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SHOUT OUT

Matt Ryan, Talking Farm's operations manager

Matt Ryan is farm operations manager of The Talking Farm, an urban farm on Howard Street in Skokie. The Howard Street Farm provides local, fresh food, educational and volunteering opportunities, and a place for community gatherings.

Ryan has been involved in urban agriculture and community gardening for over six years. He graduated from Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest Sustainable Urban Agricultural Certificate Program and has since taught multiple workshops for the Botanic Garden on sustainable agriculture. Since 2012, Ryan has taught Evanston Township High School students about the importance of healthy food and sustainability as they grow food for the school cafeteria and farmers market. Pioneer Press recently asked him a series of questions.

Q: What are some of your former jobs?

A: Before working as an urban farmer, I worked as a carpenter,

landscaper, roofer and as a residential advisor at an outdoor boarding school.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Evanston

Q: How long have you worked in Skokie?

A: I've worked in Skokie since 2012.

Q: Pets?

A: A 4-foot green iguana that is 17-years-old.

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

A: Currently, "A People's History of the United States" by Howard Zinn. Next up is "Teaming with Microbes: The Organic Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web" by Jeff Lowenfels.

Q: First job?

A: Cutting the neighbor's grass.

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

A: A professional soccer player.

Q: A movie you'd recommend?

A: "Braveheart."



TALKING FARM/HANDOUT

Matt Ryan

Q: Do you have children?

A: Yes, one daughter.

Q: Favorite charity?

A: World Vision

Q: Words of Wisdom?

A: Make hay while the sun is shining.

Q: Favorite local restaurant?

A: Village Inn

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?

A: I love backpacking and outdoor adventures.

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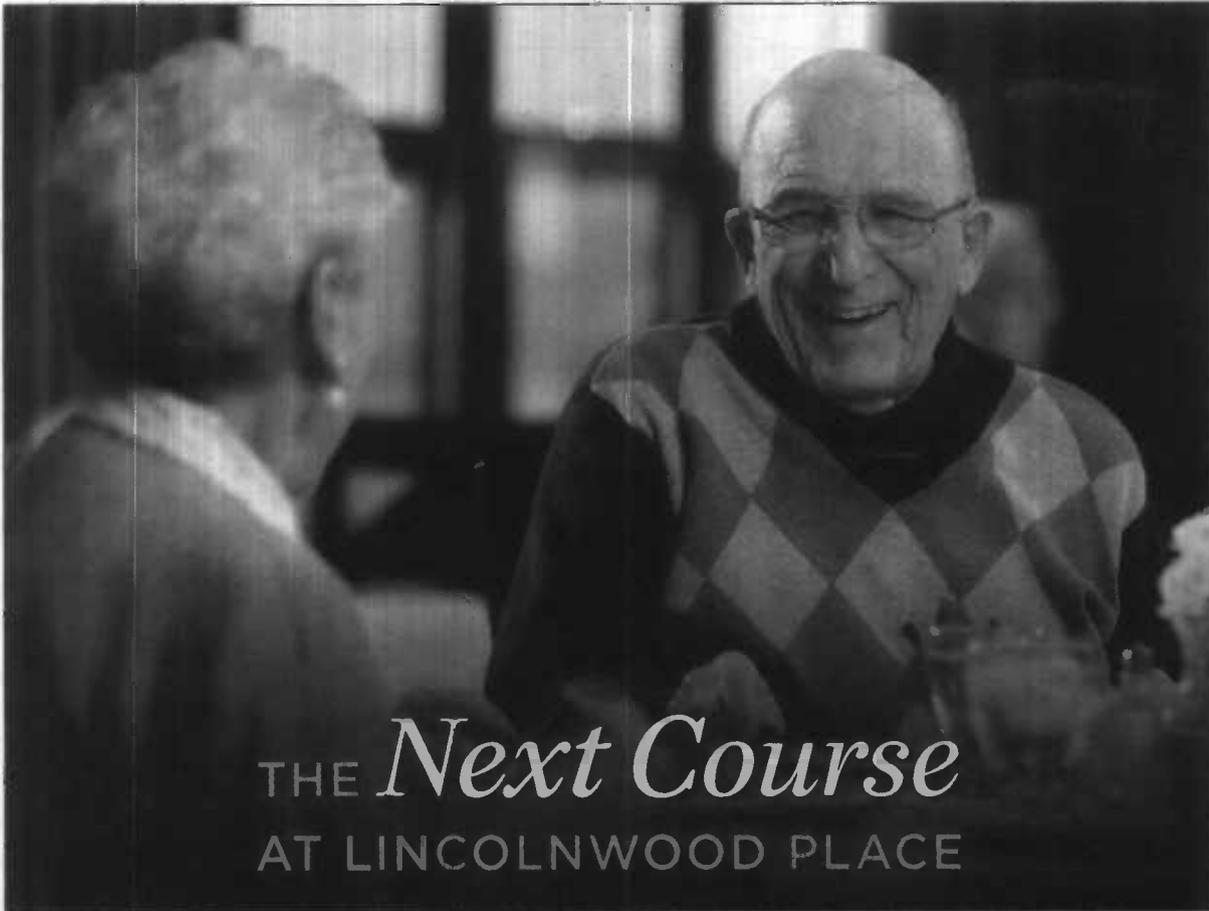
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Seniors enjoy 'magical creatures'

