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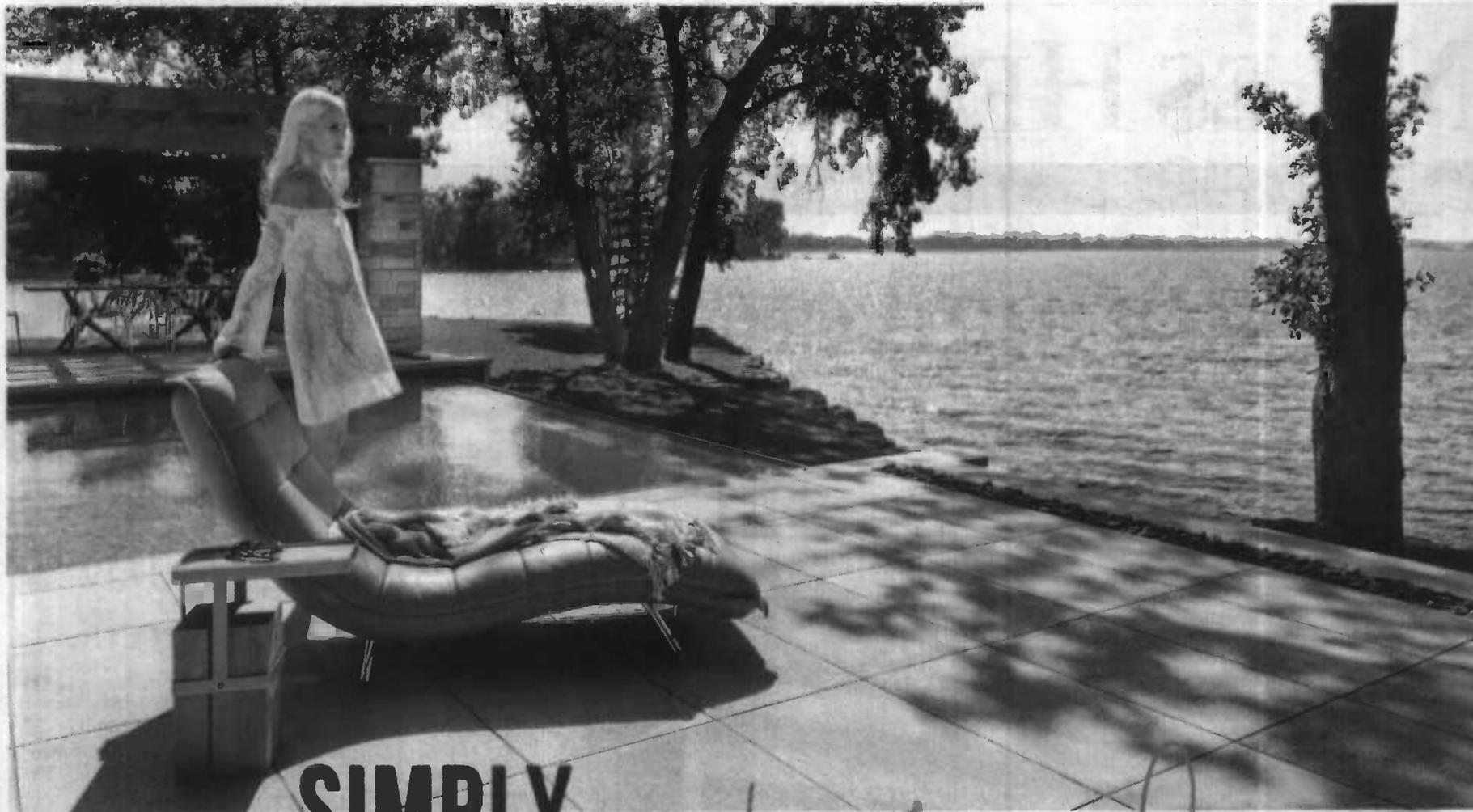


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Sara Silver, former public school teacher

Long-time Northbrook resident Sara Silver is a former public school teacher in Highland Park, Gurnee and San Antonio. For the last two years, she's operated Computer Companion, a one-woman firm that teaches mostly older clients how to use computers. She's married and has three adult children.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: My dad was an oil company executive, so we moved around, and I lived in about six states. I went to high school in California (in Pasadena) and at Fremd (in Palatine).

Q: As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: I wanted to be a teacher, and that's what I did.

Q: What was your first job?

A: At Madigan's, in Woodfield Mall, selling clothes, back when you had a register and you had to balance to the penny at the end of every day. I remember sweating that out. That was in the days of registers that didn't tell you the change to give back to people.

Q: Do you play any musical instruments?



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Sara Silver

A: I play piano, and I actually teach a little girl, the daughter of a friend of mine, with Down Syn-

drome. She's just a joy to teach.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I'm a huge dog person, and that's one of the reasons my company logo is a dog holding a tablet. I'm on my third lab, a rescue, a pit-lab.

Q: Any pet peeves?

A: When people dismiss older adults. These are the people with the most experience in life.

Q: If you could be on any reality show, which one would you be on?

A: Maybe "Chopped." I love cooking shows.

Q: What's the most remarkable thing you've ever seen?

A: Athletic-wise, in Florida, one time I saw those people who attach kites to their backs, and they're skiing and surfing and flying at the same time. Kiteboarding.

Q: What's your favorite charity?

A: The Center for Civic Education. We're woefully in need of civic education, and this election year points that out very clearly.

—Irv Leavitt, Pioneer Press



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Niles Senior Center hosts veteran panel

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

An estimated 200 people showed their support for local veterans April 19 at a Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care-hosted program in Niles called Salute in Story, a We Honor Veterans event.

The late-afternoon recognition allowed veterans to share their stories in the Niles Senior Center Auditorium.

"A story is an account of past events that can impact how we live today," said Michael McHale of Arlington Heights, president and CEO of Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care. "A story is a reflection of a journey. It can be used to help us learn, it can be used to teach others, and a story told well can influence others in many different ways."

A panel of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard veterans of conflicts and wars discussed issues that specifically impact those who have served.

"This is an epic event honoring those who have served and those who are still serving," said Tom Amirante of Glenview, commander of the Niles Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712. "Hearing their stories that come from their hearts gives the community a chance to say thank you."

Panelists spoke of challenges veterans face, then and now.

"Very few people are aware of moral injury," said James Mukoyama Jr. of Glenview, a retired U.S. Army major general.

He said moral injury is a particular kind of trauma such as witnessing civilians killed in combat.

"So what do you do?" Mukoyama said. "You suppress it, then it becomes unresolved grief or shame."

Veterans over the age of 50 have a high suicide rate, he said.



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Wayne Messmer sings the national anthem April 19, at the Salute In Story, a We Honor Veterans event in the Niles Senior Center Auditorium. In the back are Edwin Landow, from left, Greg Padovani of Arlington Heights and Woody Hughes.

"Unless you have a strong support system, bad things can happen," Mukoyama said. "There is help for that."

Woody Hughes, a panelist and World War II veteran who served in the Marine Corps, said he witnessed the raising of the flag on Mt. Suribachi.

"My generation, they had to get on with their lives," Hughes said of what he experienced returning home to civilian life.

Patty Klop, a Civic Affairs lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps and panelist at the event, discussed the increasing role of women in today's military.

"I'm always impressed with how many women are picking up rank," Klop said.

The event also included a flag ceremony and Chicago sports singer Wayne

Messmer, of Glenview, singing patriotic songs.

Attendees viewed replica ships on display after the panel. William Gayford, 10, of Morton Grove and an Edison Elementary School 4th-grader, was accompanied by his grandfather, Gary Schultz, of Morton Grove.

"I would like for him to know as much as he can about history," said Schultz, a veteran who said he enlisted during Vietnam and served in the National Guard.

William offered his thoughts about a tabletop model ship, the USS Hammann, a World War II destroyer.

"I can't believe how they would sleep at night with a rocking ship," William said.

The Salute in Story part-

ners included the Veterans Memorial Committee of Arlington Heights, American Legion Merle Guild Post 2018 of Arlington Heights, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Extra Mile Veteran Care, Military Outreach USA, Niles Memorial VFW Post 7712, Northwest Suburban Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars Des Plaines Post 2991, Vietnam Veterans of America and Warriors' Watch riders plus Dignity Memorial.

Boy and Girl Scouts from Des Plaines, Rolling Meadows and Northbrook volunteered to work the event, many as door greeters.

Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, which has served seven Illinois counties for 35 years, is a 501(c)(3) organization with facili-



William Gayford, 10, of Morton Grove, is with his grandfather, Gary Schultz, left, of Morton Grove, and Leon Hine-man, of Des Plaines, a U.S. Navy veteran, in front of a model ship, the USS Hammann.

ties in Park Ridge, Mount Prospect and Chicago.

Help dealing with PTSD, according to the VA's website, can be found by calling 911, the Suicide Prevention

Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or the Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255.

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Matyas resigns from Niles Public Library board

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

At the very end of an hours-long Niles Public Library District board meeting April 20, Trustee Danette O'Donovan Matyas announced her intention to resign from her post, shocking her colleagues on the board.

Although the announcement came as a surprise to her fellow trustees, Matyas, who was elected to the board in 2011, said it was a decision she had contemplated for quite some time.

She said her role as a Niles village trustee "keeps me very busy" and she'd recently had to skip out on several library board meetings to fulfill her duties for the village.

"The taxpayers voted for seven — not six — trustees, so I didn't think it was fair to the library to miss meetings when they're counting on you to be there and I couldn't be there," Matyas said.

Matyas, who sat on the board during the 2013 library renovation project and previously voted to decrease the agency's property tax levy, said disappointment in several recent board actions also influenced her decision to resign.

Matyas was one of two board members to vote against an \$800,000 property tax levy increase late last year. She's also critical of the board's interest in switching library employee pensions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The board has not yet decided to make the switch, but if it does, Matyas said the move will cost taxpayers more money.

"It just seems there are changes to the library that are not in the best interest of the taxpayers," she said.

Matyas' resignation is effective immediately, she



NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Danette O'Donovan Matyas announced her decision to resign from her post as a member of the Niles Public Library District Board of Trustees at a meeting April 20.

said. Had she chosen not to resign, she would have been up for re-election next year both as a library board member and a village trustee. She said she intends to run again for her seat on the Village Board.

Library Board President Linda Ryan said trustees will discuss how they plan to fill Matyas' seat until the election next year at a special budget meeting planned for April 28. She said trustees might decide to ask interested individuals to apply for the position or they might choose to appoint someone without going through an application process.

"I personally would like to get someone in as soon as possible because we have the budget, strategic planning and the pension issue," Ryan said. "We have so many decisions to make and I'd like to have another

person on board if we can."

Ryan said she was shocked by Matyas' decision to step down.

"Everyone was really, honestly, speechless," she said. "We were just speechless. Nobody saw it coming that I know of."

Matyas said she chose to keep her decision under wraps until the announcement April 20 because she wanted her departure to be a "low key" event.

"(Matyas) was dedicated to the library," Ryan said. "I know we had our differences, but I hate to see anybody step down on a board."

But, she said, Matyas' departure is "an opportunity for someone who is really an advocate for the library,"

"We're excited to see where this goes, at least I am," Ryan said.

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

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Developer eyes property near former hotel site

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

The future of the former Purple Hotel site at Lincoln and Touhy avenues continues to be in limbo as the developers grapple with ongoing financing issues, but another hotel could open just around the corner and beat the redevelopers of the iconic former hotel site to the punch.

A hotel developer's plans to turn a vacant office building on Cicero Avenue into a Hyatt Place Hotel moved one step closer during an April 19 Committee of the Whole meeting when his proposal was met with positive feedback from Lincolnwood officials.

The developer, Zic Pekovic of Mount Prospect-based hotel management company The Bricton Group, plans to replace a shuttered brick office building on the 1.5-acre property on the 7200 block of North Cicero Avenue with a 110-room hotel with a ballroom and an indoor pool, according to



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The Purple Hotel in Lincolnwood was demolished in August 2013 after more than 50 years as a North Shore destination.

plans submitted to the village.

Situated directly across the street from Grossinger Toyota on a busy stretch of Cicero Avenue near the Edens Expressway, the property is currently owned by Minhaz Lakhani, who is in talks to sell the building to Pekovic, according to the village.

Pekovic has yet to sign an official deal with Hyatt to open a franchised Hyatt Place location on the property, but said he has reached "advanced discussions" in his quest to secure the hotel brand for this site.

The Purple Hotel, also known as the Hyatt House Lincolnwood, was known as Hyatt's flagship Chicago-

area hotel when it opened in the early 1960s. It had fallen into disrepair at the changing hands of different owners over the years, and it finally closed in 2007. It was added to the list of National Register of Historic Places when it was torn down in 2013. Village leaders and residents have since been hoping to see a new hotel

open on the property, but the Skokie-based real estate developers behind the project have yet to secure a hotel brand.

"We've had conversations with multiple franchisers, and Hyatt has showed the most interest, particularly because the former Purple Hotel was a Hyatt, they're anxious to get another location here," Pekovic said. "The visibility from the highway is also a strong point."

North Capital Group, the redevelopment company charged with developing the Purple Hotel site, pushed back its plans for a \$135 million shopping center with a hotel after it was hit with an \$11.5 million foreclosure suit earlier this year for defaulting on its mortgage on the property.

But the company later announced plans to refinance its debt and continue to pursue the mixed-use retail center, giving room for hope that another hotel could indeed rise from the dusty vacant 8-acre lot at

Lincolnwood's busiest intersection.

But while village officials continue to focus on the viability of the Purple Hotel site, Trustee Jesal Patel said Cicero Avenue shouldn't be counted out as another potential hotbed for economic development.

"To be able to take a site that's off of Touhy and generate this type of use is outstanding — not just for them," he said. "But it's also outstanding for the village as well because the market is desperate for it."

Before Pekovic would be able to start construction, the village would either have to agree to rezone the property from its current designation in an office district, or allow a hotel to open as a special use, according to Steve McNellis, community development director for the village of Lincolnwood.

The proposal will move to the Plan Commission if the developers decide to move forward.

Natalie Hayes is a freelancer.

Lincolnwood to host public meeting on video gambling

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood trustees April 19 decided to let the public weigh in on a proposal to end the village's ban on video gambling by allowing a Des Plaines-based "gaming cafe" chain to open at a strip mall on the 3900 block of W. Devon Avenue.

Lengthy discussions regarding the current ban on video gambling have taken up time at three Committee of the Whole meetings so far this year, but trustees have yet to come up with a decision after grappling between whether the extra revenue would be worth a dent in what officials say is the village's clean image as a family-oriented town.

After receiving positive

feedback from Lincolnwood police Chief Bob LaMantia, who visited four gaming cafes owned by the company that wants to open a location in Lincolnwood, village officials decided to revisit the debate at a public hearing sometime later this summer.

The hearing will give residents a chance to provide input on whether Lincolnwood should follow in the footsteps of other nearby towns like Morton Grove, Norridge and Wheeling and lift its ban on gaming.

"Is this the picture of what we want Lincolnwood to be?" asked Trustee Craig Klatzco during the April 19 Committee of the Whole meeting. "Granted, where they want to put (the gaming cafe) is a great place and it will generate money, but it's

a lot of money and I don't know if that's the way we want to be bought."

Laredo Hospitality, the parent company of Stella's Place, wants to expand its 27 locations in Illinois by opening a full-service gambling cafe serving wine, beer and food in Lincolnwood at an empty strip mall store front in Lincolnwood. The company has also recently applied for permits in Norridge, Prospect Heights and has plans to open in Morton Grove, according to Charity Johns, chief operating officer for Laredo Hospitality.

Illinois reversed a statewide ban on video gambling in 2012, giving municipalities home rule authority to decide whether to lift local bans or keep current laws in place. Towns that have been

quick to usher in video gambling like Morton Grove, for example, have raked in hundreds of thousands of additional tax dollars each year.

Aside from annual licensing fees paid by the bar or restaurant that hosts gaming and the operator of the gaming terminal, towns get 5 percent of the total gambling losses.

In Morton Grove, patrons spent \$55.3 million on gaming and lost roughly \$4.2 million in 2015 between the village's 42 gaming terminals, according to reports from the Illinois Gaming Board.

For the village's 5 percent cut of the losses, it took in \$213,294 last year, in addition to thousands more in licensing fees charged to the

bars and gaming terminal operators.

Officials for Laredo Hospitality said a Stella's Cafe location could bring in up to \$40,000 in additional annual revenue for the village.

While municipalities have the power to decide whether to allow gaming in their jurisdiction, the state still exercises some control over local gambling, including a blanket rule that allows every restaurant or bar in a town that holds a liquor license to apply for a gaming license.

Specific limitations on gambling can still be created by local officials, including restrictions on the number of gaming terminals allowed, or limiting gaming to specific business districts, according to the village.

Trustee Jesal Patel said the two school districts that cover Lincolnwood—Districts 74 and 219—should have a chance to weigh in before the village makes a decision.

"It's good to consider the image of the village, but I don't look at Morton Grove or Wheeling and think of them as big gaming towns," Patel said. "We need to look at both sides of the coin, and I think we need to use the public process to determine whether we want this as a village."

The village is expected to schedule a date for the public hearing soon, according to village manager Tim Wiberg.

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Go Green Park Ridge hopes to grow monarch population

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Claris Olson thinks milkweed gets a bad rap.

It's that unfortunate word "weed" in its name, she said.

"I want to change the name to milk plant," Olson said, laughing.

Olson and other members of Go Green Park Ridge are hoping to attract more Park Ridge gardeners to milkweed and convince them it's a must-have for their yards, instead of an unwanted pest.

Why? Because monarch butterflies feed only on milkweed and lay their eggs on the plant, which is native to the region but disappearing, Olson said. As the milkweed becomes more scarce, so does the butterfly population.

"They are threatened because of habitat loss," Olson said.

In an effort to bring more monarch butterflies back to Park Ridge, Go Green is launching its "2016 Monarch Initiative." The concept is rather simple: Make milkweed seeds and plants available to Park Ridge residents and encourage them to plant and nurture them.

The first distribution of seeds is scheduled to take place April 30 during Earth Day events hosted by the Park Ridge Park District at Maine Park, 2701 W. Sibley Ave., Olson said.

"We'll have seeds with cards and growing instructions," she said.

Milkweed requires full sun and does need some tending and watering to grow, Olson added, but the plant is generally "low maintenance" and, like perennials, will grow back each year, she said.

"It's a great thing to put in alleys and open areas where there's not much going on anyway," said Olson, who grows milkweed outside her own Park Ridge home.

"I'm concerned about the (monarch) species — really concerned," she said. "I used



CLARIS OLSON PHOTO

A monarch butterfly lands on a pink flower known as the swamp milkweed last year.

to see them everywhere. But you can see by the absence of milkweed that something is going on."

According to a 2014 National Geographic report, research conducted by the World Wildlife Fund Mexico and the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve suggests that the decline in monarch butterfly populations in North America is caused by "U.S. farms' large-scale use of herbicides that destroy milkweed."

Studies also found that between 2004 and 2013, the number of monarchs that completed a winter migration to Mexico had dropped from an estimated 550 million to 33 million, National Geographic reported.

Monarch Watch a nonprofit program based at the University of Kansas, reports a number of factors contribute to monarch decline, among them heavy winter rains in Mexico, illegal logging and increasing loss of habitat for summer breeding because of an increase in the amount of land dedicated to growing corn and soybeans — including for the production of bio-fuels.

"In all, we estimate the loss of habitat to be 147 million acres since Monarch Watch was started in 1992," the group's website says.

Sue Fox McGovern has been growing milkweed in her Park Ridge garden and

raising monarch butterflies for the last 18 years, she said. She even published a how-to book called "Raising Monarchs" in 2013.

"It's very easy to do," said McGovern, who, in partnership with Go Green Park Ridge, will be giving a presentation on monarchs June 9 at the Park Ridge Library. "You just need a supply of fresh milkweed leaves."

It's also important to have other flowers growing nearby as nectar sources, she added. But McGovern even takes it a step further: She raises monarch caterpillars in a safe environment to protect them from natural predators outside.

"What we do is check the milkweed and look for eggs, clip the leaf, bring it into our screened-in back porch and watch over the egg for three to five days," she explained. "The caterpillar will hatch, and then we provide the food source, which is milkweed, and raise the caterpillar in a container."

The caterpillar will eat for two weeks and then enter the chrysalis stage for another two weeks before emerging as a butterfly, McGovern said.

Olson said Go Green Park Ridge plans to distribute milkweed seeds during the Park Ridge Farmers Market, which begins on May 28.

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DRUG POSSESSION

■ Anthony Jimenez, 25, of the 1400 block of Crowfoot Circle, Hoffman Estates, was charged with felony possession of marijuana and felony delivery of marijuana on April 14 following a traffic stop in the 9700 block of Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, an officer discovered "a large quantity of individually packaged bags of cannabis with a total weight in excess of 51 grams" inside Jimenez's car. He was given an April 26 court date.

RETAIL THEFT

■ Barbara A. Smith, 50, of the 300 block of South 25th Avenue, Bellwood, was charged with retail theft on April 14 after she allegedly stole four pieces of women's clothing, valued at \$140,

from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She was given a May 20 court date.

■ Anna Pryjda, 41, of the 9300 block of Landings Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on April 16 after police said she stole a skin-cleansing device from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center by hiding the item in her purse. She was given a May 20 court date.

■ Bonnie Pigram, 49, of the 10100 block of Holly Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on April 18 after police said she stole a curling iron. She was given a May 20 court date.

■ Boris Skvirsky, 61, of the 300 block of Oak Trails Road, Des Plaines, was charged with retail theft on April 19 after he allegedly stole two steaks and four cans of Freon from a store in the 9000 block of Golf Road. He was given a May 20 court date.

DUI

■ Peter S. Lim, 42, of the 600 block of Fairbanks Court, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and speeding on April 16. Police said Lim's car was pulled over at Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue after he was clocked speeding at 62 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. He was given a May 20 court date.

BATTERY

■ A 31-year-old Skokie man told police he was beaten by two men on April 15 after an argument over a post on a social media page. The alleged beating took place at a restaurant in the 7000 block of Dempster Street, police said.

DISPUTE

■ Police responded to a bar at Harlem and Jarvis avenues for a call of a disturbance outside at 2:20 a.m., April 16. According to police, a 20-year-old Park Ridge man said someone had

made a comment about the team jersey he was wearing and an argument occurred. An employee reportedly told police that he heard people arguing outside, but didn't see a physical fight.

THEFT

■ The owner of a Niles limousine company told police on April 14 that a couple rented a limo for \$1440 using a credit card that was later found to belong to someone else. The wife of the credit card holder reportedly told police that the transaction was not authorized.

■ A woman told police that her purse was stolen on April 19 after she put it down on a ledge in the courtyard of Golf Mill Shopping Center while she tied her shoe. The purse contained credit cards and \$80 in cash, police said.

■ A package containing shelves was reported stolen April 19 from the front porch of a home in the 8300 block of New England Avenue.

Judge raises bond of man facing gun charge

By **BRIAN L. COX**
Pioneer Press

A judge at the Skokie courthouse on April 19 raised to \$250,000 the bond of a man charged with unlawful use of a weapon after Skokie police in December found him carrying a pot and a loaded 9 mm pistol containing hollow point bullets.

A defense attorney for John Lacour, 27, of Evanston asked Cook County Judge Jeffrey Warnick at the Skokie courthouse to lower Lacour's bond from \$150,000 to \$90,000 so his client could be free as he awaits trial. In December, Lacour was arrested during a traffic stop in Skokie after police found him with the gun, pot and

cough medicine with codeine, authorities said.

Prosecutors on April 19 said that in addition to the most recent charges Lacour has a long criminal record on various drug arrests and therefore is being charged as a "habitual criminal."

Instead of lowering Lacour's bond, Warnick increased it to \$250,000 saying that Lacour's complete criminal history was not considered when his bond on the most recent charges was set in December.

Lacour is scheduled for a May 17 preliminary hearing at the Skokie courthouse.

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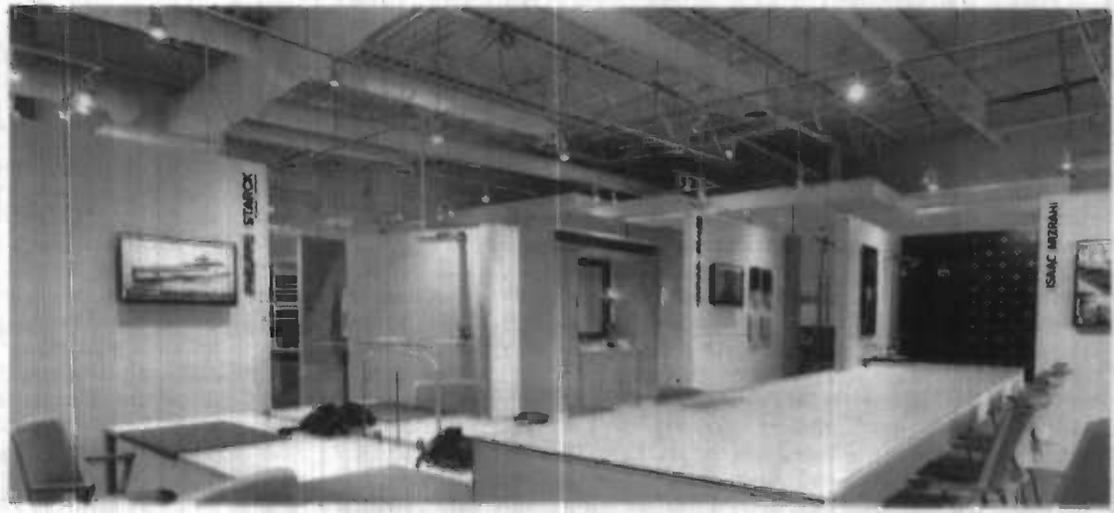
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EDUCATION

Niles West principal: Drug dog to be used in random searches

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Authorities at Niles West High School are not saying if a search of the building last week by a drug-sniffing police dog turned up any contraband, and are also saying that while students and parents were given advance notice of that search, future searches will be unannounced and done at random.

A drug-sniffing dog and an officer with the Skokie Police Department were in Niles West on April 20 searching student lockers for drugs and other contraband, Mark Rigby, Niles West assistant principal of operations said April 25.

A Skokie Police Department spokesman could not be reached for comment by press time.

"We've been talking about this for 12 to 18 months," Rigby said. "We

have an obligation to keep our students here as safe as possible."

"There's been reticence over the years," he added. "I've been here almost 18 years and there's never been any type of search like that. Our feeder schools do this and we don't. We felt it was time to take this step in our school. It's been a long conversation that finally culminated in finally getting it done."

Rigby said he cannot divulge if the dog found anything or if the search resulted in disciplinary actions taken against any students.

"I'm not going to comment on the outcome of the search other than we do think it was very successful in deterring kids from bringing that stuff around," he said.

On April 18, Niles West Principal Jason Ness sent a letter to parents notifying

them that the search would be done in two days.

