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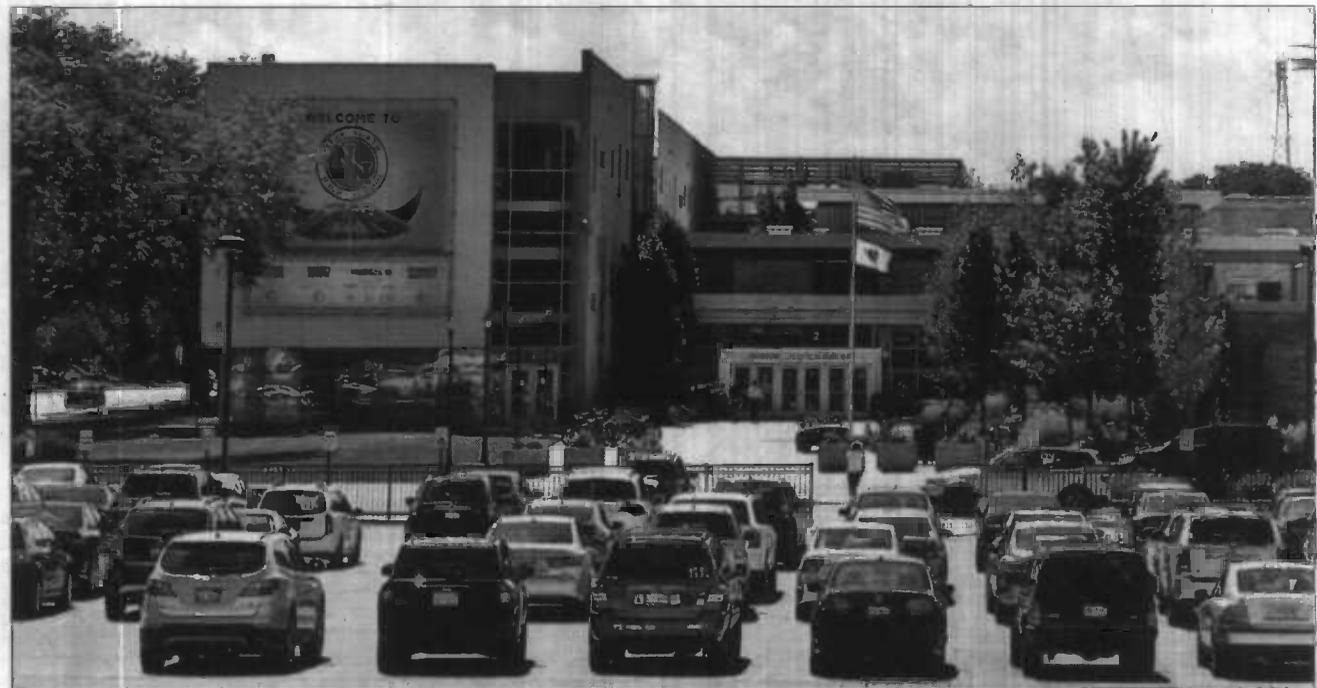
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In this 2015 file photo, Niles North High School campus is seen from Old Orchard Road.

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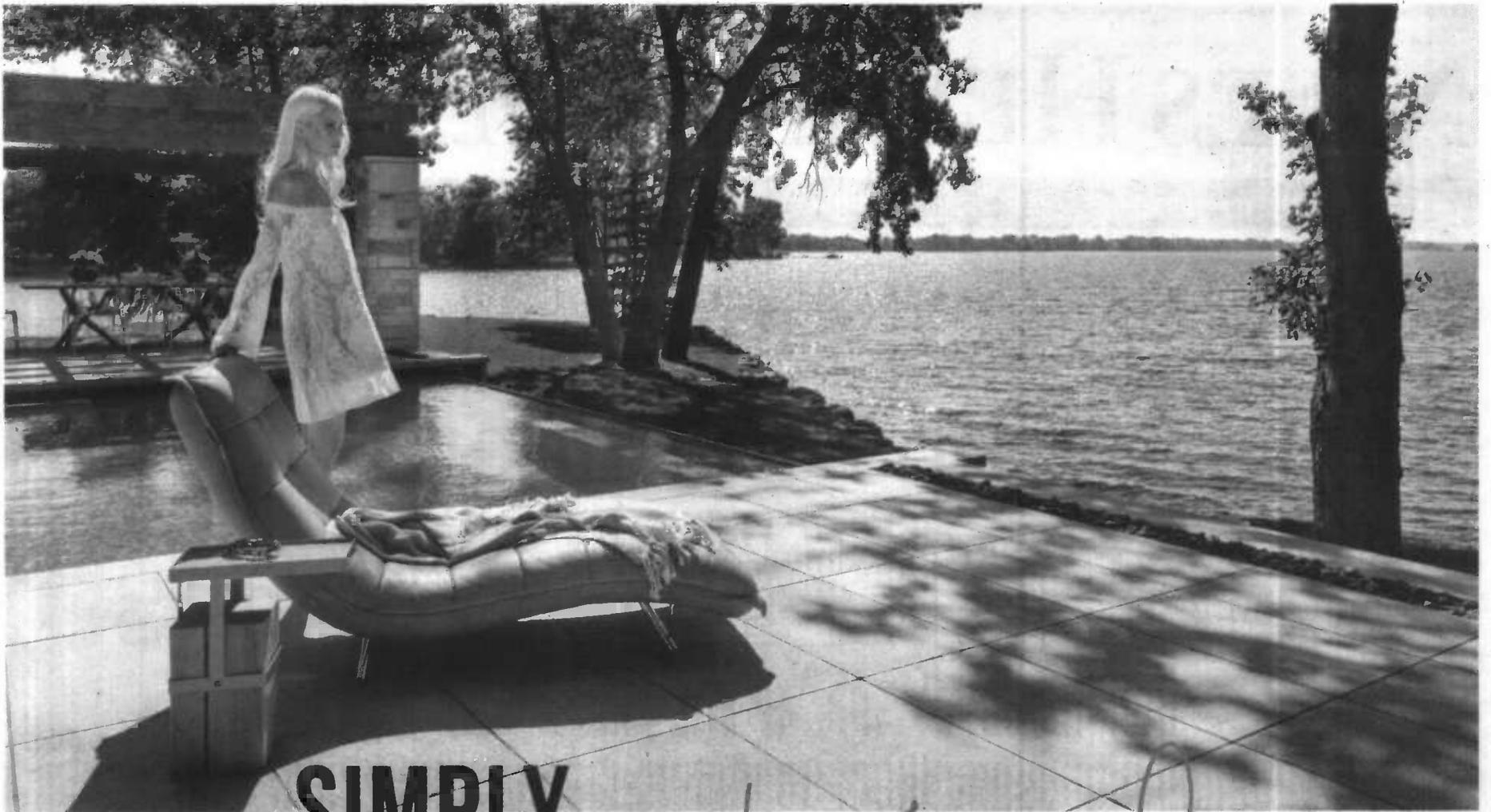


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SHOUT OUT

Bushra Amiwala, Niles North senior

While some soon-to-be high school graduates are unsure where their path into adulthood will lead, Niles North High School senior Bushra Amiwala found her calling in social activism when the Council on American Islamic Relations recently asked her to speak at a rally against anti-Muslim sentiment.

The positive response her speech drew from the 500 spectators who gathered in downtown Evanston for the event last December only reinforced Amiwala's confidence in her decision to continue working as a community service activist in her college years.

The Skokie native shares her goals for the future with the Pioneer Press.

Q: What are your college plans?

A: I will be attending DePaul University in the fall as a Community Service Scholar, and as of right now I'm on a business track.

Q: Any fears about leaving high school?

A: As much as I love and am going to miss high school, I think Niles North has done a great job preparing me for the journey which college will be. I am extremely excited to be attending DePaul, and regardless of what my career path ends up being, I hope it somehow ties into helping others and bettering the world.

Q: What's your favorite high school memory?

A: When I was invited to be the student speaker at the rally against Islamophobia. It was really exciting to see all of the

people come out to help support Muslim people in the community.

Through this I was invited to speak at many interfaith peace summits, and recognized by NorthShore University HealthSystem as a "BridgeBuilder" awardee, it was sort of like my 15 minutes of fame. It also sparked a profound interest in social justice and creating a better tomorrow. Also, my junior year, my partner and I won the Harvard University Debate

competition and were recognized as the Junior Varsity Champions. Both were really exciting moments in life, sorry I couldn't pick!

Q: What are your plans this summer?

A: I will be interning for Sen. Mark Kirk this summer. I also will be volunteering at the Niles Food Pantry the days I am not interning.

Q: Who has been your biggest inspiration so far in life?

A: My mom. She is one of the most caring and encouraging people in my life, hands down. She is such a hard worker, and is the one who drives me back and forth, encouraging me to get involved. Also, my AP government and politics teacher, Mr. Sharma, he was awarded the Golden Apple! Mr. Sharma has really sparked my passion for community service and giving back and has really pushed me to be my best. Because of him, I am really interested in education and someday would like to return to Niles North to carry on his legacy.

— Natalie Hayes, Pioneer Press



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Niles North High School will name a new principal now that District 219 has selected a new superintendent.

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Oak Park administrator hired as new D219 superintendent

Board feels Isoye will 'bring some great things'

By BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

The Niles Township High School District 219 Board of Education on May 19 voted to hire Steven Isoye as its new superintendent, a step that will help the district move forward following a difficult year in which the last superintendent resigned following an internal investigation, officials said.

"Any time there's any kind of issue that you go through in the past and you turn the corner it is a nice process," the board's president, Mark Sprout, said after the May 19 vote. "I feel that Dr. Isoye will bring some great things to the district."

Isoye has served as superintendent of Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200 since 2010, was principal of Maine East High School in Park Ridge from 2007 to 2010 and was named 2010-2011 Illinois high school principal of the year by the Horace

Mann/Illinois Principals Association. Since 1998, he has served on the board of trustees for the Illinois Math and Science Academy, according to District 219 officials.

"I am excited to have this opportunity to serve the Niles Township high schools community and the Board of Education," Isoye said in a statement. "I am thrilled to work with an excellent group of educators, staff and students. I realize that I will need to take the time to listen and learn, but, given the support for schools I see from your community, the possibilities are endless."

District 219 has been without a permanent superintendent since late last year when then-superintendent Nanciann Gatta and John Heintz, the district's assistant superintendent for operations and chief legal officer, left the district following an internal investigation into administrator spending habits and perks.

Niles North High School Principal Ryan McTague is leaving the school at the end of the school year to become the superintendent of McHenry School District 156. Officials had previously said they would not be naming a new principal until a new superintendent

was found.

Before becoming principal at Maine East, Isoye was principal of Warren Township High School's freshman-sophomore campus in Gurnee, where he also served as head of the Division of Science, Industrial Technology and Family and Consumer Sciences from 2000 through 2003, official said. They said that while at Highland Park High School from 1997 to 2000, Isoye served as science department chairman. In 1998, he was named the Illinois state teacher of the year by the Illinois State Board of Education and received the Milken Educator Award. Prior to taking on administrative roles, Isoye taught science at Deerfield High School, The Latin School in Chicago and Loyola Academy in Wilmette.

"That was very important, that he was a teacher, that he has gone through the ranks," Sprout said.

The 17-page contract the board signed off on during its May 19 meeting states that Isoye will serve as "interim superintendent" from May 23 to June 30, and as superintendent beginning on July 1 through June, 2019. He will be paid \$250,000 annually with benefits.

The performance-based contract also includes a list of superintendent goals including, presenting a comprehensive recommendation to the Board of Education to increase student performance on standardized and curriculum-based measures in science and math through implementation of the STEM initiatives identified in the 21st century schools program and within the academic program of the district's schools.

In addition, it says Isoye will present a comprehensive recommendation to the board to increase student outcomes in academic achievement and social-emotional growth by maximizing opportunities for students to receive targeted interventions, present a comprehensive recommendation to the board to facilitate professional development and collaboration time for educators during the school year, facilitate implementation of the recommendations contained in March and April reports to the board, present a recommendation for a written fund balance philosophy to the board and present a recommendation for a written employee compensation philosophy to the board.

"It was a great process," Sprout



NILES TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL D219

Steven Isoye

said of the district's nationwide superintendent search. "We had wonderful input from the community and from the students and the teachers."

He also said one of Isoye's first tasks will be to help hire a new principal for Niles North to replace McTague.

"He's going to have to jump into that right way," Sprout said. "He's got the keys handed to him. That is the decision of the superintendent."

"He is a very level-headed intelligent gentleman who brings the whole package to the district," he added. "You can tell he cares about the students and staff. That's something that will really radiate amongst the whole community."

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Niles library director seeks board diversity

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

The director of the Niles Public Library District said she'd like to see more diversity among the membership of the library's Board of Trustees.

Susan Lempke told trustees at a meeting May 18 that she'd like the opportunity to reach out to potential candidates to fill a recently vacated seat on the board. Trustee Danette O'Donovan Matyas, who also serves on the Niles Village Board, announced her resignation from the library board at a meeting last month.

"It's a very homogenous board. You are very much in the same demographic. I would really like to see the board become a little more diverse," Lempke said.

Board President Linda Ryan agreed with Lempke's suggestion. She said "it could be nice to get someone from the north end (of the district) or a different ethnicity or age or whatever."

Lempke also expressed concern about "people putting themselves forward offering to become a trustee and then being turned down."

"Whenever anyone is rejected for something they offered to do, they don't feel very good," she said.

Trustee Karen Dimond said she was fine with Lempke reaching out to potential candidates, but believes the position should be open to anyone interested in serving.

"I don't like to see people get rejected, but frankly you can't have a thin skin and be on the library board," Dimond said.

There was some initial disagreement among the trustees on the process of choosing a candidate to fill the one year remaining of Matyas' term.

Lempke suggested the board discuss the process



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Niles Public Library District Trustee Carolyn Drblik.

and potential candidates for the seat in executive session following the advice she had received from the board's attorney.

"If we're going to talk about people, candidates, that should be done out here," Trustee Carolyn Drblik said.

Though the board agreed not to name anyone specifically, the members settled on a tentative selection process in open session. Lempke advised the board to create a nominating committee made up of herself and two board members to vet the candidates who submit letters of intent.

Ryan suggested a committee be established only if more than five people express interest in the post.

Drblik adamantly disagreed with the nominating committee concept.

"I don't think it's fair for you to turn away applicants because you decided they weren't good enough," Drblik said. "I think they should all have an opportunity to be interviewed. The community already thinks this is a secret society."

Trustee Tim Spadoni offered a compromise all board members accepted.

"I would say that all the applications, all the letters of intent, should go by all the board members. I would be more comfortable with the board reading all the appli-

cations and resumes and the board deciding on the top four or five candidates to interview," he said.

Ryan said the library district would issue a notice that the board is seeking interested candidates to fill Matyas' seat. She said the board would review the submitted letters of intent and resumes next month, interview candidates in July and appoint someone to fill the post in August.

"I personally believe any board member should be a frequent patron of the library," Spadoni said. "That would be great to see in a letter of intent."

People interested in serving out the remainder of Matyas' term are welcome to submit a letter to trustees detailing their past relevant experience, why they would like to serve on the board and whether or not they use the library. The letters can be sent via email to trustees@nileslibrary.org or addressed to Lempke, Niles Public Library District, 6960 Oakton St., Niles, IL 60714. To be considered for the post, applicants must live in the Niles Public Library District, which includes the village of Niles, most of unincorporated Des Plaines and unincorporated Glenview.

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Niles library to decide on IMRF alternative

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Niles library officials are expected to make a decision next month on whether or not to enroll employees in a state pension fund.

Business manager for the library district, Greg Pritz, unveiled two other possible retirement options — alternatives to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) — for employees at a Board of Trustees meeting last week.

Details about the alternative options and the plan provided through the state pension fund will be presented to employees in the coming weeks. Their feedback on the range of choices will be compiled and presented to the board at its June 15 meeting, Pritz said. He said he'll also provide a comparative presentation.

Pritz said he expects trustees to make a final selection at the June 15 meeting. The decision will end what has been a nearly year-long investigation into retirement offerings for the library district's employees.



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The Niles Public Library Board of Trustees and staff members at a board meeting held May 18.

Pritz, Library Director Susan Lempke and board President Linda Ryan have previously said revising the retirement offerings would help the district attract and retain staff.

Earlier this year, the library commissioned an actuarial study to determine how much it would cost the district were the board to vote to join IMRF. Pritz said in an interview following last week's meeting that the study concluded the library would need to contribute 8.12 percent of employees'

salaries for the first two years of enrollment in the pension fund. The annual cost to the library for the first two years would total \$221,000.

He said the amount the library would need to contribute in its third year in the pension system probably would increase. A number of factors, including the number of people retiring and returns on IMRF's investment portfolio, would affect the amount the library is required to contribute. The contribution amount is re-

calculated on an annual basis. Employees would be required to contribute a flat 4.5 percent of their earnings to the fund. Staff would also be offered the option to buy back prior years' service, which would cost the library between \$850,000 and \$3.6 million. Contributions for prior service would be paid by the library over a 30-year period, Pritz said.

The library currently offers employees 7.5 percent of their annual salary through a defined contribution plan. Staff are not required to contribute anything to the plan and may take a portion or all of the amount offered as additional salary. The cost of the current plan totals \$210,000 annually with the inclusion of part-time employees.

Pritz said board members indicated they would like to phase out the practice of allowing employees to take retirement money as salary.

Pritz presented the board with two alternatives to the IMRF option: a hybrid plan and a 401(a) plan. Under the hybrid plan Pritz presented, the library would be re-

quired to contribute 7.5 percent of an employee's earnings to a retirement fund. The library would also match employees' contributions to their retirement fund dollar for dollar up to five percent. The cost of the plan, if both part- and full-time employees are enrolled, would range between \$205,000 and \$342,000 annually. Employees would not be able to access their retirement money until they leave the district, nor would they be able to purchase past service through the hybrid plan.

Under the 401(a) plan, employees would be required to contribute 4.5 percent of their earnings to the plan, while the library would contribute 10 percent of their annual wages. The cost of the plan to the library, with the inclusion of both part- and full-time employees, would total \$273,000.

Employees would be permitted to withdraw money from the plan after leaving their job with a 10 percent penalty assessed if they did so before age 59½.

Staff would also be allowed to purchase up to five years of past service at a cost of 4.5 percent of their gross salary for each year. The library would be required to contribute 2.5 percent of the employee's salary for each year purchased.

Pritz said it's unlikely the board would choose to stick with the current retirement offering even if it opts not to join IMRF.

"I think they recognize they have to do something that's different," he said.

Pritz told the board last week that "it would be pretty much impossible to have this implemented by July 1," which marks the start of the new fiscal year. He said it probably would take somewhat longer to get employees enrolled in either the alternative 401(a) or hybrid plans versus IMRF.

"I'd much rather be right than on time," Pritz said in an interview following the meeting. "If it takes an extra 30 days, I think kicking it off on Aug. 1 works just as well."

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Non-residents now welcome to participate in Niles library programs

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Patrons from outside the bounds of the Niles Public Library District are now welcome to participate in its programs after the library's Board of Trustees voted May 18 night to amend its policy.

The board voted 4-1 to approve the change. Trustee Carolyn Drblik voted against the amendment, saying the library should be for the benefit of Niles taxpayers.

Library Director Susan Lempke said patrons from outside the district would only be allowed to participate in library programs after in-district patrons had been accommodated. She said the village "is trying very hard to attract people to

Niles" and the library is a key component in that effort. Some of the library's programs are well-attended while others might only attract a few in-district patrons, Lempke said.

"I would rather leave it in the hands of staff to determine where there is not room to be sharing with other people," she said.

Drblik criticized the amendment and suggested the library alter its program offerings if attendance is lagging.

"We need to remember we're established here for all the Niles taxpayers," Drblik said. "Maybe if you have small enrollment in these programs, you need to re-think whether the programs you're providing are what

residents want."

Lempke and library board President Linda Ryan argued that other area libraries have an open door policy.

Lempke said there's sometimes a perception among Niles patrons "that they're having to share their library with other people, but they're not realizing our people are also going and sharing things in other libraries."

Ryan said she surveyed Chicago, Skokie and Des Plaines public libraries and all said they allow patrons from outside their districts to participate in their programs. She said Skokie indicated that very occasionally it offers a program specifically for Skokie residents.

Drblik cited the Park

Ridge Public Library as an example of an area library that charges fees to outside patrons who participate in certain programs.

She also criticized Lempke for not providing her with detailed data on the costs associated with library programming.

"You're not sharing that information with me," she said to Lempke. "You're refusing to give me the information I ask for, so it seems very secretive. If we're going to put on a program we should be able to determine after it was over if it was successful based on who attended and how much it cost."

Lempke said library staff have kept a close eye on what was spent on program-

ming, both in terms of time and money, in addition to surveying patrons. That information has not come before the board because it's a granular level of detail typically not reviewed by trustees, she said.

The library's business manager, Greg Pritz, said in an interview after the meeting that the library earmarked about \$86,000 out of a total budget of roughly \$6 million for library programming last year. In the past month alone, he said, the library hosted a variety of programs for children, teens and adults, including English as a second language classes, a class on estate planning, a utility bill clinic, a class for teens interested in playing the ukulele, several

Shakespeare projects and a property tax appeals seminar.

Ryan said that as long as the costs associated with library programming fall within the amount budgeted, it's the job of staff — not the board — to evaluate its programs.

"That's an excuse for blowing our money," Drblik replied.

In other board business, trustees voted 5-0 following an executive session May 18 to give Lempke a 3 percent raise, Pritz said.

The raise, effective May 20, will bump her salary from \$122,000 to \$125,660, he said.

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Sports Authority of Niles, 7233 Dempster St. In the Super City Shopping Center, will be among the 450-plus Sports Authority stores nationwide to close.

Niles Sports Authority set to close after bankruptcy filing

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Sports Authority is set to close all of its 450-plus stores across the country, including the location on Dempster Street in Niles, after the bankrupt company wasn't able to secure a buyer, according to a new court filing.

The Colorado-based retailer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in March with the intention to sell or close 140 of its locations, including 11 of its 28 stores in Illinois. Sports Authority was unable to reach a deal with lenders and creditors and was sold at auction. The retailer's assets were purchased by a group of liquidation companies. The stores leases will be sold off at another time and it's unclear when the locations will close. According to a March filing, the retailer said store closures would take up to three months.

A manager at the Sports Authority in Niles, located at 7233 Dempster St. in the Super City Shopping Center, declined to comment, stating that he was not authorized to disclose any information.

Katie Schneider, executive director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said Sports Au-

thority has operated out of that location for at least a decade.

"The Sports Authority on Dempster Street is in a pretty high-traffic strip mall. I would anticipate that when it closes there's probably going to be significant interest in the space. I think the Michaels and the Big Lots there do very well," she said.

She said store closings of this magnitude can have a negative impact on sales tax revenue for municipalities, but given the popularity of the area, she's confident there would be interest from other businesses in leasing the space.

The economic development coordinator for Niles, Ross Klicker, said he's waiting for confirmation of the closings from Sports Authority before he'll believe the Niles store is actually going to shutter.

"I've seen things like this come up in the past few weeks and they haven't been true," he said. "If it is true, we'll be sad to see them go and we'll work diligently with the landlord to get a suitable replacement in for their space."

He estimated that the store occupies a space in the 40,000- to 50,000-square-foot range. Klicker said the loss of the store

would negatively affect sales tax revenue in the village, but could not say to what degree.

Going-out-of-business sales will begin at Sports Authority locations next week.

The sporting goods chain, like other big-box retailers, has struggled in recent years with competition from online sales and in the brick-and-mortar environment.

"I don't think (the closing) is indicative of a local economy as it is a national, global economy," Schneider said. "A lot of those stores have to be hurt by Internet sales and competition. It's unfortunate. I know there's a lot of jobs at stake. ... You certainly don't want to see large stores like that sit vacant."

The company was founded in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 1987, purchased by Kmart in 1990 and bought by a private equity firm in 2006.

Sports Authority reported \$3.5 billion in revenue last year and employs 16,000 people, according to Forbes magazine. Representatives from Sports Authority declined to comment.

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DRUG POSSESSION

■ Alejandro Casas, 24, of the 1800 block of West Estes, Chicago, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and disobeying a police officer on May 15 following a traffic stop in the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, the officer who conducted the stop smelled marijuana inside Casas' car and ordered the driver to exit. Initially, Casas allegedly refused to exit the car, but reportedly did so when other officers arrived.

RETAIL THEFT

■ Gabriel Bandy, 27, of the 2600 block of Louis, Franklin Park, was charged with retail theft on May 10 after police said he stole a bottle of cologne from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

■ Kenneth Nykvist, 58, of the 3900 block of West Fullerton, Chicago,

was charged with felony retail theft on May 10. Police said he was accused of stealing 29 DVDs and CDs valued at \$706.72 from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road.

■ Senada Alibasic, 39, of the 8600 block of Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, was charged with retail theft on May 12 after police said she stole 14 pairs of underwear, a pair of pants and three men's shirts from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

■ Eric Wheeler, 19, of the 6600 block of Maple, Morton Grove, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and retail theft on May 14. According to police, Wheeler stole a video game controller and a phone screen protector from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. Pills identified as anti-anxiety medication were found in Wheeler's possession though he did not have a prescription for them, police said.