Miniature therapy horses don gym shoes in Des Plaines

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Their names are Charmer and Mystery. And for those who encountered the two miniature therapy horses June 1 in Des Plaines, their mystique is part of their charm.

"You just don't need words sometimes with that human-animal bond," said Dina Morgan, director of development of Mane in Heaven, a Barrington-based charitable organization that boards seven miniature therapy horses in Lake in the Hills. Mane in Heaven brought two of its horses to visit those served by Older Adult Services of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Des Plaines.

"It's always hard to put into words," said Jodie Diegel, president and founder of Mane in Heaven. "I get chills talking about it. Each visit is a visit of love and unconditional acceptance. Animals can do what humans can't."

The miniature horses, registered through Pet Partners, offer animal-assisted therapy to older adults with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

"For patients with dementia, it brings back warm memories of the animals they had in their lives," said Gwynne Chovanec of Highland Park, director of older adult services and senior advocate at Advocate Lutheran General Outpatient Center. "To be in the presence of these magical creatures is an amazing thing."

Simply stroking the back of Mystery or Charmer produced reactions among new fans.

"It's very calming and reduces anxiety," said Mindy Haglund of Buffalo Grove, adult day service manager for Advocate Lu-

theran General Hospital's Older Adult Services. "Sometimes it's hard for them (elderly participants) to verbalize their feelings, but by touching animals, it soothes."

The horses are trained to provide comfort, much like traditional therapy dogs. Charmer and Mystery, both females, don colorful gym shoes courtesy of sneaker sponsor Teddy Mountain. The shoes were a conversation starter.

"I think they're just ducky," said Elaine Schultz of Niles.

The footwear steadies the horses to prevent slipping on indoor flooring, Diegel said. This is important to anchor close exchanges of affection with people who might have motor skills issues.

Charmer and Mystery nuzzled up to seniors who were seated in a large circle. Some arrived in wheelchairs. Many participants hugged the horses.

"She gave me a good kiss on the chin," said Joan Wesol of Niles, who petted Charmer.

"What a thrill," said Beverly Donenberg of Northbrook.

Thomas Cannizzo of Chicago, a World War II U.S. Army veteran, spoke in a whisper after he became tearful when meeting Charmer.

"She feels wonderful and is a beautiful pony," Cannizzo said quietly. "I loved her."

For information on Mane in Heaven, go to www.maneinheaven.org. For information on Older Adult Services of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, go to www.advocatehealth.com/luth-older-adult-services.

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KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Thomas Cannizzo is overwhelmed with tearful emotion as he hugs Charmer, a miniature therapy horse, on June 1 at the Older Adult Services of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Des Plaines.



Frances Julian of Des Plaines hugs Charmer, a miniature therapy horse, on June 1 at the Older Adult Services of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Des Plaines.



