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Niles Township High School District 219 board President Mark Sproat confers with board members Ruth Klint, center, and Linda Lampert during a board meeting Sept. 8. Last month the board put two top administrators on leave pending an unspecified investigation. **Page 4**

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Randy Miles, Village Inn owner

Randy Miles is the owner of the popular Village Inn restaurant in downtown Skokie and the president of the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie. Pioneer Press recently caught up with him to ask him a series of questions.

Q. What book are you currently reading and what book would you like to read next?

A. I like to read true history, true espionage, that kind of stuff. I don't read a lot in the summer because I'm so busy but the next book I'd like to read is the book on WikiLeaks.

Q. What was your first job?

A. I had three jobs when I was 10 years old, believe it or not. I had a paper route, I worked at Paul's Texaco downtown and I also worked at a little dress shop downtown. Learned how to drive at Paul's Texaco pulling the trucks in and out of the bay.

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

A. I went through the normal progression — policeman, fireman, even a garbage man. I was always



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Randy Miles

fascinated with machinery and I loved those trucks.

Q. What's your favorite charity?

A. The Les Turner ALS Foundation. And that's in honor of Pat Hanley (former Skokie corporation counsel who died from ALS). My other charity is the American Diabetes Foundation. My father died of diabetes and then, of course, the American Cancer Association. My mother died of cancer.

Those are the big three.

Q. Do you have any words of wisdom?

A. Things happen for a reason — even bad things — and I think I've matured to the point where I can embrace the ups and downs and not be afraid of the unknown. Try to tackle it head-on and look forward to the future no matter what that may be. Stay true to your principles and you can't go too far wrong.

Q. Do you have a favorite local restaurant?

A. I like and support a lot of them but I'd have to say Skokie Club. I love the food there. The atmosphere is unique. The owners are wonderful people I've known for 50 years. It's a diamond in the rough in my opinion.

Q. What is an interesting factoid about yourself?

A. I used to own my own plane and I flew quite a bit. It's an expensive hobby and as I got older, there were time and money factors so I gave it up.

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D219 made cuts as administrators got \$450,000 in perks

By ANGELA CAPUTO
Chicago Tribune

As a north suburban district grappled with cuts to staff and student programs in recent years, the school board showered two top administrators with nearly \$450,000 worth of perks, a Tribune investigation has found.

Those benefits included \$296,000 of graduate school tuition for Superintendent Nanciann Gatta and Assistant Superintendent for Operations John Heintz, the district's chief legal counsel, to attend the exclusive University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Gatta also received extra vacation payouts and bonuses not included in her contract.

The Tribune acquired hundreds of pages of contracts, personnel records, employee benefits and other financial records from Niles Township High School District 219 through an open records request and found a spate of expenses that raise questions about financial oversight in the district in recent years.

Last month, the north suburban school district's board put the two administrators on leave pending an unspecified investigation, and, without explanation, hired a forensic technology company, an accountant and pedigreed law firm to conduct the probe. Officials released a statement that Gatta and Heintz had "agreed" to take leave until further notice "due to differences" with the board.

District and school board officials have refused to answer questions, and it's unclear whether the spending and contracts are con-

nected to the ongoing investigation. "I want to respect the rights of the people involved," school board President Mark Sproat said, declining to comment further. "There's nothing I can do at this time."

Gatta is scheduled to earn \$341,000 this year in pay and benefits, and Heintz will earn \$216,000. Both are on paid leave, and taxpayers continue to cover their salaries and benefits, estimated at roughly \$50,000 per month.

Gatta and Heintz said they are political casualties of the shifting priorities that came with a new slate of union-backed board members who took office this spring. "I would have hoped that they would have been a professional board and come to me and said they wanted a leader who was more in line with their vision," Gatta said.

She said any payments to her were always made with the board's approval. Records show the school board approved tuition payments, which were included in monthly financial reports. Gatta's lawyer, Thomas Durkin, said board members are trying "to trash" the superintendent with an *omnibus* investigation "for their own political purposes."

"Would someone do that to get out of the obligation of paying?" Durkin said. "Yes."

Last week, Gatta filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction against the school board for what the lawsuit describes as an "attempt to force Dr. Gatta to resign so that the board could avoid the political implications of honoring the full value of

her contract."

School board members referred questions to attorney Dana Crumley at Franczek Radelet, a private firm retained to handle general legal issues when the investigation was launched. Crumley declined to comment.

Gatta's compensation has exceeded what was stated in her contract, documents show. Since she took the job as superintendent in 2008, Gatta has cashed out more than \$127,000 in unused vacation time, nearly double what her contract allowed.

As superintendent, she was allotted 25 annual vacation days and could exchange up to 10 of those days for cash each year. Her maximum allowance would have been \$71,000 for 80 days since she took the district's top job. Instead, a Tribune analysis found that Gatta cashed in 146 days and from 2009 to 2013 she used an average of only three vacation days per year, selling the rest back to the district.

Records also reveal the district cut \$73,000 worth of checks directly to Gatta rather than a private retirement fund, though her contract explicitly states the contribution should be made directly "to a tax-sheltered annuity and deferred compensation plan." Those payments were made in addition to the \$198,500 the board contributed to a retirement account while she was superintendent, records show.

Durkin said the direct payments are a moot point because they didn't cost the district any more than if they'd been contributed to an investment fund.



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Niles District 219 board member Carlton Evans, second from right, listens to public comments during a board meeting Sept. 8.

Melinda Selbee, an attorney with the Illinois Association of School Boards, said a school board should vote on amending any changes to a contract as a best practice. That wasn't done in District 219.

The school board's silence was met with sharp criticism by Morton Grove resident Lorenzo Fiol at a recent meeting.

"Why did the board begin the investigation of the superintendent?" Fiol said during a public comment session dominated by students and teachers who lamented the district's latest budget cuts.

"They talk about money being taken away from the kids," he said, "but how much have they spent on the accounting firm and the legal firm?"

Unusual contract provisions

In 2008, the school board tapped Gatta, a former English teacher and human resources administrator, to head the district, which draws students from Niles, Skokie, Lincolnwood

and Morton Grove. The following year, a new position, the assistant superintendent of operations and chief legal counsel, was created and Gatta tapped Heintz, a former colleague in the English department, to fill the job.

According to Gatta's lawsuit, she and Sproat, the board president, sparred in the days before she was put on leave amid pressure by the board president to go around the school board to staff a new communications department for students. Gatta saw the move as a violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and filed a complaint with the Illinois Association of School Boards, the lawsuit states. She is seeking protection under the Illinois Whistleblower Act.

The communications department hiring drew the ire of union officials, and Gatta claims in her lawsuit that she was scapegoated and suspended last month in an attempt to cover up Sproat's role in pushing the hires. Heintz said he advised Gatta that those decisions needed to be done in

open session and claims he was suspended by the board in retaliation.

Within the district, there were rumblings about executive spending under Gatta's leadership that began before the personnel flap occurred.

Heintz and Gatta are under contract through 2018, and taxpayers could be on the hook for more than \$1.7 million worth of salaries and benefits to buy them out.

Heintz can be discharged only for "just cause" for conduct "that results in a felony conviction," according to his contract. School law experts say the provision is highly unusual and are unsure whether it would hold up in court.

"Some superintendents try to put that in there but we never allow that because it's ridiculous," longtime suburban school lawyer Burt Odelson said. "What if he didn't come to work? What that contract does is it says that he can do that."

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A teacher speaks during a public hearing at the Niles District 219 board meeting Sept. 8.

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Heintz said he negotiated the language because he wanted "a clear just-cause clause."

The contract was approved by the school board and vetted by an attorney from Scariano Himes & Petrarca, the board's law firm at the time. Heintz worked briefly for the firm before returning to the district as its top lawyer.

For the school board to fire Gatta, she would have to be found culpable of a felony or a violation of the Illinois School Code, her contract says. The school board also agreed to cover 10 years of health care premiums for Gatta's family if she leaves the district and remains unemployed.

The most substantial compensation not explicitly stated in either contract was the more than \$300,000 in tuition reimbursements paid on behalf of the pair since 2009. Gatta and Heintz were awarded master of business administration degrees from the University of Chicago in 2011 and 2012, respectively. The district paid \$200 to Loyola University Chicago during that time to cover books for coursework that Gatta had taken before becoming superintendent. Another \$4,700 tuition check was cut to Concordia

University Chicago this summer for Heintz.

Teachers in the district are not eligible for tuition reimbursement under their contract but some support staff members are. Those reimbursements are capped, as are the number of credit hours they are eligible to take on the district's dime.

Debra Hill, a retired north suburban superintendent who runs the school executive search firm BWP & Associates, said it's unusual to not spell out tuition reimbursement in a school executive's contract. "If you have an administrator working on a doctorate, they may request tuition reimbursement," Hill said. "Typically, there would be a ceiling on what that reimbursement would be."

Durkin points to a clause in Gatta's and Heintz's contracts that says the administrators should be "encouraged to attend appropriate professional meetings and continuing education at the local, state and national levels. Within budget constraints, as approved by the board, the costs of attendance shall be paid by the board."

"There is nothing that says that (tuition reimbursement) should be included in the contract," Durkin said.

Kids face cuts

School officials have been quiet about the pending investigation and the spending under Gatta's leadership.

During a recent budget hearing, teachers and students packed into chairs neatly lined along the back of a conference room at the District 219 administrative offices.

"We understand that you need to be fiscally responsible," science teacher Tom Jodelka said as the board weighed doubling student transportation fees for field trips and cutting funds for the debate team, technology and an environmental science program that he helped to develop.

"Everyone is being asked to do more with less," Jodelka said, asking the board to maintain at least a fraction of the \$100,000 it was preparing to cut, which would wipe out his science initiative.

The board later voted to make the full \$100,000 cut.

"Please reconsider," Niles West senior Bo Tran Le said in one final appeal to spare the science program.

"If the money isn't going to be spent on our students," she asked, "where is it going to go?"

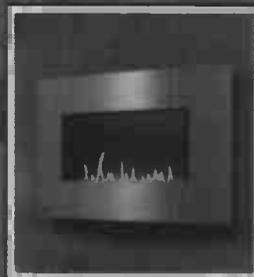
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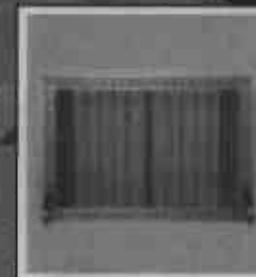
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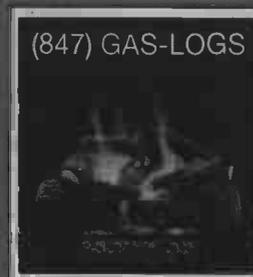
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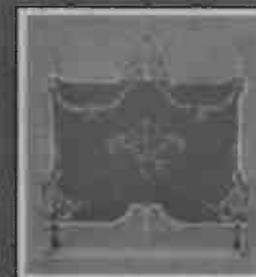


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Board approves Niles brand, logo contract

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

A nearly \$13,000-over-budget contract for the evaluation of existing signs and creation of new designs for entrance and roadway signs in Niles was narrowly approved by the village's trustees during a board meeting Sept. 22.

The trustees voted 4-3 to approve a nearly \$38,000 contract with the Lakota Group, an urban planning and design firm. Mayor Andrew Przybylo cast the tie-breaking vote. The purpose of the project, which is included as a component of the village's comprehensive long-term plan, is to produce designs for signage that both reflect best practices and the village's new logo and brand, according to village documents.

Several trustees questioned why the village would approve the contract when the budget for the project was set at \$25,000.

Przybylo and Trustee Denise McCreery said the subcommittee in charge of reviewing the responses to the village's request for proposals believed Lakota offered more options for customization and generally a more unique design.

"I think gateway signage and roadway signs are critical, but I'm not going to vote for this because at some point in time we have to stop approving over-budget items," Trustee Joe LoVerde said.

Trustee George Alpogianis questioned why the cost was so high given that the Lakota Group is already working on a land use plan for the village's Touhy Ave-

nue corridor. The cost of that contract totals about \$47,000, said Ross Klicker, the economic development coordinator for the village.

Klicker said the scope of the work involved in the signage project is substantially different than the Touhy Avenue plan.

Under the signage project, Lakota is tasked with producing "a consistent message of branding, marketing and image across the entire community," he said.

When asked by Trustee Danette Matyas whether or not a better deal could be negotiated with Lakota, Klicker said the issue hadn't been discussed with the company. "I've worked with Lakota on many projects throughout my career, and I can tell you I've never worked with them on a project that exceeded



LEE V. GAINES/PIONEER PRESS

Mayor Andrew Przybylo and Niles Trustee Joe LoVerde disagreed over whether or not the village should enter into a nearly \$13,000-over-budget contract for work related to new signage designs for the village.

budget and most of the time their projects have come in under budget," he said.

Comparing the project with plastic surgery, Przybylo said roadway and entrance signs serve "as the face of the village" and the right company should be chosen to do the work, even if it costs more than what the trustees anticipated.

"There is artistry in-

involved here and you have to do the best job you can," he said. "This is going to be out there for 25 or 30 years, perhaps."

Despite the importance of the project, LoVerde said an over-budget expenditure flouts fiscal responsibility.

"With all due respect, the finance has to be managed like it's our own checkbook, like it's our own money, and

we're spending a lot of money in the village of Niles," he said.

LoVerde, Alpogianis and Matyas voted against approval of the contract. Przybylo was joined in voting for it by McCreery and Trustees Dean Strzlecki and John Jekot.

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Officials: Library retirement offerings could be hurting employee retention

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Niles Public Library officials say the library's current retirement offerings may be negatively impacting the number of talented employees the facility attracts and retains.

The library plans to study alternative options for retirement offerings, including pension plans offered through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), over the coming months, according to a release from the district published last week. The library's director, Susan Lempke, said increasing the amount of money the district contributes to employee retirement plans under the current system in addition to other alternative retirement options will also likely be discussed by the board.

The library's Board of Trustees president, Linda Ryan, requested the issue be examined, and "that is something I was strongly in agreement with," Lempke said.

Ryan did not return a request for comment.

This isn't the first time officials have debated changing the district's retirement offerings, Lempke said.

Several years ago, Lempke said the library's Board of Trustees rejected the IMRF option despite results of a staff survey indicating that two-thirds of the library's employees favored pension plans through the IMRF.

Taxpayers expressed concern to library officials as recently as this summer that the pensions would be underfunded like several public pension plans offered by Chicago and Illi-

nois.

But financial statements from the IMRF indicate that their pension plans were about 93 percent funded at the end of 2014 and 96 percent funded at the end of 2013, the library district's business manager Greg Pritz said.

The administrators acknowledged fears that if the board chooses to offer a pension plan through the IMRF, taxes will increase.

Pritz said a tax increase is likely, however, something needs to be done to ensure employees are taken care of and the library remains competitive in the labor market.

The library district currently offers full-time employees 7.5 percent of their salary to be saved in a defined contribution plan. Employees also have the option to take part or all of that contribution as addi-

tional salary, according to the release.

Of the nearly \$168,000 the library paid to employees as part of the retirement plan last fiscal year, two-thirds was deposited in the plan while the remainder was taken home by employees, Pritz said.

In terms of retirement offerings, the library district "stands out by being different but not in a positive way," he said.

Niles is one of seven of 114 surveyed libraries in northern Illinois that do not offer a defined benefit pension plan through the IMRF to their employees, according to the release.

Lincolnwood Public Library District and Schaumburg Township District Library, two libraries in the nearby area that do not offer plans through IMRF, provide a substantially higher contribution to their em-

ployee retirement than does Niles, Lempke said.

"That puts us literally at the bottom (of the libraries surveyed)," she said, adding that "that (contribution) number needs to change in any case."

Both Pritz and Lempke said the library's ability to hire and retain qualified candidates has been impacted by the district's current retirement offerings.

Over the course of his two-year tenure at the library, Pritz said the district's lack of a pension plan has been cited as a significant drawback in employee exit interviews "and essentially what (former employees) did was go to a library participating in IMRF."

Unlike the library's current contribution plan, a pension offered through the IMRF would not allow district employees to take

home any contributions as part of their salaries, he said.

Employees would instead contribute 4.5 percent of their salary to the plan, while the library district would provide an estimated 10 percent, Pritz said. The actual amount the district would need to pitch in is still yet to be determined, he said. If the board chose to provide a pension plan through the IMRF, Pritz said the district's future liability would be reassessed on a periodic basis.

Lempke said the board will have the ultimate say as far as retirement offerings are concerned.

"Staff input shouldn't be the deciding factor because the board needs to decide what's best for the future of the library," she said.

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Family of hit-and-run victim begs driver to come forward

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

The family of a man killed in a hit-and-run accident in Niles more than a week ago is urging the driver responsible to turn himself or herself in to police.

"How could you just kill a person and live with it the rest of your life?" asked Pawel Kostadinow, the son-in-law of Tadeusz Dec, who was crossing Golf Road just west of Greenwood when he was fatally struck on Sept. 17. "The most important thing for us is (for the driver) to come forward so we can have closure and not live wondering who did this."

Dec, 55, had just stepped off a bus after a long day at work and was headed to his nearby home around 11 p.m. when the accident occurred, Kostadinow said. Niles police said investigators believe it was a white sport utility vehicle, "possibly a 1999-2002 Toyota 4Runner" that struck Dec and continued west on Golf Road with front-end damage.

Dec worked in general construction and each day took a bus from Niles into Chicago and back, his son-in-law said.

"He was a really quiet man, a very good man, very family-oriented," Kostadinow said. "He wouldn't hurt a fly."

He was also the one to go to when something needed repair, he said.

"He liked fixing things around the house," Kostadinow said. "I have a son, he's 11 months old, and any toys that break, he would fix them. He was very handy."

A Polish immigrant who arrived in the United States 15 years ago, Dec became a father to three children when he married their mother, Maria, a widow, Kostadinow said.

"He raised someone else's kids like his own kids," he said.

That close-knit relation-



NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

Niles police say a Toyota 4Runner, resembling the one pictured, is believed to have struck a 55-year-old man on Golf Road Sept. 17. The SUV sustained front-end damage and drove away from the scene, police said.

ship extended to his two grandchildren, Emil and Kacper, the sons of two of his step-children. On the day Dec was killed, his family was preparing for what was supposed to have been a happy family occasion that Sunday: 8-month-old Kacper's baptism.

"We're devastated," Kostadinow said, his voice breaking. "That was my father-in-law. He was everywhere. He has grandsons and he will not be able to see them anymore."

Kostadinow also expressed frustration with the accident investigation, questioning whether police are doing everything they can to find the car and driver responsible.

"Don't just rely on the community for help," he said in a statement directed at police.

Niles police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said police are continuing to actively investigate the crash and are "working on a number of leads." Officers were out in the area of Greenwood and Golf on two consecutive Fridays, passing out information to drivers about the accident and the description of the suspected vehicle, Tornabene said.

When asked if police have reviewed area surveillance cameras and red light cameras that might exist farther



PAWEL KOSTADINOW PHOTO

Tadeusz Dec

west on Golf Road, Tornabene would only say that police are "investigating all leads."

"Numerous" witnesses have also been interviewed, Tornabene said.

Like Tadeusz Dec's family, Niles police are also asking the driver to come forward and urging family, friends or neighbors of the suspect to do the same, Tornabene said.

For Kostadinow, arresting the person responsible will help the family heal and also restore a sense of comfort to the community, he said.

"The community wants to feel safe," Kostadinow said.

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

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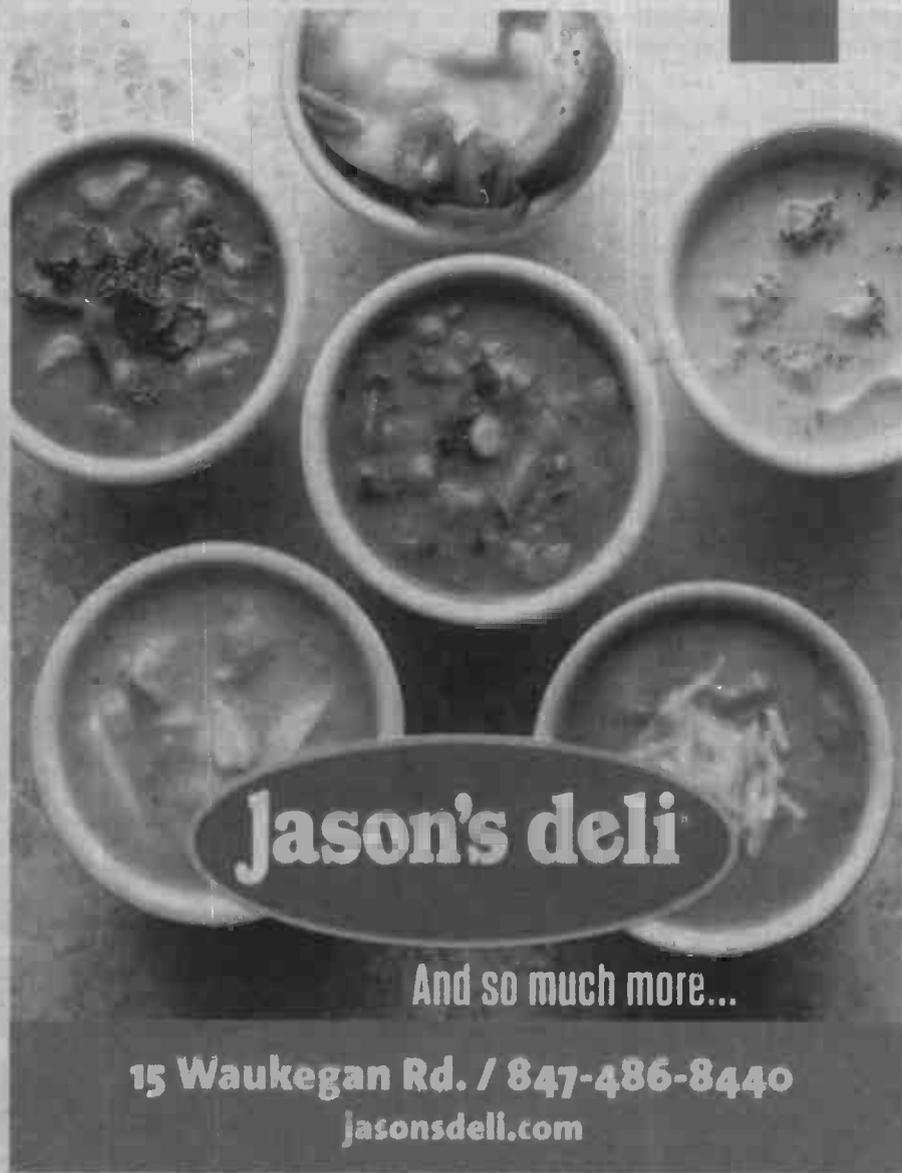
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BATTERY

■ Eric Horton, 56, of the 3300 block of North Clark Street, Chicago, was charged with battery on Sept. 22 after he allegedly punched a 54-year-old at the corner of Touhy and Milwaukee avenues, near the Niles Police Station, around 1 a.m. Horton has a Nov. 4 court date. The victim was also ticketed for public intoxication, police said.

■ Danielle Emmett, 23, of the 6900 block of Rosemary Lane, Niles, was charged with domestic battery on Sept. 21. She has an Oct. 20 court date.

DRUG POSSESSION

■ Lyndon Sully, 21, of the 1600 block of Meadow Lane, Glenview, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on Sept. 22 following a traffic stop at Greenwood Avenue and Maynard Road. Police said Sully was in

possession of one narcotic pill without a prescription as well as a prescription bottle containing suspected marijuana. He has an Oct. 8 court date.

THEFT

■ Two 14-year-old boys were charged with retail theft on Sept. 19 after they allegedly stole \$93 worth of clothing and socks from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. They were petitioned to juvenile court.

■ Joe Rice, 31, of the 3600 block of West Grenshaw Street, Chicago, was charged with felony aggravated identity theft and felony credit card fraud on Sept. 22. Police said Rice made purchases at a store in the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue using credit cards that appeared fraudulent. He has an Oct. 28 court date.

RECKLESS DRIVING

■ Kevin Meigler, 20, of the 100 block of Michael John Drive, Park Ridge, was charged with reckless driving on Sept. 20 after he was allegedly seen riding a motorcycle at 64 mph in a 35 mph speed zone on Harlem Avenue. Meigler reportedly told police the odometer

on the motorcycle was not working so he did not know how fast he was traveling. He has an Oct. 17 court date.

DUI

■ Nhutnamha Nguyen, 22, of the 3300 block of Dove Street, Rolling Meadows, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop at Golf and Dee roads at 1:40 a.m. Police said Nguyen was found in possession of a substance suspected to be cocaine as well as seven Xanax pills. According to police, a blow torch found in the back seat appeared to have marijuana residue on it and a loaded .40 caliber handgun was in the center console. Nguyen has an Oct. 29 court date.

BATTERY

■ A 34-year-old man accused a co-worker of punching him Sept. 17 at Golf Mill Shopping Center. He was treated at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for injuries, police said. An investigation was pending.

Des Plaines man charged with using plastic gun to rob convenience store

BY NATALIE HAYES

Pioneer Press

A Des Plaines man who police said brandished a plastic weapon when he robbed a Niles convenience store Sept. 19 has been charged with aggravated robbery, police said.

Police said in a news release Lakeith Dobson, 21, of the 9900 block of Stevens Drive, entered Indian Food and Video in the 9000 block of Golf Road at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Sept. 19 and pointed what appeared to be a semi-automatic handgun at the cashier.

Dobson allegedly demanded money from the clerk and fled on foot with \$300 in cash, police said.

An officer saw Dobson walking in the 9100 block of Golf

Road, and he led police on a short foot chase before being apprehended without incident, according to Sgt. Robert Tornabene of the Niles Police Department.

Police said they recovered the cash and a fake semi-automatic handgun.

The state's attorney's office approved the aggravated robbery charge — a class 2 felony that carries a potential prison term of up to 14 years, police said.

Dobson is scheduled to appear Oct. 6 at the Skokie court house.

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Metra plans to install Wi-Fi on 10 rail cars to test viability of service

BY RICHARD WRONSKI
Chicago Tribune

After years of pondering the idea and once concluding that it would be too technologically difficult and expensive, Metra announced Sept. 25 that it plans to install Wi-Fi on 10 rail cars to test providing the amenity for free to customers.

Cellular "hot spots" will be installed on these cars for six months to determine whether customers can get dependable Internet access aboard trains, Metra said.

Wi-Fi service would be provided on a car-by-car basis and will require only installation of onboard equipment, including modems, routers and antennas. Metra hopes to have this done by January so the testing can be started.

Providing Wi-Fi for an entire line would necessitate installation of trackside equipment along the full right-of-way, a multimillion-

dollar expense that Metra determined to be too prohibitive, officials said.

"We have to find out if a test like this can work," Metra Executive Director/CEO Don Orseno said. "And if it does work, then we want to see if, financially, how we can expand the program to the entire system."

Metra said it also plans to install free Wi-Fi in the waiting areas of all five downtown stations within the next 45 days.

Commuter railroads in other cities, including Boston, have installed Wi-Fi, but with varying levels of success.

"Hopefully, the 'hot spot' concept will work for Metra and it can be rolled out on a bigger scale," said Joe Schwieterman, a transportation expert and head of DePaul University's Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development.

Metra said its test program would be similar to one recently launched on the South Shore Line

by the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District.

The South Shore's Wi-Fi has received lots of positive feedback so far from its riders while bugs are being worked out, said Michael Noland, the agency's general manager. Signal strength has been adequate for riders to access their email and surf Internet favorites such as Facebook, he said.

The system has its limits, however.

"If everybody on board tries to stream 'Game of Thrones,' it will crash," Noland said.

The 10 Metra Wi-Fi cars will be run on different lines according to a schedule Metra will announce at a future date, spokeswoman Wendy Abrams said. Metra has 11 lines and runs more than 750 trains a day.

The Wi-Fi cars will be identified with placards similar to ones used to designate Metra's Quiet Cars.

Metra will warn customers that there may be "dead zones" along

the lines and advise against using streaming video onboard because this will limit service. The agency will post information on its website about how to provide feedback on the quality of Wi-Fi service.

As the Tribune previously reported, Metra said it is completing installation of charging stations at all five downtown stations.

Metra said it previously issued two requests for proposals asking companies how they could offer free Wi-Fi on trains at no cost to Metra. Neither effort was successful.

The six-month pilot program is expected to cost about \$35,000, mainly for the equipment that Metra's own workers will install, officials said. A Wi-Fi service provider has not yet been selected, Metra said.

In 2013, Metra commissioned a study that found installing Wi-Fi could cost the agency about \$72 million over a five-year period. Even a one-year pilot project on a



METRA

This sign will be placed on 10 Metra cars during Wi-Fi testing.

single line, the Rock Island, would run \$3.4 million, the study found.

Metra said that in a 2014 customer survey, 81 percent of respondents said they used a smartphone and 68 percent indicated that it served their online needs while on the train. Another 34 percent reported using a laptop PC or tablet on the train. Of these, 58 percent were able to access a cellular data network onboard Metra.

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Morton Grove's Muslim Education Center to participate in Open Mosque Day

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

On Sunday, Oct. 4, eight Chicago-area mosques, including Morton Grove's Muslim Education Center, will open their doors to the public for a three-hour open house that mosque leaders say they hope will help break the ice that sometimes exists with non-Muslim neighbors.