DUI

■ Garry Hardesty, 46, of the 300 block of Linder Avenue, Northfield, was charged with driving under the influence on May 14. According to police, Hardesty was

found asleep behind the wheel of his car, which was stopped on Howard Street at 6:20 a.m.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

■ A 36-year-old Glenview woman was charged with public intoxication May 11 after an employee at King Spa, 809 Civic Center Drive, told police she was drinking in the locker room, being disruptive and refusing to leave the establishment.

HARASSMENT

■ Police said a 14-year-old girl reported on May 12 that a male she friended on a social media site obtained a video of her changing her clothes and threatened to post the video online if she stopped talking to him. An investigation was pending, according to police.

BURGLARY

■ A 75-year-old woman told police she found a bedroom ransacked on May 9 after two men came to her home asking to collect payment for work done to a fence. Police said the woman was briefly outside with one of the men, leaving her front door unlocked.

■ A business in the 6300 block of

Gross Point Road was ransacked and a laptop computer was reported stolen May 15 during a burglary, police said.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

■ Tools were reported stolen from a van parked between midnight and 6 a.m. on May 14 in the 7700 block of Oriole Avenue.

Skokie

BURGLARY

■ A PlayStation gaming console was reported stolen from a home in the 4800 block of Elm Street on May 11. Police said someone entered the home through a kitchen window.

THEFT

■ Items were reported missing from three unlocked lockers between May 9 and 11 at X-Sport Fitness in the 3400 block of Touhy Avenue.

■ A registration sticker was reported missing from a vehicle on May 11. Police said the vehicle was parked in the 9100 block of Kilpatrick Avenue, and the sticker was stolen sometime between March

25 and May 9.

■ Someone stole a wallet that was accidentally left on top of an ATM machine May 9 at the Chase bank in the 8001 block of Lincoln Avenue, police said.

■ A wallet that was left at the AMC Theater in the 7000 block of Carpenter Road was stolen sometime between May 10 and 11, police said. A credit card that was in the wallet had been used at several locations, police said.

■ A rear tire of a Ford parked in the 4900 block of Louise Avenue was reported stolen on May 11.

■ A spare tire was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 7400 block of McCormick Boulevard sometime between May 10 and 11, police said.

■ An 11-year-old from Skokie was arrested on theft charges in the 4800 block of Oakton Street on May 10, police said.

ATTEMPTED USE OF COUNTERFEIT CASH

■ Police said a man tried to use a counterfeit \$100 bill at the Ace Hardware store in the 5000 block of Oakton Avenue on May 11. A cashier declined the bill, and the man fled, police said.

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Third from right, front row, Sam Rannocho of the Skokie police stands among fellow officers getting the message May 21 at Sky High Sports Trampoline Park in Niles.

Skokie cops win local dodgeball tournament

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

The Skokie Police Department took to headquarters bragging rights with their May 21 win of The Braggers Cup trophy earned in Niles at the Northshore Law Enforcement Athletic Tournament.

Four police departments, including Niles, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood and Skokie officers, detectives or dispatchers, competed with members of the Cook County State's Attorney Office (Skokie District 2) in a Saturday evening dodgeball competition at Sky High Sports Trampoline Park in Niles.

Sponsored by the Niles Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #138, the event was planned to bring together members of local law enforcement communities for a night of fun, according

NORTHSHORE LAW ENFORCEMENT ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT

The Braggers Cup

*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal;
it is the courage to continue that counts."
The Thin Blue Line*

The big takeaway for the Skokie Police Department from the dodgeball tournament that took place May 21 at Sky High Sports Trampoline Park in Niles.

to Tony Scipione, a detective with Niles police.

"Let's be honest, it's a very stressful job we have," said Scipione, who is also FOP Lodge #138 secretary and event organizer. "This is for cops to get together and let off some steam."

Teams pelted each other on trampolines with

dodgeballs while one person wore a camcorder attached to a headband to record the game.

"I'm not that active lately," Sam Rannocho of Skokie police, said with a smile. "I thought I was going to have a heart attack!"

David Harris, a patrol

officer with the Niles police, did the ultimate photo bomb during a posed shot. He unexpectedly bounced in front of the group with trampoline prowess and a big smile.

The Braggers Cup will be put on display for one year at the Skokie Police Department.

The trophy bronze plaque says, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts (The Thin Blue Line)."

The annual fellowship event will feature other athletic activities besides dodgeball.

"It's great," said Shane Long, a Skokie police officer. "It's the first of many events, so I'm happy."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Save the date for Bike Niles Fest

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Cycling season is here so save the date for Bike Niles Fest on June 11 in its fourth year in Niles.

The Bike Niles Fest takes place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Notre Dame College Prep, 7655 Dempster St., and offers family-friendly attractions and amenities.

Expect a Division BMX Stunt Team Show, Safety Town, a bouncy house, balloon originals, vendors, complimentary food, face painting, fitness contests, giveaways and more. Proper bike helmet fitting will be provided as well.

Bikers of all ages and skill levels can experience cycling the Amling Memorial Route.

More than 300 people are expected to attend and the fest is open to all, officials say.

"It's definitely good to have events like this," said Amelio Notardonato of Norridge, who brought his family May 19 to the Niles Family Fitness Center. "It's good to keep awareness out there."

After an early evening of swimming on May 19, Notardonato and his wife, Maria, spoke with Carl Maniscalco of Norridge, director of the Niles Family Fitness Center, about bike safety.

Maniscalco, an avid cyclist and exercise physiolo-

gist who was trained as a physical education teacher, brought out his Bianchi bike so that the Notardonato children, Luca, 6, a Union Ridge School kindergartner, and Lucy, 4, a preschooler, could connect with bike safety.

"We will not let our children go on bikes without a bike helmet," Amelio Notardonato said.

"You don't want to take a chance," Maria Notardonato said.

Luca will soon have the training wheels on his bike removed, his parents said.

"It's about bike safety and being aware of your environment," Maniscalco said about one purpose of Bike Niles Fest.

Maniscalco said Chicago has more than 200 miles of protected bike lanes. He said there are many things cyclists should remember before biking, such as making sure they will be seen by motorists.

"I always recommend wearing bright clothes," he said.

And while it is tempting, Maniscalco said no one should wear iPhone or electronic device ear buds while cycling.

"You have to hear the environment, even more so on the road."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Carl Maniscalco, left, talks about bike safety with the Notardonato family of Norridge May 19.

Purple Hotel property developer's plans nixed

Village threatens legal action after missed deadline

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood has threatened legal action against a Skokie real estate developer over the long-delayed redevelopment of the former Purple Hotel property, a village official said last week.

Holland & Knight, the law firm that represents Lincolnwood, served North Capital Group on May 16 with a 30-day notice of intent to, in part, force the developers to restore the barren 8.5-acre triangular piece of land at Lincoln and Touhy avenues, according to Village Manager Tim Wiberg.

The papers were served a day after the company defaulted on a May 15 deadline, Wiberg said. The deadline was imposed by the village in February and required Neal Stein, principal at North Capital, to show proof he had secured a loan needed to resolve a pending bankruptcy lawsuit and finance construction costs for a \$135 million shopping center including residential, office and hotel space.

"Stein represented that he had obtained a construction loan for approximately \$117 million and that closing on the loan was imminent," Wiberg said. "Unfortunately, May 15 came and went, and I still haven't received any indication from North Capital Group relative to the status of their loan."

Stein, who did not im-

mediately return calls seeking comment, last appeared publicly at a Feb. 16 Village Board meeting. The village during that meeting granted several extensions to a pre-development agreement with North Capital on pre-construction restoration costs, including the removal of concrete foundations left behind when the historic Purple Hotel was demolished in 2013.

Aside from legally binding North Capital Group to restore the property with landscaping and foundation removal, the passing of the May 15 deadline cancels the development agreements previously approved by the village, according to Wiberg.

"If they intended to move forward with their development now, they would be back at the beginning," Wiberg said in an



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The Purple Hotel, at 4500 W. Touhy Ave. in Lincolnwood, before it was demolished in 2013.

email. "We provided them a 30 day notice, until June 15, to comply with all our property maintenance

standards; (and) if after June 15 they have not complied with our property standards, we will begin

the enforcement process."

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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Mental Health Court opts for rehabilitation over jail time

By MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Something feels decidedly different — less formal and certainly more supportive — in Judge Lauren Gottainer Edidin's Skokie courtroom.

"Keep reporting and let us know how you're doing," the judge told one woman who came before her.

"You changed your hair a little bit. It looks nice," she told another.

"I'm really proud of you — I really am. You're doing great," she gently said to the next one.

"You're such a nice person — people like to be around you," Edidin said, smiling at a young man having a difficult time.

Cook County's Mental Health

Court sessions are packed — just like the judge's usual morning case call. But here there are no pleas or stern pronouncements from the bench, no sentencing or confrontational prosecutor versus defense lawyer, no objections over some sharp lawyer verbiage.

Mental Health Court is about helping people get the treatment they need — not only so they won't continue to commit crimes, but so they can lead healthier and happier lives, Edidin said.

"What we're trying to do is stabilize these individuals — many of whom have become disenfranchised from friends and family," Edidin said. "And they're alone."

According to Cook County, the first two Mental Health Courts

were established in 2004 at State Street and California Avenue in the city; since then, more such courts have formed in Skokie, Rolling Meadows and Maywood.

Many of those entering Mental Health Court have co-occurring alcohol or substance abuse disorders, according to the county. Instead of spending months or years in jail, county officials said, participants get a Mental Health Court probation sentence and undergo compulsory medical, psy-

chiatric and substance-abuse treatment.

Jeanna Fazzaloro of Evanston said she thought she would spend a couple years in jail after her 2015 arrest for violating a no contact order. Instead, she entered Mental Health Court,

which she had never heard of at the time.

Approximately 18 months later, Fazzaloro was one of the court's graduates at a May 13 ceremony. The graduation ceremonies take place twice a year at the courthouse.

"You see how (the judge) treats other people and encourages them and gives them the benefit of the doubt as much as possible and as much as she can," she said after the ceremony. "I think that's motivating."

Finding a job and re-entering the world under the right care was also helpful in making Fazzaloro feel healthier, she said.

"I think I'm much better off," she said. "The working has given me a sense of agency that I can get



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Judge Lauren Gottainer Edidin presides over Cook County's Mental Health Court in Skokie, which treats offenders with mental health needs rather than incarcerating them. At a twice-a-year graduation ceremony, she hands out certificates to those who successfully complete the program.

my life back on track because I think if you have a mental illness, it's important to be around people who are functioning well."

Edidin said that when many people first enter Mental Health Court, they are often on the wrong medication.

"Many are self-medicating with illegal substances and, therefore, are committing crimes. Before this," she said, "what would we do with someone who had 10 retail thefts? The courts weren't looking to treat. We have refocused and are trying to address individuals and their needs as best we can."

Current and former Mental Health Court participants have expressed how compassionate and helpful Edidin has been in setting them on a better course. The judge herself notes, however, that "it takes a village." Social workers, lawyers and others are instrumental parts of the process, she said; they work together as a team.

Shelley Sutker-Dermer, presiding judge of the Second Municipal District in Skokie, seconded that, but she also said it takes a special kind of judge to make Mental Health Court and the related Veterans Court work, the latter overseen by Judge Michael Hood.

"You have to have a unique personality and you have to work with a different mindset when you work in these courts," Sutker-

Dermer said. "They have done a phenomenal job. I'm very proud of them."

According to Cook County, 896 people were admitted to Mental Health Court from its inception through the end of last year — 155 of them in Skokie. Ninety-three in Skokie had completed the program successfully, 62 were currently active in the program at the time.

If it were up to many of those who work in Mental Health Court, those numbers would even be higher.

Assistant Public Defender Stephanie Schlegel said there are many people sent to jail who should be in programs like this one or even out of the criminal justice system entirely.

"Some should be in the civil system," she said. "If they're that severely ill, they need to be handled by the Department of Human Services."

On occasion, she said, she defends a client who is actively psychotic and who might have committed a horrible crime. Schlegel said she knows that person is not going to get enough proper therapy waiting for trial in an Elgin jail.

That isn't to say Mental Health Court is a panacea without bumps in the road, according to those running it. Some who came before

Edidin during a recent session clearly were not in a good place; one even expressed thoughts of suicide.

"There are going to be ups and downs," Edidin said. "Some are going to test positive. There are going to be violations. You have to sort of expect that, work with that. Is their medication working? Is their therapy working?"

Even so, she calls Mental Health Court "probably one of the most rewarding things a judge can do." And the reason why is best reflected during those two emotional graduation ceremonies every year, she said.

"You believed in me," one graduate said, picking up her certificate.

"If it wasn't for Mental Health Court, I'd be dead by now," said another.

Fazzaloro distinctly remembers sitting in a holding cell with a bleak and uncertain future, she told those at the ceremony.

"Because they took me in Mental Health Court and treated me compassionately," she said. "I feel I have learned so much about how to be a less blaming person. I feel I will never repeat the actions that got me sent to jail in the first place."

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Skokie's Festival of Cultures draws estimated 27,000

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

The Skokie Festival of Cultures at Oakton Park in Skokie, a two-day weekend festival starting May 21, drew an estimated 27,000 attendees during the 26th year of the annual event, officials said.

"It takes a village," said Pamela Zeid of the Skokie Park District and operations chairperson of the festival committee.

The festival featured 33 cultures, she said. Visitors could enter booths where numerous countries were represented with costumes, artifacts and more.

Skokie's diversity of cultural backgrounds is celebrated annually at the event, Zeid said.

"When people think of diversity, there's a political connotation to it and that's

not what this is about," Zeid said. "It's about celebrating what makes everyone different."

Nearly 100 volunteers helped to make the weekend possible, Zeid said.

The event included stage performances and festival fare. The collection of flags set on display in wood chips drew the curious of all ages.

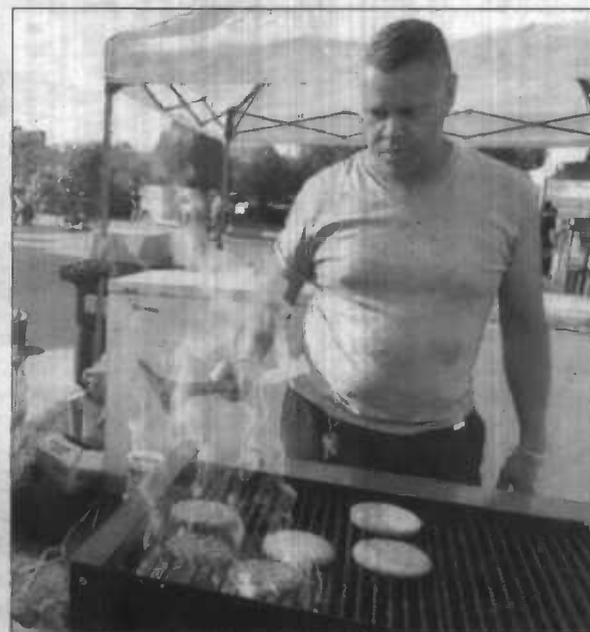
"I love coming here," said Althea Coakley of Skokie. "It's wonderful seeing everyone come together."

"I like it," said Chris Georges of Morton Grove. "It brings people together."

David Hanna of Skokie lives nearby.

"I enjoy it because you see so many different cultures," Hanna said. "It's not something you see every day."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Above: Rufino Pagan of West Dundee mans the grill on May 21 at the Skokie Festival of Cultures at Oakton Park. **Left:** Chris Georges, from left of center, of Morton Grove and David Hanna of Skokie observe the flags.



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Two former Skokie School District 73.5 teachers — Shelley Nizynski Reese, left, and Jen Cook — are returning to Skokie for a fundraiser for impoverished children of Ghana.

A Better Life for Kids returns to Skokie with golf event

MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Last August, two departing Skokie School District 73.5 teachers who helped inspire their students to reach out and help impoverished Ghanaian children half a world away said goodbye during a fundraiser outside the Skokie Public Library.

Shelley Nizynski Reese, a second grade teacher at Middleton School who founded A Better Life For Kids, and Jen Ciok, a McCracken Middle School teacher who aligned her students with the same cause, were moving on.

The students sang "Shine A Light," a song written by singer and songwriter Wendy Morgan using their own words and reflecting the need to help children less fortunate. The song was recorded and sold with proceeds going to A Better Life For Kids.

Nizynski Reese's non-profit returns to Skokie in June to raise funds for the same important cause.

A Better Life For Kids bills the fundraiser as "Mini Golf For Good," a morning of

miniature golf and other activities from 9 a.m. to noon June 4 at Skokie Sports Park, 3459 Oakton St.

The proceeds from the event will help educate children in Ghana, according to A Better Life For Kids. In addition to golf, the event will include contests, games, raffles, glitter tattoos and more.

The teachers also expect to see former students and families for the first time since they left District 73.5. They changed jobs, they said, but their devotion and passion for keeping A Better Life For Kids and its mission thriving hasn't changed.

Nizynski Reese went to Ghana alone more than a decade ago, just as she was beginning her job in Skokie. She bonded with children there and carried with her their urgent need for help and support upon her return.

She said on repeated occasions her heart broke seeing the children's struggle with such limited resources. "I knew I had to do something to help," she said.

Ciok did not know Nizynski Reese then, but she was in the early years of overse-

ing an after-school service learning club, Aiding Children Together. Only when the club teamed with Nizynski Reese's mission did students become more engaged and passionate in helping others, Ciok said.

Ciok left teaching in Skokie to work for a company called Umoja, which supports social justice, service learning and helping kids on a path toward graduation and better citizenship, she said. She began working at Sullivan High School in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood.

Nizynski Reese left her job to join her parents as they extended their current business by opening a retail store called Encouragement Place. She became charged with selecting children's lines of books, toys and gifts so they are taught important social and emotional skills among other duties.

In both cases, they said, A Better Life For Kids has remained a high priority.

For more information on the Mini Golf For Good fundraiser, visit www.abetterlifeforkids.org.

Advocate Health Care opens 56 Walgreens clinics

Locations spread throughout Chicagoland area

By **TODD SHIELDS**
Pioneer Press

Advocate Health Care recently revealed a new concept, as the provider started to open 56 clinics inside Walgreen stores located in Buffalo Grove, Lake Zurich, Lincolnshire and elsewhere across the Chicago area.

The in-store health care offices provide physicals and vaccinations, as well as treatment for common illnesses, injuries, cold and flu, ear infections, strep throat, migraines, pink eye and rashes, said Liz Donofrio, manager of public affairs and marketing at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington.

Advocate staff at the cen-

ters also can treat bronchitis, upper respiratory infections, sprains and strains, she said. Most of the sites will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends.

Patients can walk in for help or make same-day appointments. On May 18, customers at a Walgreens store in McHenry saw the new concept during a grand opening and ribbon cutting event for the Advocate Health Care Clinics.

Jen Frey, a McHenry resident, understands raising children can be unpredictable at times.

"I have three kids, and they never get sick when it's convenient," Frey said. "So with the expanded hours here, I can just walk in and get help for my kids' health care needs."

Anthony Weston, a family doctor at Advocate Medical

Group in Crystal Lake, said two nurse practitioners will staff the Walgreens clinic in McHenry, and he will be overseeing patient care.

"The main issue at Advocate is that we try to get patients access when and where they need care," he said. "Mostly we can get that done in our primary care offices, but having these clinics is a good safety net."

Employed by Advocate Medical Group, certified nurses and medical assistants staff the clinics. People do not have to be Advocate patients to receive care.

Electronic health record and billing systems at Advocate also are available at the clinics, according to Advocate. For instance, clinic patients have "24/7" connectivity to a portal for scheduling appointments, viewing medical records and test results, talking to

physicians and refilling prescriptions, according to the provider.

Advocate Health Care clinics in Walgreens include locations in Lake Zurich, Lincolnshire, Oak Park, River Forest, Park Ridge, Morton Grove, Libertyville, Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights, according to Advocate.

Addressing the new concept, Karen Lambert, president of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, said Walgreens "is one of the most popular retail pharmacy in the nation." According to an Advocate news release, many clinic services have a flat \$89 fee, and the clinics accept the same "broad" health care insurance accepted at all Advocate Medical Group.

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Karen Lambert, president of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, speaks at the grand opening of Advocate Health Care Clinic in the McHenry Walgreens.



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GRADUATION 2016

Maine East, South hold commencement events

MAINE EAST

Maine East High School's graduation ceremony took place May 22 at the Rosemont Theatre in Rosemont.

A total of 524 students made up Maine East's class of 2016, according to Maine Township High School District 207 spokesman Dave Beery. The ceremony immediately followed Maine South High School's graduation.

Student speakers included Phil Hua-Pham, senior class president, and Ashton Smith.

Representing the top 1 percent of their graduating class were Maine East's Maine Scholars Joshua Daniel, Monica Mastalerz, Gina Oshana, Aneri B. Patel, Arjun Patel and Yash Patel.

— Jennifer Johnson,
Pioneer Press



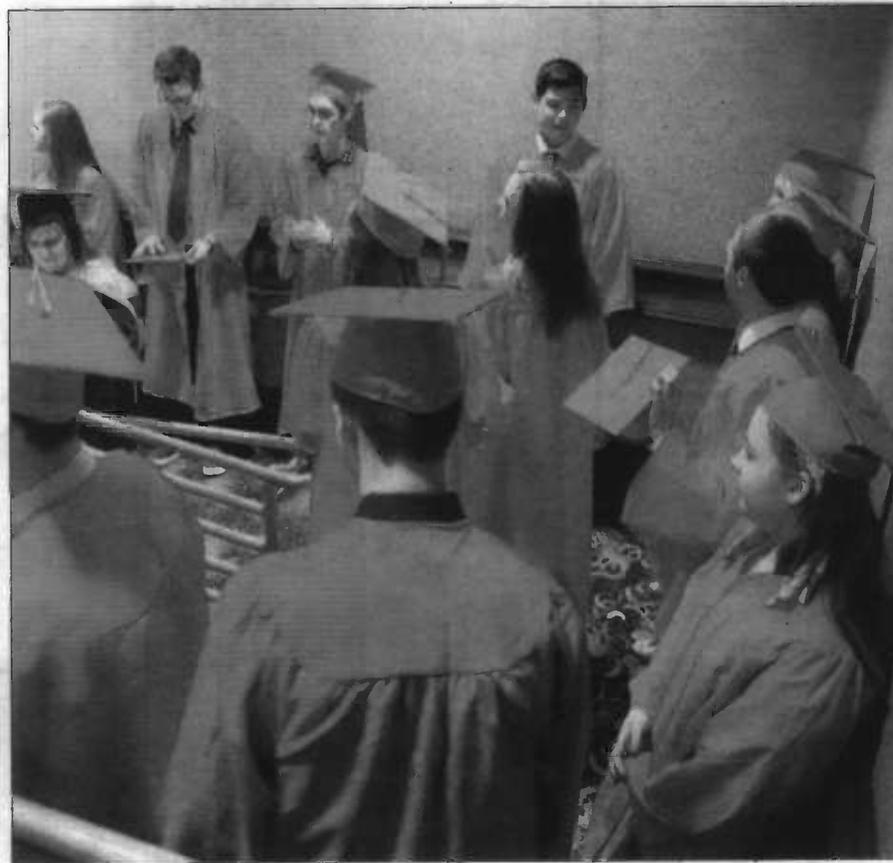
Above: Maine East graduates are recognized by Principal Michael Pressler.
Left: Taylor Alcala fixes the cap of a fellow graduate before the ceremony.
Far left: Maine East graduates walk outside the Rosemont Theatre before the start of graduation ceremonies May 22.

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Above: Maine South's Claudia Nadler fixes a fellow grad's cap.
Right: Emma Ahlbeck, senior class president, speaks May 22.
Far right: Maine South seniors line up before the ceremony.

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MAINE SOUTH

Just over 570 students walked across the Rosemont Theatre stage to accept their diplomas May 22 during Maine South High School graduation ceremonies.

Student speakers from the class of 2016 were senior class President Emma Ahlbeck and Maine Scholars Christina Karlson, Julia Araneta, Isabella Goldman, Lauren Grove and Gina Johnson.

Other end-of-the-year senior activities included Great America Grad Night on May 14, an overnight adventure at the theme park; senior breakfast, held on May 19 at Avalon Banquets in Elk Grove Village; and prom, with a theme of "The Enchanted Garden," on May 20 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center.

— Jennifer Johnson,
Pioneer Press

Can we still have a Great Society?



RANDY BLASER

In the spring of 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson came to the campus of the University of Michigan to give the commencement address to the graduating seniors. It was here that he gave the students of that generation a mission — to achieve for our nation what he termed “The Great Society.”

It was quite a vision.

“The Great Society rests on abundance and liberty for all,” LBJ told the graduates. “It demands an end to poverty and racial injustice, to which we are totally committed in our time. But that is just the beginning.”

The Great Society, Johnson said, would be built in three places — “in our cities, in our countryside and in our classrooms.”

Johnson predicted that by 2014 the U.S. population would reach 400 million. He was wrong. It was estimated at 321 million by 2015. But he was absolutely correct when he said that four-fifths



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President Lyndon Johnson signs the Medicare Bill into law while former President Harry S. Truman, right, observes during a ceremony at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo. At rear are Lady Bird Johnson, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and former first lady Bess Truman. When Johnson signed Medicare and Medicaid into law, Americans 65 and older were the age group least likely to have health insurance.

of the population would live in urban areas.