Charmer, a miniature therapy horse, has her shoes tied before entering the building to visit with the elderly on June 1 at the Older Adult Services of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Des Plaines.



Julianne Repp, from right, her daughter, Kaley, and Charmer, a miniature therapy horse.

Blood drive held to remember girl killed in crash 10 years ago

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

In the basement of the Niles Community Church, friends and family and fellow churchgoers celebrated Jenny Riemer's life, which was cut short 10 years ago in a car crash, with a blood drive on June 4.

Riemer, a Niles native, was traveling with her family a decade ago on a summer trip to Galena when her stepfather, who was driving, suffered a seizure and their car swerved off the road and down an embankment. Riemer, 10, and her grandmother were killed in the crash.

Riemer's mother, Joyce White, suffered extensive injuries during the accident, including two broken hips and a crushed pelvis, and required a blood transfusion.

White's physical wounds have healed since the crash, in part because of her co-workers and the care offered by her employer, Athletico Physical Therapy. She said it's difficult to put into words what the loss of her daughter and mother have meant for her.

"It's been a very long road,

but again, with the help of family, friends, a therapist and medication, I've been able to get to where I am today. I have a son that also required his mother and I had to make sure I was able to go on for him," said White, who works as an administrative operations manager for Athletico.

White's best friend and fellow Niles resident, Laurie Jensen, said she was inspired to celebrate Riemer's life with a blood drive. The drive, which kicked off on June 4 and is ongoing through the end of July, is a partnership between Athletico and LifeSource, a non-profit blood donation agency. Thousands of patrons and employees at Athletico's 110 Chicagoland locations are encouraged to donate at any LifeSource center through July 31.

"Jenny was just the sweetest little girl," said Jensen, an office coordinator at the Glenview Athletico. She said they hope to reach a goal of 500 donations.

Riemer's family remembers the girl, who would have turned 21 this year, as a smiling, happy, intelligent and energetic child.

"It's just an awesome idea," George Swanson, who was Riemer's Sunday school teacher at the Niles church for two years, said of the blood drive. Swanson donated blood during the kick-off for the drive. "I can think of no better way to remember her and her memory. She was a great little girl!"

Jeff Riemer, Riemer's older brother, said he'd love to continue hosting similar events in his sister's memory in the years to come.

"My sister always wanted to help people, and this is definitely something she'd be involved in if she were still around," he said.

White said Riemer was a whirlwind of activity and energy from the moment she woke up to the moment she fell asleep. She said the girl was an especially caring child.

"She was all about helping people," White said. "She would befriend people others wouldn't even give a second chance ... I believe her career choice would have been something having to do with helping people."

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

Local teen wows on 'America's Got Talent'

TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Chicago-area teen Laura Bretan looked scared as she stepped in front of the judges on the May 31 Season 11 premiere of "America's Got Talent."

The young opera singer said she was most nervous to hear the critique of new judge Simon Cowell, who is known for cutting singers down with just an eye roll.

"If he doesn't like you, he will tell you the truth," said Bretan, who attended junior high in Skokie. "The truth hurts, you know."

Bretan, who was 13 during taping and recently turned 14, didn't need to worry. Not only did Cowell like her, but she earned the highest "America's Got Talent" honor. Judge Melanie Brown, a former Spice Girl, hit her golden buzzer to advance Bretan beyond the

audition rounds to the competition's live shows, scheduled to begin in late July.

"I have never heard anything like that in all the years I've been doing this show. Seriously, it was unbelievable," Cowell said.

Bretan, who received a standing ovation, said she was relieved to have finished.

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A group of students from the Muslim Community Center Academy perform two songs at a peace vigil held June 1 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center.

Dozens attend interfaith peace vigil in Morton Grove

By LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

At a peace vigil held June 1 in Morton Grove, dozens of attendees — children and adults — discussed the meaning of peace with others gathered inside the American Legion Memorial Civic Center.

It was exactly what vigil organizer and pastor of St. Luke's Christian Community Church, the Rev. Elizabeth Jones, said she had hoped would happen.

