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Niles Tower 2 Lieutenant Mark Bucher, left, and Aaron Ambroziak consider their options before cutting the windshield during a mock accident scene demonstration.

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The Niles Fire Department kicked off Fire Prevention Month Oct. 3 with a fire science and public safety demonstration in the parking lot of Home Depot.

“The second week of October is Fire Prevention Week across the nation to teach fire safety for our citizens,” said Bob Greiner, shift commander of the Niles Fire Department.

Oct. 8, 1871, is significant during Fire Prevention Month because that's the day of the start of the Great Chicago Fire, Greiner said.

A controlled burn of a mock residential family room demonstration and a staged accident scene took place in the parking lot facing Dempster Street on an overcast day.

For the accident scene, Niles Tower 2 personnel used the Genesis extraction tool to safely access the car's interior. People clapped when doors and windows were bested.

“I want to be a fireman,” said Abubakr Rizwan, 8, of Morton Grove.

Inside Home Depot, children could receive giveaways and pose for photos. Families asked questions of firefighters, volunteers and Home Depot staff.

“It’s (Fire Safety Event) a yearly, corporate event to raise the level of information for our customers about the importance of fire safety,” said Brian Kelly, the Niles Home Depot store manager.

Park Ridge police Community Strategies Officer Julie Genualdi of Niles staffed an informational table near the store's customer service desk.

“The Park Ridge Police Department is excited to partner with businesses around Park Ridge,” said Genualdi, who also serves as president of the Niles Park District Board of Commissioners.

Julie Genualdi said kids should understand stranger danger, knowing that police and fire personnel are people with whom they can safely interact.

Seeing uniformed first responders at family-friendly engagements helps children become comfortable with public safety providers, she said.

Fernanda Subidia of Des Plaines and a Niles Home Depot employee brought her daughter, Seline Rodriguez, 6, a kindergartner. They talked with Genualdi.

“I hope she's (Seline) learning everything about safety,” Subidia said.

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Niles Park District to host a bevy of fall activities

Harvest Hustle, Halloween Parade and Monster's Ball among events

ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

October is here and in Niles that means a bevy of Halloween and fall-themed events are right around the corner.

The fun kicks off Friday, Oct. 16 with the Niles Park District’s Monster’s Ball. There will be pizza, games and dancing in this family-friendly event where everyone is encouraged to wear a costume to get into the Halloween spirit a little early.

The event runs from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St. Those interested in attending this Park District event must register, as space is limited. The fee for residents is $15 and non-residents is $18.

That same weekend, the district will host the 5K Harvest Hustle Sunday, Oct. 18. The run/walk event begins at Notre Dame College Prep, 7655 W. Dempster, and registered runners will receive a T-shirt for the event. Those coming to the event are also asked to bring one non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Niles Food Pantry.

Registration for the event is $25, and proceeds will benefit both the pantry and Niles Family Services.

On Oct. 24, the Niles Park District will hold a Halloween Parade and Party that will begin with the parade from Oak Park, Main and Ottawa, to Grennan Heights Park, 8255 N. Orchard Ave., where there will be games, food and fun. The morning event is recommended for children through sixth grade and registration is required.

The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. with the party at Grennan Heights Park lasting from 10 a.m. to noon. The registration fee for residents is $10 and non-residents is $12.

For more information, go to the Niles Park District website at www.niles-parks.org.

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Niles man charged in connection with stabbing of 17-year-old

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

A 28-year-old Niles man has been charged with aggravated battery and unlawful use of a weapon in connection with the Oct. 1 stabbing of a 17-year-old, police said Oct. 5.

Nicholas Seruya, 28, of the 8700 block of Shermer Road in Niles, was charged Oct. 2, police said.

They said officers responding to the 7000 block of West Greenleaf Avenue in Niles late Oct. 1 on a report of a man stabbed found a 17-year-old man unconscious on the ground with a stab wound to the stomach.

Police said that Seruya and another 17-year-old were at the scene rendering aid to the victim.

Police also said the victim was taken to Lutheran General Hospital and a knife was recovered near the crime scene.

The 17-year-old witness told investigators he was going to meet the victim at the victim's home and said that when he arrived he found the victim stabbed and lying on the ground, police said.

They said Seruya told investigators that the victim was attacked by two or three unknown men.

But when investigators talked to the victim at the hospital he said he had been arguing with Seruya when they started fighting, police said. They said the victim told investigators he felt a pain in his abdomen and that when he looked down he noticed he was bleeding and then lost consciousness.

“We don’t know what it was about,” Sgt. Robert Tornabene, department spokesman, said. “It was a verbal dispute about some issue in the past.”

Seruya is scheduled for an Oct. 14 preliminary hearing at the Skokie courthouse.

It was being held at the Niles Police Station on Oct. 5 pending a bond hearing.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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Muslim Education Center invites curious neighbors with open house

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Non-Muslims led by a curiosity about Islam were invited to visit Morton Grove's Muslim Education Center Oct. 4 during a three-hour open house - the first official open house in the mosque's 25-year history.

Morton Grove's Muslim Education Center was one of several mosques in the Chicago area to invite non-Muslims inside for Open Mosque Day on Oct. 4 - an event organized by the Council on American-Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.

The event was created to help foster closer interfaith relationships with non-Muslim neighbors of mosques, while preventing the stereotyping of Muslims and reducing the prevalence of hate crimes, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Morton Grove couple Jan Cichowlas and George Litas were part of a group of about 30 community members who stopped by for a tour of Morton Grove's Muslim Education Center.

Cichowlas and Litas stayed to observe the late-afternoon prayer (known as "Asr") and mingled with volunteers while asking questions about Muslim religious traditions.

Litas, a self-described atheist who has lived in Morton Grove for 25 years, said he was curious about Islam and wanted to meet his Muslim neighbors.

"I've driven by thousands of times, but I realized I've never once been inside," Litas said. "Despite being atheist, I have an interest in understanding different religions, so I thought this would be an interesting experience."

Not sure whether Muslim followers were associated with a particular geographic region, Litas openly asked volunteer Asjad Hussain which area of the world most Muslims come from.

"Most Muslims in our mosque are Pakistani," Hussain replied, adding that not all Muslims are Pakistani.

Although people often associated Islam with countries in the Middle East or North Africa, nearly two-thirds, or 62 percent, of Muslims live in the Asia-Pacific region, according to analysis from the Pew Research Center.

About 344 million Muslims live in India and Pakistan compared with 317 million who live in the Middle East and North Africa regions, according to the organization.

About 7 million Muslims live in the U.S., which is a small portion of the estimated 1.6 billion Muslims around the world, according to a Global Religious Landscape report from the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life.

Cichowlas said she had concerns about Muslims being portrayed negatively in the media, and she thought visiting a mosque would help her develop her own ideas about the religion.

"You see so many negative things about Muslims on TV and I don't think it's fair," she said.

Illinois has 109 mosques, according to the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, and that number is rising across the U.S., which now has more than 2,500 mosques compared with 1,200 that existed in the year 2000, according to the organization.

The growing number of mosques throughout the U.S. creates the need for more dialogue between Muslim followers and mosque neighbors who might have never been inside a mosque, according to Akhter Sadiq of the Muslim Community Center, the Chicago branch associated with Morton Grove's Muslim 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 a church, but people haven't been exposed to the mosque, so I think there's a lack of knowledge out there."

Just last week, the U.S. Justice Department sues the city of Des Plaines alleging the northwest suburban violated federal law by refusing to allow an Islamic group to operate a place of worship in a vacant office building.

The suit alleges that Des Plaines discriminated against the American Islamic Center, a Bosnian Muslim congregation, when it refused to grant a rezoning request to allow the center to set up a place of worship in 2013.

This past June, officials in Lincolnwood gave Chicago-based mosque, Sacred Learning NFP, the green light to move forward with plans to open a new mosque near Devon and Crawford avenues at 3900 W. Devon Avenue.

Sadiq Shariff, executive vice president of the organization, 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 NFP.

Guests at the Morton Grove open house who watched a prayer session that took place in the mosque at 5 p.m. were invited into the prayer areas while about 100 Muslims gathered to take part in one of five daily prayers.

The mostly silent prayer session lasted about five minutes, during which time Muslims cited recitations from the Quran in praise of God, while moving between standing, bowing and prostrating.

Sokie resident Betty Newhart said she had hesitations about men and women being separated during prayer, but added that the open house itself was a nice way to bring the community together as a whole.

"It's still something I don't understand," Newhart said, "but (the open house) was a great opportunity for the community to see the mosque, and it's something I'd like to see happen again."

Sadiq said they planned to make it an annual tradition.

"The turnout could have been better, but we're happy overall because it was our first time having an event like this," Sadiq said.

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NEWS

North Shore cops offer advice to curb auto theft

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

Auto burglaries and thefts of automobiles are a common occurrence around the area. So much so that the Morton Grove Police Department has started a "Lock it or Lose it" campaign.

"Five out of the last six car burglaries that we've had were residents who left their vehicles unlocked, and that's kind of the reason why we try to educate our residents to lock their cars," Officer Adam Tabor of the Morton Grove Police Department said.

As of Sept. 22, Morton Grove had seen 38 car burglaries this year, the same amount that the village received reports of last year.

"We've had a total of 38 car burglaries so far this year, and I can't say how many of the 38 were unlocked, but the majority of the burglaries that we have in town are from cars that are unlocked," Tabor said.

"Our own carelessness is often causing our own vehicles to be broken into because an unlocked vehicle is an open invitation for a car thief."

But Morton Grove is not the only area dealing with this problem. The Skokie Police Department has had 10 car burglary reports in September, according to Officer Eric Swaback, who said that the department has received reports of last year.

And while both Morton Grove and Skokie have seen more car burglaries reported, Evanston has seen an increase, not only in car burglaries, but also in auto thefts.

"It's pretty much always an issue here," Cnrlr. Joe Dugan said. "In the majority of them, the vehicles are unlocked and people will go inside and take some change or whatever."

According to Dugan, in some instances the burglars find the car unlocked, rummage through the car looking for something to take and find a spare key. At that point, Dugan said, the burglars take the car.

"We get back the majority of the cars, and the majority of the vehicle burglaries and car thefts are unlocked," he said.

As of Sept. 1 of this year, there have been 45 reported car thefts, up from the 39 reported up to Sept. 1 last year in Evanston. As for burglaries and thefts from the vehicle, there have been 298 incidents reported up to Sept. 22 of this year. From Jan. 1 through Sept. 22 of last year, there were only 260 such incidents reported, according to Dugan.

"It's always an issue that we're dealing with consistently out here, at least for the past few years since I can remember," Dugan said.

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Man charged with jumping wall outside police station

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A Niles man who had already been arrested once by police is now facing additional charges after he allegedly scaled a wall outside the Niles Police Station and jumped into a restricted area.

Rami Howria, 23, of the 8900 block of Washington Avenue, came to the police station on Sept. 28 to pick up his car, which had been towed four days earlier following his arrest on a public indecency charge, said Niles police Sgt. Robert Tomabene.

According to police, Howria ran out of the police station lobby, 7000 W. Touhy Ave., and attempted to pull open a parking lot security gate before climbing on top of a concrete wall and jumping down into the secured employee parking area.

Howria reportedly ran through the lot, but didn't get his car, as police said he instead climbed into the passenger's side seat of his brother's car when it stopped on Milwaukee Avenue. An officer conducted a traffic stop on the car and took Howria into custody, police said.

While in the back of the squad car, police said Howria slammed his forehead into the plastic partition separating the front and back seats, causing nearly $500 in damage.

According to police, Howria had been arrested on Sept. 24 after an employee of a Niles restaurant identified him as the man she had seen exposing himself inside his car while it was in the drive-thru lane.

Howria has been charged with public indecency, felony criminal trespass to state-supported property and criminal damage to state-supported property.
The following items were taken from the Niles and Park Ridge police department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

Niles

THEFT
- Artur Kustoz, 50, of the 600 block of West Huntington, Mount Prospect, was charged with theft of services on Sept. 24 after he was accused of failing to pay a $190 bill from King Spa, 809 Civic Center Drive. Kustoz told police he had paid for his foot and chair massage and acupressure treatment in cash, but reportedly could not provide a receipt. He had a payment plan with the business. Nothing was reported stolen from the spa.

- Lea Bates, 41, of the 800 block of Old Willow Road, Prospect Heights, was charged with felony retail theft on Sept. 24. Police said Bates was accused of stealing $57.45 worth of shampoo and teeth whitening kits from a store on the 8700 block of Dempster Street. She has an Oct. 29 court date.

- Several bottles of alcohol were stolen by two people on Sept. 22 from a store on the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

- On the afternoon of Sept. 27, a CD player was reported stolen from an unlocked car parked outside the Golf Mill Shopping Center food court entrance.

- A man told police he was driving on the 8700 block of Dempster Street Sept. 24 when he saw a man reach into a parked school bus and remove a purse. The suspect reportedly left the purse behind after looking through it. The bus driver told police she had left the driver's side window open when she went to use the restroom of a nearby business. Nothing was reported stolen from the purse.

- On Sept. 27, a Niles man told police he was threatened by a masonry worker after he refused to pay the remaining amount of money he owed for a project the worker had done.

- Several bottles of alcohol were stolen by two people on Sept. 22 from a store on the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

- A man about 18 years old allegedly stole six bottles of tequila, valued at $255 from Mariano's, 1900 S. Cumberland Ave.

- Bicycles were reported stolen from outside Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Road, on Sept. 22; from a carport on the 1600 block of South Cumberland Avenue between Sept. 22 and Sept. 23; and from a rack outside McDonald's, 1032 N. Northwest Highway, on Sept. 26.

- A spare tire was reported stolen off a Jeep parked in a driveway overnight between Sept. 26 and Sept. 27 on the 1100 block of South Greenwood Avenue.

- On Sept. 23, a man allegedly stole a tip jar from Starbucks, 15 S. Prospect Ave., on the afternoon of Sept. 23. The jar contained about $50 in cash, police said.

- On Sept. 23, a man allegedly stole a tip jar from McDonald's, 1032 N. Northwest Highway, on Sept. 26.

Park Ridge

RETAIL THEFT
- William Jones, 51, of the 4800 block of Lake Park, Chicago, was charged with retail theft Sept. 25 after he allegedly stole alcohol from Mariano's, 1900 S. Cumberland Ave. He has a Nov. 4 court date.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
- Rocks were reportedly used to break three holes in an aluminum shed on the 600 block of Babetta Avenue between Sept. 16 and Sept. 19.

- A resident of the 100 block of Brickton Place told police that on the night of Sept. 26 she discovered a large crack in her metal and stained glass mailbox. The woman valued the mailbox at $1,400, police said.

- A metal cutter was reportedly used to cut a hole in a garage door between Sept. 4 and Sept. 24 on the first block of Grace Avenue.

DUI
- Breanne Benson, 23, of the first block of Rob Roy Lane, Prospect Heights, was charged with driving under the influence Sept. 26. She was taken into custody at Rand Road and Miner Street in Des Plaines. She has a Nov. 9 court date.

BURGLARY
- Police said a remote garage-door opener was stolen from an unlocked car on the 400 block of Courland Avenue between Sept. 24 and Sept. 25, and was used to open the garage. At the time of the report, it was not known what was taken, police said.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE
- Overnight between Sept. 24 and Sept. 25, a car was burglarized while parked in a driveway on the first block of East Avenue.

- On Sept. 24, a Chicago man told police he was threatened by a masonry worker after he refused to pay the remaining amount of money he owed for a project the worker had done.

- About $8 in cash was taken, police said.

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Exchange student returns for 50th reunion

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
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Noriko Inoue Ishiguro attended Niles high schools' 50th reunion Oct. 3 in Lincolnshire, probably winning any contests of who traveled the farthest for the event.

Ishiguro, a foreign exchange student who attended Niles East High School in 1965, came from her home in Japan for the reunion of Niles East, Niles West and Niles North high schools, which was held this year at Viper Alley in Lincolnshire.

"I'm so happy to be back. It's so great," Ishiguro said. "I enjoyed my high school year. It was very different from Japan. It was a very wonderful experience and I cherish the memories."

In 1964, Ishiguro stayed with host family Albert and Sue Arns-tein of Skokie for the school year as part of a foreign exchange student program. She stayed until July of 1965, when she returned home to Japan. Ishiguro would become close with the couple's daughters, Anne and Sandy Arns-tein.

Fast forward 50 years and a friendship remains strong. Albert, Sue and Anne Arnsstein passed away in the intervening years, but Sandy, a 1967 Niles East graduate who married 1965 Niles North graduate David Jack Zeller, has stayed close with Ishiguro. Back in the U.S. for her eighth visit since first coming as an exchange student, Ishiguro was a hit at the reunion.

"I think she's a rock star," said Donna Herwitt Gutman of Chicago, a 1965 Niles East alumna.

For Niles East's 1964 homecoming festivities, Ishiguro made tissue cherry blossoms for a parade float and also attended the homecoming dance. Ishiguro also wore a kimono while performing a Japanese dance in the school's variety show.