"At Niles West, maintaining a healthy and safe school environment for students is our top priority," the letter said. "Drugs, alcohol and other controlled substances have no place in the learning environment."

"The primary goal of the canine search is obvious — to deter individuals from bringing any type of illegal substance(s) onto our property and protect the welfare of our students," it continued.

"This canine search is being announced to the school community to promote our partnership with (the Skokie Police Department) and publicize our mutual goal of increasing the safety of our campus."

"The importance of providing a safe school environment can never be minimized," the letter said. "As building principal, I appreciate ongoing efforts aimed



Niles West High School

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at educating and raising awareness among our students about the risks and dangers associated with using illegal substances. Niles West is committed to providing a first-class educational experience for your child while doing everything at our disposal to keep our buildings safe and drug-

free."

Rigby defended the school's decision to give advance notice of the search saying that the primary purpose of the search is to deter students from bringing contraband into the school.

"Our ultimate goal is deterrence. We just simply want to keep the contraband out of the building, is

our No. 1 thing," he said.

"It was a way to communicate to the community that the district was going to start the practice," he added. "You'll know this time what's going on, but in the future you're not going to know."

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District 21 will keep police officers in middle schools

BY RONNIE WACHTER
Pioneer Press

Community Consolidated Elementary District 21 will continue to station police officers in its three middle schools.

With a 4-3 vote, the school board instructed Superintendent Kate Hyland to prioritize the \$103,000 it will take to keep Buffalo Grove and Wheeling officers in the halls of Holmes, Cooper and London middle schools. The officers are there part-time, usually

talking with students to build rapport and provide a sense of security.

Much of what divided the board members during their April 21 debate was whether a sense of security was worth the money, as well as what the district might lose by not spending those funds elsewhere.

"It's an economic decision," board member Pamela Becker Dean said. "I would let them go over teachers."

"I just cannot fathom cutting such a valuable resource," came the oppos-

ing view, from board member Jeff Battinus. "It's just not worth it."

At the start of the discussion, board member Phil Pritzker foresaw a tough decision.

"This is not a topic that has much middle ground, apparently," he said. "If we were a district that was awash in funds, this isn't an issue we'd be talking about. But that is not the case."

District 21 currently pays the Wheeling Police Department for an officer who splits time between Holmes and London, and

the Buffalo Grove Police Department for an officer who spends half-days at Cooper. During the board's March 17 meeting, the board discussed what else could be done with that money — particularly funding teachers' positions.

At both meetings, Hyland stressed to the board that she and her staff had been pleased with their school resource officers, and needed to consider cutting their positions only out of financial necessity.

"We feel very pleased

with the relationship that we have, and we hope that would continue," she told them.

It will continue, but it will be against the wishes of board President Bill Harrison, one of the three who wanted to spend the money elsewhere. He acknowledged that District 21 officials, like many other school districts, occasionally find marijuana, alcohol and e-cigarettes in the halls, but he said teachers were equipped to handle those matters.

"Do we need a police

officer to handle those matters? No," he said. "I don't see the benefit of perceived security, and that's really all we have, is a perception."

Board member Arlen Gould voted to keep the resource officers, and said that with creative negotiations, the district might even be able to find a way to afford additional police time.

"I would like us to get into it more, in fact," he said. "I've seen it in Chicago."

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New Trier grad runs Chicago-area college info website

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH
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Valentia Sundell spent months during her junior and senior years at New Trier High School looking at college guide books, trying to decipher which school would be the best fit for her.

The complicated process spawned Sundell's idea to help other students, leading to the launch of her new website, ChicagolandColleges.com.

"While I was looking at college guide books, it struck me that the only colleges from the Chicagoland area in it were Northwestern, University of Chicago and sometimes DePaul and Loyola," said Sundell, now a freshman at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. "I thought it was weird that you

couldn't get information about local colleges, and I felt like that was a much-needed resource."

ChicagolandColleges.com lists 71 colleges in Cook County. Each school's page includes a review, statistics on enrollment, programs offered, outside activities, tuition fees, financial aid and scholarship information, photos, a map and the school's social media links. The site can be indexed alphabetically, by type of school, or by location.

Sundell, a political science and cultural studies major, said the website was her project for the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement that can be earned in Girl Scouts. She said she completed all the research for the site, wrote all the content, coded the site and marketed it to



VALENTIA SUNDELL PHOTO

"This really seemed like a need in the community," said Valentia Sundell, creator of ChicagolandColleges.com.

all the colleges featured, as well as to every high school guidance counselor in Cook County.

"This really seemed like a need in the community," said Sundell, who was born in Evanston and moved with her family to Winnetka when she was in middle

school. "It was relevant to my friends and a lot of people I knew, and that's how it came together."

Because the website was her service project, Sundell said she can't make money from it. She plans to continually update the site, and each featured college can

send information or updates they would like included.

In the last month alone, she said the website had 203 user sessions and 1,092 page views.

Robert Zigmund is a post-high school counselor at New Trier and was Sundell's project advisor.

"Most guide books will include schools in a certain major, giving a broad array of options across the country," Zigmund said. "This site is for students wanting to stay closer to home, either for financial reasons or so they can live at home to save money, or because they have responsibilities at home. It does a really nice job highlighting many schools people might not know about and offering the essentials of each school."

For those who have just been accepted by a number

of colleges and are having difficulty deciding between them, the site includes a fillable worksheet that allows students to compare and weigh all the factors side by side, thus leading to a better decision, Sundell said.

Sundell said she believes that the biggest factor in a student's decision when choosing a school is money. But if it comes down to choosing from two or more schools, all similar in academics and financial aid, she said the "vibe comes into play."

"Think about how you feel on campus, how your interactions are with other students, and if you feel good about the environment," she said.

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Wanted: Stay-at-home moms looking to work

BY ALEXIA
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Chicago Tribune

After nine years at Google, Phoebe Elder quit in July to stay home with her two kids. Relieved to get off the hamster wheel of juggling a demanding job and family time, Elder, who lives in Glenview, also feared losing the independence of having her own paycheck and the notoriously tough task of returning to work after a career break.



Robinson

The Mom Project, a new Chicago-based startup, aims to help women like Elder

keep a foot in the door while fulfilling companies' project-based needs.

"I'm not looking to fully return to the workforce at this moment, but I would love the opportunity to do something to stay relevant," said Elder, 34, who has signed up to be part of The Mom Project's talent network.

The Mom Project, which launched early this month, is a digital marketplace connecting career breakers with companies that need educated and experienced people for temporary projects, permanent posts or to fill in when an employee goes on maternity leave — dubbed a "maternity-ship," said Allison Robinson, founder and CEO.

The Mom Project is a for-profit company that collects fees from companies that use its service. It does not charge the moms.

Robinson, who lives in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood, started the company during her own maternity leave from Procter & Gamble, where she works in enterprise sales and marketing strategy. She



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Phoebe Elder, who worked at Google for nine years, plays April 13 with her daughter Hannah, 2, at the Glenview home. Her son Jacob, 4, is not shown. Elder left her job at Google to be a stay-at-home mother, but now has signed on as a job candidate on the Mom Project, with the hope of staying relevant and maintaining a paycheck so that it will be easier for her to return to work once she is ready.

was struck by a statistic she read in Harvard Business Review that showed 43 percent of highly skilled women with children voluntarily leave their jobs, and connected that with broader trends of businesses desiring a flexible workforce that they can bring in and out as they need.

In addition, as more companies roll out generous parental-leave policies in an effort to attract and retain talented employees, they must figure out how to cover that gap.

"This is helping to engender the rise of a more independent workforce," said Robinson, who is in the midst of a 12-month partially paid maternity leave from P&G.

Robinson said she has

recruited several hundred women, most in the Chicago area, through professional and alumni associations to join the talent network. Candidates must have an undergraduate degree and five years of professional experience, and must undergo an interview with a talent manager. More than half of the recruits have a master's degree or higher.

The Mom Project is now in talks with companies, including major corporations as well as smaller businesses, to get them to sign on. Robinson said she is in the final stages of placing candidates into 10 project opportunities, which typically pay \$30,000 to \$60,000, depending on the role and

length.

For example, an advertising agency that needs someone to fill a 20-hour-a-week project management role for six months is offering \$40,000, Robinson said. The Mom Project, which functions like an Airbnb for hand-selected talent, connects the candidates with the work opportunity, handles the terms of employment and processes the payments.

Career interruptions to care for kids or other family members are a top reason women lag far behind men in senior leadership positions, pay and other metrics of success. About a quarter of prime-age adults who are not working consider themselves homemakers; almost all of them are wom-

en and the majority say they want to go back to work now or someday, according to a 2014 survey conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation, The New York Times and CBS News. But most say they would prefer part-time work.

Elder, who transferred to Google's Chicago offices from California three years ago to be closer to family in New York, said she and her husband tried various child care options so that she could keep working. But she felt sad a lot as she missed out on the day-to-day of her kids being little. They are now 2 and 4.

Elder hopes to return to work at some point to add to the family's finances as she and her husband prepare to send the kids to

college. She jumped at the opportunity when Robinson found her through LinkedIn and told her about The Mom Project.

Elder's LinkedIn profile lists more than a decade of sales and advertising experience at companies ranging from Hearst to YouTube to Google, where most recently she managed a team of brand specialists for its digital media campaigns — and, at the top, her most recent vocation: stay-at-home mom.

"I didn't want to fall off the Earth," she said.

That her stay-at-home status could be an asset rather than a liability reflects a shift in thinking.

Phil Perkins, CEO of Rocket Wagon, a digital product development agency in the West Loop, said he connected with Robinson at a networking event for Chicago startups and has been in talks with The Mom Project for the last three weeks about signing a contract.

His company, which launched a year ago and has 20 employees, is looking for help with content strategy and marketing efforts as it tries to tell its story, and Perkins is eager to dig into any pool to find the best talent.

He has been impressed with the caliber of candidates The Mom Project has brought him so far.

"It's hard to find people," Perkins said. "This is a unique set of circumstances for people who are very accomplished professionally."

And how about stay-at-home dads?

Robinson said that while the company is focused on recruiting women, "The Mom Project is an equal opportunity platform that welcomes any person who identifies with our mission and goals and we currently have several men in our talent network."

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Jean Franczyk takes over at Chicago Botanic Garden

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

The impending blossoming of a "corpse flower" named Sprout at the Chicago Botanic Garden could be quite the indoctrination for Jean Franczyk, who officially took over as Garden president and CEO earlier this month. Franczyk was named to the post in December and replaces Sophia Shaw, who stepped down.

Franczyk's career has included stops as a reporter, Chicago's City Hall, the Chicago Board of Education and museums in Chicago and, most recently, the United Kingdom.

She spoke by phone recently about her career and

the Garden's future.

An edited transcript follows.

Q: What are your initial impressions of the Garden?

A: One thing that really impressed me before my arrival was the Garden's reputation, not just locally, but nationally and interna-



Franczyk

nationally. This garden is well-known for its science and conservation research agendas. It's really well-known for its horticulture and horticultural display, and it is really well-known for its education and

community outreach programs.

Q: How did you get interested in working at museums after previously working as a reporter and

for different capacities at the city of Chicago?

A: I have always been a big fan of museums, because it was stuff I did when I was a kid with my family. I always found them places that had something for me at different points in my life. I find that they match my learning style.

Q: What did you learn working as a reporter and also working at Chicago's City Hall that will help you prepare for this job?

A: The skills of a good journalist are the skills that anybody needs in any profession: the ability to ask questions, analyze information and then translate really complex information to the audience you are trying to reach. Everything I have done has drawn upon those communication skills.

Q: What were your impressions of the story of

Spike (a corpse flower) last year?

A: I remember thinking these people are good because they are getting an awful lot of attention for this amazing plant, and I was really impressed by that. But I was also impressed by the public's interest in this extraordinary plant.

Q: How do you try and top Spike and all the excitement?

A: Because this is a living museum, it is a place that is always going to be full of surprises. We are opening our new Regenstein Center (a learning campus that will be the center of the Garden's education initiatives) in September, and that will give us such a wonderful opportunity to work with our audiences at every age level, in terms of engaging them in plant science, horticultural therapy and under-

standing and appreciating the natural world.

Q: The Garden has drawn in more than one million people per year for the last three years. How do you strive to maintain that number?

A: I think one million is a fantastic number, especially when you think about the seasonality to visit. People tend to come to outdoor experiences in better weather, and what we are striving to do as part of our strategic plan is...work hard to become a year-round destination.

Q: What other new initiatives do you see forthcoming?

A: We will absolutely make sure that we will fulfill the priorities in our capital campaign so the Regenstein campus opens in September, and we still are finishing out our fundraising on the

Kris Jarantoski campus...for the nursery and greenhouses.

Q: What has it been like to adapt back to the ways of the United States after being in London for the past 11 years?

A: When we were in London, we did not own a car. We used public transit to get around. But this is a car culture, so getting acclimated to traffic is new and different.

Q: What are you looking forward to the most in this job?

A: I firmly believe in the power of nature to have a positive effect on people's lives...and that once realized, I believe it takes us to another step, in how do we preserve and protect the natural world.

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Sprout the corpse flower could bloom this week in Glencoe

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

First there was Spike, and then there was Alice.

Now, officials at the Chicago Botanic Garden are carefully watching Sprout, the third corpse flower on the verge of blooming at the Glencoe garden in less than a year.

Tim Pollak, the Garden's outdoor floriculturist, predicted last week that Sprout could bloom any time between April 22 and 26. As of Monday morning, Sprout had yet to blossom, but Pollak said the titan arum was continuing to grow and stood 57.75 inches tall and 38.25 in girth. That was up from 54.5 inches in height April 21.

"The plant looks healthy and it is taking its time develop a very colorful and smelly bloom," Pollak said. "We will continue to monitor developments today, this afternoon, and tonight, and wait and see how things progress."

One sign that Sprout may be on the verge of blooming was the fact two of his bracts have fallen. Bracts are modified leaves that act as a sheath to protect the flowering structure during its early development, according to Pollak.

Pollak said the first bract came down April 20. Garden spokeswoman Gloria Ciaccio said the second bract came down two days later.

However, Ciaccio said it remained unclear when "Sprout" would bloom or open, as the process could take anywhere from two to seven days after the second bract falls.

"We are just as anxious to see it as everyone else is," she said.

Corpse flowers are rare, and are known for emitting a death-like stench – something akin to the smell of rotting meat or decaying flesh – during the brief time they flower.

Garden officials say the



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Sprout, a corpse flower on display at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, could bloom this week, according to garden officials. Corpse flowers are rare and are known for emitting a smell akin to decaying flesh.

bloom cycle usually lasts for only 24 to 36 hours. Spike and Alice drew thousands of visitors, and to accommodate Sprout's fans, the Garden will stay open if it blooms until 2 a.m., as the worst stench tends to come in the early morning hours.

Pollak said last week the Sprout watch has again brought excitement to the Garden.

"There is anticipation with some edginess, as we hope everything that we have done up to this point is giving the plant the correct environment to successfully bloom," he said.

Last summer, the Garden received worldwide attention and tens of thousands of visitors during the wait for Spike to bloom. Garden officials ultimately decided Spike didn't have the energy to open on its own, so Pollak and two colleagues physically opened the plant and removed its spathe and gathered pollen from the male flowers.

The Garden again will host a live video stream of the plant at www.ChicagoBotanic.org/titan/sprout.titan.arum. People can also track the plant's progress on Facebook or on Twitter using the #CBGSprout hashtag.

Pollak said Spike's growing pains provided a teaching moment for Garden staff.

"We have learned quite a bit from Spike, in terms of talking to other institutions and leading up to the blooming," Pollak said. For instance, they provide as much humidity as possible and monitor direct sunlight on the plants, which are native to the tropical rainforests of Sumatra, Indonesia and grow under the shade of other trees.

Spike's pollen – as well as pollen from a plant in Denver – was used to pollinate Alice, which bloomed successfully on its own. Alice began producing fruit early this year and continues to do so, Pollak said.

Sprout – named by Garden staff – has been placed in the greenhouse, next to Alice and a young titan arum with an umbrella-like leaf.

"We have three stages of life cycle on display," Pollak said. "It is a rare thing to have a plant still in fruiting mode on display. It will help with the interpretation-side of corpse flowers and giving the public another teaching moment."

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Vesterheim fundraiser celebrates Norwegian culture in Park Ridge

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

The annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade isn't the only celebration of Nordic culture in Park Ridge.

Last weekend, the Chicago Area Friends of Vesterheim — the National Norwegian-American Museum and Heritage Center in Decorah, Iowa — hosted a benefit luncheon and marketplace at the Park Ridge Country Club. Among the highlights were an appearance by Paul Anderson, honorary consul general of Norway in Chicago; music by Scandinavian folk musician Kyle Elsbernd; and a discussion of Vesterheim's 50 years of folk art education by Darlene Fossum-Martin.

"It's an opportunity to build community among Norwegian-Americans, but it's also for people who are interested in folk art and

the immigrant experience," said Shawna Wagner, development director of Vesterheim.

The day also featured vendors selling everything from Icelandic and Norwegian wool sweaters to Viking T-shirts, silver jewelry and Scandinavian knickknacks.

Several women used the day to wear traditional Norwegian dress as well. Inger Langsholt, of Rockford, explained how the bunad dress can be used to represent the place to which the wearer has a connection, so she embroidered images related to Illinois. These included an oak leaf, to represent the state tree; a violet, the state flower; a Northern Cardinal, the state bird; a monarch butterfly, the state insect; and even barbed wire, which Langsholt noted was patented by a man from DeKalb.

"I always wanted to make my own (bunad)," said Langsholt, who was also selling merchandise.

"Park Ridge seems to be a nice central point for the Norwegian community to do things," said Mette Bowen, of Lake Forest, a member of the Vesterheim board of trustees. Bowen said the annual Chicago-area fundraiser has been taking place in Park Ridge for at least 10 to 15 years.

"There's definitely Scandinavians and Norwegians living there, but it's more a central point for us," she said of Park Ridge. "It's a good place to be."

On May 15, the Norwegian National League will host the annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade in Park Ridge. The day begins at noon with pre-parade festivities at Hodges Park, featuring children's activities, vendors, refreshments and entertainment, according to the organization's website.

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Annette Gustafson, left, and Inger Langsholt model the traditional bunad style of Norwegian dress during the Chicago Area Friends of Vesterheim benefit luncheon and marketplace at the Park Ridge Country Club on April 23.

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Ten Ninety Brewing Co. has 19 different beers on the market with 11 fermenting at any given time.

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Ten Ninety Brewing Co. opens in Glenview

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Pioneer Press

What happens when a guy and two of his buddies, all of whom share a passion for craft beer, start home brewing together? Ten Ninety Brewing Co.

Brian Schafer of Glenview, Jamie Hoban of Naperville and Andy Smith of Chicago this week officially opened their 11,000-square-foot brewery and tap room, located in downtown Glenview on Waukegan Road, across from Heinen's.

"Glenview is a tremendous community and is our demographic," said 41-year-old Schafer, a former corporate finance executive who holds an MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and who started the company with his two friends two years ago. Its prior location was in Zion.

Ten Ninety Brewing Co. has 19 different beers on the market, with 11 fermenting at any given time, according to Hoban, who holds an MBA from the University of Chicago, and who worked in finance and banking for 10 years.

The brewery, with its exposed brick and wooden truss ceiling, can be seen through large glass windows from its tap room, where craft beer lovers sample different beers and beer flights.

With seating for 91, the tap room is decorated with dark hardwood floors, dark wood furniture, high top tables, a bar, a couch seating area, a fireplace and large-screen TVs. The brewery will also have outdoor seating for 20. Ten Ninety will have light snacks for purchase, and customers can bring in their own food or call a restaurant for delivery.

"The tap room is an



Andy Smith, from left, Jamie Hoban and Brian Schafer own a 11,000-square-foot brewery and tap room, Ten Ninety Brewing Co., located in downtown Glenview on Waukegan Road, across from Heinen's.

important part of our business and serves several purposes," said Hoban. "It brings in customers and helps create buzz and awareness, but it also serves to create and maintain customer loyalty, not typical of our industry."

Ten Ninety's beers are

available at several retail stores, including Heinen's, Trader Joe's, Mariano's and Binny's.

The owners attribute the company's success to its uniqueness.

"We'll take a traditional beer style and put our own unique twist on it, whether

it's a specialty ingredient or a different brewing process," Hoban said. "Even something as simple as adding cayenne pepper has worked. Who would have thought of that?"

"So many things can happen from the start of the recipe to the end of the beer," said Smith, a West Point graduate who served in the military for 10 years before obtaining both a master's degree in computer science and a law degree from DePaul University. "It's a culinary process with many variables, so you have to adapt, and that's the fun part."

Schafer said he met Hoban more than two decades ago when the two worked for the same company right after college. They met Smith a short time later.

"Andy was a home brewer," said Schafer, who lives in Glenview with his wife, Ewa, and their three chil-

dren. "For his 22nd birthday, one of his brothers bought him a home brewing kit and he introduced me to brewing. I am a foodie, and when I brewed beer for the first time, I saw the similarities to cooking and being able to experiment with different flavor profiles. I caught the bug immediately."

When asked why they named the company Ten Ninety, Schafer said it is brewing term that has to do with high gravity in a beer.

"You had two business school nerds and an engineer in a room, and we were talking numbers," Smith said. "The other part of it is that it adds up to 100. We always say, 'We're bringing 90 percent effort and 10 percent love.'"

To learn more, go to www.ten-ninety.com.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelancer for Pioneer Press.

Is chaos upon us in Chicago, Illinois?



RANDY BLASER

The great poet William Butler Yeats wrote in his poem "The Second Coming" that "Things fall apart; the center cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world."

It is an ode to the idea of entropy, that when the world is left to its own devices it will descend from order to chaos. Don't believe it? Then don't bother with your garden all summer and see what happens.

One of the things falling apart right before our eyes is the state of Illinois. Our fearless leaders have conspired to do nothing for the past year or so. No budget, no attention to the needs of the state, no order. The result? Mere anarchy is loosed upon our world. Let's take a look.

The standoff between Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democratic



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A Chicago police officer guards the scene of a couple of shootings in the 2700 block of West 24th Place as they and members of the Cook County Sheriff's Department search for suspects in the shooting of two people on April 21.

House Speaker Michael Madigan is the root of the chaos. There is no budget. The state is broke. It is not paying its bills. The refusal of our leaders to impose order on the state is having a result, but not one intended by anyone.

People are leaving Illinois at an alarming rate. It's a topic of conversation

around the water cooler.

Every day we hear of a new list of state rankings that put Illinois at the bottom. From money for education to taxes on residents, from job creation to business climate, we are among the worst states in this union.

Speaking of unions, the Chicago Teachers Union is

considering a strike, again, as if mere anarchy is not quite enough. I attended a Chicago public school for four years. There were two strikes in my time.

If I could say in the decades that have followed that Chicago schools are better than ever, then maybe all the strikes would be for something.

But they are not better. Then there is the violence plaguing our city. As I write this, we have surpassed 1,000 people shot in Chicago, a good two months earlier than in recent years. The murder count is at 172, a 66 percent increase over last year at this time. This terrible violence falls most heavily on the poor African-American communities in the city.

That's not news. There's no press conference. Mayor Rahm Emanuel doesn't pop out of his Hobbit hole and say: "This is a national crisis and must stop. Everything takes a back seat to this."

The simple fact is these poor neighborhoods have long ago been abandoned by the leadership. They are way too busy crushing order wherever they find it anywhere else in the city and state.

Some recent news to come out of our city, just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, is a little kid shot in the head by a stray bullet.

The death of 32-year-old

Marques Gaines, captured on video, reveals the depth of the abyss into which we have fallen. Here's what happened:

Gaines walks out of a 7-Eleven on the near North Side and is soon questioned by a larger man. Gaines walks away but is pursued. At the corner, Gaines is hit by the man and falls into the gutter.

A few people rush to Gaines. You think they are going to help him. But you're wrong. They go through his pockets, then leave. And then Gaines is left helpless in the gutter. No one goes to help him. Then a taxi runs over Gaines.

It is one of the worst scenes you will ever see.

Have we sunk so low? Are we giving up on trying to bring any order to this place? Is everything spinning out of control?

Please don't tell me we are a city that just shrugs its big shoulders and walks away.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Mother's Day gifts can be all about the wrapping



PAUL SASSONE

When figuring out Mother's Day festivities, be sure to allow plenty of time for your mom to open her presents.

If your mother is anything like my mother, it will take her about 18 hours to open her gifts.

There are two kinds of people in the world. The first are those who just rip into a gift with salivatory

delight. After all, it's the thought that counts. So, the sooner you can get at what is inside the sooner you can see how the thought has been translated into a gift, the sooner you can graciously and effusively thank the giver.

The other kind of person is mothers.

They go into spasms of ecstasy over a gift's wrapping. They caress the bow, wax poetic on the beauty of the paper and, in general, treat the package as if it were an injured fawn. They can't bear to mar the beauty.

Eventually, they attempt to open the present without

tearing the paper. Minutes drag by and become hours, days, weeks. The seasons change, onlookers grow old, retire and move to Arizona.

Here's where the irony comes in. Sooner or later (mostly later) the paper has to be torn. There just isn't any other way to open a present. You could look it up in a physics book.

Philosophically, also, this dawdling is wrong.

Substance is more important than appearance. The intelligent, sensitive person is able to look beyond mere appearance to the reality that lies beneath.

So it is with presents.

The wrapping is appearance. The gift inside is reality. Wrapping is the sizzle. The gift is the steak.

So, you may be asking, why wrap presents at all?

Or, even more radical, why not just skip a gift and give the wrapping lover pretty wrapping paper?

Because it's your mother, that's why. You have to — you want to — give your mother a gift on Mother's Day. If it makes her happy to take forever to unwrap a package, so be it.

Take it from me, time spent with your mother on Mother's Day is precious. My mother is gone.

What I wouldn't give to



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Mother's Day gifts

be able to watch my mom dawdle over package wrapping.

She could take hours.

I wouldn't mind a bit.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.



LUCAS MUSEUM OF NARRATIVE ART

An artist's rendering of the proposed Lucas Museum on the site of McCormick Place East, which would be torn down.

Lucas Museum in Chicago disturbs the force



ERIC SCOTT

The not-so-light-speed effort to secure the proposed Lucas Museum in Chicago has become an annoying disturbance in the force.

It's embarrassing enough to watch local TV newscasters lead with stories of more overnight shootings, another damaging video showing deplorable conduct by a corrupt police officer and local teachers threatening a walkout before we get to the latest, meaningless graphic of where Chicago is going to stick another attraction along the lakefront that's impossible to reach by car.

At a time when Chicago is dealing with much more serious issues than where to build and how to pay for a sci-fi museum, the constant drum beat of changing architectural plans makes Mayor Rahm Emanuel appear insensitive and aloof to what really needs attention. Anyone else tired of seeing

artist renditions of the toasted marshmallow-topped museum squished next to the tidy bowl-toilet frame of Soldier Field?

