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Teachers, fast food workers gather for May 1 events. Page 4



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Fast food worker Adriana Sanchez speaks during the May 1 rally at Fountain Square in Evanston.

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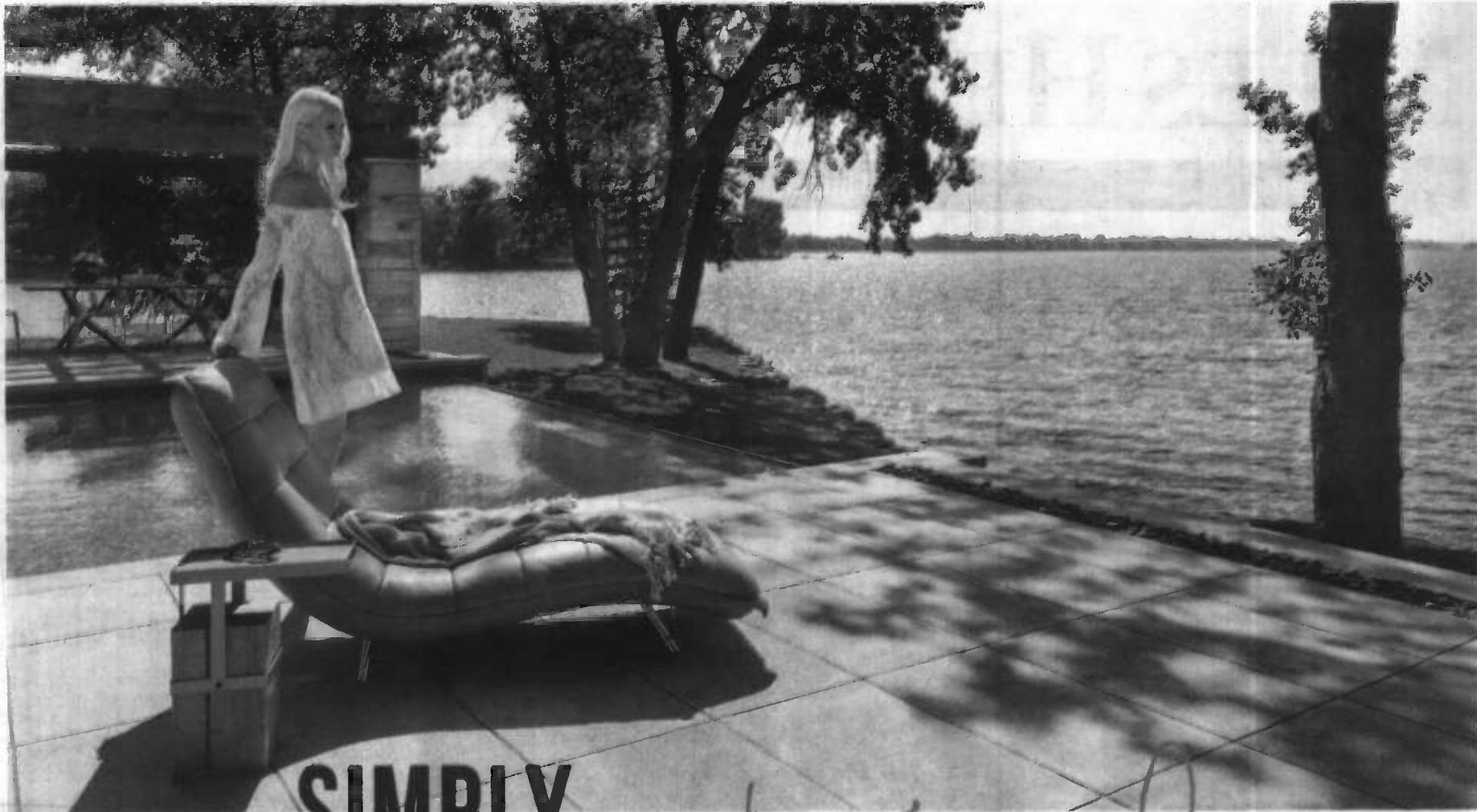


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Jim Szczepaniak, voice of Dist. 219

Jim Szczepaniak joined District 219 in 2006 and serves as Director of Community Relations and Strategic Partnerships for the district.

Q: What are some of the highlights of your job?

A: I get to work with the best teachers and support staff in Chicagoland and inform our families and taxpayers about how our schools help our students succeed academically and learn how to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: South Chicago until sixth grade, then Munster, Ind.

Q: How long have you lived or worked in Skokie?

A: I've worked in Skokie for 18 years. I live in Morton Grove, which is also a wonderful community.

Q: Pets?

A: Rula, a bearded collie, known as the shaggy dog.

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

A: Just finished "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Next up is "Just Mercy: A



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Jim Szczepaniak

Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson.

Q: First job?

A: Correspondent for The Daily Calumet newspaper on the south-east side.

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

A: An interesting and interested adult.

Q: A movie you'd recommend?

A: "Holiday" with Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant from 1938.

Q: Favorite charity?

A: I have two: The Education Foundation Serving the Students of Niles Township, formerly called the District 219 Education Foundation, and the Skokie Community Fund.

Q: Words of wisdom?

A: From Ruby Bridges: "Racism is a grown-up disease, and we must stop using our children to spread it."

Q: What song best sums up Skokie for you?

A: "Love Train" by the O'Jays.

Q: Favorite Skokie restaurant?

A: Village Inn and Libertad.

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?

A: I do a mean polka.

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McDonald's workers, teachers rally

Suburban groups participate in separate May Day events

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Paydays tend to be depressing for McDonald's restaurant worker Kejioun Johnson. The 20-year-old earns \$10 an hour, which he said is not nearly enough to cover his monthly bills.

Johnson was one of more than two dozen fast food workers who turned out for a rally at Fountain Square in downtown Evanston on May 1 to call for a \$15 an hour minimum wage and union rights for workers.

"I'm here to fight for what I believe in, and I believe we deserve \$15 an hour and union rights," Johnson said. "It would make a big difference. I'd be able to afford things. I have to work double time just to struggle."

May 1 is well known in the labor movement around the world as "May Day," a time to celebrate hard won worker rights and to rally union organizers.

Chicago has a rich history in the labor movement, and May Day rallies were scheduled for various venues across the Chicago area on May 1, said Jes Scheinpflug director of communications with Open Communities, which helped organize the Evanston rally.

She said Open Communities advocates for the creation of affordable housing and "inclusive communities" in north suburban Chicago and also said the organization supports things like a livable wage because it is fundamental to creating diverse communities.

"We recognize these things are all inter-related," Scheinpflug said. "Of course, people can't find affordable housing if they're only making \$8.25 an hour."

In Skokie, the same day, the North Suburban Teachers Union held its own May Day Rally in Oakton Park to celebrate working families and the progress of union and immigrant rights, said Steve Grossman, a Niles West High School teacher and president of the North Suburban Teachers Union.

"Teachers unions and other public employees are under attack," Grossman said.

"We see ourselves as part of that long tradition of workers trying to improve their communities in this country," said Pankaj Sharma a Niles North High School teacher who recently won a Golden Apple Award for teaching excellence.

"There is a movement in this country to attack public education, or public sector unions or teachers unions," he said. "I think public education has been a huge force for democracy and social mobility in our country, as have unions."

Dozens of people braved the cold and drizzle-as U.S. Rep., Jan Schakowsky, D-9th; the president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers; the president of the Chicago Teachers Union; and representatives with the Illinois Education Association, AFIRE Chicago, ARISE and UNITE-HERE took turns addressing the crowd.

"This is the winning coalition," Schakowsky said. "This is what it takes. We are all here. This is what it means to fight back. We are going to win this fight."

Schakowsky, a one-time teacher and labor organizer, also took square aim at Gov. Bruce Rauner, who, she said, "has a pathological obsession toward union busting."

"What he's about to get his way is hostage taking,"



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS

Protesters march in downtown Evanston on May 1. McDonald's workers and their supporters were calling for higher wages, respect in the workplace, and fair treatment from their employers.

she said. "The people who need the state government the most, who we are so proud when Illinois steps up and takes care of our elders and helps to take care of our children.

"These are hard-working people that need the support, and people who have retired and want to retire with dignity," she said. "People will die from the kind of cuts, maybe some have already, that he is doing. It is shameful."

Paula Varragan, 54, works at a McDonald's in Skokie and said she considers herself to be one of the millions of working poor people across the country with a full-time job still struggling to make ends meet. She said she had worked at McDonald's for 12 years, that she spends much of her eight-hour work day on her feet and that she now makes \$10 an hour. Other McDonald's workers said they are not permitted to have water because they were told by



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Supporters of unions listen to speakers during the North Suburban Teachers Union's May Day Rally at Oakton Park in Skokie on May 1.

their bosses that that would mean they would have to take more bathroom breaks.

"There are injustices there," Varragan said. "We have absolutely no benefits, no vacation. I can't go to the doctor or I lose a day. I can't

even go to church on Sundays."

Many of the "working poor" across the country are immigrants, and Schakowsky said immigration reform and the fight for workers rights are connected.

"Immigration reform has the stamp of inevitability about it," she said.

"We will get comprehensive immigration reform," she added.

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Niles CEO flies employees to Blackhawks Game 7

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

When sales employees Jim Brown and Brian Stapleton showed up for work April 25 at AFN Logistics in Niles, never in their wildest dreams would they suspect that in just a few hours they'd be jet-setting to Game 7 of the Blackhawks-Blues playoff series in St. Louis.

That afternoon, as Chicago prepared for the do-or-die first round of the 2016 Stanley Cup Playoffs, Brown and Stapleton — along with 13 other lucky Hawks fans who work at the transportation logistics company — joined their boss, CEO Ryan Daube, for a first-class trip to St. Louis.

Stapleton, 36, was just leaving the lunchroom when Daube approached him and asked him if he wanted to go to the game, he said.

"I just said 'of course I'd like to go,' but then I went into shock when I realized what else was entailed," Stapleton said.

The group of employees, selected for the trip based on a combination of their sales performance and their exceptional love of the Hawks, boarded a bus after work that took them to a private charter plane waiting in Milwaukee to take them on the 45 minute flight to St. Louis.

Cans of Coors Light were passed around as the sales team got settled in and began celebrating the unexpected surprise.

"It was interesting to me that all of us work in different parts of the company and wouldn't normally hang out after work together, but we were suddenly like a group of crazy kids on their way to a hockey game," Brown, 38, said.

Daube was at home watching game six of the Hawks game April 23 when



AFN LOGISTICS

Ryan Daube, CEO of AFN Logistics in Niles, surprised several of his employees April 25 by chartering a private jet to take them to Game 7 of the Stanley Cup playoffs in St. Louis.

he decided to surprise a group of his hardest-working employees with the trip to the game, he said. On a whim, he sent out an email to 25 employees who were known Hawks fans around the office, asking them to name their favorite Hawks players (aside from star players Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews). He also asked them to rank their hockey fandom from 1-10.

Instead of asking his executive-level counterparts to join him on the trip, Daube said he went straight to some of his longtime employees — people who are "real workhorses," said Nick Fryer, director of marketing for AFN Logistics.

"This wasn't the executive team jetting off, so it had little to do with title and tenure, but more to do with how our company culture operates and rewarding the attitudes of our employees," Fryer said.

The 200-employee company, housed in a building on the 7200 block of Crawford Avenue, has staged outings to Cubs and Bulls games in the past, but Daube described the trip to game seven of the Hawks-Blues series as the "pinna- cle" of all outings.

Daube spent all day April 24 putting his plan into motion, booking the jet through a former employee who now brokers private flights and ordering a bunch of tickets to the game on StubHub.

"I walked around the sales floor Monday and asked people if they wanted to go to the game without actually going into the semantics of how we'd be getting there," Daube said. "I told them we were taking a bus to the (Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling), and then suddenly we were on a plane and walking into the stadium — it was unbelievable."

Despite the Hawks' heart-wrenching loss, the employees said it was an experience they would never forget, especially since the Hawks had returned from a 3-1 deficit to make it to game seven.

"We all wanted a win, but after getting over the loss, we all were still looking forward to getting back on the jet and flying home together, and that's something I'll always remember," Stapleton said.

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Skokie stands together against racism

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

The demonstration was for less than a half-hour — 25 minutes to be exact — but participants in Skokie's second Stand Against Racism say it was enough time to send an important message.

"We know that this is not going to eliminate racism," said Eileen Hogan Heineman, a Skokie resident and the Racial Justice Program co-director of YWCA Evanston/North Shore. "But what it does do is lets us see that we're not trying to do this alone."

The national YWCA bills Stand Against Racism as "a signature campaign...to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities."

While YWCA Evanston/North Shore has been participating for years, Skokie literally stood beside its neighboring city for the first time in 2015. The coordinated demonstration was an outgrowth of YWCA Evanston/North Shore and the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center's sponsorship of last year's museum exhibition, *Race: Are We So Different?*

Heineman said that even though the exhibition is long gone, the partnership between Skokie and Evanston carries on.

"This is a way to get communities to say we know racism exists and we're going to address it," she said. "We're going to stand outside and say we're standing against racism."

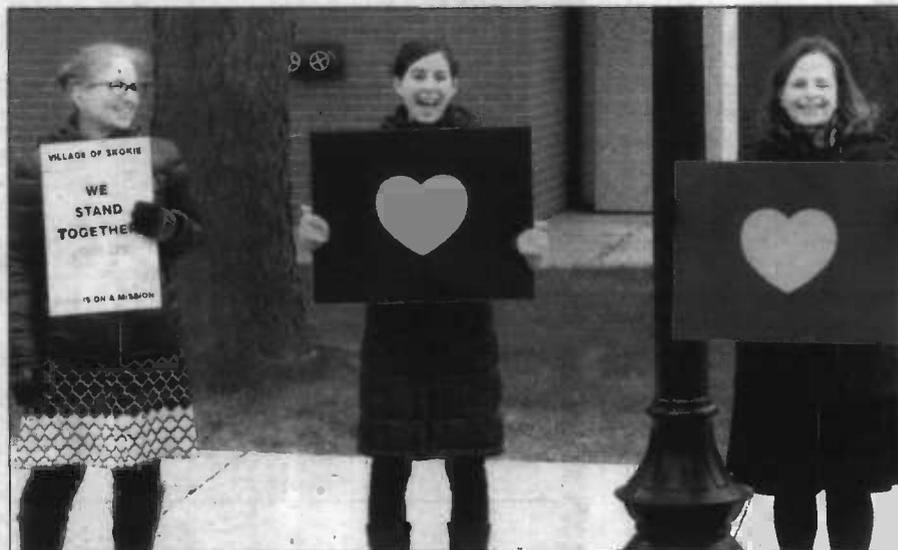
Hundreds who live or work in Skokie lined various streets during the morning of April 29, holding signs and waving to drivers who honked. (Evanston's event was that afternoon).

"Racism exists," said Mark Collins, a Niles Township trustee, who stood outside Skokie Village Hall.



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Skokie village leaders line Oakton Street in downtown Skokie the morning of April 29 to participate in Stand Against Racism. For 25 minutes, the community demonstrated in an event sponsored by the YWCA. Evanston's Stand Against Racism occurred the same afternoon.



Skokie Public Library officials participate in Stand Against Racism.

"Being black, I always thought it existed. I was taught, not by my parents but by society, that it existed."

Collins said this event was about connecting with people — about becoming a community that shares a single message.

Sheila Meyer came to Oakton Street for the second consecutive year to

stand against racism.

"It doesn't seem right to me that people should be identified by the color of their skin and treated differently," she said. "There's a whole lot of that going on and I feel it's getting worse instead of better."

Skokie Village Clerk Pramod Shah said the village's extraordinary diversity makes an event like this

even more special.

"It's so important that we stand against racism, all over and in the village of Skokie," he said. "We're so diverse, and with things that are happening around us, we need to raise awareness."

"Part of my passion is to first do no harm when I'm out and about and secondly, to make better connections with the people around me



Skokie's Director of Marketing and Communications Ann Tennes holds up a sign April 29 on Oakton Street as part of Stand Against Racism.

and try to understand them," added Frances Roehm who stood against racism April 29 for the second consecutive year.

Jerry Clarito of the Skokie Park Board said it was even more important to be here this year because of "the national political rhetoric that is happening."

"There are some 100 languages spoken in Skokie households," he said. "But at the same time, racism is still happening. That doesn't mean just because we are diverse, we have to be complacent about it."

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Metra asks crews, public to help prevent suicide

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Metra has had a suicide, a possible suicide and a probable suicide attempt on its tracks in a little more than a week's time — a significant bump in the rate of incidents compared to last year, when there were 10 suicides.

Given the number of recent incidents, and a national study showing an increase in the suicide rate, the rail agency is asking its workers and the public to be aware of erratic behavior or other signs of self-destructive tendencies near the tracks.

"The trend has been going up, so we want to take every opportunity to inform people, make sure everyone's aware of it," Metra CEO Don Orseno said.

A 19-year-old man killed himself by walking in front of a Metra train April 12 in Hanover Park, and a Calumet Park man was injured April 20 in an apparent suicide attempt. In the second incident, engineer noticed the man lying between the tracks as the train approached.

Another pedestrian was killed April 13 in Downers Grove in an incident the engineer believes was a suicide, though the coroner is still investigating.

Nationally, the suicide rate went up 24 percent from 1999 through 2014, according to a National Center for Health Statistics report this month.

The number of suicides reported on Metra property this year was not immediately available. In 2014 there were 15, and in 2013 there were 12, according to Metra.

About nine months ago, Metra started providing a four-hour training course, given by mental health professionals, to help engineers, conductors, managers and station agents identify people in distress or suicidal.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A Downers Grove police car blocks the train tracks after a person was hit by a Metra train in Downers Grove April 13.

"If you see someone's doing something odd, hanging around after multiple trains have gone by, you can at least pose the question," said Orseno, who cited spring and fall as the seasons with the most Metra suicides. "You might be wrong but at least pose the question and try to intervene."

The program has already had a success story — Metra foreman Robert Tellin noticed a man in late January hunched down on the tracks in Elgin and warned him the train was coming. The man responded "I know — I want to get hit," said Hilary Konczal, chief safety and environmental officer for Metra.

Tellin grabbed the man and pulled him to safety.

Konczal said Metra is the only rail agency he knows of in the U.S. that has suicide prevention training.

The best known Metra suicide was the May 2010 death of former Metra CEO Phil Pagano, who was being investigated for financial misconduct.

Rail employees also suffer as a result of any kind of fatality on the tracks, and an employee assistance program offers help. There was no such program when Orseno was working as an engineer and a man walking his dog accidentally walked in front of a train. Orseno remembered it was Nov. 27,

1980, which was Thanksgiving and his birthday.

"It affects you a lot," Orseno said April 27 after Metra's monthly meeting. "You wonder why was the person there? Why did they make that decision?"

The public is asked to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 if a friend or family member may be considering suicide.

In other Metra business, the rail service reached agreements with Cook County agencies that Metra believes will create efficiencies for its police department.

One agreement will allow tickets for offenses such as theft and trespassing issued by Metra police in Cook County to be adjudicated by the Cook County Department of Administrative Hearings. This will save Metra officers from a cumbersome booking process and having to be present for multiple court dates, which can consume up to 400 overtime hours annually.

Metra also entered a five-year contract to pay the Cook County Sheriff to provide 24-hour dispatching services for 911 calls, instead of Metra police operating its own dispatch center.

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BATTERY

■ Denise Gatz, 58, of the 8200 block of Wisner Street, Niles, was charged with domestic battery on April 24. She was given a May 12 court date.

■ Omar Lopez-Tirado, 21, of the 9500 block of Terrace Place, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with battery following an alleged fight in a parking lot in the 9400 block of Hamlin Avenue on the night of April 24. A 22-year-old man told police that he was drinking alcohol with Lopez-Tirado, whom he identified as a friend, when the two began to argue. According to police, the victim said Lopez-Tirado punched him in the face a few times

and knocked him to the ground before kicking him in the face and abdomen. Police said the victim was "covered in blood and had major swelling and cuts on his face." He also reportedly sustained a broken nose. Lopez-Tirado was given a May 10 court date.

RETAIL THEFT

■ Michael Brembry, 66, of the 7800 block of South Coles, Chicago, was charged with felony retail theft after police said he stole two sets of bed sheets and two knife sets, valued at \$329.96, from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. He was given a May 6 court date.

■ Aviles Perez, 36, of the 500 block of Piper Lane, Prospect Heights, was charged with felony retail theft on April 26 after police said he stole \$733.64 worth of merchandise from a store at

Golf Mill Shopping Center. He was given a May 13 court date.

■ Tashaundra Johnson, 44, of the 900 block of Wellington, Chicago, was charged with felony retail theft after she allegedly stole \$348 worth of perfume from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center on April 27. She was given a May 20 court date.

DUI

■ Karen Mitchell, 50, of the 7700 block of Davis, Morton Grove, was charged with driving under the influence on April 24 following a traffic stop in the 6900 block of Oakton Street, police said. She was given an April 24 court date.

■ Argenis Hernandez-Cruz, 32, of the 8800 block of Root Street, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on April 24 after police said

his car was involved in an accident in a parking lot in the 8700 block of Milwaukee Avenue around 2 a.m. He was given a June 13 court date.

HARASSMENT

■ A 49-year-old Niles woman told police on April 27 that she has been receiving "inappropriate and sexual-theme pictures or cartoons" sent to her cellphone for the past year.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ A 73-year-old woman told police that she discovered the side of her car scratched on the afternoon of April 22 after she exited a store in the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue. According to police, the woman had earlier accused another driver of taking her space in the parking lot and that he responded by calling her "an old lady."

Niles celebrates free bus modernization project

The village of Niles celebrated the opening day of the Niles Free Bus modernization at Golf Mill Shopping Center on May 2 at the bus stop near the food court entrance of the mall.

The improvements include faster service in Niles, a simpler route structure, and better timed trips for school and place of employment, said Hayley Garard, a spokeswoman for the village. Bus service will operate every day of the week on all routes, she said.

"The collaborative effort between Pace and the village, and two years of community outreach have finally brought us here," Mayor Andrew Przybylo said in a news release. "I am overjoyed with the result of this project, and I expect increased ridership that



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo and Village Manager Steve Vinezano step off the Niles Free Bus May 2.

should benefit our business community."

Representatives from Pace and the village attended the event to show off the buses.

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EDUCATION

D64 rejects elementary lunch proposal

Board votes against bringing in company to provide hot lunches at primary schools

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A proposal to start a district-run hot lunch program at all Park Ridge elementary schools received a lukewarm response from the District 64 Board of Education.

Board members on April 25 voted 6-1 against an administrative recommendation that the district institute a hot lunch program at all five K-5 schools. Board member Bob Johnson cast the only vote in favor.

Under the most current proposal, District 64 had planned to spend \$90,000 in startup costs in order to bring in an outside food service company to serve meals four days per week. The fifth day would be reserved for a pizza fundraiser organized by each school's parent-teacher organization or association, according to a FAQ sheet on District 64's website.

The company administrators had selected to prepare the food was Arbor Management, which already provides lunches at the district's two middle schools, Superintendent Laurie Heinz said.

Based on food sales at these schools and an anticipated 50 percent student participation rate, the district could see an annual surplus of about \$69,000 if each elementary school student is charged \$3.75 per meal, a memo to the school board from Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad said.

Heinz told the board that, according to a March survey of parents, 65 percent of just over 1,000 respondents said they would like a district-run hot lunch program offered three to four days per week.

"We are doing this as a

service to parents," she said of the proposal.

Board members expressed opposition, citing the cost of the program, the need for more school staff to coordinate it and the potential for food waste.

"I just haven't been convinced this is the right time to do this," said board member Scott Zimmerman, explaining that there are capital projects and other initiatives the district is tackling. He added that he would rather see the administration and teaching staff "focus on other objectives," like "studying all-day kindergarten or something along those lines."

Board President Anthony Borrelli said that while he thought district-led hot lunch is a "great idea," his primary concern was cost. Many of the survey responses, he said, indicated that parents favored a hot lunch program for the convenience of it.

"That's an awful lot of money that we're putting out for convenience factors," Borrelli said.

Board member Bob Johnson said he saw district-provided lunches as beneficial.

"It could result in better nutrition than what they're bringing to school today," he said.

Currently, parent-teacher organizations or associations at each elementary school conduct their own hot lunch days, which take place once or twice each week, Heinz said.

Bridget Arena, co-president of the Washington School PTO, said the programs are paid for by parents through the cost of meals, and parent volunteers help serve the food. Craig Rutherford of Kids Healthy Kitchen said he supplies food to Roosevelt,



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District 64 Board of Education board members were not in favor of a proposal to start a district-run hot lunch program.

Washington and Franklin schools twice each week and to Field School once a week.

District 64 officials threatened that changes in state health regulations could affect this voluntary meal program during the next school year. The FAQ sheet put out by the district in April said that beginning July 1, the Illinois Department of Public Health will "require a certified food handler to be present when food is being served. The elementary PTO/PTAs do not have the consistent volunteers available to satisfy this requirement to the satisfaction of the city of Park Ridge Health Department."

The change in health

guidelines was cited by the district as a reason why a district-run hot lunch program at the elementary school level had been proposed.

Messages left with Park Ridge's health inspectors, Laura Dee and Tim Schwarz, were not returned last week.

In an email to school principals and PTO/PTA presidents following the school board's vote, Heinz wrote that during the 2016-17 school year, "the expectations will be that each school will design its own program to meet the particular desires of your local parent community as they align to the realities of the health code."

Arena and Chandra Kearney, co-presidents of the Roosevelt School PTO, had both urged the school board to approve the district program during the April 25 meeting and expressed unhappiness with the vote.

"I think we'll get backlash from many parents," Kearney said, explaining that many wanted the district to offer a hot lunch program.

"It's disappointing because you had three principals who stood up and said they want the program, and then (the board) says 'no,'" Arena said.

Arena was referring to Brett Balduf, principal of Carpenter School; Kevin

Dwyer, of Roosevelt School; and Katie Kelly of Field School, all of whom expressed support for daily hot lunches.

"If this is what the families want, I want to do it," Kelly said.

The board also heard from two speakers who expressed their concerns about a lunch program.

Michelle Fiore-Cwierniak, a teacher at Field School, said there was not enough support at each individual school to justify the expense.

"I just don't think there's a need for it at this time," she said.

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'Zumbathon' raises an estimated \$1,000 for nonprofit

Event benefitted group founded by D219 grad

By **KARIE ANGELL LUC**
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More than 60 people attended a May 1 "Zumbathon" to benefit Child Restoration Outreach Support Organization (CROSO) in the main gym of Niles North High School in Skokie.

