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David Hoelscher, Park Ridge filmmaker

Park Ridge native and 1979 Maine South graduate David Hoelscher is the executive producer of the independent film “Jim Shoe,” which will be shown at the Pickwick Theater on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The film, Hoelscher’s first, tells the story of four members of a law firm who compete for the position of partner by taking on pro bono charity work, from mentoring a West Side gang member to becoming a caretaker for an Alzheimer’s patient.

Several scenes in the movie were filmed in Park Ridge, where Hoelscher still lives.

Q: Where in Park Ridge did you film?
A: We were all over. We were at the Summit of Uptown retirement community, we were at Max’s Restaurant on Higgins Road, we were at the Ryan-Park Funeral Home. Those were the major places.

Q: Why did you choose Park Ridge?
A: The movie is about four associates at a Chicago law firm, so we knew we wanted to film in and around Chicago. Growing up here [in Park Ridge], I knew a lot of these locations would fit well in our script.

Q: How did you get involved in this film?
A: A buddy I used to trade with at the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Pete Sutton, moved out to L.A. about 20 years ago and we kept in touch. We talked about our interest in film and filmmaking and he would send me an occasional script to read for fun. [The script for “Jim Shoe” was the result of the 2008 recession. We talked about doing it four years ago with a much bigger budget, with investors and things like that, but I wasn’t comfortable with that. In the spring of 2014 we came to a decision: We were either going to do it or not. So we decided to do it and we came to an agreement that we would finance the production ourselves and he would direct it and I would produce it.

Q: Did you have prior film production experience?
A: No. I didn’t quite know what to expect, but I wanted to do it as a learning experience. I thought, “If this doesn’t get picked up and distributed, that’s fine. If it doesn’t become ‘successful,’ but it’s something I worked hard at, let’s chalk it up to experience.”

Q: You attended Maine South. Were you interested in film in high school?
A: I was in a film class there. Our final exam was to put a three-minute film together. That may have been where I got the bug.

Q: Do you think you’ll produce another film?
A: We’ll have to come up for air here and see where this goes. I would be open to the opportunity, but I might be better suited as the second in command, not the head guy. That was a lot of responsibility, which I’m not afraid of, but we’ll see.

—Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press
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Under blue skies, Robin Miller, a Vietnam War veteran and Niles resident, drove his minivan Jan. 27 as a Niles Senior Center volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program.

Miller, 72, who said he served in the Army from 1965 to 1967, delivers hot or cold meals to Niles homebound seniors on Wednesdays and sometimes Fridays for the program. He and his wife Mary Ann Miller were selected recently in a Home Depot veteran support initiative, Doing More for Veterans, for a home makeover.

"He's a great guy," said Marjorie Davilis of Niles, a Meals on Wheels client to whom Miller has delivered.

"It was just unbelievable somebody would do this for me," he said. "We're not destitute but it's something we would have had to hire someone for."

The couple said they met at Eddie's, a Niles establishment once located at 8751 Milwaukee Ave. and married April 29, 1972. The long-standing Niles residents spend much of their time volunteering and giving back to the community, they said.

They both volunteer for the Niles Police Department Volunteers in Police Service (VIP) program which assists during emergency and non-emergency events.

Mary Ann was named Niles citizen of the year at the 2014 annual Night of Roses civic awards banquet. At the Niles Park District's Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, Robin leads a seasonal Wednesday golf league.

"I think Robin was the perfect individual to receive the help," said Kelly Mickle, director of the Niles Senior Center which coordinates the Meals on Wheels program. "He exemplifies volunteerism."

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Referendums to address trustee vacancies, services, Leaning Tower property

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

For the second time in as many years, Niles voters will be asked whether or not the mayor should have the power to appoint candidates to fill vacant trustee seats.

Residents were reminded to register to vote by Feb. 16 for the March primary election at a recent Village Board meeting. In addition to choosing which presidential candidate to vote for in the primary, Niles residents will also have the chance to weigh in on three local issues.

The November, 2014, election, a majority of voters in Niles - more than 75 percent - supported a binding referendum measure to restrict mayoral appointment powers by requiring vacant trustee seats be voted on during a consolidated election.

Village trustees subsequently voted to change Niles' municipal code to reflect the results of the referendum.

Mayor Andrew Przybylo, who staunchly opposed the 2014 referendum measure and attempted to have it removed from the ballot, said during a meeting last November that the issue of trustee vacancies and whether the mayor should have the ability to fill them was not about power but about "common sense."

The board approved a resolution in November to place a referendum question on the March ballot asking whether such vacancies should be filled "by appointment of the mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board" as allowed by the Illinois Municipal Code.

"God forbid there's somebody laid up or out of town, in a car accident or what have you," Trustee George Alpogianis said in November. He added that it's possible enough vacancies on the board could prevent village government from functioning as it should.

"I also think that, once again, (the residents) put us up here and this question also reassures the fact they have trust in us, in helping us appoint somebody if need be," he said.

At the board meeting last November, Trustee Joe Lo- Verde called the previous referendum on the ballot in the 2014 election "confusing." He added that it's possible enough vacancies on the board could prevent village government from functioning as it should.

"I know it's not a power issue with you," he said to Przybylo. "We've had this conversation many times."

Residents will also have the opportunity in March to weigh in on an advisory question regarding the enhancement of the Leaning Tower of Niles.

In November, the Village Board voted to purchase the Leaning Tower of Niles from the YMCA of Metro Chicago and spend nearly $550,000 on repairs to the structure.

During a discussion of the question, which was also approved at the November meeting, Przybylo said it behooved the village to project itself "as a destination for people to come and spend money and provide the sales tax we need to run the government."

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Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
¡Viva! Coming Together kicks off in high style

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

In a single afternoon, the opening of Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township delivered, more or less, a taste of the 50-plus events that soon will celebrate the Latino and Hispanic cultures over the next few months.

For the Jan. 31 kick-off celebration at Niles West High School, "more" seemed to win out over "less" when it came to celebration at Niles West. The program was aimed at helping change our lives, to introduce us to our neighbors, we grow in understanding and knowledge and, hopefully, in tolerance.

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Susan Van Dusen wasn't the only speaker who delivered words in both English and Spanish Sunday. So, too, did U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-9) who said Skokie and Niles Township have always been warm and welcoming to immigrants.

"These communities are often the first or second home in the United States for refugees, immigrants from across the globe from every continent," she said. "The 9th Congressional District is among the most diverse in the nation."

According to Schakowsky, 26 percent of her district's residents are foreign-born and 35 percent speak a language other than English at home.

These immigrants, she said, "want nothing more than to work hard, raise families and live a free and decent life in this country." 

Emceed by Lourdes Duarte of WGN TV News, the Coming Togetherkick-off played to some 500 people and nearly another 100 who participated on and behind stage, according to Niles Township High School District 219.

Unlike some of the other Coming Together cultures featured in the past, the 2016 edition isn't relegate to one country or even one part of the world. For example, participants Jan. 31 performed music and dances with origins ranging from Mexico to Puerto Rico. Duarte is from Cuba. 

Equally eclectic was a diversity of homemade food served before the school auditorium doors opened.

"By getting to know the rich culture, history, tradition, music, food about all of our neighbors, we grow in understanding and knowledge and, hopefully, in tolerance," George Van Dusen said.

Music and dance were performed by AfriCaribe,
Veterans program shut down due to state budget impasse

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA
Chicago Tribune

The state's failure to pass a budget has forced the shut down of a Des Plaines-based social service program that provides support to veterans and their families.

Legacy Corps, which currently serves more than 250 military families in 72 Illinois communities, is one of 30 programs that officials with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois announced Jan. 22 would be closing due to the state's inability to pass a budget for the past seven months.

"The state's budget deadlock has severely challenged LSSI's ability to provide services to those in need," Mark A. Stutrud, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois President and CEO, said in a statement.

Currently, the organization is owed more than $6 million by the state for services delivered, Stutrud said, adding, "After seven months, we can no longer provide services for which we are not being paid."

"It has been an agonizing process, particularly its impact on our clients and their families who depend on us for their care, as well as our employees whose jobs were eliminated. Many of our employees are direct care personnel who have built relationships and strong trust with the people they serve," Stutrud said.

As the largest statewide provider of social services, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois will continue to fund 160 of its 190 programs, LSSI spokeswoman Barb Hailey said.

"Even if the state's budget were to be passed next week, we still don't know what's appropriated, and we're still uncertain if the money will be paid back and when," said Hailey, who described the process of deciding which programs would be cut as, "excruciating and grief-invoking."

Officials at Legacy Corps, which provides respite services to veterans and their families, said despite being faced with a shut-down by the end of February, the organization's volunteers are still determined to serve the clients who rely upon their assistance.

"We're working diligently to find us another host agency," said Peg Saintcross, a Legacy Corps manager in Des Plaines.

"All of our volunteers do what they do out of love, and they won't abandon their clients."

As a federal AmeriCorps program founded in 2001, with sites in nine states across the nation, Legacy Corps has operated since 2003, officials said.

Vietnam veteran Carl Dudczak, 65, says Legacy Corps volunteers provided him with transportation to medical appointments and assisted him after a surgery during a difficult chapter of his life.

"My wife had passed away, I lost my home in 2009, I didn't have family in the area, and I became homeless... I was spending my nights in PADs shelters," Dudczak said.

Today, Dudczak has moved into his own apartment in the Freedom's Path development at the Edward Hines VA Hospital, and he's also busy volunteering for the organization that helped him regain his independence.

"Legacy Corps became my outlet and gave me an opportunity to give back," Dudczak said.

Diane Blanks, a Legacy Corps volunteer and site coordinator for its Des Plaines office, said the program's respite services to veterans and their families ranges from providing transportation to grocery stores and medical appointments, to spending time with elderly clients with dementia, allowing their caretakers to go on a break.

"So many of our elderly clients don't have any relatives in the area, and all of their friends have passed away," Blanks said. "Sometimes, it's just a matter of getting a call from a client saying, 'I'm so sad,' and our volunteers go out to visit them, and cheer them up."
The following items were taken from local reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

**Niles**

**Battery**
- Jodi Shulga, 54, of the 8200 block of Olcott Avenue, Niles, was charged with battery on Jan. 26. According to police, a 50-year-old woman accused Shulga of shoving her, grabbing her wrist and punching her in the back. Shulga has a March 10 court date.
- Tina Johns, 34, of the 6200 block of Cicero Avenue, Chicago, was charged with battery on Jan. 21. Police said she allegedly pushed the victim's husband began yelling at a female driver for driving too fast in the parking lot and that a verbal confrontation between the two ensued. When the couple entered a nearby store, the driver reportedly left the parking lot and that a verbal altercation began.
- Melanie Marroquin, 18, of the 4200 block of West Melrose Avenue, Chicago, was charged with battery on Jan. 27 after she allegedly stole 20 unactivated money cards from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. Police said the cards had a value of $1 each. Wilson has a March 10 court date.

**Retail Theft**
- Ciara Harrington, 23, of the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 21. Harrington, an employee of a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road, was accused of under-ringing merchandise on several occasions while using the self checkout register. She has a March 10 court date.
- Sheena Wilson, 32, of the 7400 block of South Eggleston, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 23 after she allegedly stole 20 bushing powder valued at $89 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a March 10 court date.
- Tina Johns, 34, of the 6200 block of Cicero Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 24 after she allegedly stole $52.28 worth of grocery items from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. She has a March 10 court date.
- Kevin Erdenberger, 18, of the 300 block of North Aldine Avenue, Park Ridge, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 26 after police said he stole a ski mask valued at $220 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. According to police, three other suspects were also seen stealing items from the store. A 19-year-old Park Ridge man, who was not identified by police, and a 17-year-old Park Ridge boy were each issued local ordinance tickets and released, police said. The fourth suspect was not apprehended, according to police.
- Melanie Marroquin, 18, of the 4200 block of West Melrose Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 27 after she allegedly stole makeup and bronzing powder valued at $89 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a March 10 court date.

**Park Ridge**

**Leaving the Scene**
- Ricardo Cortes, 25, of the 2500 block of Kenilworth, Berwyn, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and failure to reduce speed on Jan. 23. Police said Cortes was involved in a crash in the 900 block of Canfield Road, but drove away from the scene. Twelve hours later, he reported the accident, police said. Cortes has a Feb. 10 court date.
- A wallet containing credit cards and $400 in cash was reported stolen Jan. 23 from a locker inside a fitness center in the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue.
- A 54-year-old man is accused of stealing five Versace women's eyeglass frames, valued at $1,250, from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center on Jan. 26, police said. An employee told police that the man is known to the store because he has committed a number of previous thefts, both in Illinois and other states. An investigation was pending, police said.
- A catalytic converter was reportedly sawed off cars parked in the 6900 block of Rosemary Avenue between Jan. 22 and 25.

**DUI**
- Rodney Swager, 48, of the 5400 block of North Newland, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and driving without lights Jan. 23. He was taken into custody at Crescent and Greenwood avenues. He has a March 2 court date.

**Theft**
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- A manager of a restaurant in the 6700 block of Touhy Avenue told police that around 3 a.m., Jan. 26, a customer who was causing a disturbance was asked to leave the business, but before he did, he picked up a chair and threw it, striking an employee. An investigation was pending, police said.
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'What we carried' | Photo exhibit of Iraqi refugees' belongings tells larger story

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Some brought delicate dishes that had been in the family for years, others snapshot pictures that reflected a different time in their lives, one even a small collection of well-maintained Barbie dolls.

What few things would you bring if you had to flee the only country you knew as home?

A new Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center photography exhibit, "What We Carried: Stories by Iraqi Refugees," begs this interactive question. Along a narrow hallway of the museum's upper floor are 30 photos -- mostly of objects -- that carry far more importance to their owners than just the possessions themselves.

Shot by Oregon-based photographer Jim Lommasson, the photos include the owners' words directly on them -- some in Arabic, some in English, some in both.

Museum officials say the exhibit, which will be on display through June 26, is their first that includes Arabic language. Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events is also showcasing 10 additional photographs -- larger in size -- through April at the Daley Center Concours Gallery in the Pedway in downtown Chicago.

"It's not us and them," Lommasson said of the exhibit's refugees -- and although he found this time it didn't work. Only when he captured the objects they brought with them, and allowed their own words to describe why they cherished the objects, did their stories come alive, he said.

Skokie resident Youlena Zaia, an Iraqi refugee and director of the Iraqi Mutual Aid Society, owns one of those stories.

During the opening, she stood beside framed snapshots of her pre-war life in Iraq. She would have lost the photos forever, she said, had her daughter not taken them when they fled their country, arriving in the United States in 2008.

A photo from her college days at Mosul University shows her on a plaza with fellow engineering classmates in the city of Nimrud. "Nimrud City was destroyed in 2015 by ISIS bulldozers because ISIS government says Nimrud City does not (have) Islamic nature," she wrote above the photo.

In a later photo, she is on the job site, overseeing projects where she was "chief of concrete laboratory"; another shows her smiling, fishing pole in hand, as she sits by serene waters.

Since Zaia came to the United States, the museum states.