No wait, let's demolish the old McCormick Place and put it there. Even better, it could go at the vacant, never built Chicago Spire — a hole-in-the-ground site. Never in the history of the universe has there been a more expensive effort to jam a square peg into a round hole.

Now comes the part where I raise my hands and say, "Do I really have to think of everything for you guys?"

To no one's surprise, Chicago is a vertical city. It's most prominent buildings rise up, not out.

George Lucas' baby, "Star Wars," is a vertical movie franchise. It is all about reaching galaxies, with evil space fortresses hovering over peaceful planets and building Death Stars from the ground up. (Hey, are those guys union?)

The Lucas Museum belongs in the sky — at least 50 floors above the ground.

The city could work out a multi-floor lease with the Sears Tower (yes, I still call it "Sears"), or one of many downtown skyscrapers

that could play museum host.

Better yet, we have what could be described as a land-based Death Star that would be perfect! Couldn't you see a Star Wars-themed museum inside the old Chicago post office?

The gigantic building is empty and has enough indoor space for the real Millennium Falcon to fly around. Remove all those floors and put in the Luke and Leia Rope Swing Bridge, the Trash Compactor Experience Ride and, don't forget, the Boba Fett Cafe and Juice Bar for the kids.

Imagine driving under that behemoth building on the Eisenhower Expressway with new LED lights on the walls and roof over traffic lanes, simulating light-speed visuals while driving 55(ish)?

No, it probably won't happen anytime soon. But continued reports of the museum's development are close to becoming laughable if Chicago doesn't focus its attention first on what's really important.

Break out of the carbonte, Rahm.

Eric Scott is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Millionaires live a hard life in Illinois



DAVID RUTTER

Millionaires need nurturing, and luckily for them, they have Illinois to keep them snugly through the cold winter.

Life for the rich is complicated and challenging. Your Bentley town car is dirty. Who can you assign to take it to the executive car wash? Will we spend June resting in Bimini or Iceland? So many hard choices.

If you're one of the 243,350 millionaires in Illinois, you are already deliriously happy with the tax system here. Giddy even.

True, 3,000 millionaires left Chicago last year, according to research firm New World Wealth, but they fled violence and crime, not taxes. Plus, moving to Highland Park is not exactly escaping the Gold Coast. Paris (7,000) and Rome (5,000) lost millionaire fugitives for the same reasons.

But Illinois millionaires can't bound joyously around Springfield because that would be unseemly, and there's no use unnerving the legislative field hands or the common folk. Millionaires always act as if they could be victims in a strong-armed robbery at any minute, but that's playacting. You've seen European soccer flopping, I presume?

That's because no Republican state legislator ever sired in Lincolnland recently will vote to treat them as if they were normal, working lugs. The rich are clearly more important and delicate than everyone else, Especially you.

To make sure survival of the fat-cattiest is maintained, the 5 percent of

Illinoisans who are millionaires expend a far lower percentage of their spending power on taxes than you do. It's one of the benefits of richness.

This is the tax system they bought fair and square.

The legislature considered fixing that with two bills last week — one to impose a 3 percent tax on millionaire-only income and the second a plebiscite to allow you to alter the state constitution and allow a graduated income tax.

No dice, said House Republicans. The bills failed because Republicans vote uniformly, shrieking "no!" as if you'd asked them to support mass genocide. Two Democrats defected, so the bills failed.

In Illinois, the GOP views changing taxes to impose proportional burdens as moral degeneracy.

Raising Illinois taxes on the rich is often called "a stealth tax" by opponents, as if it's a devious trick or something even darker: the dreaded class warfare.

But there's no need to seem sneaky. Legislators representing 99.9 percent of voters could do the right thing if they wished.

As for class warfare, that war is over, and the wealthy won.

If you earn the median \$47,987 household income in Illinois, you are cooked by taxes.

The 3.75 percent state income tax damaged you far more than the same percent from anyone making \$1 million. Fair income tax systems seek balance, not equality.

Here's the secret to a graduated income tax. If income taxes for the state's 0.0001 percent richest went up 3 percent, the \$8 billion deficit that haunts the state and prevents all rational debate would evaporate.

Not diminish. Not be brought under control. But

disappear instantaneously and permanently. Even opponents have checked the math.

Income taxes for everyone outside that 0.0001 percent would be the same or go down.

If you believed the poor-mebombast of rich rhetoric, you'd think these are tough times for the American rich, having spent eight miserable years under the socialist dictatorship of Barack Obama.

But rich people are richer than ever and getting proportionally richer every year. They haven't taken all of the money yet, but they seem to be trying. And they don't like it when you suggest they're greedy, which they are.

According to wealth trackers at Phoenix Marketing International, the nation has 6.1 million millionaires. California has 777,000 millionaires, but Maryland has the highest per capita number with 169,287 Richie Riches. In 20 states, at least 5 percent of the households are millionaire pads.

Mississippi — the least millionaire-infested state in the country — has only 2.9 million residents and 40,955 are millionaires. Everyone else in Mississippi is an indentured servant or playing college football, which is very similar.

A new study from the Institute for Policy Studies think tank says the richest 400 Americans have a combined net worth of \$2.34 trillion — equal to that of the bottom 61 percent of the U.S. population, or about 194 million people.

But the richest people in Illinois insist they're suffering, though they won't talk so much about paying a fair share.

Fair? Bad word.

Fair is a term the little people use.

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We've got Mother's Day covered

Book suggestions that capture what it means to be a mom

By **DONALD LIEBENSON**
Pioneer Press

"M" is for the many books she read me.

Which is why books make an ideal Mother's Day gift. We asked staff at local libraries and bookstores to share some of those meaningful Mother's Day reads. Here in their words are their recommendations.

"YOU MADE ME A MOTHER" BY LAURENNE SALA

A mother talks about how fulfilled and happy her life has become in a book that is in the same vein as Robert Munsch's classic, "Love You Forever." The book is about the bonds between mother and child and unconditional love.

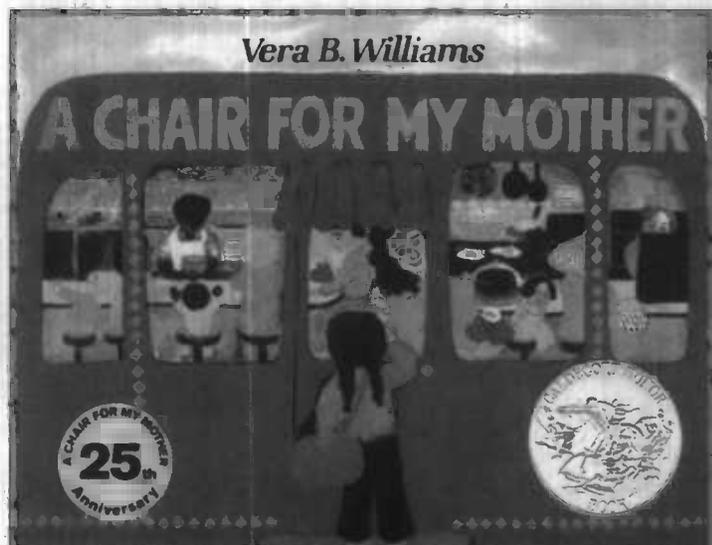
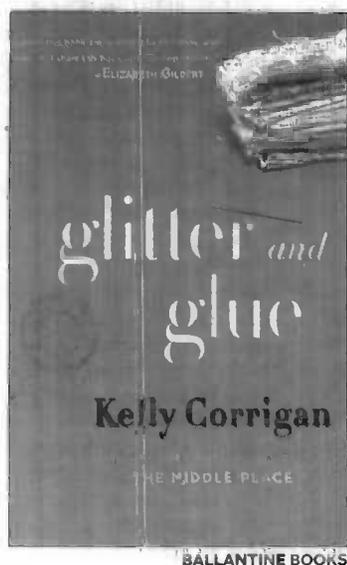
— *Alex Yount, Co-Manager, Anderson's Book Shop, La Grange*

"IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA?" BY DEBORAH GUARINO

A classic picture book for ages 3-6 about a little llama finding his mother. — *Julie Jurgens, School Services Coordinator, Arlington Heights Memorial Library*

"GLITTER AND GLUE: A MEMOIR," BY KELLY CORRIGAN

In this popular and thoughtful read, a nanny working 10,000



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miles from her home begins to appreciate the practical life lessons her mother taught her.

— *Liz Kirchhoff, Adult Services Librarian, Barrington Area Library*

"THE SUMMER BEFORE THE WAR," BY HELEN SIMONSON

This is one of those books you like to put into the hands of a reader. The time is just before WWI in a small English town that hires a new Latina teacher. Women love books with great characters and this book has a couple of them. — *Alli Mengarelli, Owner, The Book Bin, Northbrook*

"MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON," BY ELIZABETH STROUT

It's about a mother-daughter relationship over the years. There are so many books about mothers out right now, but this is one we really like, and it's popular with book clubs. — *Amy Kelly, clerk, The Book Stall, Winnetka*

"THE MOTHERS," BY JENNIFER GILMORE

An emotionally gripping novel about motherhood and a couple's heartbreaking mission to adopt. — *Andi Altenbach, Library Assistant, Evanston Public Library*

"I LOVE YOU, STINKYFACE," BY LISA MCCOURT

This is one of my daughter's particular favorites. It's a cute, wonderful book that illustrates a mother's love is limitless.

— *Andy Kim, Director, Glencoe Public Library*

"A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER," BY VERA WILLIAMS

It's about a little girl who saves up to buy her hard-working mom a chair to relax in. It always makes my wife cry, and that's what a mother wants to do on Mother's Day, right? — *Dan McPhillips, Head of Reference, Eisenhower Public Library, Harwood Heights*

"THE PRIZE-WINNER OF DEFIANCE, OHIO: HOW MY MOTHER RAISED 10 KIDS ON 25 WORDS OR LESS," BY TERRY RYAN

The author's mother in the 1960s kept her large family fed and clothed by entering contests, making up rhymes about laundry soap, saving box tops and labels, etc. At one point they even entered a supermarket dash — remember those? Ryan doesn't sugarcoat her childhood, but creates a vivid picture of her mom, who faced her challenges with wit and creativity.

— *Laurie Skinner, Information and Reader Services Librarian, Highland Park Public Library*

"MODERN GIRLS," BY JENNIFER BROWN

Mothers will do anything possible to make their children's lives better in this historical fiction set in 1935 about a Jewish mother and her daughter who both face unplanned pregnancies.

— *Emily Borsa, Adult Services Librarian, Hinsdale Public Library*

THE "SHOPAHOLIC" SERIES BY SOPHIE KINSELLA; "BIG LITTLE LIES" BY LIANE MORIARTY, "BOSSYPANTS" BY TINA FEY, AND "THE AVIATOR'S WIFE" BY MELANIE BENJAMIN.

Amy Poehler addresses motherhood in her book, "Yes Please," but the general consensus in the department is that Fey's book is funnier.

— *The Adult Services Department, Indian Trails Library District*

"THE NEST," BY CYNTHIA D'APRIX SWEENEY

A great story about four estranged siblings who have lived their lives with the expectation of receiving a joint trust fund, which becomes endangered by their reckless older brother.

— *Maxwell Gregory, Manager, Lake Forest Bookstore*

"THE CHARM BRACELET," BY VIOLA SHIPMAN

A good story about mothers and daughters that concerns three generations of women. An overworked reporter and her daughter return to her mother's house on the shores of Lake Michigan where they reminisce and bond. — *Amy Norton, Reader Services Librarian, Northbrook Public Library*

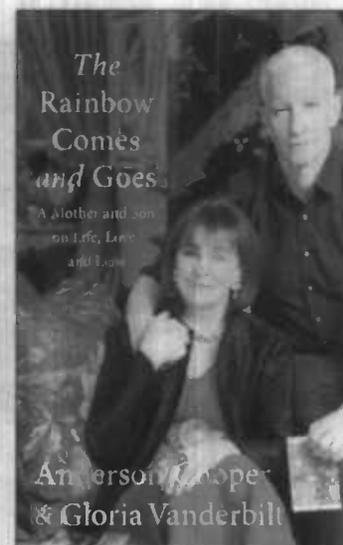
"MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON," BY ELIZABETH STROUT

This latest from Pulitzer Prize winner Strout is a beautiful, heart wrenching gem of a book that, despite its slender size, explores big themes of family relationships, failure and forgiveness. A moving character study that's written like poetry where every word counts and what goes unspoken is just as important as what is written.

— *Kathy Sexton, Reader Services Supervisor, Skokie Public Library*

"THE RAINBOW COMES AND GOES: A MOTHER AND SON ON LIFE, LOVE, AND LOSS," BY ANDERSON COOPER AND GLORIA VANDERBILT

I almost never read non-fiction, but this book fascinated me. (CNN's) Anderson Cooper and his mother, Gloria Vanderbilt, were never able to communicate with each other, but when she turned 91 and became sick, they started an email correspondence



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to deal with issues they had never confronted before. It's an interesting mother-son dynamic.

— *Anne Baker Jones, Adult Services Librarian, Vernon Area Public Library, Lincolnshire*

"ELSEWHERE" BY RICHARD RUSSO AND "IF IT ISN'T ONE THING, IT'S YOUR MOTHER" BY JULIA SWEENEY

"Elsewhere" is a bittersweet memoir about (the author's) bond with his high-strung mother. — *Nancy Wagner, Librarian, Wilmette Public Library*

"ONCE I WAS COOL: PERSONAL ESSAYS," MEGAN STIELSTRAW

It's about a woman's transition from a cool young artist to mom, but also her struggle to maintain her younger, hipper identity while trying to handle adult responsibilities. — *Sarah Hollenbeck, co-owner, Women and Children First, Chicago*

Meanwhile, **Bookends & Beginnings In Evanston** is hosting a "Mamapalooza," a free event from 1 to 5 p.m. on Mother's Day, May 8, at the store, 1712 S. Sherman Ave., Evanston, with an author's reception (\$15 tickets) to follow at 5:30 p.m. Ten mostly local authors, including Julia Sweeney ("If It's Not One Thing, It's Your Mother"), will read matriarch-centered works. For information, go to bookendandbeginnings.com.

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MUSIC

Camerata Chicago concert features 'Rising Star' cellist

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Pioneer Press

Camerata Chicago's Rising Star program is packed with some of the most acclaimed classical music on the planet. Who doesn't love Barber's lush "Adagio for Strings" or Mozart's beautiful Symphony No. 40, to say nothing of Tchaikovsky's magnificent challenge to cellists, his "Rococo Variations."

Plus, it is under the direction of its founder Drostan Hall, who has been called "an exuberant magician," and indeed, his baton draws bright, elegant playing from his 27 musicians. Hall has also engaged cellist Julian Schwarz for the Tchaikovsky and he will also play Faure's highly emotional "Elegy."

The program takes place on April 29 at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, and on May 1 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge.

Schwarz, 25, is the son of Gerard Schwarz, the highly respected conductor laureate of the Seattle Symphony. When asked what it was like growing up in a musical family, he replied, "When I decided I wanted to pursue the cello seriously, I could walk into my father's study and pull out a CD or a recording. If I wanted to look at a score, he had them. It was really great." (Gerard Schwarz has made nearly 350 recordings.)

But surprisingly it is his mother's family that was full of musicians. "My father's Jewish family immigrated from Austria and my father was the only musician," he said. "It was my mother Jody Greitzer Schwarz, who plays flute, and her two sisters who were the ones raised in a



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Conductor Drostan Hall with Chicago Camerata members

Julian Schwarz performs

What: Chicago Camerata Rising Star Concert
Details: 7 p.m. April 29, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago; 4 p.m. May 1, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge
Tickets: \$40, \$50 VIP, \$30 seniors, \$10 students

musical household. Their father was principal violist of the New York Philharmonic and their mother was an accomplished pianist."

The three girls went to The Juilliard School as had their parents. "My father went to Juilliard too, and so have I," Schwarz continued. "I'm the tenth member of the extended family who has gone to that school."

The fledgling cellist recalled attending the Seattle Symphony four times a week as a child. "Sometimes rehearsals too," he explained. "And if I liked the concert on Thursday night, I could hear it again on Friday and Saturday. Other kids went to the movies, I went to the symphony."

His engagement with Camerata Chicago came through cellist Rebecca

Zimmerman, at the Eastern Music Festival in North Carolina, where Schwarz senior, is music director. "She also plays in Camerata and she recommended me to Drostan. I am very excited about making my Chicago debut and I'm so happy to be playing the 'Rococo Variations.'"

In fact, that piece already has become part of the young man's repertoire, "I learned it at Interlochen," he said, referring to the summer music program in northern Michigan for youths from third grade through high school. "I kept it up through the years and my first big break came in 2010 when I was invited to tour the U.S. with the Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra. We gave 15 concerts and I played the 'Rococo.' It's 18-minutes long and gives me a chance to show what I can do.

"It's the piece I have performed the most in my career — 30 times. So when I sit down on the stage, it's like an old friend."

Schwarz has given performances on public television and Drostan Hall was able to see a Naxos DVD of those programs. He liked what he saw and heard and decided to feature the cellist on his Rising Stars series. "We'll meet at our first rehearsal," he said, "but Julian is definitely a rising star."

ART

American Jewish Artists Club hosts 'Passover' exhibit

Depictions include Miriam's cup, ten plagues

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Thirteen members of the American Jewish Artists Club are showcasing their visions of the meaning of Passover in a juried show at Congregation Solel in Highland Park.

The exhibition was arranged by the club's exhibition chair, Adrienne Aaronson. The Highland Park artist has a piece in the exhibit, an acrylic on canvas work called, "Preschool Seder."

"It's a painting that I did based on a photo that I took of my mother and my grandson at his preschool Passover," she said. The moment that Aaronson captured with her camera in 2008, and then turned into a warm, touching painting, holds special significance for the artist. "My mom passed away a week afterwards," she explained.

"Miriam's Cup," an acrylic on canvas work by Diane Nelson of Northbrook, is a stunning image filled with movement and meaning. "I'm a feminist," Nelson declared. "We've always had Elijah's cup but with this new tradition a lot of people are also having Miriam's cup at the table so I decided to do a little reading and find out what her story was."

What she discovered, "completely fascinated me," Nelson declared. "She was a prophet as well and she helped cheer on the team leading the Hebrews out of Egypt, but particularly the women. She actually made the musical instruments that the women played. I decided to combine that with the cup and have the



ADRIENNE AARONSON PHOTO

Adrienne Aaronson's "Preschool Passover," based on a photo she took several years ago of her late mother with her son at his preschool.

'Passover,' American Jewish Artists Club exhibit

When: May 2-July 29; opening reception is 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15

Where: Congregation Solel, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park

Information: (847) 910-3764; www.americanjewishartistsclub.org

women dancing off the cup."

Nelson plans to add this piece to a series she started a few years ago on contemporary views of Biblical stories.

The traditional items found on a Seder plate, as well as the ten plagues that the Jewish people overcame in their journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom, are depicted in Paulette Levy's digital imaging piece "Passover Mandala."

The artwork is part of a series that the Skokie artist is doing on mandals, "Which are circles of belief," she said. "My belief is Judaism so I'm doing the Jewish holidays."

The importance of the

circle shape is that these belief are "neverending," Levy said. She described her piece as, "The telling of the festival of liberation."

Lincolnshire photographer Michael Zidman's piece offers a close-up view of the Passover Haggadah, which is the guide to the Seder, as well as covered matzo.

"I was trying to think of a way to say, 'What is the holiday about?'" Zidman said. "It was a matter of putting the pieces together. I thought the Haggadah and the covered matzo were symbols of Passover and I thought it told the story of what Passover is all about — at least one aspect of it."

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Angeliki Valassilatos, from left, Duncan Curry and Clara Schuman will perform in "The Music Man Jr."

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Thin Ice Ensemble stages 'The Music Man Jr.'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" is one of Eileen Hand's favorite shows. That's why she's delighted to direct a cast of 41 young people, ages 8-15, in her Thin Ice Ensemble Theater's production of "The Music Man Jr."

"I really wanted these kids to be exposed to this musical because I think it's one of the greatest musicals that was ever written," Hand declared. She loves the junior version, too, because, "For the kids this age, this is the perfect show. There's a lot of dance in it. The rhythm of the music is so much fun, I knew the kids were going to have a blast doing this show — and they are."

Hand believes this shortened version of the tale of conman Harold Hill's transformation "still maintains the integrity of the show."

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6-8, at Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie. Tickets

are \$12; \$10 for students, at the door.

For details, go to www.thiniceensembletheater.org.

What a wonderful world

Celebrate our planet at Earth Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 30 at Maine Park, 2701 W. Sibley, Park Ridge. Everyone can create recycled crafts, visit a Repurposed Project Fair and dance to live music at this free event. Illinois Birds of Prey will be on display from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and there will be a Scales and Tales Animal Show at 1 p.m. A Park District Dance Showcase is scheduled for 11 a.m.

For details, call 847-692-5127 or go to www.prparks.org.

Dynamic duo

You and your child can sip tea, eat treats and work on a craft project at a Mom's Day Tea, 2-2:45 p.m. May 8 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Tea party participants will also stage a fashion show.

Register early because space is limited.

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

Renovation concentration

Watch the progress of construction at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., during Story-time with Construction Abe. You and your kids will hear a story and see how far the renovation process has gone at this drop-in event for all ages.

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

The games are on!

Kids and grownups can check out the latest games at the Barnes & Noble Tabletop Gaming Meetup, 4 p.m. April 30 at 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie. There will be giveaways while supplies last.

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

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Conrad Grant, 7, plays with his sister Maggie, 9, and their father, John.

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Using a 'different' approach

Parents of children with disabilities find ways to tame teasing, bullying Page 14

SUBURBAN COOKS

Oswego chef adds bold flavors of Barbados home to everyday dishes

Caribbean cooking not as spicy as people think, says catering company owner

By Judy Buchenot
The Beacon-News

Home cooking can mean anything from mac and cheese to crab cakes, depending on where you grew up.

The flavors that Oswego resident Wayne Wood associates with home include the full flavors of ginger, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon, since he grew up in Barbados.

"Caribbean cooking is not spicy like some people think," Wood said. "It is just very bold with flavor. Our food comes from a mixture of European influences, from people who came to the country — Spanish, French, British, Portuguese. All of these different cultures gave Caribbean cooking a very classic cooking style with searing meat for flavor, making sauces with roux. Making pan sauce is very traditional. My mom did it all of the time when she cooked."

Barbados has a very warm temperature year-round with an average of 3,000 hours of sunshine a year, so fresh herbs, spices and other ingredients are in abundant supply. "Cooking in Barbados is always fresh," Wood said. "A lot of the animals raised there are also grass-fed, so the food is very organic."

Although Wood is able to find many Caribbean ingredients from guavas to banana leaves here in the United States, there are a few things that can't be found here, like the golden apple. "It is almost like a peach on the inside when it is ripe. It has a thorny pit. The flavor is somewhat sweet and very good when it is ripe," he said.

Wood says okra is a common part of a meal in Barbados. "It has to be fresh though," he said. "Sometimes it is part of a stew, but it is often eaten steamed with lime juice, salt and a touch of olive oil. The texture is something you get used to. It has a congealed texture — almost like eating oysters."

Red beans and rice are a part of many meals. "It can be a whole meal or a side dish," he said. Wood prefers to use basmati rice when he makes red beans and rice and other dishes. "Basmati rice is more flavorful, less starchy and has a wonderful nutty flavor. It is even healthier," Wood added that it can usually be



JUDY BUCHENOT/THE BEACON-NEWS

Wayne Wood shows off some of the ingredients of Barbados, the Island where he grew up. Okra is a common component in many dishes in his home country.

Wayne's Culinary Cue

When cooking dried peas or beans, do not add salt to the cooking liquid. Adding salt to the cooking water pulls out moisture, makes the beans tougher and prolongs the cooking time. Wait until the beans are cooked to add salt.

substituted for long grain rice in many recipes.

When cooking rice and sauces, Wood often uses coconut milk in place of other liquids. "It is great for finishing sauces. Sometimes it can neutralize the spices a little and make them smoother," he said.

Cornmeal is used frequently in many dishes in Barbados: "The national dish of Barbados is cou-cou, which is made with cornmeal. A good cou-cou should never be lumpy, which means it has to be stirred and stirred. I remember watching my mother stir and stir the cou-cou."

If cornmeal is used for the dish, Wood suggests sifting it first to get only the finest grains. He has found that using polenta is easier since it is usually more finely ground corn than cornmeal. "With polenta, there is less stirring. Cou-cou is a

creamy beautiful dish with the golden yellow mixed with the bright colors of okra," Wood said.

Wood loves jerk chicken, salt water seafood and the many grilled meats found in Barbados, but he has also come to love the many flavors found in the United States and other countries. He has lived in the United States for 30 years. He moved to the Fox Valley area about 16 years ago and graduated from the Culinary program at College of DuPage.

He is co-owner of the Naperville-based catering company, Culinary Artistry, and also does contract work for Lisle's Chef by Request and Chicago's Meson Catering. "I love what I do. I don't feel like it is work," Wood said of cooking. "I love to season each layer as I cook. Preparing food is like surgery. There is no room for error."

Wood shares two recipes from Barbados for others to try for a little island flavor. Cou-cou is a flavorful side dish or main dish. Pigeon Pea Stew is a popular dish that is very healthy and light. The salted meat can be added for a heartier flavor or left out to make the dish vegetarian.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

Cou-Cou

- 12 okra
- 6 cups chicken or vegetable stock, divided
- 1 tablespoon salt, divided
- 2 cups polenta or cornmeal

1. Wash okra and cut off stems. Slice into rings. Place half the stock and half the salt into a pan. Add okra rings and bring to a boil. Boil 10 minutes.
2. Sift polenta or cornmeal into a bowl. Add remaining salt and stock. Stir until blended.
3. Remove okra mixture from the heat. Pour polenta or cornmeal mixture into the okra and stir to mix well. Return pan to heat and cook over medium heat while stirring with a wooden spoon. When mixture becomes smooth and stiff and breaks away from the pan cleanly at the bottom, the cou-cou is done cooking. Pour immediately into a serving dish and spread butter over the top.

Pigeon Pea Stew

- 1/2 pound bacon or smoked turkey (optional)
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1/2 pound pumpkin or butternut squash
- 1/4 pound carrots
- 1 onion
- 1/4 pound potatoes
- 2 large tomatoes
- 2 cups canned pigeon peas
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 ounces butter
- thyme to taste
- salt to taste
- pepper to taste
- 1 scallion
- 2 tablespoons butter

1. If using salted meat, soak in stock for at least 30 minutes. Cut meat into small pieces and set aside.
2. Peel pumpkin or squash and dice into small cubes. Peel and cube carrots, onion and potatoes. Cube tomatoes. Set all vegetables aside.
3. Drain and rinse peas. Finely chop garlic. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Add onion, garlic and thyme and saute lightly.
4. Add meat, if using, peas and pumpkin or squash. Pour in enough stock to cover all. Cover and simmer about one hour. Remove pumpkin or squash and mash. Return to pot and stir to thicken mixture. Add potatoes, tomatoes and carrots. Cook until tender. Add salt and pepper to taste.
5. Place in serving bowl. Chop scallion and sprinkle on top.