"I thought it was outstanding," Sharon Siegel Kuhn of Wheeling, said of the performance.

Steve Weiss, a classmate of Ishiguro's who now lives in Tucson, Ariz., recalled serving in student council together.

Since the 1960s, the friendship between Sandy Zeller and Ishiguro has continued. They said they wore the same dress at their weddings, and keep in touch via email. Zeller said it's been 12 years since Ishiguro last visited the U.S.

"There are no words," Sandy Zeller said at the reunion. "I keep pinching myself, I am like, speechless!"

Zeller was a Niles East sophomore when Ishiguro arrived.

"She's like my sister," Zeller said of Ishiguro. "Even though we're over 6,000 miles apart, it doesn't matter. Every time she comes, it's like we're back in high school."

The two recently took photos in front of Sandy's former Skokie home at Lowell Avenue and Kennedy Street. The ranch-style residence is where Ishiguro saw snow for the first time at age 16.

"Where I lived, it was very warm in the southern part of Japan and it never snows there," Ishiguro said. "And then I saw the snow, and I got so excited that I made a snowball and put it in the freezer."

Ishiguro still wears her Niles East Trojans sweatshirt. She fondly recalls hair spray bouffant coiffures and the 1960s music of the Beach Boys and The Brothers Four.

"I truly think of Noriko as my sister and as my friend," Zeller said. "We kind of pick up where we left off."

"It is so wonderful to come back here to celebrate," Ishiguro agreed. "I am so grateful they invited me."

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Gandhi statue ceremony draws hundreds in Skokie

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

More than one person on Oct. 4 couldn’t help but note the violence and destruction taking place in different parts of the country and world right now.

Whether it was the recent mass shootings in Oregon, the devastation caused by record flooding in South Carolina or the humanitarian crisis with refugees fleeing for their lives in and around Syria, a “peace and harmony” rally couldn’t come at a better time, they said.

Not a better place.

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Skokie’s life-size statue of Mahatma Gandhi, the Gandhi Memorial Trust on Oct. 4 hosted a special ceremony two days after the iconic hero would have turned 146. And people came — nearly 500 of them — on a cool but comfortable Sunday morning.

“Time flies as it has already been more than 10 years,” said Omprakash Kamaria, president of the Gandhi Memorial Trust. “Now this site has become a regular stop for peace seekers — people from all walks of life — whether they are tourists, students, writers, bikers, joggers, walkers (or someone) who just wants to read a book in a peaceful environment.”

The Gandhi Memorial Trust as well as Chicago’s consulate general of India staged the ceremony, and although it was a 10th anniversary celebration of the statue: This first life-size statue of Gandhi in Illinois was actually installed 11 years ago.

Members of the Gandhi Memorial Trust decided to wait a year for the celebration so the statue could be renovated and cleaned as it headed into its second decade.

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen emphasized how remarkable the Gandhi statue has been for the village. Many officials there said it was one of the most-visited sites in all of Skokie.

Dignitaries came to the ceremony — not only Van Dusen but many Village Board members and employees, state representatives and senators, the Cook County commissioner and the consul general of India in Chicago, Ausaf Sayeed.

The latter spoke about the historical significance of Gandhi and how he remains significant today. The ceremony also included awards to locals who carry on in the spirit of Gandhi — Shelley Nizynski Reese for her nonprofit A Better Life for Kids, which helps to raise funds for impoverished children in Ghana; former Deputy Sheriff Michael Wronkowski who has held a turkey drive at his work site and delivered his collection to soup kitchens for years; and Van Dusen himself for his work with the Indian community and helping to bring the statue to Skokie.

Musicians performed authentic music, including one piece using the ancient Indian string instrument the Veena. Niles West and Niles North musicians performed “Give Peace a Chance” and “Amazing Grace,” the crowd quiet enough during their renditions that the rustling of the trees behind them could be heard.

Kamaria said Skokie was an ideal home for the statue because of its ethnic diversity and the village’s passion in celebrating it.

Both Van Dusen and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel marked this special day in Skokie with proclamations, he noted.

In the end, though, leaders said, the statue’s popularity and success are because of everyday people who visit for one reason or another, who use it as a respite from an often chaotic world where Gandhi’s message can feel so far removed.

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Skokie Chess champ earns international title

By Mike Isaacs
Pioneer Press

“I want to keep playing. I want to play in tournaments and be better and better. I want to travel and play in different towns and win lots of games.”

Chess champion and Skokie resident Eric Rosen, who recently was awarded a rare international title from the World Chess Federation, analyzed his future in chess - but not after this recent accomplishment when he officially was ranked international master in chess, not when he was playing top-notch chess in college and high school, not even when Skokie named a day after him because of his many accomplishments in tournament play.

Rosen astutely predicted his future in chess some 13 years ago when he talked with Pioneer Press at all of age 9. As a Middleton School third grader, he had defeated the state’s No. 1 player in his age group. He took home a first place trophy from the Scholastic State Tournament for Primary Division in Bloomington.

Fast forward to September, 2015. Rosen, now 22, was named international master (IM) in chess by the Paris-founded World Chess Federation or Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) this month at its 86th Congress in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Achieving the title is the culmination of Rosen’s last four years of notable different accomplishments in tournaments near and far.

Rosen did not travel to the Middle East to receive his title, but his qualifications are now officially confirmed and recorded by FIDE. According to the global chess organization, Rosen has a ranking that makes him 151st best of all ranked players in the United States, 79th best of all active players.

Since high school, Rosen has had a FIDE master title, one step below international master, but a big step. FIDE’s profile for Rosen shows that he achieved the FIDE master title in 2011, the international master title this year.

Many highlights have come Rosen’s way since his first taste of winning chess as a child; his even-keeled disposition and his contemplative nature have served him well over the years when the clock ticked down and he had to navigate pawns, rooks, knights, queens and kings.

“Usually when I go into a tournament, my goal is to play good chess,” said Rosen. “If I focus too much on the title or the final results, then that can really distract from my playing abilities.”

He said he discovered he had a natural ability for the cerebral game when on vacation and he wanted to take a respite from the scorching sun in the Bahamas. He began playing as a child with his father, Brad, but surpassed him in little time after he attended a four-day chess camp in 2002 - Kings and Queens, sponsored by Chicago’s Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center.

As a junior at Niles North High School, he became the United States Chess Federation K12 national champion. May 16, 2011 was declared Eric Rosen Day in Skokie by the Skokie Village Board.

International Master

“The international master title is quite an achievement,” said Sevan Muradian, a chess expert who ran the North Shore Chess Center in Skokie and has seen Rosen play for years. “Many attempt to accomplish it but few do.”

According to Muradian, there are 3,437 international masters of which 124 are under the U.S. flag. There are more who live in the United States, he said, though not under the U.S. flag but rather the flag of their home country.

Since 2010, Rosen is one of 33 players who has qualified for the international master title in the United States, said Muradian, who is aware of no other Illinois-born international master.

“This is significant in terms of chess accomplishment,” he said. “The only higher title is grandmaster. Many players chase the title and very few capture it.”

International master “norms” get awarded at certain certified tournaments throughout the world. In order to qualify for international master, according to FIDE, a player needs to have earned three norms and have a performance rating of at least 2,400.

A norm tournament has to be nine rounds and a player must compete against at least four foreign players.

Rosen received his first of four norms in 2011 at a world championship for players under age 18. He said he even had a chance to win that tournament so he initially had some disappointment that he didn’t – although he performed much higher than what was expected by his rating.

“That was really the start of the journey for me,” he said.

Early in 2015, when Rosen had been ranked FIDE master, he purchased inroosen.com to advertise his skills and serve as an online coach. That domain is now outdated, he noted in an article he wrote for the U.S. Chess Federation.

“In two months and two tournaments, I scored two IM norms and gained over 100 FIDE points,” he wrote in an article for the U.S. Chess Federation. “In April, I scored my third IM norm at the Phillie Open...At the Chicago Open in May, I scored yet another IM norm and boosted my FIDE rating above 2400 [the final qualification for IM].”

What he wrote next in the article is one key reason for Rosen’s success above and beyond his natural ability.

“Despite the unprecedented result in Chicago, there were still many mistakes made and lots to improve on,” he said.

In other words, Rosen never stops learning or rests on his laurels; he never stops peering down at a chess board to see how he can improve his formidable game.

The U.S. Chess Federation meets annually in different places around the world. This year, Rosen qualified for international master in early September. He was preparing for a new year of college while half a world away, he was being recognized as an elite chess player by the World Chess Federation during one of the final days of its Congress.

Return to Skokie

After having attended the University of Illinois, Rosen is continuing his studies this fall at Webster University in St. Louis with a focus on computer science and digital media. He has joined Webster's chess team, which is known for having one of the strongest college chess programs in the country, his father said.

“Eric is a fantastic and persistent player,” Muradian said. “I've known him since he was a little kid. I held a friendly grudge with him for swindling a draw out of me when he was weak enough for me to compete against him. Now there's no chance or hope for me.”

He believes Rosen is "responsible, level headed, respectful" because his family has been supportive and "does not push chess down his throat."

“They give him his breathing space to learn, make mistakes, and grow,” he said.

Brad Rosen said he has seen chess parents who behave differently.

“Eric has never been force-fed chess day and night,” Brad said. “There's been a lot of chess, but there's been a lot of other stuff, too. It's always been up to Eric.”

Thirteen years later, in the same home where Eric met with Pioneer Press as a Middleton student, it's clear he has done just what he set out to do as a kid: "travel and play in different towns and win lots of games."

“It's going to be hard to keep competing as much as I have been,” the adult Rosen said. “But at the same time, I have no plans to retire. I'm sure I'll play in an occasional tournament here and there for many years to come, and I want to continue coaching.”

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Former Des Plaines alderman chosen to replace Kotowski in state Senate

BY LEE V. GAINES
Chicago Tribune

A former Des Plaines alderman was chosen Sept. 28 by Democratic leaders to serve the remainder of Sen. Dan Kotowski's term in the Illinois Senate. Kotowski announced his resignation from office last month.

Laura Murphy, of Des Plaines, who has served as committeeman for the Maine Township Regular Democratic Organization since 2002, was chosen by Democratic leaders in the 28th District to fill the seat until the 2016 election.

Murphy said she plans to run next November for a full term in the Senate.

Kotowski, of Park Ridge, said he expected to leave office Oct. 5 and would become CEO and president of Chicago-based ChildServe, an organization that offers foster care and manages group homes in Lisle, Naperville and Downers Grove.

He said he supports Murphy's candidacy for the seat "absolutely."

"The district, the people of this area, will be very well-served with her as my replacement, but also in her running and hopefully winning next year, because she's got a great heart and a great mind for public service," Kotowski said.

Murphy was the only person to express serious interest in taking over Kotowski's seat, said Mike Cudzik, Schaumburg Township Democratic Committeeman.

Murphy said she's motivated to serve the district's residents and offer her own ideas and opinions in Springfield. Murphy will take her seat in the Senate in the midst of an almost three-month-long budget stalemate.

In recent months, Kotowski, who joined the Senate in 2007, has condemned Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's efforts to cut social service programs, including child care.

As far as child care is concerned, Murphy said, "How can working families work if you don't have adequate child care?" But she said she hasn't yet solidified an agenda of items she'd like to work on while in the Senate.

Kotowski's seat could be a potential target for Republicans in next year's election, and Rauner has indicated he's willing to use his own money and that of his allies to curb Democratic power in Springfield.

Murphy said she's prepared for a Republican challenge in the suburban swing district.

"I'm going to ring doorbells through the district every day," she said. "I don't think I'll be outworked by anyone in the Republican organization."

Her goal, Murphy said, is to represent the concerns of "working families," and she believes she'll find common ground with constituents on the issues facing the district and state.

"Hopefully that will trump all the money the governor wants to throw into this race," she said.

Des Plaines Mayor Matt Bogusz said he was urged by members of the community to consider putting his hat in the ring for the job after Kotowski announced his plan to resign.

"I will say that working through it with my family, I just don't think it's the right time," he said.

Murphy will be sworn into office Oct. 5, Cudzik said.

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Aw Yeah Games, at 4904 Oakton St., closed its doors in downtown Skokie after eight months. Aw Yeah Comics across the street continues on.

Aw Yeah Games closes, but Aw Yeah Comics carries on

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

When Aw Yeah Games opened in downtown Skokie earlier this year, the owners hoped that the success of Aw Yeah Comics across the street would rub off.

But the game store closed in September after only eight months, and Aw Yeah Comics is still “transitioning” products and activities back to the main store.

"In the end, we felt it made more sense to have everything under one roof," said Aw Yeah Comics manager and co-owner Kurt Wood. "Things are still being worked out."

Wood did not say why the plan for an auxiliary game store did not work out, but he assured that customers would not go wanting. Game nights and other special activities are already being held at the original store at 4933 Oakton St.

"One of the reasons we decided to bring it under one roof is because of the traffic we have here and how it made sense to get it all under the one brand," Wood said.

"We’re still doing the same weekly events we did over there with magic, HeroClix and (Dungeons & Dragons)," he said.

On the Aw Yeah Games website, which has not yet been taken down, the owners say, "We believe in the power of tabletop games to bring families closer together. Our mission is to help your family discover the games that will delight all ages."

Wood said Aw Yeah can still fulfill that mission but from across the street.

"We absolutely adore downtown Skokie, and our customers are like family to us," Wood said.

Aw Yeah Games becomes the second niche downtown Skokie business to close within the last few months. Bughouse Studio, which offered creative art classes in clay sculpting, also shut its doors late in the summer.

Several downtown Skokie businesses have said they have been hurt by the disruption of the Yellow Line CTA train service, which has been out of commission all summer. Repairs are being made to a collapse along the tracks. Service is scheduled to return in October.

Wood said Aw Yeah has felt the impact of the service disruption, but not to the point where that was the deciding factor in closing down Aw Yeah Games.

Aw Yeah Games sold board games, card games, role-playing games and gaming miniatures. It held game nights where game enthusiasts came together to play.

The store was spun off from Aw Yeah Comics, which opened in downtown Skokie in March 2012.

When Aw Yeah Games opened at 4904 Oakton in January, co-owner Randy Field, who handled most of the day-to-day operations then, said the location across the street from Aw Yeah Comics was ideal because of "the convenience of our customers" and the lack of competition in the area.

"I think people are really hungry for interaction, more so than staring at a TV together," Field said then. "I think there is a lot of power in that."

The Aw Yeah Comics owners haven't changed their opinion, they say, but where that interaction will take place is a short distance away.

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Botanic Garden has blooming success

BY WILLIAM HAGEMAN
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Chicago Tribune

Forget Spike. Alice is now the darling of visitors to the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

Like Spike, Alice is a titan arum - a corpse flower - a rare plant that's native to the rain forests of Sumatra, Indonesia.

But unlike Spike, which failed to flower as hoped amid weeks of publicity in August, Alice began blooming late on Sept. 28 and is currently stinking up the garden's semitropical greenhouse.

"It's been a long night," said horticulturist Tim Pollak. "I got here about 3 this morning. We noticed it was starting to open at 11 last night."

Tuesday morning, Sept. 29, Chicago Botanic Garden workers pollinated Alice, using pollen from a titan arum that bloomed in Denver in August as well as some from Spike.

"Everything is looking nice and healthy," Pollak said. "The flower is opening up as we speak, so it still has a little more time. Right now it looks like a wine glass or a chalice, but as we approach this afternoon, it will be more open."

After the August letdown with Spike, visitors and garden personnel were glad to see - and smell - this flower's successful bloom.

"It smelled worse this morning when the female flowers were receptive to pollinators," Wheatley said. "It should smell really bad tonight when the male flowers shed their pollen. The plant has to spend energy to create the smell, so it only does it when the plant is ready for pollinators."

Barbara Silverman of Winnetka said she visited the garden five times to see Spike. Guy Stapleton of Highland Park, who said she is a retired nurse and thus familiar with many odd smells, called the corpse flower's smell "really unique."

"It smells like a nasty diaper," Levy said. "I'm thrilled because this is a unique experience. This is the next best thing to flying halfway around the world to see it in its natural habitat."

Alice is one of eight titan arums - Amorphophallus titanum - in the collection at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

They're rare, and their blooming is even rarer. Spike was manually opened by horticulturalists because it didn't have the energy to bloom by itself. For one facility to have two come to flower in little more than a month is extraordinary.

The garden plans to stay open till 2 a.m. to accommodate visitors.

"We can admit to a little relief," said Sophia Shaw, outgoing president and CEO of Chicago Botanic Garden. "It brings resolution to the 75,000 people who came to see Spike."

Meet Alice, another titan arum at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

and I could smell it. It's everything we expected: ammonia, mothballs, a dead animal; it's all there. All the great smells. It's fun watching people come through. They want to see it, but they also want to smell it."

"Oh, my gosh. It's very strong," Pollak said. "When I got here at 3, I came in through the loading docks, a good hundred yards away and behind multiple doors,
BUSINESS

From Havana to Lincolnwood | 90 Miles Cuban Cafe opens

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Havana native Alberto Gonzalez has brought a taste of Cuba to Lincolnwood with the opening of 90 Miles Cuban Cafe, a new restaurant at Lincolnwood Town Center that Gonzalez said will deliver a colorful nightlife scene along with authentic homemade Cuban dishes straight from his own mother's recipe book.