Illinois has 109 mosques, according to the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, and the amount of mosques across the U.S. is rising — there are now more than 2,500 U.S. mosques compared to 1,200 that existed in the year 2000.

Mosques continue to be built all over the U.S., and the Chicago-area is no exception. Chicago-based mosque Sacred Learning plans to open a new mosque in Lincolnwood near Devon and Crawford avenues at 3900 West Devon Avenue.

Sayed Shariff, executive vice

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

"We're very excited," Shariff said following a June 16 ruling by the Lincolnwood Village Board to grant the necessary zoning to allow construction of the new facility to begin.

Shariff said the mosque wouldn't open for at least a year and a half, and the organization is attempting to raise \$2 million to help pay for construction costs, according to Sacred Learning.

The growing presence of mosques throughout the U.S. creates the need for more dialogue between Muslim followers and mosque neighbors who might have never been inside of a mosque, according to Akhter Sadiq of the Muslim Community Center, the Chicago branch associated with Morton Grove's Mus-

lim Education Center.

"Sometimes you'll hear things in the media that cause misconceptions and misunderstanding about Muslims and what happens inside mosques," Sadiq said. "Everyone knows what's in a church, but people haven't been as exposed to the Muslim religion, so I think there's a lack of knowledge out there."

By handing out literature about the Muslim faith and making mosque leaders available to answer questions from the public, Open Mosque Day across the U.S. is intended to prevent stereotyping of Muslims and prevent the occurrence of hate crimes, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Guests who visit an open house between 3 and 6 p.m. will be versed in the Muslim faith during a short program on Islam and mosques, followed by a chance to observe the late-afternoon prayer at 5 p.m., according to Dilnaz Waraich, vice president of the

Winnetka Interfaith Council.

Three years ago a 53-year-old Morton Grove man fired what was described in court documents as a "high-velocity air rifle" at a the Muslim Community Center mosque during Ramadan services.

The man last year was sentenced to 30 months of probation and fines after he pleaded guilty to the charges.

Mosque leaders at the Muslim Community Center say they have put that incident in the past, and hope the Open House day will help to strengthen the bond between the mosque and Morton Grove's non-Muslim community.

Because the mosque is in the process of hiring a new imam — a religious leader equivalent to a priest or a rabbi in other religions — a Muslim scholar will be available to answer any questions the public wants to ask about Muslim faith, Waraich said.

"Everyone gets a little apprehensive of mosques because

they're not always sure what goes on in one," she said, "but when you feel the fabric of a congregation, you feel more comfortable there."

Waraich, who plans interfaith programs with a network of churches and synagogues in the North Shore area, blamed misconception about different religions on the tendency of people to not want to explore other religions.

"When you learn about other religions your own faith becomes stronger," she said. "We want people to realize that many of their neighbors, their co-workers, and their friends are Muslim — it's about realizing that we're all really different from each other, but we also benefit from learning from each other."

Morton Grove's Muslim Education Center is located at 8601 N. Menard St.

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North Shore Cubs fans are excited

Team's winning ways lead to playoff chance

By DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

For a franchise whose last World Series championship occurred when Teddy Roosevelt resided in the White House, there have been many rebuilding plans. So there might have been some cynicism when Cubs fans were told young talent was on the way and a bright future for the team was ahead.

It's probably fair to say names like Joe Maddon, Jake Arrieta and Kris Bryant have stifled those suspicions, at least for the moment, leaving local fans and business owners rejoicing.

Now finishing his 11th season as the Cubs TV play-by-play man, Glencoe resident Len Kasper endured some rough nights from 2010-14 when the team averaged 69.2 wins a season. But Kasper, like everyone else, had been told of the young talent being stockpiled by the Theo Epstein-led management team. In 2015, everything finally came together with the Cubs making their first playoff appearance since 2008.

"It's been the most fun season I've witnessed," Kasper said by email in recent days. "This team is so likable, so enjoyable, so entertaining. And to think this is just the beginning, it's pretty darn cool."

"It feels especially good knowing Cubs fans everywhere are enjoying a winning team for the first time in awhile. The building process was fascinating to chronicle, but this season has been absolutely magical."

Not surprisingly with the reversal of fortunes on the field, Kasper has enjoyed a larger audience to entertain and inform.

Comcast SportsNet saw a 120 percent increase in ratings this year, according to station spokesman Jeff Nuich. Along similar lines, attendance at Wrigley Field is nearing three million fans this season, far exceeding last year's count of about 2.6 million.

That spike in Cubs interest can be seen in some local establishments as well, as fans are



PAUL BEATY/AP

Wrigley Field in Chicago after the Chicago Cubs clinched a wild card playoff spot Sept. 26. The one-game play-in will occur Oct. 7.

coming in and watching games more regularly than has been the case in recent seasons.

"The biggest difference this year when they are on is that everyone wants the TV turned to the Cubs," noted George Stavrou, the owner of the Valley Lodge Tavern in Wilmette. "People are asking more questions; they want to know who is pitching. They just seem to be more involved in the game. People are paying a lot more attention."

Stavrou said one of his occasional customers is Wilmette native and Cubs owner Tom Ricketts, who he said last stopped in around Labor Day.

The buzz for the Cubs is sensed up north in Highland Park, as well, where Richard Holleb is one of two proprietors of Norton's Restaurant.

"We are a sports bar, so any time that we have a local team doing well, that is big," Holleb said.

"Hockey has been a huge draw over the last eight years, and when the Sox were doing well, that was good. Now that the Cubs are doing well, we are showing increased interest in the TVs."

Fans all over the Chicago area — and around the nation — have been re-energized by the 2015 renaissance. But two Glencoe residents have deep connections to the North Side franchise, and they are simply thrilled.

Carol Haddon, a season ticket holder since 1971, sits in the first row behind the Cubs dugout at Wrigley Field. This will be only her 12th time watching a team that finished above .500.

"This season gave me confidence in the plan outlined by Theo Epstein. I've seen so much bad baseball over the past few years and I am totally appreciative of the performance delivered by the young players," Haddon said. "Kyle Schwarber is one year from

the draft and has performed at the great level. Kris Bryant has been great, and Addison Russell is the dancer from hell."

Local businessman Andrew Berlin has had an interesting first year as an investor in the Cubs. Berlin is the owner of the South Bend Cubs, a Class A minor league farm club. Berlin has been an investor in the White Sox, but he said those shares are now in a trust fund following purchasing an undisclosed portion of the Cubs in February.

"When I bought into the team, I had the chance to talk with Tom Ricketts, Theo Epstein and (senior vice president) Jason McLeod," Berlin said. "I got a much better vision of their plan to make it to the World Series. Everyone had confidence their farm system was fantastic. The plan was the talent would be ready in 2016, but we are pleased and mildly surprised that the team has jelled so beautifully

in 2015."

Major League Baseball added a Wild Card play-in game to the playoffs in 2012 that potentially can work both ways for the Cubs. If not for the postseason expansion, there would not be any playoff baseball this year for the Cubs, yet Berlin and Haddon wonder how fair it is to have qualifying for the next round determined by one game that will be played on Oct. 7.

"It's unfortunate that it is only one game, but those are the rules, and we have to abide by it," Berlin said.

"I'm almost afraid that after this sterling season, a single game can determine the fate," Haddon added.

"This team could go deep into October," Kasper said. "I wouldn't bet against them."

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Department aims to educate during Fire Protection Week

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

The Niles and Morton Grove Fire Departments will be engaging with the public for Fire Protection Week (Oct. 4-10) with visits to local schools, tours of the fire departments and a public fire safety event at the Home Depot in Niles.

Fire departments across the country each October mark the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Protection Week with different events geared at reducing fires and educating young kids about how fires start and how to protect themselves if a fire breaks out at home.

While house fires aren't a frequent occurrence in Morton Grove and Niles, firefighters respond to a significant number of calls each year.

During the past five years, 29 residential fires have broken out in Morton Grove, according to Captain Bill Porter, public education officer for the Morton Grove Fire

Department. One fatality was recorded in 2013, he said.

In Niles, there were 24 house fires in 2014, compared to six so far this year, according to Niles District Chief Robert Greiner, who said no fire-related fatalities have been reported in recent years.

"The summer is usually nice and quiet, and our busiest time is in the winter when people start using space heaters," he said.

Niles averages about four residential house fires per month during the winter month, Greiner said.

National Fire Prevention week is marked by fire departments across the U.S., but it was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that started on Oct. 8 and killed more than 250 people and destroyed more than 17,400 structures, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Morton Grove firefighters will reinforce this year's theme for Fire Protection Week, "Hear the Beep when you Sleep," when they visit

elementary schools in Niles Township to teach six week-long educational fire safety programs starting this week.

About half of residential fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep, according to the National Fire Protection Association, which this year is emphasizing the importance of having a smoke detector installed in every bedroom of the home.

Fire Prevention Week is centered around educational outreach, and fire department officials from Morton Grove will visit Hynes and Melzer Schools this month, and plan to visit Park View later this year, according to Porter.

Porter said familiarizing young children with firefighters on a personal level by having them connect in the classroom helps negate the fears that some kids may have when they see a firefighter dressed up in full gear.

"We don't want kids to be afraid of firefighters because sometimes we look kind of scary when we put



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everything on," Porter said. "We start the program with firefighter familiarization, where we slowly change into our uniforms so that students understand the transition and can see that we're still firefighters under all that equipment."

The Niles Fire Department has six tours of its firehouse scheduled through Oct. 9, according to Greiner, who said his goal is to reinforce the idea that smoke detectors save

lives.

"With new generations we need to keep repeating the message, and we hope that message gets taken home to the parents too — even if it's something simple like getting kids to remind their parents to change the battery on the smoke detector," Greiner said.

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NEWS

Glencoe school girl persuades village to widen narrow trail

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

A resident sees something wrong in her community and gets it corrected by reaching out to the appropriate authorities. It's a basic lesson in the ideals of civics and local government.

What makes a recent case in Glencoe uniquely impressive is the resident advocating for change is 12 years old.

Molly Bingham, a Central School seventh-grader, lives near a stretch of the Green Bay Trail near Hazel Avenue. For years, she watched bicyclists going in either direction on 5-foot-wide sidewalks, leaving walkers and others vulnerable to being hit given the narrow passage.

"We knew it was a safety hazard," Molly said.

Marisa Bingham, Molly's mother, also knew of the issue.

"I love bikers as much as anybody, but they don't use the proper safety protocol," she said. "Some do, but a lot don't warn you that they are coming by."

Yet, it is one thing to know of a problem; it is another to do something about it.

Molly decided it was time for action when one of her younger sisters came terrifyingly close to being in an accident and the question at the Bingham house shifted to what could and should be done.

"She would always complain about it, so I said, 'Let's make a lesson out of this; let's learn.' I think as a parent, something we need to do is we need to teach our children how to use our voices," Marisa Bingham said. "We don't want to pass the baton to someone else to do that. I honestly felt that we knew this path better than anyone else. So we said 'what can we do?'"

For generations on many types of causes, citizens have collected signatures on petitions, and the Bingham thought that might be the best course of action in this case.

So last March, on what they remember was a beautiful day, Molly and other family members walked down the block to the troublesome portion of the trail and set up shop for a couple hours asking people coming by to sign up and show support.

As luck would have it, one of the people who happened to be going by that day was Village Board Trustee Joel Solomon, who was in his final days in office. He arranged for a meeting with Village Manager Phil Kiraly for Marisa and Molly.

Molly admitted there were some proverbial butterflies in her stomach when she met with Kiraly.

"I had no idea who he was or what he looked like," she remembered.

Nerves aside, Molly came prepared to not just talk about the sidewalk's shortcomings, but also to show it.



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Molly Bingham, left, 12, of Glencoe and a Central School seventh-grader, near the Green Bay Trail on Sept. 25.

"We wrote up this big paper and the cons of the path and what could be done to make it better," Molly said. "We had pictures that showed the congestion."

In an added streak of good fortune, the Bingham were pleading to a friendly audience as Kiraly uses that portion of the trail himself.

"It helped that he was familiar with that path," Molly said. "It was easier for me to explain because he understood and he had seen bikers and knew what it looked like."

Her presentation worked, and Kiraly agreed that a change was necessary. During the summer, the village widened the concrete portion of the sidewalk to eight feet. Public Works Director David Mau said the project cost about \$5,000.

"After the meeting, I felt really good that I had accomplished something," Molly said.

Kiraly was impressed by Molly's initiative and she was honored for her efforts at the Sept. 17 Village Board meeting.

"She went above and beyond to address an issue that was affecting her community and ... she took some civic-minded steps to see that the situation was resolved and worked toward a situation that made sense and made a really salient argument to me when she met with me," Kiraly added.

Molly, whose interests include swimming, biking, walking and in-line skating, admitted to another case of nerves when she was honored by the board of trustees, yet was very pleased.

"It felt good that people had seen what I did," she said.

Today, as Molly walks to school using the trail, she notices the extra room for everyone to navigate and takes pride in how she made her neighborhood a little safer.

"I see a lot of people using both sides," she noted. "So it makes me happy."

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Local history brought to life

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

In a black top hat and thick, 19th Century-style coat, Will Olafsson resurrected early Park Ridge settler Thomas P. Robb for a few hours Sept. 26, speaking of his gold mining exploits in California, his association with Ulysses S. Grant in the years leading up to the Civil War, and his status as an Army colonel and village trustee.

"How did you get such a tall headstone?" asked a member of the tour group taking part in the Historical Society's Spirits of Old Park Ridge cemetery walk, pointing to Robb's more than 10-foot-tall stone that resembles the Washington Monument.

"Well, I was part of the landed gentry that founded Park Ridge, so I was very

wealthy and I could afford it," Olafsson said with a grin.

Thomas P. Robb was one of 20 "spirits" who gave brief talks about themselves next to their final resting places at Town of Maine Cemetery during the walk, a fundraiser and educational program put on by the Park Ridge Historical Society. More than half of the actors were, like Olafsson, students of Maine South High School in Park Ridge.

"I like the old history of it and I like the performing aspect of it," said Olafsson, who portrayed long-time German farmer Adolph Steiner during last year's "Spirits" walk. "It's just really fun to get involved with the community."

Nearby, 16-year-old Danny Conolly was portraying teenage Civil War soldier Charles G. Sherwin, a Park Ridge (then Brickton) area

native who joined the Union Army at age 16 and died of typhoid fever while serving in Kentucky. Sherwin was buried in Kentucky, but his body was later brought back to Park Ridge after the war so it could be buried in his hometown, Conolly explained.

"It really was shocking to me how young he was, since he died when he was 18," Conolly said of Sherwin. "That's just two years older than me."

As "Big" Bill Ahrensfeld, Maine South High School student Sergio Vivas spoke of his service as a volunteer firefighter beginning in 1911, the real estate business he opened in 1914, and his work as editor of the Park Ridge Herald, which he gave up in order to enlist in World War I.

"I was a nurse and he was injured and that's how we

met and fell in love," said a smiling Ann Kaputsiak, playing Big Bill's wife, Gladys, a longtime cafeteria worker at Lincoln Middle School.

As Bertha, the wife of Civil War veteran Adolph Steiner, adult portrayer Ellen Herman greeted tour groups with a "guten tag!" and shared a photograph of the Steiner family standing outside their farmhouse, where the Park Ridge Centennial Activity Center (Senior Center) stands today.

"Some people that have come along today remember that house," said Herman, explaining that the family farm — the last large farm to exist in Park Ridge — was bordered roughly by Touhy, Western, Stewart and Hamlin Avenues. The Steiners' son took over farming of the land after their deaths in 1931, continuing it through

'Spirits of Old Park Ridge' draws actors, visitors to cemetery

the 1950s.

"(Bertha) resonates with me because both my grandparents were farmers," said Herman, whose daughter Rachel was playing Laura Penny, the wife of 19th Century businessman George Penny, nearby.

The information shared by the actors during Spirits of Old Park Ridge was compiled from obituaries, military records, published historical accounts, Park Ridge newspapers, Town of Maine Cemetery staff and local historians, the Park Ridge Historical Society said. The residents who were portrayed were the same who came to life for last year's tour.

Brian Lazzaro, a member of the Historical Society Board, expressed pleasure with how the Maine South actors portray some of Park Ridge's notable citizens and



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Rachel Herman and Liam Finn, in the roles of Laura and George Penny

with the crowds that come out to see them.

"I think the high school kids do an amazing job of bringing history to life," he said. "People come out year after year. We have people come out who say, 'I always wanted to do this. I'm glad I did.'"

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Niles bike shop to participate in Chicago bike expo

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Joe Reichert purchased Amling's Cycle in Niles in 1999 with one goal in mind: to popularize recumbent bicycles.

Sixteen years later, Reichert is still in business and his shop will be one of the largest exhibitors at the inaugural Chicagoland Unconventional Bike Expo, or CUBE, next weekend in Tinley Park. Julie Keating, a long-time employee and friend of Reichert's, said she organized the three-day event along with a board of advisers after she learned that the fourth annual Recumbent Cycle-Con would be moving from Chicago to Cincinnati.

"We just said we had to do a show in Chicago," Keating said.

Recumbent bicycles and tricycles, which place the rider in a reclined, laid back position, will be featured prominently at the coming expo, but Keating said other "unconventional" bicycles, including electrical bicycles, fat tire bicycles, tandem bicycles and unicycles, will also be on display, available for a test ride and for sale at the event.

Reichert discovered the world of unconventional bicycling — specifically recumbent bicycling — in the 1990s after he traveled with a friend to Milwaukee to the only store in the area that sold them at the time.

His first ride on a recumbent bicycle was "like a light bulb going off," he said.

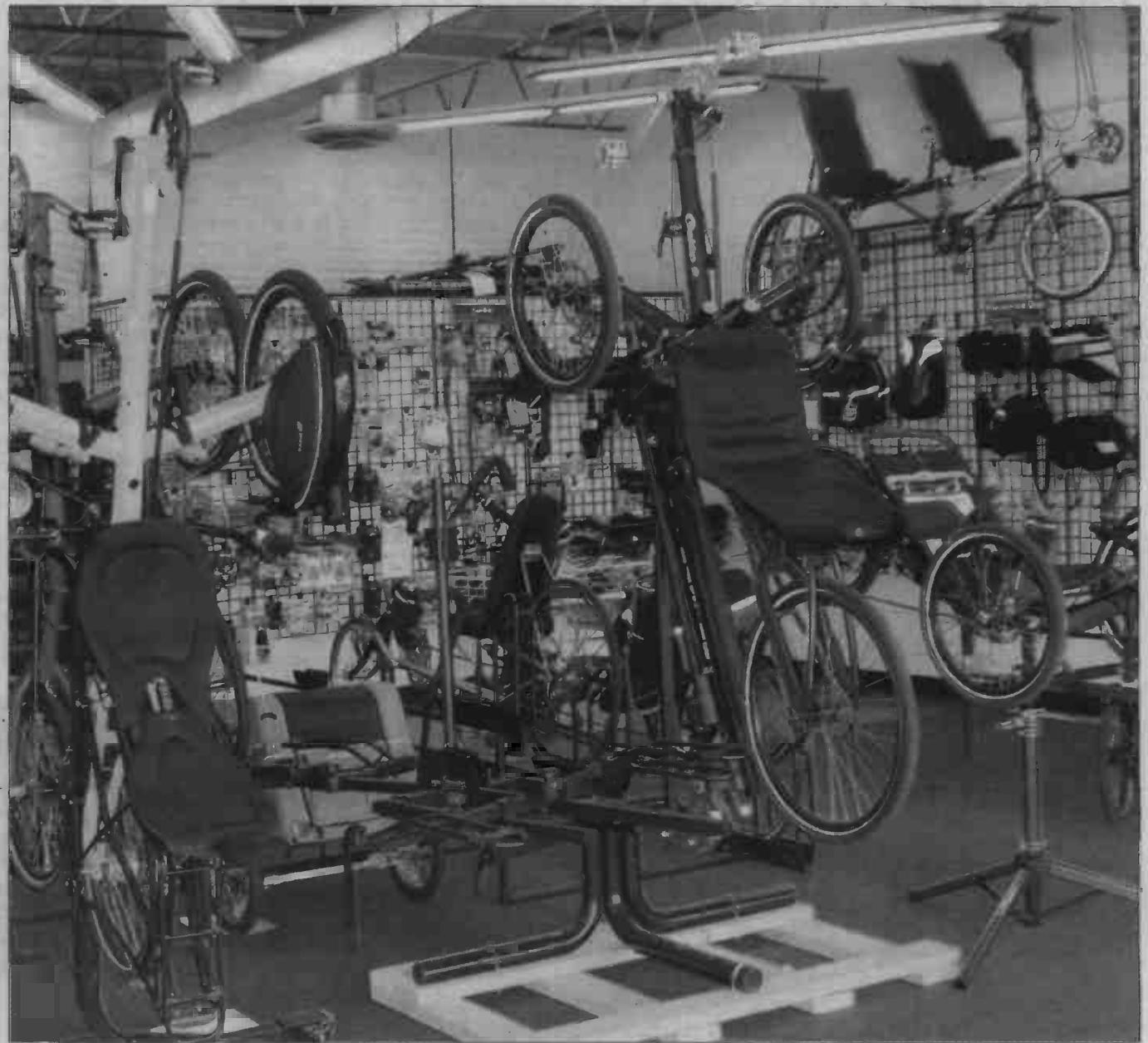
There was no discomfort or pain, and his reclined vantage on the bicycle provided excellent visibility, he said.

Reichert, who was then an engineer at W.W. Grainger, an industrial supply company, said the recumbent bicycle "just made sense."

He said he still applies his skills as an engineer to his current role as a recumbent bike shop owner.

"I'm listening to people's issues and I'm using a mechanical device to help solve a problem," Reichert said.

For Keating, using a traditional upright diamond frame bicycle caused pain in her



AMLING'S CYCLE

Amling's Cycle, 8140 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Niles, will exhibit at Chicagoland Unconventional Bike Expo on Nov. 2-4 in Tinley Park.

wrists, and she said riding a recumbent bicycle was the solution. Customers come into Reichert's shop with a variety of physical issues ranging from neck and knee problems to Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and ataxia, she said.

A recumbent tricycle, for example, is a great solution for someone who has trouble with their balance, Reichert said.

"So it's a neurological issue," he said. "We can get people back riding because they are not going to fall over on a trike — I'm solving that problem."

But for some people, he said, it's simply about enjoyment and comfort.

"(Recumbent bicycles) are a lot more fun than a regular upright bike," Keating said.

Reichert said he purchased his shop,

located at 8140 N. Milwaukee Ave., from John Amling, whose father founded the store in 1967. The Amlings, however, only sold traditional bicycles, and when the younger Amling learned of Reichert's plan to turn the shop into a recumbents only store, Reichert said he implored him not to do it.

"(John Amling) still comes by the shop and we laugh about him throwing up his arms and saying, 'Don't do this,' because it's been a great success," he said.

Reichert said he expects CUBE to be a success too.

The expo will feature at least 30 booths, Keating said. Two of those booths will be occupied by nonprofits, including Project Mobility, an organization aimed at offering adaptive cycling opportunities to wounded

service members, and His Wheels International, a group whose mission is to provide hand-pedaled bicycles to individuals with disabilities in developing countries.

Reichert said the event will offer exposure to varieties of bicycles participants may have never seen or ridden before.

"The thing about a bike is, you don't know it works or if it fits — if it's good — until you ride it," he said. "(CUBE) is giving people that opportunity."

The expo will be held Oct. 2 through 4 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Those who wish to try out bicycles are advised to bring a helmet. For more information, see <http://cube-expo.com/>.

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

Welcome to America, Pope Francis

Pope Francis is in the U.S. this week and it seems we are all wondering who he is and what he will say.

Some say he is too liberal. They claim he may even be a leftist.

Progressives embrace his apparent activist words of non-judgment for gays and his concern for the earth.

He very well could make controversial statements while he is here. Some of those statements might cheer progressives who have flocked to this pope, despite his clear support for Catholic doctrine — opposition to abortion, gay marriage and women priests.

And other statements might irritate the devil out of conservatives, especially when he talks about caring for the poor and caring for the planet.

But that's just the pope practicing what he preaches.

The predecessors of Pope Francis may be considered intellectual giants. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI were great scholars.

I'm not saying Pope Francis is not a great thinker, but more than his famous predecessors, he wears his Christianity on his sleeve.

And that's why the media, which has little understanding of any faith, much less Catholic Christianity, is so confounded by what this pope says and does.

When Pope Francis said he is not one to



RANDY BLASER

judge gay people, he meant it. For the church, it really is love the sinner, hate the sin.

When the pope says we need to be better stewards of the earth, he doesn't get that view from the tree-huggers bible. He gets it

from Genesis, when God tells Adam and Eve to care for the earth.

The poor? Everyone knows we have to care for the poor. But what is any pope to say when nations and the world economies pursue policies that create more poor, and ignore the extreme poverty that condemns people to a harsh life and early death in the nations of the Third World.

We who have been enriched by our capitalist and democratic system with peace and prosperity sometimes have a heavy price to pay for our increasing wealth. That price can be broken marriages, broken families and absent parents. Sometimes, having it all is having nothing worth living for.

Who else can speak to that truth other than the pope?

So this will be an interesting week with this pope in America, this man from the Southern Hemisphere for whom Christianity isn't just an intellectual exercise, but a way to live and breathe.

Welcome Francis!

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.



TONY GENTILE/AP

President Barack Obama shakes hands with Pope Francis during a state arrival ceremony Sept. 23 on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C.

Museums shouldn't cost more than families can afford

What's the best place to visit in the Chicago area?

Wrigley Field, I suppose a lot of people would say.

But for my money, the top spot is the Field Museum.

The Field Museum has been a place I've loved my whole life. I have great memories of school field trips. Clutching a paper sack containing my Swiss cheese sandwich on Butter-nut bread, my classmates and I raced through the museum. The dinosaurs would awe us. The mummies would enchant and frighten us. We'd gaze at the giant squid sprawled across the ceiling, and the stuffed murderous lions of Tsavo gazed back at us through now-glass eyes.

The Field Museum has drawn me back my whole life. It is a magical place, a place of beauty, a place of science.

And it is an expensive place — expensive



PAUL SASSONE

to operate and expensive to visit.

That's worrisome. In addition to field trips, I would visit the museum each year with my parents. It was an affordable outing.

As reported in the Chicago Tribune earlier this month, there is a museum proposal that would raise admission prices in January from \$1 to \$4. Admission for Chicago residents would go from \$13 to \$17. Student and senior admission would rise from \$10 to \$11. Admission for children ages 3 through 11 would go from \$8 to \$9. Basic admission for non-Chicago residents would also increase by \$2.

Since the museum rests on park district land, the Chicago Park District Board has to approve the increase. Park District officials say the higher ticket prices are necessary to counter rising expenses for mainte-

nance personnel and to help cover the cost of upgrading exhibits. Income from ticket sales currently covers just over one-fifth of operating expenses, officials told the Tribune.

Don't get me wrong, the Field Museum is worth every penny. And what it charges and wants to charge is not out of line. Adult admission to the Museum of Science and Industry costs \$18.

All the museums charge for extra and special exhibits. Add in food, transportation and souvenirs, and a museum visit can price itself out of many families' pocket-books.

I'd hate to see the Field Museum — and the other museums — cease to be a happy memory and learning experience for future kids and families because of cost.

What's the solution? I don't know. It takes lots of money to maintain these great museums.

Thankfully, the Field Museum still offers



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Geologist Bill Simpson gives "SUE the T. rex" a dust off at the Field Museum in June.

free days. Free days for the rest of this year are Oct. 4 and 30, Nov. 1 and 22 and Dec. 5, 6 and 13.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist.

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Some advice for rude people

Dear woman who called me an unprintable name at a public institution recently (long story, but the gist of it was that I was sighing in an exasperated way after moving back in line three different times because no employees would help me and this woman was apparently in a big rush): you are the perfect example of rampant rudeness in today's society.

I come across a lot of people who are in foul moods for one reason or another and I have never, ever called someone the b-word. I might think it, of course, but my mom's mantra rings ever true: "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

She was the approximate 10th or 11th rude person I'd come across that same day. In fact, you'd never know it was a gloriously sunny late summer day by the way people were acting.

In the spirit of trying to make everyday living a little more bearable, what follows is some advice for other people who seem to think they can do and say anything.

Dear person at the stop



LYNN PETRAK

sign: This is not a suggestion. Rolling through like you are going to just barely miss sideswiping me and then giving me a rude look is not courteous, much less lawful. Also, there's a certain rule you may remember from drivers ed: the person who arrives first goes, not the one who arrives there 10 seconds later in a big, fancy car and thinks they should go first because they are, well, all kinds of awesome.

Dear teenager who blew a stop sign last week, then followed and tailgated my car for at least 10 blocks after I beeped at you: Be careful to whom you do this, because they all won't be minivan-driving suburban mamas like me.

Dear young woman on the busy roadway, weaving all over the lane because she's looking down at her phone: There are moms

with strollers, kids on bikes and senior citizens all over this town. Please save your text for later so they can not be injured or killed today because of you.

Dear mom at church who is letting her kid run all over the place, stand up on the pew and pick flowers off plants near the aisle: Look in the back of the church.

There is a special children's/crying room. I know, because that is where I was when my daughter was just about your son's age, and she was more interested in tossing fish crackers around, hanging on my shoulder and asking when we could go home than she was in sitting even remotely still.