An estimated \$1,000 was raised to assist CROSO, a nonprofit founded in 2007 by Molly MacCready, who was raised in Skokie and is a 2004 Niles West High School graduate.

"It's exciting to see what dedicated time can lead to," said MacCready who serves as CROSO executive director.

CROSO builds awareness

and college scholarship funds to assist children in Uganda. MacCready started CROSO as a University of Dayton senior at age 21. This was the second Niles North High School Zumbathon for CROSO, she said.

"It's so fun and you can dance and it counts as exercise, right?" MacCready said, with a smile.

CROSO began by supporting one student and now has 14 graduates and 15 scholars, MacCready said. CROSO has grown with support in Skokie, Morton Grove, Evanston and Chicago, she added.

"It's a huge step for them toward a future they (kids in Uganda) didn't imagine," MacCready said.

Six zumba instructors volunteered their time Sunday afternoon including Sharon Aguilera from Fitness Formula Clubs (FFC).

Aguilera started the afternoon off with the song by Prince & The Revolution, "Let's Go Crazy." Air guitar playing was included in the dance moves.

"It's exciting," Aguilera said, before the zumba started. "It's for a good cause and it brings people together."

No dance experience was necessary and all were welcome. Stories about Ugandan CROSO scholars were shared. Raffles and refreshments were included. The entrance donation was \$30 and \$8 for District 219 students.

CROSO's motto is, "Ensuring a brighter future for Ugandan street kids through higher education."

Visit www.CROSO.org for more information.

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The music has started to warm people up and left, Marlon Flynn of Evanston, sways to the beat. On right is Cindy Dwyer of Skokie about to participate in the Zumbathon to benefit CROSO, Child Restoration Outreach Support Organization, at a fundraiser held in the gym of Niles North High School.

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PBS airs Reich's 'Prisoner of Her Past'

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

It was a telephone call that would change the life of Howard Reich and lead him on a quest to find answers to questions that he never knew to ask.

But when Reich — the award-winning jazz critic of the Chicago Tribune — first received it, there was only immediate concern. His mother, Sonia, had been found on the streets of Skokie, determined not to return home because she thought someone was trying to kill her.

A Holocaust survivor, Sonia Reich suffered from late-onset post-traumatic stress disorder, her son soon learned.

Reich recently told an audience inside the Skokie Theatre about the front-page Tribune article, the book and the movie documentary that followed that transformative call. The latter, "Prisoner of Her Past" airs at 10 p.m. May 5 over channel 11, the sixth consecutive year PBS is presenting the documentary on Holocaust Remembrance Day.

When Reich's Tribune article originally ran Nov. 30,

2003, he said he could hardly have imagined its far-reaching resonance.

"Thirteen years later, I'm still telling this story around the world really," Reich said.

His parents never talked to him much about it. Through his research, Reich learned that many Holocaust survivors did not share their experiences with their children, he said.

"I think that's understandable," he said. "They often would say that they didn't want to relive it. They didn't want to place the burden of this story on their children. And then they'd say there are no words to describe what happened anyway."

Reich went on a long journey aiming to do that — understand and describe what happened. His quest to discover his mother's harrowing childhood led him to different locations including Eastern Europe and to meeting with relatives and other survivors.

Keeping past away

Throughout his journey and ever since, Reich said, Sonia Reich has remained steadfast in trying to keep



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Howard Reich, jazz critic of the Chicago Tribune, was interviewed last month by Ed Tracy before and after a showing of "Prisoner of Her Past."

the past locked away — not only from those she loves but even from herself. Doctors in the film talk about her coping mechanism.

During Reich's upbringing in Skokie, the film recounts, his mother would sleep with an ax nearby, she would sometimes sit on the floor, looking out the window to keep "guard duty," the family only took baths, never showers.

Reich said he always knew his parents and others in the family were Holocaust survivors, but never fully what prompted his mother's behavior. Sonia Reich grew

up in Dubno, Poland, now part of the Ukraine. In 1939, her childhood changed forever when the Russians took over her town and then her house, Reich said.

In 1941, the Nazis invaded and began executing the Jewish population by machine gun, he said. Jews who survived, including Reich's mother, were herded into a ghetto, many of them eventually killed there. Between April and June, 1942, Reich said, his mother somehow managed to escape. She was 10, maybe 11.

"She spent the next three years from 1942 through

1945 as a child alone on the run," Reich said.

Before the war, 12,000 Jews lived in Dubno, almost half the population, according to Reich. After the war, fewer than 100 people survived the mass executions there.

This history left buried scars and trauma, according to doctors interviewed in the film. Sonia's case isn't a matter of dementia, they say, but a kind of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"To my mother, it was my fault that she was in this situation," Reich says in the film after she moves to a care center. "She did not understand the situation. I did not understand the situation. And the doctors did not understand the situation."

As a journalist, Reich is seen covering Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. He has the epiphany that survivors there were left with the same kind of post-traumatic stress that plagues his mother.

Skokie Theatre program

Reich's recent reflections about his mother's story and the life it has taken on were made in April during a

regular monthly program at the Skokie Theatre — Conversations with Ed Tracy. Tracy, the former president and program host of "Pritzker Military Library Presents" and "Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy," chooses a different guest to talk to — someone who inspires and educates, he said.

It's been six years since Reich made "Prisoner of Her Past," longer since his book and original article were first published. Reich said his mother continues to soldier on: She just turned 85, living at a nursing home in the suburbs.

"She's incredible," Reich said. "She's very much like she is in the film — feisty, still funny, still wickedly hilarious, still trapped in the mixes of the present and the past, still persecuted, still fighting."

He added "delusional" to that description, but then pulled it back.

"I decided I don't even like calling them delusions anymore because they really did happen," he said. "She's fighting what happened before, and in her own heroic way, keeping up that fight."

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Chicagoland Holocaust memorial ceremony set for 71st year

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The first Chicagoland Holocaust memorial observance for the millions who perished in the Holocaust came decades ago — right on the heels of the Nazi genocide itself.

Since 1945, the year World War II ended, the event has drawn many from all over the Chicago area to its solemn ceremony. Sheerit HaPleith of Metropolitan Chicago, the sponsor of the observance for many years, is an umbrella organization of the area's Holo-

caust survivor groups.

The Chicagoland's 71st annual Holocaust memorial observance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. May 8 at the Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, 8825 East Prairie Road, Skokie. The ceremony, which is also sponsored by the Jewish United Fund, is always scheduled around Holocaust Remembrance Day, which begins this year the night of May 4 and ends the night of May 5.

Nazi concentration camps were liberated 71 years ago, noted Charles Lipshitz, president of Sheerit

HaPleith of Metropolitan Chicago, in his release announcing this year's ceremony.

"We face a world of hatred and injustice against the Jewish people," he said. "Europe, especially, claims it also suffered under Nazism in World War II, yet there still are nearly daily attacks there against Jews and Jewish institutions."

Sheerit HaPleith of Metropolitan Chicago says the annual event is the largest Holocaust memorial ceremony in the Midwest and one of the largest in the country. Children and

grandchildren of local Holocaust survivors are expected to participate, the organization said.

Last year's ceremony was attended by Gov. Bruce Rauner and many dignitaries throughout the state. In addition to speeches, including one by Rauner, the ceremony was highlighted by the lighting of six candles to remember the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

Survivors, descendants and their families were named as they slowly made their way to the large candelabra at the front, lighting

the candles in silence.

Sheerit HaPleith of Metropolitan Chicago was formed in the mid 1970's when The Zionist organization of Chicago announced that it would no longer sponsor the annual memorial Yom HaShoah commemoration, according to the group.

Lipshitz was also one of the leaders who helped erect a permanent Holocaust memorial monument between Skokie Village Hall and the Skokie Public Library in 1987 in Skokie. The group considers the successful planning of the stat-

ue a "galvanizing" success.

Even after the monument was vandalized shortly after it was unveiled, it has stood as a permanent reminder and memorial for those who were lost during the Holocaust, the group says.

"This monument will remain in perpetuity as a reminder of what hate can do to mankind if decent people are not vigilant to forestall such a calamity in the future," Sheerit HaPleith of Metropolitan Chicago says on its website.

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Maine South fundraiser nets \$32K for Cure SMA

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The final assembly of the year at Maine South High School ended with good news from the recent all-school fundraiser.

As red, black and silver confetti fell from the ceiling, students revealed a large check declaring that the fundraiser for Cure SMA had brought in \$32,016 — a new record.

"Thirty-two thousand dollars is an incredible number, but I'm telling you, we can beat it next year," Principal Shawn Messmer told the student body.

This is the third year that students and the Park Ridge community helped contribute to a special

cause. Last year's all-school fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital netted \$27,906, and the 2014 fundraiser for Wright-Way animal rescue brought in a little more than \$19,400.

"We had a lot of support from the community this year," said junior Katelyn Kahn, one of the student organizers.

Assistant Principal David Berendt said there were at least 20 fundraising activities this year, each held by a different school club. Many activities were new this year, said junior Karyn McKenzie, a lead organizer. They included a color run, home run derby, Super Mario Brothers video game competition and a "walk and stroll," in which

students stopped at 10 different activity stations set up inside the school, she said.

"Everyone in school came together," added Nick Leongas, a junior. "It wasn't just one section of people. It was freshmen and up. It was sports, fine arts — everyone was involved in this."

Cure SMA is based in Elk Grove Village. According to the organization's website, it funds research and provides support to families affected by spinal muscular atrophy, a disease that affects motor nerve cells in the spinal cord and can affect walking, eating and even breathing.

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Seniors lead a class cheer during the spring assembly at Maine South High School. "Everyone in school came together," one junior said. "It wasn't just one section of people."



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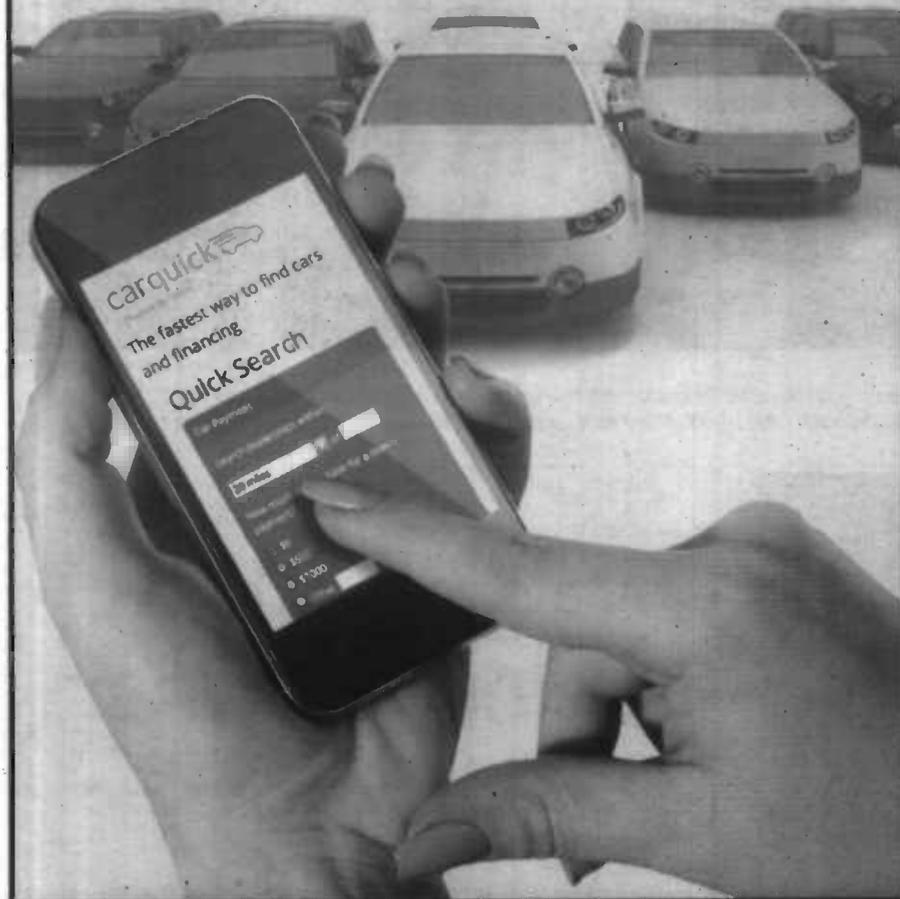
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Committee backs Dave's Italian Kitchen owner for loan on new location

BY BOB SEIDENBERG
Pioneer Press

A city committee recommended in favor April 27 of a loan going to the owner of the former Dave's Italian Kitchen to launch a new restaurant on Noyes Street.

With some committee members adding some personal testimonies, members of the city's Economic Development Committee gave backing on a \$30,000 loan to Dave Glatt, the owner of Dave's Italian Kitchen, for purchase of equipment for a new restaurant, to be called Dave's IK (Italian Kitchen), at 815 Noyes Street.

Council members are expected to discuss the proposal at their Monday, May 9 meeting.

City officials reached out to Glatt after his restaurant abruptly closed on April 10 following what Glatt described in his loan application as "getting caught in a negative cycle of debt" at his former 1635 Chicago Avenue location, and then playing catch up on penalties and interest "which set me further behind."

The closing prompted hundreds expressions of disappointment from former patrons of Glatt's restaurants over the years.

City officials, including Paul Zalmezak, senior economic development coordinator for the city, and Ald. Judy Fiske, in whose 1st Ward the Noyes site is located, contacted Glatt to see if the city could retain the popular business.

"I thought I was done with the restaurant business, or more appropriately, that the restaurant business was done with me," Glatt told the committee.

Zalmezak told committee members that Harry

Major, a landlord in the Noyes Street area as well as a customer at Glatt's former restaurant, "immediately recognized the potential" of a possible deal and negotiated terms with Glatt for a 1,200 square-foot space formerly occupied by DMK Burger and Fish and Arlen's Chicken.

He said Glatt has raised \$100,000 toward the space's buildout and that the \$30,000 would go toward gap financing, enabling Glatt to buy kitchen equipment. Staff is recommending a five-year loan term at a rate of 6 percent, he said.

The city is stepping up, with the realization that "in a perfect situation banks hate lending money to restaurants, and this is not a perfect situation," he said.

"This is a situation where we have a man who has run a business for 40 years and has proven himself," Zalmezak told committee members. "Character is one of the considerations when you are considering a loan."

A number of EDC members spoke in support, recalling enjoyable experiences at Dave's Italian Kitchen, during its 40-year plus history downtown at four different locations.

Fiske spoke of the unique atmosphere in a restaurant where you would see people, "newborns up to 100-years-old, and everyone having a wonderful time."

She also spoke of the affordable meals — perhaps too affordable, she conceded, remembering spending two hours at Dave's with a \$13 pizza and a bottle of wine.

That might have worked for her "but wasn't doing a lot for Dave," she said, suggesting he might profit

from more take-out at the smaller Noyes site.

In the Noyes Street neighborhood, "we have been working very hard trying to attract businesses," she said.

She indicated it's also been a challenge finding an alternative to the fast food restaurants which might come in, that "tend to have a dozen parked delivery vehicles," tying up the street.

"I think it's a perfect location for Dave, if it's something he feels comfortable with," said Fiske.

She said the findings of staff in their due diligence should also be taken into account when the issue arrives at the City Council.

Without those figures, though, Matt Rodgers, a liaison from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals on the committee, said he had to withhold support, and voted no to the proposal.

"As someone who managed restaurants for five years and worked for the National Restaurant Association, I know how volatile restaurants can be," he said.

"There are a lot of carrying costs in a restaurant when you get started and I hate to see us cobble together every last dime to get the doors open and then (find) in six months it's not a success because there hasn't been a plan put forth for the long term health of the restaurant."

But Glatt responded that he has provided significant dollars to see the restaurant through that initial stage. He also noted landlord Harry Major giving him free rent for the first three months as an important plus in getting the new restaurant off the ground.

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Evanston to honor Indigenous Peoples' Day in fall

BY BOB SEIDENBERG
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Evanston is joining a number of other cities, teaming with the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day on the city's celebration calendar later this year.

The city and museum, which is based in Evanston at 3001 Central St., announced April 27 in a news release that they are joining other cities, universities and cultural institutions to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day, to be celebrated Oct. 10.

"The leadership at the Mitchell Museum suggested we use the term Indigenous Peoples' Day," Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl said in the announcement. "I believe it is



MITCHELL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

A Woodlands canoe sits inside the main gallery of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian. Officials at the museum, at 3001 Central St., in Evanston, announced with the city plans to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at the museum later this year.

the right thing to do and thank them for their work on the issue."

"Evanston was once home to tribes including the Ho-Chunk, Ottawa, Miami and Potawatomi, and

continues to be home for indigenous peoples with over 40,000 Native Americans currently living in the Chicago metropolitan area, representing over 150 different tribes," museum offi-

cial said in the announcement. "By adopting Indigenous Peoples' Day, Evanston embraces its history and the multicultural community it has become today."

Indigenous Peoples' Day began in Berkeley, California in 1992, the museum noted in its release, and a number of major cities have adopted the name too, including Minneapolis and St. Paul, Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Lawrence, Kansas and a number more.

In Evanston, the idea of the switch came about after a conversation between Kathleen McDonald, the museum's executive director, and Tisdahl in October of last year. McDonald had dropped by the Lorraine H. Civic Center, where Tisdahl has her office, to pick up a proclamation the mayor issues annually in honor

of Native American Heritage Month.

"There are some holidays that the museum doesn't celebrate in the same way most organizations do because of Native American history," McDonald explained in a telephone interview on April 27.

McDonald said she talked about the issue with Tisdahl, who has been very supportive of the museum's work in the past. She said Tisdahl embraced the switch as something Evanston should do as a community.

"I think it's really marvelous," McDonald said. "You never know what people are willing to do until you ask."

The museum will be open and offering free admission all day in honor of the holiday Oct. 10, officials

said. Plans call for a discussion panel in the afternoon and benefit concert that night featuring Native musicians, including Scatter Their Own, the museum said in its announcement.

McDonald said the museum hopes to get ideas for the celebration May 10 when Mitchell is scheduled to host a discussion from noon to 1 p.m.

To sign up for the event, which is free of charge, call 847-475-1030 by May 6, or email services@mitchell-museum.org.

The museum is also planning a teachers' forum later this summer so educators can learn more about Indigenous Peoples' Day and related activities and programming, officials said.

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Upper right is Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo, who, along with the Dadvlas family of Niles, attended an April 23 ribbon-cutting at BOT Spot Robotics at 7752 N. Milwaukee Ave. In Niles, Joe Dadvlas, owner, opened BOT Spot Robotics last year, and April 23 was a recognition of that launch.

BOT Spot Robotics draws 'techie' crowd

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

BOT Spot Robotics of Niles was officially launched at an April 23 ribbon-cutting at 7752 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles.

Opened last August by owner Joe Dadvlas of Niles, the Saturday morning ceremony drew local dignitaries, Niles Chamber of Commerce officials and the curious.

BOT Spot Robotics conducts summer camps and lessons for students who benefit from a STEM approach, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Birthday parties are popular and Boy Scouts pursue merit badges there.

"I've been a techie all of my life," said Joe Dadvlas, a

1994 Notre Dame College Prep graduate who grew up in Niles.

"I went from being a video game technician to joining the Navy as a sonar technician, and then after that," he said, "I was in the technology world."

Dadvlas has his MBA degree from the University of Phoenix Houston Campus.

"Engineering is our future," said Diane Dadvlas, Joe's wife, a registered dietitian.

"Everything is run by computers and robots."

Kim Xanos of Chicago brings her son Alexander, 11, to classes at BOT Spot Robotics.

"My son is on the autism spectrum, and Joe has opened up his eyes to the

world through robotics," Xanos said.

"When he (Alexander) comes here, it's like he doesn't have a disability. ... He fits in and it's amazing."

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo, who attended the ribbon-cutting, said he is a supporter of STEM educational principles.

"I think the world of it," he said of STEM. "I think it's a good idea."

"What Joe is doing," Przybylo added, "is, he's grabbing them at 8, 9 and 10 years old when their minds are fertile ground."

BOT, Dadvlas said, is an acronym for "build on today, better our tomorrow."

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From left, Shae Burke, 9, Elizabeth Xanos, 8, and Fallon Burke, 7, all of Chicago, are enjoying LEGO bricks and about to experience a ribbon-cutting at BOT Spot Robotics April 23 at 7752 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles.

Mean tweets ugly byproduct of digital anonymity

There's a new video making the rounds on the Internet of regular guys reading insulting and degrading Twitter messages sent to two women sportswriters.



RANDY BLASER

The 2-minute video is powerful as the men struggle to follow the instructions to read the messages to the women. Some look away. Some pause when they realize what they are reading. A look of shock and surprise comes across some of the faces of the men. They struggle to read the words.

They struggle not only because the words are mean and vile – words rarely spoken in public – but also because the sentiment behind the words is mean, threatening, bullying and harassing.

Few people would ever say such things in public to another person's face.

That's the lesson of the video. It's a lesson newspaper people knew for the longest time, but then forgot with the advent of the Internet and the bewildering search to find ways to monetize

this new thing. Bewildering, at least to newspaper people, because they still haven't found the answer.

What was the lesson once known, but now forgotten? People will say just about anything – cruel, mean, insulting, false – when they can hide behind a cloak of anonymity. That's why KKK members wore hoods.

The press spends a great many work hours gathering information and talking to sources. Every bit of data that's collected, and every word spoken by a source is weighed and evaluated for accuracy.

And reporters just don't speak to anyone or everyone. Sources are also evaluated. Who is the best source to speak about an issue? That's the person to interview.

And if sources won't identify themselves, then you don't use them.

And just to make sure everyone understood, newspaper people had a slogan: If you're mother says she loves you, check it out.

No one was above this intense scrutiny.

Then the Internet came along, and news executives realized it was a great tool to interact with readers and to have a dialogue with them about the news. And despite all the tradition, all the harrumphing about checking out even your mom's motherly love, people could all of a sudden say anything they wanted on the Internet and never say who they are.

Despite all this experience and knowledge, we are shocked to learn that people who hide behind Twitter handles and the curtain of the World Wide Web say mean and hateful things to reporters.

When I first became an editor, I worked on a paper in a pretty rough town. Every Thursday, the day the paper came out, I would get phone calls that went like this:

"Are you the editor? Yeah, well bleep you. What you put in the paper yesterday is bleep. You're a bleep-hole. You and your dog should die, you scum. You bleeping mother-bleeper. If I see you on the street, you're dead."

No one would say such things



JUST NOT SPORTS

A video produced by Just Not Sports and One Tree Forest Films, features a handful of men reading vile comments to Julie DiCaro, update anchor for 670 The Score and columnist for CBSChicago.com, and SportsCenter reporter Sarah Spain, left.

to my face. The telephone gave these people just enough anonymity to say these things. But they often had enough humanity to end the conversation with "Have a nice day."

So I am not shocked that idiots, Neanderthals and bullies say awful things to women sports reporters. And I know the web gives them enough anonymity to be even more vulgar.

They do it because we invited the World Wide Web mob into the newsroom to say what it wants, and the mob never ever does anything good, kind or worthwhile.

For the women sportswriters, their daily encounters with men in the realm of professional sports – perhaps the last bastion of rude and juvenile behavior in American society – are not so positive. So they are surprised by how the men reading the tweets to them reacted with a lot of humanity.

So I want them to know that these tweeters are knuckle-draggers and not representative of anything more than that.

Mom still loves you, and you don't have to check that out.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Keep your triglycerides to yourself, please

I don't know why daytime news shows have a cooking segment. The news person is always horrified if the recipe calls for butter or cream.

They wind up talking about calories and heart disease instead of food.

And it's not just TV.

At a dinner I attended, the food spread before me was aromatic and I was hungry.

The hostess announced that the main course was cholesterol-free and offered us a choice of diet margarine or butter, "for



PAUL SASSONE

those who can afford the cholesterol."

"I can," one of the diners volunteered, "my cholesterol count is 185."

Later in the meal, another diner turned down delicious homemade apple pie because her "triglycerides are too high."

I applaud that people want to take care of their health. But do they have to inflict that information on me? Do they have to make me feel guilty because I prefer sweet butter to that yellow, carbon-based substance going under

the name of diet margarine?

You can hardly take a bite these days without someone warning about calories, cholesterol and triglycerides (whatever those are).

Doubtless, my triglycerides could use improvement. But, that's my private business. I don't tell people about my triglycerides. And I would appreciate it if they didn't tell me about theirs.

Even the best of dinners tastes like charcoal if you are worried the next mouthful might be your last.

It's only a matter of time before people start warning about other "harmful" hitherto pleasures.

"You're going for a walk?"

"Yes. Why?"

"Oh, nothing, but six out of every 254 people who go for a walk get hit by a bus."

Don't scoff. In our self-absorbed quest for immortality it could happen.

All I ask is that you keep your fear to yourself. I have access to the same information about what is harmful as you have. If I choose to act on it, I will.

But let's talk about something else, OK?

Or, let's just do the civilized thing and eat in silence while we watch TV.

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OPINION

'When Breath Becomes Air' offers profound message



SALLY HIGGINSON

Sometimes, while I'm reading, a sentence interrupts the gentle internal rhythms of absorbing what's on the page and hits me with the unexpected force of truth, or insight, or brilliance.

In an era of infinite reading material, these tiny epiphanies jump from the page, or the screen, like fireflies. They offer fleeting moments of illumination, available when I'm lucky enough, or patient enough, to discover the delight of the spark.

Reading Paul Kalanithi's memoir, "When Breath Becomes Air," doesn't feel like literature lit by the occasional firefly. It is luminous, like holding a jar filled with sunlight, and almost as unsettling.

It is a small volume, and like poetry, dense with meaning. Unlike poetry, what Kalanithi writes is accessible. Some of it is familiar. He is a son, he is a husband, he is a father. Some of it is remarkable. He is a neurosurgeon, he is a neuroscientist. Some of it is tragic. As his professional training nears completion, he learns of his terminal cancer.

It took me longer than it should have to finish reading this book. Over and over again I had to put it down on my chest, on the floor, somewhere closed and close, so that I could stop and think about what I'd just read. The force of the subject mingled with the context.

Here was a neurosurgeon continually confronting the physical complications of this mortal life. And here was a young man



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The life and death of young surgeon Paul Kalanithi is captured in "When Breath Becomes Air." Kalanithi is seen here at Stanford Hospital and Clinics in 2014.

grappling with what gives meaning to his own existence. Kalanithi describes peeling back the physical layers of life, the tissue and muscle and fiber, and then he gives voice to peeling back the layers of his interior life, revealing the intellectual and existential and spiritual.