The new Lincolnwood location of 90 Miles Cafe offers all the popular Cuban dishes that put his two Chicago locations - one on Armitage Avenue and another one near Clybourn and Belmont avenues - on the map and on television. The Armitage location has been featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives."

Those new to Cuban cuisine can expect a traditional main course of either pork or beef with rice and beans (either cooked together or separately) jazzed up with a blend of spices.

When choosing the most authentic Cuban items on the menu, head chef Jason Serdar recommends the Cubano, which is a classic combination of ham, roast pork, Swiss cheese, pickle and mustard. Or, for a heartier meal, he recommends the Ropa Vieja, which is a hand-pulled flank steak braised in onions, peppers, garlic and a house-made Creole sauce.

"When you come here, we want you to relax and our goal is to transport you to Cuba," Serdar said. "People seem really excited to have us bringing new life to Lincolnwood because there's really nothing else like this around here."

Gonzalez designed his menu based on original recipes cooked by his Cuban mother, remembered fondly as Maria Magdalena at the three locations.

Cuban coffees, 32 different rums and a special mojito made only at 90 Miles Cuban Cafe highlight the list of beverages, but guests can also choose from eight beers and 10 wines listed on the menu.

Furnished to resemble a 1930s-era Havana lounge, Gonzalez hand-picked the decor of the 7,000-square-foot restaurant, from an old library door used in the construction of his Cuban coffee bar to bathroom sinks that originally came from Chicago's Lane Tech High School.

For Gonzalez, the tiniest details speak volumes. He spent more than a year adding finishing touches like real-looking yellowed water stains on the ceiling and handcrafted benches made with old window shutters. He said the repurposed items found throughout his restaurant symbolize Cubans' knack for being resourceful.

Cuban artist Alejandro Arango was hired to create hand-painted colorful murals on the walls, some themed in honor of Ernest Hemingway and another depicting a Cuban carnival.

For Gonzalez, he said giving guests an authentic Cuban experience is about drawing them in with fresh, authentic Cuban-influenced food along with a touch of Havana's nightlife.

The restaurant features live flamenco and salsa music Tuesday through Thursday each week and has a small stage that also functions as a dance floor. And because the restaurant has a liquor license to serve alcohol until 2 a.m., the party is likely to keep going long after the mall closes at 9 p.m.

Gonzalez named his two Chicago restaurants after the 90-mile trip he traveled to get to south Florida from Cuba in 1980 when he boarded a small boat and came to America at 11-years-old.

Now a Lincolnwood resident, Gonzalez hopes the opening of 90 Miles Cuban Cafe in Lincolnwood Town Center will bring new life to the mall.

"The mall was in need of a new restaurant to cater to different clientele," Gonzalez said.

"I'm 47, and I still need to go all the way into the city for a night out - I hope I can change the dynamics of the mall."

90 Miles Cuban Cafe is located near the main entrance of Lincolnwood Town Center between Carson's and Kohl's at 3333 W. Touhy Ave.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
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Pat Lenhoff warns not to let the season pass without enjoying the festivities with loved ones.

No place like home for autumn

My dad was an autumn fanatic. Perhaps that was because of his October birthday, or his childhood spent in central Illinois, heart of the bread basket. Never was his love of all things autumn more pronounced than each October after my parents moved to Florida's Gulf Coast.

Many road trips back home took place during the 10th month, and my parents weren't alone in their need to touch base with family roots and memories during the fall. Matter of fact, one of the things mentioned most from northern transplants as a melancholy absence in their lives is autumn's palette: the colors, smells, tastes and the overall vibe.

There's a very good reason for that feeling. I was reminded recently while enjoying the annual Vernon Hills Oktoberfest with the Boss, our GrandGirls, and son and daughter-in-law.

We arrived around 5 p.m. and in spite of the great weather, I honestly thought we'd lose the Boss right away in the chaos. Lines for every children's attraction wound around the grounds; families were packed in tightly with very little maneuvering room to feed the animals in the petting zoo. The firetruck was as popular as the jumpy houses. No pumpkins were left to paint, except a couple smashed ones at the bottom of the box.

After waiting in line for the bouncy house — pumpkin-shaped — for almost 30 minutes, GrandGirlie No. 1 announced, with only two kids ahead of her, that she had to go potty right then. Crisis averted when she returned from the portable toilet and Dad informed the ride supervisor. He allowed her entry without waiting another half-hour.

Later, we all enjoyed some libations and food under the tent, meeting up with friends and catching up with old pals we hadn't seen for ages.

As night fell and the music began, we headed over near the stage to dance with the GGs and enjoy the entertainment.

Even as I danced holding one granddaughter and then the other over and over, and I realized that this was the group's famous 30-minute mash-up song, it was just too much fun to put them down and return to our seats. When we did, I was aching, half-deaf from the amplifiers and sweating but it was worth it.

As the Boss and I walked home later, we admired the moon and the lovely evening, talking quietly about how often it seems like too big a hassle to attend these events.

It's too hard to find parking, the lines are too long, food options are limited and crowds are noisy. And yet, if we can just dial it down for a little while, we can recapture some elements of life that escape our notice most days. There are autumn and Halloween festivals all around us this month, in our little corner of suburbia and beyond. Don't let the season pass without enjoying at least one of them. You won't regret it.

Pat Lenhoff is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.
It's raining and chilly outside as I write this, and although I know there are still some upcoming, beautiful fall days to enjoy outside, I can already feel the wind seeping in through the nooks and crannies of my house.

I can only imagine what it's like for some of the older homes out there - painted ladies, historical homes and other vintage places, all with their original windows still intact.

If you want your house to be cozy and warm this winter, you'll need to seal up your house. Not only do I not like to be cold, I also don't want to waste energy or pay more in heating bills. Take time to winterize your house now, before the elements really start setting in. At Colandrea Ace Hardware in Elmwood Park, they're already prepped and ready to go with supplies for sale.

"I got a little bit of everything," said the store's owner, Larry Colandrea. Weather stripping for windows and doors is the fastest and simplest way to tighten up your house, and the store has kits for both. Foam tape for door stops that keeps air from coming in are also available, as are sweeps and thresholds for under the door.

"It just depends on your specific need," said Colandrea. "In this older neighborhood, every house is unique." Do you have a wood or metal door? How handy are you?

Those are questions to ask yourself before deciding what type of winterizing would work best for you, Colandrea said. "I've got really anything you would need to do," said Colandrea. "I can help you."

There are issues outside to consider too. Colandrea recommends expanding foam to fill in holes and cracks on the outside of foundations.

"All the products keep air from coming in, especially in the old bungalows and old homes' cracks and crevices," he said.

Need a little something to put over your rose bush and garden spigot so they don't freeze? Colandrea has it.

He's also got plenty of the old standby - plastic - to put over your windows, keeping drafts to a minimum.

If you're a procrastinator like me, you probably aren't even thinking about winterizing yet. But better to do it sooner rather than later, when you're likely to get stuck out in the cold.

"People don't normally do it until they have to," said Colandrea.

But when it's time for the heat to go on, "People come out of the woodwork," he said.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

State should make gas stations full-service

As an idea for creating more jobs in Illinois, Gov. Rauner and the legislature should pass and sign legislation requiring full-service pumps at gas stations.

In other words, gas would have to be pumped by a station employee, and customers would not be allowed to pump their own gas.

Doing so would create thousands of new jobs throughout the state. This is not a unique idea; full-service gas stations are the law in New Jersey. There is no shortage of gas stations, and gas prices are the same or lower in New Jersey than they are here.

This job-creating, customer-friendly idea will provide significant new employment while still allowing gas station owners to make a reasonable profit. Also, full-service gas stations would be a welcome relief in the harsh Illinois winters if we did not have to pump our own gas.

- Douglas Rallo, Libertyville
Happy haunting
A scary sampling of Halloween fun

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
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There is no shortage of spooky and not-so-spooky fun to be had for Halloween, including everything from haunted walks and hayrides to shivery stories and pumpkin-fueled parties.

The list below is just a sampling of area events. Check the websites of your local libraries and park districts for more.

Brookfield

Boo! at the Zoo, Oct. 17-18 and 24-25
Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Road, 708-688-8000, www.czs.org/events.

Not-so-frightening event will feature a Craized Maze of corn, a professional pumpkin carver creating 1,000-pound jack-o'-lanterns, a haunted hayride, a costume parade and contest, zoo chats, scarecrow building, haunted carousel rides and more.

Evanston

Haunted History, 7-8 and 9 p.m. Oct. 23, 24, 30 and 31
Evanston History Center, 225 Greenwood St., www.davidparr.com.

A turn-of-the-century mansion is the setting for David Parr's unique Halloween treat, which is equal parts history, mystery and magic. Parr will guide participants, ages 13 and older, on a tour of the Dawes House for encounters with the strange and supernatural. Tickets are $20.

2nd Annual Zombie Scramble, 5-9 p.m. Oct. 31

Participants attempt to outrun and outwit "zombies" during this 2- to 4-mile run. The goal is to finish the course with all your "lives" intact. Both family-friendly and adult-only waves will be held. Registration is required. Cost is $15 adults, $10 ages 8-17.

Halloween Celebration on Church Street with Mad Bread, 9:30 p.m. Oct. 31

All Hallows' Eve celebration with the music of Mad Bread, a string band playing a mixture of bluegrass, rock, folk and blues. The band blends traditional instruments with modern songwriting.

The Woman's Club of Evanston's 25th Anniversary of Fairy Tale Trail, 4-8 p.m. Oct. 30; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 31

A non-scary, Halloween experience for children of all ages and abilities. The woman's club clubhouse is transformed into a maze of eight rooms - each showcasing a different children's story or theme. Each fully accessible room features multi-sensory activities and costumed volunteers who engage children with and without special needs. The VIP Character Meet & Greet Experience takes place 8:30-10:30 a.m. Oct. 31. Register ahead of time for the VIP experience, which costs $15 per child and $10 per adult. The regular trail tour is $5 per child and adult and tickets can be purchased at the door. Children 1 and younger are free. Children are encouraged to come in costume.

Glencoe

Trains, Tricks & Treats, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 17-18
Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, 847-835-5440, www.chicagobotanic.org.

Families are invited to come in costume and trick-or-treat throughout the Model Railroad Garden which will be decorated with spider webs, spiders, ghosts, goblins and pumpkins. An array of small treasures can be picked up. Admission is $6 adults, $5 seniors, $4 ages 3-12; $1 less for members.

Hallowfest: A Garden of Good...and Evil, 5:30-9 p.m. Oct. 24 and 4-7:30 p.m. Oct. 25
Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, 847-835-5440, www.chicagobotanic.org.

Costumed canines will march a parade route. There will also be a costume contest and award ceremony. Nonprofits and vendors will share dog-related information. Ticket price per dog is $14 for members, $19 for nonmembers through Oct. 30, $20 and $25 on Oct. 31.

Gurnee

Fright Fest, Oct. 2-Nov. 1

Tickets are $34.99-$68.99, $29.99-$39.99 for haunted houses. 5-11 p.m. Fridays; 11 a.m.-midnight Saturdays; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sundays. New this year, Gates of Hell takes you into the House of Torment where demons compete to capture your soul. Fear Haunted House takes you into the depths of the Bermuda Triangle. Massacre Medical Center is filled with ghosts of patients and doctors who fled the hospital after a horrible event. Manslaughter Manor has been cursed by the residents of Skull Valley, and they're all waiting for you.

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Lincolnwood

Boo Bash, noon-3 p.m.
Oct. 31
Includes trick or treating, music and dancing.

Niles

Halloween Parade and Party, 9:30 a.m. kickoff, 10 a.m. to noon parade, Oct. 24
Oak Park, Main Street and Ottawa, to Grennan Heights, 8255 N. Oketo Ave., www.niles-parks.org.
A costume parade that ends with games and goodies. For children in sixth grade and younger. Cost is $10 for residents, $12 for nonresidents.

Norridge

Spooktacular Halloween Party, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 23
The party will include games, treats, crafts, music and a costume contest. For ages 12 and younger with an adult. Participants must register in advance. Cost is $5 for residents, $6 for nonresidents.

Park Ridge

Halloween Hoopla, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 18
Carve a pumpkin, stuff a scarecrow, jump on a hayride, and enjoy s'mores and apple cider or cocoa around a campfire. All you need to bring is clothes (long sleeve shirt, pants, a hat) to dress up your scarecrow. One scarecrow and one pumpkin per registration. Cost is $31 per family for residents, $50 for nonresident families.

Concert is preceded by trick-or-treat activities at Hodges Park, the library and the Pickwick Building starting at 5 p.m. and a costume parade from the park to the theater at 6:40 p.m. Tickets are $15 adults, $5 ages 18 and under; $25 for a family of 4.

Skokie

Megan Wells presents "Dracula," 8 p.m. Oct. 23
Wells' one-woman performance, which she adapted from the Bram Stoker novel, portrays Mina Harker as a heroine, not a victim. Tickets are $22.

"It's Time Warp Time, a Rockin' and Rocky Halloween," 8 p.m. Oct. 30
Music from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be presented in honor of the film's 40th anniversary. Interactive show will feature Megan Gill, Liz Mandeville, Brandon Moorhead, Daryl Nitz, Stephen Rader, Johnny Rodgers and Honey West. Tickets are $25.

Wilmette

Halloween Happening
6-9 p.m. Oct. 23
Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road, www.wilmettepark.org.
Family event with Carnival games, a magician, fortune teller, moonwalk, arts and crafts, face painting and pony rides. Pizza dinner is included, along with a goodie bag and a visit to the Pumpkin Patch. A shuttle service is available from Centennial Ice Rinks to the Community Recreation Center starting at 5:30 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.
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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Monsters — and friends — will have a Ball in Niles

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You're bound to see a lot of superheroes and princesses at the Monsters Ball, 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles. Those are two of the more popular costume themes for kids who attend the annual family Halloween event, said Julie Jentel, director of marketing for the Niles Park District. Families sometimes dress in themed costumes, she added.

There also will be ghosts and ghouls dancing to music provided by a DJ, as well as games for kids and adults.

"New this year is Ben's Bubble Show," Jentel said. "He does soap bubble sculptures, bubble magic. He makes giant bubbles."

Also included is a dinner of pizza, salad, mozzarella sticks and beverages, plus cookies and brownies for dessert.

This annual event is always popular, and seating is limited, so register as soon as possible.

The cost is $15 per person for residents, $18 for nonresidents.

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

Be sure to be there

...at Devonshire County Fair, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 11 at Devonshire Cultural Center and Park, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. There will be hay wagon rides, puppy parade, inflatables, pumpkin decorating, circus performance, popcorn, face painting, live music and more. The cost is $10 per person for a book of event tickets, $25 per family of four, $2 per individual event ticket.

For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2400 or go to www.skokieparks.org/devonshire-cultural-center.

Moving day

There will be dancing, gymnastics skills and movement at Let's Get Physical with My Gym Children's Fitness Center of Skokie, 10:30-11 a.m. Oct. 10 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Registration is required.

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

Pet promenade

Tell your canines and other creatures that there's a Costumed Pet Parade: Star Wars Edition, 11 a.m.-noon Oct. 10 at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. The event will begin with a march around the library grounds, followed by a Star Wars-themed craft project outdoors, weather permitting.

Dress your pet in a Star Wars-themed costume and it will earn bonus points.

For details, call 847-825-3123 or go to www.parkridgelibrary.org.

Pay attention to prevention

Celebrate Fire Prevention Week by taking your kids to Evanston Fire Station #1, 1332 Emerson St. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 11 for a Fire Prevention Week Open House. There will be children's activities, equipment displays, safety demonstrations and games.

For details, call 847-448-4311 or go to www.cityofevanston.org.
FACES & PLACES

GALA RAISES $700,000 FOR HUMANITIES FESTIVAL

Steve Schanz of Orland Park, athletic director Maine East High School in Park Ridge and Jennifer Schanz of Orland Park, evening presenter, were among 390 guests at the kickoff gala of the Chicago Humanities Festival at Chicago's Four Seasons Hotel on Sept. 15. The gala raised over $700,000 to support CHF programming. The Festival runs Oct. 24-Nov. 8. See more at chicagohumanities.org.

FISK CHOIR TO PERFORM IN EVANSTON

The Fisk University Choir will perform in concert from 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 16, at Sherman United Methodist Church, 2214 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Originally known as the Mozart Society, the Fisk University Choir was established in 1897 to assist the renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers while they were touring. They will present a wide range of choral music, from hymns and spirituals, to Gospel and classical, under the leadership of Dr. Christopher A. Duke. Proceeds from the concert help support students who needed assistance for education, Sherman's local outreach ministries and its missionary in Liberia. Tickets are $30 each or two for $50. Call 847-475-1973 or see http://shermanmethodist.org.