Illinois Holocaust Museum CEO Susan Abrams said the exhibit relates to the museum's everyday mission in "teaching the lessons and the history of the Holocaust in a personal way and applying those lessons to (the) present day."

Museum Chief Curator of Collections and Exhibitions Arielle Weininger said she immediately knew the museum would have interest in the project.

"When I think about the collection of 25,000 objects the museum holds, not all of them speak to that refugee experience," Weininger said. "Many people couldn't get out of Europe. For those who did, they had to make these same decisions and had some of the same kind of challenges."

Lommasson's project evolved differently than originally planned. He said he got the idea when working on another project about soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He similarly began taking photos of his subjects -- in this case Iraqi refugees -- but he found this time it didn't work.

One photo captures a set of fragile tea cups used for so long that the design has somewhat faded. Zaia said her sister protected the family's treasured dishware under her clothes when fleeing Iraq. Wanted to forget everything about my life but the only thing I couldn't leave behind was my faith."

"What We Carried" also includes heartfelt poems written by children and teenagers under the guidance of the Iraqi Mutual Aid Society, which immediately got behind Lommasson's project.

"We really wanted the opportunity for our clients to tell their story in a way that's honest about who they are and what they lost," said Laura Youngberg, Iraqi Mutual Aid Society Executive Director.

A photo of Barbie Dolls taken from home by an Iraqi refugee family

"I was an opportunity for them to reflect, and to share what was safe for them to share."

Refugee Ali Ali did just that by allowing a miniature Iraqi flag to be captured by Lommasson's camera.

"Shall we spend tears on our current circumstance or should we cry for the past?" Ali wrote beside the photo. "We are tired, we are tired, and we want to get some rest..."

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Tech upgrade at Hadley School for the Blind honors former teacher

By Bridget O'Shea
Pioneer Press

Margaret Lee Butow loved computers and technology.
Now, a state-of-the-art piece of equipment is allowing the longtime teacher at Winnetka's Hadley School for the Blind to continue sharing that passion with students, even after her death.

Butow, who taught computer science and music at Hadley for 42 years, died in 2014, more than a decade after she retired from teaching. But she left the school a bequest of more than $90,000, which it recently used to purchase a much-needed Braille embosser to replace its aging ones.

Nicknamed "Pey" in honor of Butow, who went by the same moniker, the Braillo 600S embosser is essentially a Braille printer, allowing the school to take words on a flat page and transcribe them into raised dots that can be felt and read by the visually impaired.

Vivian Seki, Hadley's director of material production, said the embosser can print up to 600 Braille characters per second and the machine has already printed 28,000 pages of Braille course material, letters and other documents in just a few weeks.

"That is probably one of the fastest embossers in the world," she said.

Dawn Turco, senior vice president at Hadley, said that while Butow was known for her patient and encouraging approach in the classroom, she also had a reputation for being no-nonsense.

Butow was visually impaired herself, Turco said, and refused to allow her students to use their disabilities as excuses not to excel.

"She had high expectations but a really warm heart," she said.

Butow's former students said buying the new embosser was a fitting way to honor the teacher and her love of technology.

South Dakota resident Jim Klein said he had lost his passion for computers until he studied under Butow in the 1980s.

"I use a computer extensively now," he said. "I don't know how long it would have taken me to get back into the computer world if she hadn't been so persistent." Butow also taught Braille, American history and how to use a now-obsolete device called the Optacon, a reading aid that allowed the visually impaired to tactily read printed text.

"Teaching Braille and music was so important to Peggy," he said. "Knowing that her bequest has been used to upgrade the Braillo would no doubt have made Peggy feel very honored and humbled."

Turco said the former teacher's gift came at just the right time. The school's existing embossers can only print 200 characters per second and are nearing the end of their 20-year life spans.

"We try to be as self-reliant as we can, and that's what we like about Peggy," she said.

Turco said the new embosser's life expectancy is about 60 years.
Protesters push for no-concealed-carry signs

BY LEE V. GAINES
Chicago Tribune

More than two years after Illinois' concealed carry law was passed, activists continue to push for retailers — particularly grocers — to post signs telling customers who are toting hidden weapons that they are not welcome.

A small group of gun control advocates staged a demonstration at Highland Park's tree-lighting ceremony last year, urging people to do their holiday shopping only at stores where concealed firearms are banned, while last week another small protest targeted the local Sunset Foods.

Despite some successes for the advocates, many stores have resisted the campaign, and several retailers contacted by the Tribune declined even to discuss why they have chosen not to participate. Others in the business community say shopkeepers may be supportive of the concealed carry law, don't want to alienate customers who may be or simply don't want to take a public stance on such a controversial subject.

The recent protests were part of an ongoing campaign dubbed "Shop Safer" in the Chicago area, members of the Northbrook-based Peaceful Communities and Highland Park-based Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs have visited local shop owners and managers urging those who have a right to carry to display no-gun signs — featuring the black silhouette of a handgun inside a red circle-backslash symbol — on doors and storefront windows.

Lee Goodman, a Peaceful Communities organizer, last year began calling on grocery stores specifically to post the signs. In August, Goodman, along with a few others, staged a protest outside a newly opened Mariano's in Northbrook, asserting the store was unsafe without the ban.

"For two years, we've waited and hoped stores would act responsibly, and very, very few of them have on their own, and it seems to be that many stores think of it as a way of not taking a stand they see as political, which might alienate some of their customers," Goodman said.

Whether a business decides to put up a no-gun sign may have more to do with its customer base than the owner's personal feelings about firearms, said Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

"I think a lot of retailers feel it's a no-win proposition for them because they're going to alienate some customers either way," he said.

Representatives from the Sunset Foods and Mariano's grocery chains did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Maisch said his organization worked with legislators while the concealed carry law was being crafted to ensure businesses had the right to choose to ban carriers from their stores. But the only way for gun owners to know they cannot bring the weapon into a business is if there's a clear and conspicuous sign posted, he said.

Dana Gordon, director of outreach for the Joint Action Committee, said she thought it was "crazy" when she learned Sunset wouldn't post a sign.

"When I called, and they said, 'No, we won't put up a sign. We don't want to be political,' I was taken aback," she said, adding the group then starting looking at other grocers.

Gordon said her organization, which also advocates for pro-Israel initiatives, reproductive rights and separation of religion and state, has lobbied for stronger gun control measures since the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Gordon said that, as of December, more than 100 stores in Highland Park had agreed to post the signs. She said her group has received a range of responses to the request: Some store managers said corporate policies prohibit such signs, and others declined because they said they believe strongly in the right to bear arms.

Kim Cohen, owner of Highland Pop Gourmet Popcorn in Highland Park, said she put up the no-gun sign at the request of several committee members. Cohen said she wants children and their families to feel safe in her store.

"I have no problem with anyone having or wanting firearms," she said. "I'm a mom. I'm a female business owner. And we all know about Sandy Hook. So I feel like why would anyone come into my store with a gun? There's no reason for it. There's just no reason for it unless you're a police officer or an undercover detective?"

An employee at another business in Highland Park, who would not give her full name, said the shop declined to post the no-gun sign because operators didn't want to advertise the business as a "gun-free zone."

The employees said she noticed other shops putting the signs up at the protesters' request and then later taking them down.

Richard Pearson, executive director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, said allowing concealed-carry permit holders to bring guns into a business is a benefit for the store owner because those gun owners could potentially stop a crime in progress.

"The purpose of concealed carry is because the bad guys don't know who is carrying," he said. "But they know if that sign is up that nobody is carrying." Pearson, who said he's aware of the "Shop Safer" campaign, said such efforts are "just trying to promote the anti-gun agenda."

Goodman said he realizes anyone with criminal intent won't be deterred by a sign in a store window, but he said that's not whom the campaign is targeting. He said those behind "Shop Safer" want law-abiding gun owners to keep their guns out of businesses in an effort to prevent accidental shootings or an escalation of violence from occurring within stores. He cited reports of similar shootings elsewhere in the country.

Shoppers who encountered the protesters at Sunset Foods last week expressed a range of reactions, but none was willing to be identified.

Some said they weren't bothered by the grocer not having the no-gun sign posted. One shopper said she was upset that the protest targeted Sunset because of the community contributions and record of providing employment to people with disabilities.

Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter; Pioneer Press reporter Karen Berkowitz contributed.
Metra experiment gauging rider interest in Wi-Fi

By Kate Thayer
Chicago Tribune

Some Metra riders might have recently noticed a new Wi-Fi connection pop upon their phones and other mobile devices during their commute.

Metra began installing cellular “hot spots” on a select group of cars, some of which have been put back in service, within the past month, Metra spokesman Michael Gillis said. It’s part of an 11-car test run Metra announced last fall.

In the next few weeks, the transit agency will finish installing the service and add signs alerting riders to the cars with the amenity, Gillis said. Work is complete on 10 cars, but not all are in use, he said. Upon completion, one car per Metra’s 11 lines will be designated a Wi-Fi car with a sign, and rider feedback will be encouraged.

After six months testing the service, Metra will decide whether expanding Wi-Fi to more cars is financially feasible, and if it’s something riders want, Gillis said.

The speed of the Wi-Fi is intended for checking email and Web browsing, Gillis added, not for streaming video or other use that requires a more sophisticated connection. Doing that systemwide would cost Metra about $35,000. Gillis said Metra has explored the possibility of a wireless provider paying for the project, but so far no company has been willing. In that scenario, the provider would set up the hot spots (with a stronger signal) along the route and, in exchange for paying for the equipment and the work, would be able to advertise along the route, Gillis said.

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, which operates the South Shore Line, also explored such possibilities, Executive Director Michael Noland said, but “no one in the private sector was able to step forward and make that happen.”

The sellers, QUEsocial CEO Greg Silich and his wife, Martha, lost a considerable amount of money on the house, which they purchased in 2007 for $65 million. They first listed it in March 2014 for $6.975 million, and then $5.995 million before finding a buyer.

Records show that the buyer is a Lake Forest-based limited liability company whose owner is identified as Christopher T. Childs.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.
Northbrook Woman's obituary dissing Jay Cutler goes viral

By Irv Leavitt

Three little words have made Northbrook's Elizabeth Porter Bowman much more famous after her passing than she ever was in her 78 years of life.

Those words were "except Jay Cutler." The phrase was included as a parenthetical addition to a comment about how she was a great fan of Chicago teams, including the Bears, in her family-provided death notice that ran in the Chicago Tribune Jan. 26.

An online news service noticed — it's unclear which one — and a couple of days later, blurbs started appearing about a Bear fan's parting shot at the team's oft-maligned quarterback.

Soon, it was everywhere, including pop culture blog site Uproxx, which headlined, "Jay Cutler is now getting trolled by dead people."

Bill Bowman said his mother, known to family and friends as Bety, did not intend to reach back from the beyond to nick the quarterback.

He said her criticisms of Cutler were a running gag in the family, to the point that after her death on Jan. 9, her daughter, Susan, used the three words in a since-removed Facebook post memorializing her mother.

"It seemed fitting, so I just copied it into the obituary," Bill Bowman, now of New York, said. "She would laugh at the attention she was getting, but she was never someone who sought to be the center of attention."

Her family thinks "the whole thing has been just hilarious," he said.

Betsy Bowman grew up in Northfield and raised her three children in Northbrook, where she also served two stints as a teacher at the old Crestwood School, her son said. In the spring, she went to live near her daughter in Minnesota and had recently moved into a nursing home.

Janis Irvine, her best friend back in Northbrook, said she had talked to her the day before she took a turn for the worse — and, as usual, her best friend had complained about Cutler.

"I said, 'Betsy, you're wrong, he's a good quarterback. They just don't give him any protection.' " Irvine said.

Irvine described Bowman as "a very private person, and a little prickly. She knew what she knew and was very bright." But Betsy wasn't the type of person to write a cranky obit — even though she would have found the hubbub surrounding her death notice funny.

"I've been laughing so hard," said Irvine, the former owner of downtown Northbrook's 44-year-old Book Bin bookstore. "(Betsy) would be laughing now, but she would not have put it in the obituary."

Bowman for years controlled her late father's four Bears season tickets, her son said, and made sure that she kept them when she divorced. She kept them right up to the time when the Bears "wanted 10 grand for 'seat licenses,' " he said. "That wasn't going to happen."

He said she was the kind of sports fan who traveled, at the age of 13 or 14, from home to Wrigley Field on the North Shore Line.

"She saw a lot worse Cubs players than Cutler" was a Bears player, he said.

People all over have learned about how good of a person Betsy Bowman was, her son said, because almost every story about her death notice repeated more than her slam against the football player: "She was a woman of loyalty, integrity, opinion, curiosity and intelligence. A lifelong fan of the Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears (except Jay Cutler)."

The only loser in the deal seems to be the quarterback.

"Looking at all these things, I feel a little sad for Cutler," Bill Bowman said.

"But the next time he throws a pick six, he can use the excuse that he's being haunted from the grave."
Pure breeds, mixed reviews

Dog show at smaller Lake County venue brings misgivings

BY DENYS BUCKSTEN
News-Sun

Contestants and spectators flocked to the final day of the American Kennel Club Dog Show at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake on Jan. 31.

Some breeders expressed misgivings about the fairgrounds being a smaller venue than Chicago's McCormick Place, the perennial stopover of the International Kennel Club.

The IKC, which made its debut Jan. 31 at the 65,000-square-foot Expo Hall at the fairgrounds, is a big draw at any regional show, and often the last stop for breeders before February's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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Running a marijuana dispensary in Illinois is tough, but one manager says it’s tougher now that Springfield has refused to add new conditions to the list of 39 that are eligible for treatment by medical marijuana.

“Every qualifying condition that has been reviewed and approved by the Illinois Medical Cannabis Advisory Board has been vetoed—11 conditions last year and now eight (this year),” said Joseph Friedman, a pharmacist and chief operations officer of Professional Dispensaries of Illinois in Buffalo Grove.

Friedman aired his frustrations with the Jan. 29 announcement, ahead of PDI’s Feb. 6 Medical Marijuana Educational Expo.

Gov. Bruce Rauner’s administration recently rejected the advisory board’s recommendations to add osteoarthritis, irritable bowel syndrome and post-traumatic stress disorder, among others, to the list of conditions treatable by the drug. The administration rejected 11 conditions that included anorexia and migraines earlier last year.

“We hope [Rauner] starts seeing the benefits of medical marijuana for patients and that he doesn’t use the excuse that the program needs more time to be evaluated,” Friedman said.

The four-year pilot program is already about halfway over.

Friedman and PDI Medical CEO Mark Mandel, also a pharmacist, are among dispensary owners in the state saying that they need more patients to be viable. They built the losses into their business model, but could only stand so much.

Even so, Friedman says PDI Medical—which officially opened on Dec. 21—is here to stay. They are one of three groups in Lake County with a license to dispense medical marijuana.

His hope is that the Feb. 6 expo will generate new patients, prescribing doctors and supportive caregivers.

The expo will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1615 Barclay Blvd. in Buffalo Grove, a few doors down from PDI. It’s free and open to the public.

James Beard Award winning Chicago pastry chef Mindy Segal will be on hand, too, passing out samples of her medical marijuana edibles from 11 a.m. to noon. These edibles won’t, however, contain marijuana.