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

For a tasty, but not time-consuming, weeknight meal, try slow cooking carnitas. The pork can then be served over rice and beans, on a sandwich roll or in tacos.

Slow cooker carnitas makes for tasty Cinco de Mayo meal



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

I'm not stranger to savoring a few tacos and sipping a margarita every year on May 5, but I've always wondered how celebrating Cinco de Mayo became more popular in the United States than in Mexico. My recent curiosity spurred me to the computer to do a little research at history.com. It's true many folks erroneously believe Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexican Independence day, but the holiday actually honors an 1862 battle in Puebla, Mexico.

After Mexico failed to meet their financial obligations to France, the European nation invaded the struggling country. Despite having the advantages of a powerful army and large numbers of soldiers, France failed to emerge victorious in their battle against local fighters in Puebla.

As news of Mexico's long-shot victory in their heated battle against France spread to the United States, the story served as an inspiration to union soldiers facing significant challenges during the American Civil War. As a result, May 5 became a day for embracing Mexican culture in the United States. To this day Cinco de Mayo celebrations honor hard fought battles and unlikely victors.

Cinco de Mayo is right around the corner and now is the perfect time to whip up a batch of crispy pork carnitas to celebrate the day. It might feel like a heroic feat to

pull off a fiesta on a busy Thursday night, but my version of this classic dish ensures victory by making use of a handy slow cooker.

All you need to do is slap the meat in your slow cooker in the morning and let it simmer low and slow all day. The divine perfume of oranges, limes, cinnamon and onion will greet you when you return home and the tender pork will fall off the bone and shred with ease. A quick sizzle in a hot pan creates the crispy edges pork carnitas are prized for without keeping you stuck at the stove for hours.

Toss the meat over beans and rice, sandwich it on a fresh telera roll, or use this glistening pork as a filling for some fiesta worthy tacos. Any way you serve them, my cheaters pork carnitas will make you an unexpected weeknight winner on Cinco de Mayo!

Slow Cooker Carnitas

FOR THE PORK:

- 1 5-pound pork shoulder roast
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 Tablespoon coarse black pepper
- 1 Tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 orange (unpeeled), cut into large chunks
- 2 limes (unpeeled), cut into chunks
- 10 garlic cloves, smashed
- 4 bay leaves
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 large sweet onion diced
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 cup canola oil for frying

FOR THE TACOS:

- Small corn tortillas, warmed
- Orange segments
- Diced red pepper
- Sliced jalapeno
- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Sliced scallion
- Thinly sliced red onion tossed with orange juice and oregano.
- Crumbled queso fresco

1. Combine the salt, pepper, cumin and oregano in a small bowl. Rub the mixture all over the roast. Place the seasoned pork roast, fat side up, in a 6-8 quart slow cooker. Nestle the orange, lime, garlic, bay leaves and cinnamon sticks around the roast. Sprinkle the onion over the roast. Cover and cook on low setting for 8-9 hours.

2. Carefully remove the roast from the pot. Remove the bone and discard any bay leaves, cinnamon sticks or citrus chunks from the roast. Shred the meat with two forks; it will already be falling apart. Toss the brown sugar with the meat. Strain the cooking liquid from the pot and skim the fat from the broth and discard.

3. Heat the canola oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Fry up to 75 percent of the shredded pork in the hot oil until crispy and brown, but still tender in the middle. Do not overcrowd the pan; cook in batches as needed. Toss the crispy pork with the reserved pulled pork and moisten as desired with the de-fatted cooking liquid.

4. Serve the carnitas on the warmed tortillas garnished with the oranges, red pepper, jalapeno, cilantro, scallion and quick pickled onion and queso fresco. Leftover carnitas freeze well.

PETS/ANIMALS

MY PET WORLD

How to travel safely with your cat

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I seem to be facing a move from Connecticut to Southern Georgia. I am at a loss as to how to transport my 13-year-old Tabby cat. We are both too old to drive many hours straight through, and a midway stop with my kitty seems impossible. Any ideas? — Peter Langstrom, Stamford, CT

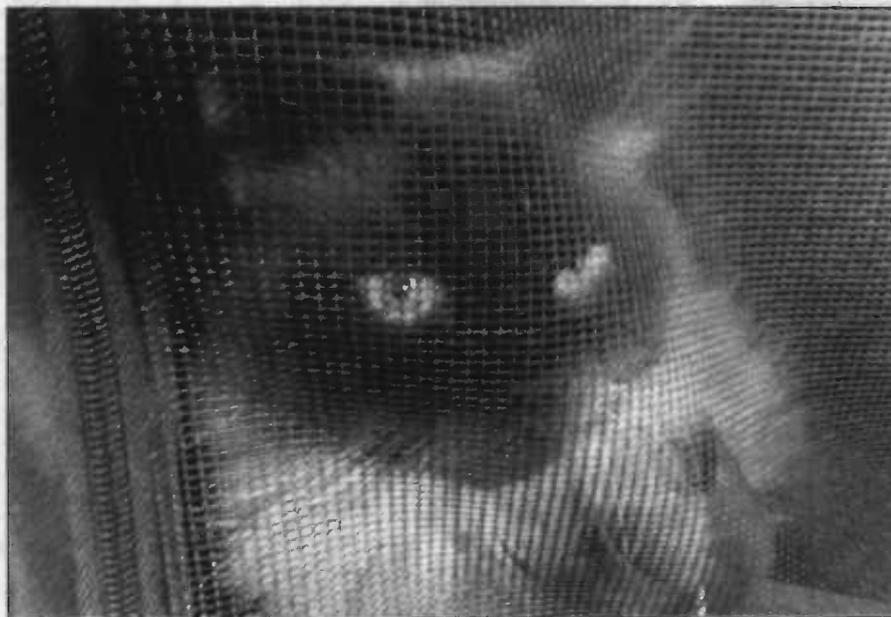
A: Cats travel a lot better than we think. Cats have traveled with us on sailing ships, covered wagons and on most every other means of transportation. Your cat can easily travel with you from Connecticut to Georgia.

One thing that you have to accept is that most cats are miserable and unhappy while they are traveling and there is not much that you can do about this. However, you can cater to their biological needs.

I have traveled with cats in long road trips many times and this is how I do it. First I get a rabbit or guinea pig cage about 26- to 28-inches long that has a wire top and a deep plastic bottom. I line it with a pad and then a couple of inches of cat litter on top of it. I then put the cat in and cover the cage half way with a blanket so the cat has some amount of security. Then I put it in the back seat of the car or on the floor if there is room.

I always use a dust free pellet type of cat litter, such as Yesterday's News. There is no point in putting any food or water in the cage, as it is unlikely they will feel comfortable enough to eat or drink. When you make a pit stop you can offer the cat food and water.

By lining the cage with the litter the cat will not feel inhibited to using the litter while you are traveling and that removes one of the biggest discomfort situations for



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Java keeps cool in his case on a flight to California.

cats in transit. If you stop at a pet-friendly hotel for the night then you can just take off the wire top of the cage and leave the plastic base on the floor of the hotel room.

If you have time to prepare your cat for the trip, I would put him in the cage every day and go for a short ride in the car so he can get comfortable.

Q: We only had a few cicadas in our yard last summer but I heard that this summer we are going to have even more due to a cycle. My golden lab loves to eat them and goes out of her way to for them. If we do have a surge this year, I am concerned she will get sick if she eats too many. What are your thoughts?

Someone tied my leash to the railroad tracks and I was so lucky that someone found me. I am smart, I am already trained. I get along with other dogs...the only deal is that I tested positive for heartworm. So they are looking for some special people, willing to foster me during my treatment and then make me part of their family once I test negative. Save-A-Pet would still coordinate my care through their cooperating vets and pay for these vet bills.

For additional information, please visit www.saveapetil.org

When you see her cicada hunting, just shake the can and call her to you for a treat to distract her from gorging herself on cicadas.

Q: We were fishing in a lake last weekend when we saw some toad eggs strings draped over some submerged branches. We brought back a few strings of them and hatched the eggs in one of our aquariums at home. It seems we have several hundred little tadpoles. My question is if we transfer the tadpoles to our fish pond in our backyard and they grow up into baby toads will we be able to populate our neighborhood with toads when these grow up? — Sam Nelson, Baltimore, MD

A: If your neighborhood is a toad friendly place, they would be living there now. Suburban habitats are not conducive to toads and other native amphibians. If you put those tadpoles into your backyard pond they would grow up into toads and will leave the safety of the pond to seek their fortune. This is not safe. Their delicate skin could come into contact with the lawn fertilizers and other poisons that we put on our lawns.

So if you really want to do right by these tadpoles, the best thing you could do is to take them back to the lake as they have a very poor future anywhere else. They really need a habitat undisturbed by humans.

Marc Morrone has kept almost every kind of animal as a pet for the last half-century and he is happy to share his knowledge with others. Although he cannot answer every question, he will publish many of those that have a general interest. You can contact him at petxperts2@aol.com; please include your name, city and state.

PET OF THE WEEK



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How to rein in your kids' mobile data usage



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

Dear Mom (aka Help Squad),

Can you please help me? I don't know how I have burned through nearly 2GB of data on my iPhone for each of the past three months. I am not doing anything unusual. It's all a mystery to me. Please don't charge me for doubling the amount of data used by our entire family.

Thank you very much,
Your loving and confused son

OK, so my son didn't write the above letter to Help Squad. In fact, he was slightly horrified I was considering including him and his issue in this week's column. But following a trip to the Verizon store to gain insight into this overage issue, it became



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY

An image of the popular video game "Angry Birds" is displayed on an iPod Touch.

apparent this problem is prevalent among families with children of a certain age.

So what was my loving son's data diagnosis? Seems it was a double diagnosis.

First — though this may seem obvious to those who have matured beyond the "not fully developed middle school mind" — if one begins streaming video or TV shows using Wi-Fi, and the Wi-Fi drops, data is used to keep the broadcast going. And because the data in this case is video, the

amount of data used is significant.

Note to son: Do not stream video over free public Wi-Fi; it's not always reliable.

Second, iOS (iPhones) and Android mobile phones feature a function called "background app refresh." Much like the name suggests, it is an operation that runs in the background, without any involvement from the user.

Why should you care about this? If you or your child are not diligent about closing out the apps on your smartphone — sliding apps up after double-clicking on the home button on an iPhone — beware! With background app refresh enabled, your smartphone could be using data for apps and services that are running but not even being used. Leaving multiple apps running can lead to extra drain on your data. Verizon store representative Mike confirmed this as something to watch out for.

Background app refresh can easily be turned off on both iOS and Android phones. On the iPhone, click Settings, General, Background App Refresh, then turn the function off in its entirety or by individual app.

We did not believe our son each time he claimed ignorance regarding his exorbitant data tally, but then data use spiked while his phone lay forgotten in the car one afternoon.

At Verizon, my son was shown the screen in iPhone Settings that tracks data usage for his apps: Click Settings, then Cellular, then look under "Use Cellular Data For." He was counseled to turn off all apps that should not be used outside Wi-Fi. He was also advised to tap the "Reset Statistics" button at the start of each billing period in order to keep better track of his monthly data usage.

It appeared the app causing my son's greatest data issue was Angry Birds. In general, apps that gobble up data are those that are photo-, video- or graphics-intensive.

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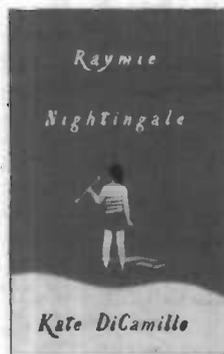
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ROUNDUP | CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Raymie Nightingale

By Kate DiCamillo, Candlewick, \$16.99, ages 10 and up

When 10-year-old Raymie Clarke's father runs off with a dental hygienist, she hatches a desperate plan: She will take baton twirling lessons and win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire 1975 contest. When her dad sees her picture in the paper, he'll be so impressed that he'll have to come home.

Fans of the Kate DiCamillo, a two-time Newbery Medalist, will recognize elements of her beloved "Because of Winn-Dixie": the absent parent, the dream of reconciliation, the dusty small-town setting suffused with workaday wonder. There's even a larger-than-life animal — in this case, a big black cat named Archie who may or may not be imprisoned at the decrepit Very Friendly Animal Center. But while "Winn-Dixie" is complex and contemplative, "Raymie" is fast and fleet — a crystalline ode to childhood friendship that shines as brightly as anything that DiCamillo has written.

Raymie meets her rivals Beverly Tapinski and Louisiana Elefante at baton class, where Louisiana faints in a whirl of pink skirts, recovering only long enough to shout "Archie, I'm sorry! I'm sorry I betrayed you!" Bursting with unexpressed emotion, Raymie is drawn to Louisiana's dramatic pronouncements. Beverly, a hard-nosed cop's daughter, is skeptical, but she'd rather be doing anything than twirling a baton. Soon the "Three Rancheros" are bonding over shared secrets and secret plans. The action is exciting, the text shimmers invitingly and the disparate threads of the plot come together to make for an ending of undeniable power.



Thunder Boy Jr.

By Sherman Alexie, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, Little, Brown, \$17.99, ages 3 to 6

Before I could even read "Thunder Boy Jr." I had to flip through and look at the glorious art by Yuyi Morales. The bright colors, the stylized yet fully expressive faces, the Native American textiles and animal images mingling freely with 20th century American toys are like nothing I've seen before: at once playful and dead serious, modern and mythic. Morales skips from satisfyingly literal depictions of the hero's adventures to highly imaginative reflections of his inner life without ever losing the flow of the story. National Book Award winner Sherman Alexie, who, like Thunder Boy Jr., was named for his father, has said he cried with joy when he first saw the illustrations for his book, and you can see why. Every element of his surprising, loving and irreverent salute to the give and take between fathers and sons is here, as is his story's freshness and energy.

Thunder Boy Jr. has a problem: His mom wanted to name him Sam — "a good name ... a normal name." But his dad won out. And his dad didn't just give him an unusual name — he gave Thunder Boy Jr. his own name. "People call (my father) BIG THUNDER," Thunder Boy laments. "That nickname is a storm filling up the sky. People call me LITTLE THUNDER. That nickname makes me sound like a burp or a fart." Thunder Boy Jr. adores his dad, but he wants his own name. He starts exploring the possibilities — maybe "Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth" because he once touched a wild orca on the nose. And so begins a journey you won't want to miss.

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney (Ecco, \$26.99).
2. "The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son On Life, Love, and Loss" by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt (Harper, \$27.99).
3. "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson (Broadway, \$17).
4. "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).
5. "The Little Paris Bookshop: A Novel" by Nina George (Broadway, \$16).



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NEW IN PAPERBACK



A Spool of Blue Thread: A Novel

By Anne Tyler, Ballantine, 373 pages, \$16

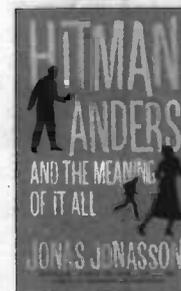
"A Spool of Blue Thread" follows four generations of the Whitshank clan, from the grandparents newly arrived in Baltimore in the 1920s to their children and grandchildren who bring the family into the 21st century. "A Spool of Blue Thread" was shortlisted for the 2015 Man Booker Prize.



Meet Me in Atlantis

By Mark Adams, Dutton, 330 pages, \$16

Adams introduces readers to the amateur explorers who actively search for Atlantis despite the fact that the only record the sunken city even exists comes from the works of Plato. Adams travels extensively to meet these explorers and tests if their theories can prove or disprove the existence of Atlantis.



Hitman Anders and the Meaning of It All: A Novel

By Jonas Jonasson, translated by Rachel Willson-Broyles, Ecco, 299 pages, \$15.99

Recently released from prison following a murder conviction, Anders is propositioned by an atheist former priest and the broke grandson of an ex-millionaire to become a hitman while they handle the public relations and strategy. But when Anders (miraculously) finds Jesus, the other two must quickly formulate a new plan before it all goes under.



Gonzo Girl: A Novel

By Cheryl Della Pietra, Touchstone, 279 pages, \$16

Alley Russo, desperate to make a name in the publishing industry, becomes the assistant to infamous author Walker Reade. After surviving a "trial period" that includes a 44 Magnum, drugs, verbal outbursts and more drugs, Alley is hired full-time and tries to coax a new novel out of the lazy, gun-toting, drug-addicted writer, a stand-in for Hunter S. Thompson.



Armada: A Novel

By Ernest Cline, Broadway, 372 pages, \$16

Teenager Zack Lightman spends his life consuming science fiction books, movies and video games, dreaming that one day he'll engage in a real-life space adventure. When he sees a flying saucer matching one from his favorite game, "Armada," Zack finds himself face-to-face with the impossible scenario of using his "Armada" skills to defend against an alien invasion.

— Jeremy Mikula



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Teaser Trios: All working out in the end

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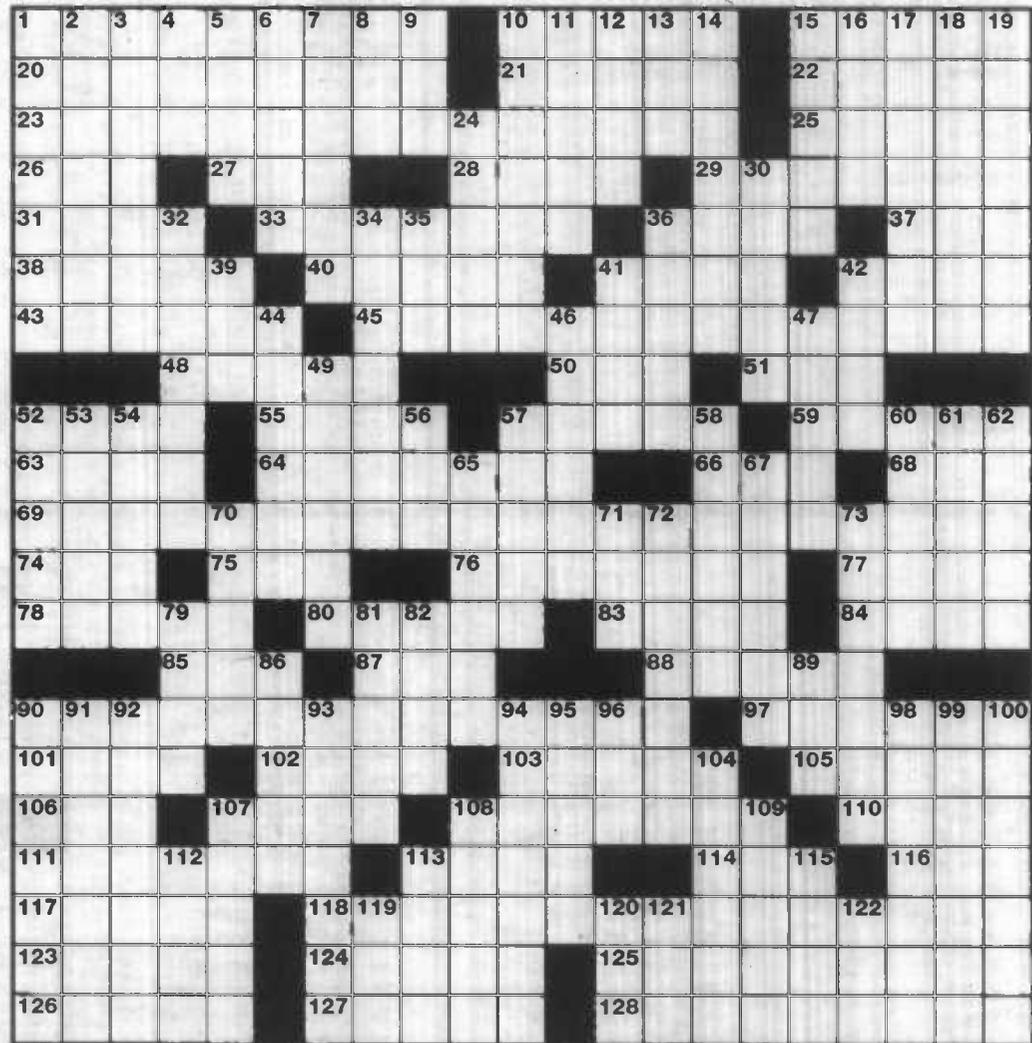
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109 Worst-case scenario
112 Cat covering
113 Cat comment
115 Splicing subject
119 Elvis record label
120 I love: Lat.
121 Washroom, in brief
122 Where buoy meets gull

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Quote-Acrossic

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

Clues	Words
A. Walk on air: 2 wds.	39 92 159 137 167 13 105 126
B. Chosen	67 162 16 93 115 43 33
C. Italian stock exchange	146 78 88 57 3
D. Part of a diamond?	51 140 60 15 158 98 26
E. Frank the Enforcer	17 144 96 45 156
F. Agamemnon's son	84 155 120 14 166 36 130
G. Marvel	21 58 123 69 168 135 112 75 104 42
H. Portal	29 72 66 102 113 18 134
I. Succulence	89 160 28 133 64 79 47 150 22
J. Alps ski resort	70 9 24 85 142 34 154

K. Dismissal	1 49 121 20 141 87 132
L. Distraught	118 44 11 143 151 170 80 62 109
M. Sanford's 'Godzilla'	55 131 95 116
N. One devoted to home- grown food	61 163 6 19 27 74
O. Babyhood	103 65 82 122 31 41 148
P. I see it!	125 145 54 4 73 117 101
Q. Humorous 'Benny Hill' soundtrack: 2 wds.	164 149 138 25 110 7 52 99 37
R. Bonus: sl.	100 81 68 153 56
S. Defective	139 48 86 32 108 59 127 171 8
T. Reserved and reticent	169 5 30 106 38
U. Charm	147 90 77 53 114 119
V. Central American capitol: 2 wds.	136 161 124 2 23 83
	97 107 165
	76 94 63 12 40 50 152 128

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27	M	28	I	29	H	30	T	31	O	32	S	33	B		34	J	35	N	
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Talky

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 Lovers'
- 5 Cleanser
- 9 Area in Great Britain
- 14 Seaweed
- 15 Mystery man Gardner
- 16 Worship
- 17 Chitchat
- 19 Not a soul
- 20 Rich cake
- 21 Free; unattached
- 23 Soft leather
- 24 Decay
- 26 Animal doc
- 27 Quilting parties
- 28 Infant
- 31 Expert
- 33 Cowed
- 35 Prayer
- 36 Cast aspersions upon
- 37 Term in office
- 40 Trim, as branches
- 41 White linen vestment
- 42 Laundry accessory
- 43 Seed holder
- 44 Engrossed
- 46 Small fry
- 47 Child's game
- 48 —, the lioness
- 49 Wrath

- 50 Painful
- 51 *Li'l Abner's* creator
- 53 Fold
- 55 Cut lumber
- 57 Doctors' org.
- 58 Fender mishaps
- 60 Animal pens
- 64 Human trunk
- 66 Deteriorates
- 68 Butterfat
- 69 Songstress Horne
- 70 Having little color
- 71 Growing fence
- 72 Whirlpool
- 73 Gradual

Down

- 1 Endure
- 2 Sailors' patron saint
- 3 Culture medium
- 4 Insignificant
- 5 Harden
- 6 Verbal
- 7 Covering the entire surface
- 8 Type of tea
- 9 Grow dim
- 10 Commotion
- 11 Respected and admired

- 12 Man's nickname
- 13 Sows
- 18 Mate for 48 Across
- 22 Laws
- 25 Improbable story
- 27 Golfer Hogan
- 28 Bundle
- 29 Shakespeare's river
- 30 Boy Scout motto
- 32 Novice reporter
- 34 Spiders' homes
- 36 Drains, as of energy
- 38 Bellow
- 39 Outer portion
- 42 High, craggy hill
- 45 Lofty mountain
- 46 Walked very quietly
- 50 Pounces down
- 51 Ensnare
- 52 Love: It.
- 54 Slant
- 56 Play division
- 58 Cupola
- 59 Transport
- 61 Iridescent gem
- 62 Game played on horseback
- 63 Simmer
- 65 Droop
- 67 Utter

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Musical Variations

BY GARRY MORSE

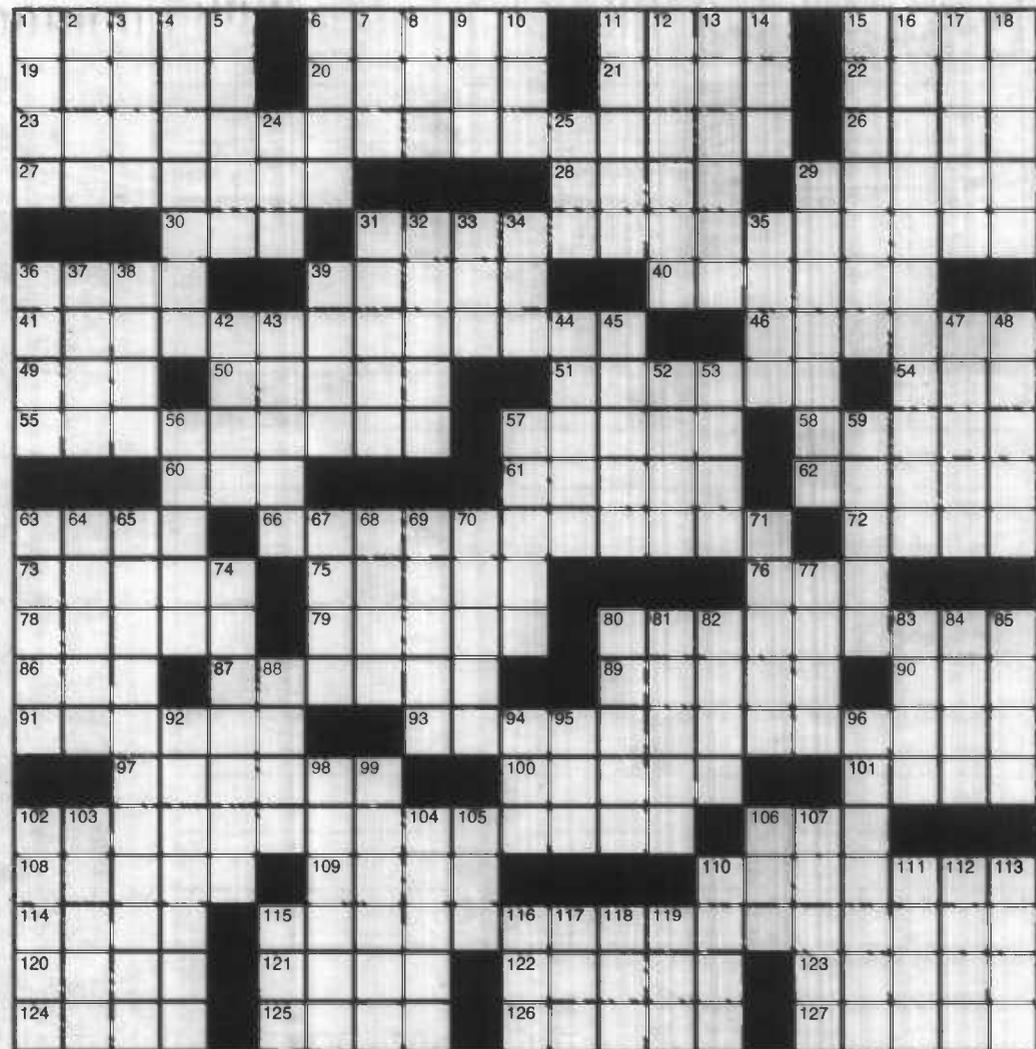
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Across