EVENING OF MAGIC COMES TO SKOKIE'S EZRA-HABONIM

Magician Lee Levin presents "An Evening of Magic — Up Close and Personal," at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Levin will perform at a large table surrounded by the audience, so audience members can directly participate in the show. A wine and cheese reception follows. The evening will benefit the congregation's school. Tickets are $36 for those age 18 and older. Patron tickets are available at $250; sponsor tickets are $125. For information or reservations, call 847-675-4141.

ART GALA RAISES $285K FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Dan Herting and Gayle Brankin, both of Highland Park, from left, and Kathy and Mark Streit of Park Ridge were among the more than 500 guests at Catholic Charities' Gala of the Arts In Navy Pier's Grand Ballroom on Sept. 11. The event featured an art display and performances, and raised $285,000 to help families in crisis.
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BUFFALO GROVE

The largest model in a convenient location. 5-bedroom, 3.5-bath home has finished basement with sauna. Hardwood flooring throughout. Two fireplaces, including one in master suite, which features a whirlpool tub, bidet and stall shower. Two sump pumps, 2 water heaters. Newer A/C and furnace (2011). Lush landscaping, fenced-in yard, gas for outside grilling, Newer driveway. Above-ground pool.

Address: 875 Saxon Place
Price: $384,900
Schools: Wheeling High School
Taxes: $9,687
Agent: Vera Filimonov/Terra Property Group

NORTHFIELD

Updated 4-bedroom Colonial. Stately living room, formal dining room & fully updated stainless kitchen with adjoining breakfast room. Family room with cathedral ceilings, skylights & fireplace opens to fully fenced backyard with brick paver patio. All bathrooms are updated and remodeled. Lower level has finished rec room and storage areas.

Address: 189 Riverside Drive
Price: $650,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School Northfield
Taxes: $11,486
Agent: Ellen Stern/Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff Realty Group

DES PLAINES

All-brick home located in a quiet neighborhood. Large updated maple wood kitchen cabinets (26-inch) and lazy-Susan corner cabinet. Three bedrooms upstairs with extra bedroom or office downstairs, 2.5 updated baths, finished basement and large cemented crawl space. Stone fireplace in the living room and finished 2.5-car attached garage. Minutes from primary and middle schools. Walk to park with community tennis courts.

Address: 515 W. Courtesy Lane
Price: $389,900
Schools: Elk Grove High School
Taxes: $7,481
Agent: Jamey Johnson/Kale Realty

LIBERTYVILLE

This 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath home sits on a large wooded lot in a prime interior location. Features include a fireplace, built-in cabinets in the office/1st-floor bedroom, inlaw, a finished basement, a large deck and more. Recent updates include a new dishwasher, wall oven, microwave, main-floor/basement carpet and water heater. Large lot with many trees. Oak Grove K-8

Address: 1920 S. Falcon Drive
Price: $467,500
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $17,141
Agent: Kevin Terry/Coldwell Banker

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Sauerkraut works for your body

By Judy Buchenot
The Beacon-News

Jenette Sturges Vargas admits that sauerkraut is an acquired taste.

"It's not a flavor everyone loves right away. But if you eat it on things, you begin to like it. Sometimes people think sauerkraut is only German but it is really made throughout Eastern Europe including Poland," she says. With two sets of Polish grandparents, Sturges Vargas, 30, had plenty of opportunities to eat sauerkraut while growing up. For those who have never enjoyed a Reuben sandwich or a bratwurst pilled high with this unique condiment, sauerkraut is basically fermented cabbage.

Jenette Sturges Vargas, dressed in a native Polish costume, demonstrates how to make sauerkraut at the recent Roots Aurora Festival.

Sauerkraut is "incredibly easy to make." Basically shredded cabbage is coated with salt. The salt pulls out the liquid in the cabbage and creates a brine that ferments the cabbage. The mixture can simply sit on the counter in a room that is about 70 degrees and ferment.

Originally, people made sauerkraut to preserve the cabbage to last into winter when food was scarce," she explains.

But not all sauerkraut tastes the same. The flavor changes as the longer the mixture ferments. The texture also changes over time. So sauerkraut that has fermented for just a week will be crisper and tangy while a mixture that has fermented for three weeks will be more tender and with a milder flavor. "The key is to start tasting it every few days after the first week. When it has the flavor you like, place it in the refrigerator which will slow down the fermentation and keep the flavor about the same."

Not all sauerkraut is created equal notes Sturges Vargas. "The traditional Polish mix has a little onion and garlic but you can vary it many ways. People who like it sweet add apples or currents. If you want it hot, you can add jalapeno. You can add all sorts of things to vary the flavor." Sturges Vargas notes that "when people hear the word 'ferment' they get nervous, but fermented food is really healthy for you. It helps put your digestive system back in order." Eating fermented foods is somewhat like eating food that has already been partially digested, making it easy for your body to finish the process.

Fermented food also restores the proper balance of bacteria in the digestive system and adds important enzymes and vitamins. Adding fermented food to a meal also helps the body absorb the nutrients in the food being eaten.

Although the process is simple, Sturges Vargas notes that there are a few rules. To begin, do not use any aluminum utensils or bowls when making sauerkraut since the acid produced in the fermentation process can cause metal to leach into the sauerkraut. Do not use iodized salt because the iodine will prevent fermentation. Use canning salt or kosher salt for best results. Be sure everything is clean and sterilized before mixing the sauerkraut. Running everything through the dishwasher or soaking things in boiling water for a few minutes will get rid of unwanted bacteria.

A one-gallon ceramic crock is ideal for making sauerkraut but plastic buckets or glass or enamel coated containers will also work. There also needs to be a weight to hold the shredded cabbage in the liquid during fermentation. Sturges Vargas uses a round glass canning weight or other clean heavy stones.

Both red and green cabbage can be used to make sauerkraut. To get a pretty pink sauerkraut, mix the two types of cabbage. Sturges Vargas says she does not mix the two types of cabbage.

To get a pretty pink sauerkraut, mix all of the ingredients with hands or a wooden spoon. Allow to stand for 10 minutes.

1. Pack cabbage down into a large stoneware or plastic crock or into glass jars. Do not fill the container to the top. Leave about five inches at the top. Place a ceramic plate on the crock and weigh it down. If using jars, weigh down the mixture with canning weight or other clean heavy stones. Cover all with a piece of cheesecloth or muslin.

2. Place in cool area, about 65 to 75 degrees, overnight. Within a day, there should be enough liquid to completely cover the cabbage. If there is not enough liquid to cover the cabbage, make a salt water mixture of one teaspoon salt to one cup of water and add to the container to the top. Leave about five inches at the top. Place a ceramic plate on the crock and weigh it down. If using jars, weigh down the mixture with canning weight or other clean heavy stones. Cover all with a piece of cheesecloth or muslin.

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4. Continue storing the cabbage at 65 to 75 degrees. The lower the room temperature, the longer the fermentation will take. Temperatures over 75 degrees could spoil the cabbage instead of ferment it. Continue to check the cabbage every other day for about two weeks. Skim off any surface scum.

5. After about two weeks, begin tasting for flavor. Age up to four weeks or until desired flavor is reached. When satisfied with the flavor, transfer cabbage to an airtight container and store in refrigerator for up to 6 months. Mixture can be placed in jars and processed for longer storage time.

Jenette's culinary cue
If at all possible, use fresh cabbage. The Aurora Farmer's Market has an ample supply of freshly picked heads. The fresher the cabbage, the more liquid there will be for the fermentation process.

Box on Farmer's Market
What: City of Aurora Farmer's Market, Illinois' oldest farmer's market with produce, meat, dairy and bread straight from the farm and kitchen.
When: 8 a.m.-noon Saturday and Oct. 17
Information: [www.aurora-il.org/events/farmersmarket.php](http://www.aurora-il.org/events/farmersmarket.php)
Braise yourself

Slow cooking country-style ribs is time well spent.

Harried days lead to hurried cooking. Time desperation often forces home cooks to seek out recipes with the fewest ingredients, fastest cooking times and quickest clean-up. This warp-speed way of life may make the most of dwindling minutes, but it takes the romance out of cooking a truly great meal. Passionate cooks know you can taste the amount of time spent on a dish, and a relaxing Sunday afternoon provides the perfect opportunity to conjure up a little love on a plate.

As the leaves begin to fall and days become blustery and gray, low and slow cooking is at its most attractive. Making a commitment to cooking a proper Sunday-style supper means taking time to get to know your ingredients before transforming them into a hearty meal. Methodically prepping an aromatic mirepoix, slowly browning meat, building a hearty broth and waiting for hours as your house fills with the intoxicating scents of a masterpiece in the making is the stuff of culinary dreams.

Proper cooking takes patience, and my bold braised pork is the perfect way to celebrate the cooking style of the season. Slow cooking, known as braising, uses liquid to break down tough cuts of meat over low heat for long periods of time. Braising country style pork ribs for hours in the oven is essential to eke out every last morsel of flavor from an inexpensive and humble cut of meat. The resulting pork ribs, bathed in a seasonal mixture of cider, mustard and brown sugar, are fall-off-the-bone tender. Accented with a duo of beans and smoked sausage, this robust meal is a Midwesterner's autumnal fantasy.

So leave the panicky dinner preparations to a manic Monday and consciously slow things down this Sunday and make a braised supper your whole family will fall in love with.

### Cider Braised Country Style Ribs with Beans and Smoked Sausage

1. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Heat the canola oil over medium-high heat in a heavy bottomed Dutch oven until nearly smoking. Season the ribs liberally with salt and black pepper. Brown the ribs in two batches in the oil until deep golden brown on all sides. Remove the meat to a plate to hold. Don't rush this step; browning all the meat should take about 40 minutes. I usually prep my vegetables while the meat is browning to ensure I give enough time to allow for proper browning.

2. After removing the pork to a plate, add onions, celery, carrots and garlic to the pot. Season with salt and allow the vegetables to sweat over medium-low heat for 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until they soften, but not brown. Increase the heat to high and add the tomato paste to the pot. Mix well and allow to cook undisturbed for 3 minutes to allow some of the sugars to caramelize. Reduce the heat to medium and add the flour to the pot; mix well and allow to cook for 2 minutes. Gradually whisk in the apple cider and chicken broth. Bring the mixture to a boil and stir in the canned tomatoes, cider vinegar, brown sugar, mustard and molasses. Nestle the browned ribs in the sauce and top with the rosemary sprigs and bay leaf.

3. Place a piece of parchment directly on the surface of the meat mixture and seal the pot with a layer of foil and a tight fitting lid. Place the pot in the oven and allow the mixture to braise for 1 1/2 hours. Remove the lid, foil and parchment and add the beans and sausage to the pot. Replace the covers and continue to cook the pork in the oven for 1 hour. (Pork can be cooked at this point and refrigerated overnight; reheat the covered stew in a low oven). Skim the fat from the pork and serve the warm ribs, sausage and beans in bowls garnished with parsley with crusty bread on the side.
Busy mom says cooking is her therapy

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

If Naperville resident Susan Walsh decides to bring home a prepared meal to serve her family at dinner, they become suspicious.

“They ask me, ‘Are you OK, Mom?’ because I usually make dinner every night,” she said.

Her husband and two daughters have become used to Walsh’s delicious meals and are reluctant to settle for anything else at the dinner table.

Cooking every night is not a chore for Walsh, 45, who says “cooking is my therapy.”

She has several favorites that are in rotation but loves to try new dishes.

“I have a whole cabinet of cookbooks. When I find a recipe I want to try, I always tweak it a little to get the flavors I like.”

This may mean doubling the sauce or changing or adding a few other flavors.

“I seldom follow the whole recipe but I like to have a recipe as a starting point.”

Since Walsh is a dental surgery assistant for Robin Blakkolb in Downers Grove, she needs to be an organized cook.

“I try to keep meals light. There always has to be a meat but I use a lot of chicken,” she said.

When her daughters reached their teens, Walsh found that she had free time in the evenings.

“I was coming home, making dinner and that was it. I needed more to do with my life.”

Although Walsh, whose maiden name was Pace, grew up in Naperville, she had lost touch with friends who had moved away.

“I had a few friends but I wanted to meet some new people. I knew about the Naperville Junior Women’s Club but I was worried that they would all know each other and not want other people. But I went to a meeting about three years ago and they turned out to be the most generous, fun-loving women ever.”

The Naperville Junior Women’s Club was founded in 1967 and is known for its work with Safety Town. Nearly 2,000 children attend classes each summer at the facility.

“But we do many more things also. We have been helping with Kids Matter also and give out scholarships,” she said.

Walsh said there are about 50 members who are talented, hard-working women who have become her “sisters.”

She is looking forward to Ladies Night Out in November, which will benefit Kids Matter.

Last year more than 300 women attended the event, and attendance this year is expected to reach 500. The club uses the funds raised to support many local organizations, including area seniors.

They are looking forward to serving Thanksgiving dinner for seniors. She encourages other women to consider joining in the many fun and meaningful activities.

Walsh, who has many favorite recipes, decided to share hers for Lemon Thyme Chicken Breast, a quick and easy entree.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer for the Naperville Sun.

Lemon Thyme Chicken Breast

1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons minced garlic
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 teaspoon dried oregano
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
kosher salt
pepper
4 boneless chicken breasts with skin left on
1 lemon

1. Warm the olive oil in a saucepan over medium-low heat. Add the garlic and cook for one minute.

2. Remove pan from heat and add wine, lemon zest, lemon juice, oregano, thyme and 1 teaspoon salt. Pour mixture into a 9” by 13” baking dish. Pat the chicken dry and place them skin side up in the sauce. Brush chicken with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

3. Cut lemon into eight wedges and tuck between the chicken breasts. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes, until chicken is done and skin is lightly browned. If skin does not brown, place under a broiler for two minutes to brown it. Tightly cover the pan with foil and allow to rest for 10 minutes.

4. Season breasts with salt and pepper. Serve with pan juices. Basmati rice or couscous are great side dishes to serve with this chicken.

Susan’s culinary cue

To keep brown sugar soft and moist, place a piece of white bread in with the sugar when storing it.

Naperville Junior Women’s Club

What: Pinot & Pearls Ladies Night Out
Who: Event is open to all women
Where: Chicago Marriott Naperville, 1801 N. Naper Blvd., Naperville
When: 6:30-10 p.m. Nov. 12
Tickets: $30 in advance, $40 at the door
Information: www.napervillejunors.org

Find more of Susan’s recipes at http://trib.in/IOT6sIC
Dear Help Squad,

On April 23, 2015, Two Men and a Truck moved my residence from Northbrook to Glenview — less than 10 miles. An estimate of six hours was quoted. Prior to TMT arriving, I moved 17 boxes and all framed wall art myself. Thus, the amount moved was less than estimated. I told the estimator that apartment management required my move be completed by 3 p.m.; he said it would not be a problem. The move took 12½ hours! In addition, apartment management slapped on a penalty of $500 for going past 3 p.m.

Following the most disastrous move ever, I sent TMT a letter, received a phone message, then no calls back when I returned the call and left messages. About a week later, I finally reached someone who did not remember leaving me a message, the messages I left him or my letter. I suggested he find my letter and call me back. Another week has passed.

In my 78 years, and in the experiences of friends and real estate people, this was the only move where drawer units were tipped on their backs or sides, churning their contents. I checked with Happ Movers in Glenview about these procedures and they never heard of a mover doing these things or charging double the reasonable estimate.

I expect TMT to make this right by refunding me the excess moving charge of $620 plus the apartment management penalty of $500 for turning a move that should have lasted no more than six hours into a 12 ½-hour fiasco. Total due: $1,120.

Joan, Glenview

When Help Squad called Two Men and a Truck in Des Plaines, we first spoke with operations manager Dylan Labrayere. He gathered some basic information on Joan's complaint, then had franchise owner Joel Trost call us back. We forwarded him both her Help Squad email and the three-page letter she sent to TMT via USPS. That afternoon, Trost both emailed and called Joan to provide an explanation for the extended move time and offer her the requested $1,120 refund.

Said Trost: "I just emailed Joan, who is unhappy her move was longer than our initial estimate, due to additional items of furniture, boxes and longer distance to and from the truck. Our movers went over this with her... and she signed a Revision to Estimate form, acknowledging her move would take longer. We apologize this took longer than she originally expected, however our movers are trained to take special care of belongings and it's company policy to pad and wrap all furniture. We communicated all of this to Joan along the way. I plan to work with her to fairly resolve the situation."

A few hours later, Help Squad received an email from Trost: "Just spoke with our customer service team. Will send out reimbursement for $1,120 tonight."

That evening, Joan contacted Help Squad to say, "You made magic. Joel asked good questions and was respectful. ... He said he would send a check for the full amount requested. I owe you big time, especially if a check arrives and clears!"

Then a funny thing happened.

After receiving and cashing TMT's $1,120 refund check, Joan's new apartment complex forgave her $500 late move-in fee. Said Joan: "Valley Lo Towers (the new complex) actually forgave the $500 fine because they observed the mess... The V-Lo management seems very good."

Joan then called Trost at TMT to let him know she would be mailing him back a check for $500.