Dear Internet commenters and trolls: Just knock off the outright hateful and degrading comments about politics, sports figures, big news stories and the like.

Dear everyone: Thankfully, many of us still try to be civil and courteous most of the time.

Let's keep in mind that it's a heck of a lot easier to get through the day without making someone else's worse.

Chicago congestion fee a short-sighted move



PAT LENHOFF

One early morning 10 years ago, a bleary-eyed Boss and I arrived in London.

It was our first trip across the pond and we spent months planning the details and picking friends' brains about all aspects of the vacation.

One suggestion we implemented was using a personal driver for both the airport pick-up at Heathrow and for a day trip to Hampton Court Palace, stomping grounds of England's King Henry VIII. Alan turned out to be a great driver, very informative, and we were glad to have his expertise both upon our arrival and for the day's journey, as well.

In spite of the fact that English is the official language in both America and England, accents can be tricky until you acclimate yourself.

That's what we thought when Alan informed us he would be dropping us off a few blocks from our hotel, citing something that sounded like a "congestion zone."

Being totally unfamiliar with our surroundings and still acclimating to the British accent, we unloaded our bags from his car, paid him and schlepped to our hotel near Buckingham Palace.

It was later in our visit that we got more information about the congestion zone and related tax, which we were told was basically a fee for any vehicle that enters the heart of the city. It seemed outrageous and



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Columnist Pat Lenhoff says a congestion fee in Chicago directed at suburbanites would be a short-sighted move.

We're all part of the same general vicinity, one that we refer to as our "metropolitan" area.

yet, in an ancient city like London, with streets from centuries past and modern vehicles trying to navigate the area, we could understand the attempt to discourage motor traffic.

One thing we never expected is that in our own country someone would suggest something similar. That's the case, though. In fact, it's being looked at in Chicago for the center of the downtown district.

Reportedly, it's aimed at suburbanites like us, who might venture into the city, and it stinks.

Now, everybody knows the sad state of financial affairs for our big sister to the south. And I have no issue with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel trying to drum up funds for a starving system. But this is about as lame an idea as Santa Claus in flip flops.

Talk about shooting oneself in the foot or not

seeing the forest for the trees.

This would be a total upending of the normal relationship between city and suburbs. We're all part of the same general vicinity, one that we refer to as our "metropolitan" area.

If the congestion fee for non-residents somehow becomes reality, I'd say that the suburbs should adopt the same approach, either by imposing a tax on Chicago drivers who leave the city limits, or assessing sales tax based not upon where the purchase is made but where the buyer hails from, keeping the coverage as a fee for the wear-and-tear of non-residents driving on our streets.

Sound ridiculous? Of course it does. Because it is.

As even veteran city politicians point out, the way to generate income is to entice people to visit, not discourage them. Let's hope cooler, more rational minds prevail, or we may be headed back to the fiefdom system.

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Fall fun: Pick a pumpkin at suburban farms

By ANNIE ALLEMAN
Pioneer Press

Somewhere on your autumn bucket list are the words, "go to a pumpkin farm," probably falling between "get a pumpkin spice latte" and "rake the leaves into a pile and jump into it."

Because, priorities.

Most area pumpkin farms specialize in all forms of fall fun, including corn mazes, hayrides, petting zoos, concessions, kiddie rides, a haunted barn and of course, pumpkin patches.

Here's a roundup of area farms that are offering fall pumpkin adventures. Make sure you check the website for coupons, military discounts and rules on pets, strollers, credit cards, raincoats and more.



Fall-themed fun takes place at Didier Farms in Lincolnshire through Oct. 31.

DIDIER FARMS

Hampshire

Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm, to Oct. 31

42W813 Reinking Road. 847-464-5952; www.Pumpkinfarms.com.

Tickets, \$12-\$15; some activities cost extra. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 31. Look for a pumpkin slide, jumping pillow, pumpkin eating dinosaur, petting farm, pony rides, camel rides, pig racing, Pumpkin Express train, haunted house, corn stalk maze, Munchkin maze, corn box, Western town, paintball shooting gallery, tennis ball blaster and wagon rides. Mr. D's Magic and Illusion Show takes place on the weekends and Columbus Day.

Hobart, Ind.

County Line Orchard
200 S. County Line Road. 219-947-4477; www.Countylineorchard.com.

This popular family destination offers u-pick and pre-picked apples, pumpkins, train rides, a corn maze, a child-sized hay bale maze, gift shop, hayrides and a petting zoo.

Huntley

Dave's Pumpkins, through Oct. 31

9112 Algonquin Road. 847-217-7767; www.Davespumpkins.com.
Open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Featuring pumpkins, fall produce,

tractor rides and a maze.

Lincolnshire

Didier Farms, to Oct. 31
16678 W. Aptakisic Road. 847-634-3291; www.didierfarms.com.

Tickets, \$1. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. There is no admission fee, but all activities require at least three tickets. Some rides don't run during the week. New this year are a carousel and a gem mining sluice. Look also for pumpkin and gourds, a corn maze and straw bale maze, petting zoo, parakeet exhibit, camel rides and hay rides.

McHenry

Harms Farm Garden Center,
Oct. 1-31
4727 W. Crystal Lake Road.
815-385-5385; www.Harmsfarmgardencenter.com.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends. They offer pumpkins, petting zoo, a pumpkin train, animal zoo, corn maze, Nessie's Nest and haunted walk.

South Barrington

Goebbert's Farm & Garden Center, to Oct. 31
40 W. Higgins Road. 847-428-6727. www.GoebbertsGardenCenter.com.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Tickets cost \$10-\$12. Ages 2 and younger are admitted free. Goeb-

bert's Fall Festival includes pumpkins for sale, a corn maze, tractor-pulled hayrides, a pumpkin-eating dinosaur, pony rides, a haunted house and a pumpkin tunnel.

Spring Grove

Richardson Adventure Farm,
through Nov. 1
909 English Prairie Road.
www.RichardsonAdventureFarm.com.

Open 3 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; noon to 10 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$15 age 13 and older; \$12 ages 4-12; free admission for ages 3 and younger. Featuring a 33-acre Blackhawks corn maze, a pumpkin patch, zip line and pig races

Wadsworth

Patch 22, through October
15900 Kelly Road. 847-336-0120; www.Patch22.biz.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and Columbus Day. Offering pumpkins, hayrides, pony rides, petting zoo and farm animals.

Waukegan

Kroll's Fall Harvest Farm,
through Nov. 6
13236 W. Towline Road. 847-662-5733; www.KrollsFarm.com.

Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; noon to 11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.



GOEBBERT'S FARM

Goebbert's Farm and Garden Center is in South Barrington.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Features pumpkins, a corn maze, tractor-pulled hay rides, snacks, a petting zoo and farm animals.

West Chicago

Sonny Acres Farm, to Oct. 31
29W310 North Ave., West Chicago. 630-231-3859; www.sonnycres.com.

Tickets, \$1 (attractions cost a ticket). Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Pumpkins are just one part of Sonny Acres. Other activities include a Spook Shed, Dizzy Zone, Kiddie Koral, hay rides, petting zoo, hay maze, wagon rides, train and pony rides and giant slide. The haunted barn operates Friday nights and weekends in October. Shoppers can enjoy a costume shop, novelty loft

and harvest barn.

Woodstock

All Seasons Orchard, to Oct. 31
14510 Illinois Route 176. 815-338-5637; www.Allseasonsorchard.com.

Tickets, \$9-\$14. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Columbus Day. Apple picking extra. The theme of this year's corn maze is Minions. In addition to the corn maze and pumpkin patch, activities include a petting zoo, goat bridge, cow train, jumping pillow, sand box, spider web, corn crib, pedal cart track, mini zip line, giant swings, tube slide and tractor tires. Pig races and magic shows are on the weekends.

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The cast of James Downing Theatre's production of "The God Committee."

'God Committee' decides who gets life-saving transplant

BY MYNRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Seven professionals make life-and-death decisions in "The God Committee" at James Downing Theatre. Four doctors, a nurse, a disabled social worker and a priest, who is also a lawyer, have only minutes to decide which of three patients will receive a heart that is being rushed to St. Patrick's Hospital in Mark St. Germain's thought-provoking play.

Manny Schenk of Glenview plays Dr. Alex Gorman head of cardiac surgery.

"He's a very high-powered doctor who thinks of nothing but his work," Schenk said. "His work is his life. He has discarded his wife, his children, to pursue his career. He demands absolute excellence in everything he does. It is evident that he is not happy with the other people in this group."

Gorman believes that the decision of the Heart Transplant Selection Committee should be based strictly on medical data — no other factors should be taken into consideration.

"The other members of the group tend to look at

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sentimental things — family ties, and so on," Schenk said. "He believes that if a person is not medically fit, they shouldn't get a transplant. There is no sentiment attached to him at all. So I guess I'm the bad guy in this play."

Dr. Jack Klee, head of the Heart Transplant Unit, has an entirely different personality and viewpoint. Klee is played by Peter Grassl of Arlington Heights.

"He's a benevolent doctor who all the characters like," Grassl said. "He's been pulled back from being sick for this meeting. It's interesting to find out what's happening behind

those circumstances."

Klee believes that choosing the recipient shouldn't be a matter of only analyzing the medical data. "He focuses on the recovery system. Part of it's physical, part of it's understanding how the person will be able to recover and readjust back to society," Grassl said.

Unlike Gorman, Klee doesn't take a rigid position. "He listens to different factors and uses that to drive his decision, which in some cases surprises the other characters," Grassl said.

The show is directed by Gretchen Grassl, who happens to be married to actor Peter Grassl. ("He takes direction very well," she said.)

"I was really excited to do a current-time, character-driven piece like this," Gretchen Grassl said. "It's a really well-written play. It's dramatic but it's realistic. You could imagine knowing people like these characters. They all have their flaws. They all have their kindness and their goodness, too."

The director noted that, on the surface, the play is about who gets the heart. "But, it's really about the people at the table."

'Funnyman' visits the dark night of George Wendt's soul

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

George Wendt — the much-loved comic actor, former improviser and "Cheers" star, the man saddled for life with an open-for-business sign on the Norm Petting Zoo — goes to some very dark places in "Funnyman."

The world-premiere drama at the Northlight Theatre is about an old-school comic in 1959 with a wretched family life, a tortured soul, and copious amounts of coiled-up anger. Indeed, I'll venture that some of da Wendt's many Chicago superfans who find their way to Skokie will leave uttering some version of "I didn't know George could do that."

Before Friday night, neither did I.

I'm not making claims that the playwright Bruce Graham is up there up with Eugene O'Neill (although "Funnyman" is not too shabby), but Wendt's somber, pained, unstinting turn in this play reminded me of what Nathan Lane was trying to do in "The Iceman Cometh." As Wendt's character, Chick Sherman, notes in the play: "Nobody takes comics seriously until they do something serious."

Wendt is doing something serious here, all right. Graham has given him plenty of fodder for an actor with his particular trajectory: Chick, a vaudeville comedian trying to revive his career, now has to deal with shoddy new material; irritating, over-educated young directors with no respect for the old-school craft; and the ghosts of a long career in show business.

In Graham's play, Chick's loyal agent, Milt "Junior" Karp (Tim Kazurinsky, turning in a typically generous perform-



MICHAEL BROSILOW

George Wendt, left, and Tim Kazurinsky star in "Funnyman" at Northlight Theatre.

When: Through Oct. 18
Where: North Shore Center for the Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
Running time: 2 hours
Tickets: \$25-\$79
Info: 847-673-6300; northlight.org

ance), sets his long-time client and friend up in an absurdist off-Broadway play by a writer with Parisian pretensions (Rob Lindley), directed by a wunderkind Yalie (Steve Haggard) who's all about motivations and feelings, when Chick would rather just rehearse.

As Chick, Wendt has fun joshing with Kazurinsky's Junior, but he really kicks in when he's sharing the stage with the excellent Amanda Drinkall. She plays Chick's adult daughter, a woman obsessed with discovering the details of the normal childhood she never had. Those scenes are performed in BJ Jones' production with many layers of pain. And yet they also bounce with life.

"Funnyman" could use more work. It is never as effective when it falls into the stereotypes of the biz, which it does from time to

time, although it is effective at climbing back up and offering a jolt of surprise. And if Graham could strike the obvious and the sentimental from his script, he'd find he has plenty left.

Jones' direction is smart and actor-focused, but there needs to be more of a flow to the piece, more of a sense of the anachronistic Chick passing through a changing milieu. The telling of this man's tale needs both to enlarge in scope and come with a bit less transitional fuss.

But there is nothing fussy or forced about most of the acting. And "Funnyman" really is a shrewdly penned and highly involving affair that captures a moment of momentous change in art, even as it probes the universal truth that comedians rarely have funny lives.

Wendt is an actor who always has projected a squishy likability, and thus we pull for his Chick — addicted to that which he hates. Yup. Not hard to sympathize.

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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Get out and about with Fall Family Fun Fest

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Kids and grownups will have fun at four locations during Eisenhower Public Library's Fall Family Fun Fest, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 3. "In the past we just had activities at the library," said Peggy Tomzik, head of library services. "This year, we're encouraging people to get out and walk the community."

Visitors can stop at the Norwood Park Fire Department Open House (noon-3 p.m., 7447 W. Lawrence Ave., Harwood Heights); Ridgewood High School's Organic Garden (10 a.m.-2 p.m., 7500 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge); and Norridge Park District (10 a.m.-2 p.m., 4631 N. Overhill) for games.

At the library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights, there will be games and craft projects.

"We're hoping it will be a beautiful fall day and that people take a short walk through the neighborhood and have a fun day visiting each location," Tomzik said.

"It encourages people to

enjoy other institutions within the community as well as the library."

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

The big picture

Hands-on activities for all ages and visuals will be presented by Kevin Manning as he shares "Astronomy for Everyone: Size and Scale of the Universe," 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Your family also will learn about the stars and other celestial wonders. Registration is required.

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

Out of place

Imagine the confusion when characters discover, "We're in the Wrong Book!" Kids will hear Richard Byrne's book and do related projects at a special storytime, 11 a.m. Oct. 3 at Barnes and Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie.

For details, call 847-329-8460 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

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Telling tales

Children and adults will be enchanted by the stories they hear at the 1st Annual Evanston Public Library Storytelling Festival, Oct. 9-11. Six nationally recognized storytellers are featured at this free event at Evanston's Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., and two other locations. The full schedule is on the library's website.

For details, call 847-448-8600 or go to www.epl.org/storyfestival.

Groovin' at the Grove

Live folk music, square dancing and hayrides are a few of the attractions at The Grove Folk Fest, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 4 at 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview. There also will be a flute circle, nature walks, an animal program and more. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for children.

For details, call 847-299-6096 or go to www.thegroveglenview.org.

FEMINIST ART EXHIBIT

"In A Relationship," an abstract sculpture by artist Lea Weinberg, is one of 70 works in this year's Annual Women's Art Exhibition at the Oakton College Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines. "Feminism Across the Generations" celebrating feminism's past, present, and future opens Oct. 1, with a free reception with the artists on opening night from 5 - 8 p.m. It runs through Oct. 23. The museum is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. For more information, contact 847-376-7061 or kcarot@oakton.edu.



KOEHLIN MUSEUM OF ART



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Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy of Morton Grove dogs and handlers. From left: Dawn Kahn of Mundelein holding Lucy, Heather Sillin originally of Glenview with Charlie, Jeanne Liedtka of Franklin Park holding Pablo, Al Liedtka of Franklin Park holding Jerry.

35th Annual Family Fest raises \$1M for Misericordia

Event: 35th Annual Misericordia Family Fest
Benefiting: Misericordia Heart of Mercy, Chicago, supporting more than 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities
Special program: "The Million Dollar Quartet"
Location: Misericordia Chicago campus
New Facility: Quinlan Terrace home for 'continuum of care' for 60 residents with Alzheimer's and dementia
Attended: 12,000+
Date: Sept. 13
Raised: Over \$1 million



Sharon Casetta of Skokie, volunteer

FASHION SHOW RAISES FUNDS



EASTER SEALS DUPAGE AND FOX VALLEY

From left: Caitlin Wyler of Evanston, Greg Wyler of Skokie, Allie Wyler Paus of Park Ridge, Lauren Merry Jones of Columbus, Ohio, Molly Gardner of Downers Grove, Erin Monley of Chicago, Luke Skertich of Chicago, Dave Merry of Chicago, Joe Gardner of Chicago and NBC 5 news anchor Dick Johnson were among 450 supporters at the the Easter Seals DuPage and Fox Valley's 35th Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show Sept. 19. The event, held at Drury Lane Theatre and Conference Center, Oakbrook Terrace, raised \$50,000 for kids with disabilities. More information at easter-sealsdvr.org.



Barba Lullias of Morton Grove, volunteer at Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy of Morton Grove



Sister Mary Connolly, executive director Misericordia Heart of Mercy, left, with Lols Gates, assistant executive director

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

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
1605 E Central Rd, # 418C, Arlington Heights	Shizuo Otsuki	Bozena Kijowska	08-27-15	\$143,500
587 E Windgate Ct, # B2, Arlington Heights	Irene D Davlera & Aldean Espiritu	Eunis Park	08-27-15	\$148,000
2630 E Bel Aire Dr, # 101, Arlington Heights	Kelly E Valerugo & Lisa L Valerugo	Sally Jane Merkel	08-28-15	\$149,000
603 N Wlshire Ln, Arlington Heights	Siyamak Ghaeedan & Keiko Ichihara	Norman D Purves	08-26-15	\$287,500
810 N Patton Ave, Arlington Heights	James P Brouder III & Rachel K Brouder	Jonathan Forsythe	08-28-15	\$312,500
905 N Harvard Ave, Arlington Heights	Andrew C Starrenburg & Meghan A Starrenburg	Craig L Swanson	08-27-15	\$335,000
924 S Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Catherine Vitale Sweeney	Robert P Vitale	08-26-15	\$350,000
201 N Vail Ave, # 307, Arlington Heights	James Spizzirri	Niall J Mcshane	08-28-15	\$365,000
3038 N Windsor Dr, Arlington Heights	Sean Patrik Kane & Kimberly Kay Kane	Toby W Lange	08-26-15	\$375,000
1710 W Grove St, Arlington Heights	Bradley C Houx	M J & B Contractors Inc	08-27-15	\$390,000
719 E Hintz Rd, Arlington Heights	Joseph Akellan & Lisa A Akellan	Jason Mrowicki	08-27-15	\$450,000
1313 N Chicago Ave, Arlington Heights	Jason Mrowicki & Cassandra Mrowicki	Wieslaw Urbaniak	08-27-15	\$840,000
151 W Wing St, # 902, Arlington Heights	Sulaiman Roy & Heena Roy	O Keefe Trust	08-27-15	\$1,200,000
12 Oak Creek Dr, # 2218, Buffalo Grove	Tetyana Bondarenko	Yuliya Lebedev	08-27-15	\$78,000
585 Le Parc Cir, Buffalo Grove	Andre Kisllak	Lake County Sheriff	08-24-15	\$120,000
274 Appletree Ct, Buffalo Grove	Phillip Kim	Carol M Gesior	08-21-15	\$170,000
840 Weidner Rd, # 208, Buffalo Grove	Ronald S Goldberg & Renee A Goldberg	Fannie Mae	08-28-15	\$175,000
800 Weidner Rd, # 406, Buffalo Grove	Mykhailo Chervonyi & Iryna Yoltukhovska	Ilna Kreylnis	08-28-15	\$187,000
1226 Clearview Ct, Buffalo Grove	Kelly Barry & Patrick Barry	Carrie Block	08-24-15	\$210,000
824 Marselles Cir, Buffalo Grove	Michael Schokin	Hyman Strom	08-21-15	\$360,000
348 Horatio Blvd, Buffalo Grove	Yevgeniya Volfson & Michael Goldenberg	Michael Aranovich	08-26-15	\$366,500
88 Willow Pkwy, Buffalo Grove	Vishal Bakshi & Pooja Kachroo	Kevin B Kolb	08-24-15	\$390,000
2122 Apple Hill Ln, Buffalo Grove	John G Wessel & Susan L Wessel	Zheng Trust	08-24-15	\$530,000
1972 Wright Blvd, Buffalo Grove	Madhushankar Ramamurthy & Vidyanaghaathan Raghunaathan	Pulte Home Corp	08-26-15	\$694,500
9451 Bay Colony Dr, # 294, Des Plaines	Duk Hee Rhee & Benjamin Rhee	Shawn Dillon Falk	08-27-15	\$112,000
1327 E Washington St, # 504, Des Plaines	Roman Kaczowski & Sylwina Kaczowski	Elizabeth S Jurcik	08-27-15	\$190,000
370 S Western Ave, # 207, Des Plaines	Jeffrey J Whitt	Stone Gate Of Des Plaines Llc	08-26-15	\$190,000
200 Westmere Rd, Des Plaines	Jacqueline Hook	Raymond Zegadio	08-26-15	\$208,000
159 E Walnut Ave, Des Plaines	Edward C Musni & Nicole L Musni	Mountain Prime Llc	08-26-15	\$243,500
745 Sanborn St, # 18 5, Des Plaines	Naushaba Khan & Tasneem Farooqui	Raymond Cyborski	08-26-15	\$245,000
680 Kenilworth Ct, Des Plaines	Federico S Rodriguez & Maria Z Chauca	Tina Thomas	08-26-15	\$247,000
2418 Birch St, Des Plaines	Katarzyna Szponder & Wiesia W Szponder	Daniel G Penon	08-28-15	\$250,000
533 Anita St, Des Plaines	Robert M Hatfield & Paula M Hatfield	Joseph T Blattner	08-26-15	\$301,500
1000 1/2 Dodge Ave, Evanston	Mondiat Ogunsanya	Akinloye Jacob Ogungbemi	08-28-15	\$140,000
125 Kedzie St, # 2, Evanston	Ozge Samanci & Shirley Adams	Beth H Bunten	08-27-15	\$165,000
1707 Hartrey Ave, Evanston	Uthman K Salaam & Mojisola S Salaam	Donald J Woods	08-26-15	\$169,000
601 Linden Pl, # 312, Evanston	Robert A Christensen & Kathleen C Christensen	Michael S Schmitt Estate	08-28-15	\$180,000
1111 Church St, # 403, Evanston	Qiang Zhang & Xiaoyin Wang	Tanner Trust	08-26-15	\$210,000
1310 Maple Ave, # 50, Evanston	Clifton T Williams & Brenda Williams	Brian J Gregozeski	08-27-15	\$220,000
1432 Fowler Ave, Evanston	Sergio Huerta & Angelica Huerta	Bernstein Ventures	08-27-15	\$265,000
2509 Crawford Ave, Evanston	Stacey I Nord Hamilton	Margaret C Powers Estate	08-28-15	\$285,000
8833 Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston	John Epler	Morris E Robinson	08-27-15	\$399,000
1817 Grant St, Evanston	Joseph P Quinn & Heather A Quinn	William Packer III	08-28-15	\$410,000
1119 Washington St, Evanston	Christopher Terence Mchugh & Sara Elizabeth Mchugh	Robert M Banks	08-28-15	\$430,000
9252 Central Park Ave, Evanston	Eitan A Stieber & Keren E Fraiman Stieber	Jacob Osojnak	08-28-15	\$456,000
1108 South Blvd, Evanston	Melissa Bevan & John Drennan	Norbert W Budde Jr	08-27-15	\$525,000
2740 Reese Ave, Evanston	Andrew P Shessler & Christina B Shessler	John S Hancock Jr	08-27-15	\$569,000

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2010 Grant St, Evanston	Evan D Newton & Elizabeth L Newton	Lola E Shapiro	08-26-15	\$637,500
9410 Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston	Jason Friedman & Brandis Friedman	Michael Milligan	08-28-15	\$663,000
1707 Chancellor St, Evanston	Luke E Lyons & Emily Lyons	Richard A Beck Jr	08-27-15	\$671,500
2622 Park Pl, Evanston	Scott A Pitcock & Diane A Testa	Paul Rolfes	08-28-15	\$849,000
2304 Park Pl, Evanston	Raymond J Joehl & Julia G Joehl	Tom G Sprandel	08-27-15	\$850,000
2329 Hartzell St, Evanston	Aaron Fetters & Dana Fetters	Paul D Graves	08-27-15	\$1,095,000
2111 Lawndale Ave, Evanston	Michael Darer & Elaine Darer	James Anderson	08-27-15	\$1,185,000
819 Long Rd, Glenview	Dennis Sommo	Jocelyn St Louis Jean	08-28-15	\$260,000
829 Long Rd, Glenview	Zhiqiang Du & Xiaoli Han	David Joel Greenberg	08-27-15	\$304,000
2350 Chestnut Ave, # 205, Glenview	Michael W Kruger & Deborah Lehne	Marc J Levine	08-26-15	\$350,000
2700 Summit Dr, # 407, Glenview	Jin Kim & Hwa Jung	Priscilla Yeung	08-26-15	\$380,000
1216 Heatherfield Ln, Glenview	Shiqiang Hao & Yanru Wang	Yan Chen	08-28-15	\$415,000
3802 Michael Ln, Glenview	Gus John Galanis & Erene Strouboulos	Gary M Hutter	08-26-15	\$499,500
3062 Knollwood Ln, Glenview	Michael J Antonioli & Molly P Antonioli	Michael G Siegert	08-26-15	\$556,000
3057 Knollwood Ln, Glenview	Naveed Lakhani & Saira Makhani	John Qianjun Chen	08-27-15	\$580,000
1226 Pleasant Ln, Glenview	Yuriy Bukhalo & Natasha Shapiro	Rs&p Housing Investors Llc	08-27-15	\$637,000
1515 Brandon Rd, Glenview	Jeff Mahmeister & Christen Mahmeister	James Maccharoli	08-27-15	\$725,000
1834 George Ct, Glenview	Peter S Mooses & Cara M Mooses	Kris E Nichols	08-28-15	\$785,000
2201 Cottonwood Dr, Glenview	Douglas J Spaete & Layll S Spaete	Judy Joseph	08-27-15	\$797,500
916 Hunter Rd, Glenview	Rania Fetouh & Omar Khalil	Michael J Lee	08-26-15	\$1,187,500
7 Norbert Dr, Hawthorn Woods	Kenneth A Benoit & Heather L Benoit	Peter J Carroll	08-25-15	\$482,500
191 Mooregate Trl, Hawthorn Woods	Angelo A Ventrone & Gina M Ventrone	Taylor Morrison Of Illinois	08-26-15	\$766,500
13256 W Heiden Cir, Lake Bluff	Srirajan Valdyanathan & Gayathri Vedamurthy	Michael M Cloud	08-25-15	\$222,500
709 Smith Ave, Lake Bluff	Paul Stevens & Tara Beth Stevens	Susan K Smith	08-25-15	\$271,000
12537 Meadow Cir, Lake Bluff	Kurt J Haller	Seungjin Shin	08-26-15	\$395,000
135 E Center Ave, Lake Bluff	Matthew D Cramer & Katherine A Cramer	Wayne Paul Zeleski	08-21-15	\$425,000
29562 N Birch Ave, Lake Bluff	Adriano Marques & Vanessa Marques	Douglas D Geiger	08-26-15	\$452,000
18 Warrington Dr, Lake Bluff	Peter H Jones Jr	Peter H Jones	08-24-15	\$550,000
353 W Prospect Ave, Lake Bluff	Ryan A Reider & Ann T Rieder	Carl W Kitzrow III	08-24-15	\$610,000
663 Rockland Ave, Lake Bluff	Matthew Claeys & Brianne Claeys	Michael N Setteducate	08-24-15	\$720,000
502 E North Ave, Lake Bluff	Jerrold Diem & Meaghan Diem	Daniel S Borre	08-21-15	\$825,000
1301 N Western Ave, # 230, Lake Forest	Antranik S Polidian & Maha Poladian	Linda Diane Gold	08-25-15	\$126,000
6330 Lincoln Ave, # 1G, Morton Grove	Tarek Sulaiman	Christopher R Groeling	08-28-15	\$134,000
8129 Parkside Ave, Morton Grove	Herbert Rivero	Equity Trust Co Trustee	08-26-15	\$172,000
5909 Church St, Morton Grove	Samantha L Sander & Westley J Curent	Brian Sander	08-26-15	\$190,000
5944 Cleveland St, Morton Grove	Kyle Harvey	Leanne M Joseph	08-26-15	\$285,000
8632 Major Ave, Morton Grove	Sharnim Patel & Sadik Y Patel	Michael D Scheinplflug	08-28-15	\$320,000
9418 Oketo Ave, Morton Grove	Waqas B Jamal & Shabnam Jamal	Raisa Stolyar	08-26-15	\$355,000
8815 W Golf Rd, # 5H, Niles	Dimitre Dimitrov	Paresh Thakkar	08-28-15	\$105,000
7726 N Harlem Ave, Niles	Jeremy L Kaulfers	Raymond S Czarnik	08-28-15	\$185,000
8054 W Lyons St, Niles	Klaiden S Sangar & Jantin Malekopoour	Zariab S Irfan	08-28-15	\$207,000
8230 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles	Saad Zaya & Linda Zaya	Thomas A Oleksy	08-27-15	\$250,000
7508 W Kirk Dr, Niles	Katelyn Michellini & Charles F Bauerschmidt	Aluminum & Vinyl Works	08-27-15	\$417,500
711 Busse Hwy, # 1A, Park Ridge	Angelo Rago	Sheridan Trust	08-26-15	\$83,000
2500 Archbury Ln, # 91 J, Park Ridge	Steve J Kachniewicz & Haldee C Kachniewicz	Dina Asuras	08-26-15	\$145,000
1150 Higgins Rd, # C, Park Ridge	Rachel A Picur	Mark J Monforti	08-28-15	\$223,000
213 Kathleen, Park Ridge	Timothy Schneider & Josephine Puleo	Moldauer Trust	08-27-15	\$406,500
12 N Merrill St, Park Ridge	Nicole Birmingham & Mark Butchko	Carla Scarsella	08-28-15	\$530,000
706 S Greenwood Ave, Park Ridge	Joseph Guest & Jennifer Guest	Steven E Stachorek	08-27-15	\$615,000
8 Columbia Ave, Park Ridge	Mark Zahara & Brooke Zahara	Matthew Newton	08-27-15	\$765,000

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LAKE ZURICH

Over \$100k in recent upgrades & updates including all new windows, newer carpet, fresh paint, newer HVAC, landscaping, all updated baths & kitchen. Eat-in kitchen with 42-inch maple cabinets, granite, custom back-splash, newer stainless steel appliances. Family room has brick fireplace. Master suite has walk-in closet & private bath with jetted tub. Loft area can be converted into a 4th bedroom. Finished basement with ceramic tile. Heater in garage. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths.

