freshman at Penn State.

Jarvis is likely to join the elite group of Maine South's linemen by the time he graduates, but he was a relative unknown before he made his first varsity start against Glenbrook South last season. The Titans were 4-0 at the time, and there were rumblings — as there are most years — that the Hawks' streak could end in 2014.

Maine South beat Glenbrook South 42-7 that night. Jarvis, listed at 310 pounds at the time, played next to 260-pound left tackle Mike Erskine. The Hawks domi-

nated the line of scrimmage and their running backs ran for five touchdowns against Glenbrook South. All five were behind Erskine and Jarvis on the left side.

"A lot of their guys just physically outmatched a lot of our guys," 2015 Glenbrook South graduate Mike Berg said that night. "I think that all has to do with what we do, and what they do, in the offseason."

Maine South's linemen approached this offseason like the Hawks' linemen have approached previous offseasons. They worked out together at Maine South, and did workouts tailored for them. Jarvis, for instance, said he had to get faster and quicker. Others had to get stronger.

"Our weight program have sped up the development," Inserra said. "We do it together. We're not a group that likes to go outside and go to all these different trainers and stuff like that."

The Hawks' line play might go overlooked in the Central Suburban South again this year, with a third-year starting quarterback in Brian Collis and a standout wide receiver like senior Jonathan Arenas. But the Hawks' line was excellent against Niles North in Week 4, providing Collis ample time on a day he threw six touchdown passes.

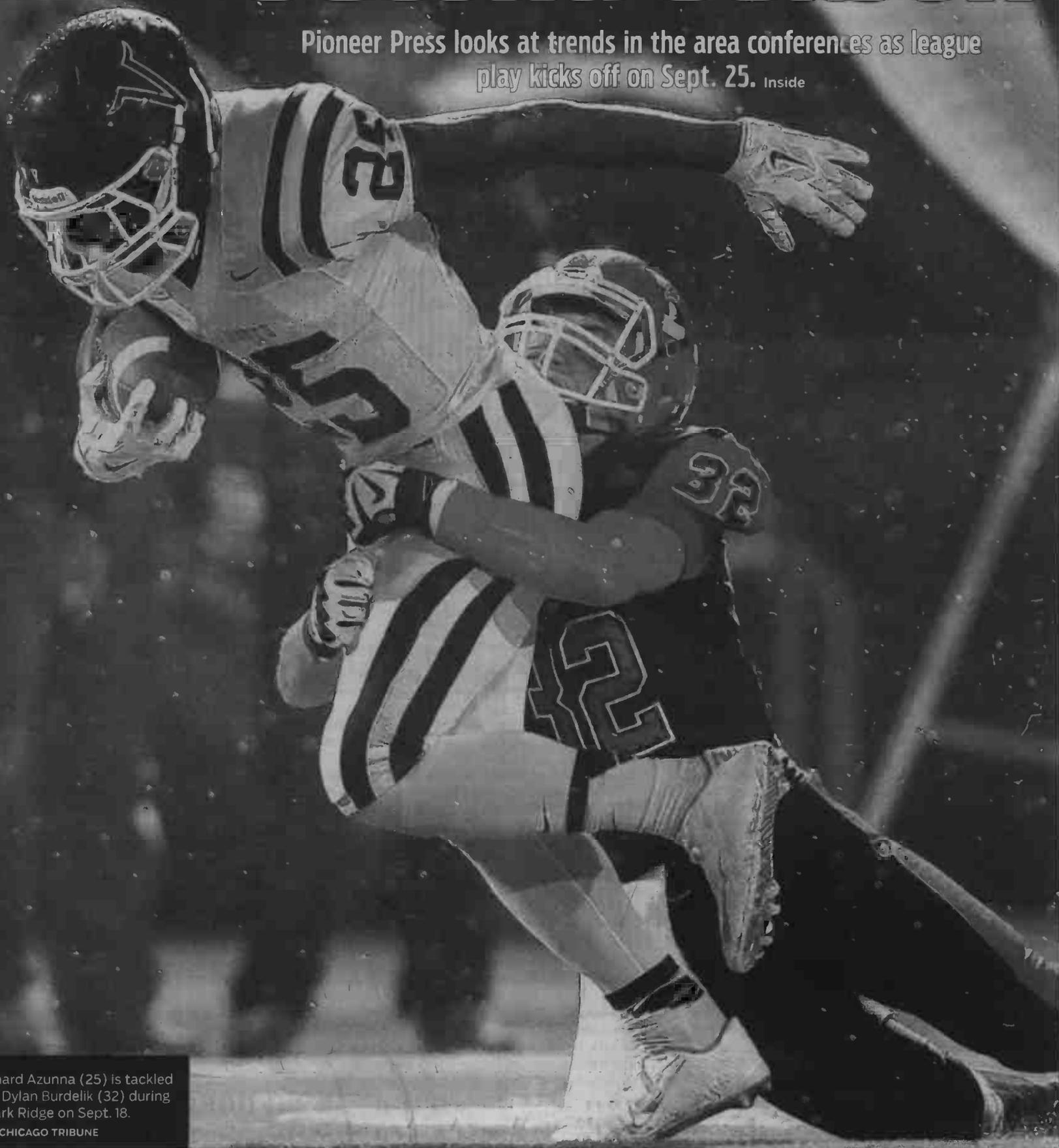
"The linemen have been solid," Inserra said. "Defensive [line] as well, but the offensive line has really provided us with the ability to throw the ball like we can. We usually throw to set up the run. It changes a little bit from year-to-year, but yeah, our linemen have done a fantastic job."

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Second season

Pioneer Press looks at trends in the area conferences as league play kicks off on Sept. 25. Inside



Niles North's Richard Azunna (25) is tackled by Maine South's Dylan Burdelik (32) during the first half in Park Ridge on Sept. 18.

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