The idea for the vigil was born out of a "peace breakfast" Jones hosted with religious leaders and government officials from both Morton Grove and Niles in mid-April, she said.

Jones said during a conversation with Morton Grove Trustee Janine Witko and interfaith representative of the Morton Grove Muslim Community Center Dilnaz Waraich, the three women noted a lack of youth participation in interfaith events.

Jones said the observation spawned the idea for a peace vigil focused on and featuring the community's youth.

At the June 1 vigil, 10 students from the Muslim Community Center Academy performed two songs: "Salamun Salam," which

translates to "peaceful peace," and the Christian melody, "Dona Nobis Pacem," whose title means "grant us peace."

In addition to including songs about peace, Jones also organized a presentation of pictures and messages written by students at Gemini Junior High School in Niles about what peace means to them.

Jones said during Lent she also asked her congregation to share their thoughts on the meaning of the word, and then started posting their response on a blog she created earlier this year.

"People really appreciate my asking them what their personal definition of peace is, what their idea of peace is, so that's what I've been doing," she said.

Witko said an event like this is especially important given the discourse on display during the current election cycle. She said Morton Grove is an example of an incredibly diverse community living in relative harmony.

"There is no better place that exemplifies peace and people living together with diversity than Morton Grove," the village's mayor, Dan DiMaria, said in his remarks at the vigil.

"Getting the youth involved in this is where it starts," Witko said.

"The younger you learn to be compassionate and respectful the better off the world will be."

The goal of the vigil, Jones said, is to keep the conversation going.

"I hope that we will raise consciousness, help people to understand that, yes, this is a wonderful, diverse community and that we can celebrate it and not be divided or fall prey to any of this divisive rhetoric going on," she said. "I don't want to blatantly hit people over the head, but to celebrate diversity and encourage people to promote peace, hope and harmony."

Hadessa Plummer, school nurse for MCC Academy, came to the June 1 event with her daughter, Najah Nubuor, 8, who sang alongside her fellow students at the vigil. Plummer said if more communities followed Morton Grove's example and hosted similar events, "there wouldn't be so much tension."

The more people from different cultural and faith backgrounds interact and listen to each other, the sooner they realize "we're all neighbors and we all want the same things in life," she said.

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Muslim Education Center prepares for interfaith event

By NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A Morton Grove mosque will set the stage for a show of solidarity against religious intolerance June 14 when it hosts an interfaith panel discussion with leaders of six North Shore-area congregations.

Keeping in line with an annual tradition that began four years ago at the Muslim Education Center on Menard Avenue, followers of Islam will share prayer services, dinner and discussion during the event titled "Social Justice: at the Heart of Religions."

Held each year at the beginning of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the event focuses on a certain religious subject each year, which religious leaders take turns interpreting from their different points of views in front of an audience of several hundred people who typically attend, according to Dilnaz Waraich, vice president of the Winnetka Interfaith Council.

"Every year we choose a topic that's relevant to all religions — it's important for us to ground ourselves in scripture instead of just talking about our feelings," Waraich said. "People are extremely interested in why there are so many fractions in different religions, and they also want to know what the commonalities are."

Social justice is the topic of choice this year. A Christian, Jewish, Mormon, Sikh and Baha'i leader will each spend 10 minutes discussing their religion's interpretation of the principle.

Interpretations of social justice — ways to give back to the community — vary greatly between religions. Muslims believe in giving part of their wealth to others to create an atmosphere of social and economic equality, Waraich said.

Christians' commitment to social justice varies by denomination, said panelist the Rev. Elizabeth Jones of St. Luke's Christian Community Church in Morton Grove.

"Christianity has so many stems, and not everyone agrees on the meaning of social justice," she said.

"Not everyone is cut out for building houses for Homes for Humanity, for example, but we're all gifted differently."

Rabbi Sam Gordon from Wilmette's Sukkat Shalom, one of the speakers scheduled in the panel, said the event builds interfaith relationships that help break down barriers of misunderstanding that exist between religions.

"In the world we live in today where we demonize each other for being different, we must appreciate the shared goals, values and narratives among us," Gordon said. "There are some (people) today who like to use diversity to divide us as a society, but we believe diversity is our strength and that our different faiths should be used as a tool to unite us instead of divide us."