- 1 Kitchen cover
6 Outlaw played by Tyrone in 1939
11 Speculate
15 Letter-shaped beam
19 With 62-Across, many a sonata
20 Skateboard maneuver
21 Copied
22 Living ___
23 SHARP
26 Student's complete file, to a teacher
27 Enters carefully
28 Hardships
29 Trees whose fruit yields a moisturizing butter
30 Author Rand
31 SHARP
36 Some U.S. Army transports
39 Palmer with trophies
40 Nasty smiles
41 SHARP
46 Mole's activity
49 Cause of an allergic response
50 Pilot maker
51 Unwelcome sign for a 49-Across owner
54 Actress Vardalos
55 Western, calendar-wise
57 Medicated
58 Cravings
60 Tech sch. overlooking the Hudson
61 Signing, perhaps
62 See 19-Across
63 Ruth around bases
66 NATURAL
72 Tests for advanced-deg. seekers
73 Didn't feel well
75 Drawn: Abbr.
76 Sense of self
78 Burning up
79 Old enough
80 Game show host for 50 years
86 ___ garden
87 Capital of Kazakhstan
89 Earthen building material
90 Before, in verse
91 1990s TV judge
93 FLAT
97 Ferris Bueller's girlfriend
- 100 Tough as ___
101 Some deposits
102 FLAT
106 Incidentally, in texts
108 Kindle reading, briefly
109 Online search results
110 Ill-fated 2006 Kentucky Derby champion
114 Fighting
115 FLAT
120 Connections
121 "Sweet is the breath of ___": Milton
122 Bordeaux bye
123 Time being
124 Dost possess
125 60-Across, e.g.: Abbr.
126 Fall plantings
127 Boss mocked by Nast
- 43 Architectural order including circular column tops
44 Mushroom in Japanese cuisine
45 Violinist's supply
47 Bridget Fonda, to Jane
48 Noble ___
52 "Milk" Oscar recipient
53 One of a cube's dozen
56 Receive
57 Look for water
59 Strictness
63 Faux felt
64 Put on
65 Tabulae rasae
67 Life of the party
68 Radio code opener
69 Backup option
70 Sweets
71 Jewish spiritual leader
74 Parish officials
77 Hebrides native
80 Herb in pesto
81 "Strange as it may seem ..."
82 Shows of respect
83 Dullea of "2010: The Year We Make Contact"
84 Fish-eating flier
85 Stds. of conduct
88 Plush carpet
92 Academic expert, facetiously
94 Like Shostakovich's "Symphony No. 2"
95 Folder aid
96 Hardly intellectual
98 Impulse-conducting cell
99 Proofer's finds
102 Not o'er
103 ___ vincit amor
104 Direct
105 PC port
106 "Phooey!"
107 Nine Inch Nails founder Reznor
110 A/C units
111 Tops
112 Political contest
113 Pigned out (on)
115 "Enough details, please"
116 Chocolate pet
117 Student's email ending
118 Van Gogh work
119 First st. admitted to the Union after the Civil War

Down

- 1 Church area
2 Naan relative
3 One of eight teams that never won a World Series
4 Like many fleet autos
5 Cacophonous
6 He frequently toured with Joel
7 Architectural add-on
8 Sneaky
9 Comical Caesar
10 Slogan ending?
11 Layer of bricks
12 Political surprises
13 Welcomes
14 Teacher's deg.
15 President before Millard
16 Ma Rainey, notably
17 Draw a bead on
18 Dodger teammate of Robinson
24 Preacher's subject
25 Lady in a lea
29 Increases
31 Devil's wear, in a 2006 film
32 Dispirit
33 Bird's beak
34 Shampoo, e.g.
35 Cozy home
36 Maritime safety gp.
37 Whaler's direction
38 Deco designer
39 Latin lambs
42 Smack



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Jumble

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



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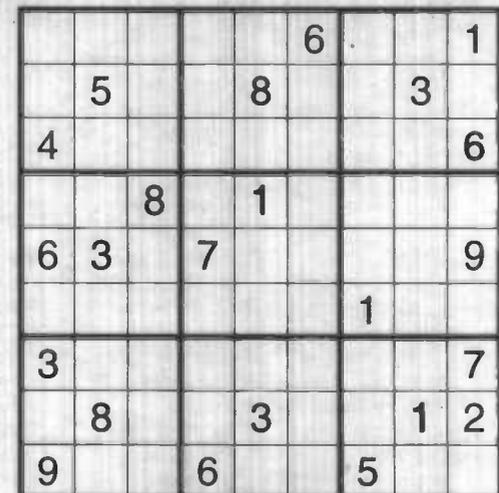
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Sudoku

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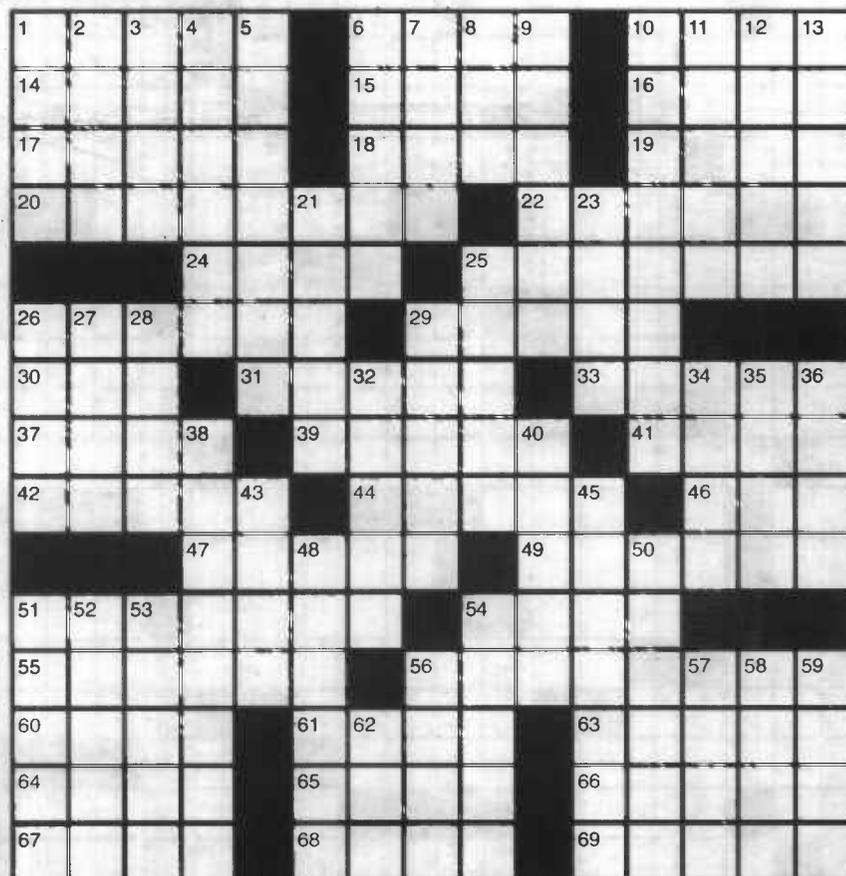
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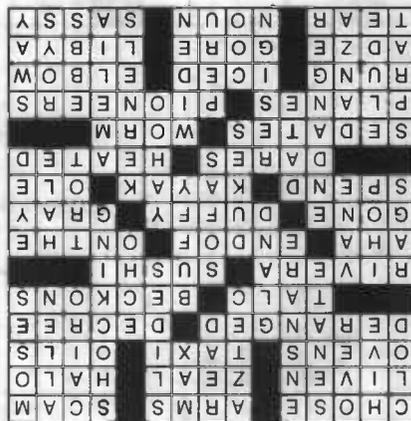
ACROSS

- 1 Selected
6 Upper limbs
10 Illegal way to make money
14 Animate
15 Ardor
16 Ring of light over a saint
17 Hotpoint appliances
18 Hired vehicle
19 Lubricates
20 Crazy
22 King's edict
24 Powdery stuff
25 Motions to come closer
26 TV's Geraldo
29 Cold rice with raw fish
30 Finder's cry
31 At the ___ the day; ultimately
33 ___ up-and-up; honest
37 ___ with the Wind"
39 Actor Patrick
41 Koala's color
42 Use one's money
44 Boat
46 "Grand ___ Opy"
47 Shows courage

DOWN

- 49 Warmed
51 Puts to sleep before surgery
54 Fishing bait, often
55 Jets & gliders
56 Covered wagon occupants
60 Ladder step
61 Applied frosting
63 Part of the arm
64 Sculptor's tool
65 Puncture
66 Tripoli's nation
67 ___ up; become emotional
68 Part of speech
69 Impudent
1 Blockhead
2 Home for bees
3 Eggs ___ easy; breakfast order
4 Upper house of Congress
5 Catch in a trap
6 Early Mexican
7 Peruse
8 To the ___; fully
9 Pieces of playground equipment
10 Appalling
11 Egypt's capital
12 Woody or Tim

Solutions



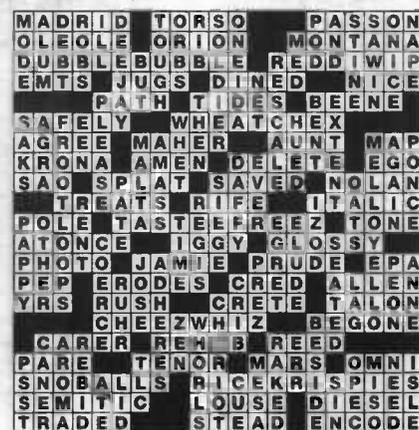
- 13 Grandma ___; U.S. folk artist
21 Pituitary or thyroid
23 Resound
25 TV's "___ the Vampire Slayer"
26 Tattered cloths
27 Pancake house
28 Wind indicator
29 Couches
32 British nobles
34 Horse's gait
35 Robust
36 Black-___ peas
38 Put at risk
40 Email provider for millions
43 Go out with
45 Bits of corn
48 Quit a job
50 Aviator Earhart
51 "Jack ___ could eat no fat..."
52 Steer clear of
53 Actor Tony ___
54 Make broader
56 Lima's nation
57 Recedes
58 Rogers & Clark
59 Influence
62 Pigeon's cry



puzzle island solutions

Last week's crosswords

"Misspelling Bee"



"Truth Will Out"



"A Storm is Brewing"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Bob) WOODWARD: TOTALLY ABSURD: The mythologizing of our role in Watergate has gone to the point of absurdity, where journalists write in reviews of this book that I, singlehandedly, brought down Richard Nixon. That is totally absurd.

Last week's Sudoku

7	9	5	6	2	3	8	4	1
6	8	2	4	7	1	9	5	3
4	3	1	9	5	8	7	6	2
9	4	3	2	1	7	5	8	6
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1	5	7	8	6	4	2	3	9
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3	1	8	7	4	2	6	9	5
2	6	4	5	8	9	3	1	7

This week's Jumble

UNLOCK IMPOSE MENACE
BUDGET UNEASY PRIMER

Thanks to his fleet of garbage trucks, the business owner had —

DISPOSABLE
INCOME



How easily do you forgive?

I'm a little embarrassed to confess that I love the HBO series "Girls," given that the highly provocative comedy about four 20-something girlfriends living, working and dating in New York City offers jaw dropping sex scenes, infuriatingly flawed characters and storylines that are similar to watching a car crash.

That said, the recent season finale caused me to think about something that is truly significant in romantic relationships: forgiveness.

Forgiveness came up when main character, Hannah (played by Lena Dunham, who is also the show's creator and one of its writers and producers) decides that after a few weeks of shock, devastation, anger and misery, she is going to forgive her old boyfriend, Adam and her best friend, Jessa, for falling in love with each other.

To show her acceptance and support of the new relationship, Hanna delivers a fruit basket to Adam's door with a note that reads, "Good luck. I mean that sincerely."

The gesture showed maturity and grace not often seen in Hannah, or for that matter in so many others who have been wronged in a romantic relationship.

So, how does one get to a place of forgiveness? To answer that question, I talked with Elissa Geier, a Northbrook-based therapist who specializes in high-conflict couples.

"Forgiveness requires a person to make a conscious decision that he or she wants to and is going to forgive," said Geier, who holds a doctorate in clinical psychology. "The reason they are choosing to forgive can't just be for their partner, but has to be for their own personal growth and happiness."

Geier said forgiveness is part of a process of healing, letting go of negatives from the past, giving up anger and bitterness from what occurred, and having the desire to move forward.

"It should be done because the person wants to live a healthier, cleaner life that includes acceptance and peace," she said.

Geier, who has been in practice for 20 years, said that although forgiveness is important, she has seen many couples in conflict work things out without it.

"Sometimes forgiveness isn't even on the table," Geier said. "One of the partners



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

"It should be done because the person wants to live a healthier, cleaner life that includes acceptance and peace."

— Elissa Geier, a Northbrook-based therapist

will say something like, 'I won't forgive you for what you did, but I want to learn to trust you again.' The key to working things out is repairing the breach in the relationship."

Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting, and the pain your partner caused you (or vice versa) might never go away. Furthermore, no one can tell someone he or she must forgive their partner. That is a personal decision and everyone's journey of forgiveness is unique.

I agree with Geier, that if two people want to stay together, they must both make an effort to put the negative aspects of the past behind them and focus on now and tomorrow, if it includes forgiveness or not.

Last weekend, I was at my son's basketball tournament, and I saw a touching display of forgiveness. A woman was sitting in the bleachers, and her husband came up from behind her, put his arms around her waist and kissed her cheek.

The relationship columnist in me couldn't resist walking up to them and saying, "That was unbelievably sweet. How long have you two been married?" "Twenty-two years," replied the husband.

"This isn't what it looks like," said his wife. "I was mad at him, and he was apologizing." She then added with a big smile: "He really is a good man, and I love him a lot."

This warmed my heart. I didn't ask for details, but clearly his apology was a beautiful gesture and it appeared she happily accepted it.

I have a friend who has been divorced for several years and still despises her ex-husband for cheating on her and ending the marriage.

"I don't want to be bitter, I'm tired of hating and I don't like who I am," she said recently. "But, I don't know how to forgive him."

I plan to tell her that she doesn't have to go to the extreme of dropping off a fruit basket to her ex and his new wife, and that forgiving him doesn't mean she is saying what he did was OK. But, if she is able to find acceptance with what he did and be at peace with the here and now, she will undoubtedly have a brighter, better future, and she will like herself a lot more.

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HEALTH

New research changes how docs treat disease



DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF
Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: I have diabetes, and my doctor used to tell me my fasting blood sugar level needed to be below a certain number. Now, he says it's OK if it's higher. Why do doctors keep changing their minds about the right thing to do?

Dear Reader: We doctors keep changing our minds because we're human. Which means that we sometimes believe things that seem reasonable and for which there is some evidence — only to find out, as more and better research is done, that we were wrong.

Suppose you were living in the 15th century. Every clear day of your life you would see the sun rising in the morning in the east, moving higher in the sky, then at midday starting to move lower, and finally setting in the west.

And every clear night of your life, you would see the moon and stars also moving across the sky. Wouldn't common sense have told you that the sun, moon and stars — the entire universe — revolved around the Earth? I'm pretty sure that's what I would have assumed.

I graduated medical school believing that I had learned the very best current treatments for different diseases.

Of course, new and better treatments were likely to be discovered during my career. But I believed that every treatment I'd learned about was



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Doctors do what they think is best until research reveals otherwise, Dr. Anthony Komaroff says.

the best currently available, and clearly better than no treatment at all.

The first time I recall being disabused of that idea involved a treatment for bleeding ulcers (in the small intestine and stomach), which were a very common problem then.

A surgeon had a clever idea, called "gastric freezing." He developed a plastic tube with a balloon at the end of it. The tube was pushed down through the mouth into the stomach.

Then a bedside machine circulated cold fluid through the balloon. The very cold balloon froze the lining of the stomach. It made sense that this would reduce the production of stomach acid (which was thought to cause and worsen the bleeding ulcer).

It also made sense that it would encourage the blood to clot and the bleeding to stop.

Every patient on which the surgeon tried gastric freezing told him they felt better afterward. He published the results and went around the country talking about his new treatment.

Several thousand gastric freezing machines with tubes were sold around the United States. Up to 15,000 people got the new treatment.

Then several studies were done in which some people with ulcers were given the true gastric freezing treatment, and some just had the tube placed in their stomach without the freezing treatment.

Thirty percent of the people given the freezing treatment improved — but 34 percent of those who did not get the treatment improved as well. In other words, the treatment was no better than (and maybe a little worse than) no treatment at all.

Needless to say, the treatment ceased to be used.

Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Certo can ease pain, but constipation a side effect

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: The grape juice and Certo remedy I read about in your column has helped lower my cholesterol. I have found it helps with my arthritis and would like to continue taking it. Unfortunately, it constipates me. Have you had this complaint before? Is there anything I can do to correct this?

A: Certo consists of plant pectin, which helps home canners get their jams and jellies to the right consistency. Pectin has long been used to counteract loose stools. The original formula of the diarrhea remedy Kaopectate contained both pectin and kaolin, a type of aluminum silicate clay.

We first heard about using Certo in grape juice for joint pain in 1998, but the remedy is undoubtedly much older. Some other readers report constipation just like you: "I tried this arthritis remedy for a few days and stopped because things down south started slowing down."

To counteract this effect, we could suggest that you try "hot lemonade" — hot water with lemon juice in it — preferably in the morning. A magnesium supplement also could be helpful, though you may have to experiment to find the right dose. Don't exceed 300 mg, or you might experience diarrhea.

Anyone who would like to learn more about the Certo and grape juice recipe for arthritis can find a video demonstrating its preparation at www.peoplespharmacy.com.



ISTOCK

A grape juice and Certo remedy has it benefits, but Certo has pectin, which counteracts loose stools.

Q: Do you know the names of labs that test for nutrients or provide a nutrient profile without a doctor's prescription? You mentioned on the broadcast with Dr. Tieraona Low Dog that there are several, but you didn't say what they were.

A: Many states now permit people to order their own laboratory tests to determine nutrient profiles as well as thyroid panels and other data. Some of the companies to look for include HealthTestingCenters.com, HealthCheckUSA.com and WellnessFX.com.

Q: My fingernails just won't grow! I tried taking biotin for more than a year, to no avail. The dermatologist had no suggestions.

I am on propranolol, verapamil, sulfasalazine, Mobic, omeprazole, fish oil, Caltrate with D and OcuVite. I have tried many advertised nail lacquers and base coats. Can you help me?

A. We are not sure. It is

possible that one or more of your medications is interfering with nail growth, but that has not been noted in the prescribing information.

You may find it helpful to moisturize your nails with almond oil or a cuticle cream. You also might want to try taking the supplement methylsulfonylmethane. This natural product is frequently used to ease joint pain, but some readers have reported that MSM can be helpful in strengthening nails and preventing splitting.

You'll learn more about moisturizing and using MSM in the Guide to Hair and Nail Care we are sending you. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (71 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedons' People's Pharmacy, No. H-31, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: www.peoplespharmacy.com

MSM is a component of a novel nail lacquer being developed by a Swiss firm, Polichem. Research suggests that this product, which contains hydroxypropyl-chitosan and the herb Equisetum arvense (horsetail), can prevent splitting and make nails less brittle (Journal of Dermatology and Clinical Research online, Feb. 12, 2014).

Unfortunately, it does not yet appear to be commercially available.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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Using a 'different' approach

By Danelle Braff
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Parents of children with disabilities proactively help classmates understand conditions, resulting in less teasing and bullying

When new children are about to start the year at Willard Elementary School in River Forest, they receive welcome letters, introductions from their teachers and an email from a mother at the school explaining why her son looks different from other children his age.

"I explain that Conrad is our biological child, that he has a genetic mutation," said Molly Grant of her 7-year-old son, who has achondroplasia, a form of dwarfism. "We discussed that using the term 'small stature' or 'little person' is accepted and respectful, but midget is not respectful."

For children with disabilities, dealing with bullying, teasing and even whispering can make the first days of school or camp more difficult than regular first-day jitters. Parents like Grant are tasked with coming up with ways to help other children understand and accept their child's differences.

Grant said she initially sent the letter to parents at her son's preschool after she got the idea from the Little People of America website, a nonprofit that provides information and support to people of short stature and their families.

Parents at Conrad's preschool approached Grant to thank her for the letter and ask questions about Conrad's condition. She gained the confidence to send a letter to all the kindergartners and their parents the following year. But it didn't stop there.

When Conrad entered first grade at Willard, Grant asked the principal to send the letter to all incoming kindergartners and to any new students who may have transferred to the school.



The Grant family poses for a photograph at their home March 24 in River Forest. Pictured are parents John and Molly, with children Maggie, 9, from left, Milly, 3, and Conrad, 7.

"Many kids with disabilities can't be their own self advocates, so it's up to the adults," said Barb Ziemke, a senior advocate at the Minneapolis-based PACER Center, an organization founded by parents of children with disabilities.

Ziemke has a son with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She said that when he was in elementary school, she would use story time in his class to talk to students about inclusion and how her son has a family just like everyone else.

"When he got older, he would have his deaf and hard-of-hearing (services) teacher go in and talk about why he wore his FM amplification system," Ziemke said. "It's a good example of something that's going to look different, but when the other students would understand, they wouldn't tease him."

If a student didn't comprehend her son's situation, there would be a host of kids who were there to explain his condition to newcomers, Ziemke said.

The reason children are

teased and bullied at school frequently comes down to kids being frightened by differences, said Meri Wallace, a New York-based child and family therapist and author of "Keys to Parenting Your Four Year Old."

Being able to interpret differences is a way to combat this issue, says Wallace, agreeing that a letter describing a child's condition could be helpful if a parent feels comfortable with the idea.

Wallace said the letter should also focus on the

child's similarities. For example, emphasizing "Yes, I'm small, but I can still climb trees" is a way to show the child may be different but still is able to do what other young children can. She said the most important thing is that "the class get to know him as just a kid."

Children are naturally curious about differences and will have questions.

"Parents need to work with their child on how to answer questions, how to explain what's different about them and to tell

them, 'Child, listen, everyone is different. Some people wear glasses; some people wear braces,'" Wallace said.

The key, Wallace said, is answering those questions in a friendly, nonconfrontational manner that will effectively put their minds at ease, so that the children can look past the differences.

Learning to accept and understand differences isn't solely the responsibility of parents and their children. School counselors, teachers and principals also are responsible for helping students with disabilities transition into school.

Durenda Johnson Ward, a school counselor at Centennial Campus Magnet Middle School in Raleigh, N.C., said being prepared is important. Ward said students with disabilities can gain confidence by attending their new school's orientation or open house, so they're familiar and excited about it.

"They should get their schedule, meet their teachers and walk through the building," Ward said.

Meeting with individual teachers is a good way to address any potential problems.

For example, if a student finds that noise is overwhelming, the parent can ask the teacher if the child can have a pass to walk out of class whenever the noise becomes too much.

To help with uncomfortable situations outside of school, Ziemke's friend carries around 3-by-5-inch index cards explaining her son's Angelman syndrome.

"It has a picture, and it was easier for her to hand it out as needed instead of explaining every time," Ziemke said. "It depends on the family, their need and the child."

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Mid-century modern ranch in Highland Park: \$1.49 million

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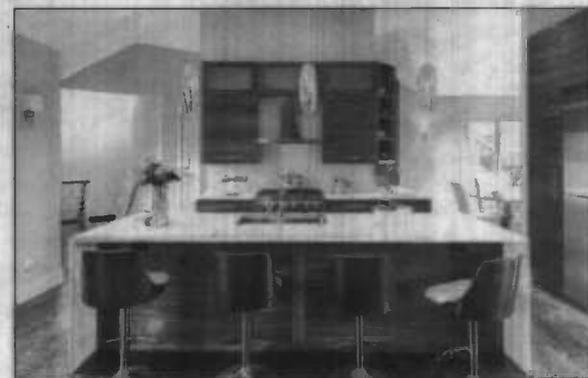
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Agent: Lori Dub of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Glencoe office, 847-778-3756

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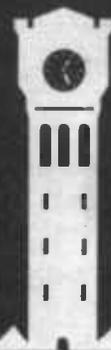
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Christine Danlowsky of Norridge, left, and Kim Ford of Chicago with her Yorkie, Prince

PAWS event raises \$180K

The Event: PAWS Chicago 10th Annual Animal Magnetism'

Benefiting: PAWS Chicago, which finds homes for pets and provides free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations and humane education about animal care.

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Location: Morgan Manufacturing, Chicago

Date: March 18

Attended: 600+

Raised: \$180,000

Website: pawschicago.org



Pam Eskra of Park Ridge with her Basset Hound-beagle rescue, Dolly



Arlene and Sal Veltri of Niles with their 4-year-old border collie, Punkin

GRAPEVINE TASTING RAISES \$89K FOR CLEARBROOK



Lorie Annetti, left, and Gail Haller, both of Park Ridge, were among more than 400 supporters who enjoyed the 52nd annual Grapevine of Friends Wine & Craft Beer Tasting, held at the Westin Chicago Northwest, Itasca, on Feb. 27. The festivities raised \$89,000 for Clearbrook's Employment Services Program for adults with developmental disabilities. More information at clearbrook.org.

ANTHONY TRIPP/CLEARBROOK

OVER 150 ATTEND ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION GALA



Ebrahim and Rozmin Villiani of Park Ridge, along with 150 supporters, enjoyed the "Time Is of The Essence Rita Hayworth Gala Kick-Off Party" hosted by the Alzheimer's Association to announce plans for its 30th annual Alzheimer's Association Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala at the Hilton Chicago on May 7. The party was held at the penthouse Jenn-Air Master Class Studio in the Reid Murdoch Building, Chicago on March 14. The May gala will benefit the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. For information or gala tickets, call 312-604-1669 or go to alz.org/galas.