More than the pastries, the expo will have health experts, pharmacists and cultivation center professionals available to help answer questions and register patients for Illinois medical marijuana cards.

“There’s still a lot of educating that needs to happen,” Friedman said.

Friedman understands that doctors are still wary about prescribing medical marijuana, they can’t open peer reviewed journals and find double-blind, controlled studies detailing its benefits, and it is still categorized as a Schedule I drug. The U.S. government’s demonization, as he calls it, of marijuana has prevented the necessary studies from being done.

But the floodgates are slowly opening, he says.

“There is a lot of anecdotal evidence and studies that have been done overseas,” Friedman said. “This is something that is real that’s been helping people for eons...not something from Dr. Oz.”

Those interested in attending the expo can visit pdimedical.com for more information.

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OPINION

Walter Reed wasn't your ordinary WWII veteran

Walter, of Wilmette, poses in 2009 in his home, wearing his original Army uniform from World War II.

Walter Reed, of Wilmette, poses in 2009 in his home, wearing his original Army uniform from World War II.

Randy Blaser
You meet people all the time.

But how many are a true inspiration for how to live? I'm not talking about the giants of pop culture who we idealize, or the heroes of the sporting world, or the political heavyweights who cared about his family.

I'm talking about the regular people you meet who quietly and without fanfare live an astonishing life, a life that would break any one of our privileged pop icons.

I first met Walter Reed at the Wilmette Harbor Rotary Club in 2003. He seemed like so many people I was fortunate to meet in my chosen field of journalism. He was a dedicated family man and a success in business, who cared about his community and wanted to do something to help.

There are millions of men like that. Good men, but nothing all that special.

But I was wrong about Walter.

I began to piece together his story when our club honored members who were veterans. I was all into the greatest generation at the time, and years before had met many local D-Day veterans, chronicling their stories for the local paper. So Walter was another member of that generation, who saw action in Europe.

But this idea I had that Walter was just another of those patriotic American boys who lived through the Great Depression, then won World War II before coming home and creating the suburbs and fighting for civil rights and fair housing and goodness, was just a little off.

Walter was born Werner Rinsberg in a small village in Germany in 1924 to one of 25 Jewish families in his town. He went from the typical middle class life where his father founded the local soccer club to being bullied and vilified by the other kids.

He was arrested with his father on the infamous Kristallnacht, a massive coordinated attack on Jews throughout Germany in 1938.

Only 14 at the time, he was released from jail after three days, but his father spent weeks in Dachau concentration camp, and never spoke of his experience when he returned to the family

Walter's parents eventually provided for his escape from Nazi Germany, sending him to Belgium in 1939 to an agency accepting German Jewish children. His escape was short-lived, however, as by 1941 he was forced to flee from the advancing German Army to southern France.

Because his mother had relatives in New York, Walter made it to the United States at age 17. He was drafted into the Army in 1943, became an American citizen and changed his name.

He landed in Normandy a week after D-Day and served in an Army intelligence unit, interrogating captured German soldiers.

He never saw his family again. They were murdered by the Nazis after being deported to Poland, and then sent to a death camp.

Why he was saved was a mystery.

Over the last 20 years of his life, Walter owned his past. He was a much sought-after speaker about his experiences as a boy fleeing the Nazis, a time that shattered and defined his life.

But he also spoke out against injustice and about the duty of each of us who are so blessed to help those less fortunate, who live in poverty and suffer from illness and injustice.

Walter died on Jan. 13 at the age of 91 at the home he made in Wilmette. He never forgot the anti-Semitism he faced in Germany that killed his family, or the prejudice here that led him to change his name and hide his past for 50 years.

He was an inspiration and much loved by everyone he met, including me.

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Winter not all that delightful for homeless

But I have to call him something.

Winter isn't so delightful for Jack. It's cold and it's wet.

Jack's wants are basic. He wants me to give him some spare change.

That's what he asks for, spare change.

Most passersby apparently don't have change to spare, because they don't give him anything.

Jack probably has a story to tell. He's a human being, so he must have a story.

But, do I want to hear it? It's cold and drizzly. And Jack looks dirty. And aren't people like him supposed to be mentally ill?

Might he be dangerous? Dangerous if I give him money?

Dangerous if I don't give him money?

After some quick mental calculation, I decide to give him money.

I put a dollar in his hand and ask him how he's doing?

Which is a stupid question, I grant you, since one glance tells you he's not doing well.

"OK" is what he replies and thanks me for the money.

I don't ask any more. It seems an impertinence. All I did was give him some money. That's not a license to intrude on his privacy.

It's cold and drizzly. I walk on. I look back, and some other guy is giving Jack spare change.

Maybe later in the day, Jack will dash around the corner and hop into a Lexus, drive off to his lakefront condo and laugh at all the bleeding hearts he ripped off that day.

Or, maybe he'll try to find some place to sleep that night.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness reports that in January 2014, there were 578,424 people homeless on a given night in the United States.

You can find out more about that winter "delight" festival online.

I'll take your word for how delightful it all is.

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OPINION

THE MASH

The Mash calling on high school girls to enter annual prom contest

BY LAUREN CHVAL
The Mash

Every spring, the Chicago Tribune teen edition, The Mash, holds a contest called PROMathon. As a publication that is written by students throughout the Chicago area and distributed to over 200 schools in both the city and the suburbs, the promotion is one of our best opportunities to unite our readers in a universal teenage experience: prom.

For young women, prom is a rite of passage that many look forward to from a young age. Whether it's about a night with her date or a night with her friends, she'll put on a dress that can signify she's becoming an adult.

It's a night she wants to remember forever. But it's expensive to achieve that perfect night. The dress she's been imagining since she was 4 (or maybe just for the last four months), the professional hair and makeup, the tickets, the shoes—these costs add up.

PROMathon is about making the dream a reality for one Chicagoland girl. Whether she's looking to transform into a princess or wants to create an unconventional look that sets her apart, we want to help.

Any girl who can attend her school's prom is eligible to apply by writing us an essay about why she deserves to be this year's PROMathon queen. In March, we'll reveal the six finalists who will then enter three rounds of voting via our website, social media and texting. The winner receives a free prom dress, hair and makeup, shoes and her tickets. We also take her on a fashion shoot in Chicago and run the photos in a spread in The Mash print edition. PROMathon is about spotlighting some of the most incredible girls in Chicago. Every year, we're blown away by the thoughtful essays written by kind, hardworking, strong, intelligent, beautiful young women. We can't wait to read the stories of this year's applicants. If you or someone you know is interested, please apply at themash.com/promathon by Feb. 15.

Lauren Chval is the Editor of The Mash, a Pioneer Press sister publication for Chicagoland high schools.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We want to hear from you! Send your letters to the editor to suburbanletters@tribpub.com. Letters should not exceed 250 words and should include your name, phone number and address (only your name and town will be published).
Joining in on the Fitbit frenzy

Lately, as I'm sure you are aware, almost every person in the world is obsessed with Fitbits. My husband Bill and my son Andrew are totally part of this craze and are desperately trying to get me to wear a Fitbit since I have not succumbed to the frenzy.

"It tracks your steps," says Bill. "And you can share your progress with your friends' or coworkers' Fitbits for motivation and fun."

Now, I'm not against Fitbits at all, I just don't feel the need to have one for myself. If I'm doing the treadmill several days per week and I walk a lot during the day, I know I've gotten in enough steps. Also, I don't like wearing anything on my wrist when working out, plus, during the day, I like to wear fabulous bracelets that could potentially clash with a Fitbit.

And, when Andrew excitedly showed me his new Fitbit, I was almost blinded by a horrible, almost migraine-inducing, pulsating light attached to the bottom. Is that even good for you?

Then, the other day, I was hanging out with my friend Holly and her fiancé Carey.

"Hey, look at my fancy new Fitbit," said Carey. "I love it! It counts my steps AND tracks my sleep. You should get one."

"Why?" I asked.

"Well, I like knowing how well I've slept," Carey said.

Hmmmm... I'm sure there's way more science to sleeping than what I know, but I've always felt rather confident in my own ability to tell how well I've slept. For instance, if I wake up a few times during the night and I can't fall back to sleep right away, I'm pretty sure I did not sleep well. Additionally, if I go to bed too late because I'm playing Words with Friends, checking out Pinterest or watching "Friends" reruns, I also know I've not gotten enough sleep. Do I really need a Fitbit to confirm my lack of sleep quality?

Surprisingly, the age of the Fitbit-wearer keeps getting younger and younger. I was even thinking in the near future newborn babies might be outfitted with Fitbits instead of the usual hospital bracelets.

There is one aspect of the Fitbit that does appeal to me, however, and that is the camaraderie that all of the Fitbit wearers seem to have with each other. Bill and Andrew are constantly comparing their steps and are even having fun Fitbit contests with Bill's coworkers.

"Oh, my Gosh!" I keep thinking. "Are people having a fun time without me? Am I missing out on all the excitement? Should I actually get my own Fitbit?"

Well, I didn't have to think too long about this, because guess what arrived in the mail today. A small, adorable, lime green Fitbit, called Zip (courtesy of Bill and Andrew), which one can wear on or in a pocket or pants (so as not to get in the way of my fashion). The advertising says the Zip is discreet and splash-proof, so I guess if I'm jumping in rain puddles no one will even notice I'm wearing it.

The Zip is actually really cute and I'm surprisingly excited to win contests against other Fitbit wearers.

I wonder if I'll soon be one of those people trying to log in more steps by marching in place when I'm in line at the grocery store or talking with friends or if my Zip will wind up lost at the bottom of my purse hidden among some random candy wrappers and my Kashi bar. I'll keep you posted!
It's Paczki time!

BY VERONICA HINKE
Pioneer Press

It's almost Fat Tuesday (Feb. 9) — and bakers everywhere are busy making the Paczki said.

Similar to a donut, paczki are deep-fried dough sliced in half and filled with jam, cream or fruit and covered in powdered sugar. The difference is that paczki are made with a sweet yeast dough made with butter, milk and eggs, which gives them their decadent, flaky brioche-like consistency.

And then there are the fillings. Paczki flavors can range from fruit to custard to cheese and more. There are fancy paczki like the rosehip-flavored paczkis at Brookhaven Market in Burr Ridge. And there are voluptuous paczki like the praline chocolate mousse paczki at Bennison's Bakery in Evanston.

"No Fat Tuesday is complete without a banana cream paczki," Bennison's Bakery Owner Jory Downer said.

"The key to a really good paczki is the filling," said Matt Slow with Lovin Oven Bakery in Libertyville and Round Lake Beach. A few years ago they tried a bacon maple paczki that still gets special orders.

With their ties to Fat Tuesday, paczki, a traditional Lenten treat rooted in Poland's history, inspire some pretty lively festivities.

At Bennison's, bakers are getting ready for their 7th annual Paczki Eating Contest, www.bennisonscakes.com/ paczkicontest.html. This year's event takes place at 2 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Every year, eight, two-person teams and eight solo competitors go face to face to scarf down the most paczki in 10 minutes. Proceeds will benefit Phil's Friends, a nonprofit organization that provides support to cancer patients.

Bakers at Oak Mill Bakery will make nearly 100,000 paczki this year. Paczki will be available at their multiple locations, which include Harwood Heights, Niles and Arlington Heights, and are all made using the same recipe. What's special about this recipe is that it includes a dash of spirits. Any spirits will do, but it seems like vodka makes sense.

"It's adapted from a very old Polish recipe from my years living in Poland, where I was born," Owner Bogna Solak said.

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Get your fill of the Fat Tuesday treat

Paczki GLAZE:
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons hot water, or lemon juice
- Mix together until smooth consistency

Bogna Solak, Oak Mill Bakery

Paczki to go

A sampling of bakeries and shops that are selling paczki on Feb. 9. Make sure to call ahead; many places are not taking same-day orders.

BENNISON'S BAKERY
www.BennisonsCakes.com
1001 Davis St., Evanston
847-328-9434

BROOKHAVEN MARKETPLACE
www.brookhavenmarket.com
100 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge
630-908-3180

CENTRAL CONTINENTAL BAKERY
www.centralcontinentalbakery.com
101 S. Main St., Mount Prospect
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www.CumberlandBakery.com
36 E. Northwest Highway, Des Plaines
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DEERFIELD BAKERY
www.DeerfieldsBakery.com
813 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield
847-318-6400

DELFI FOR YOU
www.DelfiForYou.com
4343 N. Harlem Ave., Norridge,
708-457-1100

KOLATEK'S BAKERY & DELI
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24-45 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago
773-637-3772

LOVIN' OVEN CAKERY
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1460 Townline Road, Mundelein
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www.Old-Warsaw-Buffet.com
4750 N. Harlem Ave., Harwood Heights
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PACZKI RECIPE
(Yields 30-35)
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 1/2 ounces yeast
- 2 pounds, 3 ounces flour (Oak Mill Bakery uses high gluten and pastry flour mix)
- 3 1/2 ounces yeast
- 7 ounces butter, margarine and shortening (mixed together)
- 8 egg yolks
- 2 whole eggs
- 2 tablespoons spirits

STARTER:
- Slightly warm 1/2 cup of milk and mix with 2 teaspoons sugar, crushed yeast and 2 tablespoons of flour.
- Cover with a cloth and leave in a warm place to rise for about 10 to 15 minutes.

DOUGH:
- Melt butter, margarine and shortening together and set aside.
- Beat yolks, egg and remaining sugar in a bowl—approximately 10 minutes (you can use dough hook in mixer).
- Pour remaining flour into a large bowl, and then add the starter, milk and eggs. Mix well. At the end, add the melted fats. Mix the dough until smooth. Add alcohol (the spirits and mix the dough one more time. (The dough is very sticky. Best not to add more flour.)
- Remove the dough from the mixer and place in flour-dusted bowl. Cover the bowl with a cloth and leave for dough to rise until doubled in volume (about 1 hour).
- Sprinkle worktop with flour and put raised dough on worktop. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut multiple circles in the dough using a 2-inch ring.
- Let the dough rise for another 30 minutes.
- In the meantime heat oil to 360 degrees.
- When paczki are ready, fry them until golden brown on both sides. Do not over fry. Remove from fryer and drain on paper towel.
- Cool and fill with favorite filling. Sprinkle with sugar, powdered sugar or glaze.

PACZKI GLAZE:
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons hot water, or lemon juice
- Mix together until smooth consistency

Bogna Solak, Oak Mill Bakery
Mother and daughter share stage for 'Beau Jest'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

Anita and Rachel Silvert of Northbrook seem as close as a mother and daughter can be, yet they've been having some serious clashes - onstage.

Anita plays Miriam Goldman and Rachel is her daughter Sarah in MadKap Productions' "Beau Jest" at the Skokie Theatre.

The main issue in James Sherman's romantic comedy is that Sarah doesn't think her traditional Jewish parents will accept her gentle boyfriend, so she hires an actor to pretend he's her boyfriend, and a Jewish doctor.

"I don't think we ever decided to do a show together," Rachel said. "But these are really good roles for both of us." This is only the second time the mother and daughter pair has shared a stage - the first was when Rachel was in high school.