You can't speed read that stuff. And you cannot ignore the reality of his death. His cancer became his clock, ticking off the years we all think we're promised, and forcing his typing fingers to defy his weakening body. His spirit and introspection fly off the page, and it's inspiring and heartbreaking to witness both through his prose.

Two passages have crystallized in my mind. In one, Kalanithi explains his need to write.

"I felt that to understand my own direct experiences, I would have to translate them back into language,"

he writes. "Hemingway described his process in similar terms: acquiring rich experiences, then retreating to cogitate and write about them. I needed words to go forward."

Writing was not a process. Writing was how he processed.

And then there is the final message, written to his infant daughter, Cady. I will not spoil it for those who have not yet discovered it. But it is simple, and profound and impossible to read through the blurring of tears. Like all truths it is universal, but too often overlooked because we are so busy living.

I do not believe Kalanithi needed a dire prognosis to give his life meaning. Yet through his work dying, he breathed life into the universal body of literature.

Sally Higginson is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

MAMA'S GOTTA MOVE

And the award for 'Best Mom' goes to ...



NICOLE RADZISZEWSKI

When I was a kid, my local newspaper held a contest one year for Mother's Day. The directions were to write an essay explaining why your mother was the best. I was sure nobody could beat my mom, so I crafted my perfect pitch, detailing how my mom "drove us everywhere," "made my favorite broccoli casserole" and "let me have friends over after school." I was so disappointed when my mom didn't win.

Now that I'm a mom, I'm thinking back to that day when my mom's cheesy broccoli lost to some other cupcake-baking prodigy. And I'm still a little peeved. Because really — how does a newspaper have the right to decide whose mom is the best?

I'm a good mom. You're a good mom. I bet your kids think you're the best mom. And personally, I think we all deserve our own newspaper article. I created this customizable Mother's Day essay so your kids can sing your praises in print. Have your child (ren) answer the following questions, drop their an-

swers into the essay below and hang your winning story on the fridge.

1. Your name: _____
2. Your mom's favorite thing to do before she had you: _____
3. Yuckiest part of taking care of babies: _____
4. Something your mom did for you when you were a baby: _____
5. Something you got mad about recently: _____
6. Three nice things your mom does for you: _____
7. Your mom's favorite thing to drink: _____
8. Smartest person you know: _____
9. Prettiest person you know: _____
10. Really cool thing your mom knows how to do: _____
11. A present your mom would like: _____

_____'s Mom: World's Best Mother
My mom sacrificed a LOT to bring me into her life. Before I made my debut in the world, she was (2)

_____, which I'm sure was a lot more fun than (3)

_____. I don't think she knew how many hours of sleep she would lose, that she'd have to (4)

_____ or _____ that she'd literally cry over spilled milk. But even when I kept her up all night or spit up on her favorite shirt, she still found me cute.

Fortunately, I grew out of that baby stage, but things didn't get much easier for my mom. You should know that she can put up with some pretty crazy stuff — like when I recently threw a tantrum because (5)

_____ and she somehow kept her cool. Even when I'm out of sorts, I know she loves me because she still does so many nice things for me, like (6)

_____ and _____

If you could see how much (7) _____ my mom drinks, you would know how tough her job is. Besides being a super hard worker, my mom is also smart, beautiful and talented. She is smarter than (8) _____ and prettier than (9)

_____ and even knows how to (10)

If you can give her any prize for this essay contest, I'm pretty sure she would be happy with more sleep and also (11)

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Skokie musician Eddy Clearwater headed to Blues Hall of Fame

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

Considering that he's been playing in Chicago since 1950, you might say The Blues Foundation is a tad overdue in its May 4 induction of Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater into Memphis' Blues Hall of Fame.

But the man himself, a longtime Skokie resident (with his wife and manager Renee Greenman Clearwater) and a recent recipient of the village's award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts, couldn't be more pleased, honored and semi-delirious.

We caught up with the 81-year-old singer/songwriter/guitarist (who recorded his 17th album, "Soul Funky" in January at SPACE in Evanston), for a few questions about famous mentors, his trademark headdress and the difference between playing notes and playing feelings.

Q: You've probably been asked this question a thousand times, but maybe in this context it's okay to ask it again. How long have you been playing guitar?

A: When I was a kid in Mississippi, my brother and I would stretch a wire on a wall with nails and slip a brick under the bottom to tighten it and make it sound like a guitar string. But the first guitar I ever owned was a Silvertone parlor guitar. I bought it from Sears when I came to Chicago.

My uncle also owned an acoustic guitar and I used to see him playing it. So I'd try it, just out of curiosity. At first, I'd sneak into his bedroom whenever he put it

down, but then he said, 'Go ahead, play it!' That was my first opportunity to pick up a guitar and really try to play.

Q: How old were you?

A: About 10 or 11.

Q: You're left-handed, correct? So, you had to learn left-handed and upside down.

A: Exactly. At that time, there was no guitar for left-handers.

Q: Your family moved to Birmingham in 1948 when you were 13 — is that when you had the chance to play with some famous gospel groups?

A: When we were in Birmingham, my uncle knew groups like the Five Blind Boys of Alabama and the Soul Stirrers and they needed guitar players to back 'em up when they'd come to town. He knew I could play, so when they asked him if I could with them, I said yes, absolutely! I was glad to play just to play. I never realized they'd become as famous as they are now, you know! (Laughs)

Q: Why did you decide to move to Chicago in 1950?

A: My uncle always knew that I wanted to pursue music in my life. So, when he moved to Chicago and met all the people like Muddy (Waters) and (Howlin') Wolf and all the blues people there, he wrote me a letter. He said, 'If you really want to pursue music as a career, you need to come to Chicago because there are people here doing music full time. So I said, 'Send me a ticket and I'll come.' And I did. On the Greyhound bus for 15 bucks.

Q: Was music something you really loved to

do?

A: I've felt that my whole life. I used to work in the cotton fields when I was a little boy and I'd hear my uncle sing blues songs and I'd be thinking, 'What does that song really mean?' "The Catfish Blues" and things like that. Then I heard Louis Jordan at an early, early age and he really convinced me that music was something special. And I'd listen to John Lee Hooker and Lightnin' Hopkins until I just got taken over by the music.

Q: How did you feel about Chicago in 1950?

A: It was kind of scary, honestly. The biggest place I'd ever seen was Birmingham and there was no comparison, I can tell you that. It was kind of scary, but I was determined to be here.

Q: You started getting into the blues more in Chicago? As your uncle introduced you to people like Magic Sam and Otis Rush?

A: Exactly. Soon after I got there, Magic Sam put out a record called "All Your Love" that was on the radio. Then I found out he lived real close to where I lived and I got to know him. And we got to be very best friends.

Q: What was it that appealed to you about playing the blues?

A: The feeling of it. You see, the blues is about feelings. Feelings and truth. And I always felt, since I was a kid, even before I could pick up a guitar, that I could feel something within it. That it was more than just wood and strings and the songs were more than just words and lyrics. That it all had a meaning.



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Skokie resident Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater, 81, is being inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in Memphis May 4.

Q: You became well known for adding a rock 'n' roll element to blues. I know you were influenced a bit by Chuck Berry.

A: Well, see, I basically think blues and rock 'n' roll are the same thing — the same music. It's just that blues is sometimes a little bit slower and rock 'n' roll is sometimes a little bit faster.

That's what Chuck Berry did. He took blues feelings and blues guitar chords and turned it into rock 'n' roll by upping the tempo. Same thing for Little Richard. They used the same blues chord changes, but they speeded it up and named it rock 'n' roll.

Q: When did you start performing as The Chief?

A: 1976. It was just an idea I had. I was playing in a club in Westmont, Ill. And the bartender, a lady named Pat Sweet, invited myself and my band to a house party after the club closed. So, we all went to her house and I saw an Indian headdress hanging on the wall. And I said, 'That's a beautiful piece.' And she explained it had belonged

to her deceased husband. I said, 'I'd sure like to have that to wear on stage.' But it had sentimental value for her.

I mentioned it from time to time, though, and one night she said, 'I'll tell you what. I won't sell it to you, but I'll give it to you as a good luck charm. Providing you never part with it.' We shook hands on it that night and I started wearing it onstage — and I still wear it onstage today. In fact, every time a tour Europe, they always put it in my contract that I have to wear the headdress. That's how well-known it's become.

Q: Is it true that your grandmother was part Cherokee?

A: Yes, that's true, but it's just a coincidence. The headdress is just a concept, that's all.

Q: Let's talk about the Blues Hall of Fame. How did you feel when you learned you'd been chosen, along with Jimmy Johnson, Elvin Bishop, John Mayall and the Memphis Jug Band?

A: I was so surprised, but also very, very pleased. It's

like having a dream that's happening to someone else and then you find out it's you it's happening to. It's wonderful. I guess I'm still having some trouble realizing it's not a dream.

Q: Had you ever been considered before?

A: I was considered twice and passed over twice.

Q: Why do you think it's happened this time?

A: I'm not the authority, but I guess they thought it was time I got the recognition. I've dedicated my life to the music, after all. I'm the same person I've always been, but I appreciate the honor. It feels good, like winning the lottery. So I guess I'll take it. (Laughs.) After that, I'm going to just keep on keepin' on and doing my best because I have some more songs I want to record and I want to continue to productive.

Blues legend Eddy Clearwater will be inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame May 4 at the Halloran Center for the Performing Arts in Memphis. For more information, go to www.blues.org.

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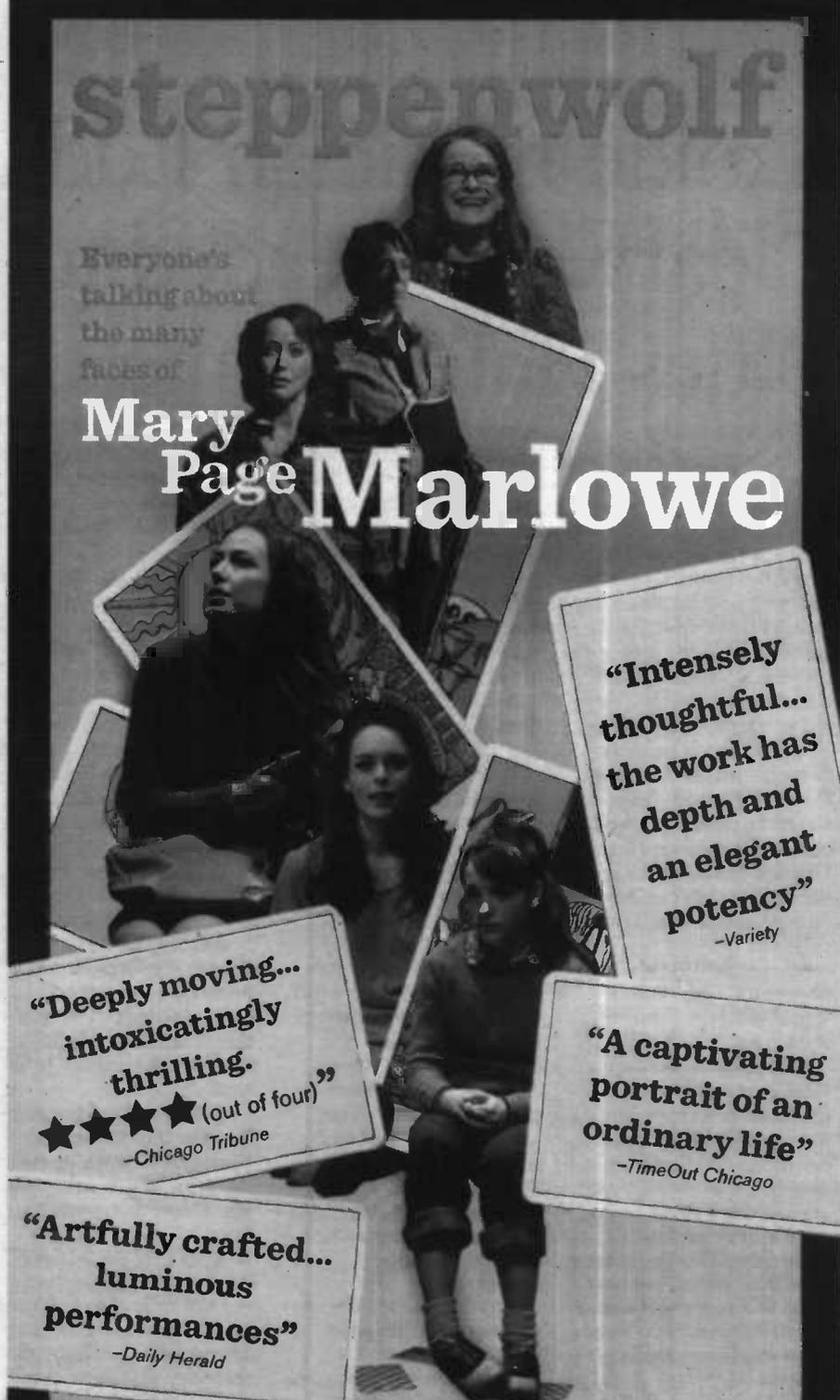
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'Discord' makes Midwest debut at Skokie's Northlight

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
Pioneer Press

What's the No. 1 rule of etiquette to help avoid discord? Never discuss religion or politics. With that in mind, it's safe to say that playwright Scott Carter is an etiquette felon. But audiences who see Northlight Theatre's production of Carter's "The Gospel According to Thomas Jefferson, Charles Dickens and Count Leo Tolstoy: Discord," might well thank Carter for his disregard of the rules.

Making its Midwest debut, "Discord," on stage May 6 to June 12, is a politics-and-religion-infused smackdown between Thomas Jefferson, Leo Tolstoy and Charles Dickens. All three men have penned a version of the Gospels, and their interpretation of Jesus' teachings make for a ferocious debate during the 85-minute drama.

"Each man had a completely different take on the Bible," says Carter. "Jefferson had that steely intellectualism — took out all the miracles and the magic, focused solely on reason and action as prompted by Jesus' teachings. Dickens is about morality and emotion, just like in his novels." And the anarchist Tolstoy? "His is all about the mystery and the things we cannot know," says Carter.

Carter knows about pointed political discussion. For over 25 years, he's been a writer and executive producer on TV shows such as "Politically Incorrect" and "Real Time with Bill Maher," picking up eight Emmys along the way.

"Discord" sticks three people in a room with no exit, and forces them to contend with each other. Over the course of that



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Nathan Hosner, from left, Mark Montgomery and Jeff Parker portray the three titular characters.

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journey, "Discord" tackles life's three big conundrums: Why are we here? What should we be doing while we're here? What happens to us when we're not here anymore? Spoiler alert: There are no definitive answers. But it's not just abstract existential queries the power trio delve.

"They discuss their lives as well," Director Kimberly Senior says. "And they all find times when what they maintained they believed didn't match with the way they actually behaved."

Take Dickens, for example. His novels were scathing condemnations of selfishness, cruelty and the unspeakable abuses heaped on children damned to England's workhouses. Through books such as "A Christmas Carol," "Oliver Twist" and "The Old Curiosity Shop," Dickens preached a gospel of compassion, family loyalty and generosity.

"When Dickens separated from his wife, he also forbade his own children

from contacting him," points out Jeff Parker, who plays the writer. "His personal life was at odds with the compassion he showed in his writing."

Carter started wrestling with the way he was living his own life 29 years ago, when an asthma attack reduced his lung capacity to 11 percent, very nearly killing him.

"The big questions — how do you live, what do you believe, what kind of person do you want to be — they're easy to postpone when we're young and healthy and think you know everything and we have forever. Not so much when you're staring death in the face," he says. "I made a compact with the universe. Let me live and I will start listening. Before the attack, I would have stopped cold anyone who tried to talk to me about God or religion or Jesus or the afterlife. My promise was I'd no longer do that. I'd keep an open mind and agree to the possibility of learning."

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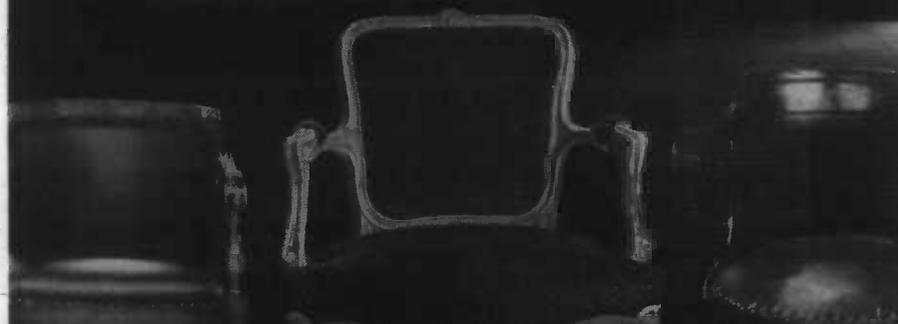
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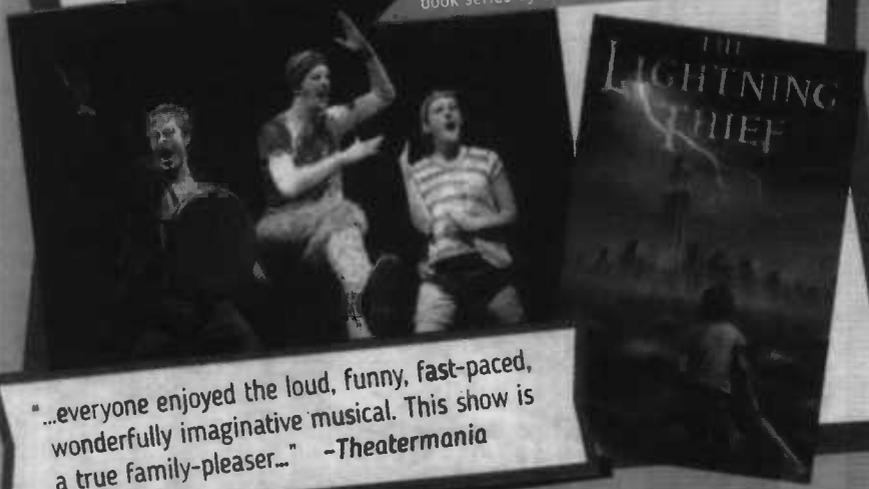


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Local kids cast in Lyric Opera's 'The King and I'

Production runs through May 22

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Pioneer Press

When English governess Anna Leonowens arrived in Siam in 1862, she met the numerous wives and children — some accounts say there were 83 children — of King Monkut in Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1951 musical "The King and I."

Lyric Opera of Chicago's production does not have nearly that many children, but it does have a selection of 14 ensemble members ages 5 to 14 and two leads, Crown Prince Chulalongkorn and Anna's son Louis, who comes with his mother when she is employed to teach the King's children and wives.

Charlie Babbo, 11, of Oak Park, is cast as Louis and in the story Anna's son and the Prince find themselves caught in the culture clash between English ways and Siamese traditions.

"Anna and the King are fighting," explained Babbo, who is making his Lyric debut. "Louis and the Prince start to side with their parents. But then we decide that fighting is stupid and we should be open to new ideas and embrace the future. The Prince takes something of English culture and Louis carries something of Siam back with him to England."

Matthew Uzarraga, 13, is making his Lyric debut as Prince Chulalongkorn, a role that he played in Marriott Theatre's production of "The King and I" in 2014.

"Prince Chulalongkorn knows his father is on his deathbed, but he's not ready to take over," Uzarraga said. "But we are trying to modernize our country and Prince will continue that."



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From left, Alexis Aponte, Matthew Uzarraga, Charlie Babbo, Lucy Martens, Zach Uzarraga, Evangelyn Lee and Lillana Martens are cast in the Lyric Opera's production of "The King and I."

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His younger brother Zachary Uzarraga is a member of the children's ensemble and was on the Lyric stage last fall, when he was cast in "Wozzeck." He appeared in the same Marriott Theatre production of "The King and I" as his brother.

Alexis Aponte, 14, of Lincolnwood is another veteran of the Marriott production. "A lot of us who had been together at Marriott fell in love with the show," she said. "So we decided we wanted to audition for it here at Lyric. I am playing the part of the oldest princess."

The eighth-grader has a considerable amount of theatrical experience, playing Ngana in "South Pacific" at Light Opera Works and taking roles in numerous productions

with the Wilmette Children's Theater and Skokie's Devonshire Theater. "I'll be going to Niles West High School next fall," she said with obvious excitement, "and they have nine theater productions a year. I'm looking forward to that."

Sisters Lucy Martens, 7, and Lilliana Martens, 6, both students at St. Vincent Ferrer School in River Forest, are making their professional debut as ensemble members in Lyric's "The King and I."

When asked whether they were making new friends during the rehearsals, Lucy thought a minute and replied, "I have made 11 new friends."

In auditions, Lyric saw about 45 children, who were selected from a larger number of applicants.

"The ensemble members also had some time to stand around together mingling and talking," said Adrienne Bader, the Young Performer Supervisor for "The King and I." "We observed them. We wanted to create a group who could handle pressure well, children who could be calm and focused when they need to be."

Living

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Decluttering your mind

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Zucchini and olio pasta

- 2 cloves garlic
- 8-12 ounces extra virgin olive oil
- 4 to 5 medium zucchini
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan Reggiano
- 1 pound pasta gemelli (or other pasta)
- salt and pepper to taste

1. Peel garlic and place in small oven-safe pan. Cover with olive oil and bake at 375 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or until garlic is golden brown. Set aside.
2. Bring two pots of water to a boil. Slice unpeeled zucchini into rounds and cut in half. Drop into boiling water and cook three to four minutes until soft and tender. Drain zucchini and pour out water from the pot.
3. Using an immersion blender, begin to puree zucchini. Begin to add olive oil until mixture is smooth and creamy. Add garlic and puree. Add cheese, salt and pepper.
4. Meanwhile, cook pasta to desired doneness. Drain. Mix with zucchini sauce and serve. If desired, cooked Italian sausage can be added with the sauce.

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1. In a large bowl, mix together meat, onion, garlic, eggs, bread crumbs, milk, herbs, salt and pepper. Mix just until all ingredients are incorporated. Do not over mix.
2. Make a small test patty and fry over medium high heat. Taste and adjust seasonings. Use a cookie or ice cream scoop to form two-inch diameter meatballs. Line a cookie sheet with sides with aluminum foil.
3. Place meatballs on the cookie sheet and bake at 400 degrees for about ten minutes or until fully cooked.

Makes 20 to 30 meatballs.

Culinary student finds Italian family ties help with studies

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

The future looks delicious for Naperville resident Joseph Cuzzone.

He earned an associates degree in culinary arts at College of DuPage and will soon complete his bachelor's degree in nutrition at Benedictine University.

"I love everything about food and nutrition," said Cuzzone, 22.

He comes from a family filled with bountiful cooks.

"My grandma Rose cooked for all of us. She had a kitchen in the basement and upstairs. She made tons of things but my favorite was this dish that had like a dense pie crust and was filled with layers of egg and pepperoni and a lattice top. It was sort of like quiche and really good."

As his family name implies, Cuzzone is Italian.

"My uncle Nick cooks our meal every Easter and we have braciola, meatballs, sausage, ham, lamb — so much food." With such an interest in Italian cuisine, when the opportunity to study in Italy was offered to him through College of DuPage, Cuzzone eagerly signed up. The classes were at the International Academy of Italian Cuisine in Lucca, Italy.

"Every day, we had breakfast of cheeses, fruits and yogurt," he said. Then the group fixed one meal and went out to eat for one meal each day. Chef Gianluca Pardini, who spoke fluent English, led the classes.

The meals were very memorable.

"The most unusual meal was wild boar. Our tour driver was a hunter so he got us a wild boar to have for dinner. It tasted a lot like pulled pork," said Cuzzone. One of his favorite meals was pasta coated with a creamy zucchini sauce. "The sauce looks like a cream sauce but it doesn't have cream in it. It is really healthy and so good."

One of the ingredients in the sauce is roasted garlic, which Cuzzone makes himself. After peeling the garlic cloves, he places them in an oven safe pan and covers them with olive oil. He then bakes the cloves and olive oil at 375 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes until the garlic is golden brown.

"You can take out the garlic and use it and save the garlic-flavored oil to use later. Or you can leave the garlic in the oil and refrigerate until you are ready to use it." The roasted garlic is so soft that it easily blends into the zucchini sauce.

Cuzzone also enjoys making meatballs. "I like to use a mix of meats," he said. "I add pork to make them tender, veal for a



Joseph's Culinary Cue

When cutting garlic, fish or other strong smelling item, wash your hands with lemon juice to remove the odor.

Joseph Cuzzone, a Naperville resident who earned an associates degree in culinary arts at College of DuPage and will complete his bachelor's degree in nutrition at Benedictine University, peels and chops garlic for a batch of Italian meatballs. He prefers to bake meatballs as it's a healthier method.

JUDY BUCHENOT/
NAPERVILLE SUN

little sweetness and ground beef for density." He also adds either bread crumbs, or leftover bread if he has some. "When I use leftover bread, I soak it in the milk until it is soft so that it blends better."

Cuzzone prefers to bake his meatballs because he says it is a healthier method than frying them in oil.

"I always make a little test patty out of the meat before I bake the meatballs though. I fry it up and taste it. Then I correct the seasonings for the rest of the meatballs if I need to." The meatballs can be paired with spaghetti and sauce or used to make a meatball submarine sandwich. "I just put a few meatballs on a sub roll, put on some red sauce and then sprinkle on

grated mozzarella or fresh mozzarella. Bake it at 400 degrees or broil it at 375 degrees until the cheese melts."

Cuzzone's plans for the future are not definite, but he would like to eventually have his own food truck.

"I would like to offer a fresh spin on a Cuban sandwich and some Italian specialties," he said. He is engaged and is hoping to have food trucks do the catering at their 2017 wedding. He shares the recipe for the zucchini sauce for pasta that he enjoyed in Italy and his well-tested recipe for meatballs for others to try.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

Mother's Day: Fan favs celebrate Mom



BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

In honor of Mother's day, we've asked readers, bloggers and social media friends to share their favorite gift ideas.

Paper flower bouquet

Julie Gordon fell in love with the Bloomatini flower bouquets when she first discovered them last year. Since then, Gordon, who is the founder of www.InspiringKitchen.com, made the paper flower bouquets one of her go-to special occasions gifts.

"Bloomatini bouquets are my favorite Mother's Day gift," Gordon said. "They're colorful, unique and last forever, plus they are perfect for moms who love flowers but suffer from allergies." For information and to order your unique bouquet, see bloomatini.com.