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3350 N Carriageway Dr, # 211, Arlington Heights	Emil V Milchov	Marian I Ross	03-18-16	\$112,000
510 W Miner St, # 2D, Arlington Heights	Glonid Rrodhe	Dickey Trust	03-22-16	\$115,000
3350 N Carriageway Dr, # 406, Arlington Heights	Nina Rice	Rafal P Piskiewicz	03-22-16	\$135,000
1434 W Orchard Pl, Arlington Heights	Piotr Okonski & Agnieszka Okonska	Dennis Debeauvoir	03-21-16	\$213,000
151 W Wing St, # 502, Arlington Heights	Catherine J Nealey	Straub Trust	03-18-16	\$221,000
229 N Yale Ave, Arlington Heights	Matthew Sells	Renz Trust	03-18-16	\$272,000
435 S Donald Ave, Arlington Heights	Grzegorz Flrs & Katarzyna Flrs	Robert James Tait Estate	03-18-16	\$290,500
814 S Highland Ave, Arlington Heights	Steven T Kurfirst & Meghan K Kurfirst	Sarah Bonk	03-22-16	\$330,000
2129 N Williamsburg St, Arlington Heights	Christos A Grigoriou & Sophia Joanna Grigoriou	Fannie Mae	03-22-16	\$335,000
4007 N Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Jose E Trejo & Garineh K Melkonian	Pnc Bank Na	03-18-16	\$345,000
1818 N Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Maria Archos Fragias	J David Joutras	03-21-16	\$745,000
8800 N Western Ave, Des Plaines	Joy Cyriac & Nlemol Sebastiani	Carole R Patis	03-21-16	\$79,000
91 W Millers Rd, Des Plaines	Julie Gabala	Alexander P White	03-22-16	\$225,000
370 S Western Ave, # 706, Des Plaines	Rebecca S Funk & William M Funk	Michael P Steder	03-22-16	\$247,000
700 Debra Dr, Des Plaines	Jacqueline Santana	Alexander W Thorpe	03-21-16	\$287,000
2289 Cedar St, Des Plaines	Andrel Moravet	Howard F Wiesner	03-17-16	\$290,000
750 Pearson St, # 504, Des Plaines	Dianne Yonkers	Monica M Mortensen	03-17-16	\$305,000
1649 Greenleaf Ave, Des Plaines	Deepak R Koottanal & Vinitha Nair	Steven D Joy	03-18-16	\$517,000
737 Dobson St, Evanston	Richard Duslak	Sharon Musai	03-17-16	\$80,000
128 Asbury Ave, # 301, Evanston	Michelle C Fewer & John M Fewer	Kelly A Dougherty	03-21-16	\$161,000
834 Seward St, # 1N, Evanston	Adam Zastrow	John P Bagan	03-22-16	\$175,000
718 Brown Ave, Evanston	Carrie Leigh	Theodosia Landrum	03-22-16	\$189,000
720 Dodge Ave, Evanston	Zachary M Bailey	Peter N Sullivan	03-22-16	\$198,000
806 Forest Ave, Evanston	Fred Rizzo & Elaine Rizzo	Sean M Johnson	03-17-16	\$250,000
830 Forest Ave, # D, Evanston	Aaron Frye & Regan Riley	830 D Forest Avenue Llc	03-22-16	\$260,000
900 Chicago Ave, # 502, Evanston	Sri Divya Kotte & Abhishek H Singh	Michael W Snyder	03-21-16	\$340,000
314 Darrow Ave, Evanston	Allyson Behm	Negev Llc	03-21-16	\$415,000
1032 S Western Ave, Evanston	Jeffrey Gardner & Kathryn Gardner	Scott Schiave	03-22-16	\$520,000
2618 Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston	Matthew Ahern & Emily Ahern	Bruce Meyers	03-17-16	\$550,000
917 Greenleaf St, Evanston	Sean Johnson & Michelle Johnson	907 Greenleaf Llc	03-17-16	\$1,000,000
732 Lincoln St, Evanston	J Douglas Gray	North Shore Builders 1 Inc	03-18-16	\$1,564,000
2130 Rugen Rd, # C, Glenview	Adina I Urs	Fredrick E Stokes Jr	03-18-16	\$213,000
3428 Fairlawn Dr, Glenview	Paul Clonczyk & Agnieszka Clonczyk	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	03-18-16	\$215,500
115 James Ct, Glenview	Rafal Kszczotek	Fannie Mae	03-17-16	\$250,000
617 Long Rd, Glenview	Cordell W Cooper & Rosalyn N Cooper	Bradley D Langenbach	03-22-16	\$395,000
1010 Gladish Ln, Glenview	Peter Jakovenko & Svetlana Jakovenko	Margaret Kelly	03-17-16	\$399,000
3842 Michael Ln, Glenview	Ana I Carreno	Buslik Trust	03-22-16	\$437,500
104 Dartmouth Ct, # 104, Glenview	Roy Adamski & Diane Adamski	Terry Bubash	03-22-16	\$450,000
1840 George Ct, Glenview	Ryan J Niver & Melissa G Niver	David Jeffrey Jones	03-18-16	\$450,000
1121 Pine St, Glenview	Leonid Chernyavsky & Rimma Brafman	Michael L Shu	03-22-16	\$490,000
4014 Chester Dr, Glenview	Toby Tom Kavukattu & Shereen John Olickai	Theodore M Merkle Jr	03-21-16	\$500,000
2025 Saipan Dr, Glenview	Joanne Rizzo	Development Solutions Gln Llc	03-21-16	\$505,000
533 Elm St, Glenview	Robert Becker & Kelly T Becker	Ronald W King Jr	03-22-16	\$508,000
1301 Woodlawn Ave, Glenview	Alexander Unis & Jennifer Unis	Four Points Investment Grp Llc	03-22-16	\$750,000
2539 Chestnut Ave, Glenview	James Mooney & Marilyn Sorita Mooney	Thomas A Hensing	03-22-16	\$897,000
412 Cumnock Rd, Inverness	Vincent J Pesavento & Tracy M Callahan	James Ide	03-21-16	\$475,000
9118 Parkside Ave, Morton Grove	Dragisa Kosi	Bank Of America Na	03-17-16	\$152,000
7123 Church St, Morton Grove	Nicholas Meccia & David Meccia	Mary Jane Calin	03-17-16	\$225,000
5500 Oakton St, Morton Grove	Patrick Mendoza & Mikael Erika Alfaro	Alice Derderian	03-22-16	\$270,000
1103 S Hunt Club Dr, # 125, Mount Prospect	Kalina Winter & Ani Vasileva Mavrova	Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee	03-22-16	\$98,000
1727 W Crystal Ln, # 502, Mount Prospect	Dominika Plotrowska	Firstmerit Bank Na	03-21-16	\$122,000

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1026 N Boxwood Dr, Mount Prospect	Talha Z Gaffar	Hanna Ngoc Nguyen	03-22-16	\$133,000
10 S Wille St, # 307, Mount Prospect	Maria Elena Castaneda & Gabriel A Castaneda	Daniel J Dellegrazio	03-22-16	\$147,000
1813 W Thornwood Ln, Mount Prospect	James G O Sullivan	Grazyna Makuch	03-17-16	\$235,000
2946 W Briarwood Dr, Mount Prospect	David Le & Linda Tran	508 Sangamon Llc	03-17-16	\$253,000
1119 S Lavergne Dr, Mount Prospect	Marco P Mateo & Radalin B Mateo	Safullah Mohammed	03-17-16	\$287,000
714 N Prospect Manor Ave, Mount Prospect	Jolanta E Jarosz	Margaret English	03-18-16	\$288,000
417 S Main St, Mount Prospect	Kyle Galayda & Kelsey Galayda	Weber Trust	03-22-16	\$297,500
1711 N Larch Dr, Mount Prospect	Betty Ann Warner	Mack Trust	03-22-16	\$327,500
509 S Louis St, Mount Prospect	Jeffrey Cobb & Megan Cobb	Todd R Pagel	03-18-16	\$349,000
1702 W Myrtle Dr, Mount Prospect	Brian E Lambel & Wendy K Lambel	Jerry D Horn	03-22-16	\$460,000
8801 W Golf Rd, # 9D, Niles	Aleksandra Cukovic	Maclej Radzinski	03-22-16	\$106,000
9804 N Canavan Ct, Niles	Anastasios M Koumantos & Maria Teresa Koumantos	Arkady Kotel	03-17-16	\$203,333
2442 Walters Ave, Northbrook	Jason A Berger & Traci Berger	Corey Berger	03-21-16	\$350,000
1310 Wendy Dr, Northbrook	Artur Chilinsk & Malgorzata Zebryk	Steven E Kling	03-22-16	\$440,000
1701 Sunnyside Clr, Northbrook	Theodore Alan Roth & Samantha Charlotte Roth	Lambrechts Trust	03-22-16	\$635,000
1877 Kiest Ave, Northbrook	Justin S Seidenberg & Lisa H Seidenberg	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-17-16	\$1,149,000
1125 N Sterling Ave, # 105, Palatine	Yuanjian Xiang	Bayview Loan Servicing Llc	03-18-16	\$46,000
1025 N Sterling Ave, # 116, Palatine	Tye Harris	Pennymac Loan Trust 2011 Np11	03-18-16	\$52,000
900 E Wilmette Rd, # 311, Palatine	Daniela Apostolova & Peter Debarliyski	Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee	03-21-16	\$87,000
2264 N Enlund Dr, # 1, Palatine	Michelle True	Mathew D Cater	03-18-16	\$130,000
1064 N Knollwood Dr, Palatine	Eric Santman & Deanna Santman	Daniel S Fitzharris	03-22-16	\$180,000
648 E Thornhill Ln, Palatine	Richard E Brown	Robert M Hurlbut	03-22-16	\$210,500
1047 E Williams Dr, Palatine	Juan C Cespedes & Teresa D Canaverall	Teodozja Orłowski	03-22-16	\$226,000
2158 N Westmoreland Dr, Palatine	Isiah Tibar	Bolivar V Prmicias	03-17-16	\$228,000
190 W Johnson St, # 508, Palatine	Michael C Chiero & Jacquelyn P Chiero	Joseph P Spata II	03-21-16	\$260,000
1113 N Old Mill Rd, Palatine	Julie Ruble	Christopher Reading	03-17-16	\$288,000
50 S Greeley St, # 302, Palatine	Kyle Kuhns	Michael R Stephens	03-18-16	\$289,000
879 W Lanark Ln, Palatine	Sudha Menon	Jac Financial Llc	03-17-16	\$299,500
1040 W Sutton Ct, Palatine	Christopher Podmanski	Lucy A Schaeffer	03-21-16	\$325,000
1313 S Fairview Ave, Park Ridge	Craig Boettler & Lauren Boettler	Dollar Bank Fsb	03-21-16	\$435,000
1012 Parkwood Ave, Park Ridge	Anthony C Ori	Lucianna A Strzalkowski	03-17-16	\$450,000
1109 S Crescent Ave, Park Ridge	Joshua L Newman	Denice A Gay	03-18-16	\$584,000
29 N Morris Ct, Park Ridge	Michael A Podjasek & Mary C Podjasek	Hinkley Park Development Llc	03-18-16	\$631,000
600 Edgemont Ln, Park Ridge	Steve Mazza & Maria Mazza	Prestholdt Trust	03-22-16	\$720,000
822 E Old Willow Rd, # 105, Prospect Heights	Mileta Lucic	Carole Johnson	03-22-16	\$46,000
634 E Old Willow Rd, # 178B, Prospect Heights	Juliana Maldonado	Neko Properties Llc	03-18-16	\$116,500
110 N Milwaukee Ave, # 704, Wheeling	Irina Koziarouk	Vadim Olshansky	03-17-16	\$52,500
619 Westwood Ct, Wheeling	Marzolena E Kolak	Roman Plutenko	03-21-16	\$169,000
1665 Ottawa Ct, Wheeling	Zachary Komre	Intercounty Judicial Sales Co	03-17-16	\$175,000
705 Clearwater Ct, Wheeling	Gabriela Jaquinto & Caue Elias	Tamimi Group Llc	03-18-16	\$185,000
205 Ridge Rd, # 406, Wilmette	Mavis Hamilton	Han Peng	03-17-16	\$147,500
1241 Ashland Ave, Wilmette	Keith R Veneziano & Molly M Veneziano	Scott W Sims	03-18-16	\$1,050,000
1341 Elmwood Ave, Wilmette	Sean E Lyons & Gretchen F Lyons	Robert H Wingels	03-18-16	\$1,085,000
4700 Old Orchard Rd, # 301, Skokie	Leonel Leon & Nanci Leon	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	03-22-16	\$120,000
5251 Galitz St, Skokie	Irina Cardos & Izabella Bode	Michael Schuffler Md	03-22-16	\$128,000
8312 Christiana Ave, # 2E, Skokie	Sohail Rathod	Fannie Mae	03-22-16	\$128,000
9225 Kildare Ave, Skokie	Mario H Guerra & Jamee E Guerra	Segal Trust	03-18-16	\$310,000

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**LAKE BLUFF**

Home has four bedroom and two full baths, plus two half baths, a two-story entry, large formal dining room and living room with French doors. Also included are upgraded kitchen, family room with fireplace and custom designed bar. Finished basement. Large, tree-lined backyard for maximum privacy with brick paver patio and brick fire pit. Near downtown Libertyville and Lake Bluff, schools, shopping, trails and Lake Michigan.

Address: 13335 Ashford Drive
Price: \$610,000
Schools: Lake Forest High School
Taxes: \$10,043.50
Agent: Patricia Kreuser, CENTURY 21 Kreuser & Seiler

**PALATINE**

Four-bedroom, 3.5-bath brick home. Hardwood floors, two-story foyer, white trim, and custom paint. Vaulted family room with exposed beams, brick fireplace, eat-in kitchen, finished basement with extra living space, full bathroom, and greenhouse. Walk outside to professionally landscaped, fenced-in yard with underground irrigation. Backs to wetlands.

Address: 1265 S. Patrick Lane
Price: \$795,000
Schools: Fremd High School
Taxes: \$17,230
Agent: Sarah Leonard, RE/MAX Suburban

**GLENCOE**

Newly rehabbed three-bedroom, two-bath home with high-end designer finishes, including gourmet kitchen with breakfast bar, granite and Bosch appliances. Second-floor master suite with sitting room, full finished basement with rough-in for additional full bath. All-new exterior, roof, windows, mechanicals, deck. Near downtown Glencoe, train, and schools.

Address: 970 Vernon Ave.
Price: \$629,900
Schools: New Trier Township High School Winnetka
Taxes: \$7,160.21
Agent: Joe Moennig, @properties

**WINNETKA**

Five-bedroom, 3.5-bath traditional home has been extensively renovated and sits on over half an acre. Covered porch. Foyer with leaded glass and benches. Living room with fireplace. Banquet size dining room. Family room opens to deck & yard. Kitchen with access to porch has island, granite counters & breakfast area.

Address: 196 Scott Ave.
Price: \$1,495,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School Winnetka
Taxes: \$23,911.90
Agent: Denise Dwyer, Jean Wright Real Estate

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William Fitzsimmons: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$30-\$40, 847-492-8860

Evanston Community Yarn Bomb Project: Stumble & Relish and Chiara-Valle Montessori invite you to help decorate Evanston with colorful circles and yarn chains that are to be wrapped throughout the Main-Chicago-Dempster neighborhood leading up to this year's YEA Festival. Visit the event Facebook page for more info on the project, donations, and for a list of workshops. Final day for drop off is May 1. Midnight Thursday, Stumble & Relish, 1310 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 872-227-0801

Project Space: Curatorial Vision Series: The Art Center invites three curatorial practice students from the School of the Art Institute to present an exhibition and public programming that engages audiences in meaningful ways while fostering the Art Center's relationship to its community. Young curators are selected during the spring/summer of 2015. 10 a.m. daily, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Aberrant Alterations: The Evanston Art Center welcomes a unique collaboration between local artists, Jacqueline Moses and Kathy Weaver. From April 24 through May 29, the Art Center showcases a multitude of two-dimensional work. 9 a.m. daily, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Materiality and the Layered (eye): A transformative exhibition of works by five Chicago artists from April 24 through May 29, showcasing: Phyllis Bramson, Aimee Beaubien, Sandra Perlow, Miriam Schaer, and Douglas

Stapleton. Each of the artists chosen by curator Marilyn Propp utilizes the transformative power of collage, an accumulation of material and appropriated and altered imagery. 9 a.m. daily, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Connecting Cultures: 40 Years at the Mitchell Museum: The latest exhibit unveiled is: "Connecting Cultures: 40 Years at the Mitchell Museum." The exhibit celebrates four decades of thought-provoking exhibits, lectures, and performances through photographs and memorabilia. There is also a dazzling display of 45 objects donated by key collectors and Native artists who have presented at the museum. 10 a.m. daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 children, seniors; \$5 adults; Tribal Members Free, 847-475-1030

Evanston Legend: The Art of Peggy Lipschutz: The City of Evanston sponsors a month long show of the paintings and drawings of Peggy Lipschutz with an Opening Reception between 2-5 p.m. on Oct. 4, with musicians including Rebecca Armstrong, Peggy Browning, Mark Dvorak, Maura Lally and Kristin Lems. 10 a.m. daily, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

"Arcadia": 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 & 6 p.m. Sunday, Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, \$35-\$70, 847-242-6000

Learn how to play 6 Wicket American Croquet: North Shore Croquet Club or NSCC offers free coaching sessions and practice to learn 6 Wicket American Croquet on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road, Glencoe, free, 847-409-5526

Adult literacy classes: spring session: For native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. A small, friendly group led by a teacher and volunteer tutors meets twice weekly. Classes are conducted by Oakton Community College in the library's Community Room West. Call 847-635-1426 for details. 9:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

StoryWalk Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses: Stroll, bounce, hop, or better yet, bike along the path to read about Pete the Cat and his friends. Learn how awesome a positive outlook

can be. 9 a.m. daily, Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

A New Slant on the Old West Gallery Talk: Karen Barrie, artist, blends her artistic talents and professional training into a multifaceted career. Karen's western series is inspired by girlhood TV Westerns and grown-up cowgirl days on ranch vacations. The Gallery Talk is at 6:15 p.m. on May 3. The exhibit runs through May 11. The exhibit space is open during regular library hours: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Note: Saturdays are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays are 1-5 p.m. 9 a.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Everybody Move Offsite: This seven-week session runs Thursdays for ages birth through 2 years with a caregiver. Registration is required (open Feb. 15). Weekly attendance is encouraged. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Wonder Ground Open Lab: Look, touch, tinker, and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. A drop-in visit is meant to last about 15 minutes. Activities are repeated each week from Tuesday to Thursday. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Chicago's Sweet Candy History: This illustrated lecture by Leslie Goddard complements our Sweet Home Chicago exhibit. You have probably tasted many of the candies made or invented here: Brach's Caramels, Snickers, Milky Way Bars, Wrigley's Gum, Cracker Jack, Baby Ruth, Butterfingers, Tootsie Rolls, and Frango Mints. Come have some delicious fun as you learn the history of these tasty treats. 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Karaoke: A's Karaoke Bar has karaoke every day from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. 8 p.m. Thursday, A's Karaoke Bar, 8751 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, free, 224-534-7158

Money Smart Week Sharpen Your Investing Skills: Learn how to access financial information, portfolio analysis, investment options, and more using Morningstar Investment Research, an eResource accessible with your Northbrook library card. 7 p.m. Thursday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Annual Economic Outlook Breakfast: The keynote speaker at the Northbrook Chamber's Annual Economic Outlook breakfast is Jack Ablin, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer for BMO Private Bank U.S. Ablin's presentation "The Global Economy; the Beginning of the End or the End of the Beginning" addresses a number of important topics related to the U.S. economy. The breakfast is held in partnership with the Northbrook, Glenview and Deerfield Bannockburn Riverwoods (DBR) Chambers of Commerce and is open to the public. Call to register. 8 a.m. Thursday, Hilton Northbrook Hotel, 2855 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, \$30 advanced; \$40 at the door, 847-498-5555

Poetry Sharing Circle: This small group reads poetry aloud, sharing poems each has written as well as published poems and is open to poets of all skill levels. Center membership is required to participate. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6030

Tai Chi: Participants should wear loose clothing. 9 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$75 NSSC members; \$89 non-members, 847-784-6030

Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings: Chicago Fly Fishers Club meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays from October through May. 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

Legends of Laughter II: The Comedy Teams Film Series: This 10-film series showcases the great movie comedy teams of the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for patrons of all ages to enjoy. 7 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-720-3209

Karaoke Thursdays: Enjoy some great pizza and sing a tune or two. 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

Sausage Fest at Hofbrauhaus Chicago: Hofbrauhaus Chicago is celebrating springtime with its first ever Sausage Fest. This April, guests can enjoy a variety of sausage specials available at Hofbrauhaus Chicago including

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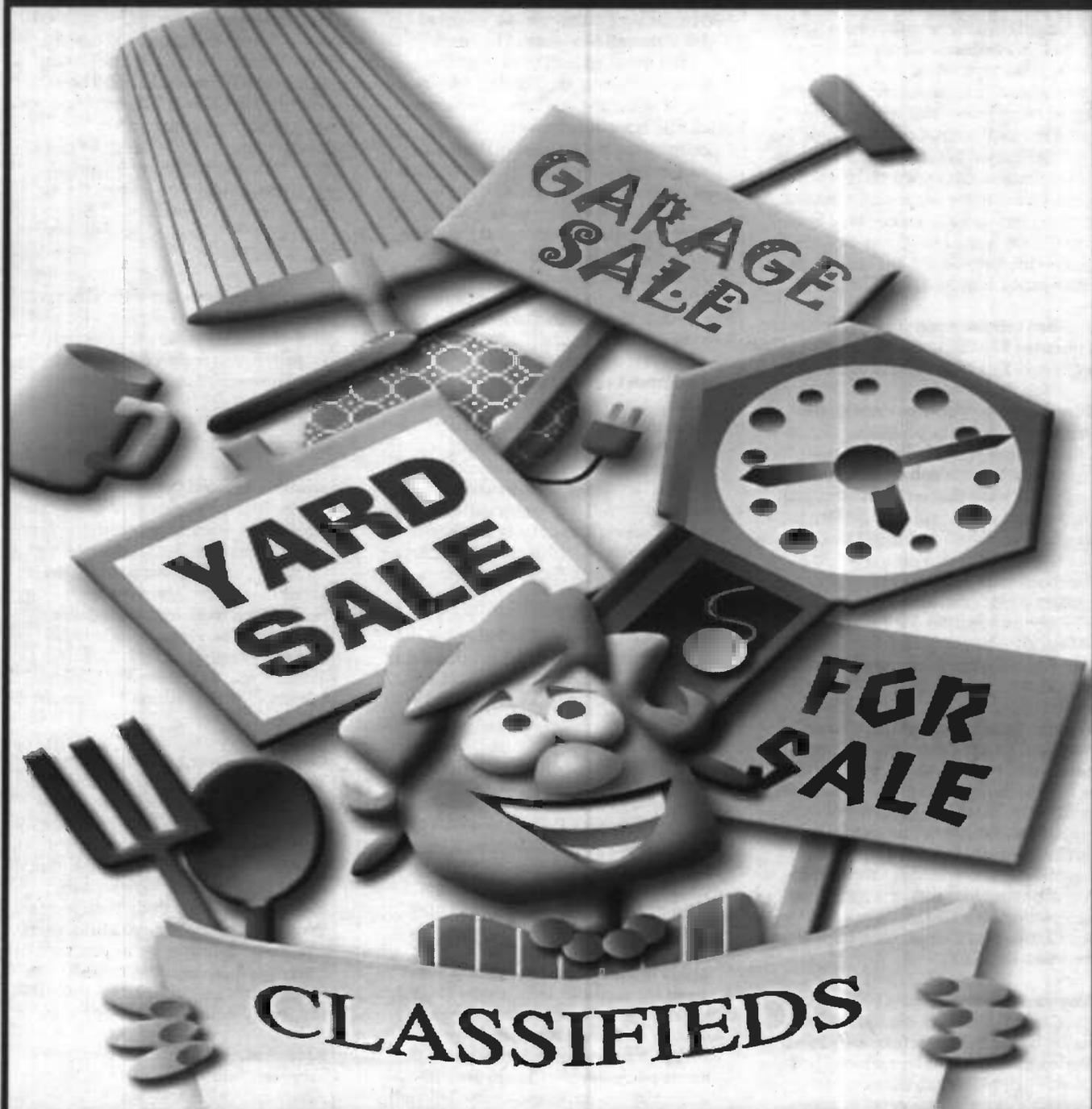
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grilled kielbasa sausage, classic knockwurst, blood sausage and more. Every Friday at 8:30 p.m., Hofbrauhaus will host sausage-eating contests Fridays at 8:30 p.m. throughout the month of April. Hofbrauhaus Chicago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-671-2739

Food Drive In Skokie: Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. These foods to be given to the hungry in the community. All foods can be dropped off at Walgreens. For further information, call Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation office at 847-675-4141. Open during store hours at Walgreens, 3945 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Skokie Synagogue Re-Opens Gift Shop: The chairperson of the Gift Shop, Marcy Feinberg, says the gift shop opens to the public with: "Beautiful gifts to bring at Passover as well as crystal glassware, books, photo albums, spice boxes and yads, challah covers, challah boards and kiddush cups for Shabbas." Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Special Exhibition Three Years, Eight Months, and Twenty Days: The Cambodian Atrocities and the Search for Justice: Learn about the Cambodian genocide and the current trials to bring the perpetrators to justice, 40 years later. 10 a.m. daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Loyola Academy - Courageous Conversations: Maintaining Perspective: Where You Are Is Not Who You Will Be with Frank Bruni: Loyola Academy's Courageous Conversations book and speaker series features renowned authors and experts on the issues most influencing adolescents and their families today. For information, visit the website. 7 p.m. Thursday, Loyola Academy, 1100 Laramie Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-1100

HIT180: A low-impact, high-intensity cardio and strength fitness class. Visit: <http://www.hit180fit.com> for more information and to register. The first class is free, but please register three hours before the class. 5 a.m. daily, Hit 180 Fitness, 193 Northfield Road, Winnetka, First class free, 224-216-2086

Cha Cha Line Dance Workshop: Get in on the action! By request, this hour-long exclusive workshop takes you step-by-step through the original Cha Cha line dance, choreographed by Vito

Magrone. Can't learn this anywhere else! Dancers of every skill level, couples and singles are all welcome. 7 p.m. Thursday, Just Dance Studios at Georgetown West, 301 S. Prospect Ave., Wood Dale, \$10, 630-542-7644

Friday, April 29

Casino Night at the Symphony: Join the crowd at PRCO's second annual Casino Night gala to benefit the Orchestra's ongoing programs in the community. A sumptuous dinner, live music, and gaming tables make this a fantastically fun way to support the orchestra while having a memorable night out on the town. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Cafe la Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, \$125, 847-692-7726

"Our Town": Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play tells the enduring tale of the residents of Grover's Corner in a delightful production from The Guild Theater. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-\$25, 847-220-2919

"Chicago Doo Wop Dreams": Music, Chicago, Live brings their hit show 'Dreams' to the historic Leela Arts Center in Des Plaines for a limited run. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, Tickets are \$15 to \$25, 800-838-3006

Stand Against Racism April 29: Thousands "Stand Against Racism" by lining the streets of Skokie (10:35 a.m.) and Evanston (12:30 p.m.) on this important Friday. This is sponsored by the YWCA Evanston/North Shore. Visit the website or call for more information. 10:35 a.m. Friday, YWCA Evanston and North Shore, 1215 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-8445