"This is a professional opportunity for both of us that we're enjoying as actors and it's a kick-and-a-half extra to be doing it with her," Anita said.

Rachel revealed that her grandmother said, "I hope you're still friends after." Both women are confident their stage interactions won't affect their real life ones. But there are moments..."

"Sometimes, I would see a look in her eyes or hear a tone in her voice as the character Sarah and think, 'Oh my God, I know that person,'" Anita admitted.

Rachel noted, "I do relate to this character so much, it's been interesting to find what is just Sarah and what is just me."

Anita considers herself a very different person from Miriam. "I don't think I'm as guilt-oriented as she is," Anita said.

"You're not Miriam Goldman," Rachel concurred.

Anita, who grew up in Skokie, began performing while attending Niles West High School. (Playwright Sherman was one of her classmates.) "I was mostly a singer then," she said.

She majored in voice at the University of Iowa.

Anita returned to theater in the 1990s, and has performed with Highland Park Players, Up and Coming Theatre in Des Plaines and Citadel Theatre Company, among others.

She is the director of community outreach for a small nonprofit Jewish learning initiative.

Rachel also started doing theater when she was in high school. "I went to college and came to the conclusion that I was happier doing theater than anything else so I changed my major," she said. After earning a degree in musical theater performance from the American University in Washington D.C. in 2012, Rachel pursued theater in the D.C. area.

She returned to this area two years ago and has since worked with Stone Soup Theatre Project as well as serving as managing director of Bring Your Own Theatre Productions.

Daytimes, Rachel teaches afterschool science programs with Mad Science of Chicago. Both actors are convinced their onstage relationship won't affect their offstage one.

"Any time I get to spend with my kid is a good thing," Anita said.
Gather friends for a night of Valentine history at the Mount Prospect Historical Society.

EVENT

Sharing the LOVE

5 Valentine's ideas for you and those you hold dear

STAFF REPORT
Pioneer Press

Whether you'd rather celebrate with your significant other solo or spend a fun day with the family, here are five slightly-out-of-the-ordinary ways to celebrate Valentine's Day this year.

1 Gather your girl-friends for a night of Valentine history and lore from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Mount Prospect Historical Society's Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum, 101 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect. The evening will be part traveling exhibit, part historical talk and part workshop. Learn about romantic history of Valentine's Day and St. Valentine himself with a presentation by Ellie Carlson of Ehe Presents. Before the presentation explore the museum where you'll unlock the mysteries of old fashioned courtship rituals; discover the hidden meanings of different types of flowers; satisfy your taste buds with some decadent chocolate and a glass of wine; and stock up on some romantic winter reading at the used romance novel book sale. After the presentation, create a homemade Valentine during a make-and-take session. Reservations are $10 in advance at the museum or at www.mtphist.org. Day-of tickets will be $12. Call 847-392-9006 or visit www.mphist.org.

2 Feb. 14 is FREEze day at Brookfield Zoo with free admission and winter-themed activities all day long. The day's events will include dog-sledding demonstrations at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.czs.org/events or call 708-688-8000.

3 Bella Voce performs Songs of the Heart at 5 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Lidpuz Residence, 222 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. The event includes seven musical performances and seven food and wine pairings. Tickets cost $150. Call 877-755-6277 or visit www.bellavoce.org.

4 Those Were the Days Radio Players West Troupe presents will perform selections from romantic radio dramas of the past like "The Shop Around the Corner" and "My Favorite Husband" at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148-6240 W. Dempster in Harper Park. The event is free. Call 847-965-0203 for more information.

5 The Estate at Gene & Georgetti, the event venue next door to Gene & Georgetti restaurant, will transform into a supper club celebrating Valentine's Day with A Fine Romance Feb. 14 at 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont. The evening includes a four course dinner and live performances from cabaret artists Joan Curto, Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie. Seatings for dinner and the show begin at 5:30 p.m. The cost is $95 per person and includes a bottle of Prosecco. For reservations, call 847-653-3300 or visit www.GeneandGeorgetti.com.
A role for birth fathers
Chinese New Year a great time to make dumplings

Area residents share holiday traditions

By Judy Buchenot
Beacon-News

If they were at their homes in China instead of in their homes in Naperville, Tina Cui and Kexin Chao would be in the middle of celebrating Chinese New Year. Unlike New Year’s Eve in the United States, Chinese New Year is a two-week celebration where many people travel home to be with family. Aurora resident Kathy Moreno is also familiar with the Chinese New Year since she and her husband lived in China for four years and in Thailand for 4-and-a-half years. Their children attended school there and the family grew to admire the many customs including Chinese New Year.

When Moreno moved back to the United States to settle in a home in Aurora, she joined Naperville Newcomers and Neighbors Club. At one of the organization’s many gatherings, she met Cui and Chao. The three became fast friends as they shared stories of China. They decided it would be fun to share the many traditions connected with Chinese New Year with others and planned a Know and Tell, one of the many NNNC activities where members share knowledge or expertise on a topic.

In trying to describe Chinese New Year, the three women say the event is similar to American Thanksgiving where families try to be together and share a traditional meal. But the celebration has many other facets. Families put up spring couplets which are good luck wishes written on red paper with black ink. They also post the Chinese symbol for luck upside down on the front door so that good luck will come pouring into the house. A big family meal is held on New Year’s Eve. “Most people have fish at the dinner,” Moreno said. “And when I say fish, I mean the whole fish. On my first day in China, I went to the grocery store and saw live fish jumping from one barrel to another barrel.”

“We steam the fish and serve it with the head, the eyeballs, every thing,” said Cui. “Sometimes we fry it a little after steaming. When we finish the fish, we use the bones to make soup. It symbolizes the wholeness and completeness of things.”

Another popular part of New Year’s meals are dumplings. “Dumplings are an important part of the meal if you are in Northern china,” said Cui. “We have them steamed, fried or boiled. The dough is similar to pasta dough and the filling can vary. Traditional filling is pork and sauerkraut but you can add leek, egg, pork, dried shrimp. We had fish dumplings because we lived near the ocean.”

Dumplings can be purchased but Chao likes to make her own from scratch. “I make the wrappers because the ones you buy are uniform thickness. I like the outside edges to be thinner and the middle to be thicker. I can do that when I roll them myself,” she said.

Families eat dumplings at different times. “We ate dumplings in the middle of the night after the fireworks. One dumpling had a coin in it and it was good luck to get that dumpling,” said Chao.

Instead of dumplings, people in southern China traditionally serve tang yuan which are glutinous rice balls that can be filled with chopped peanuts or black sesame paste. They are boiled in a sweet syrup or savory sauce and served. “There was also napa cabbage during the meal,” Chao said. “The Chinese character for napa means fortune so it was part of the meal.”

On New Year’s Day, we put on new clothes and visit elderly relatives and our teachers,” said Cui. “There is much respect for the elderly and for teachers. We go and show our respect and then the elderly relatives give us red envelopes with money.”

The oldest and married members of the family give new bank notes in red envelopes to the younger and unmarried members of the family.

Color is very important during Chinese New Year celebrations. “Red is good because it symbolizes happiness and good luck,” said Cui. “White symbolizes death so it is not worn for New Year.”

This year, Chinese New Year falls on Feb. 8. Moreno shares a recipe for dumplings for anyone who wants to join in the tradition of welcoming a year with hopes of good fortune. Chao shares a recipe for Nian Gao, a sweet glutinous steamed rice cake that is thought to bring improvement to the new year. The special ingredients can be found in the Asian section of grocery stores.

Tina’s Culinary Cue
To create a non-stick surface in a seasoned, iron wok, heat the wok and run fresh cut slices of ginger around the surface.

Dumplings

12-16 ounce package round dumpling or gyoza wrappers
1 small head napa cabbage
4 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms
1 pound ground pork
1 egg
2 tablespoons sesame oil
2 tablespoons soy sauce (or salt and pepper to taste)
water for boiling or olive oil for frying
red or black rice vinegar
additional soy sauce

1. Thaw wrappers if frozen. Finely dice cabbage and mushrooms. In a large bowl, combine ground pork, cabbage, mushrooms, egg, sesame oil and soy sauce (or salt and pepper). Mix well. Place one wrapper in the palm of your hand. Place one tablespoon of filling in the middle of the wrapper. Do not place too much filling or wrappers will pop open during cooking. Wet the edges of the wrapper with water. Fold wrapper in half and squeeze the edges together firmly while crimping the edges to form pleats.

2. Dumplings can be placed in freezer bags and frozen at this point for later use. When ready to serve, dumplings can be boiled or fried. To boil, fill a large pot half full with water. Add a pinch of salt and 1 teaspoon oil. Bring to a boil and then place dumplings in a single layer in the pot. Allow water to come to a boil and then add one cup cold water. Bring to a boil again and add one more cup cold water. Bring to a boil again. Dumplings should be cooked and floating on top. Remove dumplings and drain. Serve with red or black rice vinegar or soy sauce.

3. To fry dumplings, pour a thin layer of olive oil in a frying pan and heat. Brown dumplings in the oil for 2 minutes being sure to flip them so they do not stick to the pan. When dumplings are beginning to brown, add 3 tablespoons water and cover pan with a lid. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes until dumplings are cooked through. Remove lid from pan and continue to cook until all the water is evaporated, flipping dumplings to keep them from sticking. Serve with red or black rice vinegar or soy sauce.

Nian Gao (New Year’s Cake)

2 cups water
1 1/4 cup sugar (can use white or brown sugar or a mix)
1 1/2 pounds glutinous rice flour
9 ounces sweetened red bean paste
2 cups cooked Chinese red beans
2 eggs (optional)
oil for frying (optional)

1. Mix together sugar and water. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Place rice flour in a mixing bowl and pour hot sugar and water mixture over it. Mix well. Add red bean paste and red beans and mix well. Grease an 8” round pan and spread mixture into the pan. Steam for one hour over hot water in a bamboo steamer. Cool.

2. If desired, cake can be fried for extra flavor. Beat two eggs. Cut cake into 2” squares. Dip into eggs. Heat a thin layer of oil in a pan. Fry cake squares until lightly browned.
I spy a Valentine

Interactive cards offer fun way to send secret messages of love

Go undercover this Valentine's Day with interactive cards that are more than meet's the eye.

Secret message and decoder glasses

The only thing more fun than a valentine with a secret message is one that also includes custom-made decoder glasses.

**You need:**
- White card stock
- Pencil
- Red cellophane
- Red, pink, orange, yellow, blue and purple markers
- Glue stick

**To make the secret message cards:**
With a pencil, lightly write out your "secret" message. (Hint one or two-word messages such as "XOXO," "Love" or "Be Mine," work best.) Trace over the letters with blue and purple dots. Camouflage the message by surrounding the blue and purple dots with lots of pink, red, yellow and orange dots.

**To make the glasses:**
Download and print the decoder glasses template on white card stock. You can find a free template at Made by Marzipan's site: http://bit.ly/1S9mFHu. Trim the glasses according to the guidelines. Use a glue stick to attach the arms of the glasses to the frame. Cover the lenses with red cellophane. Put the valentine together as desired, being sure to include the glasses in the envelope.

Magically appearing message

Similar to a leaf rubbing, this secret message instantly appears after you run a crayon on a special surface. The secret is the chipboard letters that lie under the paper.

**You need:**
- White computer paper
- Glue stick
- Self-adhesive chipboard letters (available at most craft stores)
- Crayons
- Colored paper or card stock

**Directions:**
Fold a piece of paper in half, then unfold. Place your chipboard message to the left of the crease. Fold the paper again so the paper covers the message.
Glue the three edges of the paper together, which will secure the chipboard letters in place. Trim paper if desired and glue to a larger piece of paper or card stock.
Add a crayon and simple instructions and then sit back, relax and watch the message and smiles appear!

Winning lottery ticket

The billion-dollar Powerball may have come and gone but that doesn't mean you can't have a "lotto" fun with this valentine craft idea!

**You need:**
- Card stock
- Markers
- Clear contact paper
- Acrylic paint

**Directions:**
When it comes to creating a customized lottery ticket anything goes. You can use markers, crayons or even your computer.
The most important thing is to include a secret message that will be covered with a scratch-off paint sticker.
To make a scratch-off paint sticker, combine two-parts paint to one part dishwashing soap. Paint a sheet of clear contact paper with paint/soap mixture. Set aside until dry and paint an additional coat.
Cut the dry, painted contact paper into smaller rectangles that are large enough to cover your "secret message." Peel-off the back of the contact paper and place the sticker on your lottery ticket so that it covers your secret message.
Place lottery ticket in an envelope. You might even include a penny for easy scratching.
Happy Valentine's Day!

Enclose a penny with your scratch and sniff message cards for quick and easy reading.
Dogs as date bait: Fido can be furry cupid

Study: Women like men with canine pets

By Caitlin Gibson
The Washington Post

Attention dog-loving singles! A new study has confirmed what so many dog park visits and "yappy hours" and gimmicky Instagram accounts have already made so obvious: Your furry friend can help you find romance.

But there is, of course, a caveat: Using Fido as date-bait is far more effective if you happen to be a single guy. (Sigh. Even dog ownership isn't exempt from male privilege.)

The study, titled "The Roles of Pet Dogs and Cats in Human Courtship and Dating" and published in December in the quarterly research journal Anthrozoos, surveyed random Match.com users in the United States who included pet info in their dating profiles. Of the 1,210 people who responded, 61 percent were women — and dogs and cats were by far the most common pets listed.

(Still no word from science on the impact of exotic pets on one's dating life — though I do know a guy who made his future wife choose between him and her parrot after the bird repeatedly tried to bite his face.)

The study's researchers theorized that "women will place more value on how a potential mate interacts with their pet than will single men" — and the results proved them right: The ladies were more than twice as likely as the gents to say that they were attracted to someone because he had a pet, and also about twice as likely to judge their date based on how they reacted to a furry companion.

(Sorry, cat lovers. Dogs are more commonly used as social barometers in the dating scene. About 32 percent of the 20-something women surveyed said that a guy with a feline friend was a potential deal-breaker.)

So why are women more likely to swoon over a partner with a dog? "Put in terms of evolutionary and life history theory, females allocate a higher proportion of their reproductive effort to parenting while males expend more energy on mating," the researchers said. Basically: Women are more likely to want a guy who seems like he would be a responsible, caring parent; guys are more likely to want a girl who seems like she would look good in a bikini.

The study (which has some notable limitations — the survey sample comes exclusively from the online dating pool, and includes only heterosexual, gender-normative people — pointed out that because pets are increasingly treated like members of the family, their role as a stand-in for potential future kids is all the more significant.

Hence the "Hot Dudes with Dogs" account on Instagram, and those Purina Puppy Chow "Puppyhood" video ads featuring that floppy-haired guy and his floppy-eared puppy. All just a shameless ploy to win over the ladies by using our evolutionary instincts against us. (That guy and that puppy, though ...)

Men are onto this tactic, too. Guys were more than twice as likely to admit that they've used a pet to lure a potential date, the study said — and dogs were used far more than cats as this sort of "social tool."