With that move, Johnson said the task was to rebuild the cities. He then cataloged the ills of America’s urban areas, including urban blight, lack of housing and highways choked by traffic. Sound familiar?

“Worst of all expansion is eroding the precious and time-honored values of community with neighbors and communion with nature,” Johnson said. “The loss of these values breeds loneliness and boredom and indifference.”

And something else: Our cities

have become murder capitals, where young children can’t play at the neighborhood playground or even study at home for fear of being shot by a stray bullet.

Johnson also had high aims for the countryside, and envisioned the water we drink, the air we breathe and the food we eat to be free from pollution. He sought more open lands and seashores, green fields and dense forests.

Thanks to Johnson’s vision, the air, water and parks are cleaner today than they were 50 years ago. Food is another matter. No one could foresee the growth in packaged food and the industrial food complex, growth hormones and additives that has caused us to become an obese nation.

The third place to build Johnson’s Great Society was in our classrooms. “Our society will not be great until every young mind is set free to scan the farthest reaches of thought and imagination.”

Johnson sought more schools and teachers, better teaching methods and better training for teachers, and new ways to stimulate a love of learning. He envisioned more students graduating high school and making college more affordable for those who are prepared for college work.

More students are graduating from high school, but fewer are

prepared for college work. In a 2012 study, the ACT found that 60 percent of high school graduates were not fully prepared for college work.

But they are prepared to demand safe spaces, trigger warnings and to protest speakers whose ideas differ from their own. So much for exploring the farthest reaches of thought and imagination.

It is clear Johnson’s dream exceeded our grasp. In many ways, the Great Society transformed the lives of most Americans. Fair housing, voting rights, clean air and clean water, money for the arts are all part of the Great Society.

Yet it is clear it failed in many other ways, perhaps a victim of its own ambition. Many cities are much worse off today than they were in 1964. So are many urban schools.

The issue is not whether we want to have a Great Society. I think we agree that we do. The issue is how do we get there.

In 1964, Donald Trump graduated from high school and Hillary Clinton was a high school junior. The issue is still before us. Which road will we take?

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Discovering the true meaning of Memorial Day



PAUL SASSONE

There is no one left to mourn him.

That melancholy thought came to me as I noticed Memorial Day is almost upon us.

In marking Memorial Day, I once wrote a column about my uncle. Uncle Vincent was a pilot who was shot down and killed over Sicily in World War II.

I wrote that Uncle Vincent’s life mostly never was. He never

married, never had children, never had a career. His potential never was actualized.

What he left was pain and memories for the family who loved him. In my grandparents’ house, there was a glass case in the corner of the living room. Lovingly displayed in the case were photos of Vincent flanking the Purple Heart my grandparents had received in exchange for the son they sent to war.

And even decades later, my mother would weep at the mention of her brother’s name.

For my family the death of Vincent was an open wound, a wound that never healed.

But though the memory was an ache, Vincent still lived in his

family’s memory.

But now, those family members are gone. The people who actually knew Vincent no longer exist to keep his memory alive, to mourn him.

Fortunately, there still is Memorial Day.

And for the first time, I think I really understand, really feel, the importance of that day.

Time passes. Those who mourn die. And thus the men and women killed in war might be forgotten.

Memorial Day ensures those who gave their lives battling for us are not forgotten. Their sacrifice is remembered and honored.

On Memorial Day, the entire nation mourns.

Memorial Day is more than a day off from work, a parade and hot dogs on the grill. Not that there is anything wrong with enjoying the day. The pursuit of happiness is one of the goals our war dead died for.

There were 405,399 Uncle Vincents in World War II. And thousands and thousands more who died in our other wars. They deserve to be remembered and mourned.

And as long as there is Memorial Day they will be remembered.

Who mourns Uncle Vincent and all those others? The entire United States.

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GARY MIDDENDORF/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Armed forces veterans take to the greens for a golf benefit honoring veterans at Odyssey Golf Course on May 16 at Odyssey Golf Course in Tinley Park.



AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY

Actress Connie Britton, right, starred as country singer Rayna Jaymes in the show "Nashville" for four seasons after playing a top role in the show "Friday Night Lights."

TV cancellations put 'Friday Night Lights' cast members back under spotlight

It's make or break season in the TV business.

Loyal viewers have started to find out if their favorite network shows will march on to another season or end up on the cutting room floor. For some shows, such as "The Simpsons," which FOX renewed for what seems like the 97th year in a row, getting the network's green light for more seasons is automatic. But if you're walking across ABC's cutting room floor, you better bring a big broom. Viewers of the network's heavyweight dramas "Nashville" and "The Family" may have been caught off guard by sudden announcements about both shows being canceled. While "Nashville" stuck it out for a multi-season run, depicting turmoil of country music superstars on and off stage, "The Family," a show about a political family in Maine being reunited with their kidnapped son after 10 years — or so it seemed — was



ERIC SCOTT

just getting started before ABC pulled the plug.

These two shows also feature stars from, what I feel, was one of the best shows in recent years, "Friday Night Lights." Actress Connie Britton went from the dusty fields of Dillon, Texas, and became a TV country music star on "Nashville," while actor Zach Gilford stepped off the gridiron as the Dillon Panthers' quarterback to become the wayward son of a politician who usually was found in a local bar at closing time.

The fact that both actors quickly resurfaced on other shows after FNL rode into the sunset shows how effective they are at portraying completely new characters and con-

vincing viewers that they really are the people they pretend to be. What helped FNL was an equally good supporting cast and great story lines that often went way beyond high school football.

Both outgoing shows on ABC started strong, but sort of lost that "pull-me-back" factor to sustain their opening gate buzz. A part of the issue might have been a lack of viewers connecting with the supporting actors around the main stars — something FNL enjoyed throughout its run. Now that Britton and Gilford are open for new roles, they perhaps could join the rest of their former cast mates for a FNL high school reunion special? But if that's not in the cards, seeing them in new shows will definitely draw attention and hopefully land them in a show with more staying power.

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Don't let summer's wonders slip away



PAT LENHOFF

In the annual march of time, winter's late-afternoon darkness has been replaced by late-evening spring sunsets. Frogs call out from nearby fields and ponds. Birds actively forage for their young ones still in the nest. Even pesky wasps and ants signify the season has turned.

It's always at this time of year that summer's bounty of blessings is most appetizing, laying out before us with the hint of lazy days in the sun and breezy starlit nights that carry strains of music from countless outdoor concerts.

Summer embraces every one of our senses.

When I was young, summer vacation had very little structure. My brothers hit the door running after breakfast, often not to be seen again until I, as the eldest sister, was forced to hunt them down for dinner.

There was no indoor lollygagging in most households then. If you didn't head outside on your own accord, mom would issue orders to vacate the premises. Apparently that skill was passed down to me, because recently my youngest recounted the story of how I kicked her out to play one summer day, only to find her sitting on the front porch sulking. She swears I then barked out the question, "What are you doing just sitting on MY porch?!"

Guess I was in no danger of being nominated for Mother of the Year that year.

However, that porch-sitting episode was becoming an obsolete summer activity as my children grew up. Unencumbered sched-



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Sometimes the summer should just be spent enjoying warm days and cold lemonade.

ules gave way to day and sleepover camps, some of which were eight weeks long. Boy, what I would have done to enroll my kids in any kind of sleepover camp.

We took a trip to a local YMCA camp that had one-week sessions, still pricey for our budget but doable with some sacrificing. After a very vocal dissent by all three Lenhoffs over everything from the condition of the sleeping quarters to the idea of being together for a full week, the subject was shelved for good.

Of course, as children age and we endured the infamous summer before college, I realized with bittersweet emotion that the time had come when I

no longer had to finagle sleepover camp, they were basically leaving the nest for good.

Today, kids have a pretty structured calendar of events during the summer. Sometimes those activities take up as much time as the school year.

At this point each year as we sit at the horizon of Memorial Day, I always hope that everyone finds windows of time to do nothing but recline on a lounge chair, sip lemonade, marvel at the shape of clouds and connect with the unique gift that is summer.

It slips away quickly, so don't allow regrets.

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Awaiting the sounds of summer

Check out the season's outdoor concerts

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and keep this guide handy all summer long to find outdoor concerts.

DES PLAINES

Live at the Lake Summer Entertainment Series, 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 7, 21, 28, at Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, 2200 Lee at Fargo. Shows will be canceled in the event of rain. July 7: Des Plaines Community Concert Band. July 21: Artistry in Motion Dance Company (jazz, modern, contemporary, tap, lyrical, ballet and hip hop). July 28: Barefoot Hawaiians (Polynesian). Call (847) 391-5700 or go to www.desplainespark-s.org.

Des Plaines Fall Fest, Sept. 16-18, Lake Park, 2200 Lee St., between Howard and Touhy Ave., Des Plaines. Hours: Friday 6-11 p.m.; Saturday noon-11 p.m.; Sunday noon-8 p.m. Features kid zone activities, carnival rides, open air market, bag tournament, country fair tent, food, beer, wine, car show and more. Music lineup: Friday: 6:30-8 p.m., American English; 9-10:45 p.m. ARRA; Saturday: noon, Sol Azteca Folkloric Ensemble (SAFE); 2-3 p.m., The Stingrays; 4-5:30 p.m., Gina Glocksen Band; 6:30-8 p.m. Heartache Tonight; 9-10:5 p.m. SEM-PLÉ; Sunday: 12:30 p.m., Artistry in Motion; 2:30-4 p.m. Hillbilly Rock Starz; 5-7 p.m. 7th Heaven. Free admission, free parking. Go to fallfestdesplaines.com.

EVANSTON

Starlight Concert Series, 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 7-Oct. 30 at numerous Evanston parks. Free admission. June 7: The Congregation (classic soul, rock), James Park, Dodge at Mulford. June 14: Vance Kelly and the Backstreet Blues Band (blues), Harbert Park, Dempster Street at McDaniel Avenue. June 21: Drea and the Love Reggae Band, Twiggs Park, Dodge Avenue at Simpson Street. June 28: Brian O'Hern and the Model Citizens (big band), Bent Park, Central Street and Cowper Avenue. July 5: Peter Oprisko Pop Jazz Band, Leahy Park, Lincoln Street and Ridge Avenue. July 12: R-Gang (R&B, Motown), Brummel Park, Brummel Street and Ridge Avenue. July 19: The Victory Travelers (gospel), Mason Park, Church Street and Florence Avenue. July 26: Los Perros Cubanos (Cuban music), Dawes Park, Lakefront between Dempster and Church. Rain location for each concert is the Levy Center. Go to www.cityofevanston.org.

LINCOLNWOOD

Summer Concert Series, 7-8:30 p.m.



SPOKEN FOUR

Spoken Four performs June 15 for Skokle's Wednesdays on the Green concert series:

Thursdays, June 2-July 28, at Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave. Free. June 2: Wind Gypsies (classic rock, jazzy blues, country and Southern rock). June 9: Dixie Crush (country). June 16: Dick Diamond & the Dusters (novelty supergroup, songs from last four decades). June 23: Shout Out (top 40 hits to classics). June 30: Rhythm Rockets (vintage rhythm & blues). July 7: Jose Valdes & the Mambo All Stars (Latin, cool jazz, Caribbean calypso, classical). July 14: Final Say (latest Top 40 hits to classics). July 28: Second Hand Soul (Motown, soul, rock & roll). Go to www.lincolnwoodil.org.

MORTON GROVE

Tunes on Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 14-July 26, at Harrer Park Shelter, 6250 Dempster (north end of the park). Free. Inclement weather location is Park View School Gymnasium, 6200 Lake. June 14: The Soda (rock, pop and country). June 21: Billy Croft & The Five Alarm (country and rock). June 28: The Final Groove (covers). July 12: Classical Blast (classical and rock). July 21 (Thursday): The Fortunate Sons (CCR tribute). July 26: Billy Elton (Billy Joel & Elton John tribute). Go to

mortongroveparks.com.

NILES

Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays, July 8-Aug. 12, at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa. Free. Food will be available for purchase from Howard Street Inn. No dogs or alcoholic beverages allowed in park. Concerts are weather permitting. Theme Nights also listed. July 8: Penny Carnival Night and Wild Daisy (country). July 15: Vehicle Adventure and Associates Band (Motown and variety). July 22: Down Home Family Fun and The Strummer Brothers Band (rock, pop, folk & country). July 29: Summer Fun and The Lisa Rene Band (rock variety). Aug. 5: All Aboard the Train and The Sting Rays (50's, 60's & 70's). Aug. 12: Party in the Park and BBI ('70s and '80s). Go to www.niles-parks.org.

NORRIDGE

Island in the City Festival, July 7-10 at Norridge Community Park, 4631 N. Overhill. Free admission. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday, 1-11 p.m. Saturday and 1-10 p.m. Sunday. The event features live entertainment, food vendors and carnival rides. A limited number of pre-sale 4-day

Carnival Mega Passes are available for \$60 for purchase in the Main Building of the Park from 9-4 p.m. Music lineup: July 7: 7th Heaven, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; July 8: Who's Next, 6-7:30 p.m., Infinity, 8-10:30 p.m.; July 9: It's So About You, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Uptown 6, 4-5:30 p.m., Mitchhart, 6-7:30 p.m., Hi Infidelity, 8-10:30 p.m.; July 10: Six Strings Crossing, 3-4:15 p.m., Smoking Gunz, 4:15-5:30 p.m., Caroline Kole, 6-7:15 p.m., Mantz Brothers, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Go to www.islandinthecity.com.

PARK RIDGE

Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony, 50-piece orchestra under the direction of Barbara Schubert performs varied concerts in Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland Ave., in front of City Hall. Check back here for final information, www.prfas.org/event-calendar.

RIVER GROVE

Wednesday Night at the Gazebo Concert Series, 7:30-9 p.m. June 22 to Sept. 7 at River Front Park, Grand Avenue and Ditka Drive. June 22: The Pond Hawks (Monkeys

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original tunes), July 6: Hillbilly Rockstarz, July 20: Ol' Red Eyes Ol' Blue Eyes, Aug. 10: One Foot in the Groove, Aug. 17: Our Gang, Aug. 31: Todka Vonics, Sept. 7: Chicago Skyliners.

ROSEMONT

Rockin' in the Park Summer Concert Series, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, June 2 through Sept. 1, at MB Financial Park, 5501 Park Place. Fireworks after every concert. Food & beverage tents from restaurants located within MB Park. Outside food is prohibited. Free. May 29: Maggie Speaks & The Blooze Bros (special start time 3 p.m.). June 2: 7th Heaven. June 9: Cathy Richardson. June 16: Libido Funk Circus. June 23: Live the Who. June 30: M&R Rush. July 3: Denny Diamond. July 7: American English. July 14: Atomic Punks. July 21: Generation. July 28: The Rush Tribute Project. Aug. 4: Rod Tuffcurls. Aug. 11: Heartache Tonight. Aug. 18: Hi Fidelity. Aug. 25: Think Floyd. Sept. 1: Modern Day Romeos. Go to www.rosemont.com.

SKOKIE

Wednesdays On The Green Concerts, 7 p.m., June 1 to August 17, on the Village Green, located between the Skokie Public Library, 5125 Oakton Street and Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. Plenty of free parking. June 1: Skydeck (teen rock band). June 8: Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. June 15: Spoken Four ('50s to today's top '40s) with dance instruction from Kaleidoscope Dance. June 22: Animal Quest - Kids and Family Night, an interactive hour of fun with animals. June 29: Shout Out with Kaleidoscope Dance. July 6: Skokie Theatre - Skokie Idol Winners Concert. July 13: The Hillbilly Rockstarz (country, live from Nashville Tour 2015). July 20: Circus Boy's Comedy Show - Kids and Family Night. July 27: The Empty Pockets (rock & roll). Aug. 3: Michael Lerich Orchestra. Aug. 10: Kaleidoscope Dance - Kidz Bop



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Blue Oyster Cult performs at Skokie's Backlot Bash Aug. 26.



HEARTACHE TONIGHT

Eagles tribute band Heartache Tonight performs in Rosemont Aug. 11.

Dance Night with Classy Clown - Kids and Family Night, face painting and balloons. Aug. 17 Chicago Soul Revue. Go to wednesdaysonthegreen.com/schedule.

Sunday Sundown Summer Concerts, 7-8:30 p.m. July 17-Aug. 14, at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood. Free. July 17: The Chicago Tribute Anthology ("Chicago" 7-piece horn band). July 24: Saturday June Band (rock 'n' roll). July 31: Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. Aug. 7: The Blooze Brothers (Sweet Home Chicago Band). Aug. 14: The Rhythm Rockets ('40s & '50s blues/jazz). Go to www.skokieparks.org.

Skokie's Backlot Bash, Aug. 26-28, in a closed-off, two-block portion of Oakton Street, between Lincoln and Laramie avenues adjacent to Village Hall (5127 Oakton Street). Go to the website for automobile parking provided by local businesses. Hours are Friday 6-10 p.m., Saturday 11

a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday noon-8 p.m. Features hours of live music, a large carnival midway, a 5K Run, Kids' Half Mile Race, 50/50 raffle, classic movies at the historic Skokie Theatre, a children's stage and kid's activities, a classic auto show, bingo, a Sponsor and Community Resource Fair, sidewalk sale, dunk tank, a beer tent, historic log cabin, Sunday pancake breakfast, farmers market and food. Main stage music lineup: Friday: Penthouse Sweets, 6:30 p.m.; Blue Oyster Cult, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday: Jonas Friddle & Matt Brown, noon; Big Sadie, Bluegrass Trio, 1 p.m.; Foreign Shores, 3 p.m.; Everybody Says Yes, 5 p.m.; The Cells, 7 p.m.; Living Colour, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday: Tony Do Rasario Duo, 1 p.m.; Terry White, 3 p.m.; Royal Outsiders, 5 p.m.; Tributosaurus becomes The Police, 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Go to www.backlotbash.com.

—Staff report

EVENTS

A guide to farmers markets

BY ELIZABETH OWENS-SCHIELE
Chicago Tribune

Farmers market season has arrived! Numerous markets have started selling wares and more will pop up around the city and suburbs in June.

SUBURBAN MARKETS
Listed alphabetically by town name

Des Plaines: Ellinwood Street, between Pearson and Lee streets, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Fridays, June 17-Oct. 7.

Evanston: Downtown Evanston Farmers Market, University Place and Oak Avenue, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 7-Nov. 5; **West End Ethnic Market,** Evanston High School parking lot, Church Street and Dodge Avenue, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays (dates to be determined); **Ridgeville Market,** Ridge Avenue and South Boulevard, 3:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 1-Oct. 5; **McGaw YMCA Market,** 1000 Grove St., 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays (dates to be determined).

Glenview: Wagner Farm: 1510 Wagner Road, 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, June 25-Oct. 8.

Morton Grove: 6210 Dempster St., 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, June 4-Oct. 15.

Mount Prospect: Metra lot, Northwest Highway and Route 83, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, June 12-Oct. 30.

Park Ridge: 15 Prairie Ave., south of Metra station, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 28-Oct. 29.

Skokie: Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sundays, June 12-Nov. 6.

Wilmette French Market: Downtown Metra parking lot, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, April 23-Nov. 5.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Markets are listed by days of the week. For more information, go to chicagofarmersmarkets.us.

Mondays

Loyola University: Chicago Farmers Market: 6540 N. Sheridan Road; June 6 to Sept. 19, 3-7 p.m.; Sept. 26 to Oct. 10, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Downtown - Federal Plaza Farmers Market: Adams Street and Dearborn Parkway; May 17 to Oct. 25; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lincoln Square Farmers Market: 2301 W. Leland Ave.; June 7 to Oct. 25; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesdays

Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest Lawndale Market: 3750 W. Ogden Ave.; July 6 to Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Edison Park Farmers Market: 6739 N. Northwest Highway; weekly June through August, dates TBD; 4-8 p.m.

Green City Market: Lincoln Park: south end of Lincoln Park at Lincoln Avenue, between Clark Street and Stockton Drive; May 11 to Oct. 26; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; also Saturdays.

Ravenswood Farmers Market: 4900 N. Damen Ave.; May 25 to Sept. 14; 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Weekly market every Wednesday

Thursdays

Daley Plaza Market: 50 W. Washington St.; May 12 to Oct. 27; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Downtown - Willis Tower Farmers Market: 233 S. Wacker Drive; July 14 to Oct. 17; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Eli's Cheesecake Farm Stand and Fresh Market: 6701 W. Forrest Preserve Drive; June 16 to Aug. 25, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lincoln Square Eve-

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Farmers market season is back in full swing.

ning Farmers Market: 2301 W. Leland Ave.; June 9 to Oct. 27, 4-8 p.m.

South Loop Farmers Market: 1936 S. Michigan Ave.; June 16 to Sept. 29, 4-8 p.m.

Saturdays

Edgebrook Neighborhood Farmers Market: 6525 N. Hiawatha Ave.; July 2 to Oct. 1; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Green City Market: Lincoln Park: south end of Lincoln Avenue, between Clark Street and Stockton Drive; May 7-Oct. 29; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; also Wednesdays. And Green City Market West Loop: 211 S. Peoria St.; June 4 to Oct. 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Printers Row Farmers Market: Polk and Dearborn streets; June 25 to Oct. 29; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sundays

Jefferson Park Farmers Market: 4820 N. Long Ave.; June 12, 26; July 10, 24; Aug. 14, 28; Sept. 11, 25; Oct. 9, 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Logan Square Farmers Market: 3107 W. Logan Blvd.; May 15 to Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Portage Park Farmers Market: Berneau and Central avenues; June 5 to Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Is your teen an introvert?

Susan Cain, whose 2012 best-selling book launched the introvert awareness movement, wants to help quiet kids Page 14

SUBURBAN COOKS

Oswego man keeps his cooking clean

By Judy Buchenot

The Beacon-News

Ryan Anderson didn't think much about food until he landed a position with Natural Direct, an Aurora based company specializing in local natural food distribution. He became familiar with dairy products straight from Kilgus Farm in Fairbury. He began to appreciate fresh eggs from the Amish farmers and meat from pasture-raised cattle.

"I began to understand that it is more about what is not in the food that should be important," said the Oswego resident, referring to the lack of antibiotics, pesticides and chemicals missing from naturally raised meats, vegetables and dairy. "I also found out about humane treatment of animals and how important it is to support local farms."

This new knowledge led him to start cooking in a true farm-to-table style. "I enjoy cooking so much that I thought about going to school to learn more but I like what I am doing now," the 29-year-old said. He currently serves as the company's operations manager, but in the past, he traveled to the farms to pick up produce.

"I have spent time at a lot of the farms, and it seems like a simpler way of life. I remember going to an Amish Farm to pick up eggs one summer. When I got there, about six little kids ran up to the dock where we pick up the eggs. I noticed that they were all barefoot. I asked the farmer why they didn't have shoes on and he told me 'they haven't earned shoes.' The kids don't start wearing shoes until they start helping on the farm. All of the kids wanted to help load the eggs. It was interesting."

Anderson recalls that his father did a lot of cooking. "My mom was a nurse, so she worked long hours, so he took over some of the cooking." History has repeated itself because about one year ago, Anderson married Hayley, a nurse at Loyola Hospital.

"I like to cook for her. Breakfast is my favorite meal to make. We both love big breakfasts," he said. Their favorite breakfast is a hearty serving of fried potatoes with sausage and an egg-filled breakfast burrito.

A secret to his fried potatoes is using a Caribbean Jerk spice mix — a blend of crushed red pepper, thyme and allspice. Anderson said other spice blends can be used. He also dices the potatoes so that they cook more quickly. His wife likes to have her potatoes served on a bed of baby lettuce. Sometimes, Anderson changes the potatoes from a side dish into a main dish by simply, "putting a nice runny poached egg on top."

The breakfast burrito, which he has named Babe's Burrito in honor of his wife, who loves the dish, uses seitan, an all-natural meat substitute derived from wheat. The product is found in some larger grocery



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Ryan Anderson, of Oswego, scoops eggs into his breakfast burrito that features seitan.

Ryan's Culinary Cue

When scrambling eggs, pick a frying pan size carefully so that the egg mixture is about 1/2-inch deep in the pan. If the pan is too large, the eggs cook too quickly and are not fluffy. If the pan is too small, the eggs cook slower and do not cook as evenly.

stores as well as natural food stores. "It tastes a lot like meat but is really low in carbs and fat," Anderson said. Chorizo or pork sausage can be used in place of the seitan if desired.

Babe's Burrito is made with goat cheese

crumbles, one of Hayley's favorite cheeses. However, Anderson prefers using a mix of smoked cheddar and Mexican cheeses for his burrito. "You can really pick your own favorite cheese," he said.

To give the burrito texture, Anderson lightly fries the filled burrito in coconut oil. The flour tortilla becomes crispy, which provides a delightful crunch to the breakfast specialty. "I like to top it with Sriracha sauce, but that can be skipped," he said referring to the hot chili sauce.

Anderson shares his recipes for others to try for a hearty and memorable breakfast.

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Hearty Fried Potatoes

Makes two to four servings.

- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 10 baby red potatoes, diced
- 5 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 shallot, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons Caribbean Jerk spice blend
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 peppers, diced
- 8 ounces sage seasoned pork sausage
- 2 cups salad greens (optional)

1. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large frying pan. Without peeling, dice potatoes. Place in oil to start cooking. In a separate pan, heat remaining tablespoon of olive oil. Add shallot and garlic and cook until shallot is translucent. Add to potatoes. Add Caribbean Jerk spice blend. Add peppers.