Address: 1080 Queen Ann Lane
Price: \$367,500
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: \$7,699
Agent: Jane Lee/RE/MAX Top Performers



GLENVIEW

Quiet neighborhood with longtime owners. Custom kitchen, featuring stainless steel appliance, counter-depth fridge, slide-in stove with hood. Granite counter and peninsula, marble backsplash. All new HVAC, ductwork, plumbing, electrical, windows and doors. Hrdwood floors & voc free paint throughout. All marble baths with new vanities. All fixtures replaced. Professional landscaping, all new sod, plants, drainage system. 13-month home warranty incl. Four bedrooms, 2 baths.

Address: 107 Julie Drive
Price: \$417,500
Schools: Maine East High School
Taxes: \$6,393
Agent: Elda Kramarski/Exit Realty Re-defined



LAKE FOREST

Home sits on a 0.75-acre wooded lot at the end of a cul-de-sac. Hardwood floors and floor-to-ceiling windows in living room. Kitchen with custom cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, granite & tile backsplash. Newer mechanicals include HVAC, high efficiency water heater, media filter, 200-amp electric service and auto start natural gas generator. The exterior features a new roof, gutters, siding, windows, brick walkway & garden shed. Three bedrooms, 2 baths.

Address: 1165 Ranch Road
Price: \$699,000
Schools: Lake Forest High School
Taxes: \$6,793
Agent: Anne Hardy/CENTURY 21 Kreuser & Seiler



MORTON GROVE

Ranch with front porch and large fenced yard. Spacious main floor family room with fireplace, wood floors, laundry closet & access to 2-car garage. Eat-in kitchen. Updated bathroom. Full finished basement has ceramic tile floor, drywall & paneled walls, 1/2 bath, storage, workroom and 2 sump pumps. Patio & storage shed. Driveway holds 5+ cars. Three bedrooms, 1 full bath and 2 half-baths.

Address: 9212 Parkside Ave.
Price: \$289,000
Schools: Niles West High School
Taxes: \$8,123
Agent: Cindy Finnerman/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Edgebrook

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Thursday, Oct. 1

All My Relations: A Seneca History:

This exhibit features traditional and modern Seneca artifacts, which span various generations. 11 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free-\$5; \$10-\$12 for talk, 847-475-1030

Native Haute Couture: The exhibit features garments showcasing American Indian artistry in tanning, weaving, embroidery, beadwork and tailoring. 10 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America: This exhibition features 18 G-scale trains chugging along 1,600 feet of track past replicas of American landmarks including the Statue of Liberty. 10 a.m. Daily, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$6 adults; \$5 seniors; \$4 children ages 3-12; under 3, free; Garden members \$1 off these rates; Garden Plus members, free entry Wednesdays; 10-visit pass \$45, 847-835-5440

6 Wicket American Croquet: North Shore Croquet Club. NSCC offers free coaching sessions and practice games to learn '6 Wicket American Croquet'. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Wednesday, Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road, Glencoe, free, 847-409-5526

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

Opera Lecture Series: Cinderella by Gioacchino: Tales of intrigue, love and death from the 2015 Lyric Opera of Chicago fall season. Lectures moderated by former Lyric Opera docents. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Battle of the Books: Glenview 4th & 5th Graders: Are You Ready to Read?

Establish a team of four members, read the books and test knowledge with other teams at the library. 9 a.m. Daily, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

BookBites: Reading Social: "The Cuckoo's Calling," by Robert Galbraith this month. New members are always welcome, so just drop in. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Banned Books Week: Banned Books Week is an annual event that celebrates the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. 9 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Art in the Library: My Museum Year: Glenview's own fine artist Elisa Boughner is experiencing her museum year, exhibiting at Florida's Ormand Memorial Art Museum and Chicago's Field Museum. Boughner shares several of her museum quality pieces with Glenview Library patrons. 9 a.m. Daily, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

StoryWalk: The Little Red Hen by Mary Finch: Stroll, bounce, hop, or better yet, bike along the path to read this retelling of the classic tale. With gorgeous paper arts illustrations and a happy ending for all, this story is sure to delight the entire family. 9 a.m. Daily, Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Everybody Move: Celeste Cifala Roy has planned an hour of activities and exploration including scarves, balls, hoops and instruments to get your child up moving, singing and dancing. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Medicare made easy: During this presentation, Kathy Gaeding from CJE SeniorLife, a trained Illinois Senior Health Insurance Counselor, provides tips to help you make good choices and guides you through the Medicare maze. 1 p.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Do More with Excel 2010: This follow-up to Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010 covers performing calculations with formulas and functions. 7 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

The American Legion, Post 134: The American Legion, Post 134, is seeking volunteers to raise funds for Poppy Days to help veterans. 6 a.m. Daily, The American Legion Post 134, 6144 West Dempster St., Morton Grove, Any amount helps, 847-663-0539

"Mapping Morton Grove" Exhibit at the Morton Grove Historical Museum: Come enjoy this exhibit which is open during regular museum hours. 11 a.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0203

Reading with Rover: Does your child need to build confidence when reading out loud? 7 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-6622

Five Money Questions for Women: Financial Advisor Kyle Brown, talks about the Rule of 72, systematic investing and utilizing employer-sponsored retirement plans. 7 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Evening with the Author: Robert Kurson: Robert Kurson, best known for his 2004 bestselling book "Shadow Divers," reads his work, answers audience questions and signs copies of his books at the Northbrook Public Library's Evening with the Author event. 7 p.m. Thursday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Book Discussion: 1 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program box is in the lobby of the Park Ridge Police Department. 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 Avenue, Park Ridge, free, 847-579-1300

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

Food Drive in Skokie: Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. These foods to be given to the hungry in the community. All foods can be dropped off at Walgreens. Daily, Walgreens, 3945 West Dempster Street, Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

German Stammtisch: The group meets in the community center to practice German and learn about German culture. For all experience levels, from native speakers to beginners. 1 p.m. Thursday, Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, free

The Language of Business: This new free class helps attendees improve their reading, writing and math skills as they learn the language of business ownership and management. The class is perfect for English Language Learners or Adult Basic Education students who want to bridge the gap between intermediate to advanced language proficiency while developing their small business skills. 6 p.m. Thursday and Tuesday, JVS Chicago, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, free, 855-463-6587

Funnyman: Chick Sherman (played by the one and only George Wendt) was once a rising Vaudeville star. Along with his less than enthusiastic agent, Chick tries to revive his career by starring in an off Broadway production while his daughter searches for answers from her absentee father. 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; and 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 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, 40 years later. 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 interested in all aspects of fibers arts: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint. All interested in meeting friendly people with similar interests are welcome to spend the two hours doing individual projects in companionable discussions. 10 a.m. Thursday, Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-293-6755

Quilt Lecture: Illinois Quilters Inc. meets at Beth Hillel Congregation. This month's speaker is Ami Simms and her lecture is entitled "Living with Quilts: A Survival Guide" 7 p.m. Thursday, Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emonah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, \$5, 847-480-9777

Friday, Oct. 2

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

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SUBURBAN COOKS

Working mom loves her slow cooker

By Judy Buchenot
Beacon-News

When work keeps you late or the weather slows your commute, the only resort for dinner seems to be fast food.

But Aurora resident Debbie Rogers has found that the slow cooker is the answer to making dinner easy.

"When my kids were growing up, they loved coming home from school and smell dinner cooking," Rogers said. Even though she didn't arrive home until after them, the slow cooker meal she had started in the morning was in its final fragrant stages of cooking.

Even now that her children have grown, Rogers still relies on hers for healthy meals for her husband, Mark, and herself. Over the years, she has learned several things about slow cooking and no longer relies on recipes.

"When there were four of us, I used to make a whole chicken in the Crock Pot but now that there are only two of us, I rely a lot on these," she said, holding up a bag of frozen, boneless, skinless chicken breasts. "You don't even have to defrost them," she notes.

"I just ... add some seasonings and whatever vegetables I find in the refrigerator and let it go on low all day. Most chicken breasts are frozen with some liquid in them so you really don't have to add more liquid."

She has several different go-to chicken combinations. One of her favorites is to pop in a few frozen breasts, add an undiluted can of condensed cream of chicken soup and maybe a few scallions. When she gets home, she cooks up some rice and serves it with the creamy chicken. Another favorite is to cook the breasts with some taco seasoning and a little salsa.

"When I get home, I shred the chicken and make burritos or tacos with it," says Rogers.

She has several slow cooker combinations for beef also.

"I have found that some of the less expensive, tougher cuts do really well. They get so tender after cooking all day," she said. For example, Rogers seasons a pot roast with salt, pepper and garlic powder.

Then she places it in the pot and tops it with a can of undiluted condensed tomato soup. A few peeled vegetables go on top of the soup and she lets it cook all day.

"It makes a really delicious, thick stew," she says. She usually adds about 1 inch of liquid when cooking beef unless she is using a sauce or lots of vegetables.

Rogers has found that it isn't necessary to brown hamburger for chili or spaghetti sauce before it goes in. She just mixes all of the ingredients and lets it cook.



JUDY BUCHENOT/BEACON-NEWS

Debbie Rogers places frozen chicken breasts in the bottom of her crock pot as the first step in making Busy Family Crock Pot Chicken Cacciatore.

"I never use the high setting. I did that one time and everything got burned and crusty and we couldn't eat it. Low is the way to go," she claims.

In addition to feeding her family, Rogers has always taken an interest in feeding the hungry through the annual Crop Walk. This effort to raise funds to feed the hun-

gry both locally and abroad is sponsored by Church World Service. Rogers recently walked in the Aurora CROP Walk.

"It was a great event for a great cause," she said. "I just wish there had been more people participating. It used to be that everyone knew what the CROP Walk was and wanted to be a part but fewer people

A Busy Family's Crock Pot Chicken Cacciatore

- 3 or more frozen boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 24 ounce jar prepared spaghetti sauce
- 3 14.5-ounce cans diced tomatoes
- 6 ounce can tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons dried Italian herb mix
- 1 pound spaghetti
- Parmesan cheese to taste

1. Place frozen chicken breasts in bottom of the pot. Pour spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato paste and Italian seasonings on top and mix lightly. Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours.

2. Boil water and cook spaghetti. While it is cooking, break up chicken breasts into small chunks in the crock pot. Drain spaghetti, top with sauce and chicken, and sprinkle on Parmesan cheese.

Debbie's Culinary Cue

If you have an old-school slow cooker without an insert, it is time to upgrade. The newer ones with removable inserts make it easy to serve directly and make cleanup much faster.

seem to know about it today. It's one of those best kept secrets that really shouldn't be a secret."

There are numerous walks in October and November that are open to everyone who want to support the effort.

Rogers encourages others to consider being part of a CROP Walk or supporting the effort with a donation.

"Going on the walk is wonderful because you get to spend the day with people who really care about helping others," she said.

Although many of her slow cooker creations are put together without a recipe, Rogers does have a recipe for "A Busy Family's Crock Pot Chicken Cacciatore" that she shares.

"I often get up and make breakfast, lunch and dinner for the day before I go to work," she says. "The Crock Pot makes it so easy."

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

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Halloween costumes that are all in good pun



BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

This Halloween, give friends and family something to think about with clever costumes that celebrate the English language. Most of these costumes are easy and inexpensive to put together, requiring little more than T-shirts, fabric markers, Duck Tape and a few items from the dollar store. The hard part is coming up with a costume idea that will keep people guessing. Here are some tips to get you started.

Compound Words

Compound words can become great costumes, especially when the two smaller words can be expressed visually. For example a "breadstick" costume might be a T-shirt covered with bread and pants covered with sticks.

"Moonlight" can simply be a T-shirt with a hand drawn picture of the moon and several glow-stick necklaces and bracelets. Other compound word costumes include "handbag," "rainbow," and if your name is Mark, consider going as a "book-mark."

Common Terms

You'd be surprised how many words quickly change meanings once paired together. For instance "deviled eggs," "holy cow," and "puppy love." To make a "deviled egg" use fabric markers to draw an egg on a T-shirt and pair it with devil horns, tail and pitchfork. Pair an angel halo and a T-shirt covered with black cowlike splotches to make a "holy cow" costume and puppy love requires little more than floppy ears, a brown nose and a T-shirt decorated with hearts.

Idioms

Coming up with idiom costumes is not only fun but it's a great way to teach kids about figurative speech. Ask your kids to help you make a list of all the idioms they know and then pick one that can be told visually. For instance, a "butterflies in my stomach" costume can be made by drawing a few butterflies on a T-shirt in the stomach region. A T-shirt covered with numbers can illustrate "you can count on me," and "time flies," requires little more than a T-shirt with a hand-drawn clock face and wings.



Costume 1: Caroline Sultz of Glenview



Costume 2: Charlotte Leahy of Wilmette



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Costume 3: Bryson Leahy of Wilmette



Costume 4: Vincent DiFlore of Glenview



Costume 5: Brannon Moran of Glenview



Costume 6: Ellery Moran of Glenview

Play on Words

Perhaps the most imaginative costumes illustrate terms that deviate slightly from their original form. For example your can turn a "referee" into a "rufferee" by dressing your favorite pooch in a black and white striped shirt. Or dress up as a "Han Solo Cup" which is half "Star Wars" cos-

tume (white shirt, black vest, light saber) and half red solo cup (turn a solo cup into a hat by punching two holes at the top and using ribbon as a chin strap.)

The pictures show some "punny" costumes we came up with. Can you guess what words or phrases they're playing with? Check your answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Caroline Sultz of Glenview: "Witch Way."
2. Charlotte Leahy of Wilmette: "Pig in a Blanket."
3. Bryson Leahy of Wilmette: "Mail-man."
4. Vincent DiFlore: "Ceiling Fan."
5. Brannon Moran of Glenview: "Bread Winner."
6. Ellery Moran of Glenview: "Spelling Bee."

German cook enjoys making cake from homeland

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

When Anne Becker first moved to Naperville from Germany, "my husband said it would only be for three years." Much to her surprise, 22 years have now passed in her Naperville home.

"I still get homesick for Germany," she said. "Sometimes I feel that I live between worlds — I am not German or American." Becker misses her mother and relatives most of all but said she also misses the "smells of Germany."

The most memorable aroma came from her mother's cooking.

"My grandparents had a brick house with a stone floor that was damaged during World War II. They rebuilt it but kept the original floor," Becker said. "My parents then moved into the house and when I was growing up, my mom made the same meal every Sunday. It was a pork roast that she browned in a cast iron pot that she got from her mother."

After browning the rolled pork roast, Becker's mother added bouillon and vegetables. "It would cook three hours and when we got home, the whole house smelled like that roast. And when I go to visit her now, I can still smell the roast." The meal was served with kohlrabi, red cabbage or beans, depending upon the season. Although Becker has made the same recipe in her own kitchen, she has never been able to duplicate the distinct aroma. "I think it is the stone floors and brick walls that added to the smell," she said.

Becker, 50, is originally from Wuppertal, a town in Northern Germany known for the Schwebebahn, a unique suspended railway that opened in 1901. People who live in the town enjoy sharing the tale of Tuffi, a baby elephant who took a ride on the train in 1950 as part of a publicity stunt for the circus. The elephant became frightened by the noise of the train and broke through a window to escape the train. Fortunately Tuffi landed in a river and was not injured.

Although she is far from home, Becker enjoys cooking and baking German dishes for her four children and husband. She noted that traditionally, German families ate their big hot meal around noon instead of in the evening.

Although this has changed over the years, the tradition of "kaffee und kuchen," or coffee and cake, is still common. This mid- to late-afternoon meeting for coffee and a piece of cake is a time for relaxing and visiting with family and friends. The cake for this social ritual is not as sweet and rich as American dessert cakes.

Before she left Germany, Becker learned how to make a versatile cake from a friend who lived in Altenstadt, a small town in Bavaria. Like many German recipes, the ingredients are weighed, instead of measured. "It all begins with the eggs," Becker said.

She weighs three eggs and uses that weight to determine the amount of flour, butter and sugar. So if the eggs weigh 4 ounces, she adds four ounces of flour, four ounces of sugar and four ounces of butter to the recipe. Then she adds some baking powder and the cake batter is ready to go into the springform pan.

Topping for the cake can vary depending on what's in season. She has used everything from apples to rhubarb and strawberries to top the cake.

"There is one dough but so many ways to vary it," she said. "That's how I like to do cooking — start with something I know and change it around to make something new."

Becker likes to serve the cake with freshly whipped cream. For holidays, she flavors the whipped cream with a teaspoon of rum for a festive flavor. "When I make it with sliced pears, I let the cake cool and then spread whole cranberry sauce on top," she noted.

Becker is pleased to be able to practice German traditions and language in Naperville. She teaches German at the German Language School of Naperville. She has been at the school with director Angela Jostlein for 10 years.

The school has language classes for both children and adults as well as several events that celebrate German culture and traditions including the annual lantern parade in November. As October approaches, Becker looks forward to the many Oktoberfest celebrations that take place both in the United States and Germany.

"In the '60s and '70s, Oktoberfest was only in Bavaria, but in the last 10 to 15 years, it has spread



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

Anne Becker serves up a slice of her German Apple Pastry, a cake made by using equal weights of the ingredients.

Anne's Culinary Cue

Vanilla sugar can be made at home by simply placing a vanilla bean into a jar of granulated sugar. Seal the jar and within a day, the sugar will have the fragrant flavor of vanilla.

Germany Comes to Naperville

Slap on your lederhosen and raise your stein with a loud "Prost." It is time for Oktoberfest at Naper Settlement. German oomp bands as well as rock and roll bands, German food and beer and numerous activities abound during this two-day event from 5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 2 and from noon to 10 p.m. Oct. 3. Tickets bought in advance by Oct. 1 are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. Tickets at the day of the event are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 4 to 12. Naper Settlement is located at 523 S. Webster St. For entertainment lineup, menu and more details, visit www.napersettlement.org.

to all parts of Germany. People really like to dress up and celebrate," she said.

Becker shares her recipe for German Apple Pastry for others to make to have a proper afternoon

German Apple Pastry

- 3 eggs
- butter
- sugar
- flour
- baking powder
- 4 Granny Smith apples

TOPPING:

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla sugar
- 3 tablespoons of butter
- 1 cup whipping cream (optional)

1. Bring all of the ingredients to room temperature. Weigh the three eggs on a kitchen scale and make a note of the amount. Then weigh the same amount of sugar. Place in a bowl with the eggs. Using the wire whip attachment of a stand mixer, whip the eggs and sugar for five minutes. Mixture should become smooth and light in color.

2. Using the same egg weight, weigh out butter. Add to egg and sugar mixture and incorporate at low speed until blended. Using the egg weight, weigh flour. Mix 1 teaspoon of baking powder into the flour. Blend flour into the egg mixture. Line the bottom of a 10" springform pan with parchment paper. Butter the sides of the pan. Spread batter in the pan. Peel and core apples. Cut each apple into eight slices and arrange in circular pattern on top of batter.

3. In a small bowl, mix together 1/4 cup sugar, cinnamon and vanilla sugar. Sprinkle over apples. Cut three tablespoons of butter into cubes and sprinkle over apples. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. Use a convection oven if available. Serve with sweetened whipped cream. For special occasions, spread whole cranberry sauce over top of cake after it has been baked and cooled.

coffee and cake. The recipe has many variations, which she also shares.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer for the Naperville Sun.

Readers respond to recent columns

Help Squad decided this week to share some of the feedback we've received from readers on topics recently featured in the column.

Re: Patient gets relief from large, wrongly issued medical bill
My wife and I enjoyed reading your column about Jean in Chesterton, Ind., which hit a bit of a nerve with us.

I ran into the very same road block (HIPAA) that every medical organization attempts to throw up and hide behind. Whenever I attempted to help my mother-in-law and father-in-law with their insurance troubles in their later years, it was always the same response: we can't tell you anything "because of HIPAA" even when the information that needed to be discussed and resolved had absolutely nothing to do with their medical information

— diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, etc. — just financial.

Simple solution. My mother and father-in-law signed a HIPAA release giving me the ability to talk with the provider on their behalf. It really annoyed every single medical office I emailed or faxed it to, but it nipped in the bud their ability to hide and stonewall.

A HIPAA release might be worth considering discussing with someone with a problem in the future when the problem requires dealing with a medical organization.

Regards,
Larry, Naperville

Re: Airline customer claims misinformation and blocked Facebook posts

Southwest has a very strict policy about travel funds, as you know by now. The fee to extend a



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

fare for six months after expiration was \$50 not long ago, and now it's \$100. They claim they are making a policy exception when they merely extend the fare or, in the case of Virginia, transfer the remaining funds to Virginia and extend the expiration date. And they will not discuss this issue until the ticket has expired.

It's no use trying to talk with a supervisor; they don't budge! But I still like the airline as most do due to its no-fee change policy and no luggage fees.

Dennis, Naperville

Re: After providing debit card, consumer learns trial product not free

I just discovered (Novus) charged me for product that was supposed to be a sample. I called the Discover Company and was told Novus is doing this and some people are not aware they will be charged. They should be reported as a fraud. The (terms and conditions) print is extremely small and many people do not even see this.

Anne, Vernon Hills

Re: Best ways to get Comcast Help Squad,

I posted a request for help on the Xfinity Facebook page regarding a penalty fee we were charged for canceling our Comcast service — after being told repairs to a severed cable line would take six days. This was posted on a Friday.

I heard back from someone by that Saturday night, and they asked me to send them my account info. I heard back on Wednesday that my refund for \$88 had been granted. I checked and my account has been updated to reflect the credit! I am still a little shocked that Facebook actually worked. It makes me wonder if Facebook is the best way to handle customer service issues or if I just got lucky. I won't break into my happy dance yet, but I'm loving this customer service via Facebook. Your column helped me with my Comcast issue and for that I am grateful.

Michele, Deerfield

Send your questions to HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com.

Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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'Meat dogs' saved from South Korean farm

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

According to Humane Society International, more than 2 million dogs are bred and butchered for their meat each year in South Korea.

But thanks to HSI, 103 dogs and puppies were spared that fate last week.

The group organized a rescue mission in Chungcheongnam-do, part of its campaign to end the dog meat trade and raise awareness among South Koreans. HSI was able to get the dog meat farmer to give up his animals and convert his operation to a rice farm. It was the third dog farm closure by HSI this year.

"The first time we saw the dogs, it was really shocking," said Kelly O'Meara, HSI's director of companion animals and engagement. "They were clearly terrified, but once they realized we weren't there to hurt them, their tails started wagging, eager for the slightest show of affection. They have so much love to give, it's appalling to think they were destined to be butchered for their meat."

According to the rescuers, there was a mixture of breeds on the farm, ranging from large mastiffs to Jindo mixes, spaniel mixes and Chihuahuas. All 103 have been flown to the U.S. and have gone to rescues in California and Washington State, from where they will be adopted.

"Humane Society International has now rescued and rehomed 186 dogs from South Korea's brutal dog meat trade, and



MANCHUL KIM/HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Humane Society International team members load dogs from a South Korean dog meat farm onto a truck to be taken to San Francisco.

every time we see these lucky guys happy in their new families, it's a painful reminder of those still suffering on these farms," said Kitty Block, HSI's vice president. "These dogs will be amazing ambassadors for our efforts to end the cruelty of the dog meat trade, and we hope to open a dialogue with the South Korean government about doing just that."

As part of its efforts, HSI is launching public awareness campaigns to encourage South Koreans to think differently about "meat dogs." There appears to be a change in the public's attitude. More people are considering the

meat trade shameful, and farmers are facing pressure from their families and local communities to close their farms. Working in HSI's favor is the fact that the 2018 Winter Olympics will be in Seoul, putting pressure on the government to affect changes.

Free lap dances?

Animal shelters need community support if they're going to accomplish their main goal, getting dogs and cats out of cages and into homes. But before you get people's support, you have to get their attention.

A no-kill shelter in Trenton, Maine, is doing that with a sign it posted last week.

It reads: "Live nude dogs. Free lap dances."

Diana de los Santos, director of the nonprofit SPCA of Hancock County, said in an email that since the sign went up, two longtime dogs were adopted, and there were several cat adoptions as well.

"We are a small shelter," de los Santos said. "We can have up to 15 dogs and about 50-75 cats. At present we have seven dogs and 62 cats, a lot of those being kittens."

She said she got the idea from a post she saw on Facebook. It's just another in a series of catchy signs she has used. Among the others she has used: "If you don't talk to your cat about catnip, who will?" and "Neutering your pet will make him less nuts." Only once has there been a complaint - that from just one person - about a sign that read "The only balls your dog needs are the (ones) he fetches."

"My response to that person was, 'You are offended by that?' I am offended by all the people that don't spay and neuter and those that don't keep their pets for a lifetime. That trumps you being offended by the word 'balls.'"

De los Santos says she knows she can't please everyone, and her focus is on getting animals adopted.

"Finding good homes for the dogs and cats in our care, that is what matters to us."

The CECIL Act

Congressman Raúl Grijalva, an Arizona Democrat, has introduced the Conserving Ecosystems by Ceasing the Importation

of Large (CECIL) Animal Trophies Act in an effort to stop trophy hunters from killing endangered species.

The CECIL Act is named after the African lion that was killed by an American hunter. The bill seeks to prohibit the importation of trophies from species that are proposed to be listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act but have not yet been listed. It would ensure that when an at-risk species, such as the African lion, is proposed for listing by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, hunters do not rush to kill as many of them as possible before their window of opportunity closes.

In October 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed listing the African lion as threatened. The original petition seeking the listing was submitted in March 2011, and since then lions have continued to be hunted. Lion populations have dropped by more than 50 percent since 1980, and trophy hunting continues to contribute to this decline.

"The outrage expressed by the American public over Cecil's death has made it clear that the vast majority of U.S. citizens believe this is not an acceptable way to treat wildlife," said Adam M. Roberts, CEO of Born Free USA and the Born Free Foundation. "This country passionately supports the conservation of wild animal species at risk. Congress has a significant responsibility to do everything in its power to stop the cruel slaughter of threatened and endangered species for sport."

PET OF THE WEEK



Toby
Naperville

Toby is a handsome boy who always has a smile on his face. He is 4.5 years old and an American Staffordshire Terrier mix. Toby gets along with some other dogs, but can come on a bit strong when first meeting them. He does have possible food allergies and is on a grain-free diet at the shelter. Children in his new home should be at least 12 years old because of his energy level.

Toby's adoption fee is \$200. All animals at NAHS have been examined for health and temperament, are up-to-date on vaccines and have been microchipped. They are spayed and neutered at adoption.

Visit Toby at the Naperville Area Humane Society. For details, visit napervilleareahumanesociety.org.

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The benefits of putting God in your romance

Clergy offer tips on faith as part of relationship



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

While recently taking a walk on a beautiful, tree-lined path in my neighborhood, I ran into a dear friend — a 79-year-old Italian native, Catholic woman, who for years and years has heard the trials and tribulations of my love life.

So when she asked about my new boyfriend, I'm sure she expected me to give her a list of reasons why it probably won't work out. Instead, she got an anomaly.

"He's wonderful," I gushed.

She then did something I found thought-provoking. She took my hand gently, patted it and said softly, "Keep praying. Just keep praying. Pray together."

Not the response I was expecting, it got me curious about the role that faith and God play in romantic relationships. Are there benefits to including God in your relationship? Is it true that a couple who prays together stays together?

I reached out to two people I thought might be able to answer these questions: Rabbi Paul Cohen, senior rabbi at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield, and the Rev. Charles Mize, senior pastor at Glenview Community Church.

Cohen, who has been a rabbi for 25 years, said including God in a romantic relationship, especially a marriage, strengthens the commitment.

"It provides an added depth, richness and energy to the marriage because the couple recognizes that God is a partner in it as well," he said.

Cohen said a religious wedding ceremony makes the couple accountable to God when it comes to the work and diligence that every marriage requires.

"For a Christian marriage, or any reli-

gious marriage, God is the third partner in this relationship," said Mize, who has been a pastor for 35 years. "We can depend on God to give us strength and resilience in the relationship, even during the toughest times."

What are some ways couples can make faith and God part of their relationship?

1. Be mindful of our words and actions toward one another. "The idea that we are all created in the image of God and that we are representing God on Earth should temper and mediate how we behave toward each other," Cohen said. "Hopefully, the words we choose and the deeds we perform will honor that fact."