Homemade cookie dough frozen yogurt

Frozen yogurt for breakfast? Why not, especially if it's made with love the night before. Lifestyle blogger Rochelle Mangold, founder of FiveMarigolds.com, devised this recipe with her young, entrepreneurial son who dreams one day of opening an ice cream store with his mom. In the meantime, mothers everywhere can enjoy this recipe that rivals Ben and Jerry flavors.

You need:

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (softened)
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons vanilla or almond extract
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cups mini-chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup crushed crunchy chocolate chip cookies
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt

Directions:

Combine butter and sugars with a mixer. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. Add chocolate chips and crushed cookies. Gently fold the flour mixture into the sugar mixture until



MARIA RAMOS

Use a photo to make a personalized candle for Mom.



ROCHELLE MANGOLD

Frozen yogurt made with love.

well combined and then thoroughly mix in the yogurt. Freeze overnight in a sealed container.

Biscuit and gravy casserole

This recipe comes courtesy of Carrie Steinweg, founder of ChicagoFoodieSisters.com.

As a busy mother of five young boys, Steinweg is always looking for wholesome and delicious recipes that can satisfy a



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A whimsical paper flower bouquet from Bloomatini.

large group. This hearty breakfast casserole is a favorite of Steinweg because it's the ultimate in comfort food and simple enough for families to make together.

"Little ones can cut the biscuit dough with a plastic butter knife, whisk eggs and sprinkle cheese while older kids and dad brown the sausage and prepare the gravy," said Steinweg. "Mom can sit back and watch the preparations or better yet, she can stay in bed and wait to be served."

You need:

- 1 package white gravy mix
- 1 pound pork sausage
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- Salt
- Pepper
- 8 ounce, refrigerated tube package of biscuits

Directions:

Place sausage in a frying pan and set on the stove to brown. While sausage is browning, cut unbaked biscuits into 1-inch pieces and line the bottom of a greased 9 x 13-inch pan. Drain any grease from sausage and scatter sausage over the biscuits.

Sprinkle with cheese. Whisk eggs and milk with a pinch of salt and pepper and then pour over cheese.

Make the gravy mix per instructions on package and pour over casserole. Bake 30-45 minutes at 350 degrees.

Personalized photo candle

Combine two classic gifts, candles and picture frames, with this easy and inexpensive craft idea. Maria Ramos, founder of ASavingsWOW.com loves making and giving this charming gift that is a constant reminder that mom is loved. For more details on this craft as well as step-by-step video instructions, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3ZwxIUGf_8.

Happy Mother's Day!

Got advice?

I'm working on a Father's Day article and am looking for readers to share advice from dad. Care to tell me the best advice your dad ever gave you? Email me at BethEngelman2@icloud.com and it might be included in next month's column.

PETS/ANIMALS

How to buy a puppy

What you need to know before bringing home a new furry friend

By Bill Daley

Tribune Newspapers

How to buy a puppy? Very carefully and with much forethought, the experts all agree. After all, you're considering the purchase of a living being, an animal that will need feeding, training, grooming, medical care and, perhaps most of all, love and attention from you and your family.

Be honest with yourself, the experts say, and really consider if you can do it. And, if yes, think hard on what kind of dog is best for you.

"You need to find a dog that fits your lifestyle," says Bruce Haas, co-owner of a Chicago dog boutique. "If you aren't an active person and you get an active dog, that's a problem. The dog needs to fit into your lifestyle. It's up to everyone to do research."

Research is key, agreed Gina DiNardo, vice president of the New York-based American Kennel Club.

"How much time and money do you have for grooming?" she asks. "How much time do you have for exercising the breed? Some dogs are more content being a couch potato. Others will go crazy if they are left in the house without stimulation and exercise."

Puppies can also be "a big drain on time," DiNardo added, and if you don't devote the necessary time for training and socializing, "your puppy may not grow up to be the best canine citizen."

If you decide to buy a purebred puppy or dog, DiNardo said, you need to look for a responsible breeder. A good breeder will want you to visit the property, meet the

What will you need for your puppy or dog?

- Leash and collar
- ID tag
- Chew toys, especially for a puppy
- Food
- Bed and a place to put it
- Travel bag (small breeds)

mother and puppies, and will be happy to educate you on the breed and help you find the right puppy, she said, noting that some breeders will even pick out the puppy they think has the best temperament for you. Expect, too, to be ready to answer many questions from a breeder looking to gauge your willingness and ability to provide for the dog. Such auditions, DiNardo noted, are a good sign.

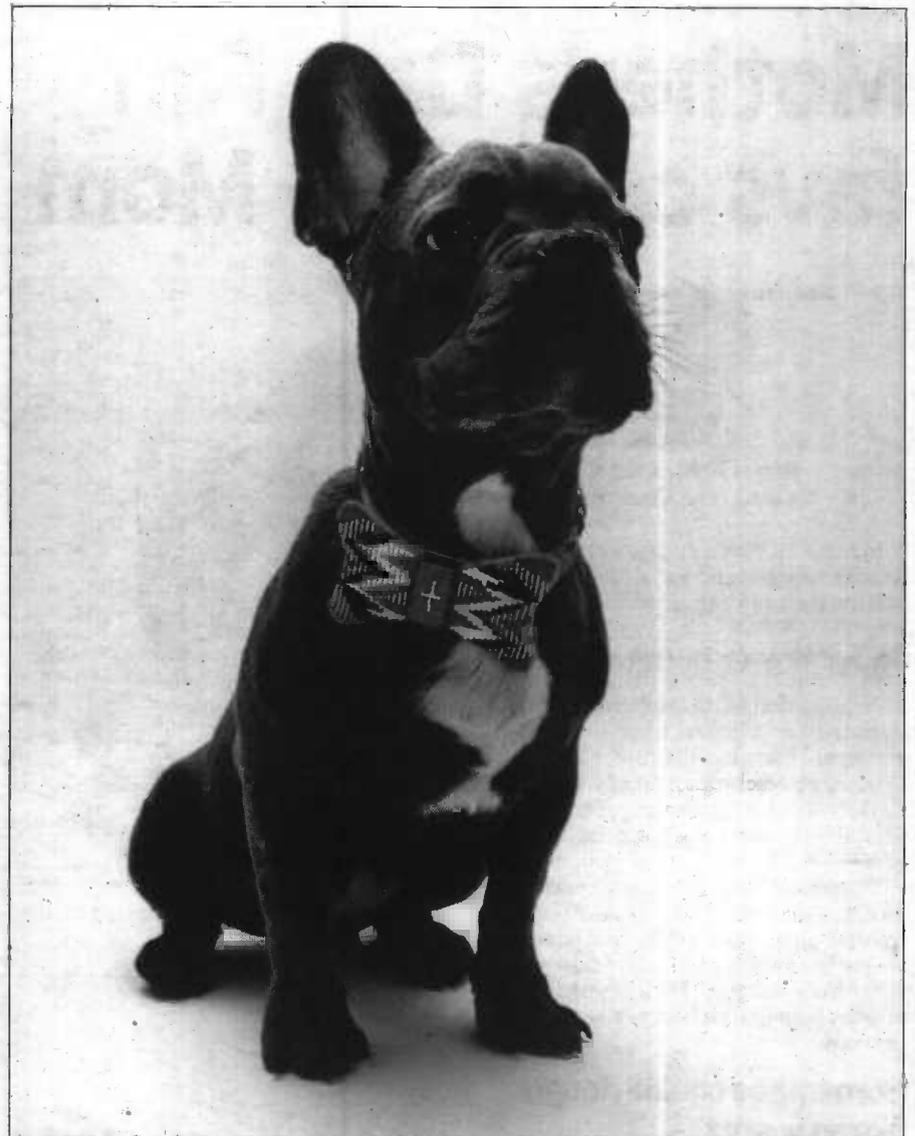
"They will thoroughly vet you," she said. "They will ask as many questions as you do."

Animal rescue organizations, like PAWS Chicago, are also ready to help you find the right puppy or dog. (There are rescue groups for particular dog breeds, as well.) And they will likely ask questions similar to those posed by breeders to determine which animal is best for you.

"We recommend families visit a shelter," says Sarah McDonald, PAWS associate director of media and community relations. "They can find a variety of wonderful animals, all shapes and sizes and energy level."

Bring along any dogs you might have and tell the adoption counselors about any other pets; they can help you pinpoint a dog that will do better with such company.

If you choose a puppy, McDonald says, you should make sure you "puppy proof" your home to eliminate possible dangers (don't leave things out that might get



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chewed or broken, lock up poisons, watch electrical cords). Figure out who is going to walk the puppy; can you get home from work easily to do it, or can you afford a

walker to do it for you.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Jack Burton

You don't hear much of a peep from me, I found a better way to get noticed and that's my smile. Grab a leash and let's go out exploring. I can walk pretty fast and I am always happy to meet other doggies when I am out and about and so far, I haven't met one I did not like. I enjoy the occasional brushing, much needed since I feature a beautiful long black coat. Need a reason to get out of the house and walk, then let me be it...and of course you will also get lots of loving, so what are you waiting for?

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

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Who's liable for town home roof leak?

Dear Help Squad,

We need your help to get our kitchen ceiling fixed. We live in a town home community. Last summer, our building received a new roof, for which our special assessment was \$3,600. During an ice storm in December, we suffered a major roof leak, causing serious damage to our kitchen ceiling. A wall-to-wall curtain of water poured onto our kitchen cabinets and floor. The old roof never leaked. Unfortunately, we depend on a management company to deal with the roofer since we do not have a direct relationship with the company.

The roofing company came on two occasions to repair the roof. The company's representative also twice promised to repair our kitchen ceiling, though not in writing. On March 7, he promised to have it done "in the next few weeks." On March 29, he claimed to have "mislaid" the paperwork but promised, again, a finish date "in the next few weeks." As of today, no repair or date for such. Can you help us?

Gerry, Tinley Park

As I was reaching out to an attorney with

condo and town home expertise, I received this email from Gerry: "At this very moment, our ceiling is being repaired and repainted. I credit you with this, even if indirectly, since I sent another letter to our management company this past Monday and mentioned I was contacting you. We had a call from the roofer the very next morning. In an hour or so, our problem should be solved. Apparently no one wants to mess with the Help Squad!"

I still wanted clarification on how a town home owner could determine liability in a situation like this. I reached out to Chicago attorney Mark Rosenbaum of Fischel & Kahn, Ltd. He explained via email that liability is not black and white.

"Generally, the association is responsible to maintain all the common elements/areas. But — and this is an important "but" — the Declaration or Bylaws can change that general rule. (See more on these documents, below.) Sometimes that results in a unit



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

owner being responsible for the maintenance of a specific part of the common elements/area. This is not controlled by statute. It is controlled by the association's documents.

"Further complicating things is insurance. An association is supposed to have casualty insurance to cover damages to the common elements/areas and liability insurance to cover damages done by the common elements/areas to other property. Each unit owner is almost always required by the association's documents to have insurance on the owner's own personal property ... Sometimes an association's documents will state ... that even if a common element/area has failed and caused damage to an owner's personal property, if the owner's insurance insured the damaged item ... then the owner releases all claims against the association for the damages."

So what are the governing documents to which a town home (or condo) owner can refer when the issue presents itself?

■ **Declaration of covenants (the primary document):** In a general sense, the declaration controls the real estate aspects of the property, e.g. who is responsible for maintenance, what part of the property is common area, etc.

■ **Bylaws:** The bylaws, more than the declaration, govern how the property gets administered, e.g. how the board gets elected, how board and unit owner meetings get called and run, what powers the board has, and how to adopt a budget etc. Bylaws can be amended by the owners.

■ **Rules and regulations:** Typically, rules are passed by the board and can be amended by the board, usually without a unit owner vote. Rules and regulations are intended to control more day-to-day issues than are covered in either the declaration or the bylaws, e.g. "quiet hours" in the building, (whether) a dog always has to be on a leash, etc.

Send your questions to HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com.

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Children of Earth and Sky

By Guy Gavriel Kay, *New American Library*, 448 pages, \$27.

Depending on one's perspective, Guy Gavriel Kay's distinguished career — he was named to the Order of Canada a couple of years ago — is built upon either his unique approach to historical fiction (by turning real nations into fictional ones and introducing fantasy elements) or his unique approach to fantasy (by assiduously researching the historical settings and figures that underlie his narratives). "Children of Earth and Sky" takes us to a version of 16th-century Europe threatened by a powerful Suleiman-like khalif and to cities that are recognizable analogues of Venice, Prague and Dubrovnik, but as with all of Kay's novels, the lush historical tapestry serves principally as background for compelling, sympathetic characters whose stories gradually weave together

in ingenious ways.

Among those characters are a brilliant young woman archer drafted since childhood to serve with a band of mostly reasonable pirates, an artist whose hazardous assignment to paint the khalif could either make his reputation or end his life, a disgraced wife given a chance to escape her father's cruel exile by serving as a spy, and a soldier in the khalif's army, also drafted as a child, whose own integrity is very nearly his undoing. Needless to say, as the novel generously opens out into years and then decades, none of these characters end up anywhere near where they started, and as they come to interact with one another and a wealth of convincing secondary characters (including one important ghost), we begin to appreciate Kay's real genius at unveiling history as a large tapestry of individual ambitions, betrayals, loyalties and simple efforts to negotiate survival in a radically unstable world.



Central Station

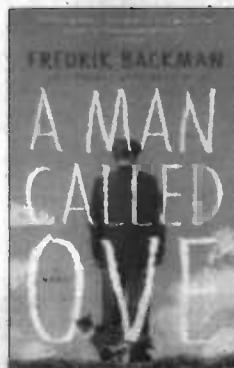
By Lavie Tidhar, *Tachyon*, 252 pages, \$15.95

One of the more encouraging developments of the last decade or two is the growing recognition that science fiction is a global literature, and that the future isn't simply what L.A. or London might look like in a few decades or centuries. Lavie Tidhar, who was raised in an Israeli kibbutz and has lived in places as exotic as Vanuatu, has for several years been writing sharply insightful stories set around the Central Station district of Tel Aviv, which in his future has become a massive, bustling spaceport and home to a stew of colorful figures and subcultures. By weaving and reshaping these tales into a sort of novel, he has created a textured and original future that echoes real historical and economic tensions while satisfying veteran readers with deliberate echoes of classic science fiction.

In the world of Central Station, nearly everyone is connected to the web (or Conversation) by an internal node, though a few holdouts still prefer ancient forms of information like books. Hallucinatory drugs remain a popular pastime and addiction, as do online games where characters can make a decent real-world living. Death can be sidestepped by cryogenics, by becoming a cyborg, or by simply uploading into the Conversation — where a separate, non-human society of artificial intelligences already thrives. Wounded cyborg veterans called robotniks remind us that war has not been eliminated. This world unfolds through the linked adventures of a series of characters including a "data vampire" (named after a character in a classic C.L. Moore story), a boy hoping for his father to return from space, the owner of a popular bar and her old-fashioned book collector brother, a legendary junk dealer, and a famous artist. Despite the book's affectionate allusions to earlier science-fiction themes, its deeply humane world seems both thoroughly new and oddly familiar.

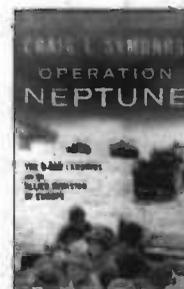
CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).
2. "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprile Sweeney (Ecco, \$26.99).
3. "The Little Paris Bookshop: A Novel" by Nina George (Broadway, \$16).
4. "The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son On Life, Love, and Loss" by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt (Harper, \$27.99).
5. "Miller's Valley: A Novel" by Anna Quindlen (Random House, \$28).



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

NEW IN PAPERBACK



Operation Neptune: The D-Day Landings and the Allied Invasion of Europe

By Craig L. Symonds, *Oxford University*, 422 pages, \$16.95

Craig Symonds documents the invasion of Normandy, when Allied troops invaded German-occupied France and changed the course of World War II. Symonds brings to light details about D-Day from the minds who orchestrated it — Roosevelt, Churchill, Marshall and Eisenhower — to the young officers who supported the invasion at the cost of their lives.



Born on a Tuesday: A Novel

By Elnathan John, *Grove*, 264 pages, \$16

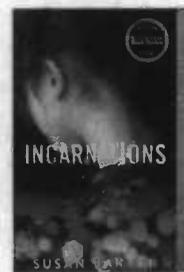
"Born on a Tuesday: A Novel" is set in rural Nigeria in a community crippled by religious and political conflicts. After his best friend dies in the midst of a riot sparked by a political election, teen Dantala takes refuge in a mosque, becoming the sheikh's favorite apprentice. When clashing parties create more turmoil in the city, Dantala struggles to take sides while remaining true to his religious beliefs.



The Gilded Life of Matilda Duplaine: A Novel

By Alex Brunkhorst, *Mira*, 336 pages, \$15.99

When a famous film producer dies, journalist Thomas Cleary is sent to interview the man's enigmatic daughter, Matilda Duplaine. Thomas is dazzled not only by the Hollywood-ian luxurious mansions and private jets, but also by Matilda herself, whom he quickly falls for. As their secret love affair evolves, he discovers that this privileged life is enveloped in a web of secrets.



The Incarnations: A Novel

By Susan Barker, *Touchstone*, 371 pages, \$16

Taxi driver Wang is trying to make his way through the bustling streets of Beijing, where preparations for hosting the 2008 Olympics are in full swing, when a letter unexpectedly drops into his lap. More follow, all filled with stories of Wang's previous lives — from being a fisherman during the mid-19th century Opium Wars to being a runaway slave from merciless Mongol emperor Genghis Khan. With each letter, Wang feels more out of touch with his ordinary life.



How to Be a Husband

By Tim Dowling, *Blue Rider*, 274 pages, \$16

"How to be a Husband" draws on Tim Dowling's two-decade-long marriage and its subsequent lessons. Dowling looks at what being a good husband entails in the 21st century and offers hilarious advice, including the clever use of "whatever" to dissolve a fight, sounding honest versus actually being honest, and the benefits of dissecting the marital issues of other couples.

— Andreea Ciulac



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Calling Richard: With a hint at 109 Across

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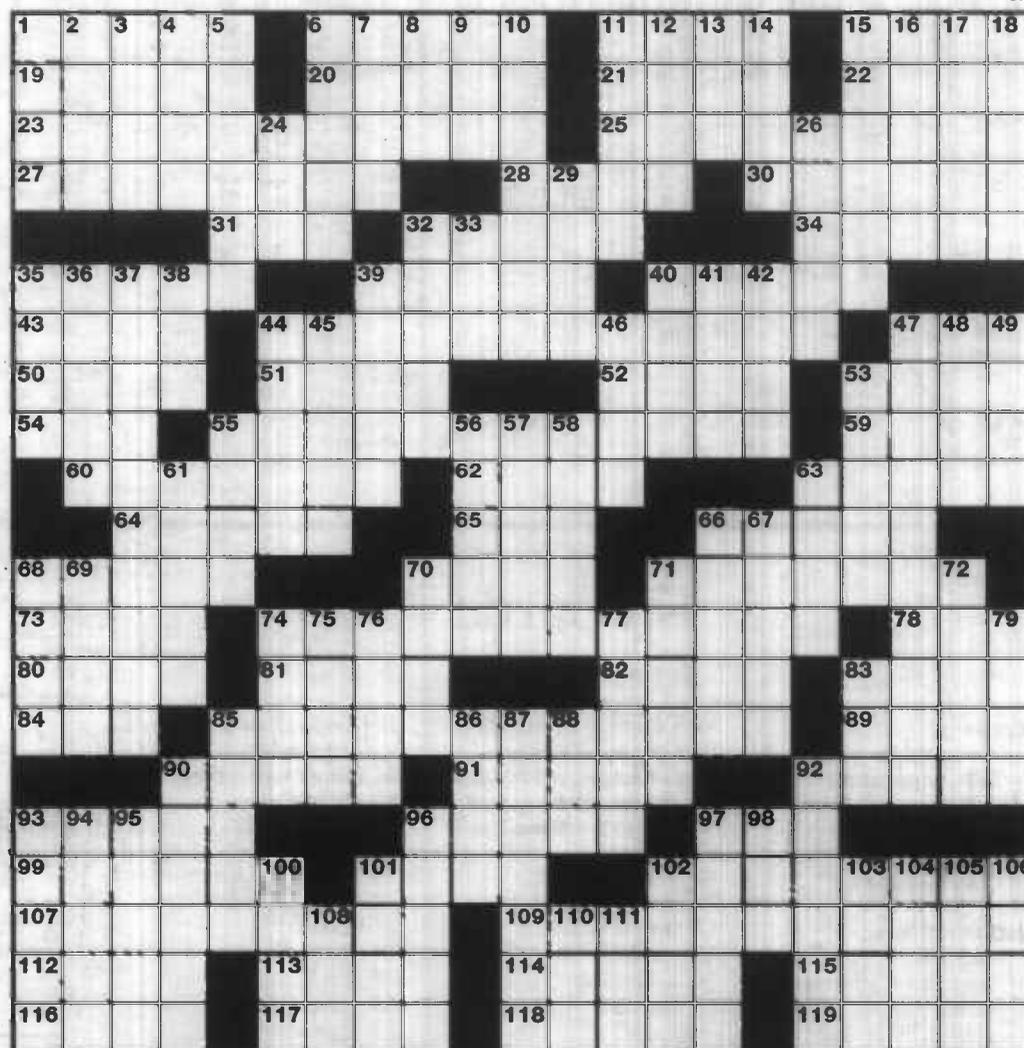
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27 Skateboarder's gear
28 Walkman descendant
30 Warhol works
31 Just manage, with "out"
32 Wants no part of
34 Slow tempo
35 Cheney's successor
39 Noncom nickname
40 Internet-era prefix
43 Appear imminent
44 Certain fruit farm
47 Pampering initials
50 Difficult duty
51 Luke's sci-fi sister
52 Robust
53 Smile broadly
54 Splatter protector
55 Possible pocket-knife attachment
59 Shooting-range supply
60 Law-office visitors
62 Unfreeze
63 Channel covering Congress
64 Melancholy poem
65 Mr. Potato Head part
66 "For want of _ ..."
68 Loft group
70 Prefix for scope

- 71 Set straight
73 PBS science series
74 Construction site trailer
78 Metallic material
80 Raised, at a ranch
81 Peace Nobel
82 Timber wolf
83 Sharp blow
84 Uber offering
85 Frying medium
89 Italian auto, for short
90 Fully necessary
91 Berate, in a ballpark
92 Isn't free
93 Be indecisive
96 Spills (over)
97 Contribute (to)
99 Convention settings
101 Dig for
102 App's customers
107 Toddler
109 "Brave" descriptor of the puzzle's longest answers
112 After the buzzer
113 First father
114 Escape cleverly
115 Referred to
116 Vehicle without wheels
117 Sales force, informally
118 Grand _ National Park
119 *South Park* boy

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3 Auto maintenance task
4 Many a Columbus discovery
5 Get complicated
6 Escape cleverly
7 Points from pencils
8 Costa del _
9 Language suffix
10 "Put that behind you"
11 Some oratorio performers
12 Feeder frequenter
13 Actress Thurman
14 Weather report stat
15 Aide
16 Vast quantity
17 Terse
18 Western sidekick
24 Winery wood
26 Propelled, as a gondola
29 Look narrowly
32 Permissible, in Islam
33 English 101 verb
35 Lava-lamp lump
36 Greek column style
37 Bend suddenly with laughter
38 Quartet in "Mamma Mia!"
39 Roasting rods
40 Hong Kong-born action star
41 One of the Ivies
42 Title in Uncle Remus tales
44 As a companion
45 Nitpicking
46 Mull over, with "on"
47 Philadelphia university team
48 Tibetan holy man
49 "Let's go!"
53 Mooring place



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- 55 Brewed beverage
56 Lucy's landlady
57 Midwest air hub
58 Barbecue spot
61 Trojan War epic
63 Hamster home
66 Suspect's story
67 Actor Williamson
68 *Closing Bell* channel
69 Circle dance
70 Dutch painter
71 Happening now
72 Preliminary version
74 Bump into
75 Russian saint
76 *Jessica of 7th Heaven*
77 Jumping bugs
79 LAX info
83 _ Paulo, Brazil
85 Fast-spreading on YouTube
86 Highly skilled
87 20-stamp purchase
88 Cut (off)
90 Let off steam
92 Place to store music
93 Online university's lack
94 Computer typeface
95 Venerable sports car, briefly
96 Is apparently
97 Pale-faced
98 Poor grade
100 Burn a bit
101 Kiddie coat fastener
102 Nullify
103 Fondue cheese
104 Mail-routing abbr.
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111 Muffin morsel, maybe

Quote-Acrostic

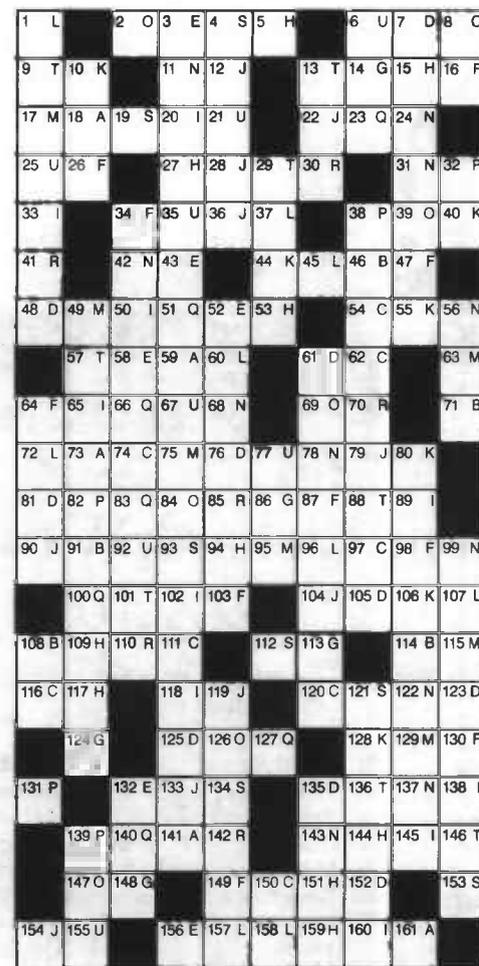
- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

Words

- A. Social group
73 18 141 161 59
- B. Tubular passage
114 46 91 71 108
- C. Complaints investigator
74 111 97 8 120 54 62 150 116
- D. Onerous
7 76 48 105 152 125 81 61 135 123
- E. Hate
52 43 3 132 58 156
- F. Vice
87 149 34 26 64 130 98 16 47 103
- G. Hindu loincloth
14 86 148 113 124
- H. Plus or minus: 3 wds.
27 144 15 5 159 94
117 109 151 53
- I. Branch of biology
102 145 118 160 65 50 20 33 89 138