2. Cook until potatoes begin to turn a light brown, about 30 minutes. In a separate frying pan, brown pork sausage. Drain and add to potatoes. Serve potatoes plain or on a bed of salad greens.

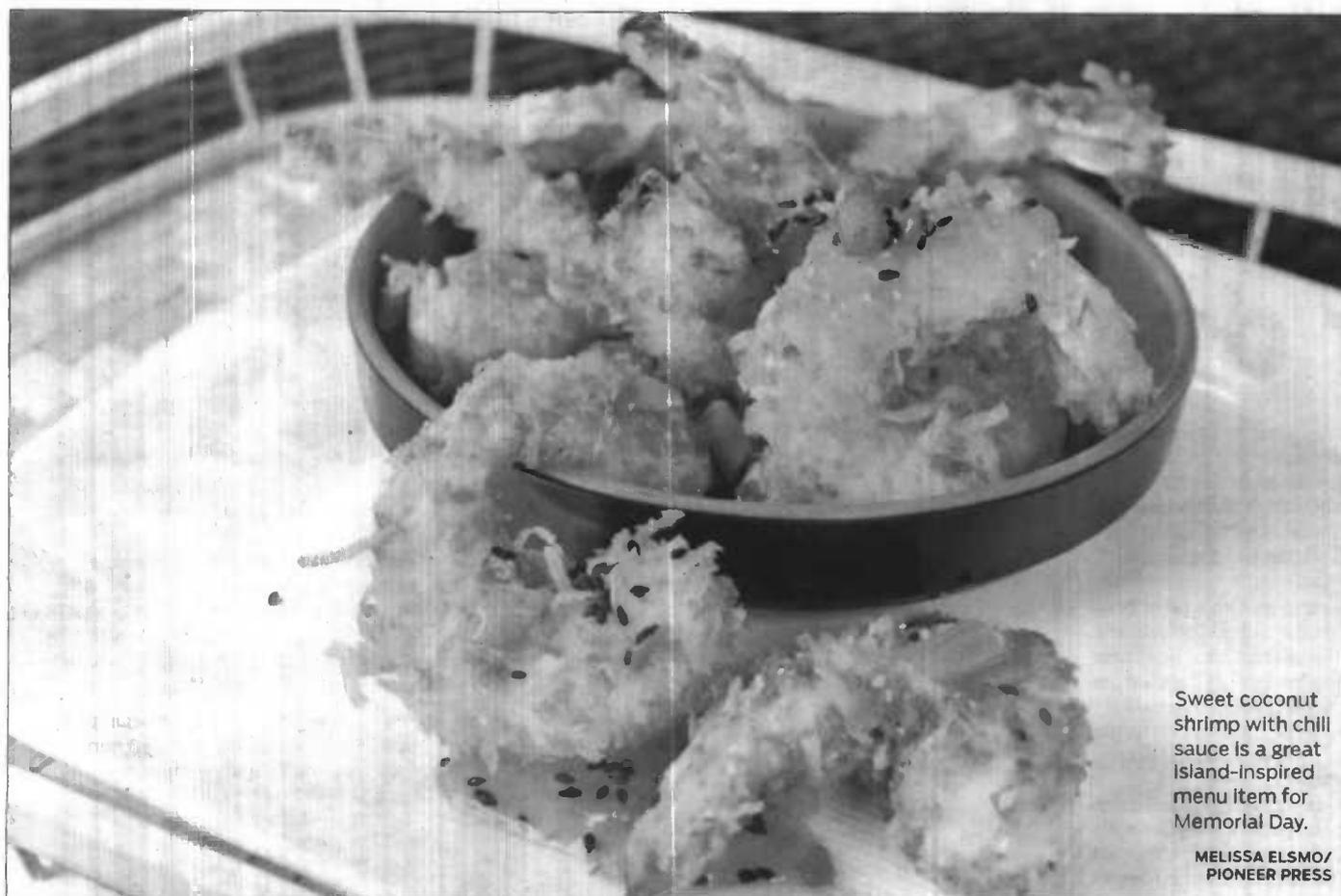
Babe's Burrito

- 8 ounces seitan
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 5 eggs
- 1/2 tablespoon heavy whipping cream
- 2 flour burrito-size tortillas
- 1/4 cup goat cheese crumbles
- 1/4 cup salsa
- 3 tablespoons coconut oil
- Sriracha sauce to taste (optional)

1. In a small frying pan, break seitan into small pieces and heat. Set aside. In the same small pan, lightly heat chopped red pepper to soften. Set aside.

2. In a large frying pan, melt butter. In a bowl, whisk together eggs and whipped cream until blended. Pour into frying pan and cook while stirring to scramble the eggs. Lay out tortillas on a flat surface. Divide eggs between the tortillas.

3. Layer half the seitan, red pepper, cheese and salsa on each tortilla. Fold sides and ends to the center. Heat coconut oil in a deep frying pan. Place folded side of the burrito into the hot oil. Cook until golden brown. Carefully flip using a wide spatula and brown the other side. Serve with Sriracha sauce if desired.



Sweet coconut shrimp with chili sauce is a great island-inspired menu item for Memorial Day.

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Island menu brightens cookout



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

Summer seems more than a little reluctant to show its sunny face this year. Heck, I was bundled in a bulky sweater and hoping the temperatures might hit the high 50s as I considered what I could serve at my Memorial Day soiree.

Rather than let this string of cloudy days affect my plans, I tapped into my inner island spirit and decided even the dreariest day is infinitely better with an umbrella drink!

Taking inspiration from my longing for a cloudless day, I planned a little retro menu to bring out a sweet summertime vibe. A batch of my coconut-coated shrimp is the perfect addition to a proper Polynesian pupu platter. Serve these appetizer morsels alongside some retro rumaki, spicy chicken wings, or crispy wontons to get your guests in a sun-drenched state of mind.

Sweet coconut shrimp with chili drizzle

- Canola oil for frying
- 1 pound jumbo shrimp
- 10-12 per pound
- ²/₃ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus extra for sprinkling
- ¹/₂ teaspoon pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce (I used sriracha)
- ²/₃ cup panko bread crumbs
- ²/₃ cup sweetened coconut
- ³/₄ cup sweet-chili sauce, divided
- 1 Tablespoon black sesame
- 2 snipped scallions

Follow your fried shrimp with a batch of casual tiki burgers with island-inspired toppings such as ham, pineapple and pepper jack cheese. I served my teriyaki-spiked cheeseburgers on sweet rolls with a bright red cabbage and orange slaw dressed with

1. Peel and devein the shrimp leaving the tails intact (or ask your fish monger to do it for you). Set up a 3-step breading station: place the flour in a small bowl and season with the 1 teaspoon of salt and the pepper. Crack the eggs into a second bowl and mix well with the hot sauce. In a third bowl combine the coconut and the breadcrumbs.

2. Pour canola oil into a medium high-sided skillet to a depth of 2 inches and heat to 375 degrees (a bread cube will sizzle on contact). Dredge the shrimp in the seasoned flour. Shake off the excess and dip into the beaten egg before coating with the coconut mixture.

3. Fry the shrimp in batches for 3 minutes until deeply golden brown and cooked through. Drain on paper towel and sprinkle with salt. Drizzle the hot shrimp with ¹/₄ cup of the sweet chili sauce and sprinkle with the sesame and scallions. Serve remaining sauce on the side for dipping,

little more than a splash of rice wine vinegar.

Go on — force yourself to believe you can have a warm and sunny day. Make a mess of mai tais, fire up the tiki torches, grill some pineapple and host your friends for an easy Memorial Day bash with an island flair.

Sunny tiki burgers

To grill the pineapple for these sunny burgers place it directly on the grates of a medium hot grill for about 2 minutes per side. Makes 8 burgers.

FOR THE BURGERS:

- 2 pounds ground beef
- ¹/₂ cup minced sweet onion
- 1 Tablespoon teriyaki sauce
- ¹/₂ teaspoons kosher salt
- ³/₄ teaspoon pepper
- 4 Tablespoons sweet chili sauce (divided)
- ¹/₂ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 slices of deli ham or griddled Canadian bacon
- 8 slices of pepper jack cheese

FOR SERVING:

- 3 scallions, snipped
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 8 slices of fresh pineapple, grilled
- Teriyaki mayo (recipe follows)
- 8 sweet Hawaiian hamburger buns, toasted

FOR THE TERIYAKI MAYO:

- 1 cup mayo
- 1 Tablespoon teriyaki sauce
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 scallion, snipped
- ¹/₂ teaspoon black pepper

1. **To prepare the teriyaki mayo:** Mix all the ingredients in a small bowl. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. The mayo can be made a day in advance.

2. **To prepare the burgers:** Quickly mix the beef, minced onion, teriyaki sauce, 1 Tablespoon sweet chili sauce, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Form the meat into 8 equal patties; do not over work the meat or your burgers will be tough.

3. Prepare a medium hot grill. Grill the burgers for 3 minutes on the first side and flip. Glaze the top of each burger with the sweet chili sauce and sprinkle with the cilantro. Top each burger with a slice of ham and a slice of pepper jack cheese. Cover the grill and allow to cook until the cheese has melted, about 1 minute. You should aim for 6-7 minutes total cooking time — this recipe assumes it will take 2 minutes to glaze and top the burgers.

4. **To serve:** Spread a toasted bun with teriyaki mayo. Transfer the burger to the bun and top with a piece of grilled pineapple and a sprinkling of scallion and sliced red pepper.

PETS/ANIMALS

MY PET WORLD

Picking the right collar for your dog

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Our lab/pit mix puppy is now 8 months old and we got a metal choke collar to stop her from pulling when we walk her. However even with it on she will pull ahead of us until she actually starts to choke and cough and yet she never seems to get the idea. How is this supposed to work? Does it not bother her when it gets so tight around her neck? — Brad Williams, Macon, GA

A: A choke collar actually should be called a training collar. The objective with it is not to choke the dog but to get its attention when they start to pull away. It needs to be put on the dog so that when you give it a yank it tightens up and then quickly releases. You do not want it to tighten around the neck.

Personally, one should only use these collars when they have the time, the patience and the knowledge to use them properly.

I think a better solution for your dog is a gentle leader or head halter. These collars go around

the face as a halter and the leash is attached to a ring under the dog's jaw. If the halter is fitted correctly then when the dog pulls ahead the lead turns him or her around so that the dog is now facing you.

Be sure to get the type of gentle leader that attached to the dog's collar. Some dogs have been able to get the leaders off themselves. It also helps if you first practice with the gentle leader on the dog indoors until you and the dog are comfortable.

The only problem that I have seen with the gentle leader is it resembles a muzzle to some people, so you may get some funny looks as you walk the dog but your shoulders will be thanking you.

Q: My bunny and guinea pig seem to shed constantly. In the past I have seen that you advised giving flax seed oil to dogs and cats to cut down on shedding. Does this work on bunnies and guinea pigs as well? — Jennifer Castro, Allentown, PA

A: I actually have tried this on



DENYS BUCKSTEN/NEWS-SUN

Francis Navarrete holds Ivory, 3 months, as she leaves a free pit bull health clinic at Waukegan Animal Control. Ivory has a new harness, collar and leash, given to all dog owners.

my own small mammal pets — I sprayed the oil on their salad greens to see if it makes a difference. However, when I sprayed the flaxseed oil on the greens the bunnies and guinea pigs would either eat around the oil or not touch the greens at all.

Thus far it seems that the only

thing I can do to make a difference is to comb and brush them every single day. If any other readers out there have found another solution to the shedding issue of bunnies and guinea pigs, I would be happy to hear from you.

Marc Morrone has kept almost

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

PET OF THE WEEK



Zillah

The puppy invasion has started, resistance is futile! After all, how can you resist any of our cute mugs? Our Mommy and foster family were really busy with 10 of us. We all had a blast, doggie mommy and human family taking care of us, kids playing with us and of course we also had each other for fun and "pile napping." We are now ready for a family of our own. If you are ready for the extra work and patience that comes with having a puppy as a new family member, and to continue the great work our foster family did with us, then let's meet soon!

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

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Tips to lower data, battery usage



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

own verbiage) go to "Settings" -> "Cellular" -> then toggle the "Cellular Data" button to off. This will enable the phone to make and receive phone calls and text messages over the data network, but nothing else.

Location services

One reader noticed she was burning through her battery by noon each day and couldn't figure out why. When she took her phone to her service provider, she was advised of the following steps to resolve the issue.

Start by accessing "Settings," select "Battery," then identify which apps have been draining the most juice from your battery over the past 24 hours. The individual noticed that her Maps app was responsible for

nearly 90% of her battery usage. Once the culprit was identified, she went to "Settings" -> "Privacy" -> "Location Services," then changed the "Share My Location" setting for her Maps app from "Always" to "While Using." (The other option is "Never.") While on this screen, "Location Services" can be adjusted for every app loaded to your phone.

Disable Wi-Fi assist

The following tip is another that would have saved my son much anguish and money as he attempted to stream a live NBA game over public Wi-Fi.

A Help Squad reader suggested that, "There is another switch that should

be turned off for data-conscious users. It is called "Wi-Fi Assist." When turned on, this function allows your phone to automatically transition to data when Wi-Fi cuts in and out. If you don't want streaming to occur outside of Wi-Fi, go to "Settings" -> "Cellular" -> "Wi-Fi Assist" (at the very bottom of the page). Toggle the "Wi-Fi Assist" button to off.

Turn off frequent locations

Another reader pointed out a very discreet iPhone feature that left him feeling a bit like, "Big Brother is always watching me." It's a function called Location Services, and when turned on, this feature lists the locations you most often

frequent, along with map views of these destinations and the time you arrived and left each.

Does this leave you feeling a bit unsettled? If so, here's how you disable this Apple data-collecting feature. From "Settings," go to "Privacy" -> "Location Services" -> "System Services" -> "Frequent Locations." To clear your Frequent Locations history, tap "Clear History" at the bottom. Once you've done this, go to the top and toggle off "Frequent Locations."

Need help?

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

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CORRECTION

The headline for the May 19 Help Squad column incorrectly referred to an HSA (health savings account). In fact, the column was about health reimbursement accounts (HRAs). Also, the attribution for John Barkett, Willis Towers Watson (parent company of OneExchange) director of exchange solutions policy affairs, was incomplete. Pioneer Press regrets these errors.

My recent column featuring my son's cellphone data-gobbling issue prompted readers to share some of their own data- and battery-saving tips.

Wi-Fi settings

Set your iPhone to only use Wi-Fi when using apps, email and browsing the web. If you wish to "Turn off cellular data to restrict all data to Wi-Fi, including email, web browsing and push notifications" (Apple's



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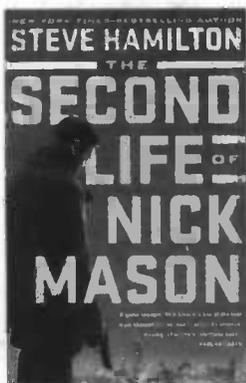


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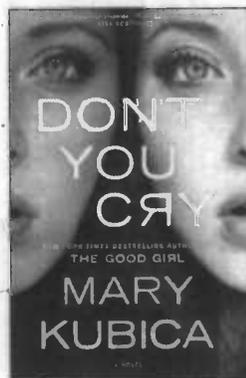


The Second Life of Nick Mason

By Steve Hamilton, Putnam, 304 pages, \$26

As fertile as Chicago is for crime fiction, it isn't often that an outsider captures the underside of the local scene as memorably as Steve Hamilton does with "The Second Life of Nick Mason," the terrific first installment in a projected series. An upstate New Yorker whose Alex McKnight series is set in his native Michigan, Hamilton is right at home on the South Side, where his hard-edged protagonist spent his formative years among the Irish and Polish in Back of the Yards and Canaryville, stealing cars and committing petty crimes. Refusing to rat on a friend who killed a DEA agent during a final big score gone bad, Mason is sentenced to a long term in an Indiana maximum security prison. After five years inside, he is unexpectedly sprung by a powerful inmate who uses his outside connections to get the conviction reversed — after Mason agrees to do his bidding as a "free" man. Set up in a swank Lincoln Park pad, Mason barely has a chance to test the couch when he receives directions to kill

a man in a motel room — or have his ex-wife and the daughter he is desperate to see harmed. Now living the good life in the soccer-happy suburbs, they don't want to have anything to do with him — until they do. Loudly promoted on social media, the novel more than lives up to its hype. In so doing, it introduces a promising second life for Hamilton as well.



Don't You Cry

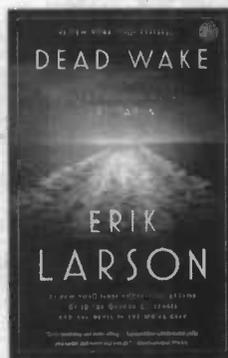
By Mary Kubica, Mira, 320 pages, \$26.99

In "Don't You Cry," Chicago-area author Mary Kubica's follow-up to "Pretty Baby," Quinn, a flakey single Windy City girl with ADHD, is thrown into a tizzy by the sudden disappearance of her roommate Esther. Why would Esther have left her cell phone on her bed? Why would she have run a classified ad soliciting a new roommate? And why — cue the theme from the film thriller "Single White Female" — would she have had the locks changed? Meanwhile, an hour or so away in a lakeside Michigan town, Alex, a lonely 18-year-old local who could have gone to college on a full scholarship but stayed behind, becomes obsessed with a mysterious female customer at the coffee shop where he washes dishes. She keeps staring out the window at the psychiatrist's office across the street. He follows her to the lake, where she semi-skinny dips in the frigid water, and to the abandoned house she stays in, where the ghost of a temperamental 5-year-old girl is said to appear. Oh, the twists domestic lives can

take, the book tells us, piling on strange circumstances as it waxes accusingly on bad parenting: moms who leave, dads who stay but drink, children who aren't protected from hazardous foods. "Don't You Cry" threatens to jump the tracks after the two stories converge. The tricky outcome isn't nearly as satisfying as the nervy build-up. But Kubica, a writer of vice-like control, keeps the temperature of her prose near freezing, the better to chase any possibility of cheap sentiment.

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson (Crown, \$17).
2. "LaRose: A Novel" by Louise Erdrich (Harper, \$27.99).
3. "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).
4. "Me Before You: A Novel" by Jojo Moyes (Penguin, \$16).
5. "The Sympathizer: A Novel" by Viet Thanh Nguyen (Grove, \$16).



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

NEW IN PAPERBACK



Jacksonland

By Steve Inskeep, Penguin, 421 pages, \$17
Inskeep explores how John Ross, a mixed-race Cherokee politician, opposed Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act of 1830 by making use of the United States' legal system. Ross championed the causes of the Five Civilized Tribes that were removed during the Trail of Tears, taking their cause all the way to the Supreme Court.



Syrian Dust: Reporting from the Heart of the War

By Francesca Borri, translated by Anne Milano Appel, Seven Stories, 221 pages, \$16.95
Borri documents her experiences reporting on the Syrian civil war, in particular the continued fighting in Aleppo. Borri reports on how civilians are the true victims of the war, forcing women, children and others to hide in graves and scavenged rubble for fire material.



Sevneves: A Novel

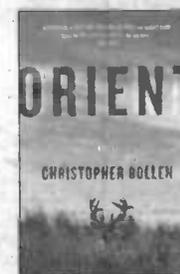
By Neal Stephenson, William Morrow, 870 pages, \$17.99

After a catastrophic event on Earth forces humanity to seek survival outside the atmosphere, only a handful of survivors remain. Some 5,000 years later, the descendants of those survivors number 3 billion in seven distinct races and choose to embark on a similarly bold journey: a return to the vastly transformed Earth.



Among Heroes

By Brandon Webb with John David Mann, NAL Caliber, 257 pages, \$16
Webb reflects on eight Navy SEALs he served with who were killed in action, including Matthew Axelson, who was killed during the "Lone Survivor" mission, Glen Doherty, who was killed in Benghazi in 2012, and Chris Campbell, Heath Robinson and J.T. Tumilson, who were among the casualties of the Chinook helicopter that was shot down in Afghanistan in 2011.



Orient: A Novel

By Christopher Bollen, Harper Perennial, 628 pages, \$16.99
The small town of Orient finds itself gripped by two mysterious deaths that occurred on the same day: a local caretaker found in open water and an animal corpse on the beach. With rumors abound, Orient native Beth seeks to uncover the truth by enlisting the help of Mills, an orphan with a hazy past of whom the locals are suspicious.

— Jeremy Mikula



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Between the Lines: Not quite as subtle as it sounds

BY MARK MCCLAIN | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN
(stanxwords.com)

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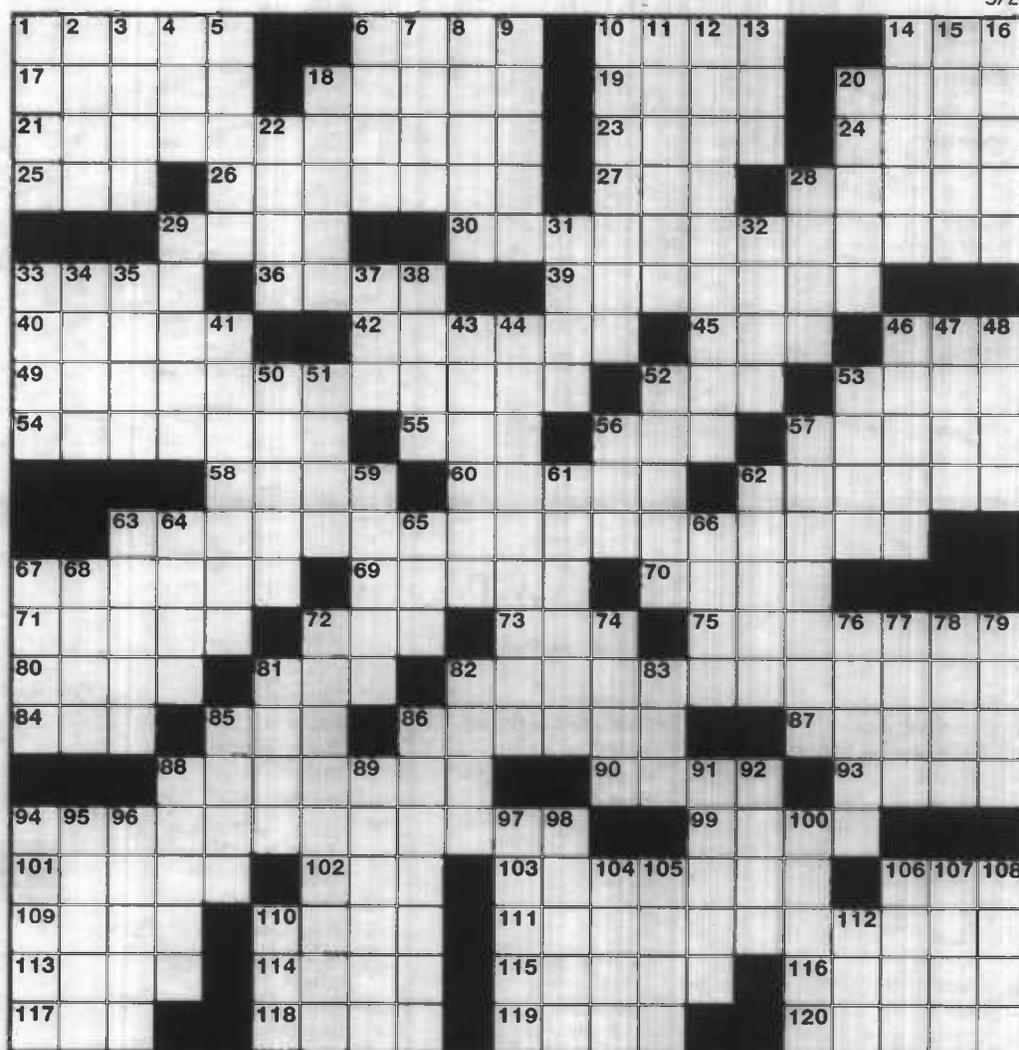
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18 Have — (plop down)
19 Erstwhile pairs
20 Informal concurrence
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24 Part below mezzo
25 Merkel conjunction
26 More uncouth
27 Kick in
28 Dull discomfort
29 Fitted with footwear
30 Isaac Newton's birthplace
33 Weather system
36 Sudden inhalation
39 Not lawful
40 1940s computer
42 Bit of a scrap
45 Petty peeve
46 Crunch beneficiaries
49 Very common American tree
52 What's bound in bks.
53 Spent frivolously
54 Early arrival, for short
55 Doc bloc
56 Furnace fuel
57 Humana competitor
58 Years in Nero's reign
60 Novelist Shaw
62 Contemptible
63 1965 Dylan tune

Down

- 67 Pollen producer
69 Go down in deference
70 Go up in spirits
71 Peninsular
72 What may twice follow "fiddle"
73 BMW seller
75 Holes up
80 Bend, as a joint
81 Bovine mouthful
82 Highly convoluted
84 Hinton novel set in Oklahoma
85 Resistance measure
86 French cake
87 Showed sudden surprise
88 "Marines' Hymn" locale
90 Cozy place
93 Key —, FL
94 First woman CEO of a Fortune 500 company
99 Mickelson of golf
101 Baloney
102 Just released
103 Vigilant
106 Get-up-and-go
109 Missing GI
110 Fire-breathing boss
111 Healthy Choice rival
113 OT prophet
114 Ill-mannered person
115 Take for — (deceive)
116 Sounds a few minutes into *The Wizard of Oz*
117 Mule's father
118 Rustic retreats
119 Off-limits thing
120 Low poker pair

Down

- 1 Rights org.
2 Family nickname
3 Rubber stamp abbr.
4 Cartoon scream
5 Geologist's time span
6 Snakes in hieroglyphics
7 Luau accessories
8 Assembly of experts
9 SNL vet Cheri
10 Epic failure
11 Venerable detergent
12 New plants
13 Pothook shape
14 India's capital territory
15 Rubber stamp on a roller
16 Ones over yonder
18 Roasted, in taquerias
20 America's Cup contender
22 Green hopper
28 "Odd — may seem ..."
29 Petroleum source
31 Giza's river
32 Long-running CBS drama
33 Pitch in
34 "— out?" (poker query)
35 Heckle
37 Setting a few minutes into *The Wizard of Oz*
38 Future butterfly
41 Loan guarantor
43 Colorful comparison
44 Threatened audibly
46 Oxygen producers
47 German auto pioneer
48 Move to the music, maybe



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- 50 Dish towel fabric
51 Filmmaker Dunham
52 Sharp discomfort
53 "*Muy —, gracias*"
56 Martini element
57 Certs competitor
59 Bummed out
61 Is in one's future
62 Discoloration
63 Glove material
64 Film format awarded an Oscar
65 Small bill
66 Arias, for instance
67 Realty stat.
68 Chaucer selection
72 Lambasting
74 See 97 Down
76 Shoulder covering
77 Lo-cal
78 Arduous task
79 Shed a tear
81 Potted "pet"
82 Hideaway
83 Repent of
85 Airport near Paris
86 Looks angry
88 Type of lymphocyte
89 Shakespearean king
91 Maneuvering room
92 NO — TRAFFIC
94 Tibet's capital
95 Great Plains natives
96 Shoots (by)
97 With 74 Down, baseball's strikeout king
98 Hot month in Paraguay
100 —-proof (easy to operate)
104 Stock rise
105 Invalidate
106 Green creeper
107 Very dark
108 Muddle
110 —-Wan Kenobi
112 Round Table title

Quote-Acrossic

- 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

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- B. Letter 101 90 120 111 57 72 159
- C. Contact over a distance 50 36 4 14 136
- D. One who takes advantage 99 54 83 26 3 123 13 48
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- E. Annoy: 4 wds. 140 154 44 19 1 94 105 51 130 82 68
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- F. Made uniform 87 157 58 78 11 67 119 29 137
- G. Southern USA: 3 wds. 86 32 114 53 76 152 155 17 5 126

- H. Looked to the future: 3 wds. 63 91 133 12 100 151 40 127 52 121
- I. You have a choice 64 73 93 142 39 7
- J. Candy wafer 70 122 56 41 8
- K. Certain A-course: 2 wds. 45 49 128 106 34 97 71 85 9
- L. Be careful, man: 3 wds. 24 2 112 15 124 69 135 92 33 108
- M. Going on and on, in triplicate 25 116 38 149 96
- N. More peculiar 81 46 146 132 102
- O. Charged: 2 wds. 88 156 75 35 104 18 60 22
- P. _____em in a comedy club 28 47 145 98
- Q. Sin 143 27 42
- R. Cut again 30 37 10 113 144 66 79
- S. Wailed 115 84 148 103 21 153
- T. Baseball enthusiast: 2 wds. 110 138 118 61
- U. Declined: 2 wds. 117 107 129 77
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Sail Away!