Eleanor Friedberger: 8 p.m. Friday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$25, 847-492-8860

43rd Annual Ice Show Gotta Dance: Talented ice skaters from the Glenview Ice Center's figure skating and hockey programs are showing off their skills in colorful costumes. The general admission tickets sales begin April 4 7 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, \$8, 847-724-2800

GlenVIEWINGS features "Trumbo": Dalton Trumbo was one of Hollywood's top screenwriters, until he and other artists were jailed and blacklisted for their political beliefs. Drop in for a casual audience-led discussion following matinee screenings. 2 & 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930

Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Parkinson Wellness Recovery Brain-Body Training: Brain-Body Training/PWR! is Parkinson-specific exercise, scientifically designed to target symptoms of PD. It includes boxing training for endurance, agility, and stability. The instructor is Drew Surinsky, an exercise physiologist. 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$10-\$15, 847-502-0630

Stand Against Racism: The Stand Against Racism is a movement of the YWCA that aims to raise community awareness of the effects of racism on all of us. Many will gather in our community and surrounding communities for 15 minutes to hold signs of support to end racism. 10:15 a.m. Friday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Swing Into Spring Expo 2016: Stop by the Centennial Activity Center's table at the Swing into Spring Expo at Golf Mill Mall, hosted by Maine Township. Get information about local and state senior services and what is available to you. 9 a.m. Friday, Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles, free, 847-692-3597

Art After Hours My Name Is Will Shakespeare's Sonnets: The Shakespeare Project of Chicago proudly presents Jeff Christian, Gail Rastorfer, Mary Ringstad, and Don Roden in a dramatic adaption of Shakespeare's Sonnets and Songs. Original music by Chris Walz, adapted and directed by Peter Garino. 7 p.m. Friday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Gentle Yoga: Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 & 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Great Decisions in Foreign Policy: Gary Midkiff facilitates this discussion group that meets every other week to explore in-depth the topics featured in the year's 2016 Great Decisions Briefing Book, including: the Middle East, the rise of ISIS, the future of Kurdistan, migration, the Koreas, the United Nations, climate change, and Cuba and the U.S. 9:30 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$95 NSSC member; \$115 non-member, 847-784-6030

Share The Warmth: Volunteers wanted - Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. Add a crocheted

edge to fleece and send free blankets to new adult chemotherapy patients. A basic crochet stitch can be taught if needed. Bring lunch. Attendees often gather until 2 or 3 p.m. Donations are welcome to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

Duplicate Bridge: The senior center offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Chronic Conditions: Tai Chi is a gentle, low impact approach to fitness that can help ease the pain and stiffness of arthritis, increase flexibility, muscle strength, heart and lung activity, posture and help balance to prevent falls. Enjoy the class at your own pace standing or seated. Register in advance and note, no class takes place on March 25. 1:30 p.m. Friday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$63 member; \$69 guest, 847-692-3597

Dominoes Tournament: Join in this friendly competition on the last Friday of the month. Please contact the Centennial Activity Center to register in advance. 1 p.m. Friday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$2 member; \$3 guest, 847-692-3597

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie": Jean Brodie is an unconventional teacher in a very conservative school. Her bohemian approach to education is exciting to her girls, but her narcissism has permanent and dangerous effects. MadKap Productions presents the play by Jay Presson Allen based on the book by Muriel Spark, starring Megan Wells and Josephine Longo. 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$24 - \$34, 847-677-7761

Film Screenings of "Nobody's Fool": Enjoy two viewings on April 15 and one April 29 of the 1994 film "Nobody's Fool," based on Richard Russo's book. The film stars Paul Newman and other cast members include: Jessica Tandy, Bruce Willis, Melanie Griffith, and Philip Seymour Hoffman. This showing is part of the library's 2016 One Book, Everybody Reads program, which is featuring Mr. Russo's novels, "Nobody's Fool" and "Everybody's Fool." 6:45 p.m. Friday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-6930

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Saturday, April 30

Mammals and More Interactive Animal Show: The Flying Fox Conservation Fund brings the zoo to Glenview. Be ready to learn about and interact with all the different animals visiting the library. A Glenview Library card is preferred and register by calling or to the website. 2 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Friendship Club Mammals and More Animal Show Grades 3-8: For children who want to make friends in a supportive environment. Trained Friendship Ambassadors (who are in grades 4-12) host fun and engaging events where everyone feels welcome. Generously sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Glenview-Northbrook. Please register by calling or to the website. 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Storytime with Construction Abe: As Lincolnwood Library undergoes renovation, stop in for a storytime and see our construction in progress. All ages welcome. 10 a.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

A Night of Glenbrook Theater: The Glenbrook High School Foundation hosts "A Night of Glenbrook Theater," a celebratory evening of dinner theater featuring "Aida," the North/South musical at Glenbrook North High School. The featured guest speaker is national opera sensation and GBN grad, Catherine Hamilton. Tickets to the event can be purchased at showtix4u.com. 5 p.m. Saturday, Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, \$75 per ticket includes dinner and entrance to the musical, 847-272-6400

Easy Leg Exercises for Knee Strength and Stability: Learn how to gain better balance, protect and stabilize the knee while moving to your kind of music. No special equipment or prior fitness experience is needed. Please register in advance by contacting the Centennial Activity Center. 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$18 member; \$20 guest, 847-692-3597

Palos and Sag Valley Ramble: Explore the hilly landscape of southwest Cook County. The trail systems cross the Forest Preserve District's largest and most diversified holding, and the interior of the expansive Cap Sauers Nature

Preserve marks the farthest one can be from a road in Cook County. This is for participants ages 18 and older who will walk about 4 miles at a leisurely pace. Notes: to bring a sack lunch and transportation is by van. 8 a.m. Saturday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$24 Skokie resident; \$30 non-resident, 847-677-7001

Preserving Survivor Stories: Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and "natural language" technology software will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

Sunday, May 1

Walk MS Illinois - Addison: This is the largest annual fundraiser of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter, taking place at 11 locations statewide. Join in this powerful force, with every step taken, to drive groundbreaking research, provide life-changing programs and guarantee a supportive community for those who need it most. 9 a.m. Sunday, Centennial Park, 1776 W. Centennial Place, Addison, free, 855-372-1331

Camerata Chicago Rising Stars Series Julian Schwarz: Rising star and cellist, Julian Schwarz, performs the Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations. 4 p.m. Sunday, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$30 adults; \$20 seniors; \$10 students, 847-825-6659

CROSO Zumbathon 2016: Several Zumba instructors lead participants in dance as funds are raised to support former street children in Uganda to attend college. All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary. \$30 per person. Need a current school ID for discount. 2 p.m. Sunday, Niles North High School, 9800 N. Lawler St., Skokie, \$30 person; \$8 District 219 students discount, 773-682-8248

Monday, May 2

Page Turners: "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henriquez is read and discussed. Book selections are available at the Reader Services Desk one month prior to meetings. New members are always welcome, so just drop in. 1 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

hoopla, MyMediaMall and Zinio Individual Appointments: Meet with

trained Library staff for a 45-minute one-on-one session and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your portable device. A Glenview Library card is required and registration by calling. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Tech Talk: Join this Internet user discussion group — a monthly Q&A for exploring websites, apps, social media, online searching, and the Library's electronic resources. Bring your mobile device with you to learn how to access library resources on the go. Topics vary monthly. Just drop in. 7 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Yarn Gang: Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Knitting Roundtable for Adults: Ronnie Rund, an expert knitter, shows attendees how to knit or how to solve knitting challenges. Bring one's current project(s) and needles. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Getting Fit for Golf: Preventing Injury: Learn simple steps that you can take to minimize injury before and during the golf season. Physical therapist Lee Boushie will review what physical conditioning is needed to return to golf safely before and after injury, and help you prevent injury in the first place. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$9 (NSSC members); \$12 (non-members), 847-784-6030

Memoir Writing: Take part in a no-pressure, supportive environment to start writing your memoir in this 6-week class. Each week we will read a few samples of great writers, go through writing exercises, and spend time sharing our work as a group. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$59 (NSSC members); \$69 (non-member), 847-784-6030

Money Matters Discussion: The group meets on the first Monday of each month. 10 a.m. Monday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Tuesday, May 3

Sing It Out The American Spirit Through Song: Mark Dvorak captures the American character through song. From cowboy ballads to folk favorites, hop on board crisscrossing the country in this musical adventure. Pair it! Arrive at 6:15 p.m. for the Art in the Library Gallery Talk, A New Slant on the Old West. Please register by calling. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Time Travel Tuesday for grades 1-4: For first- through fourth-graders to explore and experiment with science of the past. Please leave all Flux Capacitors and TARDISes at home. Space is limited, so call to register. 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Movies, Munchies & More: Film: "Point Break": (2015, PG-13, 1 hr 53 min) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a group of extreme athletes who are using their specialized skills to pull off a series of complex crimes. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Listen Up! Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. Call 847-929-5102 or visit www.mgpl.org/kids for more information. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Mozart's Requiem: Niles Metro Chorus performs Mozart's Requiem this spring. New singers are welcome, and for more information, please call. Rehearsals are weekly, every Tuesday. 7 p.m. Tuesday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 702-806-8421

Diptera Strangelove Presented by Britt Bunyard: This is a lecture: Or, How the fly learned to stop worrying about amatoxins and love the death cap. There is to be no fighting in the War Room! You know how you've always heard do not eat Amanita mushrooms because they're deadly poisonous to all animals? Well it's not entirely true. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, The Niles Historical and Cultural Center, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, free, 847-432-8255

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Yoga for the Rest of Us: Uniquely designed for individuals of all fitness levels to relax and unwind. Our certified yoga instructor accommodates individual needs through the use of chairs, blocks, bolsters, and other props to help you develop a more mindful awareness of your body and a sense of overall well-being in this 8-week class. 9 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$75 (NSSC members); \$89 (non-members), 847-784-6030

Building Healthy Habits: To achieve permanent weight loss, an individual must develop a lifestyle of healthy habits. Take part in movement exercises in this class as well as work from "Building Healthy Habits" book. (Book sold on the first day of class.) Register in advance by calling the Centennial Activity Center. 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$50 member; \$55 guest, 847-692-3597

The Breakfast Club at Lola's Diner: Network over breakfast with members of the community. 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Lola's Diner, 920 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, \$11 (Members); \$15 (Prospective

members), 847-825-3121

International Powder And Bulk Solids Conference: At International Powder and Bulk Solids Conference and Exhibition, over 400 top-tier suppliers will provide the latest in processing solutions. Network with over 3,000 attendees from Dow Chemical, PepsiCo, Jenike and Johanson, and others. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, free, 310-445-4273

Branding: An interactive workshop teaching how to differentiate yourself from the competition, how to discover your unique value, and how to sell what an employer is buying. To register for Career Moves workshops, visit https://jvschicago-syhum.formstack.com/forms/career_identity. To learn more about the workshops, visit <http://jvschicago.org/career-moves-workshops-and-events>, call or email andrealevas-seur@jvschicago.org. Fees are \$10 per workshop for Career Moves Clients; or \$20 per workshop for non-clients. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, \$10-\$20 per workshop, 847-745-5460

Wednesday, May 4

Meet Author Tyra Manning: Join Tyra Manning, Ed.D, retired River Forest school superintendent, for a reading from her new book, "Where the Water Meets the Sand." 7 p.m. Wednesday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 708-434-5006

Knitting Studio and Workshop: Each Wednesday afternoon, Certified Knitting Instructor Mary Staackmann provides personalized instruction, answers any questions about knitting, and perhaps gets you started on a new project. Bring your supplies or project in progress. Brush up on your skills, learn new techniques, or just spend an afternoon knitting with others. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6060

Presidential Campaigns the Great American Pastime: Presidential campaigns have actually gotten more civil over the years, believe it or not. In this program with Terry Lynch, hear stories of the mudslinging and muckraking. The fee includes a catered lunch (or skip the lunch and come at 1:15 p.m.,

then the fee is \$7 member; \$9 guest). Contact the Centennial Activity Center. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$17 member; \$19 guest, 847-692-3597

International Powder And Bulk Solids Conference: At International Powder and Bulk Solids Conference and Exhibition, over 400 top-tier suppliers will provide the latest in processing solutions. Network with over 3,000 attendees from Dow Chemical, PepsiCo, Jenike and Johanson, and others. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, free, 310-445-4273

Fire Building For Kids: In this hands-on workshop, your child learns fire safety guidelines and construct an A-frame campfire with firewood. After lighting and tending the fire, we will roast marshmallows before safely extinguishing the flames. Dress for the weather and avoid synthetic clothing and shoes. Ages 8-10. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$8 (Skokie resident); \$10 (non-resident), 847-677-7001

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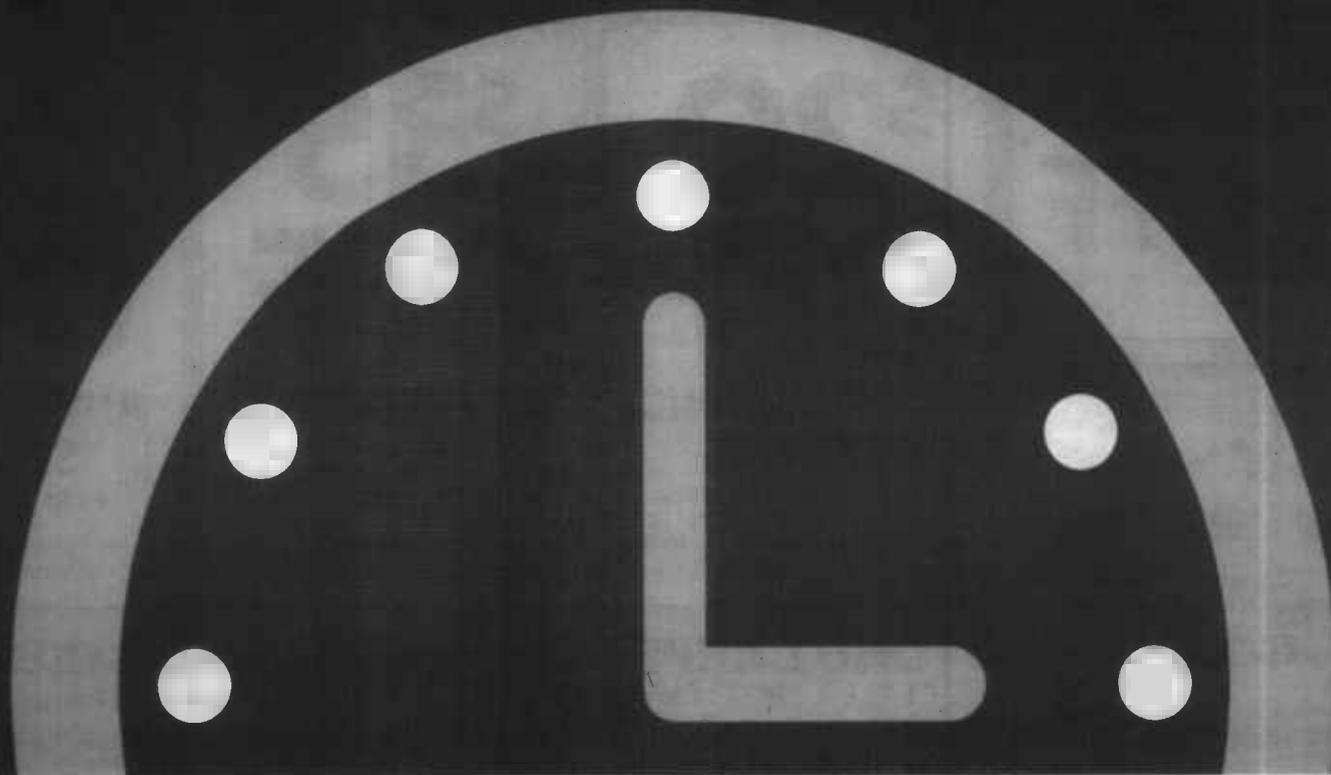
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**"The Jungle Book" ★★★**

PG, 1:51, drama

I have a hard time loving any movie dominated by photorealistic animation designed to look real, not animated. That sort of realism often looks and feels misguided. And it's a substantial caveat when it comes to Disney's new live-(ish) action version of "The Jungle Book." That said: The movie's pretty good. Director Jon Favreau's voice cast for the animals is tiptop, from Bill Murray's sloth bear, Baloo, to Idris Elba's adversarial tiger, Shere Khan. There's a real person on screen too; Neel Sethi plays Mowgli. Favreau has a knack for straight-ahead pacing and for tightening the screws (the movie is 81 percent life-and-death peril and 19 percent comic relief) without being maniacal about it. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Barbershop: The Next Cut" ★★ 1/2**

PG-13, 1:49, comedy

The latest film in the "Barbershop" franchise gets political, with the issue of shootings and gang violence in Chicago as the galvanizing force around which the barbershop rallies. Ice Cube returns as Calvin, the successful small business owner. On the other side of the shop is a ladies salon, managed by Angie (Regina Hall), featuring outlandishly dressed flirt Draya (Nicki Minaj). "Barbershop: The Next Cut" stays on message about community pride, family values and personal responsibility. It's a wholesomely entertaining film, though some of the political discourse is a bit fast and loose with neo-liberal notions of individualism and respectability politics. — *Katie Walsh*

**"The Boss" ★ 1/2**

R, 1:39, comedy

Melissa McCarthy's films don't have to be good to find an audience. Michelle Darnell (McCarthy) is a finance titan who loves her bling and likes her helicopter pilots shirtless. She's also an ethical corner-cutter. Nailed for insider trading, Darnell does a few months' white-collar jail time and, broke and desperate, re-enters life in Chicago. She persuades her former assistant, Claire (Kristen Bell) to go in on a start-up company selling

Claire's brownies, as a for-profit rival to the so-called Dandelions (aka the Girl Scouts). The movie has zero finesse as a comedy. — *M.P.*

**"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" ★ 1/2**

PG-13, 2:33, action

Having killed thousands of innocent bystanders at the end of "Man of Steel," high-flying alien Superman (Henry Cavill) is now considered a pariah by many. Batman (Ben Affleck) has hardened into a boozy sociopath who wants to murder the alien invader with the "S." Crucially, there's a new headliner in town: Gal Gadot's Wonder Woman. Long before she actually suits up, though, you're good and sick of waiting for Gadot to hijack all

the rage-y, steroidal, bone-crushing smackdowns setting the tone in Snyder's literal blockbuster. — *M.P.*

**"Zootopia" ★★★**

PG, 1:48, animated

Somehow, Disney has managed to pull off a hard-boiled police procedural thriller about political corruption starring an adorable, large-eyed bunny. As strange as this combination might seem, it works. Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin) is a plucky bunny who sets her sights on life in the big city of Zootopia, making the world a better place as a police officer. In Zootopia, the predators and prey are civilized, clothes-wearing city dwell-

ers. One of the strongest messages is about discrimination and not judging someone by a stereotype like "sly fox" or "dumb bunny." — *K.W.*

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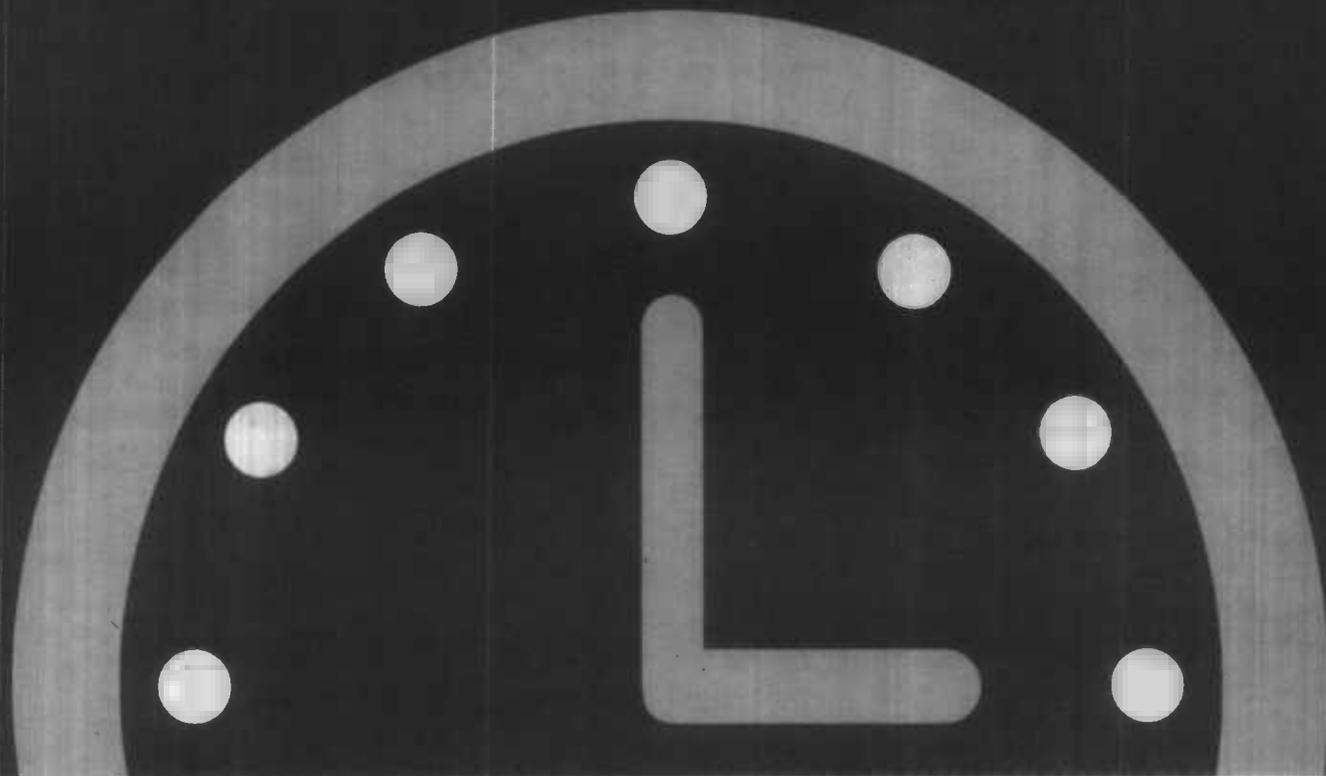
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Getting ready for riding

Motorcycle prep tips can help novices — veterans too

BY ANDY MIKONIS
Tribune Newspapers

As the days get longer, the urge to twist the throttle gets stronger. But before you get back in the saddle, take some time to be sure you and your motorcycle are ready.

The best way to prepare your ride for the season is to have started last season with a trickle charger and fuel stabilizer.

"If you didn't do the prep, you may find that you have a weak battery come spring-time, and that won't start the bike," Scott Lunt, co-owner of Acme Cycle, an all-brand service shop in Chicago, said in an email. "Additionally, fuel that has not been stabilized will lose some of its ability to ignite. Now you have a weak battery and reluctant fuel."

Battery: If it doesn't start you still may be able to avoid a tow.

"The best option is to get a Battery Tender to gently charge the battery overnight," Lunt recommended in a follow-up blog post.

Resist the urge to clip on the jumper cables or booster; a fast charge can be detrimental to the life span of a depleted battery, and the abrupt shock may not be the best thing for delicate electronic components either.

Fuel: Most modern gasoline blends contain ethanol, which can evaporate and leave deposits. Further, additives and water will separate over time. "If you only have a little fuel in the tank, add fresh fuel and swish it around," Lunt wrote.

Or else drain the tank



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Before hitting the street, give your motorcycle a thorough inspection, checking the tires, wheels, controls, lights, fluids, chassis and stands

and fill with new fuel.

Oil: If you have been good about your storage methods and it's time to fire it up, most experts agree it's time for an oil change. Intervals are based on both mileage and elapsed time.

"You should change the oil to get rid of the oxides. Even if you never rode it, exposure to air compromises the oil's components," said Jude Gonzales, owner and lead instructor at Motorcycle Riding's Cool in Chicago. "There are a number of other things in it besides lubrication."

Tires: If you are a more casual rider, your tires might age out before the tread wears down. Check that date code stamped on the side of the tires.

"There's no way to tell

exactly how long a tire lasts," said Tom Sullivan, public relations manager at Michelin. "After five years or more in use, your tires should be thoroughly inspected at least once per year by a professional." Ten years from the date of manufacture is the maximum a tire should be used, regardless of wear.

Spot check: Next, give your bike a careful washing and inspection. See if anything has been leaking. Gonzales recommends the Motorcycle Safety Foundation walk-around checklist with the handy acronym T-CLOCS for tires and wheels, controls, lights and electric, oil and other fluids, chassis and stands.

If you are ready to get your hands dirty but not feeling confident in knowing what to look for, Gon-

zales offers a monthly maintenance class. A developing trend is communal motorcycle workshops such as Moto Guild in San Francisco; San Jose, Calif.; and Chicago, where you can prep your bike for the season.

"Mechanics and technicians guide the customer through this process with the motorcycle's owner's manual or service manual," said Tony Riccardi, owner of Moto Guild Chicago. "We can provide one if they do not have one for their bike."

Don't forget to inspect your gear to see if anything needs repair or replacement, especially the helmet. "Each manufacturer has an expiration date when a helmet should be replaced," Gonzales said.

Rider skills: So we've

last year, said Scott Mochinski, supervisor of the Harper College Motorcycle Safety Program in Schaumburg, Ill. Mochinski is also certified to train the trainers. "MSF 'Rider Coaches' have to have 80 hours of training," he said. "Once they are certified, they can work anywhere in the country."

Courses are a mix of classroom time discussing strategies for dealing with various situations, and riding exercises practicing such things as braking, cornering and evasive maneuvers. A strong emphasis is placed on where you should be looking, because where you look is where the motorcycle is going to go. Motorcycles and helmets are provided for basic and intermediate courses; advanced course students bring their own.

Some venues offer private lessons. Gonzales sees anyone, from busy entrepreneurs with scheduling issues to celebrities who want to keep a low profile taking advantage to people who find that the class setting has a "too hectic" pace. "Some people excel with one-on-one instruction," he said.

Thoughtful preparation can help avoid the potential pitfalls of a balky bike and rusty skills. Take some time so you can get back out there confident that you and your machine are ready to ride.

At the end of the season, consider motorcycle storage at area shops and dealerships. Storage should include proper maintenance so your bike will be ready to go when the season starts. Some offer discounts on off-season repairs and upgrades to keep the shop busy and beat the spring rush.

Andy Mikonis is a freelance writer.

covered options for getting the motorcycle ready, but what about the rider?

"Most of us don't ride all year," Gonzales said. "These are physical skills, and they tend to atrophy without use."

It's all about making an "honest appraisal" of your experience and skills, Gonzales said, as well as where you will be riding. Having been a consultant to law enforcement and expert witness in accident cases, he has seen motorcyclists who "overestimated their abilities."

There are a number of resources where one can get professional riding instruction in a controlled setting. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation provides a curriculum for riders of all levels.

Over 400,000 took Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses nationwide



ROBERT DUFFER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The third-generation 2016 Audi TT has enough style to overcome mediocre performance.