The moral of this story? Even when a consumer transaction has a rough start, service providers and customers can interact in a civil manner. But if everyone did that from the start, Help Squad would be out of a job!

Send your questions, complaints, injustices and column ideas to HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com.

Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.
The U.S. Interior Department's recent decision that the greater sage grouse does not need to be listed as threatened or endangered is receiving generally positive responses from conservation groups. Endangered Species Act protections could have brought stricter regulation of oil and gas drilling, grazing and other human activities in the 11 sage grouse states. Instead, the federal government, states and outside groups have committed more than $750 million to save the bird.

U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said the decision is the result of states, ranching and energy interests working with the federal government to protect the bird's habitat.

"This decision... is an important milestone in the history of the Endangered Species Act," said John W. Fitzpatrick, Louis Agassiz Fuertes director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "It shows how the act can be effective, not only when it calls for emergency regulations to save a species, but also as an incentive for governments, conservation groups, and private landowners to collaborate toward conserving a species before its populations become critically endangered.

"Lawsuits may fly from both sides of the debate over sage grouse conservation. But today we welcome this huge opportunity for science-based conservation groups to partner with federal and state governments as well as the ranching community to measure the effectiveness of management plans across all 11 sage grouse states.

The American Bird Conservancy said in a statement that the new plans need to be given a chance to work and that it believed additional legislation and regulation were not needed right now.

"We are concerned about continued habitat loss from oil and gas drilling and new power line construction," Steve Holmer, senior policy adviser for American Bird Conservancy, said in a statement. "We want to see regular reviews of the species' population trend to learn if the current long-term decline is reversed. The plans must be shown to be working, and the extraordinary conservation efforts on private lands continued. If not, the listing issue may have to be revisited."

But not all reaction was positive.

Erik Molvar of WildEarth Guardians, which has fought for protection, said the federal government had turned the opportunity to help the bird into "an epic conservation failure." He said exceptions, modifications and waivers within federal land-use plans could negate protections.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates there are 200,000 to 500,000 greater sage grouse in 11 states, down precipitously from a population once estimated at 16 million. But a survey released last month by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies found that the bird's population may be rebounding better than previously thought. In a study this year, 85,674 male sage grouse were counted at 3,559 mating areas. Taking into account mating areas that were not surveyed, that extrapolates to a spring breeding population of 424,645 males.

Life in an alley was tough. You have to learn at an early age that not all people are nice, and there isn't regular food. I was lucky that a nice person trapped me when I was about 6 months old. I still am very skittish with people even though I enjoy petting. I love other cats and really enjoy their company. If you need a super gentle girl to keep company to your cat, maybe you'll consider me.

Tabitha is about 10 years old, spayed, up-to-date on routine shots including rabies, tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV and microchipped.

For more information, visit www.saveapetil.org.
The benefits of being open and honest with your dates

Adler’s list of behaviors that won’t get you a second date

1. Talking negative about an ex
2. Seeming bitter or angry
3. Being rude to a server in a restaurant
4. Drinking too much
5. Not smiling
6. Not asking questions of your date to try to get to know him or her better
7. Talking too much about your kids

Adler and I agree that men and women on dates don’t want to talk about the past but instead the present, and that dates shouldn’t be confused with therapy sessions or venting sessions with your friends and family.

“You’re sitting across from someone who you might want in your life and this person is connecting the dots, verbally and nonverbally,” Adler said. “As you’re peeling back the onion, it’s your job to position yourself as positive.”

What people are not OK with is if you lie or hold something back. Because, when they eventually find out — whether it’s through sharing later in the relationship or through friends and family, they will wonder what else you aren’t telling them.

Lastly, Adler recommended the possibility of bringing humor into sharing, keeping things light and funny.

“No one should be embarrassed about their blemishes. They are the things that make you you,” she said. “It’s all how you frame it. It’s how you work through the rain in your life.”

In closing, I want to give specific advice to my reader who is living with her autistic child. I think that if she finds the courage to share with her dates who she is, she might realize how truly proud she should be, and discover the self-love she deserves.

After all, I can’t imagine anyone raising and living with an autistic child being anything but strong, courageous, selfless and loyal. And aren’t those qualities that any man would find extremely attractive?

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LENDER
LAIR OF DREAMS
By Libba Bray, Little, Brown, 624 pages, $29, ages 14 and up
Nightmares lurk close to the shiny surface of the American dream in this widely anticipated second installment of Bray's sweep1920s-era paranormal series. Heroine Evie O'Neill is back in full flapper form with a new celebrity persona — “the Sweetheart Seer.” The supernatural powers that allowed her to thwart a murderous ghost at the end of book one, “The Diviners,” have propelled her to radio stardom. (What could be more American than that?) Yet while she peddles soap and tells watered-down fortunes, more and more New Yorkers succumb to the mysterious “sleeping sickness” from which they never awaken. It seems evil is again — make that still — on the rise.
Evie is the most overt but by no means the only Diviner in Bray's diverse cast. Ling, a physically disabled girl from Chinatown, converses with the dead in her dreams, which is where she first meets Henry, another Diviner who is very much alive and searching the dream world for his estranged lover, Louis. Memphis, an aspiring Harlem poet, reluctantly possesses the power to heal. Memphis' dancer girlfriend Theta has a touch that, quite literally, sizzles — or it would if she didn't keep it a secret.
The narrative changes points-of-view and locales at a just-short-of-dizzying pace. Perhaps the most magical feat of all is Bray's ability to keep everything humming along over the course of six-hundred-plus pages. “Lair of Dreams” offers not only an absorbing ghost story in a fully realized historical setting, but also relevant cultural critique. As Bray reflects in an author's note, the discrimination and social injustice depicted in the novel aren't relics of the past, they are, unfortunately, “very much alive today.” In short, she says, “Our ghosts ... are always with us, whispering that attention must be paid.”

All American Boys
By Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, Atheneum, 320 pages, $17.99, ages 12 and up
A teenage boy in a convenience store bends down to retrieve his phone from his duffel bag. A woman accidentally trips over him. How does this awkward but banal incident lead to the boy, Rashad, ending up handcuffed and face down on the sidewalk and, later, hospitalized with a broken nose and ribs? “All American Boys” provides the all-too-familiar answers to this question. Co-authors Reynolds, who is black, and Kiely, who is white, write from the perspectives of two alternating narrators, one black and one white, to take an unflinching look at racial profiling, police brutality and prejudice.
Quinn, the white narrator, witnesses Officer Galluzzo beating Rashad, and his instinctive response is to run away. It's a reaction shared by many in the community after the story hits the news. Even Rashad, watching the coverage from his hospital bed, initially shuts off the TV and, contrary to his older brother's desire to organize a protest, wishes everything would just go back to normal. But, as Reynolds and Kiely demonstrate, “normal” doesn't mean all was previously well. Someone spray-paints “Rashad Is Absent Again Today” outside the high school in opposition to those teachers and administrators who want students to carry on as usual, as if what happened should be, in Rashad's words, “swept under the rug of ‘oh well? ’” The students, however, are waking up to the fact that they have an opportunity and a responsibility, to effect change. “If I didn't want the violence to remain, I had to do a hell of a lot more than just say the right things and not say the wrong things,” Quinn comes to realize. Readers, too, will realize there's a lot of work to be done, and it's time to get busy.

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS
1. “The Martian” by Andy Weir (Broadway, $15 paper-
back).

2. “The Girl In the Spider's Web” by David Lager-
crantz (Knopf, $27.95).

3. “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates (Spiegel & Grau, $24).

4. “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr (Scribner, $27).

5. “Why Not Me?” by Mindy Kaling (Crown Arche-
type, $25).

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Boys Will Be Boys

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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15 Marked period
16 New do-well
17 Peter Grimes composer
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24 Three-time Wimbledon winner
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60 Pretend
61 Launder of cosmetics
62 Leatherworking tool
63 Fraternity letter
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72 Clinton's musical forte
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1 Philosopher Camus
2 Domain of some divers
3 Set off
4 Mahal
5 Cub Scout unit
6 Heavenly body
7 South American Indian
8 Allure
9 Improved film shoots
10 Farm machines
11 Bald-eagle look-alike
12 Poet/priest John Banister
13 Melville work
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16 Stuck
17 Highway hauler
18 Go bad
19 Snout
20 Taradiddle
21 Dismiss, in a way
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25 Bro or sis
26 Antagonist, often
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28 Apprentice
29 Uninherited land
30 Clamor
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38 Zoological mouths
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Playing With Your Food

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Across
1 Chariot-riding god
5 Athletic org. since 1894
9 They might be game
13 Monastery head
18 Two-thumbs-up review
19 Obeyed a court order
21 Olympic sword
22 Hymn to Apollo, say
23 Diet for ice cream lovers?
26 George who was the A.L. batting champ in three different decades
27 Like some lashes
28 Intro to physics?
29 Man cave focus
31 Ordinal extremes
32 Gently or quietly, e.g.
34 Rubik’s creation
36 Annoy your bedmate
38 ... Bo
39 Face set in a sandwich shop?
43 Doggie bag goodie
44 Like Simba
45 “In of gifts ...”
47 Previously, to Byron
50 Premier League soccer anchor
53 Many a Mormon
56 Inked on TV’s “Ink Master”
58 Juan’s first lady
59 Israeli statesman
60 Top for a beach cookout?
62 Arrogant “South Park” kid
63 “Kinda” kin
65 Lover’s end?
66 Frog haunts
68 Brownie accessory
70 Put on ...
73 Issue
74 Wayne Manor ringer
78 Impressionist’s forte
81 One of more than four billion
84 ... wolf
85 Cake recipe overhaul?
89 “The Addams Family” adjective
90 Down Under school
91 Lima resident, maybe

Down
1 Longtime PLO chairman
2 Wyndham-owned brand
4 Sixth ...
5 Show to a seat, in slang
6 Greek meeting site
7 Gut reactions?
8 Sam’s competitor
9 Janet Yellen’s org., with “The”
10 Large deep-water fish
11 Bed intruders
12 Rice title vampire
13 Call to cruisers, briefly
14 Without exception
15 Group that thrived during the borsch years?
16 Censor’s targets
17 Blasting supplies
20 Pasta wheat
24 Land in Paris?
25 Prize since 1901
30 Bug in a garage
33 Quaint words of determination
35 Fixes a draft

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

Sudoku
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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6 Flows back
10 _ and cons; advantages & disadvantages
14 Reduce, as prices
15 Skiff or canoe
16 Keep an ice cream cone from dripping
17 Amphitheater
18 Long story
19 Prefix for war or peace
20 Hobbies
22 Made fun of
24 As comfortable _ old shoe
25 Meals
26 Formed a spiral
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35 Leaf-gathering tool
36 Went down a fire pole
37 Slender
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41 Twofold
42 Actress Cicely
43 Standard
44 Member of the wedding party
45 Finest
46 Enjoy a snow sport
47 Very high

Solutions

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1 Applaud
2 Circle dance
4 Astonishes
5 Complimented
6 Actor Buddy
7 Deadly snakes
8 Sack
9 Part of a flower
10 Paolied
11 Skating ovals
12 Group of eight
13 Slides obliquely on an icy road
21 As _ a wet hen
22 Made fun of
23 Not locked
25 Of the kidneys
26 _ effective; economical
27 Parisian airport
28 Showy flower
29 Hot drink
32 Castle trenches
33 Vienna's nation:
35 Leaf-gathering tool
36 Went down a fire pole
38 Thick syrup
40 Locations

This week's Jumble
EMERGE TETRIS INHALE HYMNALE UPROAR TICKLE

Last week's Quote-Acrostic
B(arbara) EHRENREICH: SHORT STORY: A child is a temporarily stunted version of a larger person. Your job is to help them overcome the disabilities associated with their size and inexperience so they get on with being that larger person.

Last week's Sudoku

This week's Jumble
EMERGE TETRIS INHALE HYMNALE UPROAR TICKLE

LIKE PULLING TEETH

Last week's Sudoko

This week's Jumble
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LIKE PULLING TEETH
Wrong connections on LinkedIn

Romance, not business, on the minds of users posting come-ons

By Alison Bowen
Tribune Newspapers

When an email arrives from LinkedIn, it's usually a reminder to check a connection's new photo or update your profile.

But sometimes what lands in the inbox are flattering flirtations from strangers, vague messages suggesting a drink or clear come-ons.

Many people say LinkedIn plays a role in the dating game, sometimes to scope out potential suitors or a profile picture. But others report approaches in ways they deemed creepy all through the professional networking site.

Canadian Tara Prudhomme was uneasy and surprised when a recent contact sent her a long message requesting a romantic connection.

“I wasn’t expecting it,” she said. “That kind of gave me the creepy feeling.”

She wasn’t the only one to report nonbusiness - and, at times, even unsettling - inquiries through people using the site as a dating hub.

One 31-year-old attorney recalled being asked to “connect” by a man who said he was interested in becoming a prosecutor.

But sometimes what matters are the connections themselves. LinkedIn profiles contain a thorough, tidy collection of a person's life accomplishments, something that can also be a rich mine of data for strangers to sift through.

One sprang up using the site, BeLinked, previously known as LinkedUp, targets career-minded singles and operates by importing users' LinkedIn data, then making matches.

Founder Max Fischer told Tribune Newspapers last year that he launched BeLinked after angling to score dates himself. “I noticed that my friends and myself would subtly begin conversations with interesting people through LinkedIn,” he said. He also noted the popularity of the site’s “Who’s Viewed Your Profile” feature.

For better or worse, LinkedIn can function as an avenue when others aren’t available, even those who have strict privacy settings on Facebook or a partial name on Twitter may post a full resume and photo on LinkedIn to attract future job opportunities.

Women seem to be approached more often with nonbusiness messages, which was noted in a recent conversation on Twitter when a London lawyer publicized a message a man sent her about her profile photo.

Eric Martin, a vice president of marketing in Atlanta, recently wrote a post titled, “Guys: Stop HITING on Women on LinkedIn.”

Martin recounted stories of unwanted contacts to women he knows, including a 19-year-old intern at his company as well as his wife, who received a message that said in part, “I just could not help myself to say hi because your beauty is captivating.”

A LinkedIn spokesman, Doug Madey, noted in a statement that the “large number of granular settings that give our members control over what's visible to their connections, their broader network and others.”

“If a LinkedIn member believes they are being contacted in an inappropriate manner, we suggest they report the message as spam, just as they would if the message came via email,” Madey wrote.

Pause before accepting

Prudhomme didn’t think anything of approving a connection request from someone she didn’t know in a similar industry, something she said she’s done many times while working in sales. Once they con-
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

A screening ‘conundrum’

Array of state laws surges ahead of doctors on breast density, mammography

By Judy Peres
Tribune Newspapers

As lawmakers around the country rush to enact legislation requiring providers to notify women if their screening mammograms find dense breast tissue, doctors remain at a loss, unsure how to counsel such women.

Dr. Leonard Berlin, professor of radiology at Rush University and the University of Illinois at Chicago, called the array of state laws “a real conundrum. No one knows exactly what to do with them.”

According to the advocacy group Are You Dense, 24 states have laws mandating the reporting of mammographic density, which increases a woman’s risk of getting breast cancer and can hide small cancers. Similar legislation is pending at the federal level. The organization has pushed for such state and federal legislation.

Some state laws require that women be informed about the availability of supplemental screening tests, such as ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging. Although both ultrasound and MRI have been shown to detect cancers missed by mammograms, myriad questions remain, among them: Does such additional testing prevent deaths from breast cancer? At what cost? Will insurance cover it?

The problem is widespread, because up to half of all women undergoing routine mammograms have breasts classified as “extremely” or “heterogeneously” dense, meaning they have a high proportion of fibrous or glandular (as opposed to fatty) tissue. It’s an especially common problem for women in their 40s, who are more likely to have dense breasts and in whom mammography is notoriously inaccurate.

Researchers have been struggling for 40 years to understand why women with dense breasts have a higher risk of developing breast cancer, but progress has been slow.

“At this point, we can’t tell a woman with high density what she can do to reduce her risk,” said Rulla Tamimi, a researcher at Harvard Medical School. “All you do is increase her anxiety.”

Recently, a study by Dr. Karla Kerlikowske and others at the University of California at San Francisco found that not all women with dense breasts are at...
What to know about 3-D mammography units

By Alison Bowen
Tribune Newspapers

Women going in for their mammograms might encounter a fairly new technology: 3-D.

Also called breast tomosynthesis, the technology was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2011. In recent years, as more hospitals purchase the equipment, it's gradually arriving in front of more patients.

Jim Culley, a spokesman for Boston-based Hologic, which sells the 3-D mammography units, said the company has noticed a significant increase in recent years and shipped out a record number in the last fiscal quarter, although he declined to release figures. The company has about 1,800 machines in places across the United States.

Hologic's website offers users throughout the country the ability to see if the technology is available near them.

In a Sept. 15 report from KLAS, a health care research firm, 58 of 88 hospitals and imaging centers surveyed, or 65 percent, planned to invest in the technology within two years, an increase from 35 of 61, or 57 percent, in 2014.