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- Summer spot
- Religious grp.
- Histories
- Lily plant
- Spanish seaport
- Pertaining to a sacred Roman court
- Shipping agent
- Muse
- Lizard
- Garb
- Belt
- Crafts
- Cut
- Offer
- Refrigerator item
- Lifeboat equipment
- Berth
- Sumac
- Alto
- Musicians in the brass section
- Feature of Southern Spain
- Misplays
- Informal promises
- Phenomena caused by the moon
- Fixed

- Complain
- Associated with pas
- Australian export
- Fellow traveler
- Armadillo
- ___ of woe
- Injure
- Ore deposit
- Way back
- Twin crystal
- Egyptian sacred disk
- Before: prefix
- Different
- Make over
- Bonnet dwellers

Down

- Hangouts
- Up in the rigging
- Le ___ d'Arthur
- Seat
- Prevented
- Accountant
- Push forward
- Employees on 23 Across
- Magician's word
- Important duct
- Ship's side
- Colloquial farewell
- Overflow

- Idolize
- Backs
- Partly: prefix
- Miss
- Wings
- Sea in Antarctica
- Western indigenes
- Orifice
- Division of a crew
- Predecessor of the lute
- Solid glass with parallel sides
- Old gold coin
- Storehouses
- Where the Adirondacks are
- Fuel transport
- Up-country city, according to the Italians
- Clerical cape
- Ran fast
- Gentle
- Small pie: Fr.
- White-tailed birds
- Adjunct of military hardware
- Lowland product
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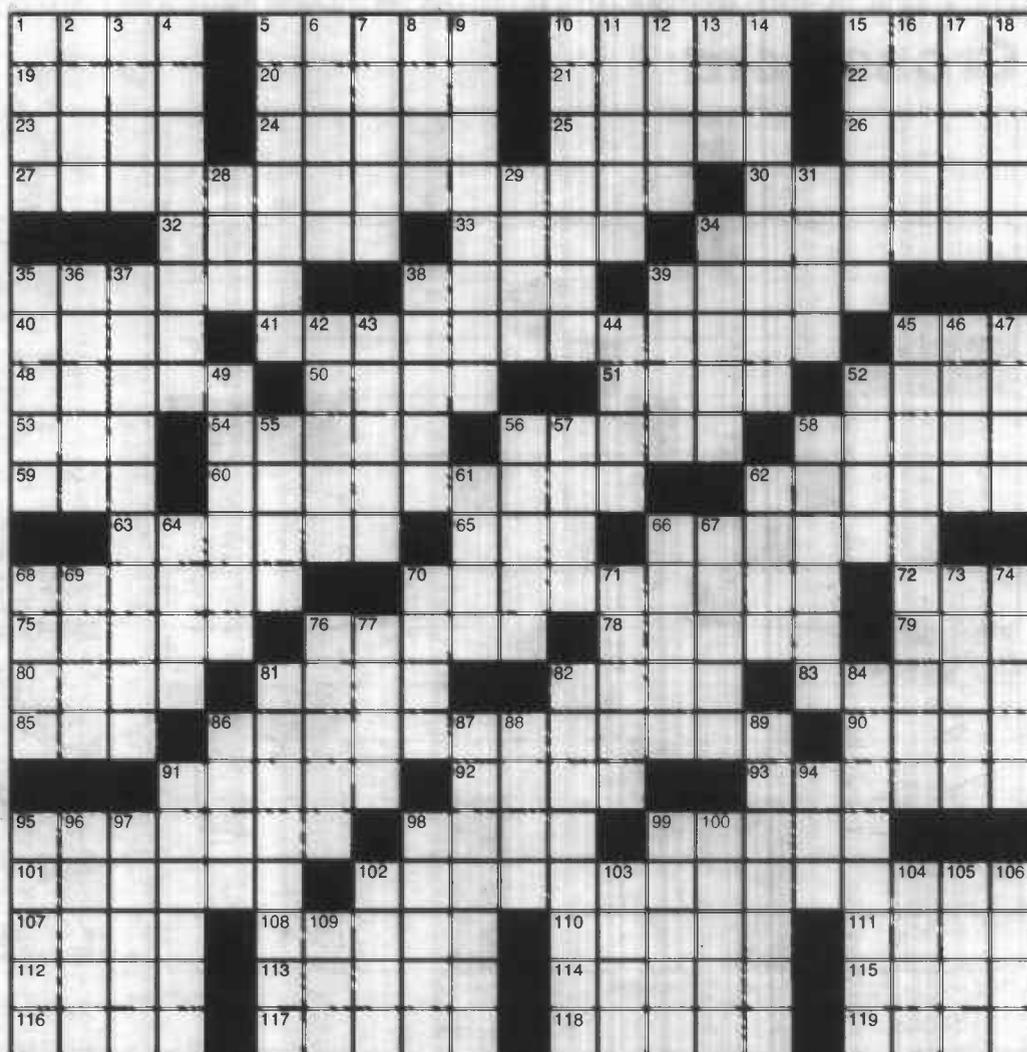
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Holding Out

BY GAIL GRABOWSKI

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hyde Park carriage
5 One with ropelike tresses
10 Enjoys King and Queen
15 Water carrier
19 Seat of Allen County, Kansas
20 — Bell; Emily Brontë pen name
21 Run the show
22 Morales of "Jericho"
23 Mongolian for "waterless place"
24 Half a Yale cheer
25 Order to attack
26 Reason to ban a book
27 Exertion while getting up?
30 Crystallized mist
32 Shows some spunk
33 Leather piercers
34 Aspirant
35 Take under one's wing
38 Tel —
39 Had a row?
40 Many August births
41 Angry reaction to insolent trick-or-treaters?
45 Short deli order?
48 Russian retreat
50 Pressure source
51 Completed with one stroke
52 Really come down
53 Member of college music's Whiffenpoofs
54 Long Island airport town
56 Shock source
58 — pants
59 Bug-loving org.
60 Pickup shtick that needs refinement?
62 Attacked without warning
63 Somewhat soft, as a sound
65 Ref's call
66 Capital east of the Black Hills
68 Spa treatment
70 Place for perjurers?
72 MD associates
75 Three-time Olympics host country
76 They may be emotional
78 Express disdain (at)
79 Cioppino cooker
80 Curious to a fault
81 Steinbeck surname
82 Some light beers
- 83 Cyberjotting
85 Ambulance VIP
86 Ship's secure containers?
90 Salinger title teen
91 Collectors' items?
92 Go on
93 Too violent, perhaps
95 Split the tab
98 Fourth down play
99 Bit of ugly politics
101 Extremely
102 Wing for rugby's Wallabies?
107 Retina feature
108 "Invisible Man" author Ellison
110 Chan portrayer
111 Supply-and-demand sci. Abbr.
112 Rock band famous for face paint
113 Often-bricked surface
114 King creation
115 Northern terminus of I-79
116 Some Neruda poems
117 Old will?
118 Noisy fliers
119 Peace Nobelists
- 38 Hebrew opener
39 First word of "The Raven"
42 Distinctive mark
43 "Gone With the Wind" actress
44 Assuage
45 Blog entry about garden edging?
46 Winter Games vehicle
47 Walked (on)
49 United route
52 Two of a kind
55 It covers a lot of ground
56 Maori carvings
57 Like many an Internet troll: Abbr.
58 Wine order
61 Interstellar dist.
62 Navigation hazard
64 Slick
66 Cincy-based consumer products giant
67 Like Oscar Wilde
68 "Whatever floats your boat"
69 Energy source
70 "This Gun for Hire" actor
71 Astronaut's garb
73 Innocent words
74 Mount to mount
76 Word in two state names
77 Soup aisle array
81 Department of Labor training program
82 "Hang in there"
84 Not-too-potent potable
86 Gets in the pool, maybe
87 Seasonal pharmacy offering
88 Frantic monologue
89 Potter's pedal
91 Arm-twisting
94 Took off
95 Tropical lizard
96 Like jellybeans
97 Like urban population
98 One learning the ropes
99 Toil (away)
100 Bores for ore
102 Wasatch Mountains resort
103 Burn remedy
104 Spread measurement
105 Mint product
106 Often-skinned spot
109 Fan reaction?



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Jumble

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



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Sudoku

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

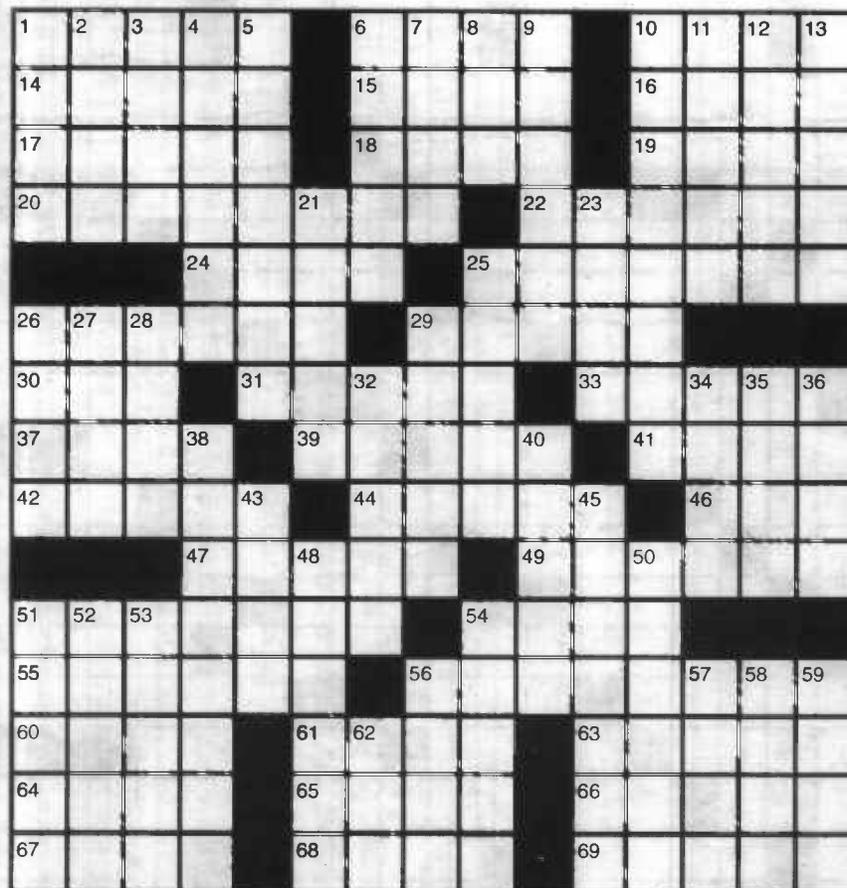
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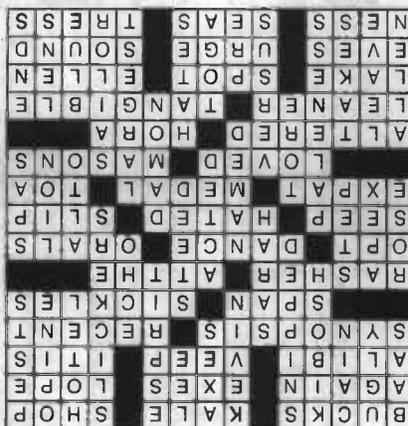
- 1 Dollars
6 Leafy green
10 ___ around; look for a good buy
14 Once more
15 Former spouses
16 Easy stride
17 Excuse
18 Gore or Biden, for short
19 "___ what it is"
20 Summary
22 Occurring not long ago
24 Reach across
25 Curved grain-cutting tools
26 More impulsive
29 Chomping ___ bit; very eager
30 Make a choice
31 Tango or waltz
33 Graduate exams, maybe
37 Ooze out
39 Despised
41 Lose one's footing
42 One living abroad
44 Military award
46 ___ T; exactly
47 Was nuts about
49 Bricklayers
51 Modified

DOWN

- 1 Cries from the flock
2 Hideous
3 Abel's brother
4 Put the ___ on; nix
5 Made tiny cuts
6 Kline or Bacon
7 Sharp tools
8 Bruce or Spike
9 ___ de corps; camaraderie
10 Raincoats
11 Inn
12 State one's views
13 Nuisances
21 Actress ___ Michelle Gellar

- 54 Bar Mitzvah guests' dance.
55 Not as fat
56 Real; concrete
60 Superior or Michigan
61 Catch sight of
63 TV's Pompeio
64 Nights before big holidays
65 Egg on
66 Noise
67 Scotland's Loch ___ monster
68 Caspian & Red
69 Lock of hair

Solutions



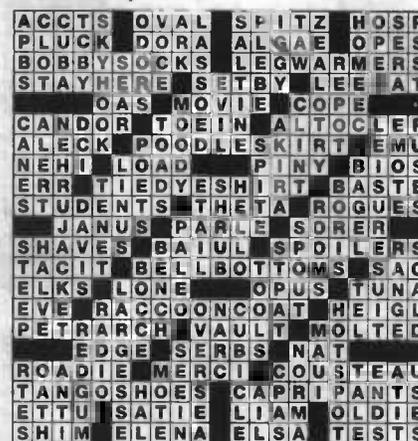
- 23 Reverberate
25 Fast horse
26 Got up
27 Pinnacle
28 Two-___; ballroom dance
29 ___ up; misbehaved
32 Appointed
34 Singing voice
35 "King of the Jungle"
36 Hot tubs
38 Lack of healthy cheek color
40 Actor Matt ___
43 Ripped
45 Biggest
48 Word in a court case title
50 Popeye, e.g.
51 Actor Tim ___
52 Depart
53 Accepts
54 Detests
56 Forum robe
57 Depressed
58 Camera's eye
59 Finishes
62 Before: pref.



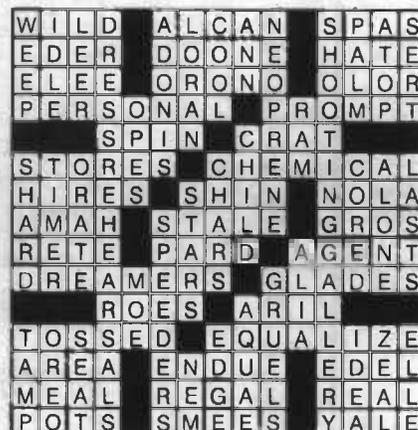
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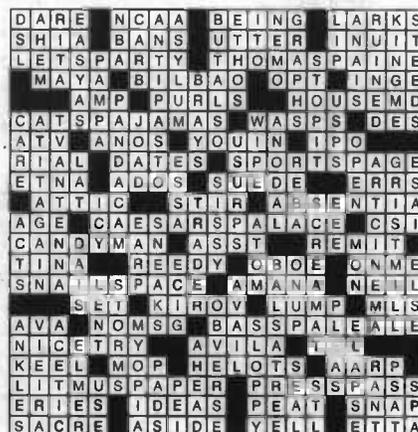
"The Way We Wore"



"Be Prepared"



"Secret Retreat"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

CARRIE SEIM: NEW MACHO MEALS: Steak and martini power lunches have gone the way of Dictaphones, Brylcreem, and calling your assistant 'my girl.' Today, power salad and mineral water lunches are critical to impress clients and seal deals.

Last week's Sudoku

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

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When Mount Rushmore was completed, people came from all over to see the —

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"FOUR-MATION"



A couple that anchors together stays together

"A hot Cuban babe," is how Bob Sirott described his wife of 17 years, Marianne Murciano.

I had the pleasure of sitting down recently with the husband-wife broadcasting duo and hearing their love story, what it's like to be a local celebrity couple and what they're up to these days.

Their story began in 1993, when Murciano moved here from Miami to anchor the Fox morning show, "Good Day Chicago." Shortly after her arrival, the station hired well-known, veteran news anchor Bob Sirott as managing editor and co-anchor of the show, which they renamed "Fox Thing In The Morning."

"When we first met, I was kind of scared of Bob," said Cuban-born Murciano, who grew up in Miami and worked there as a news reporter for over a decade. "Everyone was talking about what a big deal it was that he was going to be working here, and I was thinking, 'Who the hell is Bob Sirott?'"

Murciano said when they began anchoring together, Sirott did not speak to her unless they were on air.

"He seriously would not look at me or talk to me unless the camera was rolling," she said. "I'd say, 'How was your weekend?' and he'd say 'Save it,' meaning save the conversation for the show."

"I was completely focused on the show and intent on making sure it was a success, so that's where my mind was," said Sirott, who has been a reporter on many Chicago radio and TV stations since 1980, probably best known for WMAQ's "First Thing In The Morning" with Allison Rosati in the early 1990s.

At the suggestion of their news director, Murciano asked Sirott out for breakfast, with the goal of breaking the ice. What happened?

"We started having fun and getting into good conversations about life," Murciano said. "We had a lot in common. I had two young children and my marriage was falling apart. I was separated and so was Bob."

Ask anyone who watched "Fox Thing In The Morning" for the next couple years and they will tell you they watched the co-anchors falling in love. Murciano and Sirott were married in 1999 and have a teenage daughter together.

"We were friends first and then the love came," Sirott said. "She was outgoing and



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

friendly and warm and sensitive. I loved the way she was with people."

"He made me laugh and still does," Murciano said.

In 2000, WFLD split up the anchors for the morning show, but husband and wife have been popping up as

co-anchors on various Chicago radio and TV shows. This includes their two-year run as midday hosts on WGN that ended last fall.

When asked what it was like to work together, Murciano said the two have always enjoyed it, and that she and her husband have never felt a competitiveness in their professional careers.

"If Bob got hired and it didn't include me, I would still be so happy," she said. "His success is my success."

"I was so proud of her on Sept. 11," Sirott said. "She ended up broadcasting live for most of the day, and she did an amazing job."

So what are they doing now?

As they continue radio and television anchoring gigs, the two just launched Suso's Fork, Susosfork.com, a Cuban lifestyle and cooking website. Wait till you watch some of their cooking videos. To someone like me, who loves to eat but is a not talented in the kitchen, it's inspiring.

The last question I asked Bob and Marianne was: "What makes your marriage work?"

"For me, it's a continuous process of learning to be more self-aware," Sirott said. "It's learning how to be with someone while you make yourself a better person. Go ahead and have the argument. It's healthy!"

"It's acting like you are still dating, no matter how long you've been married," Murciano said.

To use Sirott's famous line, "And one more thing," I will say this: Having been in the broadcasting industry (and having been fired once), I can attest to how cutthroat that business really is. It isn't for wimps.

I'm sure things haven't always been perfectly rosy for the couple. But getting to know them, it seems they have endured the pressure, survived the ups and downs, and bonded together through it all. They are as cheerful as they've always been, whether they're on the radio or TV, or at home making Cuban nachos.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.

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Specialist may discover cause of student's dropping grades



DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF
Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: My middle-schooler spends a lot of time studying. But his grades have dropped, and I see him getting more and more frustrated. What could be going on, and what can I do?

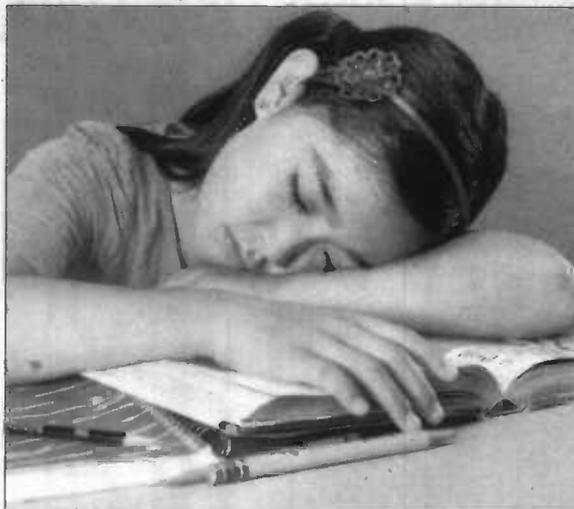
Dear Reader: Many children have problems with schoolwork or homework at one time or another. These problems usually do not last long. But if your son is still getting poor grades (C or below) despite working hard, it could be a sign that your son has a learning disability or some other problem that needs help.

A child may have a problem that needs attention if he or she:

- Is easily distracted, loses his focus when doing homework and has difficulty completing it.
- Works hard in all subjects, but is much better in some than in others.
- "Forgets" to bring homework home.
- Doesn't seem to care about schoolwork.
- Complains of being bored all day at school.

A learning disability is a problem with reading, writing, math or memory skills in a child who has the intelligence, opportunity and motivation necessary to learn.

There are many causes of school problems. Vision or hearing problems, for example, may make it hard for a child to read, to hear the teacher or to do schoolwork. I remember one patient whose 10-year-old was doing poorly. It turned out that he had a



KIRK MCKOY/LOS ANGELES TIMES

There are many reasons a child's grades may be falling despite their best efforts. A pediatrician or other medical specialist may be able to diagnose and treat the issue.

serious loss of hearing in one ear that had never been diagnosed. That, plus the fact that he was shy and always sat in the back of the classroom, made it hard for him to hear the teacher.

Another cause of poor grades that has nothing to do with mental capacity is spending too much time on extracurricular activities. This can leave a child too tired to do homework properly.

Yet another cause is boredom, in someone with extraordinary intelligence. We recently celebrated yet another example of the genius of Albert Einstein (the discovery of the gravitation waves that he predicted). It's worth remembering that pretty much every class in grade school and high school bored him, and his grades were lackluster.

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) can lead to poor grades. ADHD makes it difficult to learn in school or to finish homework. Treatment can improve this considerably.

If your child is having problems in school, work with his teachers and his

pediatrician. Ask the school to evaluate your child. By law, public schools must provide free evaluation and treatment for children suspected to have problems that may interfere with learning. Schools must also put together an Individualized Education Program (IEP). An IEP outlines a plan for addressing these problems.

Ask your son's pediatrician if he might benefit from seeing a hearing, vision or other type of specialist. The pediatrician may recommend someone who specializes in identifying learning disabilities. Also ask about specialized learning, therapy or medication that could help.

Learning problems can be improved in most kids. Unless their trouble is that they are bored geniuses — in which case, we can learn from them!

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

High-flavanol cocoa may increase good cholesterol

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: I started using CocoaVia after listening to a People's Pharmacy radio show about the benefits of chocolate. I used it for six weeks before my annual physical.