- J. Wealthy: 3 wds.
28 22 12 154 119 36 133 90 104 79
- K. Kid with pale-yellow hair, say
128 106 44 80 40 55 10
- L. European songbird
107 45 96 158 157 1 60 72 37
- M. Unbeliever's doctrine
115 63 129 49 95 17 75
- N. The essence: hyph.
122 11 24 31 99
68 137 78 143 42 56
- O. Grow choppers
69 84 126 147 2 39
- P. Fair stall
139 32 82 131 38
- Q. Prime example
127 51 66 100 23 83 140
- R. Golfer: Pepper
41 70 85 142 110 30
- S. Prevent
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- T. Yale's city: 2 wds.
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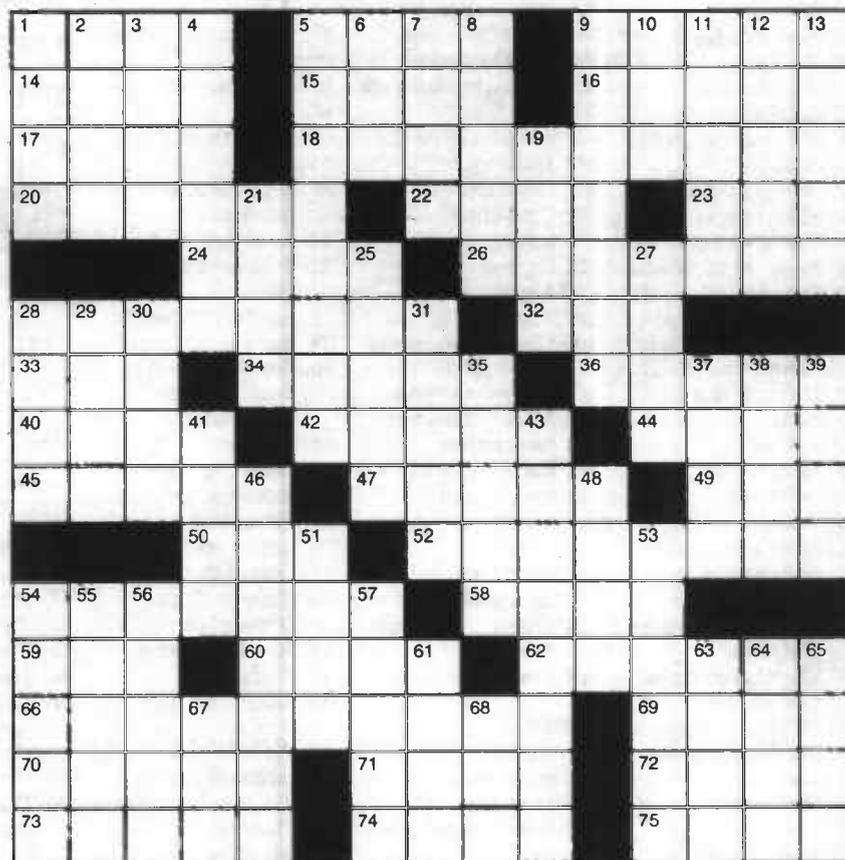
- 1 Partisanship
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14 Competent
15 Concept
16 Diameter parts
17 In case
18 Duelers' starting position
20 Fascinatingly foreign
22 NZ parrots
23 Arikara
24 Verbal
26 Convent coreligionists
28 Hand-rubbed
32 Pope or lion
33 Old-time chip maker
34 Approaches
36 Cranial cavity
40 Psyche
42 Newest frontier
44 Run easily
45 Organic compound
47 Fails to maintain equilibrium
49 Indian
50 Charles Dickens' alias
52 Considers overnight
54 Walks cautiously

- 58 Common abbreviation
59 Cream or cubes
60 Cut briskly with scissors
62 Holland House
66 Without evasion
69 Departed
70 Wind or mark
71 Wooden horse locale
72 Russia's ___ Mts.
73 ___ Wences
74 Seasoning
75 Roadside neon sign

Down

- 1 Bundle
2 Wild goat
3 Too
4 Bouts
5 Upper-torso bone structures
6 Woman's name
7 Peninsula
8 Seizes
9 Receives as income before expenses
10 Scientific workshop, for short
11 Did it on ___
12 Pleasanter
13 Sea walls

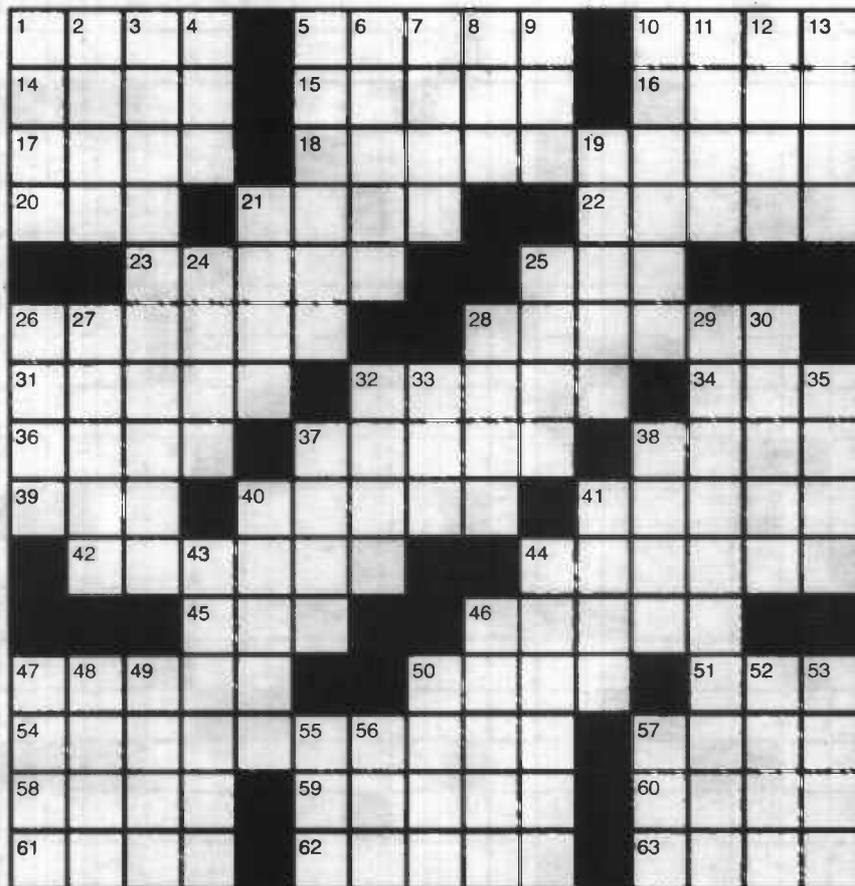
- 19 Dog's emotional barometer
21 Teheran is its capital
25 Jumps
27 Work hard
28 Auntie ___
29 Main line of motion
30 Transmitted
31 Ties
35 Do to do
37 Us: Fr.
38 ___ no good
39 Interviewed
41 An IOU is a ___ reminder
43 In total agreement
46 Crower
48 Char
51 Greek philosopher
53 The ___ : medieval epidemic
54 Spats: Scots
55 Go ahead and see if ___
56 Praline ingredient
57 Weighs, as evidence
61 Beside: prefix
63 Girl's name
64 Strain at a ___
65 Slippery ones
67 Former name of Tokyo
68 Toothed wheel



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Crossword



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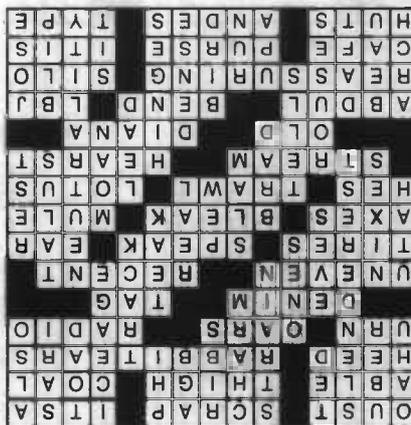
ACROSS

- 1 Kick out of office
5 Leftover piece
10 "___ Long Way to Tipperary"
14 Competent
15 Chicken piece
16 Fuel, for some
17 Pay attention to
18 Indoor antenna
20 Vessel
21 Rowers' needs
22 Standard new car feature
23 Jeans fabric
25 Children's running game
26 Bumpy; jagged
28 Happening not long ago
31 Michelin products
32 Deliver an address
34 Turn a deaf ___ to; ignore
36 Chopping tools
37 Grim; not at all promising
38 Pack animal
39 "For ___ a jolly good fellow..."
40 Fish with a net
41 Water lily
42 Brook

DOWN

- 44 William Randolph ___
45 Ancient
46 Singer ___ Ross
47 Paula, once of "American Idol"
50 Be flexible
51 JFK's follower
54 Comforting
57 Grain tower
58 Lunch spot
59 Handbag
60 Ending for an inflammation
61 Shacks
62 Mountains of South America
63 Sort; class

Solutions



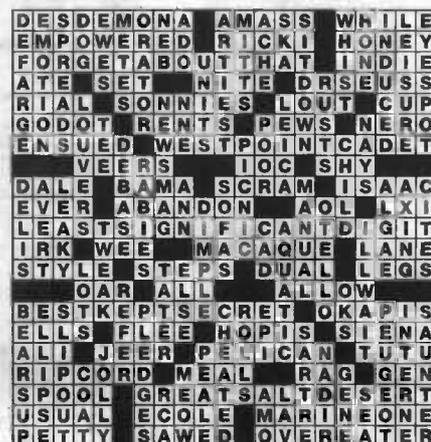
- 19 Follow closely
21 Small bills
24 Arden & Plumb
25 Yellowish wood
26 Western state
27 Vetoes
28 Genuine
29 Beige attribute
30 Ankle
32 Close noisily
33 Church seat
35 Sit for a spell
37 Actor Garrett
38 Complain
40 ___ a lie; fibs
41 Pencil's core
43 Awakens
44 Doorhanger's metal pieces
46 Not very bright
47 Part of the foot
48 Boyfriend
49 Loony
50 Canary or crow
52 Radar screen image
53 San ___, CA
55 "___ Lazy River"
56 Nylon mishap
57 Take a load off



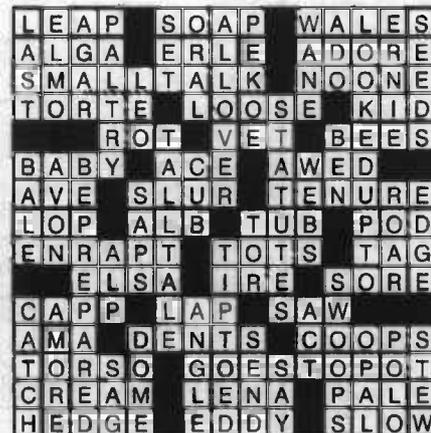
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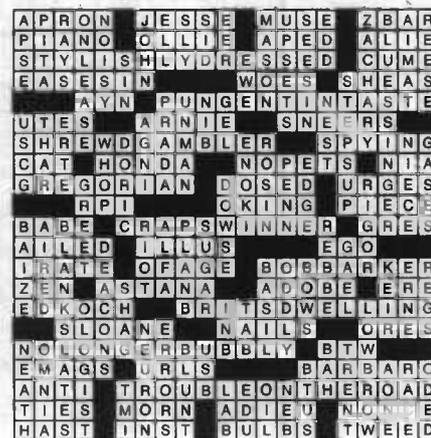
"Teaser Trios"



"Talky"



"Musical Variations"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Dorothy) RABINOWITZ: REALITY BITES: Reality television shows are designed to extract extreme displays of feeling and zany response from participants, laboring hard to meet the demand. The results reek invariably as contrived and synthetic.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

TWENTY SMOKER EMERGE
VENDOR INJECT INHALE

She was going to bring the sugar cookies with her so she could —

TAKE HER
SWEET TIME



The things Prince did for the women he loved



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

Although I was a huge Prince fan during the 1980s, he sort of dropped off my radar after his "Purple Rain" album and movie, with the exception of his bizarre name change – The Artist (Formerly Known As Prince) – and his Super Bowl performance in 2007, which I thought was amazing.

So when I heard about Prince's death, I was extremely curious to learn more about him. This led to my viewing of several Prince documentaries and reading countless articles online, where I learned a lot.

What I found particularly interesting about the seven-time Grammy-winning musician was his love life, particularly the things he did for the women he loved.

Remember Sheila E.'s megahit song, "The Glamorous Life"? Prince, with whom Sheila E. was romantic for a time, oversaw that album, acting as a mentor to the singer-songwriter. Sheila E. was also a drummer and vocalist in Prince's band and the two were briefly engaged.

Then there was Vanity, known for her hit "Nasty Girl." The late singer, songwriter, actress and model, whose real name was Denise Matthews, met Prince at the American Music Awards. The two fell in love, and Prince helped launch her singing and acting career as the lead singer of "Vanity 6."

Prince also dated Madonna briefly and helped her produce her 1989 album, "Like a Prayer." The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer helped Carmen Electra – born as Tara Leigh Patrick – launch her career.

There are a few more instances in which Prince mentored and helped make dreams come true for beautiful, talented women. These include both of his ex-wives – Mayte Garcia and Manuela Testolini, who credits Prince for encouraging her to start her own charitable organization.

What motivated Prince to help the women he loved achieve such personal success of their own? My theory is Prince obviously knew he had a strong influence in the music industry. He also undoubtedly had immense passion for his career.



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Prince performs in his debut movie "Purple Rain," the 1984 rock opera about a young man's search for artistic accomplishment and love.

So, I think he wanted to give the life he loved to the women he adored because he knew he had the power to do so and wanted to give them the happiness and success he was experiencing.

Unless Prince had this crazy, inflated ego and just wanted to show off his clout (which I don't see as the case), it seems to me like he was giving his girlfriends, fiancés and wives what he knew they wanted. Isn't there something to be said for that?

When it comes to love – I mean real, true love – both people in the relationship should want to give the other person anything they know will benefit him or her, and/or bring that person joy.

True love is about giving unconditionally. It's about self interest not even entering your mind, but rather focusing on what can be done for the person you love. It's about the willingness to give him or her everything you have. I think Prince clearly relays that message in his 1984 hit "I would Die 4 U."

Known so well for his explicit sexual lyrics in so many of his songs, I think the funk, R&B, rock and pop singer also wrote some exceptionally romantic ballads, including two of my favorites, "Take Me With U" from the "Purple Rain" soundtrack, and, of course, "Purple Rain," where Prince belts out, "I never meant to cause you any sorrow" and "I only want to see you laughing in the purple rain." Seems to me like Prince knew a thing or two about true love.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.

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HEALTH

Danger from sun exposure is now widely recognized



DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF
Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: You've said many times that the sun can harm our skin and increase the risk for skin cancer. How does it do that?

Dear Reader: As you age, the single biggest cause of damage to skin is sun exposure. This damage is called "photoaging." Over the years, sun exposure causes fine and coarse wrinkles; baggy skin with a yellow, leathery appearance; and dry, scaly skin. It also reduces collagen, a natural chemical that gives strength to tissues and that supports a network of blood vessels in the skin. As a result, the skin bruises more easily.

Finally and most significantly, sun exposure increases the risk for skin cancer. That includes melanoma — the very dangerous kind of skin cancer that can spread — and the less serious kinds of skin cancer that rarely spread.

Skin damage from sun exposure is caused by ultraviolet radiation. Three different wavelengths of UV light come from the sun. Not all the sun's rays have the same effects, though all can cause damage to the skin. Some wavelengths of UV radiation penetrate the skin more deeply than others.

The three main wavelengths of the sun's UV radiation:

■ UVC, the shortest of the



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Repeated bad sunburns are dangerous.

three, has the highest energy level and is the most damaging. Fortunately, most UVC rays don't reach the Earth's surface.

■ UVB is the next shortest. UVB rays are lower in energy than UVC rays, so they're less damaging to skin. UVB rays make up around 5 percent of the ultraviolet radiation that reaches the Earth's surface.

■ UVA is the longest wavelength and penetrates most deeply. UVA rays play a role in photoaging.

The people most vulnerable to getting melanoma are those who are fair-skinned (particularly pale skin, lots of freckles and red hair), and who have major sun exposure early in life. Most dangerous are repeated bad sunburns (five or more).

As a fair-skinned kid who spent a lot of time as a child on the beaches of Southern California, I had many sunburns. It was a time before we recognized the dangers of too much sun exposure. You might say we worshipped the sun. It was false idolatry: A dermatologist now checks me out every six months.

— All types of cancer start

in one cell. The genes in that cell cause the cell to start dividing uncontrollably: One cell becomes two, two become four, four become eight, and so on. Pretty soon, there's a cancer. This uncontrolled growth is driven by genes — genes that aren't built properly, or that are turned on and off at the wrong time.

This applies to all types of skin cancer, including melanoma. In some cases of melanoma (roughly 10 percent) a person inherits a gene that makes them vulnerable. More often, DNA in skin cells is damaged by UVB and UVA radiation.

I wish I had known when I was a kid what we know now about the damage sun exposure can do. Fortunately, the knowledge that research has given us will protect our children and grandchildren.

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

Banana peel may do the trick for poison-oak itch

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: I am very allergic to both poison ivy and poison oak. After three days of painful, burning itch on my wrist from an encounter with a dried poison-oak vine, I read about using banana peel. I applied banana peel early this morning, and now at 5:30 p.m., my wrist is still cool, comfortable and itch-free!

The one thing I did before using the banana peel was to wash my wrist with warm salt water and pat it dry with a paper towel. I have contacted my gardening friends to let them know about the wonderful banana-peel remedy.

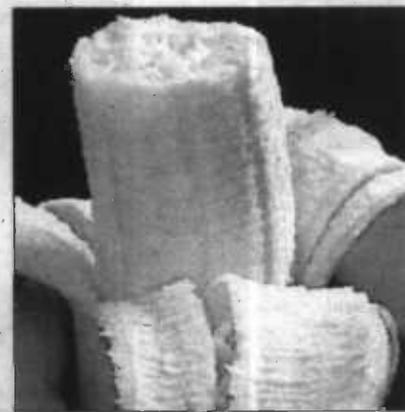
A: We haven't been able to find any scientific research to support using banana peel on a rash caused by poison ivy or poison oak. However, we have heard from other readers that it can be helpful. There also are recommendations online to use cold watermelon rind or banana peel to cool and soothe the rash. Perhaps someday we'll learn why this treatment might help some people.

Q: You've written about soap preventing leg cramps. I successfully used soap in the bed for more than a year, with good results (not perfect).

Then the cramps moved from my calves to my ankles and feet. The soap wasn't helping as much.

Several weeks ago, on the idea that a strong odor helps, I started rubbing lavender oil around my ankles. No more foot cramps!

A: Your story sent us on



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a quest to see if there is any research on lavender oil for treating cramps. We discovered a study in the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research (May 2012) showing that when lavender oil (plus clary sage and marjoram) was applied topically, it alleviated menstrual cramps. This was a randomized, double-blind trial involving 48 subjects. The anti-cramp effect was significant.

Another study used soap-scented oil to ease the pain of fibromyalgia (Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare, Sept. 8, 2008). Perhaps the essential oils in the soap scent are able to relax muscles that are cramping.

Q: I have taken antidepressants my entire adult life but wanted to get off them. I weaned myself off about nine months ago.

I have started moving more, and that has helped a lot. I recently have started taking magnesium, and that has made a noticeable difference in my mood. It is as if that dull, constant sadness has lifted. Others may want to know about this way of dealing with depression.

A: Physical activity is

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known to help counteract depression. The effects of magnesium may not be as widely recognized, but studies have shown that people who get too little magnesium are more susceptible to depression (Journal of Affective Disorders, March 15, 2016).

We discuss other non-drug approaches, along with the pros and cons of various antidepressants, in our "Guide to Dealing With Depression." 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. E-7, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: www.peoplespharmacy.com.

People who want to try magnesium should start with a relatively low dose. Doses above 300 mg may result in diarrhea for some individuals. People with reduced kidney function should not take magnesium supplements at all.

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

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Decluttering your mind

'Let go of the need to be right' and 9 other ways to give your brain a spring-cleaning

By Jeannette Bessinger
The Washington Post

Spring is a natural time for clearing out old dirt and clutter. We do this for our houses and even for our bodies, but how often do we do it for our minds?

In the same way you might cleanse your body of physical toxins and waste, you can also cleanse your mind of mental toxins like bitterness and unforgiveness. If left to fester, these poisons can destroy their containers, like acids of the mind. To replenish our energy and regain our balance, we have to stop feeding off of mental "anti-nutrients" like perfectionism and the need to always be right.

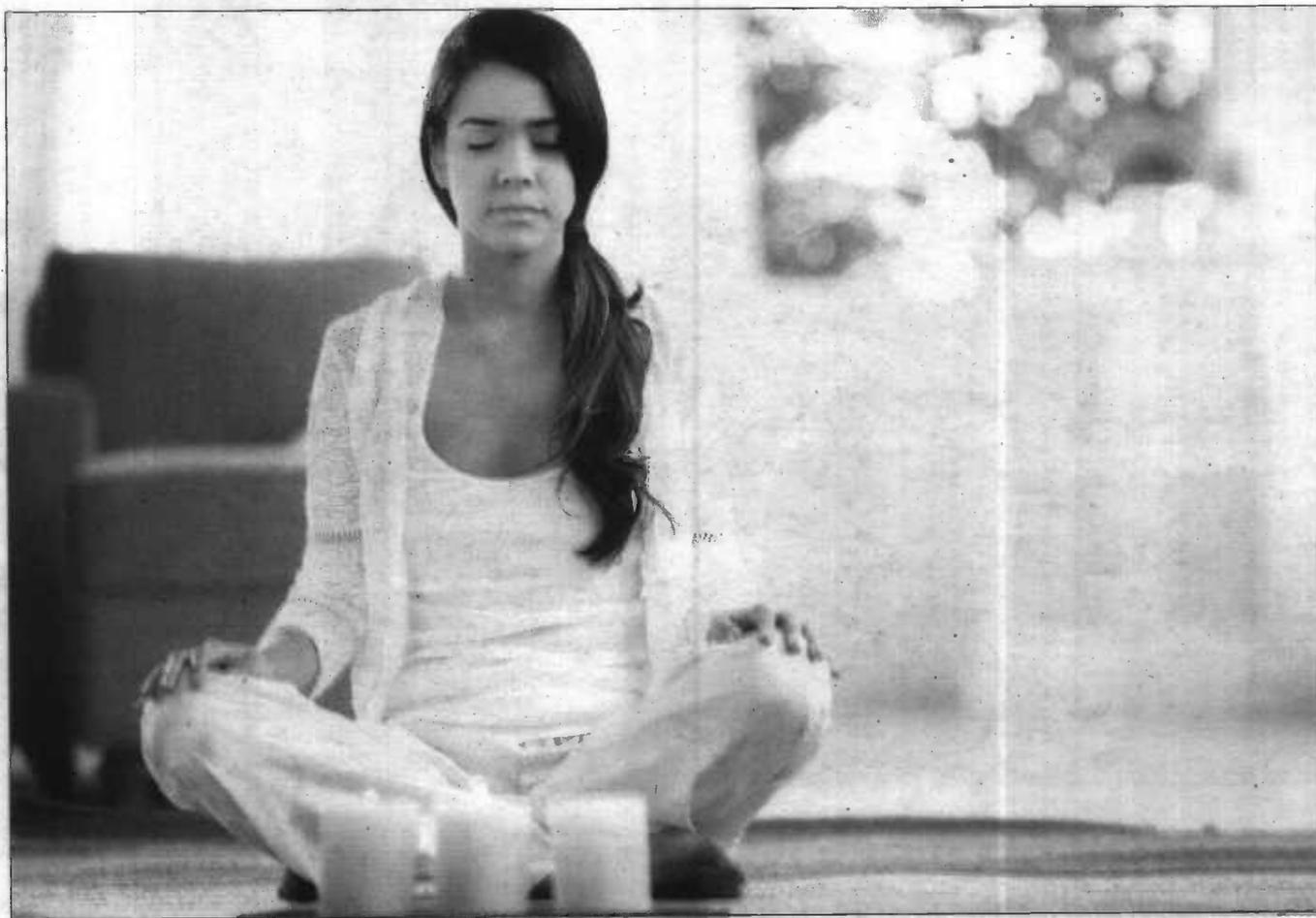
Spring is the perfect time to declutter our mental space.

Not only will this restore us psychologically, but it can help restore us physically as well. The body is just downstream of the mind, so in clearing out and detoxifying your mind, your body will follow. These 10 tips are cleansing for everyone, but they are especially freeing for those of us stuck in chronic, unhealthy eating and self-care patterns. Some of them you can put into practice the second you decide to. Others involve more deeply embedded patterns that will take time and a sustained effort to clear, but you can begin today. Or, at least, consider the fresh point of view. Free your mind and free your life.

1. Mind your own business. One of my favorite spiritual teachers, Byron Katie, says that before stressing out about something, you should always ask yourself whose business it is: yours, mine or God's. If it's not your business, why are you in it?

2. Let go of the need to be right. Is it truly more important to you to be right about something than to preserve your relationships with others? Have you ever loved anyone more because they were right and you were wrong? Decide if you'd rather be right or be close to people.

3. Stop blaming, shaming and complaining. Every one of these toxic habits is about giving your core power to something outside of your control. Stop it. It can't save you. It's not the difficult person or situation



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In the same way you might cleanse your body of physical toxins, you can also cleanse your mind of mental toxins like unforgiveness.

that causes your distress. It's the story you tell yourself about what it means that causes you pain. Take control of what you tell yourself about difficulties and challenges, and the circumstances of your life will no longer have the power to blow you around.

4. Stop trying to please and impress everybody. You won't die if someone disapproves of something you say or do. Who are you? If you always try to measure up to others' standards, you'll never find out.

5. Clean up unfinished business. Pick an unpleasant task you've been putting off for a long time and just do it. Today. Author Eckhart Tolle says, "That which stands in the way IS the way." You will feel 20 pounds lighter.

6. Forgive someone. Often we believe that forgiving someone will let them off the hook, so we hold on to our unforgiveness to punish them. But the truth is, when we forgive

others, we free ourselves. Try it and see.

7. If you're in the wrong, make it right. When we mess up, we can become so paralyzed by guilt or shame that we make excuses, lie about our part or run away from our responsibilities. Because the essential pain of not owning our wrongs is in our own hearts, there's no real escape that way. Here's what we told our kids when they were growing up: When you do something wrong, tell the truth. Apologize. Make it right if you can. Owning up means it won't own you.