Knowing the basics might save you some questions in the doctor's office.

First, 3-D mammograms happen at the same time as a 2-D mammogram, said Sarah Friedewald, medical director of the Lynn Sage Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center in Chicago. It requires a new machine, but both scans are taken. The 3-D moves in an arc, Friedewald said, whereas the 2-D is stationary.

"A 2-D mammogram is like looking at a closed book, and you just see the front cover," she said. "With the 3-D mammogram, we can page through the breast and see what's inside."

Friedewald said the technology has been shown to improve the detection of lethal breast cancers.

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compared women with the densest breasts with those with the fattest breasts. If, instead, women with dense breasts are compared with average women, the difference is not so great. Even those with extremely dense breasts are only 2.1 times more likely to develop breast cancer, a risk equivalent to having a mother or sister with the disease.

There is great variability in the array of state laws on breast density enacted since 2009. Some just say women with dense breasts should be told they might benefit from additional screening tests.

Some, like Connecticut, require doctors to offer ultrasound or MRI. Unlike most states, Connecticut also mandates that insurance cover the additional screening.

According to Are You Dense, Delaware, Louisiana, Michigan and North Dakota passed laws this year. The other states are Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

"Those laws happened before we were ready," Tamimi said. "We don't have clear guidelines or recommendations for these women or their physicians. There's still so much we don't know."

Radiology studies have shown that supplemental imaging with ultrasound can detect some cancers missed by mammography in women with dense breasts. However, a study published this year by Brian Sprague of the University of Vermont Cancer Center concluded that supplemental ultrasonography for these women has little impact on outcome but dramatically increases costs and harms, including false alarms.

Sprague's team looked at ultrasonography because it's widely available and relatively inexpensive. Potential alternatives include MRI and digital breast tomosynthesis, or 3-D mammography.

A computer simulation published in the journal Radiology in March found that adding tomosynthesis to biennial mammography would avert 0.5 deaths and 405 false-positive results per 1,000 women. The additional cost per quality-adjusted life year saved was $53,893 with tomosynthesis, compared with $325,000 using ultrasound in the Sprague study.

Dr. Daniel Kopans of Harvard, who invented tomosynthesis, said his test is not meant to be a supplement to regular mammography. Rather, he said, "it will completely replace 2-D mammography, just as digital mammography has replaced screen-film mammography."

"(It's) actually a much better mammogram, since it finds many more early cancers while having fewer recalls," Kopans said.

Like other experts, Kopans stressed that mammography is the only screening test that has been shown in randomized clinical trials, the gold standard of medical evidence, to reduce breast cancer mortality.

But even his "much better mammogram" won't detect every cancer. "Some cancers that are palpable do not show up on mammograms," he said. "All women should be vigilant. If they feel something new, even if it is soon after a (normal) mammogram, they should bring it to their doctor's attention."

Judy Peres is a freelance reporter.
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Deciding if breast cancer genetic test right for you

By Alison Bowen
Tribune Newspapers

A genetic test to find out if people are more susceptible to breast cancer is available, but how do you decide whether to get it? With a lot of thought, cautioned Dr. Nora Hansen, director of the Lynn Sage Comprehensive Breast Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Prentice Women's Hospital.

Hansen explained what patients should know. For example, no medical standards dictate exactly who should get the test when. Taking the test, which can show whether people have threatening mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 tumor-suppressor genes, can leave patients facing serious options, like surgery to remove breasts. If the test comes back positive, Hansen noted, there are organizations that can help, including Bright Pink. This is an edited version of the interview.

Q: How do you explain this test to a patient?
A: We have a long discussion with them. We ask multiple questions. There are questions related to their own self, in terms of when was their first period, when did they have their first child. If they're post-menopausal, at what age did they go through menopause. In order to decide should a patient be tested for the gene, you really go through a family history, and so you want to know who in the patient's history, both the mother's and the father's side, had any history of breast or ovarian cancer.

Q: How do you decide whether someone is a good candidate for genetic testing?
A: Say a patient came in to see me, and her mother had breast cancer at the age of 38 and her mother's two sisters as well, and the grandmother had breast cancer too. That would be a sign that her family has both breast cancer, and they're very young, which would make you think this could be gene-related.

Q: What should a patient consider before thinking about the test?
A: You don't just want to send off the blood test and find out the information. It's very important that the patient meet with a genetic counselor who would really develop this family pedigree and help decide. You want to have some likelihood that the patient would be positive before you test. If they have a very low risk of having the gene, it's not worth testing; but if they have a higher risk, greater than 10 percent, then they would get tested.

But the testing comes with a lot of implications - implications for the patient, for any family members, for the children - because it affects everyone. I have a lot of patients who don't want to know. They say they're just not ready to handle the information. They don't know what they're going to do with the information. In some ways, if you're not going to act on the results, it almost doesn't make sense to get the test.

Q: Is advice on whether to take the test any different for age ranges, for example, for someone 20 years old or 50?
A: We do think that most patients who have the gene develop breast cancer usually at an earlier age. For the genetic test, you'd probably want to be tested earlier than later. I wouldn't recommend testing anyone under 20, because what are you going to do with that information? A 30-year-old doesn't get any (recommended) imaging at this point, but if we knew she was positive for the gene, we would get imaging for her at this age.

Q: Can anyone go into a doctor's office and request this test?
A: A lot of gynecologists order genetic testing, because for a lot of younger women, that's their doctor. Sometimes what's going to happen is, I'll see a patient who comes in; a gynecologist ordered the test for her, she came out positive and now she has no idea what to do. Ideally, it would have been best if she was seen in the high-risk clinic first, to go through the implications of the test. Once you have the results, you have the results, and there's no going back in a sense.

Cancer survivors' next stage

Many ill-prepared to cope with life after the disease

By Alison Bowen
Tribune Newspapers

Stephanie Logan still remembers the moment her doctor told her she was done - with four rounds of chemotherapy, done with seeing nurses more than friends, done with regular pokes and prods.

She remembers thinking, "What am I supposed to do now?"

"You're kind of thrown in the deep end," the 51-year-old hairstylist said.

The moment of "surviving" breast cancer should be joyous, triumphant. But for many, the time after treatment is a stage of uncertainty - physically, mentally and socially. And as cancer treatment options improve and abound, resources for helping patients after they leave the hospital have not caught up, some say.

Issues range from anxiety around checkups to pressure to find meaning in every moment. Breast cancer brings unique challenges as well, like dating after a mastectomy, "Chemo brain" and persistent fatigue interrupt work. Vaginal dryness and scarred bodies take a toll on libido.

"People think that you have cancer, you're battling cancer, then you finish cancer and then, 'OK, now, next?"' said Hector Nunez, chief operations officer at cancer support group Imerman Angels.

"It's not that easy.

"I often see a lot of my patients get depression. Not really around the diagnosis so much or the treatment; it's about a year after," said Dr. Jennifer Litton, associate professor at the University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

This year, Oxford's Journal of the National Cancer Institute published a paper outlining concerns that, despite improvements in treatment resources for survivorship have fallen behind.

Beginning in January, new mandates from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer require that patients leave primary treatment with survivorship care plans. Doctors should discuss side effects, the group suggested, as well as resources for emotional or mental issues.

Support, through a therapist or a group like Imerman Angels, which offers mentors to survivors, patients and caregivers, is key, experts said.

"You're never the same," Logan tells the women who call her at the phone number she freely dispenses. "You're not the same person. It's OK to have a new normal."

Physical changes can be big and small. Nails and toenails can turn dark, hair growth can be slow, radiation can leave temporary burns on the skin.

Logan calls the physical toll a "blow to your confidence and self-esteem." Through the Look Good Feel Better program, she gives women tips: wig options, makeup for fatigued faces.

"You have your self-confidence issues," Logan said. "Am I still attractive? Will he still like me, still love me?"

Logan, whose sunny attitude is echoed by arm bracelets reading "Turn Up Your Praise" and "Keep Pushing," found purpose through volunteering with Imerman Angels and starting the Empower Many Network, a social gathering of survivors.

Also a travel agent, she hopes to launch Survivor Retreats, a cruise to Jamaica and Mexico with friends capping her treatment helped her regain a sense of self, she said.
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Children’s literature inspires decor

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Using children's books as inspiration for bedrooms and playrooms is one way to introduce a child to literature. It also can be a fun, imaginative way to decorate.

"I lifted the oranges, greens and yellows from the pages of ‘The Wind in the Willows’, ‘Charlotte's Web’ and ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’, and used those colors in the fabrics, wall color and furniture of a child's room," says Sheilah Michaels, an interior designer in Crozet, Va., who designed the room for the Charlottesville Design House a few years ago. She used the classic kids' books as her jumping-off point.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, she says.

"My heart was in it, as I was an avid reader growing up and my grandparents had a bookstore," Michaels says.

She also channeled Beatrix Potter, using watercolor artwork, a tea set, a hand-painted dresser, and a lamp with flower and garden motifs reminiscent of Mr. McGregor's garden from "The Tale of Peter Rabbit."

Many designers and retailers, from bookstores to home-decorating stores, have picked up on the theme of children's literature as decor inspiration. (Pottery Barn Kids stocks Peter Rabbit-themed decor, for example.)

The work of authors and illustrators such as James Gurney, Jan Brett, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Dr. Seuss, Shel Silverstein, Steven Kellogg and many more is also available online in unframed, downloadable or ready-to-hang art. Check websites like Etsy, Art.com, Zazzle and Books of Wonder.

Some images can be transferred to photo fabric and crafted into pillow covers or window coverings.

Cynthia Mehlberg, a designer in Gillette, Wyo., crafts canvas pillows with quotes from "Peter Pan," Hans Christian Andersen and others. (www.etsy.com/shop/sweetmeadowdesigns)

"To quote famous classic children's literature keeps those words alive, introducing them to a whole new generation," she says.

Land of Nod partnered with Little Golden Books this spring to produce a bed and bath collection featuring illustrations of the series' characters reproduced on a range of soft furnishings, such as Tawny Scrawny Lion on a pillow.

"And knowing that those words may inspire a child makes my heart sing."

For a contemporary space, consider Chicago artist Christian Jackson's minimalist versions of classic fairy tales: Little Red Riding Hood is evoked by a copse of trees and a flash of red cape; the Goldilocks print shows three bowls of oatmeal, each a different size; Three Little Pigs consists of a spring of straw, a twig and a brick. While each is rendered in muted hues, the spare imagery packs graphic punch.

(www.squareinchdesign.com)

Land of Nod partnered with Little Golden Books this spring and more) at www.carlemuseum.org.

Or design your own decorative elements. Create nursery mobiles out of old book pages, for instance, by gluing cutouts onto card stock and hanging them from ribbon or filament. Make your own teacup lamp with instructions from www.scrapbookers.com.

Graham suggests using clearance Easter decorations for a "Guess How Much I Love You" or Peter Rabbit room. A carved, wooden lion and a closet door painted like a wardrobe suggest C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."
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Found Launches Live Music Every Thursday: The Josh Rzepka jazz trio performs. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave, Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

Native Haute Couture: The year long exhibit features garments that showcase American Indian artistry and expertise in tailoring and beadwork. 10 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St, Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

All My Relations: A Seneca History: In collaboration with visual artists and dancer Rasy Simas (Seneca), this exhibit features Seneca art and expertise. 10 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St, Evanston, free; $5-$10 for talk, 847-475-1030

Evanston Legend: The Art of Peggy Lipschtz: The city sponsors a month long show of the paintings and drawings of Peggy Lipschtz. 10 a.m. Daily, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St, Evanston, free; $5-$10 for talk, 847-866-4716

Autumn Brews: Peckish Pig Brewing Company, Rogue Brewery and Revolution Brewing. 6 p.m. Thursday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, $28-$33; Parking fees apply, 847-835-5440

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America: This exhibition features 18 G-scale trains running along 1,600 feet of track past replicas of American landmarks including the Statue of Liberty. 10 a.m. Daily, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free; $6-$8, 847-835-5440

6 Wicket American Croquet: North Shore Croquet Club 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 Wesley Road, Glencoe, free, 847-409-5526

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. 9 a.m. Thursday, Glencoe Public Library, 1300 Glenview Rd, Glencoe, 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. 9 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave, Park Ridge, $5 member, $6 guest, 847-692-3597

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Accepted are: prescription medications, all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. 9 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Police Department, 200 Vine Ave, Park Ridge, free, 847-879-1300

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. Daily, Walgreens, 3945 West Dempster St, Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

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. 6 p.m. Thursday and Tuesday, JVS Chicago, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, free, 855-463-6857

Special Exhibition Three Years, Eight Months, and Twenty Days: The Cambodian Atrocities and the Search for Justice: Learn about the Cambodian genocide and current trials to bring perpetrators to justice, 40 years later. 10 a.m. Daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9003 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Wilmette Fiber Arts Group: This group of people is interested in all aspects of fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint and more. 10 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave, Park Ridge, $5 member, $6 guest, 847-692-3597

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

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Farmers Market: Glenview: 9 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, Free, 847-657-1506

Babys Signs (for ages 0-23 months): 10 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library; 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, Free, 847-663-1234

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Niles Garden Club: Canning Part Two: Attendees can view Part Two of the film “Preserving with Friends: An easy Step-by-step instructional guide to putting up the Harvest,” by Harriet Pasenfest. Linda Ziedrich, Sandor Ellis Katz and Majorie Braker. 10 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, Free, 847-663-1234

College Essay Writing Workshop: Representatives from ISAC provide tips to make your essay stand out from the crowd. Bring in a hard copy of your essay for feedback and personalized assistance. 1 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, Free, 847-663-1234

Teen Advisory Board: Join a friendly group of teens to plan programs, write reviews for the library website and create exciting displays for the library. Pizza is available after each meeting. Noon Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, Free, 847-663-1234

New Trier West Class of ’75 40th Reunion: Meet with your classmates. Enjoy buffet with cash bar and play bocce. 7 p.m. Saturday, Pinisteres, 1150 Willow Road, Northbrook, $90, 847-480-2323

Northfield Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, 6 Happ Road, Northfield, Free, 847-446-4451
**Sunday, Oct. 12**

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

**Community Service Help:** From making placemats for Meals on Wheels to creating coloring books for children in need, complete compassionate and engaged projects for the community while earning community service hours. 4 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave, Lincolnwood, free.

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

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

**Minecraft Monday:** Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to register to try their hand at Minecraft this month. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St, Niles, free, 847-663-1234.

**Brush Up Your Shakespeare:** High school students are invited to receive professional coaching from actors with the Shakespeare Project of Chicago. Get guidance on selecting and presenting Shakespeare sonnets. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St, Niles, free, 847-663-1234.

**Networking Events:** Join in on a lively discussion on topical issues of the day: politics, economy, international happenings, science, the diverse society, local issues. 9 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 NSSC member, $25 non-member, 847-784-0000.

**Pages: “Anna Dressed In Blood”**

The book group discusses “Anna Dressed in Blood” by Kendare Blake. 5:45 p.m. Monday, Barnes and Noble, 5405 West Touhy Ave, Skokie, free, 847-329-8460.

**Tuesday, Oct. 13**

**Rotary Club of Evanston Light-**

**house:** 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave, Evanston, free.

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

**Tuesday Morning Music:** Garden visitors can enjoy musical performances in the McGlinchey Pavilion. 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- co, free, 847-835-5440.

**Mozart’s Sister:** Called “Horseface,” by her little brother Wolfgang, Maria Anna was also a musical prodigy. Master Pianist Chris Garofalo plays Mozart pieces while actress and storyteller Megan Wells, as Maria, tells the engaging story of the Mozart family. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Northern Lights Homework Help Center:** High school volunteers to the (homework) rescue. Thirty-minute sessions for homework, reading and math skills provided on a first come, first-serve basis. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**MGPL Kids: Listen Up!** 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

**Movies, Munchies and More: Presentation:** Hollywood and the World War II Home Front: Through film clips and narration, historian Richard Klein takes you on a visual tour of WWII hallmarks of film history. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

**An Evening of American Folk Music Favorites Features Steve Justman:** Join Justman as he presents an evening of some of the best-loved and popular American folk tunes, like songs made famous by the likes of Pete Seeger, Peter, Paul and Mary, The Kingston Trio, The Weavers and more. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St, Skokie, free, 847-675-0951.

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

**Turn to Calendar, Next Page**
National Dance Company of Siberia: This great show illustrates more than 200 costumes and superb choreography of dances from different regions of Russia and Siberia. 8 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $35-$60, 847-673-6300

Wednesday, Oct. 14

The Music Room: Quarterly Listening & Music Discussion Group Revolution in Sound - 50TH Anniversary of the AACM: Come listen to selected tracks and discuss the vibrant music of this Chicago institution. Register at ext. 7700. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

Intro to Word 2010: This beginning class covers the basic features of the popular word processing software. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Books & Flicks Movie Showing: “500 Days of Summer”: Teens are invited to read books then watch a movie with a similar theme at the library. Watch “500 Days of Summer” and discuss John Green’s book “Looking for Alaska.” 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6400 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free

Tech Time for Adult Learners: Come to the Technology Lab to get acquainted with the library’s resources, to learn these skills. 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free

Classics on Wednesday Film Series: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free

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“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 criminalspeak straight out of Damon Runyon. And yet, in scene after scene, some fine actors go to town and dive into the material gratefully. — Michael Phillips

“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." — M.P.