I don't know if the CocoaVia was the cause, but my HDL cholesterol had jumped from 58 to 78, and my LDL had dropped considerably. My doctor wrote "fantastic" on the lab report he sent me.

I am hoping someday to get off my blood-pressure medicine, lisinopril, by losing weight, exercising more and continuing to take CocoaVia. Do the chocolate studies say anything about it lowering LDL and raising HDL?

A: CocoaVia is a standardized high-flavanol cocoa. A review of 10 studies found that cocoa products or dark chocolate significantly lowered total and LDL cholesterol (European Journal of Clinical Nutrition, August 2011).

A recent mouse study found that supplementing the animals' diets with cocoa improved their cholesterol levels and reduced the amount of plaque in their aortas (Mediators of Inflammation online, Feb. 15, 2016).

Your personal experience is consistent with the results of another study in which giving cocoa flavanols every day lowered blood pressure, total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol, while it raised good HDL cholesterol and improved blood-vessel flexibility (British Journal of Nutrition, Oct. 28, 2015).



KAREN TAPIA ANDERSEN/TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

Q: My niece is a doctor. Since thyroid problems run in our family, we asked her about T3 for thyroid. She says it is very dangerous.

T3 only lasts in your system for half an hour and gives you a high. If you have heart problems, too much can give you a heart attack. She doesn't know of any evidence demonstrating that anyone is unable to convert T4 to T3, so regular Synthroid should work for everyone.

A: The thyroid gland produces both T4 (levothyroxine) and T3 (triiodothyronine). Only T3 is active in body tissues and is responsible for cellular metabolism. The body makes T3 from T4 by removing one iodine atom with an enzyme.

Many people with sluggish thyroid glands do well on just levothyroxine (Levoxyl, Synthroid, Tirosint, Unithroid). Some individuals, however, have a genetic variation that can influence the efficiency of T4 to T3 conversion (Endocrine Connections, December 2015). Using TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) as the standard measure of thyroid function won't always show what is happening with T3.

You will find far more detail about this topic and

why some doctors prescribe T3 along with T4 in our downloadable, 25-page "Guide to Thyroid Hormones," available at www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Too much T4 or T3 can lead to heart problems or anxiety and insomnia. That's why it is so critical to get thyroid hormone doses adjusted properly.

Q: I have been using milk of magnesia (MoM) on my underarms nearly all my life. When I was in my early teens, I had started to develop body odor. My mother gave me a deodorant, but two days later I got a bad, burning rash in my armpits.

The doctor advised me that I am allergic to deodorants and told me to use MoM instead. I have done so ever since, for the past three decades.

A: Many readers have told us that milk of magnesia reduces body odor without irritating delicate armpit skin. We suspect it makes the skin less hospitable to bacteria that produce unpleasant aromas.

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



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Is your teen an introvert?

By Nara Schoenberg
Tribune Newspapers

Quiet, shy and better at solving complex math problems than speaking before a group, Davis wasn't the most obvious choice for student council president.

"Who is this guy?" students said when his campaign posters went up.

But the eighth-grader really cared about making his school a better place, and, like many introverts, he was an excellent observer.

He'd noticed that many kids were bothered by lunchtime seating arrangements and that they liked to turn to one another for academic help, so he put together proposals for flexible lunchtime seating and a peer-to-peer tutoring program, wrote a speech and gathered up the courage to deliver it in class after class.

His rival was one of the most popular girls in the school, but, in the end, students voted for Davis' thoughtful solutions to real-life problems.

"He figured out a way to take his very serious-minded, thorough-minded approach to life and make it work for him," says Susan Cain, author of the new book for tweens and teens "Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts."

Cain, who sparked the modern introvert acceptance movement with her blockbuster 2012 best-seller, "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking," says that adolescence is a particularly tricky time for introverts, who prefer interacting with close friends to socializing in crowds, and who need to recharge their social batteries with quiet downtime.

"That is probably the

Susan Cain, whose 2012 best-selling book launched the introvert awareness movement, wants to help quiet kids



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For an introvert, adolescence can be one of the most challenging periods of life.

single hardest age in the life span of an introvert," she says of adolescence. "When you're younger, you're less self-conscious. When you're older, you have a lot of freedom to craft a lifestyle that works for you."

But when you're a teen or a tween, confident, noisy extroversion is the ideal, popularity is applauded and quiet contemplation is viewed with suspicion by both teachers and students.

"School in itself is kind of an all-day cocktail party with no alcohol," Cain

quips.

Still, she says, there are ways that introverts can chart their own course, succeeding in an extroverted world while remaining true to themselves.

Among her suggestions for young introverts:

- Talk openly with your friends about how you like to socialize and spend your time. What are your needs? What are theirs? How can you compromise? You don't want them to get hurt or angry if, say, you feel the need to retreat to the li-

brary during lunch period.

- Find your passion. Everyone can benefit from finding a favorite activity, but a passionate interest serves a special role for introverts. We tend to get very excited about our interests, an excitement that motivates us to break out of our comfort zones and speak up, contribute and take a stand.

- Draw on your strengths. Davis didn't try to be like the extroverted candidate when he ran for student council president; he let her call for more parties

while he figured out how to advocate for ideas he really cared about.

- Be open to extroverts. Introverts often work well with extroverts, who recharge their batteries by socializing and gravitate to larger, louder gatherings. In Davis' case, it was his extroverted cousin, a cheerleader, who urged him to run for student council president. She brought outspoken confidence and broad social experience to the table, and she saw his potential.

Are you an introvert?

Adapted from "Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts." For more information, go to Cain's website, Quiet Revolution (www.quietrev.com).

Some introverts are shy; some are socially confident. Some are terrified by public speaking; some embrace it. But they do have important traits in common. To find out if you might be an introvert, ask yourself these questions:

- Do you prefer spending time with a few close friends rather than a group?
 - Do you prefer to express yourself in writing?
 - Do you prefer deep conversations to small talk?
 - Do you feel drained after hanging out with friends, even when you had a really good time?
 - Can you dive into a project or activity for hours at a time without getting bored?
 - Do you like to think before you speak?
 - Do you feel a little uncomfortable when you're the center of attention?
 - Would you prefer a weekend with nothing scheduled to a weekend with too much scheduled?
- The more questions you answer "yes" to, the more likely you are to be an introvert. Take the complete quiz at www.chicagotribune.com/introvertquiz.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Pirates ahoy! and more at Park Ridge's Prospect Park

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Your family can enjoy the changes at Park Ridge Park District's Prospect Park, 733 N. Prospect Ave., during a Grand Opening, 9:45 a.m.-noon May 28.

"Prospect Park when it was the Youth Campus had 12 buildings. We've kept five of them," said Margaret Holler, manager of marketing and public relations. "We built some new structures. We have the Paula Hassell O'Connor Community Building that will be available for private rentals." It will also be used for camp programs.

"We have a new Splash Pad that's pirate-themed and a performing arts pavilion which will not be open until 2017 because the grass needs to grow," Holler said.

The existing playground was relocated.

At the Grand Opening, following a ribbon-cutting ceremony, visitors can use the Splash Pad for free throughout the event. There will be games, contests, a DJ, children's characters, giveaways, self-guided tours and refresh-

ments.

"We're hoping that the community comes to celebrate this historic event with us," Holler said.

For details, call 847-692-5127 or go to www.parkridgeparkdistrict.com.

Marching orders

Find a place along the route to view the annual Lincolnwood Memorial Day Parade, starting at 10:20 a.m. at the corner of Cicero and Pratt avenues, and traveling to Proesel Park's Madeline's Garden, 7055 N. Kostner Ave. There will be a ceremony around 11 a.m. in the garden.

For details, call 847-677-9740 or go to www.lincolnwoodil.org.

The gang's all here

Charlie Brown is in love with the Little Red-Haired Girl in "The Peanuts Movie," which features all the familiar Peanuts characters from Peppermint Patty to Snoopy and Woodstock. The Family Movie will be screened at 2 p.m. May 28 at Niles Public Library,

6960 W. Oakton St.

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

National news

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service at a special storytime dedicated to "Our Great Big Backyard," 11 a.m. May 28 at the Village Crossing Barnes and Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie. Your kids will hear the book by former First Lady Laura Bush and her daughter Jenna Bush Hager. Afterwards, kids will color and participate in activities.

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

More than music

The Wind Gypsies will rock Proesel Park, 7055 N. Kostner Ave., 7-8:30 p.m. June 2 as part of the Lincolnwood Summer Concert Series. Family fun begins at 6 p.m. with inflatables, face painting and activities for kids.

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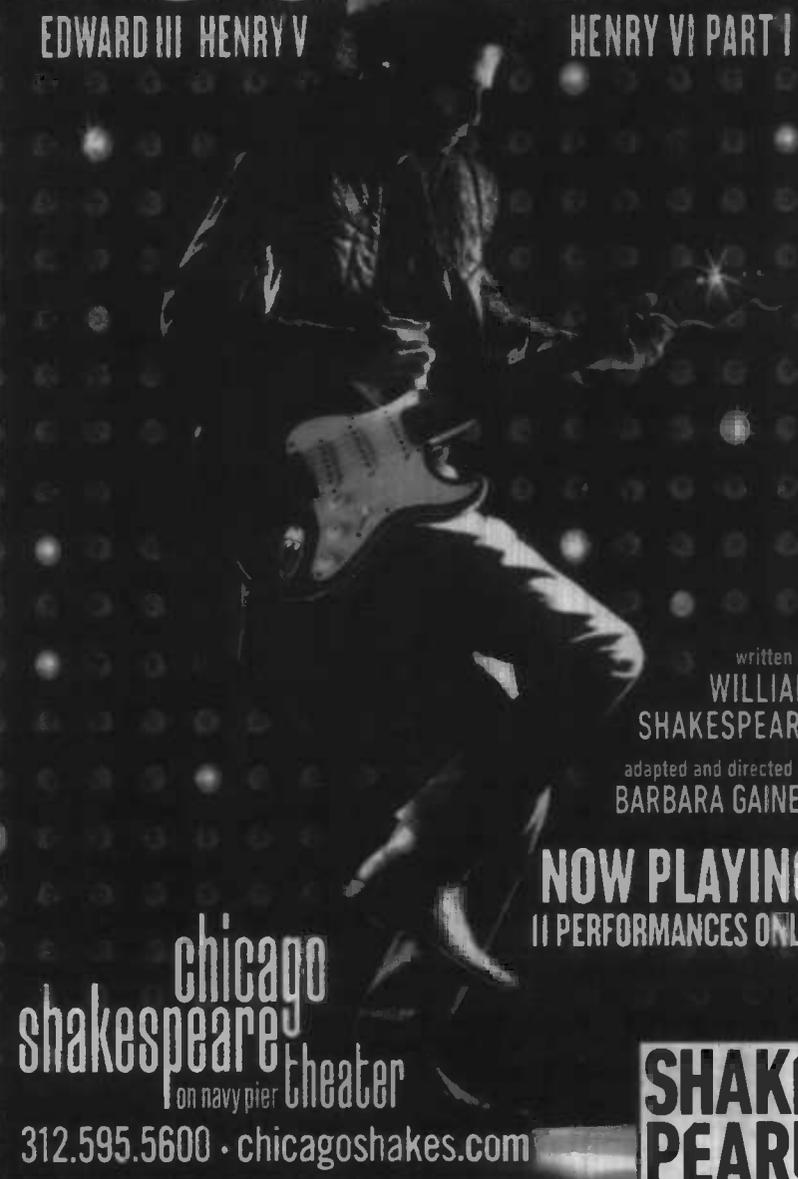
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Betsy Gutstein of Evanston, board member, left, with Theresa Chlp of Park Ridge, board member, and husband Bill were among 210 supporters at the Connections for the Homeless Benefit held at Venue One in Chicago on March 19. The evening raised \$245,000 for Connections' work to help homeless people in northern Cook County achieve stable housing, and to help restore services and extend Connections' reach. See more at www.cfthinc.org.

STAR-STUDED NIGHT BENEFITS DIST. 207 EDUCATION



DIST. 207 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Maine West Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Bernie Gerstmayr, provided entertainment at "A Night For Our Stars," the eighth annual Maine Township District 207 Educational Foundation Benefit Dinner, held April 21 at Cafe La Cave in Des Plaines. Some 120 administrators, faculty, school board members, retired teachers, parents and community members enjoyed the festivities celebrating Dist. 207 teachers and students and honoring 2016 grant recipients. The evening raised \$15,000 to further the Foundation's work of supporting innovative teaching and learning. More at malne207foundation.org.

Red carpet 'Tonys Night' to benefit Skokie Theatre

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Guests will walk a red carpet and be photographed by paparazzi at Skokie Theatre's Tony Awards Night Gala on June 12.

The glamorous evening was inspired by a party that Skokie Theatre owner Wendy Kaplan threw several years ago on the night of the New York Tonys. "I invited a certain amount of people and then everybody told somebody and it became this giant pyramid scheme," the Deerfield resident recalled. "Suddenly, my house was overfilled with bodies and every TV in the house was on. I decided they really liked it." Moving the Tony party to the theater and making it a benefit seemed like a logical step.

"We do a lot of musical theater, whether it's our own shows or bringing in other people's shows or cabaret shows that feature Broadway show tunes," Kaplan explained. "It all fits."

"It's Broadway's biggest night. It's very theatrical," said Managing Director Wayne Mell of Deerfield. He lauded Skokie Theatre's homage to the event, noting, "It gives everybody a chance to take out their finery and do something a little different than the normal dinner-dance."

Mell will host the proceedings. He reported that in the lobby, "There will be complementary champagne and hors d'oeuvres on one side and some raffle prizes to peruse on the other."



KEVIN MELL/SKOKIE THEATRE

Wayne Mell and Wendy Kaplan of the Skokie Theatre are ready for a festive night of "Tony Awards."

Tony Awards Night Gala

When: 6 p.m. June 12

Where: Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie

Tickets: \$75

Information: 847-677-7761; skokie theatre.org

The appetizers are being catered by Village Inn Pizzeria. Sweetie Pies Bakery will cater desserts.

The Tony Awards program will be shown on the theater's large screen. During commercial breaks, there will be live performances of Broadway songs, with Johnny Rodgers serving as musical director and accompanist. At press time, the roster of entertainers included Ellen Winters, Sally Staats, Laura Freeman and Daryl Nitz, among others.

Partygoers can win a big prize by correctly guessing the most Tony winners.

Proceeds of the event will go to Skokie Theatricals, a 501(C)3 nonprofit. They will be used to supplement children's educa-

tion programs, help build awareness of the theater in the community and maintain the historic building, including providing equipment for performances.

Daryl Nitz, who has produced over a dozen shows at the Skokie Theatre — with several more in the works — is an enthusiastic supporter of the organization. He frequently praises the comfortable facility with its wonderful acoustics as well as the diverse programming offered. "Both Wendy and Wayne really have a sense of the community in Skokie," Nitz said.

Hopefully, many members of that community will put on their best party clothes and walk the red carpet June 12.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
927 N Highland Ave, Arlington Heights	Jay Hasche & Jennifer Hasche	Charles B Drost	04-21-16	\$72,500
904 W Saint James St, # 1N, Arlington Heights	Mazhar H Pallwala	Tcf National Bank	04-08-16	\$99,000
1206 S New Wilke Rd, # 7 402, Arlington Heights	Don Andrie Demian	Roy B Frase	04-12-16	\$107,000
2323 S Goebbert Rd, # 109, Arlington Heights	Shinichiro Miyamoto & Anna Miyamoto	Illinois Avenue Llc 1	04-22-16	\$112,500
435 S Cleveland Ave, # 104, Arlington Heights	Ilian Ivanov & Stella Ivanov	Jerome B Weinstein	04-22-16	\$125,000
1511 W Pheasant Trill Ln, # 4, Arlington Heights	Michelle L Wilcox	Syma J Hutchings	04-19-16	\$156,500
572 E Windgate Ct, # 6C4, Arlington Heights	Brian Hargreaves & Daniel Kolev	Irving Lim	04-18-16	\$169,000
1612 W Quail Ct, Arlington Heights	Maxine Mouroukas	Mary L Gomez	04-12-16	\$170,000
2529B E Hunter Dr, # 26 1, Arlington Heights	Eric Gosell	Eric Gosell	04-14-16	\$175,000
2026 N Stillwater Rd, # 2 4, Arlington Heights	Adam Gdowski	Fannie Mae	04-15-16	\$175,000
907 W Berkley Dr, Arlington Heights	Jason Wittrosk & Cheryl Wittrosk	Skrobak Trust	04-18-16	\$176,000
1532 N Kenda Ct, Arlington Heights	Norma J Imroth & Maxine J Quitazol	Charles Zhang	04-13-16	\$210,000
2015 N Silver Lake Rd, Arlington Heights	Stanislav Lukasik & Krystyna Lukasik	Rebekah Nowak	04-12-16	\$217,000
2764 S Embers Ln, # 2, Arlington Heights	Tazeen Ayesha Syeda	Jimmy L Pardiila Jr	04-15-16	\$234,000
1919 E Kensington Rd, Arlington Heights	Michael T Radlcz & Donna M Radlcz	Joseph Boczek Estate	04-22-16	\$235,000
1536 N Kennicott Ave, Arlington Heights	Christon Kikilis & Erini Kikilis	Lori Baker	04-08-16	\$270,000
115 E Willow St, Arlington Heights	Roy Hardin & Lisa Hardin	Exodus I Llc	04-21-16	\$278,000
2066 N Charter Point Dr, Arlington Heights	Junn H Wang & Christine Y Lung	Geraldine Y Balko	04-12-16	\$278,000
913 E Mayfair Rd, Arlington Heights	Yvette Flores	Justin Pease	04-19-16	\$295,000
1154 N Hickory Ave, Arlington Heights	Cara Tangorra & Curtis Fowie	Scott Fowie	04-08-16	\$305,000
2000 W Spring Ridge Dr, Arlington Heights	Timothy D Mayerbock & Amy C Mayerbock	And Kadiric	04-26-16	\$307,500
536 S Evanston Ave, Arlington Heights	Thomas Wolowiec & Agnieszka Wolowiec	Christopher Toy	04-19-16	\$310,000
210 E Ivy Ln, Arlington Heights	Piotr Niedojadlo & Agnieszka Niedojadlo	Asmir Tiganj	04-26-16	\$320,000
3030 N Dryden Pl, Arlington Heights	Xi Zhao	Leo Lento	04-15-16	\$320,000
844 S Chestnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Robert M Jones & Katherine L Jones	Steven Parkhouse	04-14-16	\$321,000
1523 E Arbor Ln, Arlington Heights	Phany Priya Balusu	Rsd Arbor Land Llc	04-15-16	\$323,000
730 W Gettysburg Dr, Arlington Heights	Adam Seidler & Carly Seidler	Peter C Nelson	04-15-16	\$325,000
1210 S Duntun Ave, Arlington Heights	Patrick Painter & Jennifer Painter	Jane E Kosel	04-07-16	\$336,000
1004 N Harvard Ave, Arlington Heights	James Bigwood & Claire Balling	Paul Lamonica	04-15-16	\$347,000
831 N Kaspar Ave, Arlington Heights	Michael K Fox	Andrew J Leiman	04-20-16	\$362,000
9581 Dee Rd, # 1J, Des Plaines	Titus Thomas	Intercounty Judicial Sales Co	04-22-16	\$52,000
101 Dover Dr, # 9, Des Plaines	Brijesh Patel & Satej Patel	Roger D Hollenbeck	04-18-16	\$58,500
8804 Briar Ct, # 3D, Des Plaines	Jwona Kay	Junhua Lu	04-18-16	\$75,000
8868 Kenneth Dr, # 2F, Des Plaines	Hrysoula Fourkas	Elizabeth Sluta	04-13-16	\$81,000
1054 Webster Ln, Des Plaines	Asta Naruseviciute	Wells Fargo Bank Trustee	04-21-16	\$84,000
477 Graceland Ave, # 3E, Des Plaines	Rosemary Hachey & Anthony Casanova	Kara M Deube	04-07-16	\$91,000
828 Graceland Ave, # 505, Des Plaines	Jacqueline Debts	Judy Rudnick	04-08-16	\$93,500
9351 Lady Bird Ln, # 206F, Des Plaines	Margarito Juan & Garcia Ramirez	Fannie Mae	04-14-16	\$102,000
8816 Dee Rd, # E, Des Plaines	Jerzy Jarek	Us Bank Na	04-13-16	\$123,000
135 Cambridge Rd, Des Plaines	Ersan Sano	Alex S Tedeschi	04-20-16	\$133,000
1702 Mill St, # 403, Des Plaines	William Powell & Thomas Powell	Wayne E Bork	04-15-16	\$135,000
1888 Sycamore St, Des Plaines	Soledad Contreras & Froylan Vega Rico	Adem Tahiri	04-15-16	\$146,000
900 S River Rd, # 3F, Des Plaines	Jordan Machonga & Lindsay Lewis	Damian R Duch	04-18-16	\$155,000
9666 Lois Dr, # D, Des Plaines	Newer Adam & Saba Wadia	Witold Drozd	04-19-16	\$164,000
174 Ashland Ave, Des Plaines	Marcel Bodea & Andrea Bodea	William Galarza	04-14-16	\$167,000
9404 Hamlin Ave, Des Plaines	Liya Mathew Kunnassery	Judicial Sales Corp	04-21-16	\$173,500

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
1638 Lunt Ave, Des Plaines	Marcin Daniel Regula	Toni A Giovannini	04-19-16	\$185,000
815 Pearson St, # 14, Des Plaines	Laura A Reder	Barbara L Morrison	04-15-16	\$185,000
374 King Ln, Des Plaines	Arvin Scott	Adam Maliszewski	04-20-16	\$190,000
501 Alles St, # 306A, Des Plaines	Kamil Krol	Florence Calabria	04-20-16	\$191,000
36 S Warrington Rd, Des Plaines	Amy Jo Malone & Theodore John Malone	Leda Doherty	04-13-16	\$192,500
1789 Lee St, Des Plaines	Nicole Neuman	Fannie Mae	04-26-16	\$194,500
664 E Oakton St, Des Plaines	Crisanto Z Beltran & Dona Bella Beltran	Zachary D Bednarski	04-20-16	\$202,000
2097 Sherwin Ave, Des Plaines	Keith A Jackson & Momoko Otsuka	Marcel Gica Cozna	04-22-16	\$222,000
2754 Joseph Ave, Des Plaines	Stan M Ramirez	Victory Homes Llc	04-13-16	\$242,500
370 S Western Ave, # 604, Des Plaines	Valdin Tverdovsky & Olga Tverdovsky	Enrique Contreras	04-19-16	\$250,000
1446 S 4th Ave, Des Plaines	Daniel F Bell & Jessica Bell	Kelly Mlto	04-14-16	\$250,000
988 Walter Ave, Des Plaines	Jerlyn Vesilno & Norma Vesilno	Zwolinski Trust	04-14-16	\$250,000
2115 Laura Ln, Des Plaines	Yesenia Lopez	Todd Metzler	04-15-16	\$252,500
500 Florian Dr, Des Plaines	Roman Wojnarowski & Elzbieta M Wojnarowski	Jacek Bator	04-07-16	\$260,000
517 Marshall Dr, Des Plaines	Casey Witkowski & Izabella A Lacka Witkowski	Donald A Szontage Estate	04-07-16	\$270,000
2115 Busse Hwy, Des Plaines	Imran A Zia	Patricia B Martinano	04-15-16	\$270,000
1558 Van Buren Ave, Des Plaines	Patryk Poborca	Mariusz Kozioł	04-15-16	\$282,000
140 N 8th Ave, Des Plaines	Ruben Reyes & Destrie Reyes	Robert J Szumal	04-22-16	\$285,000
111 Stratford Rd, Des Plaines	Katie M Garner	Andrew G Drott	04-21-16	\$340,000
9620 N Oak Ln, Des Plaines	Awwelsha M Shilimon & Nana Shilimon	Peter A Hawist	04-19-16	\$455,000
6401 Lincoln Ave, # 209, Morton Grove	Stanley Moss & Rena Moss	William M Kozioł	04-21-16	\$202,000
5808 Capri Ln, Morton Grove	Wade R Coffman	Nimmo Trust	04-13-16	\$255,000
9507 Oriole Ave, Morton Grove	Corneliu Contac & Angela Contac	Kaderabek Trust	04-15-16	\$267,000
5920 Madison St, Morton Grove	Concepcion S Gutierrez & Ruben Gutierrez Jr	Rodney Roberts	04-07-16	\$288,000
108 Prairie Ct, Morton Grove	Yi Chien Chang & Chih Lin Hsu	Jonathan Corbes	04-20-16	\$312,000
78411 Luna Vae, Morton Grove	Deborah Brown & Emily Fry	Signature Hoings Llc	04-20-16	\$318,500
5745 Warren St, Morton Grove	Allison Tesnar & Gregory W Tesnar	Andrew Lazar	04-19-16	\$323,000
9107 Mcvicker Ave, Morton Grove	Albert Douglas Lyman	Wilmington Trust Co Trustee	04-12-16	\$376,000
7838 Foster St, Morton Grove	Thomas Gussie & Marie Gussie	Stuart Jacobson	04-21-16	\$437,000
6400 Hoffman Ter, Morton Grove	Manisha Patel	Magan Bhai Patel	04-15-16	\$455,000
6422 Hoffman Ter, Morton Grove	Arnes Cehalic & Andrea Cehalic	Joseph F Locallo III	04-19-16	\$520,000
9012 W Heathwood Cir, # B2, Niles	Natalie J Serafyn	Christian Han	04-22-16	\$213,000
8219 N Oconto Ave, Niles	Wissam Alyas & Vivian Abed	Joseph Bioniarczyk	04-14-16	\$230,000
8761 N Oleander Ave, Niles	Johnson Youkhana	Hafiz Yaqoob	04-14-16	\$267,000
6913 W Madison St, Niles	Paul W Baumann & Gwendalyn N Baumann	Derek Proehl	04-18-16	\$381,000
2400 Windsor Mall, # 2D, Park Ridge	Mirosław Sikora & Katarzyna Sikora	Bkd Realty Corp	04-12-16	\$118,000
460 S Northwest Hwy, # 309A, Park Ridge	Michael D Sebastian & Kathleen M Sebastian	Knight Trust	04-08-16	\$210,000
44 Park Ln, # 138, Park Ridge	Christopher S Solecki & Kathleen G Solecki	Bernardi Trust	04-18-16	\$235,000
1067 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge	Hediliza Morgan	Dominador B Guno Jr	04-20-16	\$240,000
1301 S Prospect Ave, Park Ridge	Brian Kopf & Julie Kopf	Robert W Self	04-22-16	\$260,000
2150 Bouterse St, # 107C, Park Ridge	Steven Dinkel	Susan Ellen Zangora Estate	04-14-16	\$271,000
426 S Dee Rd, # IT7, Park Ridge	Anthony G Liszewski & Kyung Ah Liszewski	James B Lago	04-15-16	\$287,000
237 N Lincoln Ave, Park Ridge	Patricia Evans & Gregory Evans	Regan B Macarthur	04-15-16	\$352,500
1600 Birch St, Park Ridge	Parth Soni	Patricia J Debella	04-13-16	\$395,000
612 S Lincoln Ave, Park Ridge	Joel Tobecksen & Kelly Tobecksen	Tom J Halkar	04-12-16	\$395,000
212 N Delphia Ave, Park Ridge	Gerda Weitzel & Robert J Weitzel	Bill Magnuson	04-20-16	\$605,000
323 N Merrill St, Park Ridge	Matthew Ninke & Katherine Marie Dall	Daniel D Potts	04-19-16	\$635,000
2603 Woodland Ave, Park Ridge	Adoifo Vlzcalno	Zygmunt Figol	04-21-16	\$675,000
529 S Chester Ave, Park Ridge	Luke A Douglas & Darlene M Douglas	Dennis J Geier	04-12-16	\$912,500
9612 W Higgins Rd, # 3F, Rosemont	Daniel D Veach	Darryl T Syzdek	04-12-16	\$85,000
9602 W Higgins Rd, # 1B, Rosemont	William J Przybylski & Idalee Przybylski	William J Przybylski	04-08-16	\$112,000

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**LAKE BLUFF**

Three-bedroom, two-bath home built in 1957 and renovated within last four years. Kitchen has granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Wet bar in family room, bi-level deck. Near downtown, parks, golf course, rec center and Metra.