2. Engage in religious traditions together. A Friday night Shabbat dinner, a Sunday morning church service, or a charity event where the couple volunteers together are all opportunities to turn to and connect with God together.

"Tradition teaches us what God's love means," Mize said. "That's how God gets brought into the relationship."

3. Pray together. I believe God listens to our prayers wherever we are. In other words, we don't have to be in a church or a synagogue to talk to him. When a couple prays together — whether it's for a friend who is ill, for their children or even a quick prayer before a meal to give thanks, they connect on a spiritual level that

adds another element of closeness to what they already have.

The way I see it, when it comes to marriage or any long-term committed relationship, we can use all the help we can get. Relationships are hard!

Having faith has always given me a sense of calm, hope and peace. And aren't those the exact things that help make our romantic relationships the best they can be? We need to count on ourselves and on each other, of course. But why not include the power of faith as a form of guidance, of support and that extra something that might make a difference in being happy and being really, really happy?

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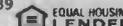
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Luna: New Moon

By Ian McDonald, Tor, 398 pages, \$27.99

Ian McDonald is best known for a series of excellent novels that challenged science fiction's Anglo-American bias by portraying the future as it might play out in India ("River of Gods"), Brazil ("Brasyl") and even Turkey ("The Dervish House"). So when he turns his attention to a classic theme like the colonization of the moon, it draws notice: His new novel "Luna: New Moon" is being developed as a TV series by CBS, which won a rare bidding war for a science fiction literary property. That may be partly because McDonald has described the novel as "Dallas' on the moon," referring to the old TV soap, but he's selling himself short.

Moon colonies have been depicted by classic writers from Robert A. Heinlein to Arthur C. Clarke, but McDonald's version is different: Virtually everything, from water to air to marriages, is a commodity, controlled by the Lunar Development Corporation. There is no criminal law, only contract law, and some matters are settled through duels. Five corporate families, or "dragons," struggle for control of valuable resources such as helium-3, and are not above subterfuge and even assassination to gain power. The novel focuses on the clan whose matriarch, Adrianna Corta, built her empire from modest beginnings in Brazil more than 50 years earlier. When one of her sons is targeted for assassination (by a kind of mechanical poisoned flying bug), he is rescued by an unemployed biologist barely eking a living by selling her urine for recycling, and living in what amounts to the colony's slums, the upper levels more exposed to deadly radiation (the colony is dug deep into the moon's regolith). The corporate and family intrigues that follow make for an engaging thriller, but McDonald's portrait of a cutthroat society trying to survive in the deadliest of environments also make it one of the strongest science fiction novels of the year.



Sorcerer to the Crown

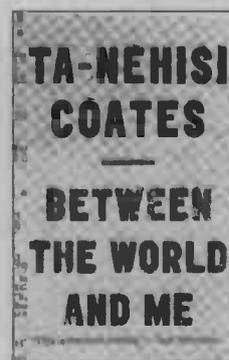
By Zen Cho, Ace, 374 pages, \$26.95

A Malaysian-born writer living in London, Zen Cho gained acclaim with highly imaginative short fiction often drawing on Malaysian folklore. But that hardly prepared readers for her first novel, a delightful Regency-era historical fantasy, set in an England from which magic has begun to disappear. The organization of magicians, the Royal Society of Unnatural Philosophers, seems powerless to do anything about it, but when the Royal Sorcerer names as his successor his adopted son, Zacharias, they're really nonplussed: For one thing, he's black, rescued by his adoptive father from slavery. For another, he seems to have real magical talent, which many of the Society only pretend to. And for a third, one of his priorities is to unleash the magical power of women, who are traditionally sent to witches' school only to learn to suppress their powers, since magic is seen as a man's domain.

When Zacharias meets Prunella Gentleman, an orphan working at one of those schools, the two of them set about not only restoring magic to the world, but upending the entire Regency social structure. Adding to the confusion is a Malaysian witch named Mak Genggang, who occasionally shows up with a chaotic new form of magic. Somehow, Cho manages to introduce decidedly subversive themes of racism, sexism and colonialism into a tale that otherwise plays out as a sweet-natured comic romance, the first of a trilogy. But it's a romance with teeth.

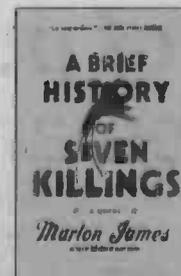
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1. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" by Marie Kondo (Ten Speed, \$16.99).
2. "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates (Spiegel & Grau, \$24).
3. "The Girl in the Spider's Web" by David Lagercrantz (Knopf, \$27.95).
4. "Purity: A Novel" by Jonathan Franzen (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$28).
5. "Yes Please" by Amy Poehler (Dey Street, \$16.99).



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A Brief History of Seven Killings: A Novel

By Marlon James, Riverhead, 690 pages, \$17
Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, this fictionalized account of violence in Jamaica opens with an assassination attempt on Bob Marley. From there, the novel, written in five parts, follows a large cast of characters as the narrative jumps around Kingston in the '70s, New York City in the '80s, and the radically altered Jamaica of the early '90s.



The First Bad Man: A Novel

By Miranda July, Scribner, 283 pages, \$16
Cheryl Glickman is an uptight, hopeless romantic in her 40s who lives alone and works for a women's self-defense studio. When her bosses ask if their 20-year-old bombshell daughter Cleo can temporarily move in, Cheryl's ordered world comes apart, only for the seemingly selfish and cruel Cleo to be the one who teaches Cheryl how to live.



Welcome to Braggsville: A Novel

By T. Geronimo Johnson, William Morrow, 366 pages, \$14.99

D'aron Davenport enters UC Berkeley as a small-town Southern kid when he befriends Louis, a "kung-fu comedian" from California; Candice, an Iowan who claims Native American heritage; and Charlie, an African-American from Chicago. When the four hold a "performative intervention" to protest a Civil War re-enactment in D'aron's hometown, their uproarious journey to Braggsville turns tragic.



Tennessee Williams

By John Lahr, W. W. Norton, 765 pages, \$19.95
Lahr explores the life of playwright Tennessee Williams, delving into Williams' family history and how his belittling father and domineering mother affected his future and his works. In addition to looking at Williams' career, Lahr also explores Williams' sexuality and numerous affairs, the confusion over his death in 1983 and the battle that continues over his estate.



The Christmas Match

By Pehr Thermaenius, Uniform, 223 pages, \$19.95

Thermaenius details the soccer match played between British and German soldiers on Christmas Day 1914. Told through the prism of two of the players — Scotsman Jimmy Coyle, who played professionally before the war, and Albert Schmidt, who for his local German club — the book follows the journey the men took from mobilization in August 1914 to the match.

— Jeremy Mikula



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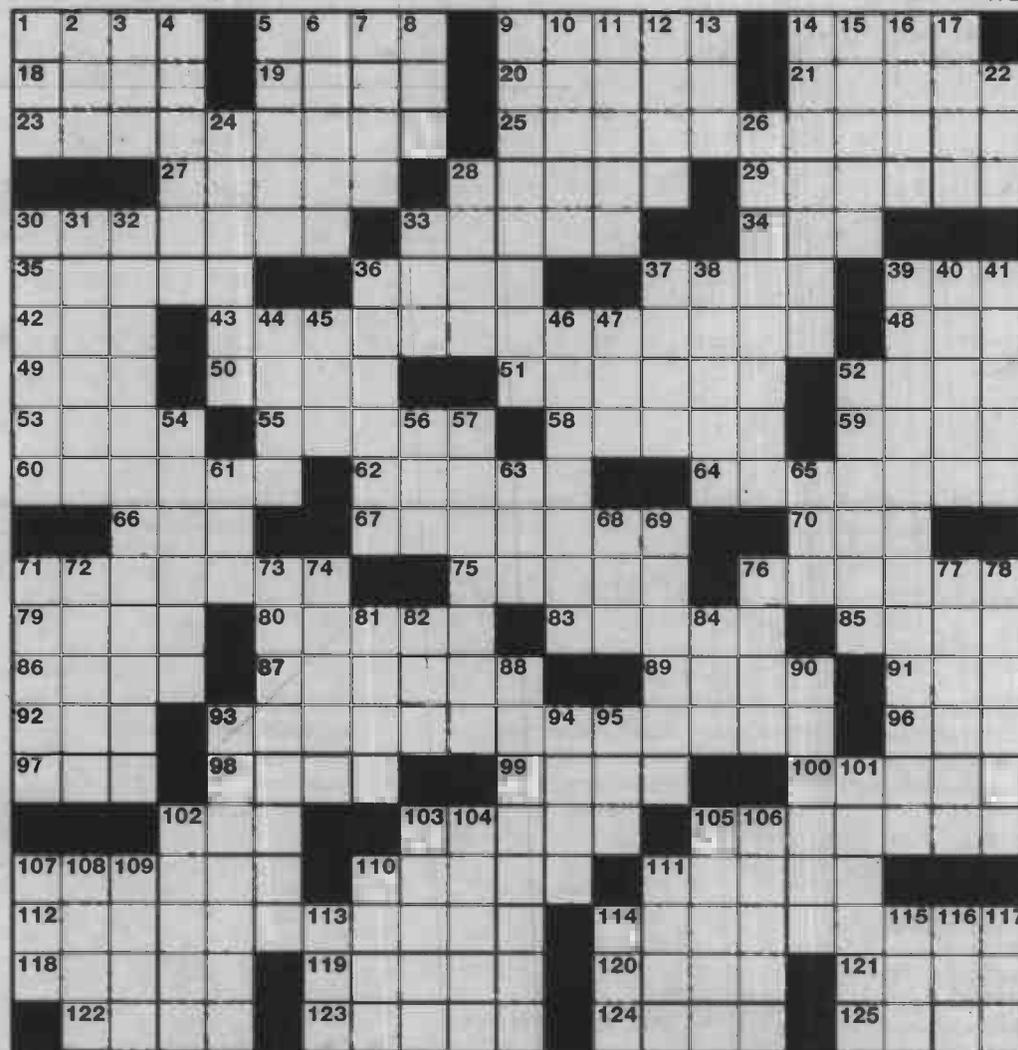
- 1 Toy with a spool
5 Criticize harshly
9 Thespian's whisper
14 Water-skiing locale
18 "Buzz off!"
19 Angelic instrument
20 Transportation charges
21 Full of energy
23 Indiscreet person
25 Hippie-era slogan
27 Some Parliament members
28 Isn't caught off guard
29 Pacific weather phenomenon
30 Withdraws officially
33 Long-running disputes
34 Droop
35 Greeted the day
36 Ripped
37 Cultural figure
39 Clumsy one
42 Orange tuber
43 Multi-speaker system
48 NAFTA signer
49 AT&T or AOL
50 Small jazz group
51 Comic Judy
52 Accident investigation agcy.
53 Light-tube gas
55 Unhappy spectator
58 Mathematical subgroup
59 USMC truant
60 NASA attire
62 Top-notch

- 64 Loosen up between lines, perhaps
66 Hoop group
67 Two or three
70 Not within walking distance
71 Eternal
75 Chopin piece
76 "See, I was right!"
79 — of the above
80 Bat again
83 Tennis contest
85 Some Wall St. recruits
86 Possible race pace
87 More absurd
89 Blood-bank supply
91 Neighbor of Mich.
92 Aussie bird
93 Struggle clumsily along
96 Luau instrument
97 Campaigned
98 Rank above viscount
99 Innermost part
100 Copier powder
102 Solo of *Star Wars*
103 Swindler
105 Make happy
107 Stop up again, as a wine bottle
110 Courtroom worker
111 Early spring flowers
112 Be silly
114 Glutton
118 Brazilian novelist Jorge
119 Three-Pulitzer playwright
120 Do roadwork
121 *Exodus* author
122 Keycard receiver

- 123 Stun gun
124 Tech support caller
125 River sediment

Down

- 1 Letters on some pricey handbags
2 Taunting cry
3 "I kid — not"
4 Tons and tons
5 Reinforce, with "up"
6 Heaps praise on
7 Creative pursuits
8 Dashboard abbr.
9 Prosperous
10 Light lunch, perhaps
11 Fairway clubs
12 Morning moistures
13 Jargon suffix
14 Region of northern Finland
15 In the course of
16 Fuzzy fruit
17 Deadlocked
22 Suffix for ranch
24 Far from boastful
26 Strike a chord (with)
28 It's north of Chile
30 Proverb
31 Wipes clean
32 Blackboard or whitewall
33 Egg — yung
36 Bunches of Brownies
37 Promises to pay
38 More adorable
39 Leaving port
40 Part of PGA: Abbr.
41 Tale with a moral
44 Metro regions
45 Ipanema's city



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- 46 Propriety
47 —Caps (candy brand)
52 Flamethrower compound
54 Corn kernel
56 Poetic preposition
57 Firmly fastened
61 — kwon do
63 Was introduced to
65 W. Coast airport
68 City in Oklahoma
69 Leaves alone
71 Walk inside
72 Designer Kamali
73 Where Sinhalese is spoken
74 Tijuana title
76 Drive— window
77 DiMaggio or Jeter
78 Nautical direction
81 Drag along
82 Vacation stop
84 Tim Cook's title
88 Airplane's black box
90 Send with an email
93 Biblical words of comfort
94 Swindle
95 Old Testament sanctuary
101 Detestable
102 Folksy greeting
103 Trumps, at times
104 Zellweger of Chicago
105 Orchard
106 Farther down
107 HDTV brand
108 Shade trees
109 Fossil fuel
110 Common mixer
111 Cartoonist Addams
113 Chinese zodiac animal
114 PC component
115 Sch. with a Providence campus
116 Nothing at all
117 Summer hrs.

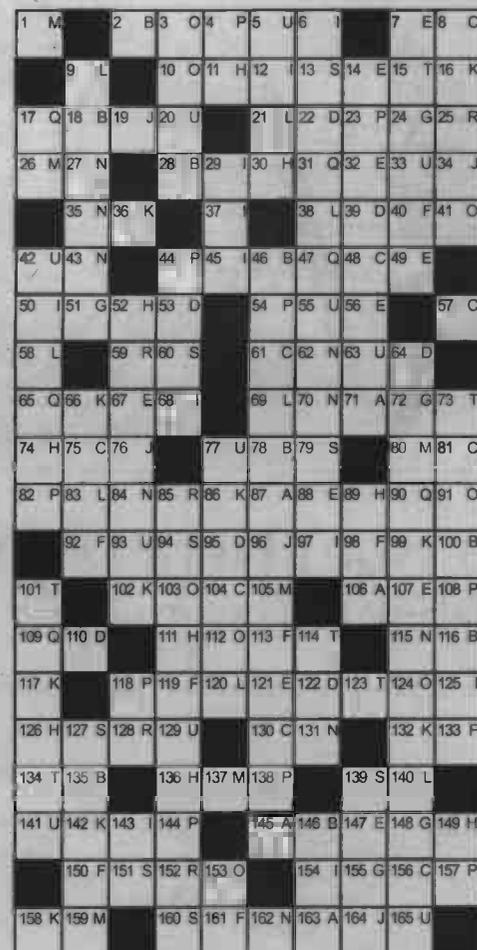
Quote-Acrossic

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

Clues

Clues	Words
A. Falls for a trick	145 87 106 71 163
B. Completely: 2 wds.	100 28 146 46 135 18 116 2 78
C. In an aimless way: 3 wds.	61 81 104 48 156 75 57 130 8
D. Harmonious relationship	53 39 122 64 95 110 22
E. Public show	67 121 107 147 56 7 88 32 14 49
F. Home of Jesus	119 92 113 98 40 161 150 133
G. Talked nonstop: 2 wds.	72 155 148 51 24
H. Flagrant	126 136 30 11 149 89 74 52 111
I. Right now	97 12 68 45 6 125 37 143 29
	154 50

J. Ringer	96 19 164 34 76
K. Foolish: hyph.	66 16 86 36 102 142 132 99 158 117
L. Happening during winter	58 120 83 21 69 140 9 38
M. Fall or dive	105 26 1 80 137 159
N. '87 Goldie Hawn movie	35 70 62 43 84 131 115 162 27
O. Conservative	124 103 41 3 153 112 91 10
P. No chance is left: 4 wds.	138 144 108 54 4 157 118 82 23 44
Q. Female group member	47 109 31 65 90 17
R. Unspoken	25 152 128 85 59
S. Nonunion workplace: 2 wds.	139 13 79 127 94 151 60 160
T. Withdraw	15 114 73 134 101 123
U. River flowing into the Missouri	20 129 63 5 33 141 93 77 55
	165 42



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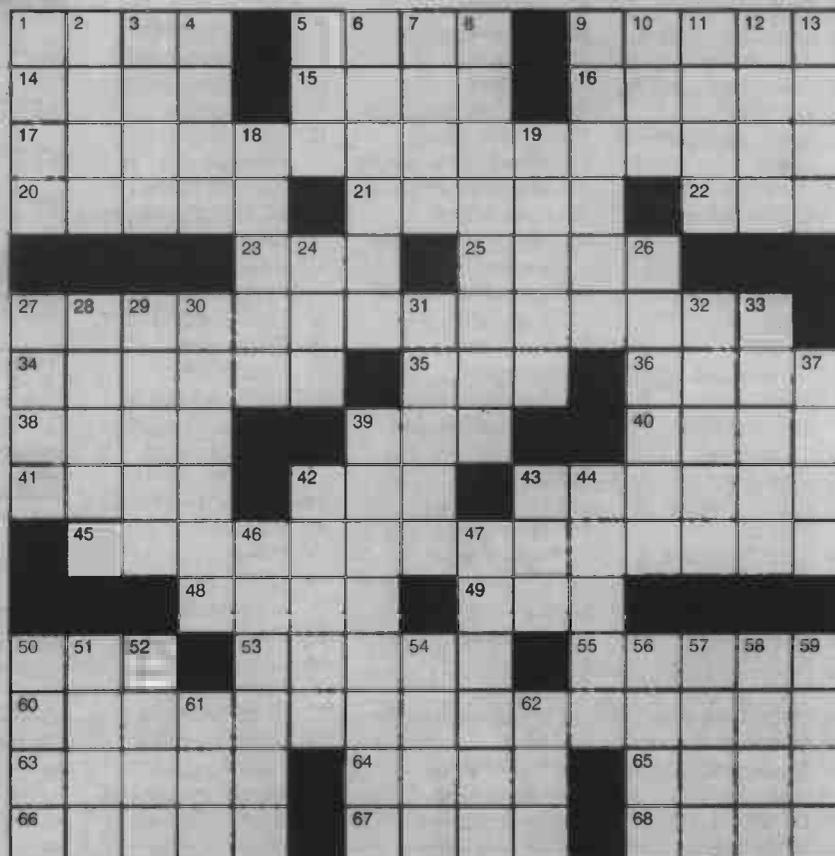
- 1 Teacher's aid?
- 5 Sweet things
- 9 Vermont offering
- 14 Lost
- 15 Pt. of the Smithsonian
- 16 24 sheets of paper
- 17 Arum plant
- 20 Wild thing
- 21 PeeWee
- 22 Double curve
- 23 Simian
- 25 Showy rugs
- 27 Cleans up in Reno
- 34 Worked the blue pencil
- 35 Expression of disgust
- 36 Guinness or Baldwin
- 38 Apollo's mother
- 39 Uno and Due
- 40 Spanish flick
- 41 Areca
- 42 Magnon's head
- 43 Water wasters
- 45 Winter warmers
- 48 Ms. Lane
- 49 Wallach
- 50 Reverence

- 53 Ward off Aedes
- 55 Raise the spirits
- 60 One man band
- 63 Farm measure
- 64 Perceives
- 65 An early visitor to our shores
- 66 Evening wear?
- 67 Misguided marquis
- 68 Aleutian Island

Down

- 1 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 2 Golfer Aoki
- 3 Nape site
- 4 Gives counterpoint
- 5 Score a point in wrestling
- 6 Main course
- 7 Tennis great
- 8 Immigrants' accommodations
- 9 Oil's good for this
- 10 The King
- 11 Ready for the pickin'
- 12 Exodus author
- 13 Teachers' aides
- 18 Riled up
- 19 Intimidate, with out

- 24 Thinker of great thoughts, hopefully: abbr.
- 26 She's a Sissy
- 27 SOS
- 28 24 Down's interest, sometimes
- 29 Lord or Lady
- 30 Pertaining to a plant's opening
- 31 Finder of fact
- 32 Mixed drink garnish
- 33 Maxim
- 37 Irish luck
- 39 Overstep the line?
- 42 Indian head
- 43 A Mineo
- 44 Less friendly
- 46 Bulging
- 47 Became clear
- 50 Not quite closed
- 51 Texas town
- 52 Beige
- 54 Ancient Greek City
- 56 Acting Turner
- 57 Passageway
- 58 Omar's output
- 59 Jacob's twin
- 61 Beer barrel
- 62 Half a fly



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Future scientists

Lake Forest Academy, Kraft support groundbreaking student learning

When Stanton Cope was in sixth grade, he witnessed his first chemical reaction in a science lab. From there, he was hooked.

"I just thought it was so cool the way two things merged into one, or blew up when they made contact," he says of the one-on-one after school enrichment opportunity with then science teacher David Granger. "That was when I really knew I liked the subject and wanted to research it further."

Fast-forward to Cope's junior year at Lake Forest Academy, 1500 W. Kennedy Road, Lake Forest, and the science enthusiast was finishing off AP Chemistry with a thirst to learn more. Cope, Class of 2015,

approached science instructor Dr. Kerry Cedergren in hopes of pursuing an independent study course in his final year.

Around the same time, Cedergren received an e-mail from Kraft Food Scientist Dr. Megan West, sister to LFA alumna Holly West, Class of 2011. West inquired about the possibility of a student research project using lab equipment the company had donated in 2013 through chemist — and mother — Dr. Leslie West.

Fortuitously, Kraft researchers were looking to partner with LFA for a student project involving pigments in beans and the possibility of using natural products as food coloring.



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"Stanton is so enthusiastic and curious that he had trouble narrowing down what he wanted to do for his senior year," Cedergren says of Cope's interest in creating an independent study. "Then here is this focused project and I thought 'this is it.'"

Cope was thrilled with the opportunity to work with sophisticated, cutting-edge resources and industry professionals at a Fortune 500-company.

"I have been a huge Kraft fan for years," Cope says. "I love food and I love Kraft's products. It was perfect."

The inquisitive science student devoured related reading materials and began using lab equipment to conduct high-performance liquid chromatography, an analytical technique that separates chemicals.

With the help of Cedergren, Cope tested 11 types of beans and built a database of his findings. The research allowed Cope to "own his learning" and think critically about problem solving, an academic tradition LFA has historically emphasized.

"I learned to take charge of my learning and be responsible for myself, which I think was a really impor-



Stanton Cope works in the science lab at Lake Forest Academy last year.

Photo courtesy of Lake Forest Academy

tant skill to learn, especially before heading to college," Cope explained.

Cope also met with Kraft executives and researchers to present his findings, something the current

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— Dr. Megan West,
Kraft Food Scientist

college freshman called "surreal and phenomenal."

"It gives him a little bit of corporate experience," Cedergren adds. "Very few high school seniors can meet with professional food analysts on such an intimate basis."

From Kraft's perspective, working with students like Cope means inspiring a new generation of scientists.

"We really want to get students who love science to think about their futures," West says of Cope's research project with the food and beverage giant. "We love seeing young people act on their enthusiasm for learning."

Perhaps best of all, Cope's independent study work has opened the door for additional collaborations with Kraft. This year, the course includes

11 students conducting their own research alongside Cedergren.

"This was a gift to be able to do this," Cope says of the hands-on research opportunity that got him noticed at college interviews. "My advice for future participants would be to make sure you put work into the project, because what you put into it is what you will get out."

Cope is currently studying chemistry and theater at Tufts University. When he's not in a lab, the multi-talented scholar also plays the violin, is an avid baker — "I do it when I'm stressed" — and loves acting in musicals.

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Lake Forest Academy graduate Stanton Cope is shown working in the science lab at the school last year on an independent study project with Kraft Food when he was a senior.

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How to save money on school uniforms

Some of the goals of school uniforms is to unify students and reduce the distractions they face in the classroom.

Uniforms also make it easier to identify students of a particular school or grade level, which can add to the sense of security parents feel when sending their youngsters off to school each morning.

Supporters of school uniforms also tout their cost savings. Rather than having to purchase numerous pieces of clothing for the school year, uniforms allow parents to pick up a few staples that stay constant throughout the school year. But school uniforms are not free, although there are ways for savvy moms and dads to save money when purchasing uniforms for their kids.

Be an active parent. As with any other school-related decision, uniform brand selection may be governed by school officials and parent volunteers. Uniforms that are commissioned from a particular company may be more ex-

pensive than uniforms that are widely available in many retail chains.

Involved parents can help shape many important decisions at their kids' schools, including which uniforms students wear. Petition for lower-price uniform providers or uniforms that can be bought at area stores.

Shop sales. Keeping costs down on clothing means watching for sales. Uniforms may not go on sale as often as more popular clothing, but that doesn't mean sales are nonexistent. Stores may discount uniforms during slow times, such as October, when school is already in session and items must be moved to make room for the following school year. They also may run specials on seasonal items, such as long-sleeved shirts at the end of the winter. Consider buying in bulk when sales are announced to offset uniform costs for the rest of the year.

Accept hand-me-downs. Become friendly with other parents and students who attend the same school.



Older students who have outgrown their uniforms can pass them down to younger students. This can save parents significant amounts of money on new uniforms.

Sign up for school blogs or social media groups so that you can chat

with other parents and arrange for clothing swaps. Other families may be looking to clear out supplies of older uniforms and will offer them at low or no cost. Area thrift and consignment shops also may have some of the local school uniforms in stock.

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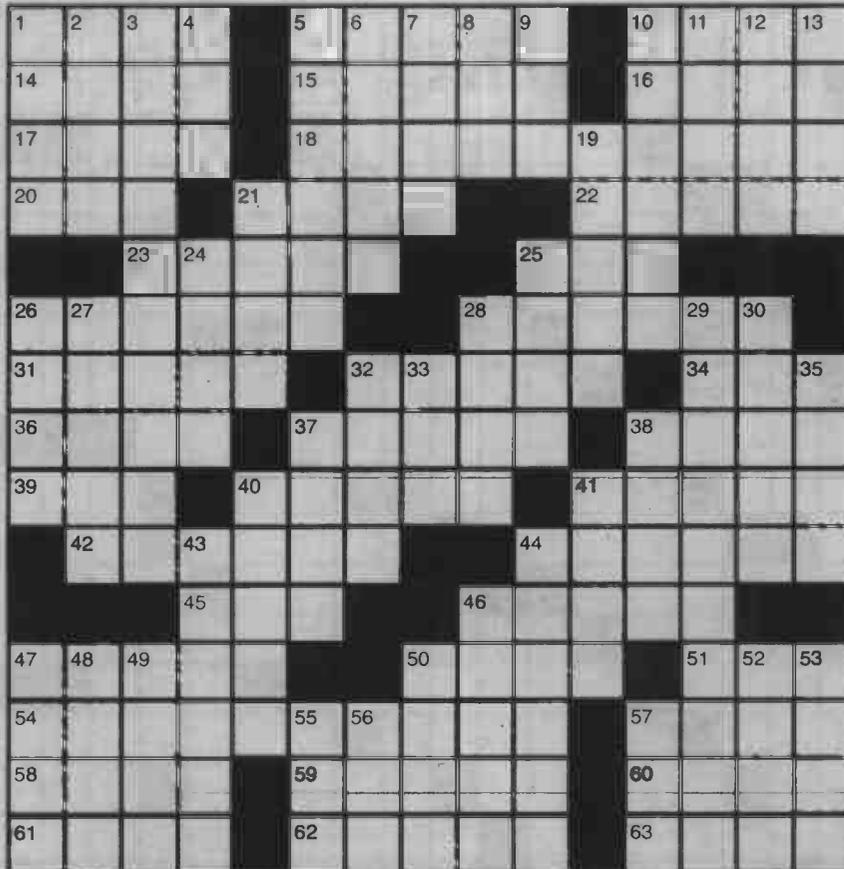
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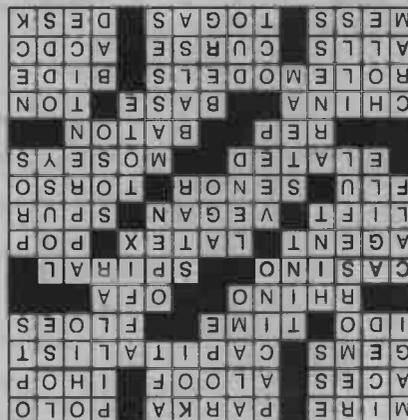


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- 1 Deep mud
5 Winter jacket
10 ___ shirt; golfing attire, perhaps
14 ___ a test; passes easily
15 Standoffish
16 Restaurant chain
17 Jade and onyx
18 Entrepreneur
20 Marital words
21 Magazine title
22 Sheets of ice on the ocean
23 Thick-skinned horned beast, for short
25 One ___ kind; unique thing
26 Gambling house
28 Corkscrew's shape
31 Secret ___; spy
32 Glove material
34 Burst
36 Raise
37 Meat shunner
38 ___ on; goad
39 Respiratory bug
40 Mexican mister
41 Human trunk
42 Thrilled
44 Walks leisurely
45 Pelosi's title: abbr.
- 46 ___ Rouge, LA
47 Beijing's nation
50 First, second or third
51 2000 pounds
54 People to be imitated
57 ___ one's time; wait
58 Know-it-___; smart alecks
59 Use foul language
60 Current letters
61 Clutter
62 Old Roman garments
63 Pupil's table
- DOWN**
- 1 Three biblical wise men
2 Frosted
3 Truly sorry
4 Curvy letter
5 Actor Al ___
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11 Toledo's state
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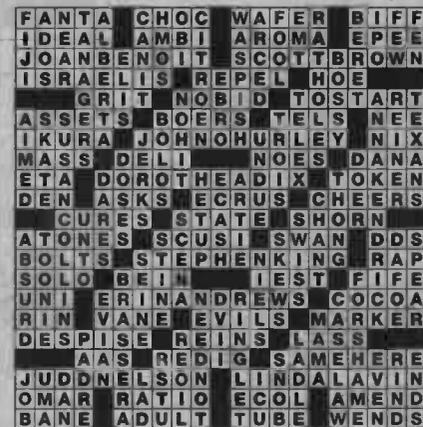


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27 Nimble
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29 Trainee
30 No good
32 Give, but expect back
33 Long, long ___
35 Major leaguers
37 Biden, for short
38 Mediocre
40 Water vapor.
41 Carry
43 Actor James ___
44 Tumors
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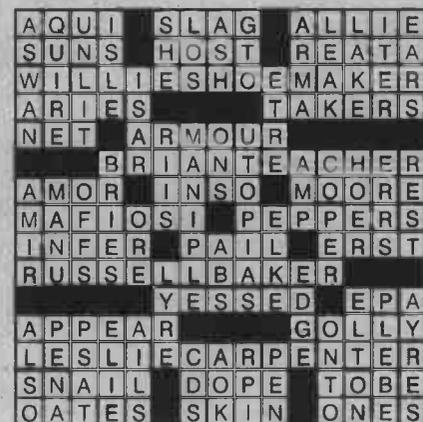


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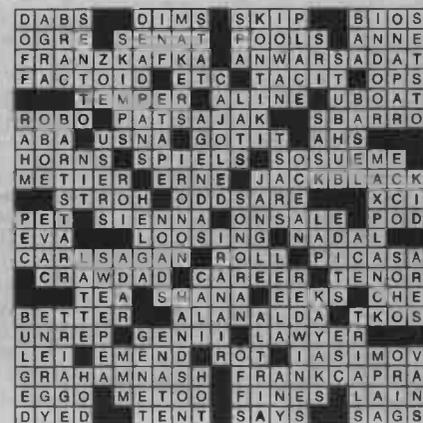
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Last week's Sudoku

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2	1	9	6	7	4	3	8	5
8	7	5	9	3	2	1	4	6
3	4	2	1	6	5	8	9	7
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This week's Jumble

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They didn't buy the car after test driving it because they didn't want to be —

TAKEN FOR A RIDE

Interactive puzzles and games

Women at a man deficit in dating game

By Leanne Italle
Associated Press

Think Freakonomics and Moneyball if you run across "Date-Onomics," a by-the-numbers book on dating that argues advice givers serving up tips for women on how to find a man have it all wrong.