But the romantic perks of dog ownership don't necessarily extend to women, according to the survey as well as my own highly unscientific follow-up research. I've learned that owning a dog makes you more likely to attract those types of women who are more likely to want a guy who seems like he would be a responsible, caring parent; guys are more likely to want a girl who seems like she would look good in a bikini.

For additional information, please visit www.saveapetil.org.

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Dear Help Squad,

I was searching around and found your column “Help Squad: Daily Offers doesn’t deliver, neither does PayPal buyer protection plan.” I wanted you to know that I had the very same experience with Daily Offers. This person somehow uses ICAN Postal Service to set up fake deliveries so that it can show tracking information that an item has been delivered when it has not. In my case, I ordered sports chairs, and I was at home the entire day the delivery was supposedly made (Jan. 4). I never left the house that day and actually took delivery of other packages. I just reached out to PayPal to ask for a refund under its buyer protection program, so it remains to be seen how that goes, but is there anything else that you think can be done here?

Mark, Los Angeles

At my request, Mark emailed me all of his correspondence to and from Daily Offers, ICAN Postal Service and the PayPal Resolution Center.

In looking over Mark’s Daily Offers and ICAN documents, I noted several irregularities:
- An unreadable combination of letters and symbols in the “Subject,” “To,” “From” and “CC:” fields in Daily Offers’ emails.
- Eleven, rather than 10, digits in ICAN’s phone number on the company’s tracking history web page.
- Phrasing such as “…feel free to reply to this email keeping the code of your enquiry in the subject line. Shipping and payment related questions which were received over the website or phone can’t be processed promptly.”
- And, as previously noted in the December column, Daily Offers’ web address changed yet again. The URL included in Daily Offers’ emails to Mark now redirects to a fourth URL I’ve seen for the company.

Many of the above are possible indicators of a non-US-based operation, and as such have greater potential to be fraudulent. Using phone numbers provided on their websites and in Mark’s tracking correspondence documents, I was unable to reach anyone from Daily Offers or ICAN Postal Service to ask about these irregularities. With every attempt, I reached generic messages saying the person I was trying to reach was unavailable or working with another customer.

While my correspondence with PayPal’s media relations department in December had not resulted in an abundance of useful information, the consumer did receive a refund as a result of that intervention. So with great optimism, I emailed some questions to PayPal’s general media relations address. I quickly heard back from an individual requesting he be identified only as a PayPal spokesperson.

In response to my questions about PayPal’s knowledge of Daily Offers, as well as the status of Mark’s refund request, I was told: “[Mark] should be receiving a phone call later today — please feel free to reach out to him to see his outcome.”

Though Mark hadn’t received a refund at that point, within the week, his account was credited the full $68.85 he was due.

The next day, I received this official statement from the PayPal spokesperson: “Due to our privacy policy, we cannot comment on specific user or merchant accounts. We always have our customers’ best interests in mind, which is why we have both buyer and seller protection policies in place for when disputes do arise, as was the case here. We expect all our merchants to use established, legitimate shipping services in order to serve their buyers well. If we determine in a dispute that this is not the case, we will take appropriate steps to reimburse the buyer under our protection plan.”

Because each merchant’s delivery service falls outside of PayPal’s control, if a buyer sees an unfamiliar shipping company at checkout, it might be advisable to cancel the order at that point.

Need help?
Send your injustices and column ideas to HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com.

Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist.
Super Bowl Gold: 50 Years of the Big Game
Edited by Kostya Kennedy, Time, 336 pages, $40

It is hard to beat Sports Illustrated when it comes to publishing a coffee-table-type book documenting the golden anniversary of the big game. Prior to the Internet era, the Super Bowl wasn't official until readers received their Sports Illustrated with its account of the game. The book features photos, original text from SI writers and remembrances from players in each of the 49 games. The classic writing of Tex Maule, Dan Jenkins and Paul Zimmerman still stands up after all these years. Zimmerman wrote of Chicago's most memorable Super Bowl Sunday: "It will be many years before we see anything approaching the vision of hell that Chicago inflicted on the Patriots in Super Bowl XX." The photos, though, carry the book. There's the unforgettable photography of Neil Leifer (his iconic shot of Vince Lombardi being carried off the field in that Chicago inflicted on the Patriots in Super Bowl XX). The photos, though, carry the book. There's the memorable Super Bowl Sunday - "It will be many years before we see anything approaching the vision of hell that Chicago inflicted on the Patriots in Super Bowl XX." The photos, though, carry the book. There's the unforgettable photography of Neil Leifer (his iconic shot of Vince Lombardi being carried off the field in Super Bowl II), Walter Iooss Jr. and Heinz Kluetmeier, among many others. Many of the photos are true works of art and in their own way document the history of the game. There is a telling two-page spread showing Joe Namath, wearing only a bathing suit, being interviewed by a single TV reporter on the beach prior to Super Bowl III. The contrast is on the adjoining page with a shot of a sea of reporters, most of them getting nowhere close to players, during the insanity of media day for last year's Super Bowl. The book also has an introduction by long-time NFL writer Peter King and stories by Austin Murphy, Richard Deitsch and Bill Syken on the growth of the game from commercials to the halftime shows.

When It Was Just a Game: Remembering the First Super Bowl
By Harvey Frommer, Taylor Trade, 301 pages, $29.95

Long before it became a huge, lavish, if not garish, mega-spectacle, the Super Bowl actually got off to a modest start. Harvey Frommer documents the game and all the events leading up to Super Bowl I in 1967, when it was formally known as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game. He relies mainly on oral history from the players, coaches, media and more who were involved in Green Bay's victory over Kansas City. The game wasn't even close to a sellout in Los Angeles. Sports fans weren't excited about the supposed showdown following the merger of the two rival leagues. Indeed, the times were much different: Reporters actually had to knock on the door and interview players in their hotel rooms during the days leading up to the game. Frommer delivers an entertaining account of a different and transformative era for pro football. The book also has a fascinating inside look into the Lombardi-coached Packers. His players recall how the legendary coach pushed them to achieve excellence, and his intense anxiety about the prospect of defending the NFL's honor against the upstart AFL. Said guard Jerry Kramer: "Lombardi ran the show, and he was way bigger than anything and anybody we had ever seen."

Chicagoland Best-Sellers
1. "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante (Europa Editions, $17).
3. "The Sustainable Edge: 15 Minutes a Week to a Richer Entrepreneurial Life" by Ron Carson and Scott Ford (Greenleaf Book Group, $19.95).

Participating bookstores: Barbara's Bookstores (Chicago), The Book Cellar (Chicago), Seminary Co-op Bookstore and 57th Street Books (Chicago), Anderson's Bookshop (Naperville), The Book Stall at Chestnut Court (Winnetka), Women & Children First Bookstore (Chicago), The Book Table (Oak Park), The Bookstore (Glen Ellyn), The Book Bin (Northbrook).

Five Days at Memorial
By Sheri Fink, Broadway, 566 pages, $17

Fink investigates patient deaths at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. As Katrina struck and the hospital lost power amid climbing heat, caregivers designated certain patients to be last for rescue. Months later, several caregivers were accused of deliberately injecting patients with drugs to quicken their deaths and ended up in front of a grand jury.

Gateway to Freedom
By Eric Foner, WW. Norton, 305 pages, $16.95

Foner explores the history of the Underground Railroad, which helped more than 3,000 fugitive slaves escape to freedom between 1830 and 1860. Foner uses newly discovered documents, such as the detailed record kept by Sydney Howard Gay, one of the Underground Railroad's key organizers in New York, to flesh out the narrative.

Blood-Drenched Beard: A Novel
By Daniel Galera, translated by Alison Entrekin, Penguin, 375 pages, $16

The father of an unnamed young man tells the story of how the man's grandfather was executed by vigilantes. The man sets off for the coastal town where his grandfather was killed, but information doesn't come easily, and a neurological condition prohibits the man from recognizing faces he's met, ultimately leading to danger.

Five: A Novel
By Ursula Archer, Minotaur, 324 pages, $15.99

A woman's corpse is discovered in an Austrian meadow with numbers and letters tattooed on the soles of her feet. Detective Inspector Beatrice Kaspar identifies the digits as map coordinates, which lead her and colleague Florian Wenninger on a gruesome scavenger hunt for body parts sealed in plastic bags. The riddles that accompany the parts point to a five-stage plot.
Reenactments: Real-people Oscar roles

By S.N. | Edited by Stanley Newman

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Last week's crosswords

"Be Silent: Completely..."

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

[Lionel] SHRIVER: MISSING THE MARK: 'Cool' writers no longer use quotation marks, making readers determine which lines are spoken. Demarcation is preferable. Reading, quoteless, heated dialogue is like watching movie chase scenes without sound.

Last week's Sudoku

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This week's Jumble

BROKEN UTMOST LATELY DECADE NEPHEW INFIRM

Not fully comprehending Einstein's general theory of relativity was — UNDERSTANDABLE
New local dating site dubbed ‘anti-Tinder’

“Everyone is doing it but they all complain about how bad the sites are.”

That’s what Jill Rudman says about online dating, and it’s the reason why the veteran matchmaker and Highland Park mom of four decided to launch a dating site, JybeChicago.com.

“We did a survey and the number one complaint we found about dating sites is that people are dishonest, they lie about their age, marital status, career, even their name,” said Rudman, who has spent the past two years researching and developing a business plan for the dating site, which she hopes to launch this month. “The survey also revealed they were dissatisfied with the quality of people on the sites. It can be off-putting and frustrating to get all these emails from people who clearly are not a match for you.”

Jybe got its name from the colloquial term “jibe,” which is a slang term for connecting, getting along with or matching with someone.

What does Rudman hope will set her site apart from the dozens of other dating sites and apps?

Rudman said “three things.”

“Jybe is an exclusive site, which means you have to apply to be a member,” she said. “We do a background check on everyone to verify they are who they say they are, and if you are lying, you are not accepted.”

Rudman also explained that Jybe, which is geared for singles ages 35-65, is a local dating site, meaning it is only for those living in Chicago and surrounding suburbs.

The last difference is that the profile setup is simple.

On most of the other dating sites, the way the profiles are set up, you don’t get to say a lot about yourself. You’re checking boxes, answering ‘Do you like camping?’ or ‘Would you date someone with kids?’” Rudman said.

“Our profile setup consists of one or two paragraphs where you can just tell people who you are, what you are looking for, and what your passion is so people can really get a sense of you.”

Also included in the profile: three photos of yourself and an optional short video.

“I had a chance to go on Jybe and navigate my way as I would if I were a member, and I have to say, it was delightful. There’s no poking or winking at others. If you want to reach out to someone, you just send them an email through the site.

It really seems like Rudman is going back to the basics with this. It’s no-nonsense and not complicated.

What I thought was kind of ironic is that Rudman has been married for 20 years. So I asked her about her attraction to the dating business.

“I love when people connect,” she said. “It doesn’t matter who you are or what you do for a living, everyone at the end of the day wants to have someone to come home to and I enjoy that feeling of helping them get there.”

Here’s the thing about dating sites. I always tell people that if you are considering joining one or more, be prepared to filter through the profiles and view 100 nonmatches for one member who you might like. It’s kind of like shopping at Loehmann’s or T.J. Maxx. You have to sift through racks and racks of clothing you would never consider, just to find that one gem.

I think Jybe is taking that element off the table. The site almost gives me the feeling of being at a small get-together with friends and friends of friends. Rudman says, “It’s anti-Tinder.”

“This is taking a step back. It’s going back to basics,” she said. “I’m hoping this will strike a chord with people who swore off dating sites and said they would never do it again.”

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.
HEALTH

Stand up for better health

Moving around, even just a little, makes difference

FRANCE is starting to take on adjustable height desks to eliminate the ravages of increased inactivity at work, enabling users to sit or stand while working.

Moving around,
even just a little,
makes difference

Whether it's sitting at the computer to get some work done or on the couch watching TV, too many hours spent on our bottoms increases the risk of dying from any cause — even if you exercise regularly.

Think of it this way: Say you sleep for eight hours. That leaves 16 hours in your day. Even the most physically active among us, who exercise one or even two hours a day, still have 14 hours to fill. That's a lot of time.

A study recently published in the European Heart Journal suggests that spending more of that time standing, as opposed to sitting, can have a big impact on your health.

For the study, researchers monitored the activity levels of roughly 700 adults to determine how much time they spent sitting, standing, walking slowly, and walking at a moderate to vigorous pace.

Every two hours a day spent sitting was associated with an increase in weight and waist size, as well as in levels of blood sugar and cholesterol. As you might expect, time spent walking rather than sitting not only lowered cholesterol and blood sugar levels, but also reduced waist size and weight. Perhaps more surprisingly, simply substituting two hours of standing for sitting also improved blood sugar and cholesterol levels.

A standing desk is certainly one way to increase the time that you stand throughout the day. There are other options too. See if colleagues will agree to a true "standing meeting." Get up and walk to your co-worker's office rather than relying heavily on email.

Here are a few other suggestions to incorporate throughout your day:

- Set an alarm to go off every 30 to 60 minutes during the day. When it rings, get up and walk around. I use this trick myself.
- Pace during phone calls. Stand up and walk around when you're on the phone. I use this one too.
- Make TV time less sedentary. Watch TV standing up instead of sitting down. If you're really motivated, march in place or swing your arms.

I'm convinced that it makes me less stiff.

Also, several studies have shown that constant fidgeting can burn off close to 300 calories a day, which helps control your weight. By fidgeting, I refer to things like pacing the floor, or just constantly shifting your weight while sitting around in your chair.

We're not talking about training for a marathon here — just some simple changes that won't even cause you to break a sweat!

By Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K:

Several of my colleagues have switched to standing desks. Does standing really make that much of a difference to your health?

Dear Reader:

Research suggests that the more we sit, the more we're likely to develop heart disease and other illnesses, including diabetes and cancer.

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I'm considering this one. I spend a lot of time sitting at my computer, writing this column (and other things). Roughly every half-hour, I get up, walk around, walk up and down one flight of stairs and wave my arms around. I'm convinced that it makes me less stiff.

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A role for birth fathers

Adopted children's biological dads are pushing for stronger presence

By Leslie Mann
Tribune News Services

You don’t venture far into the world of adoption before you hear the word “triad.” Picture a triangle with the adoptee at one corner, adoptive parents at another and the biological, or birth, mother at the third. But, wait — someone’s missing...

The birth father.

Too often, the birth father dangles from the birth mother’s corner. Sometimes he doesn’t even know she’s pregnant.

Adoption has evolved from the pre-World War I “taking in” of the orphan next door, to closed adoptions, to open, which became the norm in the early 1980s.

“Open” ranges from exchanging annual letters to co-parenting. (We’re talking domestic adoptions here; international adoptions are usually closed.)

All along, though, the biological father has been second fiddle to the birth mom.

“Until the 1970s, unmarried birth dads were not necessarily parents, legally, and their names were often left off of birth certificates or labeled ‘unknown,’” said Susan Appleton, a law professor at Washington University Law School in St. Louis. “The birth mom made the adoption decisions.”

Several Supreme Court decisions in the 70s recognized birth dads.

Since then, state laws have elevated their status further.