Address: 44 W. Center Ave.
Price: \$449,900
Schools: Lake Forest High School
Taxes: \$6,559
Agent: Mary Dallas Cole, Griffith, Grant & Lackie

**WILMETTE**

Four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home, built in 1928, in east Wilmette. Family room with fireplace, dining room with view of yard, attached heated garage, rec and play rooms. Near both Evanston and Wilmette shopping, schools, beach, CT&M and Metra.

Address: 125 Dupee Place
Price: \$749,000
Schools: New Trier High School
Taxes: \$13,547
Agent: Sfc Team, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Winnetka

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**

Four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home built in 1973. Mason frame, asphalt roof with central air conditioning. Two-car garage. Family room with brick fireplace, updated kitchen, brick paver patio, remodeled basement.

Address: 1407 E. Fleming Drive
Price: \$449,900
Schools: Buffalo Grove High School
Taxes: \$10,769
Agent: Anne Kaplan, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage The Groves

**BUFFALO GROVE**

Five-bedroom, 2.5-bath, two-story home built in 1970. Open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout. Fenced-in backyard, deck, finished basement. Newer windows, siding, roof and furnace. Schools nearby.

Address: 1134 Harvard Lane
Price: \$359,900
Schools: Wheeling High School
Taxes: \$8,675
Agent: Mila Tsarfas, RE/MAX Villager

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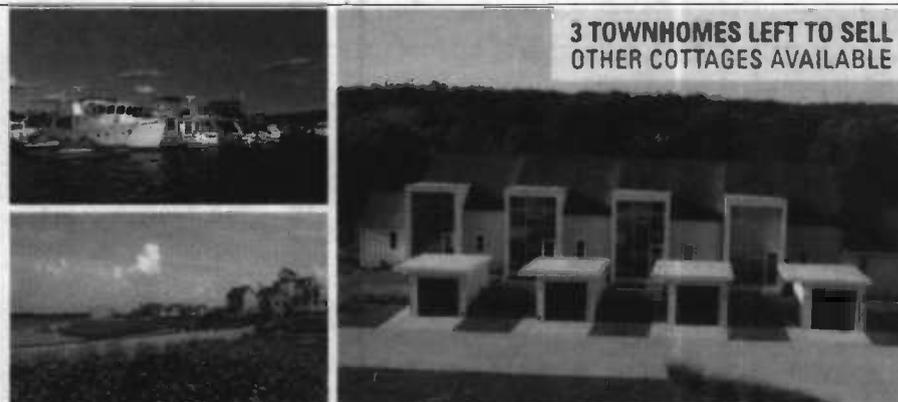


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Thursday, May 26

"Rent": This rock musical is filled with iconic songs including: "Seasons of Love," "Take Me or Leave Me" and more. The story centers around a group of artists trying to make it in New York during the height of the AIDS epidemic and the struggles they face, both professionally and personally. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights, previews \$30; regular run \$38, 847-577-2121

Photos wanted for art project in Des Plaines: The public is invited to participate in a community photo project in Des Plaines called "On the Street Where You Live, Work, and Play." Submit photos of your house, favorite building, or other interesting structure located in Des Plaines. Community members can upload as many as three photos to desplainesmemory.org. 10 a.m. All week. Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

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.

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.

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

Hidden Art of Trees: The Hidden Art of Trees showcases some of the Midwest's most talented wood artisans and the materials that inspire them. The grain, the color and even random defects in the wood motivate these artists to create some of the most stunning and unique furniture and bowls. 8 a.m. All week, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

"Death of a Streetcar Named Virginia Woolf: A Parody": 7:30 p.m. May 26, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 27 and 2 p.m. May 28, Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, \$75-\$80, 847-242-6000

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

Spark Park grades K-2: Young Einsteins needed for hands-on explorations of STEAM topics. Space is limited, so register by calling. 4:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Meet Violet Jessop, Titanic Survivor: Crew member Violet Jessop survived the sinking of the Titanic and then, four years later, the sinking of the Britannic, Titanic's sister ship. Historical interpreter Leslie Goddard brings Violet to life with unforgettable, behind-the-scenes stories from the most glamorous luxury liners of their day. 7 p.m. Thursday, Eisenhower Public Library District, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights, free, 708-867-2299

Ravinia Business District and Ravinia Festival Team Up: Collecting used musical instruments that are to be refurbished, recycled and placed into the hands of children in underserved communities. Fifteen businesses in the Ravinia Business District are serving as

drop locations. See article at website for list of businesses. Also, stores have a green flier in the window for ease in identification. 10 a.m. Monday-Thursday, Ravinia District, Roger Williams Ave., Highland Park, free, 847-432-6000

Teen Craft: Stop by to make and take home a customized metal dog tag, perfect to use as a keychain or jewelry. 3:30 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

A Podcast Listening Pre-Party: Tech Help: Attend the pre-party tech help session to learn how to set up your mobile device (Android or Apple) to access any podcasts that catch your fancy. 6 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. 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

The World in 2016: Crisis and Opportunity: Jim Kenney reflects on worrisome hot spots, political trends, socio-economic portents, religious tensions, and reasons for optimism. Over three weeks, he will discuss African contradictions, Latin American challenges, Asian transitions and European anxieties, as well as the three great powers - China, Russia, and the U.S. - and ask how their changing dynamics might play out in the year ahead. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$30 (NSSC members); \$39 (non-members), 847-784-6030

Sunset Ridge School District 29 Celebrates: Help pay tribute to long-time teachers at a reception for: Robin Bell, Barbara Golumb, Mady Lewis-Kaplan, Barbara Rosenberg and Kenneth Smith is held at 7:45 p.m. in the Middlefork small gym, immediately following the annual Spring Sing. The other at 6:30 p.m. May 18, Sunset Ridge School. 7 p.m. Middlefork School, 405 Wagner Road, Northfield, free, 847-881-9400

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

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, 847-823-3164

Legends of Laughter II: The Comedy Teams Film Series: This ten-film series showcases the great movie comedy teams of the 1930s, '40s and '50s. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-720-3209

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

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

Maggie Rose with Machaela Sullivan: 8:15 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$10

Food Drive in Skokie: Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. 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. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

The Great Jewish Family Festival: This Lag B'omer celebration for the entire family includes a fair with rides, games and hands-on activities; an all-you-can-eat food court; shows and concerts; an evening bonfire experience. This event is brought to you by Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois & Chabad Center. Purchase your all-inclusive wristband in advance at the website. 4 p.m.

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Westfield Old Orchard, 4905 Old Orchard Shop Center East Ring Road, Skokie, 847-677-1770

"Fiddler on the Roof": Based on "Teveye and his Daughters" and other tales by Sholem Aleichem, the story centers on Teveye, the father of five daughters and his attempts to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions. 7 p.m. May 26, 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. May 28. JCC Chicago - Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie, \$6-\$16, 847-763-3500

LinkedIn 2: For participants with 50 percent or more profile completion that describes the more advanced uses including networking, researching companies and applying for jobs. To register for Career Moves workshops, go to jvschicago-syhum.formstack.com/forms/career_identity. To learn more about the workshops, go to jvschicago.org/career-moves-workshops-and-events, call 847-745-5460 or email andrealevasseur@jvschicago.org. Fees are \$10 per workshop for Career Moves Clients; or \$20 per workshop for non-clients. 9:30 a.m. Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, \$10-\$20 per workshop, 847-745-5460

Kat Victoria stars in "All Love Pearl": Kat Victoria returns to Skokie Theatre in "All Love, Pearl," a musical journey and an intimate look at the love life of one of the world's most humorous and beloved entertainers, Pearl Bailey. 8 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$20, 847-677-7761

The Gospel According to...: 7:30 p.m. May 26, 8 p.m. May 27, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 28, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 29, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$15-\$51, 847-673-6300

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

The Men of Omaha Beach: Robert Mueller paints the picture of Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944 and provides insight into how the Normandy Invasion took place. The focus is upon the US 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions in the initial assault waves. 7 p.m. Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-6930

HIT180: A low-impact, high-intensity cardio and strength fitness class. Go to

www.hit180fit.com for more information and to register. The first class is free, but please register three hours before the class. 5 a.m. Hit 180 Fitness, 193 Northfield Road, Winnetka, first class free, 224-216-2086

Friday, May 27

Barefoot in the Park: Neil Simon's Tony Award winning romantic comedy produced by the Guild Theater. 7:30 p.m. May 27 and May 28, 3 p.m. May 29, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-\$25, 847-220-2919

Steve Moakler: With special guests Shelley Skidmore and Greg Bates. 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$27, 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

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

Honor the Fallen 22 Mile Ruck March: This march is to honor the fallen and raise as much awareness as possible along the route. All money raised through fundraising is donated to Chicago Veterans, a non-profit organization which has helped hundreds of local military families. 7 a.m. Veterans Memorial Park, 299 Park Ave., Glencoe, donations are accepted, 773-491-2927

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

Gentle Yoga: Space in each session is limited to the first 50 people. Yoga instructor Olga Rudiak leads a series of yoga sessions for improved physical strength, relaxation and mental clarity. Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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

welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. A basic crochet stitch can be taught if needed. Bring lunch. Donations are welcome to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization. 9 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

The Hidden Gold of Unknown Operas: This class explores a rarefied repertoire, hopefully, for the delight and enlightenment of all who attend. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC member; \$13 non-member, 847-784-6030

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

Women In Business Networking Breakfast: There are plenty of new tactics and tools and a lot of them are free to create the awareness you need for your business. Check out the Chamber website for more information on this event at www.parkridgechamber.org/events. Fees: \$10 members with RSVP; \$15 prospective members and members without RSVP. 8:30 a.m. Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$10-\$15, 847-825-3121

Beginning Bridge Lessons at Mallinckrodt Center: This class is ideal for those who might have played in the past and need a refresher course. The class meets weekly for six weeks. 10 a.m. Mallinckrodt Center, 1041 Ridge Road, Wilmette, Center members \$90; non-members \$100, 847-256-9623

Saturday, May 28

Evanston Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce, meat, cheese, baked goods, flowers and more from 51 vendors. LINK cards are accepted. 7:30 a.m. Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

TFDI: Tony Lucca, Jay Nash, Matt Duke: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$18-\$32, 847-492-8860

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. Midnight, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous meets Saturdays. 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. National headliners with movie and television credits on stage. Awesome venue with full bar and dinner menu. 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. 10:30 a.m. May 28 and May 29, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

Ascend: The 15/16 Professional Circus Training Showcase: Come see how a year of dedication, creativity and teamwork can change the world of theatre, circus, and beyond. Our showcase provides Pro-Training students with the opportunity to perform in front of our audience as well as agents, casting directors and other established working professionals in theater and circus. 7:30 p.m. May 28 and 3 p.m. May 29, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$15, 847-328-2795.

Tefilla Yoga: Bring your own mat and dress appropriately for Tefilla Yoga, a prayerful yoga. 11 a.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

Park Ridge Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce, soap, olive oils, flowers, pickles, pasta baked goods and meat. The weekly market also features live music and kids activities. Help give back to the community by bringing canned goods to the market to donate to the New Hope Food Pantry. 7 a.m. Prairie Avenue and Main Street, 15 Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-309-2433

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Martin McDaniel: 10 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$10.

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

Northfield Farmers Market: Enjoy a casual morning shopping for vegetables and fruits, plants, flowers, cheeses, pastries, coffee and gourmet items. Cooking demonstrations are given by local chefs. 7:30 a.m. Northfield Farmers' Market, 6 Happ Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4461

Sunday, May 29

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

God Bless America For those who gave their all Concert: Directed by Phyllis Scott, The Musical Revue presents a USO style concert filled to the brim with songs from a special time in America's life, the end of WWII-- a time when America was filled with hope, and joy, and possibility. 4 p.m. Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

First Michigan Engineers War Re-Enactors: The First Michigan Engineers War Re-Enactors reprise their role as U.S. soldiers of the 19, 20 and 21st Century. There is a bivouac of a WWII US Army display in front and training exercises outside the Center, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. The Niles Historical and Cultural Center, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, free, 847-390-0160

Monday, May 30

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

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

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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

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 www.mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

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

Ballroom Dance Classes: Come enjoy a basic ballroom dance class at 6:45 p.m., and an intermediate class at 7:45 p.m. Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, \$10 per person per class, 847-757-2227

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

Patriotic Pooches Dog Wash: Gather your furry friends and get them washed while you wait to show them off at the Winnetka Memorial Day Parade. Dogs will be shampooed, towel-dried and released back to you sporting a star-spangled bandanna. 9 a.m. The Hadley School for the Blind, 700 Elm St., Winnetka, \$10 small; \$12 for medium; \$15 large dogs, 847-800-5459

Tuesday, May 31

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

Supervision Group: Chicagoland's credentialed music therapists are invited to this networking event. 6:30 p.m. Dempster Street Theatre, 2008 Dempster St., Evanston, \$5, 847-448-8337

Pop-Up Indoor Art Fair at Stella: Stella, a women's boutique, hosts its fifth Annual Pop Up Shop/ Indoor Art Fair for the month of May. 10 a.m. Stella Boutique, 2116 Central St, Evanston, free, 847-864-5565.

Tuesday Morning Music: Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances on Tuesday mornings in the McGinley Pavilion overlooking Evening Island. After the concert, visitors can board a 25-minute narrated tour on the Bright Encounters Tour, a close-up view of the gardens on the main island, or the Grand Tram Tour. 10 a.m. Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Movies, Munchies & More: "Daddy's Home": A mild-mannered step-dad clashes with the children's supercool biological father who suddenly comes back into their lives. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

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

Beginning Spanish I: This 8-week class will teach you the basic fundamentals to express yourself in Spanish through statements, questions and with fundamental vocabulary. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$79 (NSSC members); \$95 (non-members), 847-784-6030

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

\$89 (non-members), 847-784-6030

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. It's a complex tale, told in spell-binding fashion by Eugene Rogan, author of "The Arabs." 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: To achieve permanent weight loss, an individual must develop a lifestyle of healthy habits. Take part in movement exercises in this class as well as work from "Building Healthy Habits" book. 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

Country in the Park 2016: This concert series features some of Nashville's most popular emerging country music artists. "Country in the Park" concerts occur every Tuesday throughout the summer. Guests can enjoy food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after select performances. 7 p.m. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5556

Wednesday, June 1

Chair Yoga: Poses are done seated on a chair or the chair is used for support during standing poses, forward and backward bends, side extensions, leg and arm stretches and balancing. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, \$3 donation, 847-255-8700

District 212 Hosts 2016 Leyden Eagles Golf Outing: District 212 hosts the 2016 Leyden Eagles Golf Outing, with a four-person scramble and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart and dinner. Noon, White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, \$125 per person, 630-935-5721

Bensenville Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce and specialty foods from a variety of vendors. 5:30 p.m. Railroad Avenue and Center Street, Bensenville, free, 630-766-8200

Tal Gamlieli: Part of the Israeli Jazz Festival. 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago

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Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$22, 847-492-8860

Baroque Band presents: L'Arte del Violino: "Rock star" virtuoso violinist Pietro Locatelli performs. 7:30 p.m. Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$17-\$39, 312-235-2368

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. 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

Open Mic Night in Evanston: Hosted by Daniel Fiddler. Sign-up begins at 8 p.m. 9 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, no cover, 847-864-1679

Leadership on the Home Front: "Leadership on the Home Front: Exam-

ining American Responses to the Rise of Nazism" is a public program of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Join in the conversation examining how America's leaders, the Jewish community and the broader public responded to the Nazi regime and expansion. 7 p.m. Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe, free, 202-488-0460

MGPL Writers Workshop: This is for writers who want to share their works in progress and support other writers in drafting, revising, and finishing manuscripts, essays, poems, or any other type of writing. The workshop meets on the first Wednesday evening of every month. Contact Chad with questions at ccomello@mgpl.org. 7 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

"Blazing Saddles": The Library's Classics on Wednesday film series features spoofs in June. Join us for a free showing of "Blazing Saddles." 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Osteoporosis and Exercise: The Do's and Don'ts: In this class, licensed physical therapist Ann Swayne explains

the types of exercise proven to be the safest and most beneficial for people with low bone density. 10 a.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a beginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome at this new, weekly Chess Club. Chess sets and clocks provided. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Knitting Studio and Workshop: Each Wednesday afternoon, certified knitting instructor Mary Staackmann provides personalized instruction, answers any questions about knitting and perhaps gets you started on a new project. 1:30 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6060

Newark Boys Chorus Concert: This chorus, known as "Newark's Musical Ambassadors," have a repertoire of classical music, spirituals, folk music and jazz and have appeared throughout the world. This is their only performance in the Chicago area. 7:30 p.m. Northfield Community Church, 400 Wagner Road, Northfield, free, 847-446-

3070

Wendy and DB Concert for Kids: Wendy & DB's original songs encourage children to use their imaginations, teach musical basics like melody and rhythm and show kids how to have fun with words. 10 a.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, \$3, 847-825-3123

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. Participants learn the basics and receive written rules. 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 ultra-crisp, photorealistic animation designed to look real, not animated. That sort of realism often looks and feels misguided, 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

tip-top, from Bill Murray's sloth bear, Baloo, to Idris Elba's adversarial tiger, Shere Khan. There's a real person on screen too; Neel Sethi plays Mowgli. Favreau has a knack for straight-ahead pacing and for tightening the screws (the movie is 81 percent life-and-death peril and 19 percent comic relief) without being maniacal about it. — *M.P.*



"Money Monster" ★★ 1/2

R, 1:38, drama

Cable TV personality and financial guru Lee Gates, played as a belligerent, self-loathing whirlwind by George Clooney, is preparing for his show "Money Monster." A disgruntled and now broke investor (Jack O'Connell) sneaks onto the soundstage and onto the show itself. Brandishing a pistol, he holds Lee hostage, slaps an explosives-laden vest on him and threatens to blow up the studio. I don't need my thrillers to behave like documentaries, but after a

strong and confidently paced setup, the hostage situation struggles to maintain momentum and credibility. That said, "Money Monster" never quite messes up completely. Clooney provides the glue. Jodie Foster's direction, aided by cinematographer Matthew Libatique's sharp, clean light, is the most fluid and well-considered of her career. — *M.P.*

"The Darkness" ★ 1/2

PG-13, 1:33, horror

A family beset by autism, bulimia, alcoholism and extramarital canoodling squares off against the world-ending prophecies of Anasazi canyon-dwellers in this kitchen-sink horror movie so over-the-top that even the actual kitchen faucet runs mysteriously. At some point in the production process, co-writer/director Greg McLean must have believed he was making John Cassavetes' "Poltergeist," but this odd fusion of psychodrama and supernatural hokum gets away from him. Though better cast and considerably more ambitious than a typical PG-13 frightfest, "The Darkness" succumbs to the bloodless shocks and assaultive sound effects that plague its generic peers. — *Scott Tobias, Variety*



"Mother's Day" ★

PG-13, 1:58, drama

It seems there's no stopping Garry Marshall's terrifying cinematic rampage on our nation's treasured holidays. This time around, Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson and Jason Sudeikis, among others, are subjected to an interconnected, fake heart-warming Mother's Day-themed story. Sure, most of the characters are parents, but it's only nominally about motherhood. There are a few tossed-off lines about the irreplaceability of a mother's

love, but nothing feels sincere. "Mother's Day" is a total mess, but what's truly offensive is that they didn't even try to make this cynical, post-Sunday brunch cash grab even remotely watchable. — *Katie Walsh*

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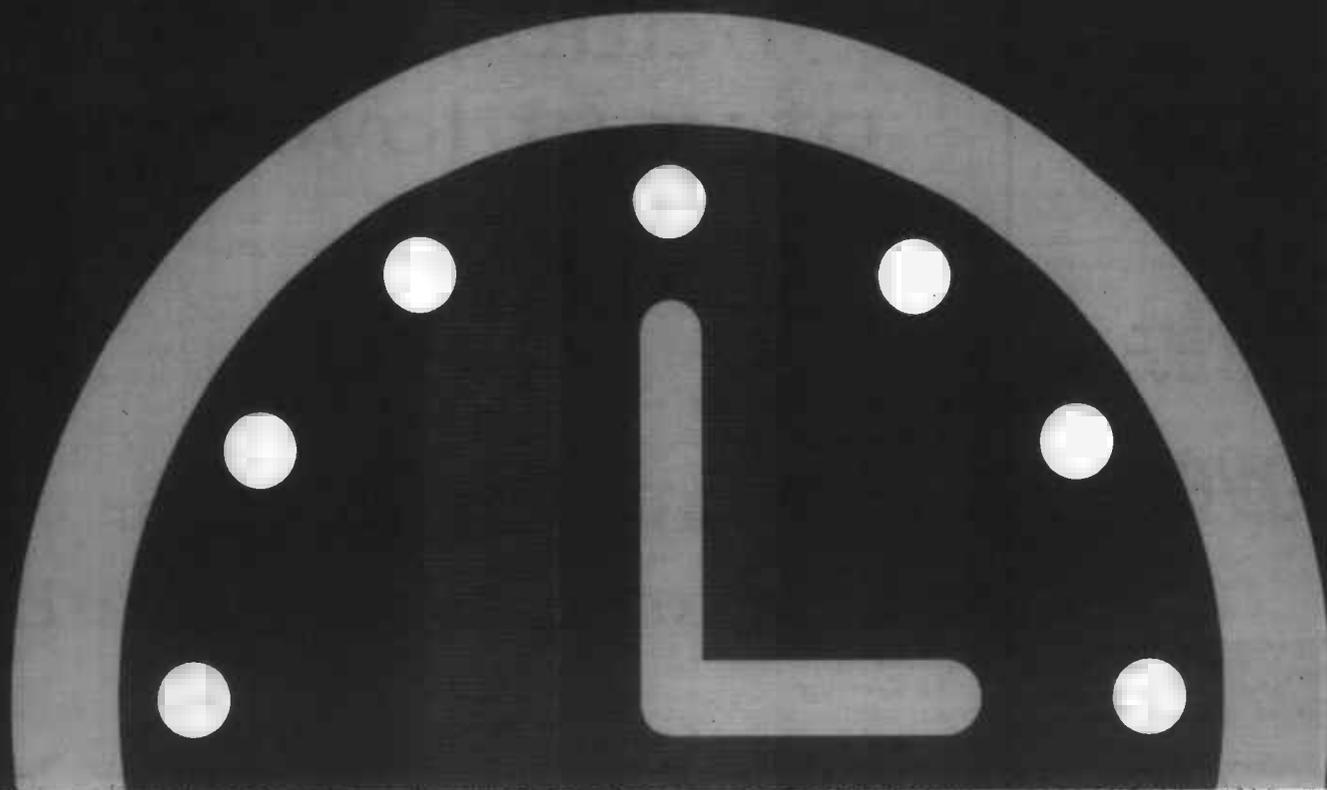
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Car tech confusion

Senior drivers confront proliferation of bells and whistles in new vehicles

BY MARY CHAPMAN
Tribune Newspapers

Before settling on a new 2014 Ford Edge SE, Cynthia Manson resisted sales pressure to move up to a trim level that had, along with a bigger price tag, more onboard technology and available options.