“Hotel Transylvania 2” ★★★
PG, 1:27, animation
There was nothing particularly wrong with the 2012 “Hotel Transylvania.” Adam Sandler voicing Dracula, a blood-drinking dad who is concerned about the love life of his daughter Mavis (Selena Gomez), was the only thing that stood out. The action picks up with Mavis making Dracula a new vampa (grandpa and vampire). Everyone is waiting to see if Dennis will be like his mom and sprout fangs or end up like his dad and be human. If Dennis doesn't get his fangs by the time he turns 5, it will be too late. “Hotel Transylvania 2” is much funnier, colorful and more original this second time around. — Rick Bentley

“The Intern” ★★½
PG-13, 1:59, comedy
Since his wife’s passing, retiree Ben Whittaker, played by Robert De Niro, has lived a pleasantly routinized life alone until he is hired as a senior intern at a JackThreads-type online clothing company, assigned to the startup’s founder and honcho, Jules Ostin, played by Anne Hathaway. Scene by scene, Jules comes to realize how much wisdom, experience, advice and class this man has to offer. In her best dialogue about the stresses of work/life balance, Meyers suggests a measure of ambivalence and complication in its treatment of Jules, although on the surface she’s just another type-A workaholic out of a rom-com. — M.P.

“Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials” ★★
PG-13, 2:11, action
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” cliches. — M.P.
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Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Skokie Plan Commission, Thursday, November 5, 2015, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 PM, to consider the following:

2015-35P - Special Use Permit: 7740 Austin Avenue, Hynek Sedlacek, on behalf of Hynek Construction, LLC, requests a special use permit in an M3 Industry zoning district for outdoor storage at 7740 Austin Avenue and any other relief discovered during the review of this case. PIN: 10-29-101-015-0000 and 10-29-101-016-0000

2015-36P - Special Use Permit: 7738 Austin Avenue, Hynek Sedlacek, on behalf of Hamed Arabi, requests a special use permit in an M3 Industry zoning district for Outdoor storage at 7738 Austin Avenue and any other relief discovered during the review of this case. PIN: 10-29-101-014-0000

2015-37F - Zoning Map Amendment: 7720 Austin Avenue, Steve Churak, on behalf of Lakeview Bus Lines Inc., requests to amend the zoning map to change the zoning district for 7720 Austin Avenue from M2 Light Industry to M3 Industry. PIN: 10-29-101-009-000G

2015-38P - Special Use Permit: 7720 Austin Avenue & 7734 Austin Avenue, also known as 6020 Oldham Drive, Steve Churak, owner of 7720 Austin Avenue, and Claudia Henb, owner of 7734 Austin Avenue, on behalf of Lakeview Bus Lines, Inc., requests a Special use permit in an M3 Industry zoning district for Outdoor storage at 7720 Austin Avenue & 7734 Austin Avenue and any other relief discovered during the review of this case. PINs: 10-29-101-009-0000 and 10-29-101-013-0000

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Paul Luke, Chairman
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Skokie Zoning Board of Appeals, Thursday, November 4, 2015, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 PM, to consider the following:

2015-132 - 9357 Springfield Avenue, Amin and Jennifer Amrami, request a variation in order to construct a new detached residence resulting in a 25-foot front yard and an 8-foot south side yard rather than the 34-foot minimum front yard and 9-foot minimum south side yard required by Sections 118-74101 and 118-11101 of the Zoning Resolution of the Skokie Village. In the R1 Single Family Residential district. PIN: 10-14-125-001-0000

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**Life after Ford**

**By Casey Williams | Tribune Newspapers**

Ford was in trouble. It was 2006, and Alan Mulally had just become CEO. The company was unfocused and burning cash. Mulally made a mental note of the Volvos, Jaguars, Land Rovers, Mazdas and Aston Martins littering the executive parking garage, according to Bryce G. Hoffman in "American Icon." They'd all have to go.

And they went. Aston Martin was sold to a group of investors in 2007, Jaguar Land Rover became part of India's Tata in 2008, and China's Geely acquired Volvo in 2010.

Mazda zooms

Ford first took a 7 percent stake in Mazda during 1979 to learn its small car magic. By 1996, it owned 33.3 percent, enough for managerial control. Mazda was a great loss for Ford because many of its popular vehicles were based on Mazdas, vehicles like the Ford Focus, Volvo S40, Ford Fusion/Edge and Lincoln MKZ/MKX. It was also a training ground for rising stars like current CEO Mark Fields.

After its divorce from Ford, Mazda lost scale but enjoys advantages.

"With independence comes autonomy and simplicity," said James O'Sullivan, president and CEO, Mazda North American Operations. "Decisions now only need to consider Mazda. No longer do we need to consider what is best for Ford, Mazda and sometimes even Volvo."

Since the spin, Mazda restyled all vehicles via its "Soul of Motion" design ethos with flowing lines and driver-centric cockpits. The CX-5 crossover has been a hit, as have the Mazda3 compact and Mazda6 midsize sedan. More are coming.

The MX-5 Miata returns to its roots by being a simple, sexy roadster, while the subcompact CX-3 crossover distinguishes itself with handling and style. An all-new CX-9 three-row crossover debuts next year.

Quality remains strong. Miata topped its segment in the 2015 J.D. Power Initial Quality Survey, while Mazda ranked above industry average in Power's Vehicle Dependability Study.

Through the partnership, Ford learned how to build world-class small cars, while Mazda expanded through its benefactor's global footprint, engineering prowess and deep pockets.

Volvo: Chinese-owned, Swedish-made


"The great thing about Geely is they truly let Volvo be Volvo," said Lex Kerssemakers, president and CEO, Volvo Cars of North America. "Our heritage, Scandinavian design, safety, etc. are all a crucial part of our DNA. That hasn't gotten muddled because of who owns us."

For proof, check the refreshed S60, V60 and XC60, which are implanted with all-new supercharged and turbocharged four-cylinder powertrains that are both efficient and potent. The XC90 crossover, the first all-new vehicle since Ford, just launched.

"The XC90 marks a new chapter for us, showcasing our new design direction and delivering the latest technology in a user-friendly manner," Kerssemakers said.

"We already exceeded our forecast globally, and the U.S. is driving sales. We're in the midst of this transformation to truly be a luxury automaker." After the XC90 comes the sleek S90 flagship sedan that was previewed by the Concept Coupe. According to Automotive News, Volvo and Geely are also co-developing compact cars that will replace the high-volume S40/V50 by 2018. Volvo will soon break ground on a $500 million assembly facility in Berkeley County, S.C.

Jaguar Land Rover: British under Indian rule

Ford acquired Jaguar and Land Rover separately: Jaguar in 1990 after being rebuffed by BMW's controlling family, and Land Rover in 2000 as a companion brand to Jaguar during BMW's dissolution of Rover. They survive together by leveraging British heritage and under-explored segments.

"We’re always looking ahead in the ‘white space’ areas where we don’t compete,” said Kim McCullough, vice president of marketing, JLR. "Discovery Sport allows entry into Land Rover more affordably."

Discovery Sport starts at $37,070. Likewise, Jaguar is targeting higher-volume segments with the compact 2017 XE sedan and F-Pace crossover. These new models were developed while delivering the $200,000 Range Rover Autobiography, the 550-horsepower Range Rover Sport SVR and updates to the XF and XJ sedans. The F-Type returned the brand to its sports car heritage.

In quality, Jaguar and Land Rover are disparate tales. Jaguar ranked third in J.D. Power's 2015 Initial Quality Survey with 93 problems per 100 vehicles. Land Rover ranked sixth from the bottom with 134 problems per 100 vehicles. Power's 2015 Vehicle Dependability Study placed Land Rover next to the bottom.

To instill confidence, all 2016 Jaguars will come with free scheduled maintenance and bumper-to-bumper warranty for five years/60,000 miles. Land Rover could learn from Jaguar.

Mazda has been independent since 2008.

Sales volume has increased for Ford’s ex-brands as the economy improved, but U.S. market share has shrunk from 0.5 percent in 2010 to 0.4 percent year to date. Volvo’s done better for having been in Ford’s garage. It could have been different. They're all still here.

**Martin, Aston Martin**

Meet the 102-year-old automaker that’s personified by a fictional British spy whose debonair, quick and thrives on the edge. It builds cars like the 203-mph Rapide S sedan, 568-horsepower Vanquish and $99,900 Vantage GT. You’ll need an invitation to buy the Lagonda sedan.

None of these cars existed when Ford, having failed to acquire Ferrari 25 years before, took an ownership stake in 1987 and full control during 1991. Ford got its European exotic, while Aston Martin got a stable parent.

"Without Ford, Aston Martin wouldn’t exist anymore — giving credit where it’s due," said Matthew Clarke, brand communications manager, Aston Martin. "The brand is globally revered. We can be small and nimble, react quickly, without bureaucracy."

To stay competitive, Aston Martin entered a technical partnership, including engines, with Mercedes-Benz.

"We’re very excited; there's a whole range of new products," Clarke said. "The halo will be the Vulcan with 800-plus horsepower and the DB10 in James Bond ‘Spectre’ this November. Bond is fantastic for us; helps achieve global brand recognition." Drink a martini to that."

**Post-Ford future**

The final tale of these brands is unwritten. Ford never abused them and, to its credit, found suitable off-ramps for each. They're all better for having been in Ford's garage. It could have been different. They're all still here.

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**Kill engine at train crossings**

**BY ROBERT DUFFER**  
Tribune Newspapers

For pony car purists who derided the use of a four-cylinder engine when the 2015 model was announced for its 50th anniversary, the direct-injection 2.3-liter turbo 4, or EcoBoost, engine provides plenty of power while delivering all that Mustang fun.

It is more powerful than the five-ohs of yesteryear. Producing 310 horsepower and 320 pound-feet of torque, the EcoBoost is slightly more powerful than the current base model V-6. It also costs $5,500 more, starting at $34,800.

While the 5-liter V-8 GT (435 horsepower, 400 pound-feet torque) is a full sensory experience, the EcoBoost is more versatile, practical and, umm, adult.

Most pony car lovers probably don't want to be reminded of their adulthood, but it's an inescapable reality that can be embraced with less self-consciousness than in the GT. You can still chirp the tires into something sunny.

The long nose of the Mustang and high belt line make this modern muscle car especially sexy with the top down. The black rag top collapses in about 8 seconds, which is half as long as the outgoing drop top. A heavy-duty handle requires an easy 90-degree turn to unlatch and latch, then a push button activates the top and automatically puts down the windows. You could do it with one hand in under 10 seconds, but it can't be lowered or raised while the car is in motion.

The z-fold top fits in a shallow well that doesn't need a cover, and leaves enough trunk space to fit two sets of golf clubs. Its class-leading 11.4 cubic feet still requires finagling it took a few turns to fit my daughter's hockey bag.

The test model came with a 12-speaker Shaker sound system ($1795) that sounded better the louder it got.

The rear seats of the 2+2 seat arrangement can fit one passenger; trying to squeeze another passenger behind the driver means the driver will have to steer with his teeth.

The protruding headrests annoyed me more than the weak voice commands. On longer commutes, I wanted to put my head back, but the seats are made for more active driving.

Overall handling is not as impressive as with the coupe, but the convertible gets out of turns with enough pop, and despite having 130 pounds more than the coupe, the convertible doesn't have much roll. And waving the tail into turns is deceptively, surprisingly easy.

Ford tries to pump some artificial sound through the Shaker kit, but it's really unnecessary. It whirs like a turbo, accelerates like a turbo and is nothing to be ashamed of.

It lets you drive like an adult when you need to be an adult, and unload all those petty responsibilities when faced with a wide-open road.

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**Q:** When waiting extensively for a long stoplight, freight train, etc., is it beneficial for the car to be placed in neutral so as not to have to keep pressure on the brakes for less wear and tear? Better gas mileage? Less-bright brake lights shining at the car behind?

**A:** We'll go you one better: Put the car in park and turn off the engine. The brakes do not wear if the wheels are not turning. Fuel is wasted whenever the car is not being propelled. And, how thoughtful of you to consider the discomfort of the guy behind you. When it is clear to go, restart your engine and motor on.

**Q:** I took my 2008 Prius in for an oil change and asked for them to replace my horn. Sporadically it would change pitch and become much quieter. The service manager said I should have to wait until the horn died totally before they could fix it. Are they kidding?

**A:** For the sake of safety, we always suggest putting winter tires on all four corners. We would also suggest getting a set of steel wheels to avoid having the alloy wheels damaged by salt. Put them in the TV room and claim they are extra seating for the game.

**Send questions along with name and town to Motormouth, Rides, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Fifth Floor, Chicago IL 60611 or motormouth@tribpub.com.**

*Putting a car in neutral may not be the best way to wait out a train crossing.*
Prchal cards first place at Cornell Invite

By Nick Bullock
Pioneer Press

Princeton men's golfer Quinn Prchal, a junior from Glenbrook South, placed first or second on his team in each of the Tigers' first three outings.

He started the season with a two-round, 3-under-par 138 that tied him for fifth overall and second on his team at the Navy Fall Classic on Sept. 13-14 in Annapolis, Md. Prchal followed up with a first-place overall finish at the Cornell Invitational Sept. 19-20 in Ithaca, N.Y., registering a three-round, 2-under-par 208. Finally, he tied for 24th overall and shared first-place honors on his team with a three-round, 2-over-par 215 at Northwestern's Windon Memorial in Glencoe.

Toner was especially impressive in the fourth quarter. With Johns Hopkins clinging to a 35-28 lead, the Benet graduate cut Muhlenberg's next drive short with a forced fumble. Then later in the fourth, with the Blue Jays up 42-28, Toner again ended a Muhlenberg march with an interception and a 44-yard return to the Mules 11.

Drake crushes Stetson

Drake senior linebacker Taylor Coleman, a Lake Zurich graduate, led a defense that shut down Stetson in a 41-3 victory on Sept. 26 in Des Moines, Iowa. Coleman recorded seven tackles, including two sacks and a tackle for a loss. He wasn't the only area athlete to leave his mark on the game. Lake Forest alumnus Andrew Clifford, a junior quarterback, stepped in at the end to record the team's final score, topping a 10-play, 50-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown pass, his first of the season. Sophomore wideout A.J. Spitz, a Glenbrook North graduate, hauled in a 55-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

Fenwick graduate Rocco Stefanini of Indian Head Park, a junior offensive lineman, Glenbrook North's Jeremy Kahn, a junior offensive lineman, and Lake Zurich's Sean Lynch, a sophomore defensive back, also played in the victory.

Sara Dym
Niles West senior
Sport: Golf
Best game: At the Central Suburban girls golf tournament on Sept. 30, Dym carded an 86 to tie for 10th place. She paced the Wolves, who are in their second season as a varsity program, to a sixth-place finish in the team standings.

Conor O'Neill
Notre Dame senior
Sport: Soccer
Position: Goalkeeper
Best game: On Sept. 19, O'Neill helped the Dons earn a 3-0 East Suburban Catholic victory at Joliet Catholic. It was O'Neill's third shutout of the season and Notre Dame's third victory in four games that week.
Avdic pursuing her Olympic dream in the pool

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
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Every time Azra Avdic looks at the lock screen on her iPhone, she sees 2:13.86. It's the time she's trying to eclipse in the 200-meter butterfly.

In recent years, Avdic has used similar methods of motivation to remind herself of the times and goals she's trying to accomplish. As a sophomore, for example, Avdic strategically placed pieces of paper with the state qualifying times in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly around her house.

"I put it on my mirror and then I put it downstairs — in my family room, on the computer," Avdic said. "And then I put one in my backpack, in my folder. And then I put one on the fridge. So I made sure I saw it every day.

Avdic qualified for state in both events in 2013. She was even faster as a junior, with fourth-place finishes in both the 500 free and the 100 fly.

She isn't competing for the Vikings this year, however. The reason is the 2:13.86 that she sees every day.

If Avdic is able to swim faster than 2:13.86 in the 200-meter butterfly at one of four FINA-approved meets, she will be eligible to swim in the 2016 Olympics as a representative of either Bosnia or Peru. Avdic was born in the United States, but her father was born in Bosnia and her mother was born in Peru. As a result, she said she can apply for citizenship before the Olympics in order to represent Bosnia or Peru. Neither country has Olympic trials in swimming like the United States does.

The next meet approved by FINA, which is the International Swimming Federation, is the Arena Pro Swim Series in Minneapolis. It runs from Nov. 12-14, which is the same weekend that Niles North will compete at the sectional meet. That's why Avdic isn't swimming for the Vikings this year, she said.

Avdic has already proven that she's able to swim under 2:13.86. She did so over the summer when she recorded a lifetime-best time of 2:13.42 at the 2015 Speedo Championships in Minneapolis on July 18.