Business journalist Jon Birger has crunched the data on hetero singlehood and blames massively off-kilter gender ratios, not whether you do or do not return his first text, for the woes of women looking for their Mr. Rights.

Married for 23 years with three kids, Birger said in a recent interview that he took on the economics, sociology and demographics of dating to help women realize that the hookup culture, a decline in marriage rates among the college educated and a dearth of marriage-worthy men willing to commit are by-products of lopsided gender ratios.

New York City, for instance, has 100,000 more women than men who are college educated and under 35; a fact not usually reported when dating-related issues are discussed in the media, Birger said. And he writes there's no gender ratio divide when it comes to many rural versus urban areas, or small towns versus big cities.

His hope? That the book, out in September from Workman, provides some comfort to those who blame themselves. The following is an edited transcript of our conversation.

Q: What myths are you trying to dispel with this book, and who is the audience?

A: I'm trying to offer another take different from what all the conventional dating advice books offer up. The message of a lot of these guides is that women are going about it all wrong.



KEVIN DODGE/BLEND IMAGES

"Date-Onomics" author Jon Birger contends that the lopsided gender ratios in some major cities and on college campuses can often have an adverse impact on the dating lives of single women.

It's their fault, and my argument is it's not their fault. It's the demographics.

Q: Can you explain how you came to the conclusion that demographics never seem to be part of the conversation when it comes to dating behavior?

A: I just know a lot of single women, really wonderful, smart, attractive women in their 30s and 40s who share with me various woes of their single lives. The concept that the number of women in their dating market outnumber the number of men just never enters the conversation.

Q: Where is the man deficit the worst and how do lopsided gender ratios impact people's drive?

A: People who live in cities like New York think this is a phenomenon unique to them. But it's a

national phenomenon. Nationally, among millennials, there are four college-grad women for every three college-grad men. In fact, the lopsidedness is actually worse in some rural states like Montana and West Virginia than it is in urban states like California and New York.

In terms of the impact, it doesn't just make it statistically harder for educated women to find a match, it changes behavior as well. There's a ton of social science that's been done on sex ratios, and the big takeaway is that men are more likely to play the field and delay marriage when women are in oversupply. A big argument of my book is that the college and post-college hookup culture is largely a byproduct of these gender ratios.

Q: What other variables, besides gender

ratios, contribute to a rise in hookup culture?

A: I do believe, on a macro basis, this is what's driving the change in the dating culture. But what I see as a macro argument isn't going to apply to every individual.

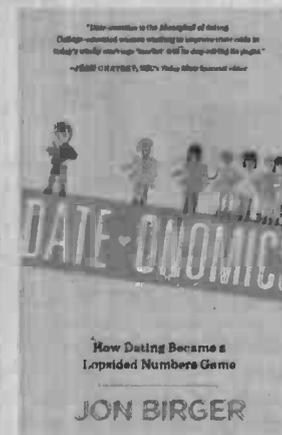
Where you can really see it is when you look at teen sexuality. If you look at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data on teen sexuality, teenagers these days, despite being bombarded with videos and movies and TV that all promote freewheeling sexuality, are having less sex today and are less likely to be sexually active than teens were in the 1980s at the height of the AIDS crisis.

I don't have an opinion on why teen sex rates are going down, but I can tell you I am confident that if pop culture were driving the hookup culture among

adults, you would see the effect among teenagers as well. It's being driven by lopsided gender ratios among college grads.

If you read dating advice guides, all offer some variations of "the rules." If you just do return his text right away or don't return his text right away or pick the restaurant or don't pick the restaurant. There are all of these things that women should be doing, and the reason they're still single is because they're not doing them. I'm arguing that this is craziness and that this is not a strategic problem. This is not women's fault.

The reality is that college-educated women who are really only willing to date college-educated men are in a really bad dating market. I am not endorsing marriage or monogamy. I'm just trying to explain why the world is the way it is.



Q: How do gender ratios play out in a man deficit on college campuses?

A: It's a long-term problem. Girls perform better in high school. They get better grades, they've been narrowing the gap and sometimes closing the gap on standardized tests, and 70 percent of valedictorians are women. Girls are better at college preparation, and many colleges accept women at a higher rate.

Q: New York City, specifically Manhattan, is considered a dating killer for women. Is that true? What are some of the areas that don't have enough dating-eligible women?

A: For millennials, there's essentially three women for every two men. By the numbers, the best dating market for educated women is far and away Silicon Valley. Santa Clara County in California, where San Jose is, has about 11 percent more college-grad men who are 30 and under than college-grad women. Seattle is a good dating market for women, as is Denver.

As you go from the East Coast to the West Coast, the sex ratios among millennial college grads become a little less lopsided. But nothing's perfect.

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How to protect nest egg from stock market volatility



JANET KIDD STEWART
The Journey

You've been through volatile markets before. You know not to sell in a panic.

But if the recent market gyrations have your attention, putting a few rainy day strategies in your retirement game plan, particularly if you are in your 60s, can help you make the best of the situation.

If you've started Medicare and were planning to begin Social Security benefits in 2016, think about accelerating those plans, said Michael Kitces, a financial planner, blogger and research director at Pinnacle Advisory Group. With Medicare Part B premiums set to increase next year, most Social Security recipients can take advantage of the program's "hold harmless" provision, which caps premium raises at a beneficiary's Social Security cost of living adjustment, which next year is zero, Kitces said.

(Be aware this won't work for high-income beneficiaries who will be subject to Medicare's sur-tax.)

"Accelerating a bit more to take advantage of the Medicare 'hold harmless' rules may be appealing, but the decision whether or not to delay Social Security is still dominated more than anything" by your ability to forgo benefits, which if you can do it will be more valuable, he said.

Tapping some home equity is another way to avoid taking retirement income from stock funds, but traditional home equity lines of credit can be frozen in certain market

conditions.

If you're 62 or older, it might make sense to establish a line of credit using a reverse mortgage (under the federal home equity conversion mortgage program), said Shelley Giordano, principal of Longevity View Associates, a reverse mortgage consulting firm.

Shop around for lenders because, Giordano says, some are offering low or no closing costs in exchange for a slightly higher starting interest rate. Some also will allow a homeowner to establish a credit line with just a nominal initial amount, such as \$50.

Hopefully, you have investments outside the stock market from which you are drawing money for day-to-day expenses. Likewise, if you're still a few years from retirement and gradually pulling money out of the market to create a retirement income stream, you can afford to take a pause in that strategy to let markets stabilize.

At some point, however, you'll need to refill those buckets and make withdrawals, and who's to say the market won't be in even worse shape a few years from now?

The question becomes, are we there yet? Should investors refrain from withdrawing from stock funds, even if it's part of a longer-term rebalancing strategy? Should retirees think about forgoing an inflation bump or taking a pay cut?

"On a year-to-date basis the market is down 6 percent or so, so we're not in a correction mode yet," said Judith Ward, senior financial planner with T. Rowe Price, as markets were rebounding somewhat.

If the correction deepens to more like 20 percent by year-end, she said, that's when she might suggest forgoing the inflation raise.

Of course, it never hurts

to start thinking about expenses you could cut out, if that day comes.

A market decline can be a good time to convert money in a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA because you can convert more shares for the same taxable withdrawal, but you also have to assess whether converting makes sense at your age, experts said. Do it if you're trying to diversify retirement income tax liabilities or leave money to heirs, but otherwise it makes less sense at this age, experts said.

It could also be wise to take withdrawals from variable annuities and certain life insurance products while asset prices are down, said Michael Goodman, an accountant and financial planner with Wealthstream Advisors Inc.

And if you've been looking for an excuse to end a bad relationship with an adviser, leaving now could be a good time, because if it involves selling some positions, you could owe less in capital gains taxes.

"Determine if your investments were allocated properly and what the new adviser will do differently" before jumping ship, cautioned Candace Bahr, managing partner at Bahr Investment Group.

Even if you don't have an adviser, if you weren't allocated well, do something about it rather than sitting on your hands, said Michael J. Garry, an adviser and estate planning attorney with Yardley Wealth Management.

"If you've kept too high an allocation toward stocks trying to ride the run-up, then I'd say this is the time to hop off and get to the right allocation," he said.

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

Why renters insurance is worth the additional cost



CAROLYN BIGDA
Getting Started

Renters insurance may seem like the last thing you want to spend money on when moving into a new apartment and trying to get settled. But it is a cost you shouldn't skip.

More people are renting homes now too. A report published recently by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University shows that in 2014, the U.S. homeownership rate fell to 64.5 percent, the lowest level in two decades.

Meanwhile, the number of renter households has increased by an average of 770,000 annually from 2004 through 2014, the fastest pace for a 10-year period since the late 1980s.

Young people are especially likely to rent. According to the study, nearly 40 percent of renters in 2014 were 35 and younger.

Already, many households are stretching to afford their monthly rent. And unlike homeowners insurance, which is required for a mortgage, not all landlords or property managers require renters insurance to get an apartment.

As a result, many people forgo it.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, 95 percent of homeowners had homeowners insurance in 2014. By contrast, only 37 percent of renters said they had bought renters insurance.

But by skipping insurance, renters open themselves up to a big financial risk.

"A lot of times people say they don't need coverage because they think they are covered by a landlord's



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policy," said Jovana Evans, director of property product research at Liberty Mutual Insurance, a Boston-based insurer. "But that's not the case."

If you're not familiar with renters insurance, Evans offers these tips on what you need to know.

What it covers. Renters insurance covers personal belongings, such as your couch, TV, laptop and clothes, if they are damaged or stolen. And the coverage is not limited to the space just inside your apartment. The policy also kicks in if, say, your bicycle gets pinched from a bike rack or items are stolen from your car.

"Generally, renters insurance will cover your belongings wherever you are," Evans said.

In addition, the insurance can protect you from personal liability in case, for example, someone slips and falls in your apartment and you are held liable for the injury or if you cause damage to another person's property.

"This is an important piece of the coverage that people often overlook," she said.

It's affordable. Many people forgo renters insurance because they think it will be too expensive.

But the average policy costs about \$12 per month — the price of one movie

ticket in some cities — for \$30,000 worth of property coverage and \$100,000 of liability coverage, according to the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.

Bundle the policy with other types of insurance, such as auto coverage, and you may qualify for a discount of as much as 20 percent.

Don't believe your stuff is worth much? Think again. "Once you consider the cost of your clothes, your computer, your furniture, it all adds up to a lot of money really quickly," Evans said.

To determine how much your belongings are worth and the amount of coverage you need, most insurers provide online calculators to help you make an estimate.

You can also keep an inventory of your belongings online or through a mobile app, which will come in handy if you need to file a claim down the road. Check with your insurer for an inventory tool, or use the Insurance Information Institute's free version, Know Your Stuff (knowyourstuff.org).

There is a deductible. Most renters policies will have a deductible, or an amount you have to pay before insurance kicks in.

Usually, the deductible is about \$500, Evans said.

Money status is bottom line of well-being

Finance choices could lead to ill health

By Laura Woods
GoBankingRates.com

If you're experiencing health problems, your poor money choices could be the root cause. Some of the issues might be glaringly obvious, while others might take a little digging to uncover.

"The best way to find out why you are having a health issue and if it is caused by money is to be honest with yourself," said Debbi King, a personal finance expert based in Quakertown, Pa. "It is like an onion — you have to peel back each layer one by one until you find the true root of the issue."

A 2014 study from the American Psychological Association found that 64 percent of adults feel stressed about money. If you haven't been feeling up to par lately, the state of your finances could be to blame. Learn three ways your money choices are making you sick so you can work to overcome them.

Eating out excessively

Avid diners told Zagat that they eat out 4.5 times per week and spend approximately \$39.50 per meal, totaling \$177.75. A 2013 survey by University of Toronto researchers revealed that the average restaurant meal contains 1,128 calories — 56 percent of the average 2,000 calorie intake recommended by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for healthy adults. At an average of \$3 to \$6 each, fast food meals are significantly less expensive but can also lead to obesity.

"I find that people are easily fooled into thinking fast food is inexpensive," said R. Joseph Ritter Jr., a certified financial planner and founder of Zachaeus Financial Counseling in Hobe Sound, Fla. "People also

often have little knowledge of how much they spend on eating out. The two oversights combined can quickly lead to excessive eating out."

Racking up credit card debt

Your credit score isn't the only thing that will suffer if you bury yourself in credit card debt. Researchers from Northwestern and McGill universities in 2013 linked excessive levels of debt in young adults to higher diastolic blood pressure and lower self-reported general and mental health.

The study revealed that people with higher levels of debt had a 1.3 percent increase in diastolic blood pressure, which is significant, as a two-point increase is indicative of a 17 percent greater risk of hypertension and a 15 percent higher risk of stroke. Additionally, researchers found that those with high levels of debt reported an 11.7 percent greater level of perceived stress and 13.2 percent higher symptoms of depression than those who were not enduring financial difficulties.

Failing to save for retirement

Many financial planners advise saving 10 to 15 percent of your income for your golden years, starting in your 20s. If you've fallen behind, this might be adversely impacting your health. Aegon's 2015 Retirement Readiness Survey found that aspiring retirement savers were only 46 percent optimistic about maintaining good health in retirement, while habitual savers were 69 percent hopeful.

In a 2014 Federal Reserve Board survey, 31 percent of non-



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retired respondents had no retirement savings whatsoever, including 19 percent ages 55 to 64. Nearly half of adults were not actively saving for retirement, with 24 percent admitting they had only given the matter a little thought and 25 percent revealing they had taken no steps to pre-

pare at all.

If you are experiencing any of these money issues, it's important to seek help. Don't force yourself to endure constant suffering because you're too ashamed or stubborn to admit there's a problem.

"No one can be happy and

healthy if they are constantly stressed out about money," King said. "Get help from a coach, a successful mentor, a pastor, someone who has been there and someone you can trust. Don't be afraid to get to the bottom of the issues. You will save money in life and in your health."

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How to make broccoli taste like chocolate

Aim: Tricking brain into eating healthier

Newswise

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Can we make people healthier by tricking the brain into thinking broccoli tastes like chocolate?

A group of internationally acclaimed chefs, bench neuroscientists, food scientists and clinical neurologists are confident they can.

A new science called neurogastronomy explores brain and behavior in the context of food. According to Dan Han, a co-founder of the International Society of Neurogastronomy, this isn't about re-engineering food per se but re-engineering the brain into perceiving food differently.

"The potential applications for this are extensive," said Han. "Just about everybody knows someone who's had cancer, Parkinson's disease, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy or some other neurological impairment, and these patients usually have altered sense of smell or taste as a result. To be able to help these people have continued quality of life despite their condition should be an important part of our clinical practice."

Research into olfactory function is providing the first steps toward success. A group of scientists led by Tim McClintock has developed a new test, called "The Kentucky Assay," which can identify individual receptors and nerve cells in the nose that respond to specific odors — the beginnings of a roadmap of human olfactory capability, which directly affects taste. It's a sliver of proof that neurogastronomy isn't just some pie-in-the-sky pop science but a real proposition with some scientific muscle behind it.

Gina Mullin is thrilled about the idea. Diagnosed with recurrent breast cancer in 2012, Mullin now has tumors in her liver, spine, brain and lungs. The chemotherapy she must have every three weeks for the rest of her life has ruined her appetite.

"Chemotherapy has definitely given me a different outlook," said Mullin. "Some days food tastes



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good, some days it doesn't, sometimes I can eat, sometimes I can't. Sometimes something sounds great to me, and I make all sorts of effort preparing it, but then I can't eat it."

"As you can imagine, as perception of taste and smell changes it'll change your nutritional intake profile as well," Han added, "and nutrition is a critical component of getting or staying healthy for patients like Gina."

Han says only recently has quality of life been considered a clinical outcome, yet huge numbers of patients can't enjoy food as a result of their illness and never think to describe it to their doctors. He likens the concept to Masters & Johnson's work on sexuality in the 1960s.

"Back then it was barely considered a science, let alone a clinical enterprise," says Han, "but now it's a multibillion-dollar industry."

The concept of neurogastronomy wasn't on Han's radar until 2012, when a chance meeting in

Montreal with chef Fred Morin at his internationally acclaimed restaurant Joe Beef.

"Fred was going from table to table, chatting with guests, and when he found out we were neuroscientists he sat right down," recalled Han. "It turns out he's a bioengineer by training and a big neuroscience fan. When we started talking about the need to bring disparate industries together to discuss neurogastronomy, he said, 'If you get the neuroscientists there, I'll bring the chefs.'"

And the International Society of Neurogastronomy was born.

The inaugural ISN Symposium will be Nov. 7 in Lexington, Ky. This is the first time the "four pillars" of neurogastronomy: chefs, bench neuroscientists, agriculture and food technologists, and clinical neuroscientists will meet to share their knowledge and begin a dialogue that, they hope, will ultimately lead to real changes in brain behavior as it relates to food.

Han and his co-founders have structured the day to be different than the typical scientific symposium. Instead of long lectures, there are several presentations in a TED-talk style format. Among the speakers:

Chefs: "Next Iron Chef" runner-up Jehangir Mehta; James Beard finalist and "Mind of a Chef" host Ed Lee; Leah Sarris, program director for the Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine at Tulane University; and Fred Morin of Joe Beef Montreal.

Scientists: Physiologist Tim McClintock; prize-winning experimental psychologist Charles Spence; and Dr. Gordon Shepherd, who coined the term neurogastronomy first in 2006 in an article in *Nature* and six years later in an eponymous book.

The symposium will be a true culinary experience as well, with tasting breaks to help participants grasp the fundamentals of flavor perception (sweet, salty, umami, etc.) and chef-quality breakfast and lunch breaks.

The high point of the day will be the "Applied Neurogastronomy Challenge," where teams of chefs and scientists will prepare dishes judged by actual patients with neurologically related taste impairments, including Mullin.

Han is anxious to begin the dialogue that might ultimately provide tangible improvement to quality of life for people with neurologically related taste impairments.

"When the concept of neurogastronomy was introduced, people realized it was a need that had been there for a long time — ever since mammals started eating," Han said. "If we could get together and simply provide ways to help these patients enjoy a meal, break bread with family and friends and enjoy that process again, then I would be very proud of that contribution to clinical sciences."

For more information about the ISN Symposium or to register, go to www.isneurogastronomy.org.

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ASKING PRICE: \$3,399,000

Listed on May 22

Situated along the banks of the DuPage River, this 10,000-square-foot, 23-room estate has 6 bedrooms and 6 1/2 bathrooms. Its architectural features are inspired by Old World traditional European design, with many natural stone and wood finishes. The master suite boasts a curved stairway and elevator leading to the suite, a fireplace and flat-panel TV that rises from a granite-inlaid countertop, a private exercise alcove, two-story wardrobe and dressing room, wet bar and private balcony. In the master bath, homeowners can enjoy a whirlpool tub with a cascading waterfall from the ceiling. The home also features a handsome wood-paneled library with fireplace, and spiral stairway that leads to the reading loft. The great room has spectacular floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the indoor pool and the river. The finished basement has a full wet bar and separate living area with a full kitchen and fireplace. Agent: Brett McIntyre (Lang Team) of John Greene Realtor, 630-253-3629



At press time this home was still for sale.

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How to buy dream home on a budget

Focus on location and housing basics; you can do desired fine-tuning later

By Lisa Polso
GOBankingRates.com

Anyone who tells you it's impossible to buy your dream home on a budget hasn't learned the secret of identifying worthy trade-offs. When you understand the compromises and sacrifices that allow you to live within your means without dampening your dreams, then finding the perfect home becomes a real possibility.

Here's how to get the home you really want on a strict budget.

Before you start looking at houses, take time to decide which features are negotiable and which are not. Is a lack of central air conditioning a deal-breaker? Could you be as happy with a tiny yard as a huge one? Dream homes are built on more than stainless appliances and granite counters. The perfect home rests on a foundation of systems that keep you comfortable.

"Check to see if the home has upgrades that aren't so visible from a walk-through," such as a new furnace, roof, windows and gutters, said Mark Meyerdirk, a broker with Urban Brokers in Washington, D.C.

Instead of searching for your dream home, Florida real estate agent Jennifer De Vivo advises, homebuyers should look for what she calls dream bones.

"A huge way to save money is not to invest money in finishes," she said. "Your dream home vision is probably unique to you, so wait to spend money on

those custom items like pools, shelving, decks and custom kitchen tile until after you move in rather than searching the ends of the earth for a home that reflects your personal design taste."

Existing construction versus new construction. A home you can add value to can offer the best blank canvas on which you can realize your dream home. "It's kind of similar to someone looking for that vintage car someone's grandmother drove once a week and kept in the garage all these years," Meyerdirk explained. "It has low mileage and is in great condition, but it clearly is an old car."

Don't be put off by the cosmetics or style of older construction if the home's bones are solid. "There are a lot of great homes with little wear and tear out there and that have been well maintained and even had major improvements, but have a kitchen and bathrooms from the 1960s and 1970s that are dated but in perfect condition," he said.

Seasoned homeowners understand that while you can always change and upgrade your home's features, you can't change its location. "If your dream is living downtown in a walkable art district, then spend money on the best building or the best access you can find," De Vivo said. "Even if it's a run-down, bank-owned foreclosure unit, you can always buy sinks and cabinets later."

Meyerdirk suggests



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checking out neighborhoods in transition. "Look for areas that have had other new recent investment," he said. "In our area, I noticed an organic market being ahead of the curve and opening stores in neighborhoods that you wouldn't have guessed were ready for shoppers looking for organic products. Both of those neighborhoods have seen record appreciation since those stores opened four-plus years ago."

Self-help versus agent. The ready availability of listings on the Internet might fool you into

thinking you can target the right areas for your dream home on your own, but a knowledgeable real estate agent is still your ace in the hole. Sites like Zillow and Trulia often fall behind on listing statuses, Meyerdirk said, and can't compare to the features a professional house listing search can provide.

"Our multiple listing service has a new 'coming soon' status that realtors can search or share with clients," he said. "These listings aren't available on public websites, so you should link up with a realtor so you can act quickly once the listing

goes live."

Based on your dream house criteria, a local real estate professional who knows your area can recommend locations you might not have considered. And professional networking counts. A well-connected agent can snag a prime property from a colleague or developer before it hits the market.

Perhaps the most important way to ensure you get the house of your dreams is to be ready to buy it as soon as it appears on the market. Line up your financing so you're ready to make an offer. Don't stop at prequalification, get

preapproved. Have enough funds on hand, including an appropriate down payment that lenders and sellers will want to accept and enough money for closing costs.

"Be ready to act quickly," Meyerdirk said. "Some sellers will actually review offers as they come in, and, if they get a full-price offer, will accept right away. Make sure you're seeing properties as soon as they hit the market. If you've been in the market for more than a couple of weeks and seen a fair share of homes, you'll know a good deal when you see one. Don't hesitate — make an offer."