8. Let go of perfectionism. This may be the single most toxic mental habit. If you let it, perfectionism will seep its poison into everything you do, and you will never be at peace. Nothing about life is perfect. If you believe you have to be, no matter how hard you try, you won't ever feel at home in this life.

9. Let go of self-limiting beliefs.

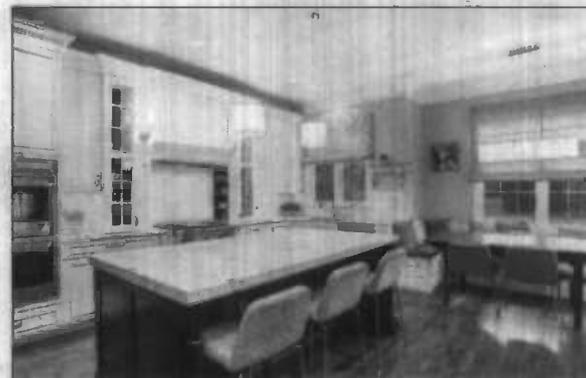
Limiting beliefs about what we can or can't do are like chalk lines we draw on the floor around ourselves. They don't have a lot of substance, but we act like they're brick walls we can't cross. Just because you think you can never lose weight or hit some performance goal doesn't make it true. Don't believe everything you think.

10. Stop mismanaging your emotions. Stop stuffing unpleasant feelings down with too much food or exercise, or venting them out at other people. Try just feeling your feelings instead. Make a little space inside to feel your grief or anger or embarrassment without doing anything about it. Feelings are like the weather: natural and ever-changing. You are built to feel them; they won't kill you. Feeling your feelings allows your body to "digest" or integrate them organically. You will be nourished by what you need and will effortlessly eliminate the rest as waste.

Jeannette Bessinger is a freelance writer.



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Agent: Erica Goldman of Jameson Sotheby's International Realty, 773-682-0546

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Family run and Jigglejam show at Holocaust Museum

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Your family can take steps to make the world a better place — and get a workout at the same time. The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is holding its first annual Race for Humanity 5K on May 15.

The race will begin and end outside the museum at 9603 Woods Drive in Skokie. Check in time is 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. Walkers are welcome. Strollers are allowed at the 5K but no dogs or bicycles for safety reasons.

Kids ages 12 and under can participate in a 1K Fun Run, which starts at 8:15 a.m..

Grownups will appreciate the complimentary massages and stretches offered after the race. Post race, families will be entertained by Jodi Koplin's Jigglejam, a favorite of kids and parents.

General registration for the 5K is \$35; \$30 for members. The Kids 1K costs \$18. All proceeds will support the work of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Preregistration is required.

For details, call 847-967-4821 or go to www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/sk.

It's been good to know you

A party is planned to say, "So Long Friends: An Elephant and Piggie Farewell," 2-4 p.m. May 7 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. The event marks the unveiling of the last book in Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggie series, "The Thank You Book." There will be stories, crafts, games and snacks.

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



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Jodi Koplin's Jigglejam show follows the first annual Race for Humanity 5K on May 15 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie.

Language lesson

Kids don't need to be bilingual to enjoy the World Language Storytime: Spanish, 6-6:45 p.m. May 13 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. There will be stories and songs in Spanish, plus a little English. Kids will do a craft project and there will be snacks for all.

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

Something to sing about

Young children should particularly enjoy a Family Sing-Along with Skokie Preschool Teachers, 6:30-7:15 p.m. May 12 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton

St. Everyone will learn new songs and rhymes at this drop-in event.

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

Make a meal

...in the great outdoors at Campfire Cooking, 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 18 at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Selections will range from gourmet to kid-friendly as you and your children try different cooking styles, using sticks, Jars, Dutch ovens, hobo pies and more. The cost is \$26 per family. Registration is required.

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Website: unicefusa.org



From left: Vince Hammer of Glencoe, national board chairman, Amy Brown of Park Ridge, committee member and co-chairman of UNICEF USA's Youth activists and husband Rob Brown of Park Ridge, UNICEF Midwest Board Chair



Ashish Prasad of Glencoe, Midwest regional board vice-chairman and wife Ashley Prasad of Glencoe, committee member and co-chairman of UNICEF USA's Youth activists



Patti and James Kelly of Park Ridge, committee member and Midwest board member

BUZZHOUNDS TO PERFORM AT OFF THE TRAX FEST



THE BUZZHOUNDS

The Buzzhounds perform 9:30-11 p.m. May 6 at Moretti's, 6727 N. Olmsted Ave., Chicago, as part of the Off the Trax Music Fest, May 5-6 at four venues in Chicago's Edison Park neighborhood. Performances kick off 6 p.m. May 5 at Emerald Isle, 6686 N. Northwest Highway, Firewater Saloon, 6689 N. Oliphant Ave., Edison Park Inn, 6715 N. Olmsted Ave., as well as Moretti's. Tickets are available online or at the door. Complete Fest information at www.offthetraxmusicfest.com.

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Assessor Susan Moylan Krey, from left, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, David Kuhlman, Hannah Kuhlman, Kimberly Ann Kuhlman, Nathan Kuhlman, Stephen Kuhlman, Trustee Laura Morask, Ann Solari-Twadell (Kimberly's Mother) and Trustee Peter Glalamas, were all on hand for the 166th Annual Town Meeting of Maine Township on April 12. Some 100 officials and guests watched as Kimberly Ann Kuhlman, a Park Ridge resident, received the Sgt. Karen Lader Good Citizen Award in recognition of her volunteer work in scouting at St. Paul of the Cross parish and on the Appearance Commission of Park Ridge. More information on Maine Township at www.maintownship.com or 847-297-2510.

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ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
7 Buckingham Ln, Buffalo Grove	Aliaksandra Kremlinskaya	Scott Norris	03-21-16	\$226,000
207 Willow Pkwy, # 95, Buffalo Grove	Saravanakumar Sagadevan & Anuradha Jaya Jayaseelan	Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee	03-18-16	\$262,500
457 Raphael Ave, Buffalo Grove	Ramakoteswarareddy Veeramreddy	Vytautas Blckus	03-21-16	\$276,500
955 Knollwood Dr, Buffalo Grove	Enna E Virsman Vulykhe & Vitaliy A Vulyk	Donald Doruff	03-18-16	\$440,000
625 Pierce Ct, Grayslake	David J Wegner & Pamela Wegner	Future Nest Lic	03-21-16	\$187,500
1546 Levi Baxter St, Grayslake	Eric P Strickland & Megan M Payne	Todd A Hinz	03-21-16	\$237,000
836 Judson Ave, Highland Park	Larry Heller & Randy Heller	Kenneth E Goldstein	03-18-16	\$500,000
152 Indian Meadow Ln, Indian Creek	Pradip Kumar Nandi & Kupa Guha	Yevgeniy Khaytin	03-18-16	\$440,000
440 Valley View Rd, Lake Barrington	Brett W Tompson & Richard A Gotlund	Stephen Boynton	03-18-16	\$213,000
191 Wildwood Rd, Lake Forest	Mary E Banks	Margaret Kiszonas	03-21-16	\$305,000
195 Park Ave, Lake Forest	Linda Egan	Linda S Cahill	03-18-16	\$375,000
920 Grandview Ln, Lake Forest	Gregory O Clark & Teresa N Clark	Thomas J O Rourke	03-18-16	\$645,000
37 Terrace Ln, Lake Zurich	Gregory T Blegen & Marilyn G Blegen	Kathleen A Nelligan	03-18-16	\$183,500
135 Miller Rd, Lake Zurich	Timothy E Malinowski & Tammi L Malinowski	Starwood Waypoint Trs Lic	03-21-16	\$330,000
709 E Golf Rd, Libertyville	Raymond John Simnick & Lauren Ann Simnick	Charles R Scoles	03-21-16	\$447,500
15087 W Redwood Ln, Libertyville	Scott C Valley & Rebecca M Valley	James E Held	03-21-16	\$455,000
1116 Pinetree Ln, Libertyville	Ryan Feld & Jessica Feld	Jonathan Lamberson	03-21-16	\$460,000
610 Roosevelt Dr, Libertyville	Paul Freude & Amanda Freude	Kapoor Trust	03-21-16	\$645,000
5257 W Meagan Ct, Libertyville	Kenneth Wayne Orvis	William H Pfund	03-21-16	\$780,000
437 N Ridgemoor Ave, Mundelein	Irma Leon & Rosa L Rodriguez	Rosaldo Caballero Serrano	03-21-16	\$175,000
617 Blue Spruce Ln, Mundelein	Andres Metsma	James T Odak	03-21-16	\$188,500
1300 Darnell Dr, Mundelein	Brian Affolter & Ashley Lamarche	Patrick Wells	03-21-16	\$192,000
2110 Fieldcrest Dr, Mundelein	Patrick A Lock	Wilfred C Boudreau	03-18-16	\$350,000
6 Big Oak Ln, Riverwoods	Marc J Gerke & Kipling G Solid	Michael F Zaremba Jr	03-18-16	\$484,000
218 Brett Cir, # D, Wauconda	Adeline Mark	Stacey M Niebuhr	03-21-16	\$91,000
2810 Cattail Ct, # B, Wauconda	Hannah M Drake	Karthick Pattabraman	03-18-16	\$163,000
7205 Blair Ln, Fox Lake	Russell Huffman & Gladys Huffman	Wayne Moran	03-21-16	\$118,000
511 Fox Ridge Dr, Fox Lake	Dorothy A Benson	Victor Nix	03-21-16	\$120,000
36739 N Center Dr, Gurnee	Alexander E Sabatka	Ricky L Dinardi	03-21-16	\$148,900
824 Rogers Rd, Gurnee	Christopher Michael Dammers	Richter Trust	03-21-16	\$150,000
3729 Atlantic Ave, Gurnee	Milton R Breve	John Del Rio	03-18-16	\$190,000
92 Silo Ct, Gurnee	Elvir Suljic & Elma Suljic	Karen Kish	03-18-16	\$220,500
193 S Hunt Club Rd, Gurnee	Howard L Posner & Geraldine J Posner	Francine A Dykij	03-21-16	\$299,500
37219 N Loretto Ave, Lake Villa	Daniel A Muscarello	David A Muscarello	03-21-16	\$90,000
1318 N Cedar Lake Rd, Lake Villa	Kevin R Mazur	Benjamin A Winderweedle	03-18-16	\$256,000
439 Red Cedar Rd, Lake Villa	Charles R Scoles & Carole A Scoles	J Justin Pawlik	03-21-16	\$340,000
32867 Weathervane Ln, Lake-moor	Elias C Mendoza Sr	Louis H Holgate Sr	03-18-16	\$249,000
3186 Falling Waters Ln, Lindenhurst	Gabrielle Sarsok	Ann Marie Scully	03-21-16	\$119,000
1700 Fairfield Rd, Lindenhurst	Christopher Caraballo & Alyssa Caraballo	John B Malloy	03-21-16	\$139,000
576 White Birch Rd, Lindenhurst	Jing Yang	Linda Sue Slay	03-18-16	\$151,000
734 N Horizon Ct, Lindenhurst	Ricky L Dinardi & Suzanne L Dinardi	Jason C Gore	03-21-16	\$245,000
1450 W Remington Ln, Round Lake	Michael C Livorsi	Beth D Phillips	03-18-16	\$153,000
1317 Brentwood Dr, Round Lake Beach	Roberto Castaneda	Wilmington Trust Na Trustee	03-18-16	\$63,000
1252 N Village Dr, Round Lake Beach	Matthew Wamboldt	Christine Butler	03-21-16	\$95,000
1109 Morningside Dr, # 3, Round Lake Beach	Patrick H Roob	Jason C Blacketer	03-21-16	\$315,000
921 Schooner Ct, Round Lake Park	Jamael D Ellison	Richard S Stahnke	03-18-16	\$185,000
7830 N Pillow Hill Rd, Spring Grove	Kewargis Orah & Maryam Orah	Byline Bank	03-21-16	\$1,000
609 Richard Brown Blvd, Volo	Justin Sexton	Ryan L Seylier	03-18-16	\$128,000
913 Great Falls Dr, Volo	Jeffrey A Marra & Lauren A Marra	Bethany A Russ	03-21-16	\$200,000
2904 Concord Ln, Wadsworth	Milosija Milosavljevic & Raomilo Milosavljevic	Us Bank Na Trustee	03-21-16	\$100,000
12656 W Wall Ave, Waukegan	Rodolfo C Salazar	Kenneth L King	03-18-16	\$164,000
2305 11th St, Winthrop Harbor	Kallie Steffens	Hud	03-21-16	\$110,110

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1423 Lorelei Dr, Zion	Martin Munoz Ruiz & Virginia Gomez De Munoz	Aracell F Montoya	03-21-16	\$115,000
2051 Peach Tree Ln, Algonquin	Kevin J Demar & Tinh T Tran	Scott C Hengstenberger	03-18-16	\$127,000
1025 Meghan Ave, Algonquin	Jeffrey Doose	Flat Rock Properties Lic	03-21-16	\$144,000
1305 Meghan Ave, Algonquin	Mark Zyrkowski & Nancy Zyrkowski	Harvey E Hargrove	03-09-16	\$191,000
1023 Confederation Dr, Bartlett	Jeremy Johnson & Nicole Johnson	Frank Koy	03-24-16	\$245,000
302 N Wisconsin St, Carpentersville	Maureen K Hunt	Cynthia M Smith	03-21-16	\$109,000
1122 Denver Dr, Carpentersville	Maria Del Carmen Flores & Henry Leon	Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee	03-09-16	\$121,000
1954 Cobblestone Dr, Carpentersville	Mary R Chionis	Lorraine M Muelner	03-17-16	\$124,500
1811 Cambridge Dr, Carpentersville	Brenda M Murphy	Tina E Methé	03-09-16	\$150,500
245 Audrey Ln, Carpentersville	Louis Matchem	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	03-09-16	\$180,000
3133 Shenandoah Cir, Carpentersville	Tyler Norman & Emily Norman	Bryan Jones	03-17-16	\$211,000
621 Hawthorne Ct, Carpentersville	Dorothy Haufe	William Brittin	03-11-16	\$215,000
7052 Westwood Dr, Carpentersville	Merita Shabani & Miron Demirovski	Robert Jarvis	03-17-16	\$255,000
6534 Pine Hollow Rd, Carpentersville	Daniel Muro & Carmen Muro	Brad A Tennell	03-18-16	\$276,000
3234 Red Oak Cir, Carpentersville	Medrick Rainbow	Scott A Gardner	03-14-16	\$475,000
14N545 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Dundee	Bassam Danial	Richard B Mabarchy	03-18-16	\$160,000
559 Springwood Ct, East Dundee	Lukasz Janoweic	Michael Cirillo	03-09-16	\$152,000
443 Illinois St, East Dundee	James Volkman	George A Karavas	03-18-16	\$159,500
502 King Ave, East Dundee	John Francis Harmon & Jean Ann Harmon	Christopher J Deisle	03-16-16	\$163,500
16N490 Vista Ln, East Dundee	Julio Roman & Lian Roman	Samuel Kim	03-17-16	\$212,000
4041 Conifer Dr, Elgin	Jeffrey E Martin & Colleen Martin	Calatlantic Group Inc	03-16-16	\$351,500
307 Sonora Dr, Elgin	Starr Figueroa	Fannie Mae	03-16-16	\$364,000
3562 Hidden Fawn Dr, Elgin	Farruh Amonov	Cartus Financial Corp	03-21-16	\$390,000
8N533 Kendall Rd, Elgin	Dennis A Kallas & Carrie Lynne Kallas	Connelly Trust	03-17-16	\$440,000
1012 John Keats Ct, Elgin	Michael E Wesa & Kristina M Wesa	Taylor Morrison Illinois Inc	03-14-16	\$475,000
3705 Peregrine Way, Elgin	Robert A Fischer & Casey D Fischer	Hw Homes Lic	03-21-16	\$603,000
135 Easton Dr, Gilberts	Robert Gajewski & Joan Gajewski	Carolyn L Clark	03-09-16	\$235,000
5546 W Celebrity Cir, Hanover Park	Raj N Shah	Raymond D Gardecki	03-24-16	\$115,000
5467 Arlington Dr W, Hanover Park	Maria L Rodriguez Mendoza & Maria Mendoza Agullar	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	03-25-16	\$160,000
2370 Leeward Ln, Hanover Park	Jeffrey Krzywicki & Katherine A Knotts	Barbara S Momsen	03-24-16	\$206,000
4073 Bayside Dr, Hanover Park	Daniel Maxwell	Precision Homes Llc	03-24-16	\$217,000
10474 Casselberry S, Huntley	Yolanda La Luz & Rafael E La Luz	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-14-16	\$155,500
14484 Tawny Ln, Huntley	Michael D Pribich & Barbara A Pribich	Michael A Turso	03-14-16	\$243,000
1164 Alta Vista Dr, Pingree Grove	Benjamin L Rouse & Kristen F Haney	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-17-16	\$137,500
1256 Alta Vista Dr, Pingree Grove	David A Quinn	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-17-16	\$137,500
623 Yorkshire Ln, Pingree Grove	Lisa Reis	Brett S Johnson	03-21-16	\$146,000
1586 Hannah Ln, Pingree Grove	Michael A Turso & Grace A Turso	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-14-16	\$150,000
1405 Isle Royale Ct, Pingree Grove	Charles J Abbott Jr	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-14-16	\$160,000
1444 Lighthouse Ln, Pingree Grove	Brandon J Jones & Monica M Jones	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-14-16	\$160,000
681 Dover St, Pingree Grove	Ritesh Dalal & Jessica L Cunningham Dalal	Rita A Kelley	03-14-16	\$242,000
1790 Prospect Cir, Pingree Grove	Danielle N Bauer	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-17-16	\$247,500
1605 Lake Bluff Ln, Pingree Grove	Timothy J Mcgulgahan & Clare T Lewandowski	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-14-16	\$273,500
1115 Prescott Ln, Pingree Grove	Carl E McGraw & Virginia M McGraw	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-17-16	\$287,500
213 Millington Way, Saint Charles	Donna Beshir	Lynn C Mahlin	03-15-16	\$134,000
1752 Hillcrest Park, Sleepy Hollow	Madellen L Van Hecke	Larry W Rosenthal	03-14-16	\$195,000
2947 Dartmouth Ln, West Dundee	Scott M Jos	Paul Blalek	03-18-16	\$305,000

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PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Four-bedroom, three-bath stone and brick home. Kitchen has walnut cabinetry with granite countertops and backsplash, breakfast bar, stove-top range with hood, double ovens. Master suite has 20-foot cathedral ceilings, heated hardwood floors, floor-to-ceiling extra-wide stone fireplace, terrace, walk-in closets. Third floor can be used as bedroom or recreation room. Three-car heated garage.

Address: 305 East Willow Road
Price: \$699,900
Schools: Wheeling High School
Taxes: \$11,492
Agent: Sohail Salahuddin, @Properties



NILES

Remodeled three-bedroom, two-bath brick home has new kitchen, fixtures and appliances, including built-in microwave. Both baths have new porcelain tile and granite vanities. New furnace, air conditioner and hot water heater. Upgraded electrical system, large lower level family room with laminated flooring, two-car garage with door opener, open backyard.

Address: 8532 N. Oleander Ave.
Price: \$349,000
Schools: Maine East High School
Taxes: \$6,211
Agent: Rick Brown, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Libertyville



WILMETTE

Four-bedroom, 1.5-bath home on brick paved street in central Wilmette. Stained and leaded glass windows, hardwood floors. Kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite countertops and stainless appliances plus mudroom/office space with built-in desk and cabinet storage. One-car garage. Near Metra, schools, businesses.

Address: 344 Oak Circle
Price: \$649,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School Winnetka
Taxes: \$9,888
Agent: Claire Sucsy, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Evanston



LIBERTYVILLE

Three-bedroom, two-bedroom tri-level home built in 1957, with a living room/dining room combo. Partial basement is fully furnished. Laundry room has washer and dryer. 2.5-car garage, with brick and cedar exterior and an asphalt roof.

Address: 305 Kenloch Ave.
Price: \$253,000
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: \$5,268
Agent: Quin O'Brien, 4 Sale Realty Inc.

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Thursday, May 5

John Walte & The Axemen: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$45, 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. Go to the event Facebook page for more info on the project, donations and for a list of workshops. Midnight, all week long, 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. May 5 through May 8, 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. 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. Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Why Not Home Documentary Screening: "Why Not Home?" challenges viewers to move beyond the polarization and judgment of where to have a child, and instead embrace a more integrated and collaborative model for the future of childbirth. 7 p.m. Heartwood Center, 1818 W. Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-733-8050

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. All week, 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 Brown-ing, Mark Dvorak, Maura Lally and Kristin Lems. 10 a.m. All week, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

Babysitting Basics For Teens: Earn a certificate of completion after learning how to provide safe, confident care for children and their parents at a two-day workshop, presented by the MG Fire Department. 3:45 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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. 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. A's Karaoke Bar, 8751 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, free, 224-534-7158

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. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-316

Book Discussion: This group meets on the first Thursday of each month. 1 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free,

847-692-5127

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program box is in the lobby of the Park Ridge Police Department. Accepted are: prescription medications, (including controlled substances), all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-1300 ext. 146. 9 a.m. All week, Park Ridge Police Department, 200 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, free

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. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, free, 310-445-4273

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. Midnight, All week, 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." 10:30 a.m. All week, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

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

Resumes: Hands-on workshop that provides resume best practices to begin constructing an effective, branded, customizable and focused resume highlighting your unique value. To learn more about the workshops, go to jvschicago.org/career-moves-workshops-and-events, call, or email andrealevasseur@jvschicago.org. The Career Moves clients pay \$10 per work-

shop, and non-clients pay \$20 per workshop. 1 p.m. Thursday, Goldje Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, \$10-\$20 per workshop, 847-745-5460

The Jewish Mother's Guide to Everything: Stand-up comic Caryn Bark brings her hilarious one-woman show to Skokie Theatre. Told with the wit and humor that is the unique style of the Funny Old Broads ringleader. 7:30 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

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. All week, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Friday, May 6

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

Lost Dogs and Mixed Blessings The Music of John Prine: Join producer Tom Carey and members of his "Heartache Tonight" band as they pay homage to Chicago's legendary folk artist John Prine. 7:30 p.m. May 6 and May 7, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$20-\$30, 847-220-2919

Alejandro Escovedo: With Lucette. 8 p.m. May 7 and May 8, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$25-\$60, 847-492-8860

Nia: Holistic dance fitness: With Nia develop flexibility, agility, mobility, strength and stability in your body. 11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, \$11 drop-in. \$80 unlimited class pass., 847-869-6477

ETHS presents "Puss and Boots": "Puss and Boots," is based on the well-known French fairy tale. This is the Evanston Township High School's spring Frosh-Soph Children's Theater production. Performances take place in the ETHS Little Theatre. Tickets are available at the door. 4:15 p.m. May 6 and 7:15 p.m. May 7, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evans-

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ton, \$7 adults; \$5 seniors; \$3 students, 847-424-7130

5Rhythms Dance: Come explore the 5Rhythms Dance - a movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Foster Dance Studios, 915 Foster St., Evanston, \$15; \$10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

Effective Communication and Caregiving Options: Memory loss affects the whole family. Mary Lu Osterberg, LCPC, Clinical Manager of North Shore Senior Center House of Welcome, presents techniques to help increase attendees knowledge of effective ways to communicate with people with memory loss. Caregiving options are also discussed. Please register by calling. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Drop-In Chess Club (up to grade 8): Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy. If possible, when dropping in, bring your own chess set. Children under age eight must be accompanied by a parent. 7 p.m. 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. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$10-\$15, 847-502-0630

Wesley Child Care Center Pizza Mania Benefit: Glenview/Northbrook Kiwanis Club sponsors this Pizza Mania fundraising event. Eat pizza, pop and dessert till your heart's content. Tickets in advance are \$5 (\$6 at the door) for ages 2-12 and \$12 (\$15 at the door) for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for seniors. Proceeds go to Wesley Child Care Center's Scholarship Tuition Assistance Program and other programs. 5 p.m. Wesley Child Care Center, 727 Harlem Ave., Glenview, \$5-\$15, 847-729-0184

Silver Screen Series "Million Dollar Mermaid": "Million Dollar Mermaid" from 1952, is a story about an Australian swimming champ and entertainer Annette Kellerman, who after overcoming polio, achieves fame. She creates a scandal when her one-piece bathing suit is considered indecent. The cast includes: Esther Williams, and Victor Mature. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-

965-4220

Duplicate Bridge: The senior center offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. 9 a.m. 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. 1:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$63 member; \$69 guest, 847-692-3597

Elle Goulding: 7 p.m. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$35, 847-635-6601

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. May 6 and May 7 and 2:30 p.m. May 8, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$24-\$34, 847-677-7761

Saturday, May 7

Polyglots Toastmasters meeting: Polyglots is the only Toastmasters International Club in the United States that conducts its meetings in German. This is not a language school, but a place where you can speak and listen to German. Go to the website at polyglot-toastmasters.org/ and their meet up at meetup.com/Polyglots-Toastmasters-German-speaking/. Please email andrew.weiler.uiuc@gmail.com for the current location. Our May 7 meeting will be at Oakton Arms 1660 Oakton Place, Des Plaines, IL. 9:30 a.m. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Evanston Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce, meat, cheese, baked goods, flowers and more from 51 vendors. Dogs are not allowed at the market (service animals excepted). LINK cards are accepted. 7:30 a.m. Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

FUSE: Studio: Drop-in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12. Mid-night, Evanston Public Library, 1703

Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous meets Saturdays. New-comer meeting on the last Saturday of the month. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For information, call Hannah. 9 a.m. St Matthews Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-0609

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

Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories: Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. May 7 and May 8, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

Beethoven Project VIII: Celebrate the Musical Offering Artistic Director Rick Ferguson's birthday by joining him for his ongoing Beethoven Project, including the music and illuminating banter. 7:30 p.m. The Musical Offering, 743 Custer Ave., Evanston, \$15 at the door, 847-866-6260

Superhero Saturday: Be ready to test your superpowers and meet some of your favorite characters, so just drop in. Costumes and capes are encouraged but not required. Stop by the Youth Services Desk (while supplies last) to pick up a free comic book, too. This is courtesy of Pastimes Comics Niles. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Free Comic Book Day for ages 13-18: For ages 13-18 to celebrate Free Comic Book Day. Stop by the Teen Scene to pick up a comic book, courtesy of Pastimes Comics and Games Niles. 9 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Wiggieworms Party: Leading with guitar and voice, Lindsay Weinberg, engages children ages birth through five years, along with a caregiver/parent in singing along, exploring rhythm and moving their bodies to the music. 10 a.m. Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