This fall, Avdic has been taking college visits — at the beginning of the week she was deciding between Missouri, Ohio State, Minnesota and Wisconsin — and focused on repeating that performance in her training sessions with NASA Wildcat Aquatics.

"As far as the 200 fly, we kind of focused more on my stroke and my technique and [the] details," Avdic said. "Just the little things that you could fix, that could really translate into your race."

Some of those little things — like using her hips more to swim, or her arms going out a little further — helped Avdic's time in the 200-meter butterfly drop more than two seconds from the summer of 2014 to the summer of 2015.

Given Avdic's steady improvement over the last four years, it seems likely that she will be able to get under the 2:13.86 qualifying standard.

She isn't taking anything for granted, however. After Avdic learned that swimming in the Olympics was an attainable possibility earlier this year, NASA Wildcat Aquatics head coach Alessio De Rosi said she has been even more motivated in practice than she is normally.

"She started to swim with a different purpose," De Rosi said. "She's trying very hard."

Nervousness is part of what's driving her, Avdic explained. So too is the chance to fulfill an opportunity most only fantasize about.

"I've always dreamed of being an Olympian," Avdic said. "When I was 7 years old or 8 years old, I couldn't have guessed that [it] would actually happen."

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NEW TRIER BOYS GOLF INVITATIONAL

Wolves' Le Vine eyes return trip to state

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
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Skyler Le Vine played in the final regular season event of his high school career at the Winnetka Golf Club on Oct. 3, nearly one year after his junior season ended at the same course.

Le Vine shot 79 at the Class 3A New Trier Sectional a year ago. He missed forcing a playoff by two strokes that day, which ended his season in a disappointing fashion after he tied for 74th at the Class 3A state tournament as a sophomore.

"I would have liked to finish it off at state and be competitive there, but you've got to take learning experiences away from it," Le Vine said. "I feel confident this year, and super excited to try to get to state again."

Le Vine's continued development has been evident this season. He's been the Wolves' clear-cut No. 1 golfer. His play has been especially vital to Niles West's team success in dual meets, including victories over Waukegan and Notre Dame. He was 3-under par against the Bulldogs, and 2-under against the Dons.

Le Vine likely won't have to shoot par, or under par, in order to make it back downstate. He will likely have to avoid double bogeys or worse, however.

"I've managed the course better (this year)," Le Vine said. "I've had some struggles with my swing, but I feel like I'm getting it together. I feel like my bad rounds aren't as bad right now. I've always been a great putter, but I've improved a lot on that. I feel like I could lean on that, on my short game and putting, if something ever goes wrong."

Le Vine shot an 83 on a cold, windy day at the New Trier Invitational on Oct. 3. Junior Jake Peiser finished with a 91 and the Wolves shot a 363 as a team. The Wolves took 16th in the 16-team field.

Niles West was scheduled to compete in the New Trier Regional on Oct. 6, and any Wolves who advance will play in the Conant Sectional on Oct. 12.

Evanston

The New Trier Invitational at Winnetka Golf Club was Le Vine's final meet of the regular season. For senior Nick Lydon, it was a chance to prepare for the Class 3A New Trier Regional, which was scheduled to take place at the same course on Oct. 6.

Even though he said he's struggled in the final month of the regular season, Lydon said that he wanted to get a feel for the course in the hope that he can advance to the sectional like he did in 2014.

His round on Oct. 3, was full of useful information. "It's good to know what clubs I want to hit off of the tee," Lydon said. "That's probably the biggest thing, honestly. And then where to put the ball on the greens. And how the greens are rolling."

A key to Lydon's postseason success, he said, will likely be to put the ball in the fairway off the tee. "That's how I'm going to [play well] - just stay away from double and triple bogeys," Lydon said.


Maine South

While the New Trier Invitational at Winnetka Golf Club was a chance for several teams to prepare for the Class 3A New Trier Regional, it was senior Tyler Guest's opportunity to experience what it is like to be Maine South's No. 1 golfer.

Senior Tim Zelek and sophomore Michael George were both at Old Orchard Country Club on Oct. 3. Guest said, preparing for the Class 3A Hersey Regional on Oct. 6. Guest, who said he's very familiar with Old Orchard, slid into the No. 1 spot.

"I kind of like it," Guest said of playing No. 1. "You know that you have to try your best and post a good score for your team and kind of lead the team. It was fun."

Guest shot a team-best 83 in cold, windy conditions. He also fought through fatigue that stemmed from the previous night, when he watched Maine South's football team overcome a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Glenbrook South 34-31 in overtime. 

"[The comeback] was awesome," Guest said.

Sophomore Brendan Ahlbeck shot an 87 at the New Trier Invitational.

Sophomore Joe Tonioli finished with an 88 for the Hawks, who shot 348 (10th place). Junior Joey Rogowski contributed a 90 to the team score.

North Shore Country Day

Charlie MacVicar said the biggest difference will be at the Class 2A state meet - if they get there.

Going up to Class 2A "will matter a little bit less in regionals and sectionals," MacVicar said. "It's just the way that it's worked out... The scores - we've done our research the last couple years - they're pretty similar for getting out of our regional. [The competition] will be a little better, but the real difference will be at state."

The team to beat in Class 2A will be Morton. The defending Class 2A champions feature sophomore Tommy Kuhl, the 2015 Class 2A individual state champion, and senior Pete Kuhl. Tommy and Pete Kuhl are brothers, and they're committed to Illinois and Wisconsin, respectively.

The Raiders are led by MacVicar and fellow captain Drew Nortz, who is the Independent School League Player of the Year this season. North Shore struggled at the New Trier Invitational on Oct. 3, finishing with a 356 (13th) on a cold, windy day. Miles shot a 90, MacVicar shot 89 and sophomore Will Dart finished with a 91. Freshman Charlie Fazel (96) was the Raiders' fourth golfer.

It was a poor performance less than a week after the Raiders won the Independent School League championship, but MacVicar said it wasn't in line with how the team has played this season. He added that an important facet of having success in the postseason - the Raiders were scheduled to play in the Class 2A Richmond-Burton Regional on Oct. 6 - is to play consistent golf up and down the lineup.

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NEW TRIER fielded three freshmen in its six-player lineup at the Central Suburban girls golf tournament.

It's the youngest team coach Scott Fricke said he's had in his 12 seasons with the Trevians. Before this year, he said he couldn't remember starting more than one freshman in any season.

"We were just looking to get them experience by playing them against the best teams," he said.

Freshmen Penelope Tir, Lizzie Kenter and Abbie Kaestle all played for New Trier's conference championship team on Sept. 30 at Sunset Valley Golf Course in Highland Park. New Trier shot a 335 to edge out Glenbrook North's 336 for the team title.

Fricke said Tir, who tied for fifth with her 10-over 82, was a known commodity coming into high school.

"She was ready to go," Fricke said.

But Kenter and Kaestle have been welcome surprises.

Senior Louise McCulloch, the team's top player and a Northwestern recruit, has been a positive influence on all the younger golfers, according to Fricke. McCulloch took third at the league tournament and was the low Trevians golfer with a 78.

"She's not only a valuable talent, but she's taken care of these girls," Fricke said of McCulloch. "To have a role model like her for them to look up to has been extremely valuable."

McCulloch said she's done her best to make the freshmen feel part of the varsity team.

"I told them they could ask me anything," she said. "I told them I was a person they could talk to. They have handled everything amazingly."

Glenbrook South

On the 133-yard, par-3 11th hole at Sunset Valley Golf Course, Sophia Lau made a quadruple bogey.

On the next hole, a 425-yard par 5 and the fourth-hardest hole on the course, the sophomore made a par.

That sort of recovery is exactly what first-year coach Michelle Caporusso wants to see from her team.

"All these girls have great swings," Caporusso said. "The main thing we've been working on has been the mental part of the game and course management."

Lau said she laughed off the big number and quickly forgot about it.

"I don't know that I've ever had a seven on a par 3," she said. "I was like, 'Whoa, that actually happened!' I think every golfer can improve on their mental game. It's such a big part of golf!"

Lau ended up tying for fifth with an 82 to help Glenbrook South take third with a 342. The Titans were second to New Trier during the regular season.

Lau is one of three Titans golfers who played at the No. 1 position this season, Caporusso said. Junior Hannah Buchband and senior Amanda Tanaka are the other two. Tanaka finished alone in eighth at the league tournament after an 83.

Glenbrook South’s Sophia Lau tied for fifth at the Central Suburban girls golf tournament on Sept. 30 at Sunset Valley Golf Course in Highland Park.

"Hanna loves the game so much, and it has inspired and pushed other player on our team," Caporusso said. "She's so passionate about golf, and she's all about having fun."

Niles West

As a freshman, Niles West's Sara Dym played on the boys golf team.

She said it was a good experience, but it wasn't by choice. At the time, Niles West didn't have a girls team.

Now a senior, Dym is the best player on the school's girls team, which is in its third year. At the Central Suburban tournament on Sept. 30, she shot an 86 to finish tied for 10th. The Wolves placed sixth after a 381.

"I like seeing our progress," Dym said of the second-year varsity program. "We're definitely taking golf more seriously."

Dym isn't the only four-year player for the Wolves. Seniors Katrina Nickell and Kristin Recineto also played golf on the boys team as freshmen. The three of them, along with junior Amanda Lee, have been the cornerstones of the budding program, which went from four dual wins last year to eight this season.

"It's nice that they can play on the same girls team together," said coach Richard Lee, who is Amanda Lee's father.

Maine South

Payton Arger, the team's No. 3 player in the lineup at the conference tournament, posted the Hawks' best score after touring Sunset Valley Golf Course in 91 strokes. Maine South finished seventh as a team with a 423.

Evanston

Senior Liz Jolie led the Wildkits with a 103 at Sunset Valley Golf Course. Evanston finished ninth with a 444.

Maine East

While the Blue Demons didn't field a full team, Lexie Moreno was one of two Maine East golfers at the conference tournament. She posted a 115.
Brotherly love

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Brothers Filip and Milo Cejovic will be on opposite benches on Oct. 10 at Toyota Park in Bridgeview in what will be a rarity in their relationship.

Filip Cejovic is in his first season as the Niles North boys soccer coach. Milo Cejovic, who’s younger than Filip Cejovic by 5 years, is in his first season as Niles West boys soccer coach. They were hired to lead rival programs, but they’ve never coached against each other and their relationship as brothers is anything but combative. They’re best friends who talk nearly every day.

They’ve stayed close throughout their lives, and developed similar philosophies as coaches, because of soccer.

“He’s been a role model [and] best friend since I can remember since I could walk and I first kicked the ball,” Milo Cejovic said in an interview before the start of the 2015 season. “My father and him, I always learned from them when I was little. As I got older, it was always from Filip Cejovic. It was me and my brother playing together on the same teams - him leading the way, and me following. And then when I got a little older, it was side-by-side. It was great.”

Filip Cejovic added: “We’ve always been on the same side, in terms of soccer. We’ve played together for almost for 15 years. We’ve never been on opposing benches.”

The Cejovics are so in line, when it comes to soccer, that they even support the same teams. In England, they root for Chelsea. In France, it’s Paris Saint-Germain. They cheer for Roma in Italy, and Real Madrid in Spain. It’s common for them to get together, along with their families, and watch one of those teams play.

The brothers have never rooted for opposite teams, Filip Cejovic said, but that will change when Niles West plays Niles North at noon on Oct. 10 in a game the Cejovic family has jokingly dubbed the Cejovic Bowl.

“The whole family’s talking about it,” Milo Cejovic said. “We talk about the other games, obviously, but that’s the one that’s been circled right away, from the beginning.”

He added: “It’ll be fun. It’s going to be [for] bragging rights. We talk all the time, like, ‘What would be the perfect result?’ We’ll mess around, ‘Oh, we’ll take the draw.’ But we both want to win, and we’re going to try our best to win.”

There is a strong possibility that Niles North and Niles West look very similar to one another when they play later this week.

The similarities stem from the amount of time the Cejovic brothers have spent playing on the same team. They played together for about 15 years - the majority of those years for Chicago-based FC Belgrade. During that time, they bounced ideas off of each other and helped each other strategize about the intricacies of the game and how to coach effectively.

“We would constantly talk about formations, player management, how to develop a player, technically, how to attack on the wings, how to attack from the back, how to be strong down the middle [and] how to train a goalkeeper,” Filip Cejovic said.

“These are things that me and him have talked about over the past 15 years, pretty much on a daily basis. When we play against Niles West, even though we have not talked about our personnel or what we’re doing, I think we’re going to be mirror images of one another.”

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Notre Dame's defense stifles Marian Central

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In arguably the biggest upset of the 2015 Illinois high school football season thus far, Marian Central running back Emmitt Peisert gashed defending Class 6A state champion Nazareth for more than 300 rushing yards.

Two weeks later, Peisert took a handoff out of the shotgun on his second carry against Notre Dame. The 5-foot-9 senior hit the hole and used a quick burst to pick up 38 yards on Oct. 2.

A personal foul was tacked onto the end of Peisert's run. Shortly thereafter, Marian Central senior quarterback Joseph "Chewy" Budmayr caught the Dons' defense off guard with a quick snap on fourth-and-1. Budmayr ran over a Notre Dame player on his way to a 12-yard touchdown.

The Dons' sideline and stands were quiet as the Hurricanes celebrated their touchdown.

It was a very ominous start against a player of Peisert's caliber, but Marian Central didn't score after that. In fact, Notre Dame's defense was so good in a 31-7 East Suburban Catholic victory in Niles that the Hurricanes barely made it victory in Niles that the defense was so good in a 31-7 East Suburban Catholic victory in Niles that the Hurricanes barely made it across midfield.

"They scored on the first drive," Dons senior quarterback Tyler Tsagalis said. "After that, it was stop, stop, stop. Our offense really didn't get going until late in the second quarter, and [the defense] just kept us in it."

Notre Dame (5-1, 3-1) forced a punt on the next Marian Central drive. The Hurricanes (4-2, 2-2) elected to run a fake, but the direct snap was dropped and senior defensive linemen Giovanni Taibi made the tackle at Marian Central's 17-yard line.

Notre Dame's offense couldn't capitalize on this drive, ending with the first of Tsagalis' three interceptions — but it was the start of a trend that continued throughout the game.

The Dons started in Marian Central's territory 10 times, including on all five of their scoring drives. They also held Peisert to 100 yards on 18 carries. He had seven runs of 1 yard or fewer.

"They've gotten us the ball in the other team's territory all year," Tsagalis said.

Notre Dame's defensive dominance started up front, with senior defensive line- men Marco Pehar, Kyle Cummings, Matt Szymska and Taibi.

"Our linemen are something else," junior cornerback Greg Burnett said. "Our linemen have great heart. It wasn't just the linemen [tonight] — it was a whole team effort — but they played a big role."

Because the Dons won the line of scrimmage, linebackers like senior Liam Mulcrome and juniors Tom Hackett and Jake Sarnecki were free to fly around and make tackles.

"Our front line won the battle," Sarnecki said, "which helped us win the battle as well."

The play of the Dons' front seven forced the Hurricanes to try to pick up first downs through the air. Budmayr finished with three interceptions, however.

Burnett had two of them. Senior Tim Simon had the other.

Junior cornerback Michael Valdez also was solid throughout on the outside. And senior strong safety Jimmy Topping was very good in run support.

Notre Dame tied the game with 7:50 remaining in the second quarter on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Tsagalis to senior Ethan Jennings. It was just the third play of the drive, which started at Marian Central's 16-yard line after Notre Dame's defense forced a punt and Simon returned it 25 yards.

Notre Dame took a 14-7 lead right before halftime on another pass from Tsagalis to Jennings. That drive began with Burnett's first interception. His return gave Notre Dame the ball at the Marian Central 43-yard line with 1:42 remaining.

The Dons' defense sustained its high level of play in the second half, including a key stop on fourth-and-1 near the midway point of the third quarter.

"Our defense came out stronger [in the second half]," Sarnecki said. "We came out hitting more, stopping them on short yards — stopping them on fourth-and-4, which was a big deal. It was a big energy booster for us."

The key to the game was slowing Peisert, however. This is the second straight week Notre Dame has limited the effectiveness of an opponent's best player. Against St. Viator in Week 5, Lions tight end Cole Kmet finished with three catches for 21 yards and a touchdown. Kmet committed to Notre Dame last week.

"If we work hard and play together as one unit, we can take away anything," Sarnecki said. "I believe that as long as we come out strong, [play] as one group, we'll be a solid defense. And hard to score on."

Notes

- Tsagalis was 11-for-24 for 95 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions against Marian Central. The Western Illinois recruit also had 14 carries, 63 yards and one touchdown.

- Dons senior running back Eamon O'Mahony scored on a 2-yard run in the fourth quarter. Jennings led the team with four catches and 42 yards.

- Notre Dame last week.

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Postseason push

Pioneer Press caught up with some of the area's boys and girls golf teams as they prepared for the playoffs. Inside

Niles West's Sara Dym golfs at the Central Suburban girls tournament on Sept. 30 at Sunset Valley Golf Course in Highland Park.

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