Research says “open” is healthier for everyone in the triad, but a major study, the long-term, ongoing Minnesota/Texas Adoption Research Project, doesn’t even mention birth dads in its key findings. Fiction and films continuously portray them as an afterthought too.

More often, today’s birth dad can parent the child or participate in the adoption decision, but the burden is still on him to prove paternity.

And, the calendar works against him, said Adam Pertman, president of the National Center on Adoption & Permanency.

“The court takes so long to adjudicate the decision, the child is no longer an infant when a birth dad wins custody or visitation,” Pertman said. “Removing him at an older age is heart-rending, as we see in cases like Baby Richard.” (He refers to the highly publicized custody battle over Danny Kirchner, a young child whose adoption was revoked when his biological father, Oatkar Kirchner, won custody in a case decided in 1995 by the Illinois Supreme Court. His adoptive parents had named him Richard.)

Complicating the matter is the advent of states’ paternity registries, which vary widely. They appear pro-birth parent, giving the birth father a chance to register his paternity and contest adoption.

In fact, their tight deadlines squeeze him out, say experts. And, because few people know the registries exist, the registration rate is low.

“Men say, ‘What am I supposed to do, register every time I have sex?’” said Kris Faasse, vice president of Bethany Christian Services, an adoption agency with offices in 36 states. “I say, ‘Ideally, yes! But that won’t happen.’

Now, several trends are working in the favor of biological fathers.

Ninety-five percent of adoptions are open now, according to the 2012 “Openness in Adoption” report from the Donaldson Adoption Institute, based in New York. Closed-adoption triad members can find each other when the adoptee is an adult, thanks to social media, DNA-linking websites and “open records laws” that allow access to birth certificates.

One baby step at a time, the birth dad’s fate improves. Agencies such as Bethany have male social workers to talk to the dads. Advocacy groups ask school administrators to include birth father responsibilities in their sex-ed classes. Watchdog groups push for open birth-bro law.

“Finally, the birth dad is evolving from an obstacle (in an adoption) to a partner,” Faasse said. “More often, we see him involved in the child’s life. In the end, we all want the same thing — what’s best for the child.”

Advice for all involved

“Get a lawyer,” echoed adoption experts. Visit the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

For the birth dad

■ Young birth dads need to tell their parents about the pregnancy. “We regret hiding it,” said Darrick Rizzo, a birth dad living in Pennsylvania and author of “The Open Adoption: A Birth Father’s Journey,” speaking of his own experience. “We should have had their guidance.”

■ Avoid conflict (put three exclamation marks here) with the birth mom, advised Joseph Cordell, a Creve Coeur, Mo.-based family law attorney. “She can make this difficult for you by saying you’re not the father. When there’s a conflict, the birth mom wins.”

■ If the birth mom is married to another man, many courts consider him the father.

■ DNA tests can prove paternity.

■ “Join birth parent groups for help and support,” said Jon Klaren, member of Concerned United Birthparents.

■ If you lose contact with the birth mother, join the father registries in your state and in nearby states, and on the one maintained by the ALMA Society (Adoptees’ Liberty Movement Association).

■ You have the right to know about the birth of the child, but not necessarily the right to be part of his or her upbringing. If the pregnancy is the result of rape, or if you have a history of abuse or violence, the courts can exclude you from the child’s life. The laws vary from state to state, but judges rule on the basis of what’s best for the child.

For the birth mom

■ Don’t shut out the birth dad,” Faasse said. “The child has a right to have a relationship with him.”

■ Before you decide to parent the child yourself, be realistic about your capabilities. Can you provide your child with food, shelter, love and guidance?

■ Don’t use the child to hurt the birth dad you no longer like.

For adoptive parents

■ Beware of a birth mom who is unwilling to name the birth dad. It may be because he wants paternity rights or visitation. “Sometimes the birth mother says the pregnancy resulted from rape to cover her indiscretions,” said Marie Anderson, an ALMA coordinator. Enlist an experienced social worker, who can talk to the birth mom; if it is discovered that the birth mom was not raped, he or she also can help convince her to come clean so the word “rape” is not on your child’s paperwork forever.

■ “Don’t buy into the myth that birth parents want to snatch your baby,” Faasse said. “They made an adoption plan because they cannot parent the child.”

■ “Don’t promise the birth parents what you can’t deliver,” Rizzo said. “You want that baby, so you say ‘yes’ to their requests. But if you don’t want them at your holiday dinner, say so.”

For adult adoptees

■ Recognize the possibility that your birth dad may not want to be found because he hasn’t told his wife or other kids about you.

■ To find your birth parents’ families, register your DNA with 23andme.com, ancestry.com and/or familytreedna.com. “I found my birth dad’s family on ancestry.com, although he had died,” said Pam Kroskie, president of Hoosiers for Equal Access to Records. “As I met them, everything fell into place. I felt like I was filling in blanks in my life.”

■ Don’t expect your birth dad search to have a fairy-tale ending. “If everything were hunky-dory with birth mom and dad, there wouldn’t have been an adoption,” Pertman said.

Leslie Mann is a freelance reporter.
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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Moms and sons can dance like superheroes

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Daddies and daughters have the chance to bond at Skokie Park District dances designed just for them. Special Events Supervisor Mary Amato thought it was time for moms and their boys to have a special evening. That's why the park district is running a Mother-Son Superhero Dance, 5 p.m. Feb. 20 at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St.

"I have never been able to run a mother-son event before," Amato said. She chose the theme because of the current popularity of superheroes.

Kids will have a chance to meet a couple of superheroes. "Batman and Captain America are coming," Amato said. "Kids will have an opportunity to take pictures with the superheroes." Youngsters are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero.

Couples will dine on a child friendly dinner, dance to music played by a DJ and work on a craft project.

The cost is $10 per person for residents; $13 for nonresidents. Preregistration is required.

For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2700 or go to www.skokieparks.org.

Early opportunity

Children with special needs and their families are invited to explore Niles Public Library before it opens, noon-1 p.m. Feb. 7 at 6960 W. Oakton St. They can visit Wonder Ground or simply enjoy the low-key atmosphere. Contact youth@nileslibrary.org to register.

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

Mandarin merriment

The Year of the Monkey will be highlighted, 3 p.m. Feb. 6, during the 2nd Annual Chinese New Year Celebration at Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. Attendees will hear the story of the Monkey King in both English and Mandarin, make a monkey craft and march in a monkey-themed lion dance parade.

For details, call 847-448-8610 or go to www.epl.org.

On the move

The young dancers of ede2 will present, "Reasons for Moving," a dance theater collage inspired by the Mark Strand poem, "Keeping Things Whole," 2:30-3:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in Petty Auditorium at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The company, directed by Allison Kurtz Volkers, is in its fifth season.

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

Show the love

A funny, tender love letter from a parent to a child will be read at the "Silly Wonderful You" Storytime, 11 a.m. Feb. 6 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. The book is by Sherri Duskey Rinker and illustrated by Patrick McDonnell. There will also be activities.

For details, call 847-676-2230 or go to www.barnes andnoble.com.
The Avanti Guitar Trio performs at 3 p.m., Feb. 21, at St. John Brebeuf Church, at 6307 N. Harlem Ave. in Niles. The performance is part of Musica Lumina 2015-16 monthly concert series that runs through May. The program will feature music by Vivaldi, Albeniz, Hinson, Horst, Almeida, Moreira, Bellinati, and Bocherini. A free-will offering will be taken, but there is no admission charge. Call 847-966-8145 or visit www.sjbrebeuf.org.

The Skokie Amateur Hockey Association's Flyers Squirt 1 AA won the ARCTIC BLAST Tournament held Jan. 16-18 in Chesterfield, Mo. The Flyers, under head coach Anthony Booth and assistant coaches Darlus Adamski and Victor Lazza-roni, went undefeated and twice took on the current Northern Illinois Hockey League's top team, the Junior Rivermen from Peoria. Skokie Forward Alex Fay-bish was named "Most Valuable Player" for the tournament along with the Junior Riverman's Brady Grund. The Skokie players hail from Skokie and other towns including Lincolnwood, Chicago, Evanston and Park Ridge. Visit flyershockey.pucksystems.com.

Brad Becker and Shelly Becker, both of Northbrook, left, with Susan Zagorin of Skokie and Judy Kopelman of Highland Park, were among more than 200 guests at the Fifth Annual Chef's Tasting hosted by the Rice Leadership Committee of Children's Home + Aid at the Woman's Club of Evanston on Jan. 22. The evening raised more than $70,000 to support the Children’s Home + Aid’s Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Child + Family Center in Evanston that provides therapeutic treatment for troubled children in residential care. Visit www.childrenshomeandaid.org.

Chief Chef Fran Horvath, left, and John Morrell, kitchen manager, seen here at last year's Kiwanis spaghetti dinner, will take those roles once more for the Park Ridge "Noon" Kiwanis Club's 29th Annual Homemade Spaghetti Dinner, set for Feb. 5, at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave. The evening features a raffle and the Chordmasters, who will serenade at each table. Serving hours are 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 adults, $5 children six to 12. Children under six, free. Dine in and carry out options available. Proceeds will fund community projects and organizations this Kiwanis Club supports. For tickets, call Dave Donovan at 847-692-9077.

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REAL ESTATE HOMES IN YOUR AREA

Evanston

Address: 2750 Lawndale Ave.
Price: $579,900
Schools: Evanston Township High School
Taxes: $12,015
Agent: John Adamson/Weichert, Real Estate

Palatine
5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, 1st-floor laundry. Master suite has walk-in closet. Family room off kitchen with sliders to fenced yard with space for gardening. Newer roof, concrete driveway, high-efficiency furnace. 4th & 5th bedrooms could be combined to make another large bedroom. Most rooms freshly painted. Award-winning schools.

Address: 76 W. King Henry Court
Price: $305,000
Schools: Palatine High School
Taxes: $8,604
Agent: Susan Gould/Berkshire Hathaway

Northbrook
Oversized lot in Knolls neighborhood. Home has tons of potential. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. All bedrooms on the same level, master has separate attached bathroom and 2 large his and her closets. Kitchen has separate eating space. Large family room opens to rear yard. Basement can accommodate an additional guest bedroom, office space or rec room. Hardwood floors under living room, dining room and the 4th bedroom carpet.

Address: 865 Hawthorne Lane
Price: $499,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: $8,050
Agent: Kati Spaniak/Keller Williams

Mundelein

Spacious backyard. 2-car garage. Award-winning schools.

Address: 2210 Haverton Drive
Price: $319,900
Schools: Mundelein High School
Taxes: $8,899
Agent: Gina Collins/Coldwell Banker

Listings from Homefinder.com
To Place An Ad Online go to:

placeanad.tribunesuburbs.com
**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

*Please call the venue in advance.*

**Thursday, Feb. 4**

**Compelling Stories, Compelling Causes: Nonprofit Marketing Success**
Susan O’Halloran, author of “Compelling Stories, Compelling Causes,” will help organizations representatives use stories as a tool to boost fundraising efforts and media coverage. 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, $40 (per registration); $100 (for 3), 847-448-8260

**The Things We Keep**
The Arc presents a family drama about an artist in the process of cleaning out her attic at the end of her life and her family’s return home to settle the estate. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 6 p.m. Sunday, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, $10-$25, 847-448-8260

**Marjorie Prime**
Kimberly Senior directs this Pulitzer Prize finalist about an aging woman in the age of artificial intelligence who meets a young visitor programmed to help her hold on to her fading memories. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; 3 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Writers Theatre, 664 Vernon Ave., Glenco, $20-$70, 847-242-6000

**Adult literacy classes: Spring session**
Native and non-native English speakers can improve their reading and writing skills. 9:15 a.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**BookBites: Reading Social**
Discuss “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Art in the Library Exhibit: The Call of the Shore**
Artist Cherie Pianta creates water colors of the seascapes and landscapes she finds so inspirational. Close your eyes, leave winter behind, and imagine the soothing sound of the waves on a sultry summer day. 9 a.m. Daily, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Coming Together in Skokie book discussion**
Book discussion on, “The Book of Unknown Americans,” by Cristina Henriquez. 1 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Neighbor Time**
Join us as we visit everyone’s favorite neighbor. We’ll watch, play and sing in the style of this classic children’s television show. 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Reading with Rover**
These friendly dogs are great listeners, always positive and always fun to cuddle with and read out loud to. 7 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Amsterdam: The World’s Most Liberal City**
Jim Kenney explores Amsterdam’s transformation from a backward agrarian region into a global hub of wealth and power, followed by its long descent to its current status as a charming capital city. 10 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $40 NSSC members; $45 non-members, 847-784-6030

**The National Park Service at Age 100**
Norman Moline reviews highlights of the National Park Service history and then focuses on sites in Illinois and adjacent areas, as the NPS celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2016. 1 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 NSSC members; $15 non-members, 847-784-6030

**T’ai Chi**
Practice the ancient, healing art of T’ai Chi, which is the practice of controlled, relaxed body movements. 9 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $75 NSSC members; $89 non-member, 847-784-6030

**Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings**
Demonstrations of fly tying are performed by an experienced demonstrator. The members have an opportunity to tie the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

**Family Storytime for All Ages**
Stories and crafts for the whole family. 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday; 4 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Monday; 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, free, 847-825-4527

**German Stammtisch**
The group meets to practice German and learn about German culture. 1 p.m. Thursday, Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton St, Skokie, free

**Mothers and Sons**
Northlight presents Terrence McNally’s play about a mother who visits her deceased son’s partner 20 years after his death and is confronted with a changing definition of family. 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $15-58, 847-673-6300

**Quilt Lecture**
Speaker Sara Lawson presents a trunk show and lectures on making bags. 7 p.m. Thursday, Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, $5, 847-480-9777

**Friday, Feb. 5**

**Guild Theatre produces Bus Stop by William Inge**
7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Leela Arts Center, 630 E Lee St., Des Plaines, $15-25, 800-838-3006

**Drop-In Chess Club**
Chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy to kids up to eighth grade. Bring a chess set, if possible. A parent must accompany kids under 8. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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**Sweetheart Daddy-Daughter Dance**
Dance: The annual dance from the Northbrook Park District offers an evening of music and memories. Girls and their dads wear corsages/boutonnieres and can enjoy DJ music, appetizers, desserts, games and a souvenir photo. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Hilton Northbrook Hotel, 2855 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, $79-99 per couple, additional daughters $29 each, 847-291-2995

**Silver Screen Series: Saboteur**
The movie is about an aircraft factory worker Barry Kane who goes on the run across the United States. Mr. Kane is wrongly accused of starting a fire that killed his best friend. The cast includes Priscilla Lane and Robert Cummings. 2 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6410 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Gentle Yoga**
Yoga instructor Olga Rudik leads a series of yoga sessions for improved physical strength, relaxation and mental clarity. Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 and 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224
Saturday, Feb. 6

FUSE Studio: Drop in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Ecology Center Winter Market: 9 a.m. Saturday, Ladd Arbor-retum, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

Overeaters Anonymous: 9 a.m. Saturday, St. Matthew Episcop al Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-0609

Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday: Adult Comedy every Saturday night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sullifield and Mark Simmons. National Headliners with movies and television credits on stage. 9 p.m. Saturday, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, $15 adult advance; $20 at the door, 847-521-6434

Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories: "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories," is recommended for children ages 5 and up. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany children. 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, $3 kids, $5 adults, 847-475-1030

The Bulls: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

The Tails in Bloom Gala Fundraiser for the Evanston Animal Shelter: 6 p.m. Saturday, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Tickets cost $125; $175 for VIP admission and $2,500 for a table of 10, 847-866-5082

Restoration Work Day: Help collect seeds and remove non-native, invasive plants to make way for wildflowers, grasses and trees. 9 a.m. Saturday, The Grove, 421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6096

Good News - Learning about a Course In Miracles: Focusing on the spiritual teaching, "A Course in Miracles," Barrett Hede en and Charlie Roberts guide participants to see that fear has no basis. 10 a.m. Saturday, Good News with Barrett and Charlie, 1800 Dewes St., Glenview, $20 in person; $10 online streaming, 847-951-6328

Concussions: keeping student athletes safe (grades 4-12): For parents and athletes, SLICE is a fun, interactive educational program presented by the Concussion Legacy Foundation. Taught through discussion, video and interactive games, participants leave with a solid understanding of how to protect themselves from injuries. noon Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Polyglots Toastmasters meeting: Polyglots is the only Toastmasters International club in the United States that conducts its meetings in German. If you speak German or want to keep it fresh or improve it, visit this club. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, 2114 Trowbridge Court, Glenview, free, 847-827-5551

Flight-to-Fun Kids Club: Polar Bear Fun for ages 2 to 6 with family: Chill out with Vito from Ben and Jerry's Scoop Shop and celebrate cold and creamy flavors with stories, a craft and a yummy surprise. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd, Glenview, No cover charge, 847-729-7500

An Evening of Comedy: Enjoy "An evening of Comedy," with author and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman and comedian Modge Jablonski. 7 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Grind, 989 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Free, 847-729-0111

Get Hooked: Heart Stitched Valentines: This is for those ages 13 or up who can create valentines with a hand-stitched heart design. All supplies are provided. 1 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Viva Dream and Drum: Drum yourself awake and enjoy Mexican hot chocolate creamy delights with stories, a craft and laughter with Margarita Engle's "Viva Dream and Drum." 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Park District Century Activity Center, 3232 Walters Ave., Northbrook, $10-$12, 847-291-2995

Junie B. Jones: Adapted from a series of popular books, "Junie B. Jones, The Musical," brings a precocious first-grader to life. 10 a.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, $10-$12, 847-291-2995

Candlelight Skilng: Candlelight skiing offers an exciting evening adventure on freshly groomed trails at the golf course. Youth and adult skis are available for rent; call the Golf Shop for ski conditions. 5 p.m. Saturday, Sportsman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, $5, 847-291-2351

Easy Line Dancing for Everyone: A line dance is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows without regard for the gender of the individuals, all facing either each other or in the same direction, and executing the steps at the same time. 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Park District - Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $18 (Member); $20 (Guest)

Healing Touch Level 1 Class: Learn how to boost natural healing. 9 a.m. Saturday, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, $365, 847-932-9255

Library Improvement plan community input meetings: Citizens are invited to participate in these meetings to discuss ideas for Phase 1 of Park Ridge Public Library improvements. Representatives of Studio GC, the architectural firm chosen for its extensive experience in library design, will be on hand to get input from residents to develop a master plan for the renovations. 2 p.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-720-320

Create a button necklace: Learn how to create a unique necklace using buttons. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

An Evening of Camaraderie and Comedy: Share an evening of camaraderie and comedy featuring comedian Brett Walkow. 8 p.m. Saturday, Lubavitch Chabad of Northbrook, 2095 Landwehr Road, Northbrook, $25 by Feb 1; $28 after Feb 1, 847-564-8770

Sunshine preschool and Early enrichment Open House: Families are invited to meet the teachers, explore classrooms, enjoy activities and learn about classes offered by the Northbrook Park District for the fall. 1 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Park District Leisure Center, 3232 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-291-2995

Saturday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, $10 per person; $25 per household, 847-775-0951

Finding God in All Things: Consider how mindfulness in ordinary experiences reveals the extraordinary. noon Saturday, St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thorndale Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

Sunday, Feb. 7

Chicago Philharmonic Eight Seasons: An evening of stunning string music with Scott Speck, conductor; and David Perry, violin; in Eight Seasons includes: composer Antonio Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," composer Astor Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires," and composer Osvaldo Golijov's "Last Round," with Visceral Dance Chicago. 2 p.m. Sunday, Pickstaeger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $25-$75; $10 students, 312-957-0000

Rembrandt Young Artists Competition: 10 a.m. Sunday, Regenstein Recital Hall, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 312-360-3145

John Williams' Sunday music session: 3 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Tropical Winds: South Pacific: Take a trip to a South Pacific island during World War II. Watch as love blooms between a young nurse and a secretive Frenchman who's being courted for a dangerous military mission. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Stand Up for Kids Super Bowl Party 15: Proceeds benefit Chicago's homeless youth. 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Valley Lodge, 2132 Waukegan Rd, Glenview, $50, 847-724-7440

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hoopla, MyMediaMail and Zinio
Individual appointments: Meet with trained library staff for a 45-minute one-on-one session and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your portable device. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Book Discussion: This book discussion features "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Hernandez. We are pleased to offer this program as part of ¡ViVA! Coming Together. 11 a.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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, 6410 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Play-group: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6410 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, 6410 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

Babyytime Storytime: Drop in for the library's year-round short program of stories, songs and rhymes. This is followed by playtime for birth through two years old with a grownup. 11 a.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Polish book discussion: Join us for some good coffee and a book discussion with our Polish speaking program in our library. We will be reading "Ciemno Prawie Noc," by Joanna Bator. 7 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Polish Language Readers: Join us for some good coffee and a conversation in Polish. 11 a.m. Tuesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Small Things in the Solar System: Astronomer Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium highlights little things with big interest, such as comets, asteroids and especially, the latest about dwarf planet Pluto. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 NSSC members; $15 non-members, 847-784-6030

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group: Join in watching a short video and then discussing the corresponding articles from the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions booklet. 1 p.m. Monday, Winnetka Public Library, 768 Oak St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-7220

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

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

Smile and Rhyme Storytime: Children ages two and up, with an adult, can drop in for Miss Fran's stories, rhymes and songs in the Cafe. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Career counseling appointments: Consult with a career expert for resume help and job search strategies for any stage of your career. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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Meet the Raspberry Pi: Children 10 and older can meet this tiny computer. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Compiled by: Eloise Meloche

Mon-Del Real Latin Jazz Trio:
Latin Jazz pianist Mon-Del Real and his jazz trio entertain guests with the hot rhythms of Latin America. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6410 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Special Sunday: An experience outside of typical library hours especially for children with special needs and their families. Explore the Wonder Group or simply enjoy a laid back environment for an hour. noon Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-448-8600

Concerts on 3: Mira Luxion: Enjoy a relaxed concert setting with a spectacular view from the third floor. Cellist Mira Luxion performs works by Bach, Cassado. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Mother/Daughter Book Club Tea:
Mother/Daughter Book Club Tea for mother (or grandmothers/aunts) and daughters (K-3rd grade) to read a Rebeca Ruby book in the "American Girl," series. 11 a.m. Sunday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

Biblical Scholar to Speak in Northbrook: The Daughters of St. Francis de Sales host a celebration honoring Saint Francis de Sales and the 400th anniversary of the publication of the "Treatise on the Love God," 10 a.m. Sunday, Our Lady of the Brook Parish, 3700 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 847-295-2095

Guatemala in the Aftermath of Genocide: More than 200,000 lives were lost and "disappeared," during the Guatemalan genocide. Join in this thought-provoking discussion that examines the ongoing struggles for truth, justice and collective memory 20 years after the atrocity. 2 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

Monday, Feb. 8

Book Babies: Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-864-8679

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk:
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"The Revenant" ★★½
R, 2:36, drama
The gorgeously brutal first hour of "The Revenant" marks the peak of director Alejandro G. Inarritu's glittering — not quite golden — career. Then, as Leonardo DiCaprio crawls across miles of mighty pretty scenery, gradually it turns into not much of anything. The film recounts Hugh Glass' tortures, which include a plunge down a waterfall; near-hypothermia; and a digitally rendered leap on horseback off a cliff. That first hour is big and imposing. The rest grows smaller, with the script's self-conscious deeper meanings either layered on top or — more successfully — left to Luzbeki's meticulous images of a sun-dappled 19th-century Eden now home to one too many Wal-Mart stores. — Michael Phillips

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" ★★★
PG-13, 2:16, fantasy
So, where were we? Let's skip past the prequel trilogy "The Phantom Menace," "Attack of the Clones" and "Revenge of the Sith." In chronological story terms we last saw Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, princess-turned-queen Leia, Chewbacca, R2-D2 and C-3PO whooping it up at the Ewok luau back in 1983 in "Return of the Jedi," celebrating the massive global popularity and merchandising sales of George Lucas' bright idea. The idea was simple and quintessentially retro: The world, Lucas figured, might enjoy a whiz-bang riff on the old "Flash Gordon" serials. Now, minus the Ewoks, the gang's back. And it is good. Not great. But far better than "not bad." Solidly, confidently good. — M.P.

"Ride Along 2" ★★
P-13, 1:42, comedy
When a real-life police officer punches suspects at random and violates civil liberties right and left, it's a sign of trouble. When it happens in the movies, it's a sign of a sequel to "Ride Along," titled "Ride Along 2," the pro forma sequel to the 2014 action comedy starring Ice Cube as the snarling Atlanta detective and Kevin Hart as his frenetic brother-in-law to be, now a cop himself. The script by Phil Hay and Matt Manfredi gives you next to nothing for narrative complication and surprise and a meager amount of verbal jokes. The fun's mostly in the throwaway stuff and Hart's motormouth act. — M.P.

"Dirty Grandpa" ★
R, 1:42, comedy
When Robert De Niro receives his inevitable lifetime achievement Oscar, don't expect his highlight reel to include a single clip from "Dirty Grandpa," a brutally unfunny stab at ribald comedy that stands as the legendary actor's biggest-screen nadir. De Niro gives it his best raunchy effort as a senior citizen who convinces his stuck-up preppy grandson (Zac Efron) to take him to Florida. While its cross-generational leads may attract a few curious moviegoers hungry for some humor, dreary word-of-mouth will likely force this fiasco into early theatrical retirement. — Nick Schager

"The Boy" ★
PG, 1:37, horror
Lauren Cohan ("The Walking Dead") plays Greta, an American nanny who finds a job in the British countryside. Her charge is a life-size doll that her employers, the Heelshires, believe to be a real human boy named Brahms. When the "parents" take an extended vacation without the child or his nanny, chaos ensues. Greta learns from a delivery man (Rupert Evans) that the doll is a replacement for the Heelshires' mischievous 8-year-old boy, who died. While suspenseful at times, the movie is mostly ridiculous and ends with an unlikely finale. — Variety.
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2017 models in spotlight

New vehicles get introductions at North American International Auto Show

BY JEAN JENNINGS
Tribune Newspapers

The North American International Auto Show in Detroit is one of the world's most anticipated auto shows, with dozens of global debuts drawing attention from no less than 60 countries. Running from Jan. 11 through Jan. 24, this year's show was less glittery than previous years in that several luxury brands — Bentley, Jaguar Land Rover, Maserati, Rolls-Royce and Tesla — chose not to participate.

In their place, the attention was grabbed by new 2017 models that may be less aspirational but are no less appealing.

Here is a sampling of the introductions that indicate where automakers are heading and what consumers may be driving down the road in 2016.

2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV

Shown at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas prior to the Detroit auto show, the all-electric Bolt was still important enough for General Motors Chairman Mary Barra to promote it in Detroit. The 200-horsepower compact has a game-changing electric power alone - not bad for a vehicle that seats eight. The electric power alone - not bad for a vehicle that seats eight. The styling is that of a compact (very compact) crossover, featuring tall seating positions. Because the battery pack is flat and mounted under the floor, there's 94 cubic feet of passenger room, roughly the same as the Honda Fit. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are on board, as is a 10.2-inch touchscreen infotainment system.

Among the available features are a bird's-eye surround-view camera and a wide-angle rearview mirror camera. It goes into production near the end of the year.

2017 Chrysler Pacifica

The Pacifica replaces the long-serving Chrysler minivan that ushered in a new era of family haulers in the mid-'80s. It shows Fiat Chrysler has respect for the family-car shopper. The 3.6-liter V-6 engine makes 287 horsepower and is teamed with a nine-speed automatic transmission, yielding 28 mpg on the highway.

A plug-in hybrid version comes out in the summer, promising 80 MPGe and 30 miles of range on electric power alone - not bad for a vehicle that seats eight. The pair of 10-inch fold-down screens, with Wi-Fi, will keep back-seat passengers happy, complete with a child-friendly Are We There Yet? navigation app. Just kick your foot under rear sliding door or the back liftgate, and it will open, hands-free.

2017 Honda Ridgeline

Honda's Ridgeline used to be a little odd-looking, but the all-new 2017 Ridgeline is much more traditional in appearance, even if it has a more carlike unibody structure. The 3.5-liter V-6 engine should make around the same 280 horsepower as in the Honda Pilot SUV. If you think the front half of the Ridgeline looks a lot like the new Pilot, that's because they are built on the same platform and share a lot of parts; in fact, they will be built at the same Alabama plant. The Ridgeline has an exclusive locking in-bed trunk, plus an in-bed audio system.

It also has a bed that's wide enough at 48 inches between wheel wells to allow a sheet of plywood to lay flat. The Ridgeline will be on sale by summer.

2017 Lexus LC500

The LC is a high-end, rear-wheel-drive, V-8-powered luxury coupe to compete against the Mercedes-Benz SL-Class and its ilk. To win over demanding shoppers in the premium luxury segment, the Lexus had to be a stunner, which it is, and powerful, which it also is, featuring a 5-liter V-8 engine that makes 467 horsepower and is teamed with a new 10-speed automatic transmission.

The LC500 has an available active rear spoiler and a carbon-fiber roof. The enormous mesh grille is a love-it-or-hate-it proposition, but on this car it works well.

2017 Lincoln Continental

It has been 15 years since the last all-new Lincoln Continental rolled on American roads. This restyled luxury sedan is intended to please not only the high-end U.S. market but also the chauffeur-loving customers in the important China market. The 2017 Continental is elegant, if a bit sedate-looking. Its twin-turbocharged 3-liter V-6 engine makes 400 horsepower. Its seats, inspired by those on private jets, adjust by 30 settings and can be had with heating, cooling and massage features. An optional Revel audio system (we tried it) turns the Continental into a concert hall. And the Continental features what might be the most interesting use of LED lighting since Disney World. As you approach the car with your key, the LEDs begin to turn on in a hypnotic sequence, first the front, the taillights, then the headlamps, then to light up the pavement around the doors, then, subtly, in the interior. And check out the E-latch door handle, hidden almost imperceptibly into the body side below the windows. Jeeves-like and unobtrusive, just like the Continental. It goes on sale this fall.