The lower-grade SE suited her fine. Although the newly retired Manson could've afforded a more loaded vehicle, all she required was a CD player for road-trip music and her beloved audio books, plus a navigation system. And, remote start would come in handy on chilly mornings. At her age, she said, simplicity is best.

"I think when you have too much stuff, like automatic braking and lane departure warning and all that, you begin to rely on it too much and you lose your focus," said Manson, 70, a former Chicago bus driver.

It's hard to avoid too much technology. New vehicles feature an ever-growing array of gizmos, a lot of which are standard.

"The velocity of technological change is only going to continue and will accelerate," said Joseph Coughlin, director of the AgeLab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The proliferation of technology is confusing to anyone, not just seniors, which is why the National Safety Council recently launched the "My Car Does What?" website, which simplifies advanced safety features into an interactive guide. But seniors might stand to benefit the most from using such technology.

Organizations such as AAA and AARP offer ways to help older drivers understand technology related to safety, ergonomics and comfort.



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The Institute for Highway Safety projects that by 2030 there will be 53.7 million drivers 70 and older, up from 30.1 million.

For example, AAA has a list of recommendations, including active safety systems, which use cameras and sensors to alert drivers of looming danger; adaptive headlights, which swivel in the direction the steering wheel is turned; automatic crash notifications; automatic high beams; blind-spot warning; drowsy-driver alert systems; keyless entry; adjustable steering wheels and pedals; power seats; and motorized trunk lids.

While such technology often is considered a convenience by younger drivers, it can help senior drivers remain safe and comfortable.

According to AAA, nearly 90 percent of motorists 65 and older have health issues that may affect driver safety. The number of licensed drivers

ages 65 to 69 rose more than 15 percent from 1983 to 2014; for the 70-and-older set, it rose 43.6 percent, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

The Institute for Highway Safety projects that by 2030 the number of drivers who are at least 70 will climb to 53.7 million from 30.1 million.

Car manufacturers are keenly aware of this burgeoning demographic. General Motors Co., for example, recruits individuals 60 and older to test its infotainment systems. Across town, Ford Motor Co. uses a so-called Third Age suit to help engineers and designers understand how physical limitations can affect driving.

The Collaborative Safety Research Center at the

Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., meanwhile, has a variety of projects related to older drivers, partnering with universities and other institutions.

It's difficult to measure how much demand is driving the onslaught of technology, experts said. Top-selling models last year among drivers 65 and older by percentage share of registrations included the Buick LaCrosse, Cadillac XTS, Lincoln MKS, Lexus LS and Lincoln MKT, respectively, according to Edmunds.com.

"There's no safety feature specific for older drivers, but there's no demographic that, that doesn't help," said Carroll Lachnit, a consumer advice editor for Edmunds.com. "You may be a 45-year-old with early onset arthritis. So if

you have trouble turning your head, blind-spot warning is helpful. So it's almost as though, what's the issue for the individual driver?"

But too much technology can overwhelm drivers. That's partly why manufacturers such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz now have teams that can explain to car buyers how to use new-car features.

For her part, for instance, a frustrated Manson returned to her dealer after failing to figure out her vehicle's Bluetooth system.

"I finally went and told the guy, 'Show me how to use this,' and he did," she said. "It was important for me to learn because I wanted to be able to be hands-free."

Coughlin warned against generalizations about older drivers, saying studies show

a wide range of ability within that group. "Younger drivers who rely only on instruments are problematic too," he said. "I've found that people who have driven for a while have learned how to drive and learned how to drive well."

Car shoppers should try to keep a vehicle for a week or so before buying it, or at least have a comprehensive walk-through, Lachnit urged.

"People only buy cars about every six years, and a lot can change in that time," she said.

That's exactly what worries Jane Garcia, 68, who soon must replace her trusty 1999 Lincoln Continental with a vehicle that will likely be chock-full of unfamiliar innovation.

"My husband keeps asking me when I'm going to buy a car, but I don't know about all that new stuff," said Garcia, chairwoman of LaSed, an economic development organization in southwest Detroit. "Me, I just want to get in and get to my location."

Rachel Churches, 89, of Novi, Mich., had similar trepidations. She liked the roominess, high fuel economy and ease of entry and exit of the 2015 Ford C-Max wagon she considered buying, but she was intimidated by all the sensors and gauges that accompany hybrid technology.

Because hybrid and electric cars are so quiet, Churches once nearly walked away from her vehicle without turning it off. The vehicle's alert had saved her.

"Now, I love it," Churches said. "My kids were surprised when I bought the car, and I surprised myself too."

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Haughton, Gurdzibeev come to love track in new home

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Maine East's Torraín Haughton emigrated from Montego Bay, Jamaica, just before high school, and he considered himself a soccer player and a gymnast before finding his true calling on the track.

Teammate Tim Gurdzibeev arrived from Ossetia, a region in western Russia, as a sophomore, and was convinced to give track a try by his math teacher Scott Schultes, the coach of the boys team.

This weekend, both seniors will complete their high school careers at the Class 3A state track and field meet in Charleston.

Haughton cruised to victory in the 800-meter run at the Loyola Sectional on May 19 crossing the finish line in 1 minute, 54.58 seconds. He will look to build on his fifth-place finish at last year's state meet.

According to Haughton, Sandburg senior Chris Torpy will be one of his main competitors at state.

"My goal is to win state," Haughton said. "I beat (Torpy) in the prelims last year, but he finished a spot ahead of me in the final. I'm in better shape and hopefully I can see him again and beat him."

Schultes said he's expecting a strong performance from Haughton, a runner he said is immensely talented and one of the hardest working athletes he's ever coached.

"Whatever I've asked him to do, running a two-mile time trial, competing in cross country, (Haughton) did everything I asked the best he could and never questioned or doubted a thing," Schultes said. "And he does things in practice (athletically) that are almost scary, they are so good."

Gurdzibeev finished fourth in the pole vault at the sectional, clearing a qualifying height of 13-7.



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Maine East pole vaulter Tim Gurdzibeev celebrates qualifying for state on his way down from clearing 13-7 during the Class 3A Loyola track and field sectional on May 19 in Wilmette.

Schultes said Gurdzibeev's development has been impressive since he's had to balance school, track and field and his job at a local restaurant.

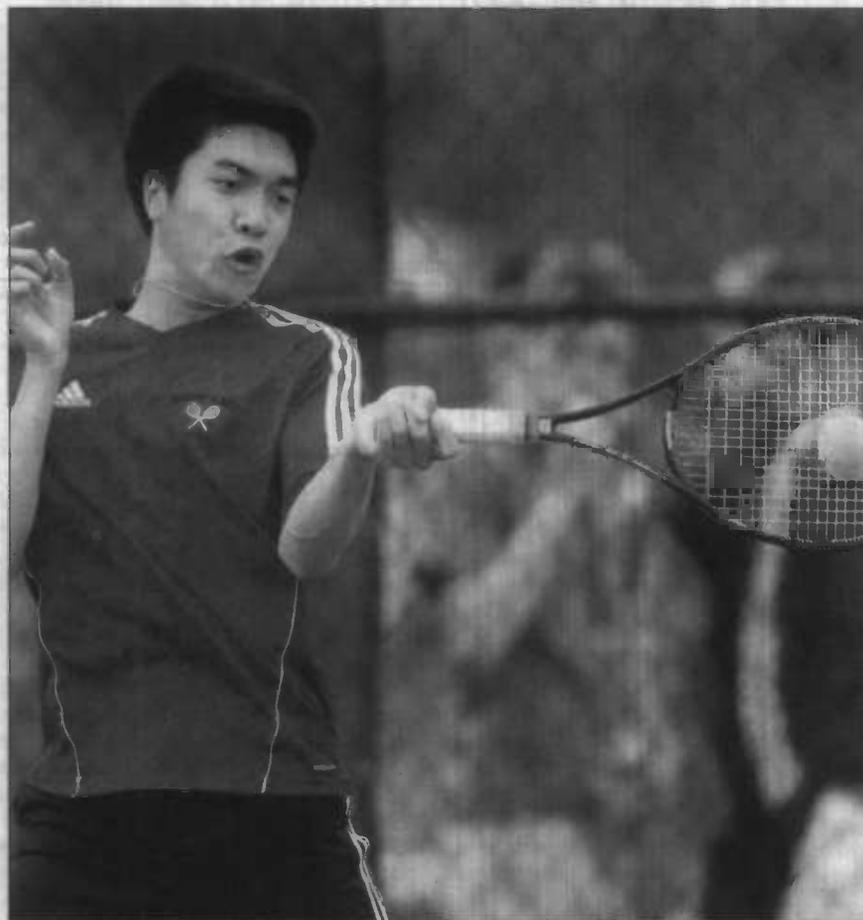
"He's had to work to help support himself and his family, and it was hard to make the commitment to do track," Schultes said. "But I know it's a passion and I'm proud he decided to stick it

out. (Gurdzibeev) is trying to balance a lot (while) at the same time getting better in a technical and difficult event like pole vault."

Maine East (15 points) finished 13th at the 16-team sectional.

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Maine East's Don Carreon hits a forehand at the Niles West Sectional on Friday, May 20, in Skokle.

Cramp ends Carreon's bid for state berth

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

Maine East freshman Don Carreon was in the midst of far and away the most competitive Niles West Sectional quarter-final singles match when his left calf cramped up.

Carreon and Maine South sophomore Danilo Kovacevic were in the middle of a point when Carreon suffered the injury.

"I thought I was going to beat him until I felt that," said Carreon, pointing to

his calf.

Carreon, who earned a 5-6 seed in one of the state's toughest sectionals, was playing very well at the time.

Carreon moved Kovacevic, a 3-4 seed, around the court at times by dictating points with his serve and left-handed forehands. He continued playing shortly after suffering the injury and receiving treatment, but retired down 4-3 on Friday, May 20.

Although Carreon was forced to retire, he said he's

optimistic that he can qualify for the state tournament later in his career. Three of the four singles qualifiers at the Niles West Sectional were seniors this year, with Kovacevic being the exception.

A key to qualifying is to work on "my fitness because I don't want this to happen again," Carreon said.

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Long-time Wolves coach Campbell dies on day of sectional

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

A moment of silence was held at the end of the Class 3A Loyola boys track and field sectional to honor former Niles West coach Ron Campbell, who passed away earlier that day after a long battle with cancer. Campbell, who coached boys track and field and cross country, was 77 years old.

A Niles West teacher and coach for over 35 years, Campbell retired in 1998 and was inducted into the Niles West Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

Niles West coach Chris Vivone said there was symbolism in Campbell's death coming on May 19, one of the biggest days for local track and field athletes.

"He was the biggest fan of track and field, whether it was the Olympics, collegiate or high school," Vivone said. "When it came to Niles West track and cross country, there was no bigger fan for

the boys and girls."

Vivone, who has been the coach since 2003, said Campbell remained involved in the program for years after his retirement, serving as a volunteer coach and mentor, working as a meet official and maintaining boys and girls track archives for the entire Central Suburban League.

For several years, the school has hosted the Ron Campbell Invite cross country meet, and this past year, Niles West changed the name of its annual indoor meet to the Ron Campbell Indoor Invite.

Campbell is survived by Donna, his wife of over 50 years, three daughters and 11 grandchildren.

On the track, Niles West junior Frankie Santa was the team's only state qualifier. He finished second in the 800-meter run (1 minute, 57.43 seconds) at the sectional, narrowly edging out Wheeling's Justin Loquercio (1:57.77) for the second auto-

matic qualifying spot. The top two finishers in each event advanced to the state meet.

Santa exerted so much energy on his final kick that he collapsed across the finish line and had to be helped back to the infield by assistant coach Mike Grossman and teammate Niko Dominguez.

"Oh yeah, that last straightaway, I put everything I had into it," Santa said. "I fell at the end. I didn't have anything else."

He continued: "I was always one of the top sprinters in my class, but then I started training for the 800. But I knew I would still have that part of me left at the end. That's when I use (the speed), at the end."

Niles West (12 points) finished 14th at the 16-team sectional.

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In this Oct. 31, 2015, photo, Niles West's Frankle Santa (406) competes at the Class 3A Lake Park Sectional in Roselle.



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In this May 21, 2015, photo, Niles West's Dan Weiss hits a shot during the New Trier Sectional tournament in Winnetka.

Tubic, Weiss well-suited to be doubles partners

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

The high school tennis careers of Niles West's Aleksa Tubic and Dan Weiss ended on a Saturday, May 21, when they lost 6-1, 6-2 to New Trier seniors Wyatt Mayer and Ricky Mayer at the Niles West Sectional.

Tubic and Weiss, who were Niles West's No. 1 doubles team throughout their senior seasons, also

were paired together as freshmen. The two played No. 4 doubles in 2013, but split time between playing singles and doubles with other partners the next two seasons. They then picked up right where they left off this year, according to Weiss.

Tubic and Weiss' styles of play suited each other well. So too did their personalities on the court.

"He's really even-keeled,"

said Weiss, who plans on studying at Northwestern in the fall. "He doesn't get phased by anything. Sometimes I ... have a little temper. I get a little flustered. I think it's good to have someone there that is always just moving forward."

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD STATE NOTEBOOK

New Trier relay team sets school record in 4x400

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

New Trier seniors Tara Smart and Oona Jung-Beeman ended their careers at the Class 3A girls track and field state meet, but not before leaving their mark on the school record book.

In the final race of the entire girls high school track season on May 21, in Charleston, Smart and Jung-Beeman were part of a Trevians 4x400-meter relay team that finished third with a school-record time of 3 minutes, 56.41 seconds. The other two members of the team were freshman Marne Sullivan and junior Kate Holly.

Earlier in the day, Smart had earned all-state honors by finishing ninth in the 400 (1:00.49), but she said there was something particularly satisfying about getting the job done in the relay.

"Individual running is difficult and (earning all-state) is rewarding because of that," said Smart, who plans to run track at North Dakota State next season. "When you're running within a team on the relay, there is something special about it, and it's a lot more rewarding (than individual honors)."

New Trier's 4x800 relay team of sophomore Savannah Noethlich, freshman Caroline Trukenbrod, junior Grace Fagan and senior Kelli Schmidt finished fifth (9:19.04), and Trevians junior Caroline Fix came in 26th in the 3,200 (11:20.78).

New Trier (13 points) tied for 24th in the state.

Niles West

After Niles West became the only local team to receive a trophy at the state meet on May 21, the Wolves coaches and athletes celebrated at a Thai restaurant in Charleston.

Niles West finished third, out of three teams, in the state's new unified division, which is for teams with wheelchair and able-bodied athletes at the state meet.

Freshman Danielle Dimaria, who has spina bifida, competed in the wheelchair 100-, 200- and 400-meter races on May 21. Her top performance came in the 100 as she finished third out of four competitors in 26.61 seconds.

In the fall, Niles West boys sprint coach Mike Leaks mentioned to girls coach Mark Medland that he had seen Dimaria moving quickly down the school hallway.

Medland mentioned the idea of joining the team to Dimaria, who said she was initially reluctant to participate.

"My family wanted me to do it, but I was a little scared at first," said Dimaria, who had to get a special racing wheelchair. "I am happy that I started doing it. It was a good decision."

Cheering on Dimaria in Charleston were her parents, Mel and Dan, several other family members and her Niles West teammates who participated in the Class 3A state prelims on May 20.

"It's just amazing. I'm very happy," Dimaria said. "(State) was a good opportunity to go on the track and win a trophy for my high school."

Glenbard West finished first in the unified division, and Metamora was second.

Loyola

Ramblers senior Kathryn House moved past the bitter memories of her last two appearances at the Class 3A state meet by finishing sixth in the 1,600-meter run in a season-best time of 5 minutes, 1.54 seconds on May 21.

House was tripped during the 1,600 prelims as a sophomore and it happened again in the 1,600 finals as a junior. She finished both races, but ended up missing finals in 2013 and missed all-state by one spot last year after finishing 10th.

"She just had bad luck," Loyola coach ChrisJon Simon said. "Over her four years (getting tripped) happened twice, it just happened

two years in a row in the state championships in her two biggest races. But she's very mature and was focused on not letting that creep into her mind. Obviously it could have."

House, who plans to run track and cross country at Michigan, said she tried to use the past as motivation this year rather than allowing it to add pressure or fear.

"Honestly, I didn't really think about it at all this year," said House, a Chicago resident. "I definitely remember (what happened), but I didn't think about it. This was a good way to finish."

House scored all four of Loyola's points, and the team tied for 54th in the state.

Niles North

Vikings senior Kiana Weston recorded a distance of 36-5 1/2 in the shot put in the Class 3A state prelims on Friday, May 20, and didn't advance to the final. Also in the prelims, senior Kebrea Parker ran a time of 12.78 seconds in the 100-meter dash. She didn't advance to the finals.

Maine South

The Hawks' 4x800-meter relay team earned all-state honors by finishing ninth (9 minutes, 24.25 seconds) at the Class 3A state meet on Saturday, May 21.

The finals group featured seniors Kalina Gardiner, Casey Bomrad and Julia Sirvinskas and sophomore Olivia Niziolek. Sirvinskas was drafted onto the team after freshman Laura Downey ran in the prelims on May 20, and the Hawks ran a 9:23.74.

"The question was whether or not to make the switch and go for a lower time," Hawks coach Jeff Downing said. "We were 12th going into finals and thought maybe we could go faster. We ran about the same time, but it was enough to get the last medal."

Maine South junior Mad-die Dingle finished 27th in

the 3,200 (11:22.07).

Maine South (1 point) tied for 70th in the state.

Maine East

Sophomore Keren Parra competed in the high jump at the Class 3A state prelims on Friday, May 20, but did not clear the opening height.

Ridgewood

In Class 2A, Ridgewood sophomore Vicky Ignacik finished sixth in the 100-meter hurdles (14.89 seconds). She earned the school's first all-state medal since Beth Bundalo came in fifth in the high jump in 1998. Lisa Lindgren, who took sixth in the long jump in 1984, is the only other Rebels athlete to medal at the girls track and field state meet.

Ignacik's best time entering the Lisle Sectional on Thursday, May 12, was 16.30. But she ran a 15.69 at the sectional, followed that up with a 15.36 in the Class 2A state prelims on Friday, May 20, and then improved upon that in the finals the next day.

"It's outstanding. I don't know what else to say," Ridgewood coach Tony Guagenti said. "To go from PRing at sectional, and (nine days) later going even faster. That's a pretty good week when you're dropping 1.41 seconds off your time."

Ignacik scored all of Ridgewood's points (4), and the Rebels tied for 45th in Class 2A.

North Shore Country Day

In the Class 1A state prelims on Thursday, May 19, junior Katie Glew ran in the 800- (2 minutes, 24.57 seconds) and 1,600-meter runs (5:22.35). She didn't reach the final in either race.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Alex Hemmer caps standout year for Lake Forest softball

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

The Lake Forest College softball team recently concluded its season with a Midwest Conference title and a run to the NCAA Division III regional championship.

Led by a group of seven area athletes, the Foresters finished the season 30-14 overall and 18-2 in conference play. The MWC regular season title was the team's third in as many years.

Alex Hemmer, a senior catcher and Mundelein graduate, was named Midwest Conference player of the year as well as a first team all-conference selection. She led the team in batting average (.397), on-base percentage (.471) and slugging percentage (.664), and was third in home runs (six) and stolen bases (six).

Teammate Jenny McTague, a junior pitcher from Glenbrook North, also made the all-MWC first team. McTague threw two no-hitters during the season and finished with a 2.77 ERA and 93 strikeouts in 131 1/3 innings. She started 22 games and appeared in seven more in relief, compiling a 12-8 record, plus three saves.

Sally Snarski, a senior first baseman and Carmel graduate, was an offensive force for the Foresters. She finished the season with a .363 average, .470 on-base percentage and .613 slugging percentage. Her seven home runs tied her for the team

lead, and her 27 RBIs were second-most on the team.

Barrington graduate Vasi Panos was a senior second baseman for the team. She played in 41 games. Junior outfielder Sam Rosenfeld, a Barrington alumna, played in 20 games for the Foresters. Niles West's Jillian Rashid, a sophomore first and third baseman, played in 16 games for the team. Dani Sychowski, a Hersey graduate from Prospect Heights, was also on the team.

Fenwick alum finishes in top 10 in D3 men's golf

Fenwick graduate Tim Tynan was named the Illinois Wesleyan men's golf team's most valuable player for this season.

The senior took 10th place at the 2016 NCAA Division III tournament with a four-round 299, just four shots off the lead.

Tynan put together a 73.8-stroke average in 27 rounds this season.

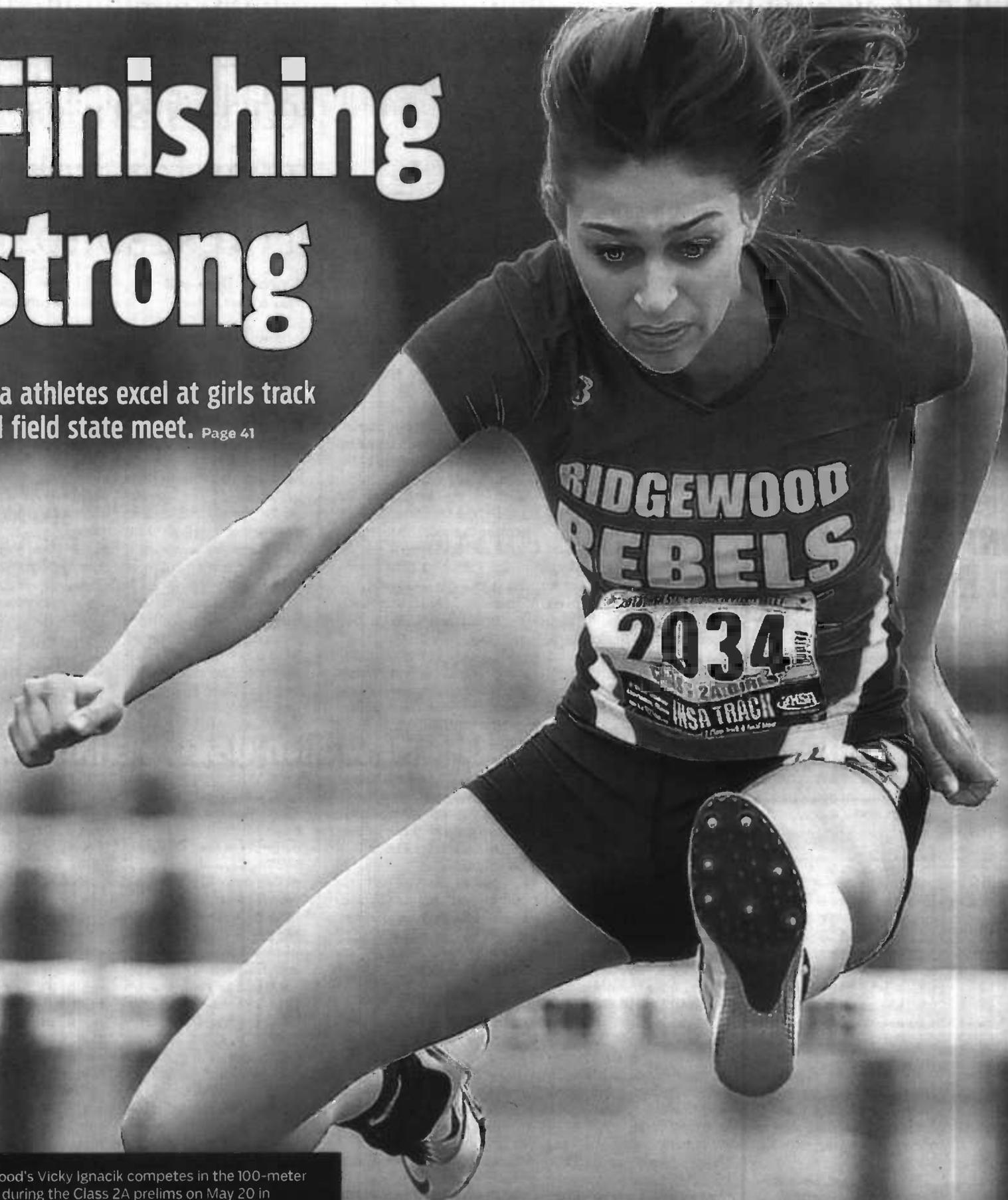
Also on the team were senior Trevor Jay, from Hinsdale Central, sophomore Jackson Wietcha, a Carmel graduate, and freshman Nick Carlson, a St. Viator graduate.

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

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Finishing strong

Area athletes excel at girls track and field state meet. Page 41



Ridgewood's Vicky Ignacik competes in the 100-meter hurdles during the Class 2A prelims on May 20 in Charleston.

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