26th Annual Arts And Crafts Ad-

venture: Artists and crafts-artists from the American Society of Artists will fill Hodges Park with an exhibit ranging from paintings, glassworks, woodarts and artware to hand-crafted jewelry, photography, textiles, candle and floral crafts. 9 a.m. Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-991-4748

Play Minecraft In a Movie Theatre: In this four-week series, Super League brings together gamers of all ages for a fun, social, face-to-face gameplay experience on the big screen with superhero themed maps and mods in a custom Minecraft adventure called, Rise of Heroes. Bring your laptop with Minecraft 1.9.2 installed and play first-person on your computer. 10 a.m. Muvico Rosemont 18, 9701 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, \$60

The Gospel According to...: 8 p.m. May 7 and 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 8, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$15-\$51, 847-673-6300

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. Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day Champagne Brunch: Brunch highlights include carving, omelet, crepe and antipasto stations. Other brunch items to be enjoyed are assorted appetizers, cold seafood, fruit trays, salads, breads and a sweet table. Guests can choose from traditional brunch favorites as well as some delightful culinary surprises. Complimentary valet parking will be provided and a bloody Mary bar will be available for purchase. Please make your reservations at 630-766-0304, ext.2. 9:30 a.m. White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, \$35.95 (per adult); \$15.95 (children ages 5-10); Free (4 and under), 630-766-0304

Jamie Lawson: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12, 847-492-8860

Mother's Day Jazz Brunch: Treat mom to some fun this year and join us in downtown Evanston. Featuring live Jazz by the Sean Van Dril Trio. Deluxe craft-your-own mimosa and Bloody Mary stations. 11 a.m. The Crystal Ballroom & Lounge, 529 Davis St., Evanston, \$30, 847-864-6400

John Williams' Sunday music ses-

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tion: 3 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Do Not Submit: A Storytelling Open Mic: Second Sundays of the Month. Local event that is pressure free night for storytellers from zero to decades of experience to connect, share stories and hone their craft. 5:30 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Harry Caray's Rosemont Mother's Day Champagne Brunch: The Mother's Day Champagne Brunch will include an omelet and scramble station, Belgian waffle station and classic entrees including baby back ribs and crab cakes. Children's favorites, like pigs in a blanket and chicken tenders, will also be available. 10 a.m. Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse, 10233 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, adults \$42.95 (including champagne); children 6 to 12 \$22.95; free for children five and younger, 847-699-1200

Mother's Day Brunch at Bub City Rosemont: Treat that sweet momma in your life (or mommas, treat yourself!) with plenty of decadent options on this classic Southern brunch menu like fried chicken and waffles and beef brisket benedict, or tackle the ultimate Hog Heaven Breakfast. The build-your-own Bloody Mary Bar is open, and as always, enjoy the best selection around of live country music. 10 a.m. Bub City, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, varies, 312-610-4200

Mother's Day Brunch at The Estate by Gene & Georgetti: Celebrate that special woman in your life. There is a live harp performance and the brunch includes a selection of classic brunch fare as well as house specialties. Also a special children's station with breakfast favorites and a selection of decadent desserts. 11 a.m. The Estate by Gene & Georgetti, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, \$48 adults; \$24 children ages 11 and younger, plus tax and gratuity, 847-653-3302

Monday, May 9

Book Bables: Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

The Mudflapps live every Monday: The Mudflapps sing and play their hearts out every Monday in the pub from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. Food and drink served late. 8 p.m. The Celtic Knot Pub-

lic House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

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. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Book Discussion: This adult book discussion will be offsite at the Lincolnwood Community Center and features "Delicious" by Ruth Reichl. 11 a.m. Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Call 847-929-5101 or go to mgpl.org for more information. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Scribble Monster Music: Sing, think, play, dance and share with Scribble Jayne and Scribble Jim, the famous musical duo known as the Scribble Monsters. This interactive and fun music concert gets your toddler or pre-schooler moving, and grooving, and learning. 10:30 a.m. 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 go to mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

Minecraft Monday: Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to register to try their hand at this monthly MineCraft Monday challenge. The group meets in the new computer training lab on the lower level. 4:30 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Pathology Conference (CME Accredited event) 2016: Come participate in the upcoming Fifth Interna-

tional Conference on Pathology hosted by Conferencseries LLC. This event is designated with a maximum of 18.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) jointly provided by MER. The theme for this year's Conference is "To Stimulate the Technology in Pathology for Scientific Excellence." 8 a.m. All week. Northshore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$149-\$899, 702-508-5200

Tuesday, May 10

The English Beat: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$38-\$68, 847-492-8860

5Rhythms Dance: Come and explore the 5Rhythms Dance - a movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, free, 847-869-0250

Rotary Club of Evanston Light-house: This community leadership group boasts 80 members and meets every Tuesday. 7:15 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

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

Smile & Rhyme Storytime: Miss Fran shares stories, rhymes and songs in the Cafe. Stay for a snack and to chat after the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Just drop-in. 10:30 a.m. Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free

Career Counseling Appointments: Consult with a career expert for resume help and job search strategies for any stage of your career. Please register by calling for one of only six 30-minute appointments available. 9 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

LEGO Club grades 1-6: Broken down for: first through second graders on May 10; and third through sixth graders on May 11. Lego pieces are provided, you supply the ideas and everything is awesome. 4 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Town Without Plty The Spoon River Anthology: Allan Ruter and a reader's troupe present a blending of literary history, interpretative reading and images to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Edgar Lee Masters' American classic. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Movies Munchies and More Film "In the Heart of the Sea": "In the Heart of the Sea" from 2015, is a story about the crew of a New England whaling ship in the winter of 1820, who struggle to survive after an attack by a rogue sperm whale leaves them stranded at sea for 90 days. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Tech Help Drop-In Apple Devices: Have questions about an Apple device such as an iPhone or iPad? Drop-in with your device any time during this session and get assistance from a librarian. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Doo Wop Concert by Singer Bert Jonson: Remember "Blue Moon" or "Little Darlin'"? How about "Strangers in the Night" or "My Way?" 10:30 a.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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. St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 702-806-8421

Historical Perspectives on Presidential Elections: Bill Olivieri, financial analyst and the owner of Cenacle Capital Management, will discuss how Presidential Elections (past and present) affect stocks, interest rates and commodities. 8 a.m. North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

The Fall of the Ottomans: A Medieval-Modern Hinge: The entry of the Ottoman Empire into the World War in 1914 added a powerful new religious complication to what had until then been a struggle among Christian nations. Jim Kenney examines this over four weeks with you. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$40 (NSSC members); \$52 (non-members), 847-784-6030

Building Healthy Habits: Take part in movement exercises in this class as well as work from "Building Healthy Habits," which is sold on the first day of class. Register in advance by calling the Centennial Activity Center. 2:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$50 member; \$55 guest, 847-692-3597

Cover Letters: An interactive workshop to learn why cover letters matter with techniques for developing commu-

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nications that help land interviews. To register for Career Moves workshops, go to jvschicago-syhum.formstack.com/forms/career_identity. 9:30 a.m. Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, \$10-\$20 per workshop, 847-745-5460

Great Books Discussion Group: Meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss some of the best books in the English language. For more information on joining, call 847-673-1814. 7 p.m. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-7774

Wednesday, May 11

The English Beat: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$38-\$68, 847-492-8860

Live Music Wednesdays with the Josh Rzepka Trio: Hear the music of Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other classics of the era played by the Josh Rzepka Bebop trio. Reservations can be made online or by calling. 6:30 p.m. Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

Preschool Story Time: Stories and songs for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

Writing the Holocaust: Focusing on testimony written during and soon after the war. The Theodore Zev Weiss Annual Lecture in Holocaust Studies is presented by the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University. 4 p.m. Harris Hall, 1881 Sheridan Road, Evanston, free, 847-467-4408

Census Records: Census records can provide many clues about your family history. Learn how to search these records online. A Glenview Library card is required and register by calling. 10 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

You Too Can Eat Healthy: At the heart of healthy eating are the choices we make over the long run. Registered nurse at the Niles Senior Center, Brigitte Powidzki, helps attendees learn the key principles of healthy eating without sacrificing a little fun now and then. 7 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Musical Mayhem: What do you get

when you combine music, shakers, scarves and dancing? Come to the library and get ready to boogie. No registration is required for this event. 10:30 a.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Women Who Read are Dangerous: Literary Ladies in the Age of Impressionism. The idea of a woman reading Flaubert's masterpiece, *Madame Bovary*, in 19th century France was scandalous. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 (NSSC members); \$13 (non-members), 847-784-6030

Twenty-first Star NSDAR General Meeting: The Twenty-first Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution enjoy a luncheon served at noon with a meeting and program to follow. Chapter Regent Gale Enault presents, "The Year in Review." 11:30 a.m. Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$22, 847-328-6946

LitLounge Fun Home by Allison Bechdel: The book description of "Fun Home" is that it is an unusual memoir done in the form of a graphic novel by a cult favorite comic artist who offers a

darkly funny family portrait that details her relationship with her father, a historic preservation expert dedicated to restoring the family's Victorian home, funeral home director, high-school English teacher, and more. 7:30 p.m. The Curragh Irish Pub Skokie, 8266 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, free, 847-965-4220

Canasta Lessons: Learn to play the new Canasta at the Mallinckrodt Center of the Wilmette Park District. The class meets once a week for five weeks. Different fees are based on membership to Mallinckrodt Center or not. 10:15 a.m. Mallinckrodt Center, 1041 Ridge Road, Wilmette, \$50 members; \$60 non-members, 847-256-9623

Senior High Youth Group: For all youth grades 9 to 12 to enjoy fun and friendship while engaging in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. The evening starts with a tasty dinner, sometimes chicken, sometimes pasta or pizza. 6:45 p.m. First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

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**"The Jungle Book" ★★★**

PG, 1:51, drama

I have a hard time loving any movie dominated by ultracrisp animation designed to look real, not animated. That sort of realism often looks slightly clinical. 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, Baiou, 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*

**"The Huntsman: Winter's War" ★★**

PG-13, 1:54, drama

How do you solve a problem like Kristen (Stewart)? You write Snow White entirely out of the sequel to "Snow White and the Huntsman." The script acrobatics result in a bizarre prequel/sequel mashup where Snow White doesn't show up. In her own fairy tale. The film focuses on two of the best elements from the first film: Charlize Theron's wickedly beautiful and scheming Ravenna, a queen who desires power and to be the fairest of

them all, and Chris Hemsworth's ruggedly hunky ax-throwing huntsman, Eric. Added to the mix is Ravenna's sister Freya (Emily Blunt). Despite the talent involved, this "Huntsman" wildly misses its target. — *Katie Walsh*

**"Barbershop: The Next Cut" ★★ ½**

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). The film stays on message about community pride, family

values and personal responsibility. Some of the political discourse is a bit fast and loose with neo-liberal notions of individualism and respectability politics. — *K.W.*

**"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 dwellers.

Judy throws herself headlong into an investigation of missing mammals, specifically one Emmet Otterton, with the aid of wise-cracking fox Nick (Jason Bateman). — *K.W.*

**"The Boss" ★ ½**

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. Nailed for insider trading, Darnell does a few months' white-collar jail time and, broke and desperate, re-enters life in Chicago. She convinces 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: When Darnell crashes into a wall or takes a tumble down the stairs, it's alarming and painful as opposed to funny. — *M.P.*

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Death Notices

Kraft, Jr., Frank M.

Frank M. Kraft Jr. age 89 Passed away April 26, 2016. Frank was a Veteran of World War 2 in the United States Navy. Longtime resident of Norridge and was a Crossing guard with the Norridge Police Dept. for 25 years. Beloved husband of the late Frances. Loving father of James, Joann; Robert (Denice) and Elizabeth (Rob) Farenkopf. Devoted grandfather of Bobby Michael, Robyn, Brooke and Ryan. Dear brother of the late Lillian (the late Edwin) Schap. Fond uncle of Gwen, Glen and Tina. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. at Acacia Park Lutheran Church, 4307 N Oriole Ave, Norridge, IL 60706. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Rodelius, Jr., George August

George August Rodelius, Jr., 91, of Danville, died on Monday, April 25, 2016 in Danville, Kentucky. He was born in Evanston, Illinois to the late George August Rodelius, Sr. and Irene Peterson Rodelius. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Mary Swan Rodelius. George served as a U.S. Naval Aviator during WWII. After graduating from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, he began working at the Advertising Division of the U.S. League of Savings & Loan Associations. He worked there for over 30 years, retiring in 1986 as President. He was a faithful member of the Rotary Club and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), serving as an Elder, on many committees, and as a member of the choir. George loved life and his interests were wide-ranging, including photography, music, travel, golf, boating, flying, exploring, reading, computers, and politics. George was devoted to his family and his friends and was known for his generosity, his kind-heartedness, and his loving and joyful spirit. Surviving is a son, George A. (Silvia Forbes) Rodelius III from Bedminster, New Jersey; a daughter, Rev. Dr. Sue Swan Rodelius (Wayne Brian) Dickson from Ashland, Ohio; eight grandchildren: Elizabeth (Rob) Harpster, Brian (Joni) Dickson, Anne Dickson, Matthew (Monica) Dickson, Kathryn (Powell) Searls, Justin Dickson, Noah Rodelius, and Emma Rodelius; four great grandchildren: Rebekah, Carolyn, Ben, and Mykelti; three nieces and two nephews. George is preceded in death by a daughter, Anne Rodelius and a sister, Barbara Gray. A celebration of life service was held at 4:00 PM, Friday, April 29, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church in Danville, Ky. Memorial contributions for "Soups On Us" would be appreciated.

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Waldman, Margie 'Marge'

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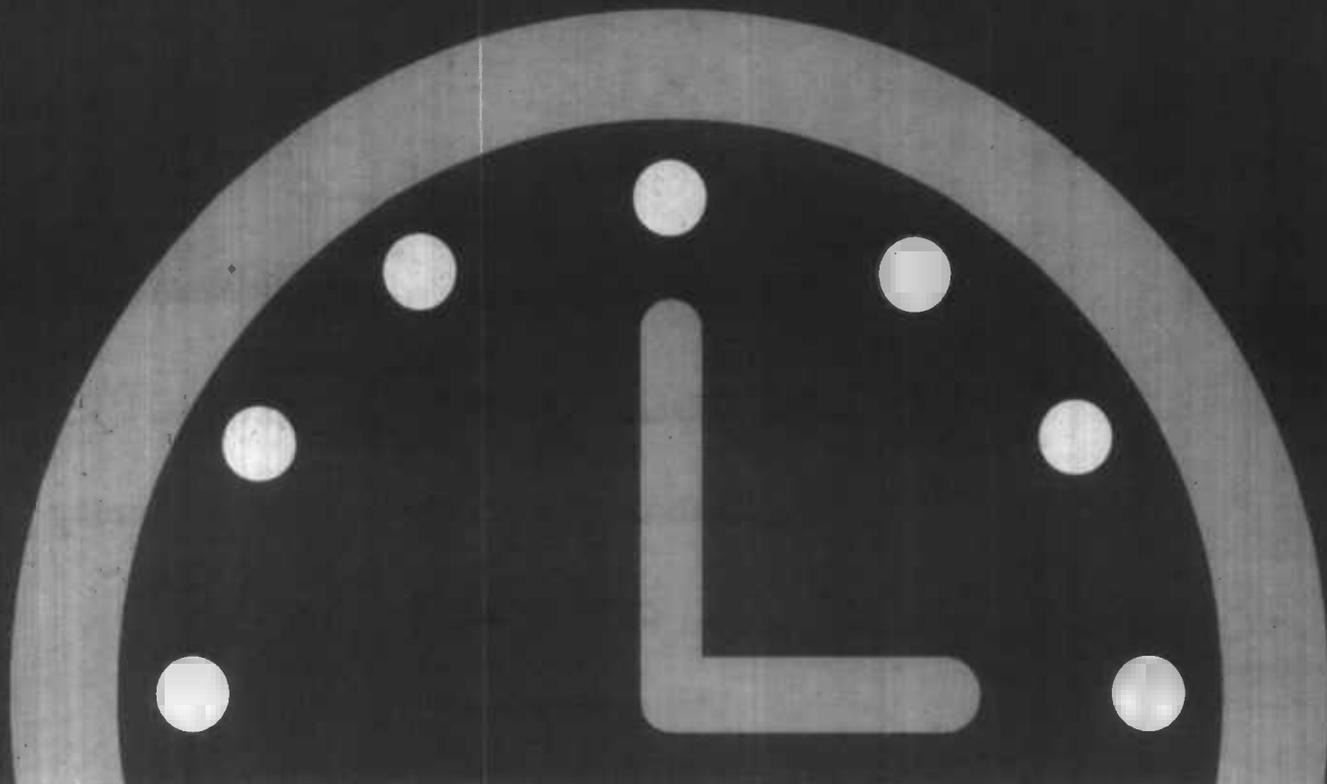
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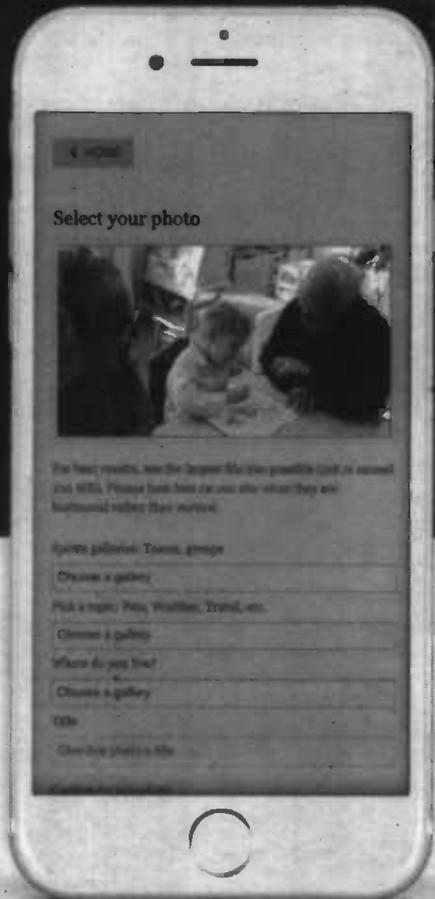


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Jeep at 75

Brand's broad appeal, loyalty drive growth; nagging quality issues take back seat

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Tribune Newspapers

In the past 75 years, wars have been fought with Jeep, and they've been fought over Jeep. The original four-wheel-drive utility vehicle took GIs across Europe in WWII, then was domesticated for sun and toil after the war. It provoked mergers between automakers and has become the brightest star in the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles family.

Tearing it up

"Jeep is bringing sales," said Jessica Caldwell, senior analyst at Edmunds.com. "Their focus on smaller SUVs with respected fuel economy hits the sweet spot."

Jeep sold 1.2 million units last year for 22 percent growth globally and 25 percent domestically; Latin America experienced the largest Jeep growth, 135 percent.

That's not the entire hillside. According to Automotive News, Jeep increased its load as the best-selling brand within FCA. It totals more than Dodge and Chrysler combined. Acknowledging truth, FCA will drop the Chrysler 200 and Dodge Dart to expand Jeep production.

"Globally, FCA doesn't use Jeep as much as they should but has aspirations to make it more of a global brand," Caldwell said. "Jeep has a lot of brand equity and could expand more."

Global history

It all started with one simple little vehicle.

The bugle called in July 1940 for a light reconnaissance vehicle that could carry 600 pounds, run 50 mph, and have four-wheel



FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES

The Cherokee is among the models that have kept the Jeep brand strong over the years.

drive and ground clearance of 6.25 inches. American Bantam answered. Concerned American Bantam couldn't meet demand to deliver a prototype in under two months, the Army also gave contracts to Willys-Overland and Ford. More than 650,000 units were built during World War II.

Willys wasted no time rolling out a "Civilian Jeep" in 1945. It had a four-cylinder engine and solid axles but was dressed with brighter colors and nicer seats for the mass market.

The larger CJ-5 (1955 to '83) and even larger CJ-7 (1976 to '87) hit streets and trails until surpassed by the Wrangler, which replaced the CJ series in 1987.

Along the way, Jeep launched pickups such as the Gladiator (1963 to '87), a civil-servant Dispatcher for the U.S. Postal Service, and more luxurious models like the sporty Jeepster (1948 to '51) and the first true luxury SUV, the Wag-

oneer (1963 to '91).

During the 1980s, Jeep thrived on suburb-ready SUVs such as the four-door Cherokee, which combined sedan comfort with all-road capability. Baby boomers loved them enough for Chrysler to launch the Grand Cherokee in 1993.

Global DNA

Jeep endured through successive owners, many of whom consumed entire automakers to snag the profit-generating brand. Willys-Overland sold Jeep to ship builder Henry J. Kaiser in 1953. Jeep became part of American Motors in 1970, was purchased by Chrysler in 1987, and has been controlled by DaimlerChrysler, Cerberus Capital and now-FCA. Under FCA, smaller crossovers such as today's Renegade and Cherokee have elevated Jeep to new heights.

Yet a look beneath the fenders confirms the brand's parentage.

Wrangler is the fully framed off-roader it always was. Grand Cherokee shares basic architecture with the Mercedes GLE SUV, developed when Daimler controlled Chrysler. Fiat donated architecture and powertrains for the Cherokee and Renegade subcompact crossover, the latter built in Italy alongside the 500X subcompact crossover. It's a melting pot of ethnicity, bolstering a broad portfolio.

"Jeep is a good complement with Fiat vehicles," said Jim Morrison, director of the Jeep brand from 2009 until March 1, when he took over the Ram brand. "The Fiat guys are really good at packaging components and small displacement engines, as demonstrated by Renegade. It's also an efficient business model."

Quality control

Sales are strong despite quality issues that have

placed it near the bottom of J.D. Power's Vehicle Dependability Study. The study highlights real-world experiences of consumers reporting defects after three years of ownership. Issues have ranged from infotainment confusion to transmission failure.

In 2013, Jeep was fourth from the bottom with 178 defects per 100 vehicles. It placed third from the bottom with 197 defects in 2015 but improved to 181 for the recent 2016 report.

"We recognize what they're saying," Morrison said. "We continue to improve our vehicles and listen to customers. Still, we've had six consecutive years of growth."

Considering rising sales, do ratings matter?

"Jeep is kind of a Teflon brand," Caldwell said. "It takes criticism, but with record market share, doesn't really affect them."

4x4 fun

There's something about Jeep that bonds enthusiasts.

"It's the people you meet," said Pearse Umlauf, vice president of Jeep Jamboree USA. "And the ability to go places normal vehicles can't. There's a camaraderie."

Jeep Jamboree events on weekends from March to October take owners and their Jeeps off-road to put them through their paces on notoriously tough trails such as the boulder-studded Rubicon Trail in the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

Umlauf now drives a 2016 Grand Cherokee Eco-Diesel.

"The old guys see the new vehicles like Renegade and are surprised at what they can do," Umlauf said. "Years ago, we had to have a Wrangler and a daily driver."

"Now, you can just have the Wrangler or Renegade as everyday drivers."

Upward

With a range of vehicles from the Renegade to the Hemi-powered Grand Cherokee SRT, the distinctively styled Cherokee and the yardstick Wrangler, how does Jeep remain Jeep?

"Wrangler is the halo vehicle," Caldwell said. "Jeep has to keep some core of the brand in every vehicle, even if 95 percent of owners don't use SUVs as they are designed."

But what will the brand look like on its 100th anniversary?

"My best guidance is we'll still be building incredible four-wheel-drive vehicles that deliver good fuel economy at the same time," Morrison said.

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BMW GROUP

The redesigned 2016 BMW X1 looks more sophisticated than the first-generation model.

New X1 feels like true BMW

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Tribune Newspapers

Unlike the previous generation, the 2016 BMW X1 looks more like a crossover than a station wagon, presenting itself as a scaled-down X3 or X5. BMW's trademark twin-kidney grille, quad headlamps, and Hofmeister kink window line all return for this fashion show, but the body sides are more chiseled and the rump more sculpted. Planted over 18-inch alloys, the bigger wagon looks more sophisticated and a proper addition to ritzy little drive-ways.

The 2016 X1 is 1.7 inches taller and more welcoming to rear passengers with 2.6 inches more rear legroom. Unlike some competitors that pack legs tightly, the X1 has enough space for real humans to ride in the back for long distances.

Beyond legroom, passengers ride comfortably. The bottom seat cushions look one size too small, but they're comfortable, heated, and the side bolsters hug you in the right places. You can barely tell they're faux leather, though the ivory color attracts jean rub-offs like sweaters collect cat hair. Automatic climate control and rain-sensing wipers make driving easier, while the thick heated leather-wrapped steering wheel and classic analog gauges make driving more enjoyable. Sunlight flows through the panoramic roof.

**2016 BMW X1
XDRIVE28I**
Five-passenger
AWD crossover

As tested:

\$43,120

Base price: \$34,800

Mpg: 22 city, 32 highway

Engine: 2-liter turbo
four-cylinder

Transmission: eight-
speed automatic

Parting shot: Redesign
feels more like an upscale
crossover, less like an
entry-level compromise

It's taken a decade and a half, but I'm slowly warming to BMW's iDrive infotainment system. It's still a confusing array of menus for adjusting audio, navigation and vehicle functions when simple knobs and buttons would suffice. But at least it's comprehensive. Twirl the dial to click into the sweet-sounding 12-speaker Harman/Kardon audio system. A rear camera and lane keep assist enhance safety — as does park distance control, which shows which parallel parking spaces can accommodate the vehicle.

Quick spirit flows from the 2-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that delivers 228 horsepower, 258 pound-feet of torque — good for a 0-60 mph run in just 6.3 seconds. Drive with

less throttle to see 22 mpg city and 32 mpg highway. Thank the eight-speed automatic transmission and auto stop/start for the latter. Moving power to pavement is BMW's xDrive all-wheel-drive system that can shift up to 100 percent of the engine's power to the front or back wheels.

The X1's chassis is firm when you want to plant it into a corner, but compliant over rough pavement. Selectable drive modes adjust the throttle, steering and transmission. Eco Pro mode saves fuel by disengaging the powertrain when the driver lifts off the throttle between 30 and 100 mph. Clever regenerative braking powers the electric power steering and fuel/coolant pumps. Hill descent control helps the crossover creep down hills during gentle off-roading, but I'd stay away from the Rubicon Trail.