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Spoon River Anthology: Re-visit American small town life through this compelling and classic American stage work. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-\$25, 800-838-3006

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian free admission day: Visit exhibitions, the library, museum shop and more at no charge on the first Friday of the month at this museum devoted exclusively to American Indian and First Nationals peoples throughout the U.S. and Canada. 10 a.m. Friday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free, 847-475-1030

Chiaravalle Montessori School's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration: There will be Chiaravalle Community games and events at the school's Anniversary Celebration. 7 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m. Saturday, Chiaravalle Montessori School, 425 Dempster St, Evanston, free

The Outfit: In this modern fairy tale noir, comically tragic Nora lives in a world of shadows, with a lecherous landlord, the world's worst boss, and a pack of co-workers straight out of Mean Girls. She meets Marco, the son of a butcher and a budding clothing designer who changes her life with a remarkable outfit. Her newfound confidence leads to new conflict as Nora learns about fame, love, and what it means to be true to herself when power dressing is taken too far. 8 p.m. Friday; 8 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday, Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St., Evanston, \$27; \$23 seniors; \$15 students; \$11 children, 847-424-0089

Introduction to hoopla Downloading Audiobooks, Movies, TV Shows and Music: Discover the library's newest collection of free, downloadable audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and music. 10 a.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Drop-In Chess Club (up to grade 8): Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

GLENergy presents Great American Performers with Dr. Burton Fischman: Dr. Burton Fischman entertains fans of American music of the 1950-70s with a multimedia presentation of songs by Fred Astaire, Liberace, Dean Martin, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong and many others. 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Converting Your VHS Home Movies: Have old home movies on VHS that you want to convert to a DVD or digital format? We can show you how in our new Digital Media Lab. 2 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Knights of Niles Chess Club: Kids in grades 1-8 can drop in and learn chess or improve their skills. Mr. Chris will help them learn everything from the names of the pieces to winning strategies. 4:15 p.m. Friday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Gentle Yoga: Yoga instructor Olga Rudiak leads a series of yoga sessions for improved physical strength, relaxation and mental clarity. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Parisian Salon Concert: Pianist Adam Nelman: Join hosts Jane and Didier Lepauw for an evening of music. Pianist Adam Nelman along with Roosevelt Conservatory winners perform. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Share The Warmth: Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to 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

Tecora Rogers: A Season of Music: Internationally acclaimed performer Tecora Rogers stars in a musical extravaganza. This features a collection of Broadway, jazz, gospel and pop where the audience is encouraged (but not required) to participate. The show also features dancing and Tecora is accompanied by a renowned band of musicians. 8 p.m. Friday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$33, 847-677-7761

The Teenage Brain with Dr. Frances E. Jensen: Loyola Academy's Courageous Conversations book and speaker series features renowned authors and experts on the issues most influencing adolescents and their families today. 7 p.m. Friday, Loyola Academy, 1100 Laramie Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-1100

Reception welcomes Best-selling British Children's Author Liz Pichon: Liz Pichon is the special guest at an author reception. Tea and biscuits are served as they are Tom Gates's fave, as well as wine and cheese for adult guests. 4:30 p.m. Friday, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 811 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-8880

Saturday, Oct. 3

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

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

Pet Adoption Event with Evanston Animal Shelter: Find your new rescue pet and enjoy free treats by Tag's Bakery. 11 a.m. Saturday, First Bank & Trust, 2925 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-733-9600

American Toby Jug Museum Tenth Anniversary Open House: In celebration of Chicago Museum Week and of Ten Years at its current location, the museum hosts a Champagne Open House. At this time, the Museum introduces its spectacular new commission of Twelve Limited Edition World War II Allied Leaders Toby Jugs. 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, American Toby Jug Museum, 910 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 877-862-9687

Fall Bulb Festival: Shop from a selection of bulbs. Gardeners can also find fall-blooming mums and asters, as well as six types of peonies, which provide showy blossoms in late spring. 10 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

New, 6-7-8 Stories, Play, Create (for ages 6-8): Stories, poems, games, and crafts especially for primary grades. 3 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Flight-to-Fun Kids Club: Fall Fun with FlavorPot (ages 2-6 with family): Enjoy seasonal stories and crafts with Halloween treats from FlavorPot at the Glen Town Center, storytime provided by Glenview Public Library. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Friends of the Lincolnwood Handcrafted Goods and Art Fair: Come and shop for original artwork, handcrafted goods and visit many new vendors. 11 a.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-6045

Silver Screen Series: Look Back In Anger: The storyline, is about a disillusioned, angry university graduate who comes to terms with his grudge against middle-class life and values. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Morton Grove Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436

New Release Movie: "Foxcatcher": The dark and fascinating story of the unlikely and ultimately tragic relationship between an eccentric multi-millionaire and two champion wrestlers. R-rated, shown with English subtitles. 2 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Northfield Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, 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

Golden Age of Hollywood Show: This annual show features rare DVDs and video, movie posters, lobby cards, movie stills, sheet music, press books, autographs, animation cels, comics, collectible toys, film books, film scripts, 16mm films, movie magazines and more. 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Holiday Inn North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, \$5, 773-350-1714

The Nitz and Howe Experience: Join Daryl Nitz and George Howe as they run the musical gamut from pop, Broadway, oldies, classic rock, novelty and more. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$22, 847-677-7761

Scarecrow Festival: Kids can make their own scarecrow to take home and decorate their porch or lawn. Chalet provides heads and straw, and participants bring old clothes for a personal family touch. Enjoy mini-pumpkin painting, too, along with seasonal refreshments. 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Chalet Landscape, Nursery, & Garden Center, 3132 Lake Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-0561

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Wilmette Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Village Center, Along 12th Street and Wilmette, Central and Greenleaf Avenues, Wilmette, Free

Sunday, Oct. 4

The Orlon Ensemble: French and German Tapestrles: The ensemble, opens its twenty-third season with "French and German Tapestrles," welcoming guest violist Stephen Boe and featuring a world premiere by prolific composer and longtime Mannheim Steamroller keyboardist Jackson Berkeley. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$26 adults; \$23 seniors; \$10 students; free 12 and younger, 630-628-9591

Evanston Legend: The Art of Peggy Lipschutz: The City of Evanston sponsors a show of the paintings and drawings of Peggy Lipschutz with musicians including Rebecca Armstrong, Peggy Browning, Mark Dvorak, Maura Lally and Kristin Lems at the Oct. 4 opening reception. 10 a.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

Chicago Botanic Garden Farmers' Market: 9 a.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glen-coe, free, 847-835-5440

Hymn Fest 9: Sing To The Lord: This annual festival is hosted by the 45 voice Chancel Choir with singers from neighboring churches. Enjoy anthems and original compositions by leading British church musician, Paul Leddington Wright (Coventry Cathedral, and the BBC Songs of Praise, England). 4 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free-will donation, 847-724-2210

Folk Fest Brings History to Life: Come see costumed interpreters reliving local history and stay to celebrate autumn with square dancing and hayrides. There is live music, dancing and nature walks. 11 a.m. Sunday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, \$4 per person; \$1 for children ages 12 and under, 847-299-6096

Picasso at the Nanoscale: Scientists are using high-energy X-ray instruments to solve mysteries behind art masterpieces, including artwork by Picasso. Learn how Dr. Volker Rose, a physicist at Argonne National Laboratory, is working with major art institutions to unlock groundbreaking information about art, the artist and our cultural heritage. 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Special Sunday: An inclusive experience outside of typical library hours, especially for children with special needs and their families. 12 p.m. Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-8823.

Finding Illinois's Last Battlefield: Professor James Meierhoff discusses the Kellogg's Grove site and the Black Hawk War of 1832. 2 p.m. Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Fine Arts Fall: Concert: 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Northbrook Community Synagogue Holds Sukkah Spectacular: Hot dogs and snacks are served and children can eat and play in the sukkah. They can also enjoy inflatable play equipment, a 25-foot climbing wall and pony rides. 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court, Northbrook, free, 847-509-9204

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

Guided Tree Walk In Mallinckrodt Park: Learn to identify the trees in your yard, neighborhood and parks. 10 a.m. Sunday, Centennial Gazebo in Mallinckrodt Park, 1041 Ridge Road, Wilmette, free

North Shore Panel: How To Discuss God with Children: The discussion will cover reasons behind children's curiosity with the existence of God and some thoughtful and appropriate ways to answer their questions based on their delicate psychology. 3 p.m. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, free, 847-807-5787

Monday, Oct. 5

Book Bables: Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: The Mudflapps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Tech Talk: Join in a monthly Q&A for exploring websites, social media, online searching, and the library's electronic resources. 7 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Page Turners: "A Constellation of Vital Phenomena," by Anthony Marra is the book selection. 1 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Fruits and veggies to the rescue: Fruits and Veggies to the Rescue taps into kids' imaginations and love of superheroes inspiring them to "love to eat" their fruits and veggies. 3:30 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yarn Gang: Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Drama Club: Calling all drama kings and queens: find your stage voice and learn drama skills through fun theater games, skits and improvisation. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Developing a Sixth 'Census': Participants look at critical years for the census, where and when to find information, less frequently used census records and the 1940 US Census. 1 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Why Does The World Hate The Jews?: 7 p.m. Monday, Willow Creek Community Church North Shore, 315 Waukegan Road, Northfield, free

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

Alliance Francalse du North Shore Cafe: Conversation du Solr: Meet fellow Francophones for relaxed conversation in French. Listening in French is encouraged, all levels welcome. 10 a.m. Monday, Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-328-9516

Tuesday, Oct. 6

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

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

Let's Talk @ Lunch: Participants can talk through the issue of racism and practice honest conversation skills by looking at our own experiences in light of what we're learning about how racism affects us all. 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, YoFresh Yogurt Cafe, 635 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-864-8445

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, Glen-coe, free, 847-835-5440

Adult Literacy Classes: Fall Session: A unique opportunity for native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. A small, friendly group led by a teacher and volunteer tutors meets twice weekly. 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

View from the Window: The Poet Within Series: Susanna Lang's poetry reminds people to pay attention, to look out the window. She brings all down to earth and asks readers to see their bond with nature. Open mic after the reading. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Northern Lights 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

Graphic novelist appearance: Craig Thompson: Come meet Craig Thompson and hear about his latest kids graphic novel, "Space Dumplins," where Thompson is both author and illustrator. 4 p.m. Tuesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

MGPL Kids: Listen Up: Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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Movies, Munchies, and More: Film -- Bride and Prejudice: The story is based on Jane Austen's classic novel, "Pride and Prejudice," with a Bollywood twist. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Small Business: Content Marketing 101: Learn some of the whys and how-to's of developing and presenting information to solve client's problems and answer their questions rather than turning them off with direct advertising. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Email Doctor Is In: Bring in questions about email problems. 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Hong Kong: Charm of the East, Familiarity of the West: Author and educator Helene Turner weaves her travel and work experiences into a visual presentation of Hong Kong's celebrated tourist attractions. 1 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Asian Pop-Up Cinema series: Meeting Dr. Sun: Lefty has devised an amazing plan to make money by stealing and then selling a bronze statue of Sun Yat-sen, the father of modern China. When he finds out that another student has the same idea, a battle of wits ensues. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$10; special discounts for students and seniors, 847-251-7424

Wednesday, Oct. 7

An Evening on Pope Francis: Patrick McGrath, S.J., Steve Bevans, SVD, and Marilu Gonzalez talk about Pope Francis, his goals, hope and inclusivity of all people. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Saint Mary Parish, 1012 Lake St., Evanston, free, 847-864-0333

Preschool Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

Open Mic Night in Evanston: 9 p.m. Wednesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, no cover, 847-864-1679

Spark Park: Squishy Circuits (grades K-2): Ignite imagination and see what happens when art and science are mixed. 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Your Kids Can Code: This two-hour, interactive workshop introduces parents and teachers to the basics of computer coding and answers, "Why is this important and where do we start?" 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

60-Minute Dance Sampler: Exercise and explore an artistic side with dance. Instructors from the Park Center Studio for Dance demonstrate three dance forms, ballet, contemporary/jazz and salsa. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Civic Center Book Talk: From Page To Screen: From thrillers to true stories, we'll cover great books you need to read before seeing their adaptations on TV or movie screens. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Classics on Wednesday Film Series: 1 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player looking for 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

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A year ago the inaugural "Maze Runner" adaptation proved a pleasantly unpleasant surprise. Director Wes Ball's feature film debut delivered the first in author James Dashner's trilogy (he wrote two prequels as well) with an earnest, no-nonsense commitment to the protagonist's waking nightmare. Ball's workmanlike handling of the second in the trilogy,

"The Scorch Trials," proves mainly that he can keep a franchise from running completely off the rails when the tracks have been laid perilously near a swamp of "dys-lit" clichés.

— Michael Phillips

**"Black Mass" ★★★**

R, 2:02, drama

Some scenes in the solid, vividly acted gangster picture "Black Mass" starring Johnny Depp as South Boston underworld kingpin James "Whitey" Bulger come from real life, or something like it. These trade off with scenes yanked straight out of the movies. "Black Mass" revels in multidirectional corruption. If anything, director Scott Cooper is so intent on portraying

Bulger as a man, not a monster, the man comes off a little softer than he was, probably. The dialogue occasionally enters a realm of fanciful criminal-speak straight out of Damon Runyon. And yet, in scene after scene, some fine actors go to town and dive into the material gratefully. — M.P.

**"The Visit" ★★★ ½**

PG-13, 1:34, thriller

In M. Night Shyamalan's clever only slightly scary horror film, 15-year-old budding documentary filmmaker Becca (Ollivia 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 invited the children to stay for a

week at their isolated farm. Of course, Grandfather and Nana turn out to be as creepy as midnight in a graveyard. "The Visit" fits into the tiresome found-footage trend, but Shyamalan, who also wrote the script, unexpectedly injects it all with a wily sense of humor that works. — Cary Darling

**"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 dopey 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 Tyger 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 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

**"Everest" ★★ ½**

PG-13, 2:01, drama

In May 1996 eight climbers died on Mount Everest. They were hardly alone; at least 35 climbers died in 2014 and 2015. The script by William Nicholson and Simon Beaufoy hangs its telling on the peg of expedition leader Rob Hall, a New Zealander portrayed by Jason Clarke. The screenplay, as directed by Icelandic native Baltasar Kormakur, lays out the perils and the geography efficiently and well, and the film does several

things right. Yet even before the air gets fatally thin, the thinness of the characterizations presents a liability. There's a much better movie, also dealing with traffic jams on Everest, Jennifer Peedom's "Sherpa." It pays attention to the mountaineers barely acknowledged in movies such as "Everest." — M.P.

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Karoline M. Butler, age 89; beloved wife of the late James; loving mother of Melinda (Doug) Greenwood; cherished grandmother of Matt, Christi, Jeff, Courtney and Andy; dear great-grandmother of Emily and Hailey; fond sister of the late Margaret Grabow; devoted aunt of Leroy Grabow. Family and friends will meet Mon., Sept. 28, 2 PM at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd. Skokie for graveside services. Arrangements by Matz Funeral Home, Mt. Prospect. 847/3942336.

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Rasmussen, Irene Pearl

Irene Pearl Rasmussen, age 87, passed away peacefully, September 5, 2015. She was born March 23, 1926, in Duluth, MN, one of five siblings and daughter of the late Rode and Mabel Wockovich. In addition to her parents, Irene was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Willard; son Craig; brothers Marvin and Roger Wockovich; and sister Elva Olson. Rene was a loving and devoted mom, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. She lived to see her children make their families and find their place in the world. Rene is survived by her three sons and families; Rood (the late Joyce) and their children, Ellen Rioja-Scott (Ivan and granddaughter Margaret Joyce) and Ryan; Jay (Barbara) and their children Andrew, Jack and Kate; Ned (Carole) and their children Anne and Rebecca; and brother Walter Wockovich (Gladys); aunt to many beloved nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Monday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Avantara-Park Ridge Chapel (www.avantaraparkridge.com, formerly Saint Matthew's Center for Health) 1601 N. Western Avenue, Park Ridge, IL, 60068. A fellowship reception will be held immediately after the service in the Chapel area. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made in Irene Rasmussen's name to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care (rainbowhospice.org), ATTN: Development Department, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Arrangements entrusted to Cremation Society of Illinois. Info 800.622.8358.

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

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

vs.
IGOR KHRESTIN; GENE KHRESTIN
AKA GENNADY
KHRESTIN AKA GENNADY
KHRESTIN
Defendants.
11 CH 12039

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled 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.L.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 10-22-331-011-0000. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

vs.
ALBERT M. ALMONTE; JOJI G. ALMONTE, AND
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants.
14 CH 8921

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC 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. 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: 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, by similar funds. The property 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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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
FLORIN PAVEL LELA, AMALIA ILUNA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A.
Defendants.
09 CH 20769

8320 KEYSTONE AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 4, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 5, 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 8320 KEYSTONE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-406-038-0000. The real estate is improved with a one-story, single-family house with a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down 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(a)(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 PA0910803. 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. PA0910803 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number. 09 CH 20769 TJSAC: 35-11389 1670760

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY
Plaintiff,

vs.
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(a)(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 TJSAC: 35-11059 1669921

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
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 GALTZ 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 GALTZ STREET, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-28-111-045-1030, Property Index No. 10-28-111-045-1007. 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(a)(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 the 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.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. PA1404766 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number. 14 CH 187 TJSAC: 35-10981 1669905

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

BID NOTICE
NORRIDGE PARK DISTRICT
ASPHALT PAVING & STRIPING
OF PARKING LOT

The Norridge Park District will receive sealed bid proposals for ASPHALT PAVING AND STRIPING of its main parking lot for the Norridge Recreation Center, 4631 North Overhill Avenue, Norridge, until 3:00 p.m. local time on October 13, 2015 at the Park District's offices, 4631 North Overhill, Norridge, Illinois 60706.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:00 p.m. on October 13, 2015 by a member or employee of the Park Board. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Bidding documents may be obtained at the Park District offices, 4631 North Overhill, Norridge, Illinois after 10:00 a.m., October 1, 2015.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or a Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the yearly amount bid for performance of the services, made payable to Norridge Park District, as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute a Contract Bond and furnish a Contract Bond as set forth in the Instruction to Bidders document. In case the Bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the check or Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the Norridge Park District, as liquidated damages.

The Park District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding, and to accept the bid that, in its opinion, will serve its best interests.

A Wage Determination has been made by the Park District in accordance with Sections 820 ILCS 130/1-130/12 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, with reference to prevailing rates of wages. And all contracts entered into for the services shall be drawn in compliance with said law and bids shall be prepared accordingly. A Schedule of Wages as determined is on file in the Park District's office.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Illinois Department of Human Rights and all other applicable federal and state laws, rules and executive orders relating to unfair or discriminatory employment practices.

No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Park District.

October 1, 2015
Jack Bieliak, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
10/1/15 3614255

Storage - Legal

LifeStorage of Montclare 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.

Location: LifeStorage of Montclare, at 6603 W Diversey Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60707.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from the sale. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash or credit card. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be disposed.

Registered or Motor Vehicles are sold "AS IS / Parts Only" no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit Number
Romeo M. Mecanas	A2166
Ruby Villareals	B1151
Zenaida Martinez	B2112
Elizabeth Rodriguez	B2186
Jeannette Alvarez	C1119
Robert Suwada	C1168
Miguel Gomez	C2141
Laura Horwitz	C2161
Daniel Roldan	D1135
John Streety	D2211

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

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, L.L.C., Attorney, 42165, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 291-1717, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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Storage - Legal

Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
The Board of Education, Lincolnwood School District 74, 6950 N. East Prairie Road, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, will receive sealed bids for:

PHASE ONE ADDITIONS AND REMODELING AT
LINCOLN HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROJECT NO. 14199

The Bid Opening will be on **Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 2:00 PM** at the District Administrative Office. At this time the Bids will be publicly opened and read. A Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of the contract will be required. A Bid Security of 10% of the Bid is required with the proposal. The Contractor must pay the Prevailing Wage rates for all work per Illinois Law.

It is the policy of Lincolnwood School District 74 to provide equal opportunity to all qualified business in the awarding of contracts and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified businesses to the maximum extent feasible in any contract issued against this solicitation to bid.

There will be a MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting for bidders for the associated bid packages. Any bidder submitting a bid on this project MUST attend one of the two listed meeting times. Location and time are as follows:

Location: Lincoln Hall Middle School, 6855 N. Crawford Avenue Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Date: (Meeting 1) Monday, October 12, 2015 (Separated by Bid Package)

Time: 9:30AM: HVAC/ DEMOLITION/ CONCRETE
10:30AM: PLUMBING/ FIRE PROTECTION / MASONRY/ STRUCTURAL
11:30AM: ELECTRICAL/ ROOFING/ GLASS/ GLAZING

Date: (Meeting 2) Tuesday, October 13, 2015 (Separated by Bid Package)

Time: 1:30PM: HVAC/ DEMOLITION/ CONCRETE
2:30PM: PLUMBING/ FIRE PROTECTION / MASONRY/ STRUCTURAL
3:30PM: ELECTRICAL/ ROOFING/ GLASS/ GLAZING

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding procedure, or accept the bid that in its opinion will serve its best interest. Any such decision shall be considered final. The Owner reserves the right to set aside a Bid from a Contractor who, in the Owner's opinion, does not exhibit past experience equal to the size and scope of this project.

PREVAILING WAGE LAW: This Contract calls for the construction of a "public work," within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/01 et seq. ("the Act"). The Act requires contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers and mechanics performing services on public works projects no less than the current "prevailing rate of wages" (hourly cash wages plus amount for fringe benefits) in the county where the work is performed. The Department publishes the prevailing wage rates on its website at: <http://www.state.il.us/agency/dol/rates/rates.htm>. The Department revises the prevailing wage rates and the contractor/subcontractor has an obligation to check the Department's web site for revisions to prevailing wage rates. For information regarding current prevailing wage rates, please refer to the Illinois Department of Labor's website. All contractors and subcontractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to, all wage, notice and record keeping duties. The bidder shall have a written sexual harassment policy in place in full compliance with Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Obtain Bidding Documents after Thursday, September 24, 2015 at:

BHF, LLC
<http://www.bhfxplanroom.com/>
Warrenville@bhfx.net
30W250 Butterfield Road
Warrenville, Illinois 60555
P: 630-393-0777 F: 630-393-8888
10/01/2015 3614034

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.

*Bid2Win, 441.001668, Brook Snyder

Tenant Name	Unit #
Maria C Tamburrino	1018
J Guadalupe Alvarez	1049
Ruben Villaseor	1228
Juan Eduardo Ibarra-Angulano	2078
Rolanda S Davis-Wise	2139
Mercedes Alvarez	2191
Pedro Hernandez	2199
Andre Weathers	2245
Irene Reyes	2344
Daniel Lucido	2443
Demetrio Corona	2454
Zobia Ambereen	3018
Yaniselle E Sanchez	3109
Aaron M Martinez	3138

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Legal Notices

THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE CITED AS
VILLAGE ORDINANCE NUMBER
15-9-P-4176

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
4874-4912 DEMPSTER STREET, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS, FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES
WHEREAS, the Village of Skokie (hereinafter "Skokie") is a home rule municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois (1970); and

WHEREAS, as a home rule municipality, Skokie has the authority to adopt ordinances pertaining to its government and affairs, the declaration of surplus property, the disposition of property and the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and
WHEREAS, during the economic downturn, Skokie identified and purchased several properties within Skokie that were in need of redevelopment. One of these properties is commonly known as 4874-4912 Dempster Street (hereinafter "Subject Property"); and
WHEREAS, Skokie demolished the existing building on the Subject Property in an effort to improve the aesthetics of the West Dempster Street corridor and to attract development; and
WHEREAS, Skokie has patiently held the Subject Property, waiting for the economy to improve and for quality projects to be proposed. While several proposals have been reviewed, it was determined that they were not the best use for the Subject Property; and
WHEREAS, the Subject Property, legally described as follows:

PARCEL 1:
THE EAST 19 FEET OF LOT 26 AND ALL OF LOTS 27, 28, 29 AND 30 AND THE NORTH 10 FEET OF A STRIP OF LAND SOUTH OF AND ADJOINING THE EAST 19 FEET OF LOT 26 AND ALL OF LOTS 27, 28, 29 AND 30 IN BLOCK 27 IN THE BRONX, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:
THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 170.10 FEET OF LOT 12 IN COUNTY CLERK'S DIVISION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, 673.99 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE WEST 50 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 170.10 FEET; THENCE EAST 50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 170.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (EXCEPT THE NORTH 10 FEET AND THE SOUTH 40 FEET THEREOF) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 3:
THE WEST 125 FEET (EXCEPT THE EAST 67.60 FEET THEREOF) OF THAT PART OF LOT 12 IN COUNTY CLERK'S DIVISION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE ORIGINAL NORTH LINE OF DEMPSTER STREET (SAID ORIGINAL NORTH LINE OF DEMPSTER STREET BEING 30 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16) 238.68 FEET WEST FROM THE ORIGINAL NORTHWEST CORNER OF DEMPSTER STREET AND NILES CENTER ROAD; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 16 AFORESAID, 130.10 FEET; THENCE WEST 150 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 130.10 FEET; THENCE EAST 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (EXCEPT THEREFROM THE SOUTH 10 FEET THEREOF TAKEN FOR THE WIDENING OF DEMPSTER STREET PER CASE NO. 55704 COUNTY COURT) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PHS: 10-16-433-072-0000, 10-16-433-040-0000 and 10-16-433-075-0000
is located in an 83 Business district and is in the West Dempster Tax Increment Finance Allocation District (the "TIF District"). The Subject Property was acquired by Skokie for the purpose of furthering the goals of the TIF District; and
WHEREAS, the funds used to purchase the Subject Property were, and remain, a financial obligation of the TIF District; and
WHEREAS, Skokie has received an offer to purchase and develop the Subject Property from ORY Skokie L.L.C. (hereinafter "ORY"). The development of the Subject Property will further the purpose of the TIF District, generate property and sales tax revenues, create employment and improve the aesthetics of the West Dempster Street area;

WHEREAS, Skokie, in the exercise of its home rule powers, hereby approves the sale of the Subject Property to ORY Skokie L.L.C. Skokie also desires to enter into an agreement with ORY for the development of an auto parts store. The consideration and benefits to Skokie in relation to the sale of the Subject Property is (i) the purchase price of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) based on current market value; (ii) a credit of \$100,000.00 to ORY for taking title subject to various Easements recorded against the property; (iii) the commitment from ORY to develop the Subject Property in a certain manner within a given timeframe, as referenced in the proposed Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Real Estate; (iv) the elimination of liability and maintenance costs or obligations that would be incurred by Skokie if the Subject Property was not developed; and (v) tax and other economic benefits that will occur in Skokie, attendant with the development of the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the "Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Real Estate" (hereinafter "Agreement"), with ORY Skokie L.L.C. is attached hereto as Exhibit "1"; and
WHEREAS, the Village Manager recommended to the Mayor and Board of Trustees that the Subject Property be sold to ORY Skokie L.L.C. and that the Agreement be approved, and the Mayor and Board of Trustees concurred in the aforesaid recommendation;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have determined that (i) the proposed development by ORY is in the best interests of Skokie, and (ii) the Subject Property is not likely to be redeveloped independent of the proposal by ORY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois:

Section 1: That the foregoing recitals are material to this Ordinance and are hereby incorporated and restated as though they were fully set forth in their entirety in this Section.

Section 2: That pursuant to its home rule authority and applicable statutes the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie hereby find that it is no longer necessary, appropriate, or in the best interest of the Village of Skokie that it retain the real property, legally described above, and commonly known as 4874-4912 Dempster Street, Skokie, Illinois, and that the sale and development shall proceed according to the Agreement between ORY Skokie L.L.C. and the Village, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

Section 3: That the Agreement is hereby approved, subject to necessary revisions approved by the Village Manager, or designee, and the Corporation Counsel.

Section 4: That the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and directed to proceed with the sale of the Subject Property.

Section 5: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2015.

Ayes: 7 (Bromberg, Gray-Keeler, Klein, Roberts, Sutker, Ulrich, Van Dusen)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Attested and filed in my office this 21st day of September, 2015; and published in the Skokie Review according to law on October 1, 2015 and October 8, 2015.

Village Clerk

Approved by me this 21st day of September, 2015.

Mayor, Village of Skokie
10/1, 10/8/2015 3612673

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
AUDIT REPORT OF THE
MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT

Morton Grove Park District hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 has been filed with the Cook County Clerk, in accordance with 30 ILCS 150/0.01 et seq. The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at 6834 Dempster, Morton Grove, IL 60053 during regular business hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday except for holidays.
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Public Hearings

Public Hearing
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following cases:

CASE ZBA 15-13
Requesting a variation from Section 12-2-5 of Ordinance 07-07 (Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code) to construct a detached garage.

The parcel is located in the R2 "Single Family Residence District" district and is commonly known as 8715 School Street. The applicant is Mr. Jeremy Biener.

CASE ZBA 15-14
Requesting a variation from Section 12-3-3 of Ordinance 07-07 (Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code) to install a fence in the front yard.

The parcel is located in the R2 "Single Family Residence District" district and is commonly known as 8846 Harms Road. The applicant is Ms. Sandra Vergara.

CASE ZBA 15-15
Requesting a variation from Section 12-3-5 of Ordinance 07-07 (Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code) to install a fence in the front yard.

The parcel is located in the R2 "Single Family Residence District" district and is commonly known as 6801 Church. The applicant is Ms. Cheryl Goodwin.

10/1/2015 3625506

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.

Bld2Win, 441.001668, Brook Snyder

Tenant Name	Unit #
Baudilio Rodriguez Rosario	422
Ashley S Fields	926
Carla Duncan	900
Fior Reyes	329
Lavrus Bennett	335
Florita 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
Tierra L Oneal	919
Charles Hoskins	33
Shaketa Presley	269
Thomas Collins	148
Rosa J Castro	215
Shawntae L Gowdy	214
Angel Del Valle	56
Priscilla Ross	792
Monica E Bailey	699
Donnell Furlow	818
Naron Harris	29
Lanette Allen	806
Kenyata Morehead	802
Ladwyna K Harris	319
Crystal Barrios	752
Collette Carter	151
Maria E Hernandez	16
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Storage - Legal

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 Wellness Center	220
Darry Pulce	248
Jennelle Taylor	254
Phillip London	1042
Torrie Cole	1060
Alex Blackshire	1136
Georgina Tietelpa	1158
Susan Manuel	1162
Rod Miller	2002
Andre Gage	2008
David Scott	2144
Alana Mike	2151
Debbie Patterson	2153
Clezeal Collains	2200
Sonya Gage	3065
Juarne Dawson	3066
Bradley Gibson	3105
Earl Grandberry	3174
Deon Goston	4042
Tischa Thomas	4048
Teresa Spencer	4082
Francisco Coliaso	4103
Kevin Danenport	4114
Carolyn Brunt	4120
Arnold J E Romeo	4131
John H Reed	4145
Lisa Maldonado	4162
Jerome Wilder	4175
Latoria Kyle	5001
Michael Brown	5058
Tyran McCuller	5071

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LifeStorage of River North 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 13, 2015, at LifeStorage of River North, 333 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60654, (312) 222-0136.

Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As is / Parts only," no titles or registration.

Bld2Win, 441.001668, Brook Snyder

Tenant Name	Unit #
Jessica Beale	4059
Mengtong Wang	1086
Michael Thomas	1039
Thomas Hilligos	2004
Thomas Hilligos	2005
Thomas Hilligos	2058
Thomas Hilligos	2047

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ORDINANCE 2015 - 3

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS
OF EISENHOWER 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 Eisenhower Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, caused to be prepared in Tentative form a Budget and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least 30 days prior to 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 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 Eisenhower 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 June 30, 2016.

Section 2: That the Following Budget containing an estimate of the amount available and expenditures and the appropriations contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year; and the sum of \$7,903,905.00 (Seven Million, Nine Hundred And Three Thousand, Nine hundred And Five dollars) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of the Eisenhower Public Library District, as hereinafter specified for said fiscal year.