Audi TT stands out on inside

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

The third-generation Audi TT is ... cute. It's a coupe that doesn't have the performance chops to compete with the thoroughbreds of the class, but has enough style to stand out from the herd.

This is no CrossFit Beetle, as haters might sneer. It looks more like a pocket-size version of Audi's R8 supercar. It has a low, wide stance with brawny wheel arches that house 19-inch wheels.

Under the hood is a turbocharged four-cylinder engine that makes 220 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. Power goes to all four wheels from a six-speed, dual-clutch transmission known as S tronic that a driver can override with paddle shifters or with the gear stick. Automatic shifts happen quicker than the flick of a paddle, and different drive modes tell the car how to react in a sharper, more consistent way than a human overlord.

The TT appeals to drivers who appreciate bursts of speed but not at the expense of style, comfort, safety and all-around user-friendliness. It stands out on the inside.

There is no center stack, no climate or radio interface, no screen that

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Transmission: six-speed auto In AWD

Parting shot: Cute coupe has more style than power.

emerges from the dash as in other Audis. The bare dash is a spartan canvas of beauty.

Yet creature comforts aren't sacrificed, just repackaged. Climate controls are accessed through a button in the center of each of the three vents in the center of the dash. The buttons are unnoticeable if it's off. Press one and the temp gauge comes on; another button controls the function. Everything else is controlled through a 12.3-inch dynamic display with 3D graphics that Audi calls "virtual cockpit."

It replaces the static gauges of old with a customizable vehicle information display that houses everything from radio

presets to a backup camera, right where the speedometer had been.

The \$3,200 technology package includes Navigation Plus, which features a crystal-clear map in satellite or traffic form.

Redundant steering wheel controls let the thumbs do the controlling, but there is also the MMI (multimedia interface) dial and four toggles on the center console to take a deeper dive.

Passengers may not like giving up total control to the driver but you kind of made that deal when you got in. The lack of clutter on the dash dramatizes the exceptional visibility of a car in this class. The pillars aren't too thick, and the long hatch glass minimizes blind spots and maximizes the rear view. That hatch and collapsible seats helped swallow a massive hockey bag and baseball bag. Two sets of clubs and twin carry-ons make this the ideal option for the weekend getaway.

The TT won't get you there the fastest, despite a heartbeat that pumps through the sound system when you kill the engine. But clever controls, exceptional visibility and sharp styling make for a cruiser meant for you to enjoy the ride.

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Damage from flood wasn't disclosed to used-car buyer



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: I recently purchased a 2012 Toyota Camry certified used car from a local dealership. It only had a little over 12,000 miles on it. I asked the salesman why the mileage was so low and he said the previous owner must not have driven it much. He showed me the Carfax, but it didn't show much other than it was used for lease or rental and had ownership in New York and New Jersey. While detailing the car a few days later I noticed water marks — a dirty brown line across the sides of the back seat. After I saw the waterline I got a little suspicious. I checked on the Internet for when Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast. It was 2012. How do I check to see if this car was damaged in the flood and should the dealership have disclosed this info?

— B.S., Warrenville, Ill.

A: You are right to suspect that the car was in a flood. Look behind the dash and you may see another water line. It is the electrical system that suffers most from sitting in water. Carfax only reports things that have been fixed by professional shops. Some do-it-yourselfer may have bought the Camry cheap and cleaned it up. The Toyota dealer may have purchased it at auction and may or may not have known its history. Return to the dealer and discuss the situation. We did not see coverage of the electrical system in the certified used-car war-



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Abandoned cars are piled near debris in New York's Rockaway neighborhood after 2012's Superstorm Sandy.

ranty. You may even want to ask for your money back.

Q: I recently purchased a new vehicle that has a fuel-saving feature that allows for the engine to shut off when the car is stopped. I understand that idling while stopped generally uses more fuel than shutting off and then restarting. Is there any concern about lack of oil pressure immediately after a restart and subsequent acceleration? Should I be concerned about accelerated engine wear? Should I make it a practice to accelerate modestly for a moment after a restart?

— R.R., Lisle, Ill.

A: Start-stop technology is cool and, for the driver, nearly seamless. For the short time your engine stops running, you run no risk of damage. Drive normally.

Q: Is there a simple cheap alternative to clean headlights? I see stuff advertised on TV and think that there has

to be a home remedy that I can use. I do not want to replace the headlights, but currently something needs to be done as it's getting harder to see.

— M.K., Scottsdale, Ariz.

A: You can buy a headlight restoration kit for under \$20 or you could buy a couple of sheets of wet/dry sandpaper, polishing compound and wax. The kit may ultimately be cheaper. But if you already have the stuff you need, wet a 1000-grit paper to remove scratches and any remaining discolored coating. Use 1500-grit paper to remove the scratches left by the 1000-grit paper. Keep the lenses and paper wet at all times. Dry the lenses and then use the rubbing compound until you have a clear finish. Wax the lenses to keep them from getting foggy prematurely.

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IHSA adds lacrosse to state tournament docket beginning in '18

By DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Lake Forest second-year boys lacrosse coach Marc Thiergart has watched lacrosse grow in Illinois since his days at Glenbrook North.

"I graduated high school in 1992, and when I played, it was just the original seven (teams)," Thiergart said. "Now, you have something like (83 boys) teams, which is unbelievable to see."

Lacrosse has continued to gain a foothold in Illinois, and on April 19, the sport reached another benchmark when the IHSA board of directors announced the organization would begin hosting state tournaments in the spring of 2018.

Currently, boys lacrosse in the state is run by the Illinois High School Lacrosse Association, while the Illinois High School Women's Lacrosse Association oversees the girls game.

The decision by the IHSA was met with approval in lacrosse circles throughout the state, though coaches and administrators at schools with established programs suggested the move might lead to moderate upgrades rather than massive changes to the sport in Illinois.

"I think it's a positive, and the girls are super excited about it," Hinsdale Central coach Dan Hartman said. "There is a bit of a stigma when it's not state-sanctioned, and this idea that maybe a state championship is a little tarnished."

A sport that traditionally was played on the North Shore, lacrosse is now popular throughout the state. There has been a rise of successful high school programs in the west suburbs, with boys teams at Naperville Central, Benet and Wheaton South and

girls teams at Glenbard West and Montini, among others. There are also a number of teams in Lake County.

Youth lacrosse also has developed throughout the state, which increases the number of participants at the high school level.

According to John Dwyer, who coaches the powerhouse Loyola girls team, the IHSA's inclusion of lacrosse "is validation of the reality of where the sport is state-wide and at a national level."

The inaugural state semifinals and finals for boys and girls lacrosse will take place on May 25-26, 2018, according to an IHSA press release.

The IHSA originally had approved the start of a state series in boys and girls lacrosse in 2009, though the debut date was contingent upon reaching 65 schools competing in boys and 40 in girls.

Matt Troha, assistant executive director of the IHSA, said the IHSLA and IHSWLA have had approximately 100 and 60 teams, respectively, in recent seasons. While there is no guarantee all those programs — some of which may be co-ops or operating more like club sports — will be in place in 2018, Troha speculated there would be 80 boys and 60 girls teams when the IHSA hands out its first trophies.

One potential drawback could affect North Shore schools, where Loyola and New Trier have fielded competitive teams for years. The schools often have met deep in the playoffs, but under the IHSA's geography-based seeding guidelines, the teams often would meet earlier in the playoffs because of their proximity to one another.

Glenbrook South athletic

director Steve Rockrohr was one of the administrators who made a presentation to the IHSA about the merits of the organization recognizing lacrosse several years ago. With the sport now getting full IHSA support, Rockrohr said he believes more schools will choose to offer lacrosse.

"It's a great game, and this should grow the game and should make schools that are on the fence about it to ask, 'Do we do it?' and they will possibly lean toward incorporating it," said Rockrohr, who said he has been an adviser to several schools that have picked up boys and girls lacrosse.

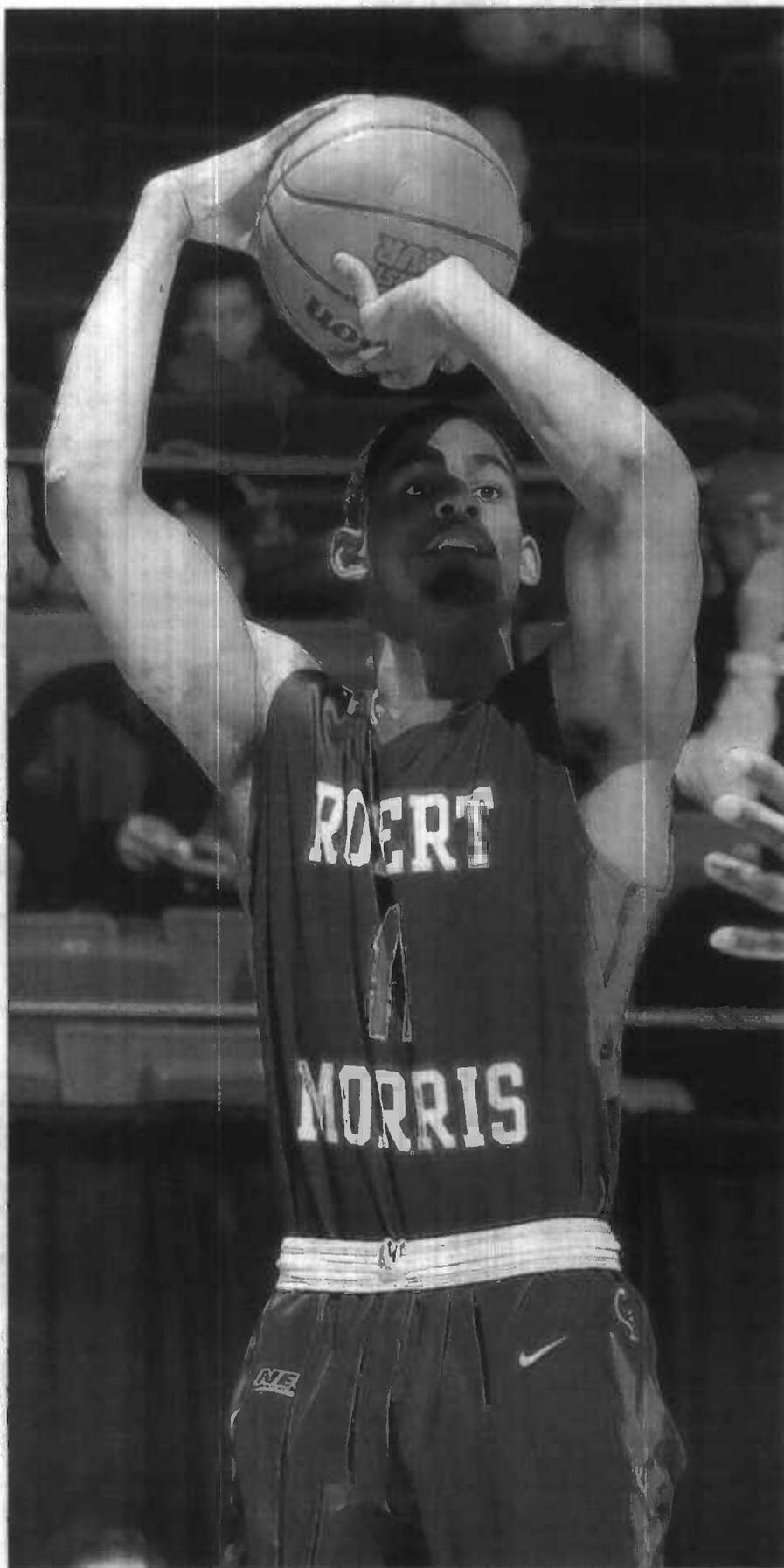
Rockrohr said that in addition to more schools opting to field lacrosse teams, the sport's new designation will force athletic departments to take full financial ownership of lacrosse.

At Glenbrook South and many of the higher-profile programs, the sport is funded like any other. Lacrosse athletes are responsible for purchasing their own equipment, but the schools pay for uniforms, bussing teams to events and costs associated with the use of facilities.

"You could have schools saying, 'We can't afford (lacrosse);' but hopefully those schools are small in number," Rockrohr said. "It's tough. Either they're going to have to cut from other sports, which I'm never a fan of, or get an increase in the budget. That will mean going to the school board and showing there is a large demand (for lacrosse), and that they need to allocate more resources."

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Above: Rodney Pryor helped Robert Morris reach the NCAA Tournament in 2015. Right: Pryor, left, guards Benet's Dave Sobolewski on Dec. 10, 2010.

Pryor expected to be leader at Georgetown

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

After averaging 18.0 points and 8.0 rebounds per game for Robert Morris (Pa.) in 2015-16 and seeking a sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA, Rodney Pryor heard from some high-profile programs.

Gonzaga, Florida, Kansas and Georgetown all got in touch with the Evanston native and Notre Dame graduate.

But Pryor took just one visit, to Georgetown, before deciding on coach John Thompson III and the Hoyas.

"Georgetown checked all the boxes," said Pryor, who announced his commitment on Twitter on April 17. "Being a one-year guy, I knew I had to go to the right system and have the right group of coaches. Playing in the Big East is the platform I needed for fulfilling my aspirations.

"(On my visit) I played pickup ball with the guys, and it was just a good vibe. My mom had a good feeling there, the area is nice, there are so many different kinds of people (from around the country and the world) and great networking possibilities. A lot of friends talked about how great a (graduate) degree from Georgetown would be."

Pryor said he wanted to test himself consistently against college basketball's best and be more visible to professional scouts.

A 6-foot-5, 205-pound shooting guard, Pryor had his request granted by the NCAA and he will be eligible next season as a graduate transfer.

Pryor will have the opportunity to make an immediate impact for the Hoyas, who went 15-18 last season and will lose shooting guard D'Vauntes Smith-Rivera, who averaged a team-high 16.2 ppg, to graduation.

Though Pryor will be a newcomer, he said Georgetown coaches will be counting on him to be team leader. This makes sense given that Pryor will turn 24 years old just before next season and has NCAA Tournament experience, having faced North Florida and Duke in the 2015 tournament.

"Georgetown has challenged me to be a leader vocally and through example, and I liked that," Pryor said. "I'm looking forward to that challenge with this group of players."

Pryor's own story of triumph through adversity could serve as an inspiration to teammates. A late-developer in basketball, Pryor played on the Freshman B team at Evanston. He transferred to Notre Dame as a

junior and became a stand-out for the Dons.

Though Division I schools showed interest, Pryor was forced to take the junior college route due to his grades. After a season at Kirkwood (Iowa) Community College, he moved to the more competitive Cloud County (Kan.) Community College, only to lose one season to a broken metatarsal in his left foot and another to a torn ACL in his right knee.

Cloud County coach Chad Eshbaugh has kept in close touch with Pryor, even though Pryor never suited up for the school during his two seasons in Concordia, Kan.

"If I had to define Rodney in one word it would be perseverance," Eshbaugh said. "The injuries, particularly the second one, were devastating. But he's a Christian kid and he had a nice support system and he was blessed that Robert Morris saw through the injuries and took a leap of faith. It paid dividends."

Pryor also has gotten the job done in the classroom, and he is scheduled to earn his degree in organizational leadership on Saturday, May 7. He is considering studying sports industry management at Georgetown.

Pryor said his mom, Xenia Roach, will be leading a large contingent of family and friends to Western Pennsylvania next month to celebrate her son's graduation.

"That's a huge, huge deal because I'll be the first in my (immediate) family to fully graduate from college," Pryor said. "There will be 30 to 40 people coming down and it's going to be an amazing time."

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Niles North trip creates dialogue about race, religion

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

The Niles North boys track and field team's trip began with about 40 of its athletes boarding a coach bus that would eventually travel to Springfield. But first, the bus drove by what appeared to be an ordinary street corner.

Niles North coach Paul Swanson asked his team to look at it on April 1, and to remember it.

The corner is near the border of Evanston and Skokie. It is about six blocks from senior Markhus Taylor's home. It's near where Leandro Oaing, a senior, went to middle school. Junior Zach Harris runs in that area and has possibly run by it, he said.

"Is there anything you thought was different about it?" Swanson said he asked his team. The response was, "No, it looked like a normal street corner."

"We (said), 'Well, a man lost his life there for just being black.'"

Soon thereafter, the Vikings learned the story of Ricky Byrdson, who was shot by white supremacist Benjamin Smith while Byrdson was with two of his children on July 2, 1999. Byrdson's murder was part of Smith's three-day shooting spree in which he fired at Orthodox Jews as they walked home from services in the West Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago and murdered Won-Joon Yoon, a Korean graduate student, in Bloomington, Ind.

Smith, who was 21 at the time, committed suicide.

Carlton Evans, a current Niles Township High School District 219 board member, was Byrdson's college roommate. They both played basketball at Iowa State. Evans addressed Niles North's boys track team for about 10-15 minutes at the Ricky Byrdson memorial in Channelside Park.



PAUL SWANSON PHOTO

Members of the Niles North boys track and field team pose for a photo in front of Abraham Lincoln's tomb in Springfield during their Sankofa trip.

Some knew about Byrdson's murder. Others didn't.

"I didn't even know that happened," Oaing said. "It was really surprising because I wouldn't think that type of hate crime would happen in a city like Skokie."

Evans told Byrdson's story. Byrdson was the first African-American head coach of the Northwestern men's basketball team, but also a humanitarian and a family man.

Part of what Evans wanted to get across was a message of "just being kind to people — no matter what they look like, no matter what they talk like, whatever cultural differences they may have," he said. "I felt like it was important to convey that message because it's something the Niles school district has dived into (in the last 4-5 years)."

That's been especially true for Swanson.

He and Evans went on their own journey about five years ago called a Sankofa trip. They visited the bridge

in Selma, Ala., where policemen attacked civil rights demonstrators in 1965. They saw the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., where four girls died in 1963 as a result of a racially motivated bombing. They also stopped at the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968.

Their Sankofa trip was the inspiration behind Swanson designing something similar for the Niles North boys track team.

The concept of Sankofa is that one must look to the past in order to move forward. The Vikings took their first Sankofa trip last year.

"The message this year was more, 'You don't have to travel to find incidents of racism. You don't have to travel to find people who haven't been treated well just because of the color of their skin or their race or their sexual identity,'" Swanson said. "It happened right here (in Skokie and

Illinois)."

That point was driven home again and again on the trip. The Vikings left Byrdson's memorial and headed to downtown Skokie, where they saw the Holocaust Memorial next to the Skokie Public Library. One of the things they learned about there was the neo-Nazi's proposed march in Skokie in 1977. The march, which never happened, led to the famous First Amendment case of National Socialist Party of America v. Village of Skokie.

Niles North watched "Gran Torino," a film with a main character who's able to change his racist views during the movie and redeem himself in the end, as they rode to Springfield. Once they made it there, they visited the Abraham Lincoln Tomb and War Memorials in Springfield and learned about the Civil War.

"The people back then, they fought for what they believed in," Oaing said. "They didn't want slavery to stay. They fought for that belief. We're given an op-

portunity to be with different nationalities and different people from different cultures (at Niles North). We should embrace that, rather than make it a barrier between us."

That night, Niles North's boys track and field team had dinner together in the banquet room of a Golden Corral in Springfield. There, some of the Vikings' athletes stood up and talked about what had affected them, or what they had learned, earlier in the day.

Harris, a junior distance runner who's Jewish, had family members die in the Holocaust. At a recent practice, he said it was meaningful to him that Swanson and his teammates visited the Holocaust Memorial in downtown Skokie and learned about a piece of his family's history.

Oaing, a hurdler who was born in the Philippines, stood up at Golden Corral and talked about the message of "Gran Torino."

"What I said was 'Whatever mistake or thing you've done in the past, you always

have a chance to redeem yourself and make yourself a better person,'" Oaing recalled.

Taylor, who's African-American, said: "I just took away, '(Skokie) is (the type of) place where I want to raise my kids so they don't learn the bad things that you (might) learn from somewhere else that's not as diverse.'"

Another memorable moment was when sophomore Gustavo Morales stood up and talked about something he noticed in Springfield.

"He was struck by the fact that you cannot tell a man's race by his name on the war memorial," Swanson recalled. "For some names, you could guess, but you really can't tell a man's race or the color of his skin by the name on the war memorial. They gave their life, and nobody knows if they're black, white, Asian or whatever."

The following day, the Vikings competed in the Springfield Invitational.

There, the track and field team in many ways reflected the makeup of the student body at Niles North. Both are melting pots of races, cultures and backgrounds.

Swanson's hope is that the Sankofa trip has a lasting impact on the athletes who went on it. This is Swanson's last year as the Vikings' head coach — he's stepping down to spend more time with his family — but he hopes the trip continues to be a staple of the Niles North boys track and field program.

It's been effective thus far in sparking a conversation and driving home important lessons, Swanson said.

"The whole message is, you can be part of changing the way things are, too," Swanson said. "Start here at Niles North track and move out from there."

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Niles West thriving in first season as varsity program

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The Niles West girls water polo team began this week five games above .500 in its first varsity season and coach Kristie Przekota said that is both surprising and gratifying.

The Niles West girls water polo program launched just two seasons ago.

"I had 24 girls and 22 of them had never touched a water polo ball in their life," said Przekota, recalling the first day of her tenure.

The two outliers were 2015 graduate Alyssa Gayapa and current senior Lauren Patt, who is one of the best players on this year's team. They were both part of the Niles West boys water polo program in 2013.

For the other 22 players, Przekota had to start with the absolute basics. She taught Niles West's players how to dribble, how to pick up the ball and introduced all of the positions in the sport.

"I tell the girls all I want them to

do is swim in the offseason," Przekota said. "Anything water-polo related, they can learn within the season — and you're not 10 steps behind every other team."

That notion has been proven correct over the last three years.

Niles West was a JV team in 2014 and 2015, but Przekota said she set up games against opponents' varsity squads whenever she could in order to get her team experience against a higher level of competition.

The Wolves also played in the Glenbrook North Sectional a year ago. They beat Taft 14-2 in the program's first postseason game, then lost 12-0 to New Trier in the sectional quarterfinals.

Patt described playing the Trevians, who finished second in the state in 2015, as scary. But it provided Niles West with a chance to develop. Not only did the Wolves get an up-close look at one of the best teams in Illinois, their season was extended by two weeks.

That extra time allowed the team to grow accustomed to a



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Niles West's Lauren Patt is defended by Evanston's Michelle Pacheco (8) during the Wolves' 10-2 loss on April 21 in Evanston.

longer season, something it will experience again this year, and provided Przekota with two additional weeks of teaching opportunities. The added instruction was valuable because none of the Wolves play club water polo in the offseason.

This year, the Wolves (13-8) have overcome the graduation of

Gayapa and have been competitive even though less than half of the players in the program swim in the offseason. Niles West has wins over Maine South, Glenbrook North, Lake Forest and Resurrection.

"It's definitely shocking," Patt said of her team's growth and success. "I didn't think for our first

year on varsity we'd be this successful. A lot of the girls, their swimming ability has grown a lot — even though they weren't swimmers to start out with. And just their knowledge of water polo has really grown."

Niles West is led by Patt and fellow captain Justyna Magiera. Both players are seniors, but the infrastructure appears to be in place for the Wolves to remain competitive beyond this season.

Players like Melissa Corlaciuc are the reason why. Corlaciuc, a sophomore, isn't on the Niles West swim team and had never touched a water polo ball in her life prior to Feb. 29 of this year, according to Przekota.

Despite that, Corlaciuc picked up the sport so rapidly that she recently joined the Wolves' starting lineup.

"She's doing phenomenal," Przekota said.

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Faith comes first for Niles West's Skenderi

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As Medina Skenderi took her position, she had a couple items to tend to. The senior tucked her white hijab into the neck of her long-sleeved, yellow goalie jersey, strapped on her goalie gloves and made sure her black athletic pants were touching her cleats before she found her home in between the posts.

Skenderi is a devout Muslim and the last line of defense for the Niles West girls soccer team.

"It's really important to me," Skenderi says of her faith. "It's like religion first and then soccer and then school."

After missing the first five games of the season due to a concussion, Skenderi has been a rock for the Wolves. In a 10-game stretch, the most recent being a 2-1 loss to Nazareth on April 23 in Skokie, Skenderi has posted five clean sheets and allowed just seven total goals. The loss to Nazareth was just Niles West's

third with Skenderi in goal.

"Since coming back from that concussion, she has played very well," Niles West coach Brett Clish said. "She is athletic, she's tall and she's got some pretty good kicks, so we're happy with what she's been doing so far."

Clish also noted that Skenderi's absence factored into the Wolves' losses to Oak Park-River Forest (1-0) and Maine South (3-1) at the start of the season.

In the Wolves' home tournament on April 23, it was easy to see how Skenderi is a linchpin in their success. She attacked through balls into the box with vigor, showing little concern for the oncoming Nazareth attackers in the semifinal match. Barely 30 seconds into the second half, a dangerous ball was played into the box by Nazareth, but Skenderi made a diving play near the edge of the box before a shot could be had.

"I like playing goalie because I feel like a responsibility to my team and to not let any goals in,"

Skenderi said. "I like being aggressive. I'll do anything to get the ball."

At 5-foot-8, Skenderi is adept at blocking high shots, said Niles West assistant coach and goalkeeper coach Michael Gorges. With her height and aggressive instincts, Skenderi gives opponents very little in the way of chances.

"She's doing great," Gorges said of the first-year varsity starter. "She earned her spot. We're still working with her to improve, but otherwise she's been doing well in everything that I tell her to do."

The standard goalie outfit — long sleeve shirt and sometimes pants — also fits Skenderi. As a Muslim woman, she is required to cover everything except her face, hands and feet. Her hijab, which covers her hair, is the only addition to the standard uniform. And she's more than comfortable with that.

"It gets hot, but I'm used to it now because I've been wearing it since I was little," she said. "I just

learned to work with it in whatever I do."

Nazareth senior Lily Franko scored in the 38th minute, but Clish and Gorges agreed that was not Skenderi's fault because the Wolves' defenders were beat and out of position. Moments later, however, Skenderi was caught off guard by a left-footed shot from sophomore Angelica Ariola and was beat near post.

"That was all my fault because those are the easy ones," Skenderi said.

If her track record is any indication, she'll work to prevent the mistake in the future.

"I love working with her," Gorges said. "I've been working with her for three years and she always listens. She respects authority, she doesn't have attitude, she's just fun to be around. She listens and she works hard at practice and puts all her effort into trying to improve."

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Niles West goalie Medina Skenderi chases down the ball during the game against Nazareth on April 23 in Skokie.



In this June 3, 2015, photo, Loyola's Allie Thuet (21) tries to get past Glenbrook South's Katie Maher (21) during the Illinois High School Womens Lacrosse Association state semifinals.

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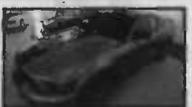
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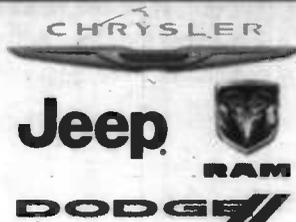
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