2017 Volvo S90

Volvo is going full speed ahead into autonomous and semi-autonomous driving features, and this all-new flagship sedan is no exception. Although Volvo design chief Thomas Ingenlath acknowledges that S90 buyers are in a "rather conservative segment," this new Volvo sedan is as innovative as it is pure in its design. It will have plug-in hybrid power and Pilot Assist, which manages your steering to keep the car in its lane at speeds up to 80 mph.

More than that, it is marking the world debut of large animal detection, which can spot animals such as horses and moose or, more likely in North America, deer that might get out in front of your vehicle.

It will be available with front- or all-wheel drive, with three powertrain choices: a 240-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder, a 2-liter turbocharged and supercharged four-cylinder engine making 256 horsepower; or a plug-in hybrid that generates over 400 horsepower. No more Volvo V-6s or V-8s. The S90 goes on sale in the summer.

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Outlander GT: Flaws, yawns

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

As Mitsubishi retreats from U.S. shores, creating at 2 percent market share in 2002 before dipping to less than one-half of 1 percent since 2009, it has cast the redesigned Outlander crossover to hook budget-minded buyers looking for good warranties and better fuel economy.

But those traits don’t quite appeal to the larger appetites of the American car buyer, which is why the three-row Outlander crossover and its smaller but better-selling stablemate, the Outlander Sport, are the Japanese company’s great American hope.

The Outlander GT that we tested, featuring a 3.0-liter V-6 engine and all-wheel drive, gives budget-minded buyers a top-of-the-line option.

Cramming in three rows means there are compromises. Straps flip down or pull up third-row seating, but headrests are stowed in the cargo floor. Too bad heads can’t be stored there for the ride because there isn’t much room.

The second-row 60/40 split seats slide forward for easy rear access, or fold down for more flat interior room. You might get away with hauling five kids —

without boosters — to the birthday party, but there better not be any gifts. Fitting an adult in the third row is problematic.

The Outlander GT, with heated leather seats and steering wheel, doesn’t look or feel cheap. But the cabin was noisy enough to make me think I had a window or door cracked.

The 3.0-liter V-6 is adequate, never fast. It’s difficult to imagine the pokey feel of the 2.4-liter engine standard in lesser trims.

While the 2.4-liter engine option uses a continuously variable transmission, the 3.0-liter GT comes with a 6-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters that Mitsubishi calls “sportronic.” They let the driver rev the engine, but that and the feel of the shifters are as sporty as it gets; downshifting takes care of itself if you forget.

The “Super All-Wheel control” button lets the driver select between varying all-wheel drive modes. Eco mode returned excellent fuel economy of 28.9 mpg; at highway speed.

We hit winter weather with snow covering ice that the AWD system was able to negotiate at cautious speeds without a problem in Snow mode.

There is a separate manual for the multitouch screen (infotainment), and you’re going to need it as you’ve tested. Poor voice command recognition means navigation must be done with the narrow touch pad, and many of the functions can’t be used when in motion.

Mitsubishi needs this car to resonate with American buyers, but the Outlander GT doesn’t stand out. Its flaws, particularly the loud cabin and dim infotainment system, will be enough to make shoppers look elsewhere.

The 2016 Mitsubishi Outlander is a budget three-row crossover with good fuel economy.
Incoming New Trier AD a 1988 graduate of Notre Dame

BY MATT HARNES
Pioneer Press

Bob Spagnoli has known Augie Fontanetta since the 1980s when Spagnoli coached Fontanetta on the Notre Dame Dons football team.

Even back then, Spagnoli said, Fontanetta stood out from the crowd.

"He was a hard worker and never afraid of the commitment," Spagnoli said. "He always understood the bigger picture."

Fontanetta, who grew up in Norridge, graduated from Notre Dame in 1988. After Fontanetta attended Northern Illinois, Spagnoli was teaching. Fontanetta worked as a teacher, coach and adviser at the school from 1994-2008. He served as the Trevians' head wrestling coach.

Now in his eighth year working in District 211, Fontanetta was hired as New Trier's athletic director on Jan. 18 at the New Trier District 203 board meeting. He replaces Randy Oberembt, who is retiring, and starts July 1.

"[New Trier] is a place I called home for 14 years, and it's nice to be returning back to that," Fontanetta said. "It's an exceptional place that offers athletic programs as part of the educational vision of the school. There already is a great coaching staff in place, and I am looking forward to working with them and giving them the support and resources they need to succeed!"

Spagnoli, who is the girls track and field coach and a teacher at New Trier, said the school hired a "stand the bigger picture?'

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Incoming New Trier AD

As much as Fontanetta said he enjoyed his time in District 211, he couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to the school that gave him his first full-time teaching job.

"One of the things that drove me back to New Trier is its tremendous student body," he said. "They excel, both in athletics and in the classroom. A lot of things race through your head about what you want to get done right away, but the first thing will be establishing relationships with everybody in the building, the parents and community. I want to create my own culture."

--Augie Fontanetta, New Trier's new athletic director

Good luck to the teams in this weekend's IHSA Girl's Cheerleading state finals

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Athlete of the Month is back and it's time to vote! Visit chicagotribune.com/athletes through noon on Feb. 11 to make your pick. You may vote once every 12 hours.

Jon Arenas
Maine South senior
Best game: He scored a game-high 23 points in a 58-53 loss at No. 7-ranked Evanston on Jan. 14. He had played the previous eight games at point guard for Maine South's basketball team.

Olivia Schaps
Niles North senior
Best games: With less than a second left to play and Hoffman Estates leading by one, Schaps hit a game-winning basket on Jan. 13. On Jan. 15 she blocked a Glenbrook North shot late in the fourth quarter to help the Vikings win.

Connell Kelleher
Notre Dame sophomore
Best game: Kelleher came in seventh at the boys bowling state tournament on Jan. 30 by finishing with a grand total of 2,799. He posted an average of 233.3.
BOYS BOWLING STATE NOTEBOOK

Ochal concludes career, wants to help Dons in future

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

Tom Ochal ended his successful bowling career at Notre Dame at the state meet at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon.

The senior finished 42nd with 2,613 pins for a 217.8 average on Jan. 30 after a second-place showing last season. Ochal also competed at the state meet as a sophomore.

"I'm sad it's over, but all good things come to an end," he said. "I'm glad I had the experience I did. I'm going to miss it."

But Ochal might not be gone for long. He said he already has expressed interest in returning to the Dons in the near future as a mentor of sorts to sophomore Connell Singer, who posted 2,899 to capture the state championship. Kelleher is one of five senior midfielders to leave the program.

"I'll be coming back at some point," he said. "I mentioned it to the coaches, and they said they may need some extra help. They seemed all for it."

During this season, Ochal served as a mentor of sorts to sophomore Connell Kelleher, who placed a team-best seventh at the state meet. Ochal said he tried to get Kelleher to stay positive, even if things weren't going well for him.

"He could possibly be the anchor on the team next year," Ochal said. "The kid has a lot of potential. I see him scoring higher than he did this year."

Kelleher knocked down 2,799 pins and was 100 behind Stevenson junior Zach Ochal, who ended his successful bowling career at Notre Dame at the state meet at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon.

Kelleher, who placed a team-best seventh at the state meet, said he tried to get Ochal to raise the bar for next year. Now that I've been there, I am going to want to see how high I can get."

Groenewold named D-III All-American

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Timothy Christian graduates propelled the Calvin College men's soccer team to a 24-11 record, which included a trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament semifinals.

Leading the way was senior center back Nick Groenewold. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America named the Oak Brook resident a Division III All-American. He was also named Michigan Intercolligate Athletic Association's Most Valuable Player while earning a spot on the All-MIAA first team.

With Groenewold's help, the Knights' defense recorded 20 shutouts and allowed just five goals. Although many of his defensive contributions didn't show up in box scores, Groenewold did finish tied for sixth on the team with 17 points (7 goals, 3 assists). He also registered three game-winners.

Also on the Calvin team were senior midfielder Nolan DuBois, of Elmhurst, and freshman forward Tyler Vlasak, a pair of Timothy Christian graduates. Vlasak recorded five points in six games and DuBois appeared in 14 contests.

Wesleyan honors soccer players

The Illinois Wesleyan men's soccer team boasting six area athletes who were awarded

letters for the 2015 season.

Leyden's Oscar Chavarria was a senior midfielder and Libertyville's Craig Kym was a senior goalkeeper. Both played in 15 games. Lake Zurich's Carlo Fava was a senior midfielder who started in each of the 16 games he played.

Deerfield's Eric Gilbert was a senior defender who finished second on the team in points with 11 (4 goals, 3 assists). Fellow Deerfield alumnus Ryan Kaplan was a sophomore midfielder who played in 16 games. And Lake Forest's Adam LaVitola was a junior midfielder who played in six games.

Among the Illinois Wesleyan women's team letter winners, junior midfielder Sarah Trach and freshman forward/midfielder Nathalie Orozco represented the Chicago suburbs.

Trach, a Hinsdale Central alumna from Clarendon Hills, was named the team's Most Improved Player for the 2015 season. She tied for sixth on the team in scoring with nine points (2 goals, 5 assists).

Orozco, a Vernon Hills graduate, finished eighth in points with eight goals, 2 assists.

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

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Fadell's speed helps Notre Dame

**By Eric Van Dril**

Pioneer Press

The St. Ignatius boys hockey team pulled even with Notre Dame with 3:19 remaining on Jan. 31. The Wolfpack's game-tying goal made things dire for Notre Dame, which went on to win 3-2 in Chicago.

The Dons were in a must-win situation. The game would have gone to overtime if St. Ignatius and Notre Dame were tied at the end of regulation. The Wolfpack, as a result, would have earned a point and clinched sixth place in the Chicago Catholic Hockey League. Notre Dame would have finished seventh in the standings.

The difference between sixth and seventh might seem inconsequential, but in the Kennedy Cup seedings, it's the difference between facing Benet — one of the best teams in the state — and Fenwick in the CCHL's postseason tournament.

The Dons wanted to play Fenwick, which is why they pulled junior goalie Jimmie Hall at the end of regulation of a tie game. Notre Dame senior defenseman Max Fadell thought about the stakes of the game as he saw the loose puck with less than 20 seconds left in regulation.

"We had to win," Fadell said. "Normally, playing defense, I try to be aggressive and step up. I saw the puck squirt out, and I just did anything I could to get to the net."

Fadell has excellent speed. He was the fastest player on the ice against St. Ignatius, and he used his speed late in the game. Fadell jetted through the neutral zone, accelerated past St. Ignatius' defense and aimed far pad on his close-range shot.

St. Ignatius senior goalie Dan Engel (42) saved Fadell's attempt, but junior forward Jack Snarich was trailing Fadell as he darted toward goal.

Engel's save rolled right in front of the goal. Snarich was there. He finished the golden opportunity to put Notre Dame ahead 3-2 with 30 seconds remaining.

"I was always told to follow the play. The rebound came out, I just put it in," Snarich said of his game-winner.

It's cliche to call Fadell's skating ability a gamechanger, but it truly was against the Wolfpack.

"His speed is huge," Snarich said. "He can take it from one end to the other and set up a nice play. It's big to have speed on the team, because speed kills."

Fadell was a forward on Notre Dame's team last year — he used his speed to score the game-winning goal in a massive upset of Providence in the state playoffs but he has primarily been a defenseman this season.

"I like it back there," Fadell said. "You're kind of like the point guard out there, dictating everything."

A big reason why Fadell has moved to defenseman is that injuries have ravaged the Dons this season. Senior captain David Wendel only played about 30 seconds against St. Ignatius because of a right shoulder injury that's kept him out for about six weeks, Notre Dame coach Bart Czachor estimated. The Dons also appear to have lost junior Nick Stempien, senior Jackson Delfosse and sophomore Will Panoutsos for the season to injuries. Stempien suffered a concussion while Delfosse and Panoutsos each sustained a shoulder injury.

"We're the walking wounded," Czachor said. "We have not had the same lineup for [two games] the whole year."

Those injuries, combined with the graduation of several quality players from last year's team, have required Fadell to be a defenseman.

It's also made it imperative for Fadell to dart forward and create offense. He did that several times against St. Ignatius, including an instance where he hit the pipe in the first period.

"He's [done] that all year," Czachor said. "He's actually a forward, but we're so hurt, we have no options. ... We've moved him [to] the backend to let him rush a little bit and see what happens."

**Game notes**

- Notre Dame junior forward Daniel McFarland made it 1-1 in the second period, but Notre Dame forward Kevin Golden scored just 15 seconds later to put the Dons back ahead.
- St. Ignatius junior defenseman Jack Connelly tied the game in the third period to set up Fadell and Snarich's late-game heroics.
- Hall, a junior, finished with 15 saves for Notre Dame.

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Notre Dame's Max Fadell takes a shot while St. Ignatius' Jack Connelly (9) defends during their game on Jan. 31 in Chicago.
Flowers brothers show promise

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

Niles West boys basketball coach Bob Williams said the Flowers brothers — Aaron and Myreon — have the ability to be game-changing players. They are physically gifted and hungry to get better, he said. However, they have not consistently played at a high level.

"Both are very positive kids, and they do their jobs on a day-to-day basis," Williams said. "We see flashes of what they can do in games. We just need to see it more often."

That's why Aaron Flowers, a 6-foot-3 junior forward, and Myreon Flowers, a 6-1 senior guard, were scheduled to work on their games at Golf View Recreation Center in Niles on Jan. 30 with Raz Asuncion, a local basketball instructor. The brothers, who also are high jumpers and triple jumpers on the track and field team, said they train with Asuncion at least once a week and each session lasts about two hours.

"It helps me a lot," Myreon Flowers said of the individual attention. "He watches my games, and he tells me how I can do things better."

Myreon Flowers has been working with Asuncion to put the correct spin on the ball when attempting a reverse layup. In the Wolves' 65-49 Central Suburban South loss at home to Evanston on Jan. 29, Myreon Flowers converted a transition reverse layup in traffic with 3 minutes, 1 second remaining in the second quarter to get the Wolves (8-11, 1-6 after the loss) within one, 22-21.

Myreon Flowers, who came off the bench against the Wildkits and scored four points, said he planned to talk with Asuncion on Jan. 30 about being more of an offensive threat and taking advantage of his opportunities. It's something Williams said he would like to see from the second-year varsity player, too.

"I need to attack the basket more," Myreon Flowers said. "If a shot is open for me, I need to take it more often. I've learned to create for myself, but I have to do it in games."

As for Aaron Flowers, who's in his first full season on varsity, he said his focus with Asuncion is on improving his post presence.

"We work on my moves, rebounding, guarding bigger people," Aaron Flowers said. "It's a lot of footwork." Williams said that when the soft-spoken Aaron Flowers asserts himself on every possession, he can be a dominant force down low. He scored three points in the loss to the Wildkits, who are ranked No. 7 by the Chicago Tribune.

"He makes a huge impact when he's big inside and active," Williams said. "It's great he has the ability, but he needs to show it more often. Same thing with Myreon. We need to get him to show more of what he can do."

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