ESTIMATED REVENUES - ALL FUNDS

Item 1	Balance on Hand July 1, 2015	\$3,130,505.67
Item 3	Receipts during current fiscal year from the sale of warrants in anticipation of taxes, interest, gifts, grants, fines, rentals, donations, etc.	\$ 384,399.33
Item 4	Anticipated Tax Collection	\$4,389,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE		\$7,903,905.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**I. GENERAL FUND****PERSONNEL**

Salaries - Librarians	\$ 535,000.00	
Salaries - Clerical	\$ 750,000.00	
Salaries - Pages	\$ 105,000.00	
Salaries - Managers	\$ 660,000.00	
Recruitment	\$ 2,000.00	
Group Medical Insurance	\$ 225,000.00	
Employee Conferences	\$ 25,000.00	
Employee In-Service Training	\$ 6,000.00	
Employee Continuing Education	\$ 6,000.00	
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	
Employee Travel	\$ 15,000.00	
Employee Professional Fees	\$ 12,000.00	
		\$ 2,343,000.00

BUILDING OPERATING COSTS

Intermittent Labor	\$ 8,000.00	
Salaries - Security & Maintenance	\$ 215,000.00	
Utilities	\$ 180,000.00	
Building Maintenance	\$ 170,000.00	
Building Equipment Maintenance	\$ 100,000.00	
Building Cleaning Service	\$ 80,000.00	
Security	\$ 30,000.00	
		\$ 783,000.00

TRUSTEE EXPENDITURES

Trustee Professional Fees	\$ 2,000.00	
Board Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	
		\$ 8,000.00

OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Legal Notice Publication	\$ 6,000.00	
Legal Services	\$ 40,000.00	
Accounting Services	\$ 50,000.00	
Collection Services	\$ 4,000.00	
Consulting Services	\$ 2,000.00	
Printer Services	\$ 2,000.00	
Material Processing-System	\$ 1,000.00	
		\$ 105,000.00

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Books	\$ 310,000.00	
E-Books	\$ 110,000.00	
Periodicals	\$ 40,000.00	
AV Materials	\$ 90,000.00	
Electronic Materials	\$ 1,000.00	
Database Access	\$ 125,000.00	
Ephemera	\$ 12,000.00	
		\$ 688,000.00

INDEBTEDNESS

Certificate Payment Series 2007B	\$ 158,805.00	
Certificate Payment Series 2013	\$ 589,700.00	
		\$ 748,505.00

LIBRARY OPERATION

Supplies	\$ 67,000.00	
Printing Supplies	\$ 60,000.00	
Postage	\$ 15,000.00	
Equipment Rental	\$ 4,000.00	
Telephone	\$ 20,000.00	
Telecommunications	\$ 10,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	
Computer Software	\$ 18,000.00	
Automation Monthly Fees	\$ 90,000.00	

Automation Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00	
InterLibrary Delivery Services & Reciprocal Borrowing Admin Fee	\$ 1,000.00	
		\$ 317,000.00

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Library Equipment	\$ 20,000.00	
Furniture	\$ 10,000.00	
Automation Equipment	\$ 45,000.00	
		\$ 75,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Library Programs	\$ 80,000.00	
Community Relations	\$ 12,000.00	
Newsletter	\$ 75,000.00	
Website Development	\$ 2,500.00	
Contingency	\$ 2,000.00	
Gift Expenditures	\$ 1,500.00	
		\$ 173,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

\$ 5,240,505.00

II. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

\$ 2,000,000.00

III. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

\$ 159,100.00

IV. SOCIAL SECURITY/F.I.C.A.

\$ 144,100.00

V. AUDIT FUND

\$ 7,500.00

VI. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND

\$ 40,600.00

VII. WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

\$ 16,000.00

VIII. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

\$ 16,100.00

IX. BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

\$ 280,000.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

\$ 7,903,905.00

The foregoing appropriations are appropriated from the general property tax for corporate purposes.

Section 3: That all unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation in this Ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made by this Ordinance.

Section 4: That the invalidity of any item or section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or part thereof.

Section 5: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2015 pursuant to a roll vote as follows:

AYES: Braun, Sticha, Magnuson, Rothbart, and Ross

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Magnelli and Kurzatkowski

/s/ Mark F. Braun, PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Janice Magnuson, SECRETARY

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, JANICE MAGNUSON, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, and the keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2015-3 entitled:

"ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS
OF EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016"

adopted at a regular meeting of said Board of Library Trustees held on the 17th day of September, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of September, 2015.

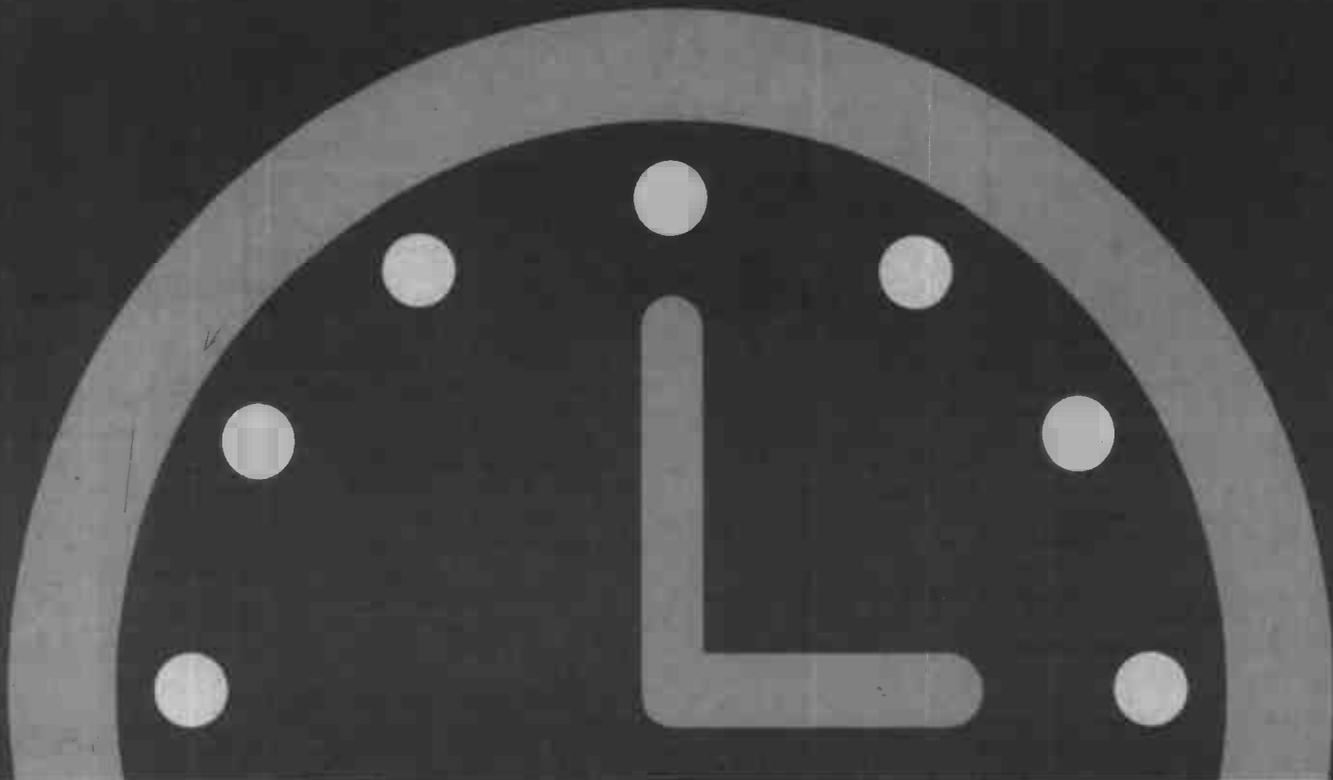
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Eisenhower Public Library District
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Sporty look for PRIUS

Stiffer handling, sharper lines and more added as part of effort to be more than sensible choice

BY JERRY HIRSCH
Tribune Newspapers

With all the fanfare of a Las Vegas show, Toyota unveiled the fourth generation of its Prius hybrid on the rooftop deck of the Linq Hotel & Casino on the Strip in September.

The automaker estimates a 10 percent jump in fuel economy, to about 55 mpg, but that may be less important to sales growth than improved driving dynamics and normalized styling.

The egg-shaped profile has been flattened and sharpened, and the handling stiffened, reflecting the need to compete on performance and style as well as efficiency. The current Prius, launched as a 2010 model, has faced increasing competition from both conventional cars and an array of plug-in hybrid and all-electric models.

The car's pricing, to be released along with final fuel economy figures before the next Prius goes on sale in January, will be another important factor. The outgoing model's base price of about \$25,000 represents a significant premium over comparable conventional vehicles, which have narrowed the fuel-efficiency



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Toyota unveils the fourth generation of its Prius hybrid at an event in Las Vegas this month.

gap.

One version of the Honda Civic achieves up to 41 mpg on the highway and starts at about \$20,000.

"With the aged outgoing model and low gas prices dragging down sales, the 2016 Prius will be a much-needed shot in the arm for not only Toyota but the entire green car segment," said Jeremy Acevedo, an analyst with Edmunds.com.

In the car's redesign, Toyota focused on addressing complaints about its appliance-like driving experience. The setting for the unveiling — with a live rock band on a neon-lit rooftop stage, with Caesars Palace and the Bellagio as backdrops — seemed fitting, given the effort to inject excitement into a car that has taken pride in being slow and stodgy.

The new design acknowledges that pitching the car as a "rational purchase," based on efficiency alone, was no longer enough, said Bill Fay, Toyota's group vice president

and general manager.

"The new Prius is a no-compromise vehicle. It has style, fuel economy and great driving dynamics, and it will appeal to a much broader range of customers," Fay said in an interview before the Las Vegas unveiling.

The new car is sportier, with a low snout, stretched windshield and wrap-around headlights. Handling should be helped by a lower center of gravity and a more rigid body structure.

The Prius remains a hatchback but looks more like a sedan, with a sharp crease tracing its profile backward from the rear doors. Designers have blacked out the rear pillars, making the roof appear to float over the rear deck.

Those creases proved controversial among auto critics at the debut. Toyota marketing manager Brian Coleman said they serve dual purposes.

"They are elements that actually help with the

aerodynamics and give the car a sportier look," Coleman said. The automaker "had to break new ground by adding some style and fun new driving dynamics." The edgier Prius design follows other recent Toyota efforts — the latest Camry and Corolla models, for instance — to liven up the brand's traditionally bland styling.

Efficiency, however, remains at the core of the Prius franchise. Toyota said the Prius would have the best fuel economy of any vehicle that doesn't plug into an electrical socket. A soon-to-be-unveiled Eco model will achieve even greater fuel economy.

The Prius will also be the first Toyota model to offer a new safety package that includes a forward collision alert and pedestrian detection system; lane departure alert with automatic steering assistance; cruise control that speeds and slows with traffic; and high beams that automatically switch on in the ab-

The starting price was \$19,995, and it came in one trim level with basic amenities and, for the time, an eye-popping federal fuel economy rating of 41 mpg. With the second generation, Toyota refined the car and brought it more upscale, with an awkward, bulbous profile that became an icon for environmentalism. In 2012, Toyota expanded the car into a sub-brand "family" of models, introducing the Prius V wagon version and Prius C subcompact.

The first Prius was an engineering breakthrough, said Leslie Kendall, curator of the Petersen Automotive Museum. The technology stands with such achievements as the dual overhead cam engine in the Grand Prix Peugeot of the early 1900s, and the 1954 Mercedes Benz 300 SL, the first production car with fuel injection.

For a century, various automakers and developers, including Ferdinand Porsche and Briggs & Stratton, attempted hybrid vehicles, but none succeeded, Kendall said.

"Every other attempt stumbled," he said. "They got everything right with the Prius."

Eco-conscious consumers jump-started Prius' success, but high gas prices made it ubiquitous, said Simon Mui, the automotive expert at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Toyota deserves credit for making hybrids a household name and forcing other automakers to compete, he said.

It remains one of the better-selling passenger cars nationally, with numbers generally comparable to such mainstream models as the Ford Focus and Chevrolet Malibu.

"When your car is spoofed on 'South Park,' you know it has become a cultural icon," Mui said.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Notre Dame grads keep Minn. St. football unbeaten

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Working on the ground and through the air, quarterback **Nick Piernuccini**, a Notre Dame graduate, led the Minnesota State football team to a blowout victory against the University of Mary on Sept. 19 in Mankato, Minn.

The sophomore passed for a touchdown, ran for a touchdown, threw for 165 yards and carried for 66 during the 48-0 Mavericks' win.

Piernuccini wasn't the only area athlete with a solid game. In fact, he wasn't even the only Notre Dame alumnus to impress. Senior tailback **Connor Thomas** rumbled for a team-high 74 rushing yards on 11 carries. He added one catch for 35 yards.

Scott McDowell, a junior transfer from Illinois, started for the Mavericks at right tackle. A Hinsdale Central graduate, he had appeared in two games for the Illini. **Julius Holley**, a Loyola graduate from Lake Barrington, is a redshirt freshman tailback.

Through three games, Piernuccini led the team in passing yards (429), passing touchdowns (2) and rushing touchdowns (3), and he was second in rushing yardage (179).

Thomas topped the team in rushing yards (298) and had two rushing touchdowns. Only four of his 55 carries had gone for a loss.

North Central falls in OT

A remarkable individual effort by senior running back **Oshayne Brown**, a Niles North graduate, wasn't quite enough to push the North Central football team past then-No.22 Wisconsin-Platteville, as the Cardinals fell 35-28 in overtime on Sept. 19 in Platteville, Wis. Brown finished with a game-high 138 rushing yards and two touch-



MINNESOTA STATE ATHLETICS PHOTOS

Sophomore Nick Piernuccini, from Notre Dame, has throw for two touchdowns and run for three in helping the Mavericks off to a 3-0 start.

downs on 15 carries.

Several other Chicago area athletes helped the Cardinals extend the game to overtime. Sophomore defensive back **Pat Cravens**, from Notre Dame, intercepted a pass in the second quarter and returned it 59 yards to the Wisconsin-Platteville 25-yard line, setting the team up for its third score.

Team captain and senior defensive back **Richard Zirngibl**, a Buffalo Grove graduate, finished with eight total tackles, including two tackles for a loss and a sack.

Fourteen more Cardinals players hail from the Chicago suburbs: York's **Eli**

Kosanovich, **Mike Kosanovich**, **Ramsey Pokryfke** and **Kyle Preuss**; Lake Zurich graduate **Zane Lodico**; Oak Park-River Forest's **Emonte Logan** and **Manny Renteria**; Highland Park graduate **Andrew Sledd**; Notre Dame's **Tom Sora**; Leyden's **Gunnar Schiferi**, **Ben Smajlovic** and **Alex Rose**; team captain **Pat Bolger** from Barrington; and Buffalo Grove alumnus **Ricky Strba**.

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

Nick Bullock is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



Senior tailback Connor Thomas, a graduate of Notre Dame, leads the Minnesota State football team in rushing yardage.

High-ropes course helps bring Niles North together

BY MATT HARNESS
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Ever since Niles North participated in a team-bonding exercise, the Vikings have played their best volleyball of the season, according to senior libero Andrea Davood.

The proof is in the results.

Before completing the high-ropes course at the school on Sept. 19, Niles North was 2-9. Since then, the Vikings are 3-4.

"As individuals we can break down," Davood said. "If everybody is working together, we can be unstoppable."

Davood said the high-ropes course helped build trust among the Vikings. Each player was paired with a teammate she might not spend time with outside of volleyball. Together, they helped each other navigate the course.

"It really has made us a better team," said Davood, who was paired with junior Tiselle Talaboc. "You had to listen to her in order to climb the ropes and go across the obstacles the right way. It's translated to the court."

On Sept. 26, the Vikings finished fourth at Northside's tournament. Two days before that, the Vikings lost to Glenbrook North 25-10, 25-18 in Northbrook in a Central Suburban North match.

Although it was a defeat, Niles North coach Terri Vander Jeugd said the second game against the Spartans was the best the Vikings had played up to that point this season. Niles North led Glenbrook North, which has won five of the last six league titles, as late as 15-14.

"It was the first time I truly saw them playing to-

gether," said Vander Jeugd, who's in her first season as head coach. "We don't have the big, tall players we have had in the past couple of years, but we are using what we have. We can compete, and we showed that against Glenbrook North."

Vander Jeugd said the Vikings (5-13, 0-3) still struggle to close out games. The Spartans won 11 of the last 14 points to win the match and remain undefeated in the conference.

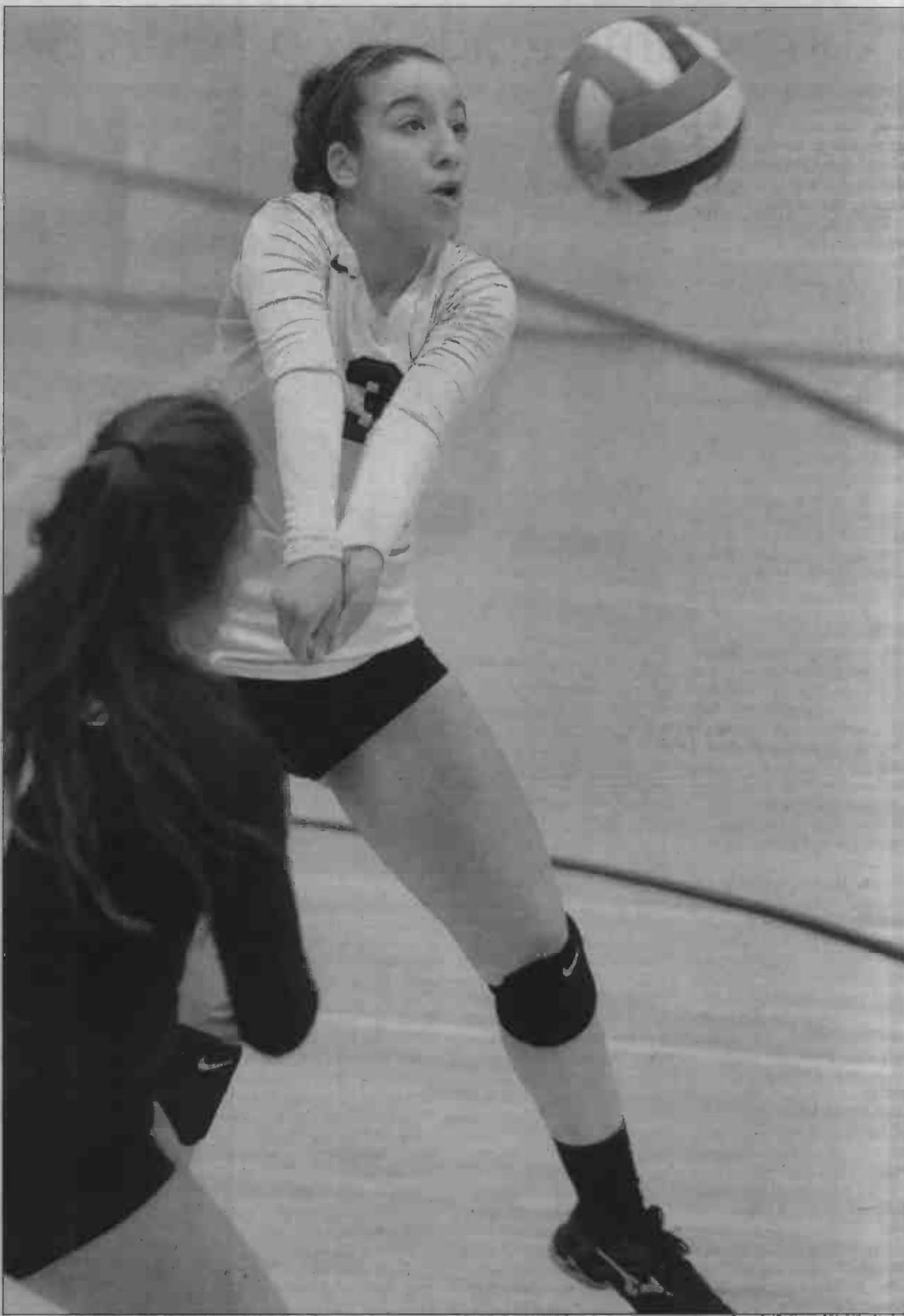
"I think it's a mental thing," Vander Jeugd said. "We have to get that figured out. We have to keep believing in ourselves that we can do it."

The season has been challenging partly because only four players who started last season — senior outside hitter Carolyn Dwyer, senior outside hitter Nina Yonan, junior middle Zoe Lance, junior middle Isis Evans — returned for the Vikings. Davood and sophomore Alyssa Aragon were contributors a year ago, but the other 11 players are new to varsity.

"We have lacked experience and court awareness, but we are doing a lot better," Vander Jeugd said.

Davood said Central Suburban North opponents will see a different Niles North team when the second half of conference play starts. The Vikings' second time through the conference begins on Oct. 6 at Highland Park.

"By that time, we will be ready," Davood said. "The more we are together, the more we become a team. I've seen a ton of improvement from the beginning of the season, and we are only getting better."



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Niles North's Andrea Davood (3) makes a pass during the second game against Glenbrook North on Sept. 24. Glenbrook North won the match 25-10, 25-18 in Northbrook.

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Coaches see CSL, MSL agreement as positive

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The Central Suburban League and the Mid-Suburban League have finalized a football-only agreement to have similarly-sized schools from the two conferences play each other in Weeks 3 and 4 starting next season.

The CSL and MSL will both be separated into three groups of four schools, based on enrollment and a success factor. The CSL's three largest schools (New Trier, Evanston and Glenbrook South) will be joined by 14-time defending CSL South champion Maine South, which has the conference's fifth-largest enrollment, in the conference's large-school group. Barrington, Conant, Fremd and Palatine will make up the MSL's large-school quartet.

Those two groups of four will play crossovers against each other in 2016 and 2017. Barrington, for instance, will play two large CSL teams in 2016 and the other two in 2017.

The CSL's mid-sized group (Niles North, Niles West, Glenbrook North and Highland Park) will be paired with the MSL's mid-sized group (Hersey, Elk Grove, Prospect and Schaumburg). The remaining teams (Maine West, Maine East, Deerfield and newcomer Vernon Hills) will be matched with the MSL's four smallest schools (Hoffman Estates, Buffalo Grove, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling).

"Some of the [CSL crossover] games, they weren't a help to anyone," said Glenbrook North athletic director John Catalano, who's also the president of the CSL athletic directors. "Certainly our larger schools ... they're accepting a much tougher schedule. Our schedule [for] the middle schools now becomes more challenging. The smaller schools obviously will benefit because they're going to be playing schools of like-sized enrollment. Is it tougher for some? Yes. Is it equal for others? Yes. And is it better for some? Yes."

"But for football right now, we think it's the right way to go for the next couple years."

The new arrangement is almost certain to result in more competitive, evenly-matched games in Weeks 3 and 4.

From 2013-15, the MSL West —



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Evanston's TeArthur Hunt helped the Wildkits beat Maine East 52-0 in a Central Suburban crossover game on Sept. 18. Next season, the intra-conference crossovers will be replaced by games against Mid-Suburban League schools in Weeks 3 and 4.

Barrington, Conant, Palatine, Fremd, Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates — went 43-11 in its crossovers against the MSL East. Five of those 11 losses were by Hoffman Estates.

The average margin of victory for MSL West teams in those 43 wins was 23.26 points. This year, the MSL West went 16-2 in its crossover games — Hoffman Estates suffered both defeats — and every MSL East team except Rolling Meadows (2-2) began conference play with at least three losses, and an uphill battle to earn a quality seed in the playoffs.

"It's been this way for the last few years, and it's completely ridiculous," Buffalo Grove coach

Mike DiMatteo said. "The long and short of it is, yeah, it's going to benefit all of us because we're finally going to have the opportunity to play teams that are our own size. And the same goes for all of the schools in the [MSL] East.

"It's very good for all of us, to keep our game healthy."

The CSL crossovers were even less competitive. Excluding Waukegan, which is joining the North Suburban Conference in 2016, the CSL South went 27-3 against the CSL North in crossovers from 2013-15. The CSL South's average margin of victory in those 27 wins was 33.78 points.

"I think it's best for the conference," Glenbrook North coach

Bob Pieper said of playing the MSL. "There's certainly an imbalance in the numbers with some of the bigger schools, so equal enrollment opportunities was kind of the goal here."

Pieper's teams have regularly fared the best of the CSL North school when playing against the CSL South, but Glenbrook North (2015 enrollment: 2,023) was often at a disadvantage. Pieper said he usually has 45-55 varsity players. He has 48 players this year.

New Trier, a school with an enrollment of 4,061 according to the IHSA, had 79 players listed on its varsity roster at the start of this season. That large discrepancy is

part of the reason why the Tre-rians haven't lost a CSL crossover since 1998. Maine South hasn't lost a CSL crossover since 2007, when Glenbrook North beat the Hawks in Week 3 that year.

There was a similar type of disadvantage when an MSL East school played an MSL West team. Current New Trier coach Brian Doll was the head coach at Elk Grove from 2009-11 and saw it firsthand.

"I did always feel — whether it was Fremd, Schaumburg, Barrington, Conant — we were big underdogs going into the games," said Doll, who with the Grenadiers finished 6-3 against the MSL West.

However, the MSL isn't doing away with intra-conference crossover games all together. The conference will continue to pit MSL East and MSL West teams against each other in Week 2, according to Barrington athletic director Mike Obsuzt, so that each team plays three conference home games and three conference road games.

"We have also avoided having the two largest schools in the West [Barrington and Fremd] playing the smallest school in the East [Wheeling] for the foreseeable future," he said in an email.

The new agreement eliminates intra-conference crossover games in the CSL. The new arrangement also will make it more difficult for CSL South teams to reach the five victories needed to become play-off eligible.

Still, Doll supports similarly-sized schools in the CSL and MSL playing each other.

"I think the balance created by playing schools that are a similar size is really going to be something that's beneficial for the whole conference," said Doll, whose Tre-rians beat CSL North schools Maine West and Highland Park by a combined score of 69-27 this year. "I would say the same for the MSL, and the coaches I've talked to feel the same way. I think, with us playing a Fremd or a Barrington or a Conant or a Palatine, [they] are better matchups."

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Niles West encouraged by offense's resilience

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It's often difficult to find reasons to be encouraged after a defeat like the one the Niles West football team suffered in Week 5.

The Wolves allowed 616 yards against Glenbrook South in a 56-34 loss on Sept. 25. They're now on the brink of playoff elimination, with a 1-4 record and conference games against Evanston, New Trier and Maine South still to come.

But there were reasons for Niles West coach Scott Baum to feel positive about his team. Most notably, the Wolves continued to fight, even as Glenbrook South piled up yards and points in Glenview.

"I was very proud," Baum said on Sept. 25. "I saw some things tonight in our kids that we haven't seen, up to this point."

The most encouraging stretch of the game, for Niles West, came in the final 6:33 of the second quarter. Glenbrook South extended its lead to 28-13 with a 13-yard drive that capitalized on junior quarterback Johnny Pabst's second interception of the half.

Niles West started the ensuing drive on its own 21-yard line. The Wolves went for it on a fourth-and-1 at their own 31 and got it. They then converted a third-and-5. Niles West drove all the way down the field and scored on a 3-yard screen from Pabst (27-for-40, 250 yards, 3 TD, 2 INT) to junior wide receiver Matt Metz.

The offense's response was completely different than it was two weeks earlier, when Niles North rode a wave of momentum in the Skokie Skirmish and outscored Niles West 38-13 in the second and third quarters to put the game out of reach.

"I feel like in the past, sometimes we kind of gave up in the other games, but now we're just looking forward to getting better," Pabst said. "That's what it's really all about. Sometimes we can't control other things, but we're going to control what we can control and just do the best that we can."

Metz scored with 1:55 remaining in the second quarter against Glenbrook South, but the Titans restored their 15-point advantage on a 24-yard reception by senior Jack Healy just 41 seconds later.



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Niles West quarterback Johnny Pabst threw for 250 yards and three touchdowns in a 56-34 loss at Glenbrook South on Sept. 25.

The Wolves kept attacking, however. Junior Matt Galanopoulos made a dynamic kick return where he showed excellent patience to set up his blocks, then accelerated past would-be tacklers. Galanopoulos was brought down at the Titans' 38-yard line, and a facemask penalty started Niles West's drive at the 23-yard

line.

Soon thereafter, Pabst lofted a pass over the Glenbrook South coverage and found junior wide receiver Greg Leftakes (10 receptions, 131 yards, 2 TD) in the end zone. The ensuing extra point made it 35-27, which was the score at halftime.

Given that Niles West's defense

has struggled to make stops — Baum said he feels as if the Wolves have to score on every offensive possession in order to win — the way the offense fought and executed was an encouraging sign with even tougher conference games upcoming.

"I thought we played with some heart," Baum said. "I thought we

played with a little passion. I think we responded, we came back, we bounced back after they scored again. That part of it, I thought we took some steps."

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Big game against Marian Central awaits Notre Dame

The Notre Dame football team moved within a win of being playoff eligible by beating St. Viator 34-14 in East Suburban Catholic action on Sept. 25.

Thanks to their win at Morris Field in Arlington Heights, the Dons (4-1, 2-1) moved into a six-way tie for

second in the conference. Benet, Marian Central, Nazareth, Marist and Carmel also are 2-1. Joliet Catholic (5-0, 3-0) is alone at the top.

Notre Dame plays host to Marian Central (4-1) at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2.

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Notre Dame's Ethan Jennings and Jimmy Topping (3) celebrate after Topping scored during the second quarter on Sept. 25.



Notre Dame's Liam Mulcrone tackles St. Viator's Joey McIntyre (25) for no gain during the second quarter on Sept. 25 in Arlington Heights.



St. Viator's Darreonta Jackson, left, is knocked out of bounds by Notre Dame's Tim Simon. Notre Dame won the game 34-14.



Notre Dame's Riley McAndrew (8) is dragged down by St. Viator defenders just short of the goal line in the first quarter on Sept. 25.

Notre Dame's Matt Szyska (31) scores during the fourth quarter on Sept. 25.

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Showdown looms

After beating St. Viator in Week 5, Notre Dame plays host to Marian Central in a conference battle of 4-1 teams. [Page 49](#)

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