I liked the first-generation X1, but it fell short of what BMW buyers would expect in terms of style, features, powertrain refinement and interior space. It was a host of compromises made to draw more buyers into the BMW fold. That's not the case with the new X1. It's still the most affordable BMW crossover, attracting younger and less-affluent drivers, but it also appeals to buyers who simply do not want a larger vehicle.

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Cushions and other seat aids can disable air bags



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: My husband has a 2015 Hyundai Sonata. While driving to Arizona, I noticed that the air bag on my side wasn't on. I removed the cushion I usually sit on and the air bag was now on. I contacted a Hyundai dealer. He told me that air bags are not made to work with removable cushions. I asked if there was some aftermarket item that we could buy to override this. He said absolutely not, as the dealer can't tamper with the systems. This cushion is helpful to my back and I can't begin to know how many people use various types of cushions. It is a major safety concern to me.

— P.G., Chicago

A: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requires automakers to install passive occupant detection systems for triggering the air bags. Sensors detect who is sitting in the passenger seat by using sophisticated computer controls to differentiate whether an adult or child is in the seat and, in many cases, the seating position of the passenger. There are a variety of sensor designs, but any may fail to properly sense the occupant if an additional cushion is placed between the occupant and the seat. We are not aware of a workaround. If your major safety concern is that the air bag may fail to protect you, forget the cushion. If you must use the cushion, be sure to buckle up securely.



HYUNDAI

The air bag sensors in this 2015 Hyundai Sonata, and all other modern vehicles, can detect who is sitting in the passenger seat using sophisticated computer controls. Using extra seat cushions can interfere with sensors.

Q: I am writing to pass along additional information in regard to researching vehicle titles. A Subaru Outback wagon that I owned was damaged in a flood years ago. Since that time, a national title registry has been established and the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System posted an advisory following Hurricane Sandy. Your reader from Warrenville, Ill., will want to check out the link to this site: www.vehiclehistory.gov. In particular, see the link titled: "The Potential Safety Hazards of Flood-Damaged Vehicles." The advisory notes that after Hurricane Sandy cars were reportedly bought in Louisiana, for example, and sold in the Midwest. If the dealer was duped, that is one matter, but if there is any indication that the dealer knew (or should have known) that the car was damaged in a flood, your reader may want to contact the Illinois attorney general's office and/or local consumer protection agencies. By the way, I happen to be a lawyer, but don't hold it against

me. I fight for folks like your reader.

— C.S., Avon, Conn.

A: This is an excellent site for potential buyers of used cars. It also has links to services that provide backgrounds based on VINs, for a price. But the prices are reasonable. Prior to purchasing a vehicle, consumers can search NMVTIS to discover information from a vehicle's current title, including the vehicle's brand history. "Brands" are descriptive labels regarding the status of a motor vehicle, such as "junk," "salvage," and "flood" vehicles; the latest reported odometer readings; any determination that the vehicle is "salvage" by an insurance company or a self-insuring organization (including those vehicles determined to be a "total loss"); and any reports of the vehicle being transferred or sold to an auto recycler, junk yard or salvage yard.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Carmichael stars for St. Norbert

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Maine South's Regan Carmichael, a junior guard for St. Norbert, was one of six athletes named to the Midwest Conference's first team.

Carmichael, a Park Ridge native, led St. Norbert in scoring (12 points per game), rebounding (5.2 per game), assists (3.9 per game) and 3-point shooting (40.3 percent). She finished 11th in the Midwest Conference in scoring, second in assists and first in 3-point percentage.

She helped lead St. Norbert to a 21-5 record, which included a 18-0 conference record and a trip to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Christine Olijnyk, a Trinity graduate, and Julia Easter, a Niles West alumna, were also on the team. Olijnyk, a freshman guard, played in 18 games and averaged 2.5 points per game. Easter, a freshman forward, appeared in 11 games.

Schwartz has huge freshman season

Lindsay Schwartz, a Stevenson graduate and freshman midfielder for the Whitman College women's lacrosse team, concluded a record-setting season for the Whits.

The Kildeer native was named to the Northwest Conference's first team, leading the conference in goals (55) and draw controls (67).

Although the Whitman College women's lacrosse program has been a varsity sport for only two seasons, Schwartz is already the school's record-holder in goals in a game (9), points in a season (62) and goals in a



ST. NORBERT ATHLETICS

Maine South graduate Regan Carmichael led St. Norbert in scoring, rebounds and assists this season.

season (55), as well as a number of per-game statistics.

Sopron makes an impact in goal for Carthage

Lyons graduate Taylor Sopron, a senior goalkeeper for the Carthage College women's lacrosse team, was recently named College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin women's lacrosse defensive player of the week for the second time this season. The La Grange native improved to 9-3 by playing all 60 minutes and recording 17 combined saves in a pair of wins against Illinois Wesleyan and Dubuque.

Sopron ranked fifth in the conference with a .519 save percentage through 14 games, and she was the only goalkeeper in the conference with a shutout so far. Her performance in goal propelled the Lady Reds to a 10-4 start to the season.

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

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Niles West's Siddiqui motivated by near miss at sectional

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

Roma Siddiqui's junior season ended with a 200-meter dash that Niles West girls track and field coach Mark Medland said embodied who she is as an athlete.

The sprinters took off at the sound of the starting gun on May 14, 2015, and immediately made the turn at the top of the track at Loyola. They then sprinted down the homestretch, with two automatic berths to the state meet on the line.

Siddiqui trailed Glenbrook North's Hannah Wilson, the eventual race winner, and Niles North's Jada Kirksey as the eight runners rushed toward the finish line. Siddiqui kept pushing, then noticed Kirksey slow down slightly.

"I just saw it and went for it," Siddiqui said.

Siddiqui closed and closed — even though she had run the 100 final, 400 final, 100 prelims and 200 prelims earlier in the day. Then, both runners crossed the finish line almost simultaneously.

Kirksey's time was 26.63. Siddiqui's was 26.65. She'd finished third.

"That was awful," Siddiqui said recently. "But that's kind of pushing me this year to do even better."

"It makes you actually want to work because you know you can do it. That's for sure."

Siddiqui, who was fourth in both the 100 and 400 at the Class 3A sectional meet, didn't lack motivation between her junior and senior seasons.

Not only did Siddiqui have the lasting memory of coming within .02 seconds of achieving her goal of advancing to the state meet etched in her memory, she also wanted to run in college. She accomplished the



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Niles West's Roma Siddiqui runs the 200-meter dash during the Trevian Invite on April 30 in Winnetka.

latter last month when she committed to Illinois-Chicago.

"You meet these girls when they're freshmen (and) they're shy and quiet," Medland said. "To see them develop into the athletes they are now, and going ahead and running at the college level — it's been a lot of fun to work with her. She's been one of those (athletes) who you'll never forget her because she works so hard."

Niles West assistant coach Jennifer King added: "It's going to hurt when she's gone. She's awesome."

In the offseason, Siddi-

qui ran on her own at Niles West to keep her cardio up. She also lifted weights. During the season, Siddiqui has done sprint workouts in practice, but she's also worked with Niles West assistant coach Michael Blair to try to improve her starts.

Starting better is the key to dropping time in the biggest meets of the season, Siddiqui said.

Blair has shot video in practice of Siddiqui's starts, and then analyzed it with Siddiqui to try to improve subtle aspects of the first 10 meters of her races. They've also done very

specific drills to try to correct the areas of weakness they identified on film.

Siddiqui has a history of closing 200s and 400s well, Medland said. Now, the hope is Siddiqui can use faster starts to shave time off of her races because, as she experienced last spring, every hundredth of a second can matter.

"Start fast and finish fast," Siddiqui said of her late-season mindset.

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With aid of new pitching coach, Dwyer enjoying great season

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Niles North senior pitcher Carolyn Dwyer admitted she did not know what to expect when Steve Poznansky replaced Ashley Amelianovich as an assistant coach on the Vikings softball staff prior to the season.

Amelianovich had been the team's pitching coach during Dwyer's first three seasons, but Amelianovich decided to take time off to have a child.

Poznansky is a legendary Niles North wrestling coach who also served as the school's softball coach from 2002-05. He was most recently the softball coach at Ridgewood. However, he was an unknown to Dwyer and her teammates.

It didn't take long for Poznansky to win over the Vikings, who earned an 11-1, 5-inning victory over Maine East in Central Suburban North play on April 26, in Skokie. Niles North improved to 11-4 overall and 5-0 in conference.

"It's been amazing,"

Dwyer said. "We lost coach Amelianovich and we were not sure how we were going to feel about (Poznansky). But he's amazing. He knows the game so well. I trust what (pitches) he calls. He knows what to put in, and when."

Dwyer (8-2) started and earned the victory against Maine East. She walked two, surrendered an earned run and pitched 3 innings. Dwyer also had a three-run home run in the second inning.

Dwyer said Poznansky has taught her new pitches and helped her throw other pitches more effectively.

"He's helped my offspeed and taught me a curveball and a screwball," Dwyer said. "Last year, I just relied on the fastball and offspeed. Now, if one of those is not working, I can throw the other two."

An all-conference pitcher, Dwyer entered the Maine East game with a 2.12 ERA, and the five strikeouts she picked up against the Blue Demons gave her 72 in 65 2/3 innings.

Poznansky called Dwyer

a "very special athlete" who always is looking to get better.

"I have only known (Dwyer) for three months, and even though she's a senior at the peak of a great career, her willingness to work harder and improve has been tremendous," Poznansky said. "She's a great kid. I call her a 'warrior' on the softball field. She never stops working."

Niles North coach Karin Wick said Dwyer's best performance came against Stevenson on Friday, April 15, when the senior started and went the distance in a 4-3, 10-inning win. Dwyer had 12 strikeouts against a potent offense, and she failed to get rattled after taking an early line drive off her leg.

"(Dwyer) has been pitching better than she ever has before" Wick said. "She hits her spots and she's smart about it. She's competitive and she doesn't let things bother her. She shakes things off."

The Stevenson victory also was the beginning of a Niles North winning streak that stood at nine games

after the Maine East victory.

Senior Kathryn Edmond is in her third season catching Dwyer, and she said the Poznansky-effect has been an important factor in Dwyer's continued growth in the circle.

"(Dwyer) recently incorporated her curveball and screwball and that has enabled us to really expand our repertoire. It's been really helpful," Edmond said.

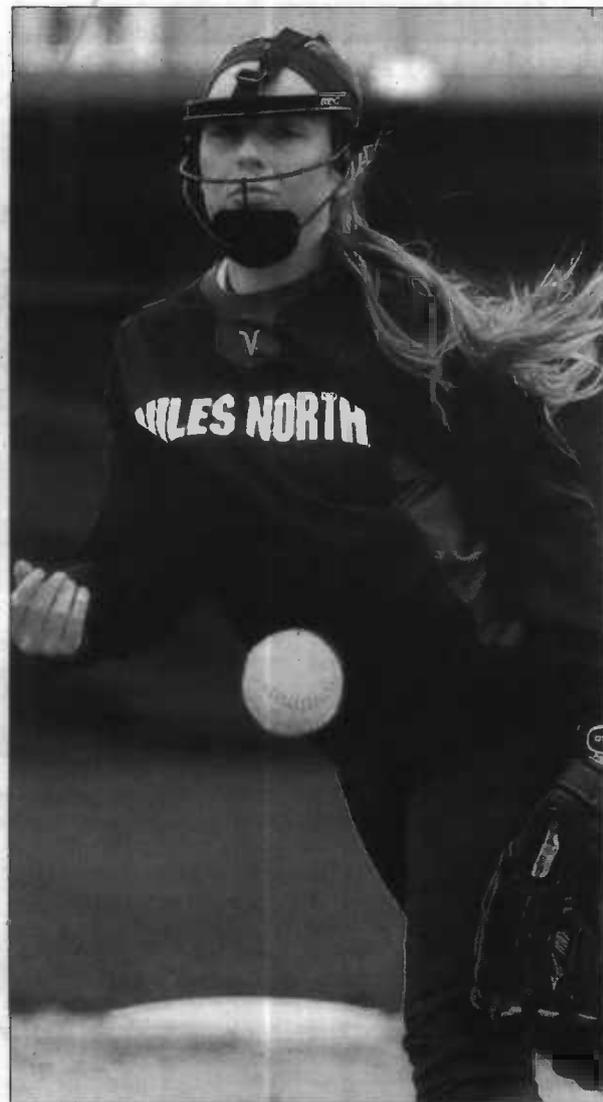
Game notes

■ Vikings sophomore Alyssa Aragon went 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs and senior teammate Nicole Wheeler had 2 RBIs.

■ Maine East (10-7, 2-3 after the loss) had one highlight-reel play: In the bottom of the third, sophomore right fielder Alexis Ponzio reached up above the wall to make a snow-cone catch that robbed Wheeler of a 2-run homer.

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Niles North's Carolyn Dwyer pitches against Maine East during the Vikings' 11-1, 5-inning victory on April 26 in Skokie.

Niles North's Niederman trying to earn another state berth

BY MARK PERLMAN
Pioneer Press

Niles North boys gymnast Aaron Niederman had to sweat it out last May.

He earned a score of 7.45 on his specialty, the still rings, at the sectional tournament, but he didn't know if it would be enough to qualify for state as an at-large participant.

"The wait was so nerve-racking," Niederman said. "I kind of snuck in with the lowest possible score. It was some luck, but also a lot of hard work."

Niederman

went on to finish tied for 42nd (7.05) at the state meet. This year, Niederman, a senior, likely won't have to sweat it out. He scored an 8.30 in the Central Suburban Meet on April 28 at Deerfield to tied for fourth. The Vikings finished fourth (134.30) in the team competition.

Niles North will be competing at the Palatine Sectional, which is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. May 7.



Niederman

"Assuming he hits his routine, it's more certain this year for Aaron to make it," Niles North coach Rick Meyer said. "But he needs to go out and perform."

Meyer has plenty of confidence that will happen, pointing to Niederman's strength moves, including the swing to cross and a pull out to a cross.

"That's very impressive to be able to pull out (cross). A very tough and challeng-

ing move, with nice bonus values in his routine," Meyer said.

"Not that many competitors are strong enough to hold onto two crosses in their routine," Niederman said. "I've worked hard on my strength through cross-training."

He admits though that his swings continue to need work.

Senior teammate Davin Kaiser, an all-arounder, works with Niederman on the rings.

"His cross and cross pull out is always consistent,"

Kaiser. "Aaron gives me pointers on strength tricks and I do the same on swings. He puts a lot of time in to make himself better."

Niederman picked up still rings "right off the bat," as a freshman.

"It seemed really cool," he said.

He has been tinkering with a double-back dismount that he'll save for state.

"I've only done a half back (in competition), but I hit the double in practice," said Niederman, who is 5-foot-11 1/2 and 145

pounds.

Niederman said that he's making a few more changes to his routine and hopes to score in the high 8s.

A Vikings captain, Niederman plans to attend Vanderbilt in the fall and be a physics major on a pre-med track.

"The kids look up to Aaron. He's been a phenomenal leader," Meyer said. "I can't say enough about his character."

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Iliopoulos sisters big part of Blue Demons' success

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer-Press

There was not a hint of sun when the Maine East softball team played a Central Suburban North game against Niles North in Skokie.

But Blue Demons senior shortstop Mary Iliopoulos was wearing eye black on April 26. It had been smeared across her face.

"(Wearing eye black) kind of gets me pumped for a game," said Iliopoulos, a fourth-year varsity player. "It's kind of an intimidation thing, though it's not necessarily for the other team. I just like it for myself. I'm superstitious in that way. I've been doing it the whole season. My sister (Ana, a sophomore pitcher/catcher) puts it on and then I smear it."

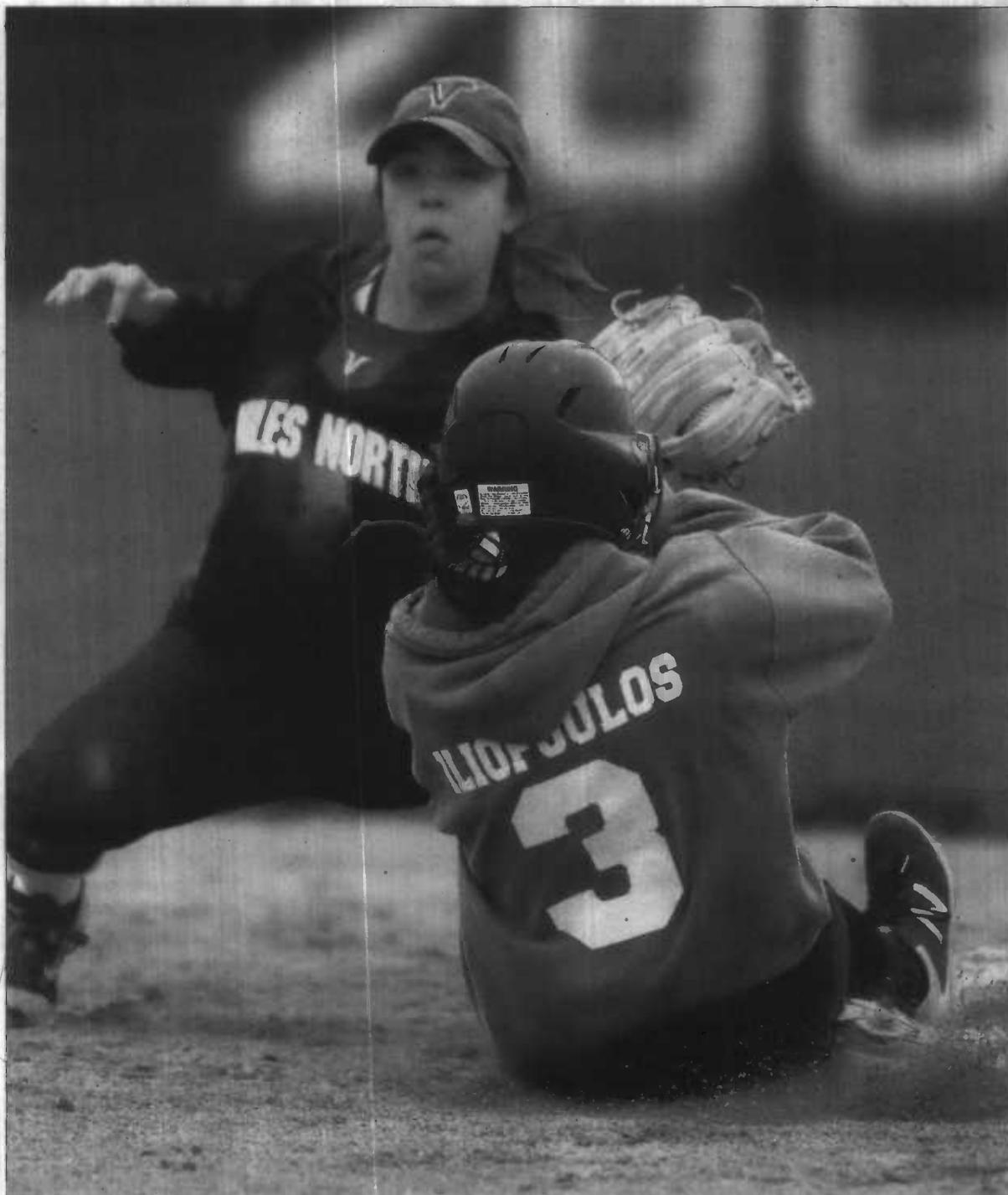
It's just one of many ways the sisters have teamed up over the last two years to help change the fortunes of Maine East (10-7, 2-3 as of April 26). The Blue Demons won just eight games total in Mary Iliopoulos' first two seasons, but improved to 11-13 last year.

"(The Iliopoulos sisters) have helped us rebuild our program, along with (junior) Alex Villalobos. We've been having a pretty good season so far," Maine East coach Emiliano Hernandez said.

Through 17 games this spring, Ana Iliopoulos was second on the team with a .365 batting average and was tied for third with 12 RBIs. Mary Iliopoulos, a leadoff hitter, was batting .339, had a team-high 18 runs scored and had stolen a team-high 14 bases without being caught once.

With Mary Iliopoulos' ability to get on base and steal a base or two, the batters behind her in the lineup, including her sister in the No. 3 spot, often have an opportunity to collect an RBI.

"Watching (Mary) lead off, I'm really excited because I'm sitting in the hole knowing she'll probably get



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Maine East's Mary Iliopoulos (3) steals second base before Niles North's Gina Loy can apply the tag on April 26 in Skokie.

on," Ana Iliopoulos said. "When I come up and she's on second base, I know I don't even have to get a big hit because she's so fast that she can score from second easily. I only have to push it through the infield."

Mary Iliopoulos, an all-conference selection in

2015, can dazzle with her glove, as well.

"(Mary) is an incredible shortstop," Hernandez said. "I don't know if that will be her position in college. But (on April 23) versus Whitney Young, she was just unbelievable in the field to help us get that (7-3) win. It

helps so much to have that up-the-middle defense."

An outfielder on her club team the Chicago Cheetahs, Mary Iliopoulos said she expects to play one of the outfield positions at Aquinas College, an NAIA school located in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Saints assistant coach Brad Koch began recruiting Mary Iliopoulos after watching her play in a tournament with the Cheetahs in the fall of 2014.

"She is a lefty hitter and can do anything needed with the bat and has speed," Koch said in a statement.

"She gets great jumps on the ball in the outfield and has a great arm."

Being a left-handed batter is a relatively recent development. Mary Iliopoulos began her high school career as a right-handed hitter, only for Cheetahs coach Brian Bowman to switch her around in order to be closer to first base in the batter's box.

"It was a little weird at first," said Mary Iliopoulos, who started batting lefty for Maine East during her sophomore season. "When I first picked it up, I was mostly slapping the ball. But I worked my way up to lefty swinging. I do get down the line much quicker now that I'm a lefty."

Ana Iliopoulos, meanwhile, bats right-handed, and said she expects to stay that way.

Ana Iliopoulos also pitches and the right-hander has offered glimpses of her potential in the circle, perhaps most notably in a 3-0 loss to a quality Deerfield team on April 12.

She pitched 6 innings, allowed three runs (one earned), surrendered four hits, walked two and struck out eight.

"We lost the game, but I had a lot of confidence coming into that game and really had that passion to beat them," Ana Iliopoulos said. "I think I showed that through my performance."

Ana hopes to follow her sister's lead and play college softball, though it remains to be seen what position she would play at the next level.

In the meantime, Ana Iliopoulos said she's simply cherishing the opportunity she and her sister have to play together.

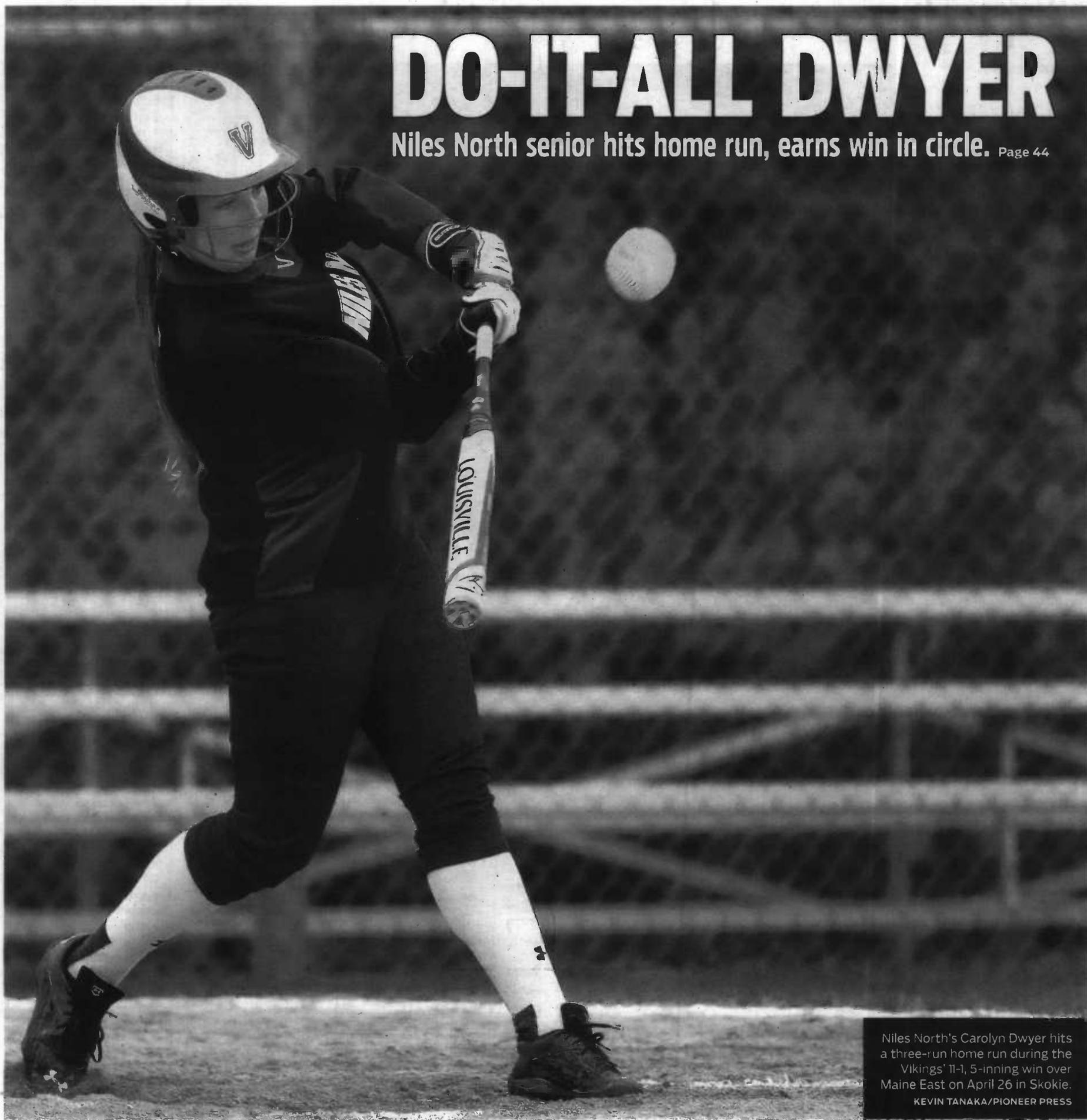
"This year has been especially cool," Ana Iliopoulos said. "(Mary) is off to college and we're doing so well, and we get to share that success."

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Niles North senior hits home run, earns win in circle. Page 44



Niles North's Carolyn Dwyer hits a three-run home run during the Vikings' 11-1, 5-inning win over Maine East on April 26 in Skokie.

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