The month of Ramadan, this year from June 5 to July 5, is of huge importance in the Islamic calendar, Waraich said.

"(Ramadan) is a spiritual time to connect with God and the self and the community," she said.

Guests of the mosque will be invited to participate in a daylong fast observed by Muslims during Ramadan, watch a Muslim prayer ritual and experience the pre-prayer practice of ablution when followers wash all exposed parts of the body several times before prayer.

Waraich said she hopes the open house will help break down fears about the Muslim religion that she said are based on assumptions rather than knowledge.

"I don't want myself or my family to live in fear, and if I don't want to fear other religions then I need to learn about them," she said. "There's a lot of fear associated with going into another house of worship, but the more you learn about one another, the more you grow as a whole community."

The gathering is open to the public. Contact MCCInterfaithTeam@gmail.com to register or call the Muslim Community Center at 847-370-2849.

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Police: Teens charged after shots fired near Niles West

BY LEE V. GAINES

Pioneer Press

Three teenagers from Skokie and Evanston were charged last week in connection with an attempted robbery and shooting near Niles West High School on May 24, according to Skokie police.

Jon Vansach, 18, of the 1100 block of Dewey Street in Evanston, was charged with felony aggravated discharge of a firearm after he allegedly shot at a vehicle in a parking lot at 7800 Austin Avenue during an attempted robbery.

Vansach is being held on \$400,000 bond. Nahom Asmamaw, 19, of the 5100 block of Lee Street in Skokie, was charged with felony mob action for allegedly participating in the inci-



Asmamaw



Vansach

dent and with manufacturing/delivery of cannabis. He is held on \$25,000 bond.

A 17-year-old juvenile from Skokie who allegedly lured an acquaintance to the parking lot was charged with attempted robbery. The teen was released and referred to juvenile court, according to Skokie police.

Police responded to a report of someone being shot at in an industrial area parking lot at 7800 Austin Avenue, adjacent to Niles West High School, at 7:47

p.m. May 24.

Police said the 17-year-old asked an acquaintance to give him a ride, setting up a robbery. Vansach shot at the person's car when he arrived on Austin Avenue to pick up the 17-year-old, police said.

Shell casings were later recovered from the area, according to police.

The individual fled in his car unharmed and was eventually located by police, who said the incident stemmed from an earlier dispute between the acquaintance, 17-year-old, Vansach and Asmamaw. It wasn't a random incident, police said.

Asmamaw and Vansach are due in court June 6.

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

Cops: Evidence of drug use found at Park Ridge crash

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Pioneer Press

Police are investigating whether drugs contributed to a serious three-car crash in Park Ridge on June 5 that sent four people, including a child, to the hospital.

According to a preliminary report, evidence of drug use was found at the scene of the collision, which occurred at around 12:50 p.m. on Dempster Street at Robin Drive, Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen said.

One of the drivers involved, identified as an Arlington Heights woman, underwent drug testing at a local hospital, and police are awaiting the results, Jogmen said.

"There is suspicion that drugs may have been involved," he said.

No charges were immedi-

ately filed against the driver, who was not injured, he added.

According to the preliminary crash report, a 2010 Nissan driven by the Arlington Heights woman was heading east on Dempster, approaching Robin Drive, when it rear-ended a 2008 Chevrolet, carrying three members of a Florida family, Jogmen said.

The impact pushed the Chevy into the westbound lanes, where it was struck by a 2005 Mercury driven by a man from Rolling Meadows, Jogmen said.

When police arrived at the scene, they found the driver of the Mercury out of his car and on the ground, receiving aid from bystanders, Jogmen said.

He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, as were the drivers of the Chevy, who reportedly sus-

tained a head injury; her husband, who suffered minor injuries and was treated and released; and the couple's 10-year-old son, who was a passenger in the back seat, the deputy chief said.

The boy's condition was initially listed as critical, but he was said to be improving June 6, Jogmen said.

His mother and the driver of the Mercury remained hospitalized as well, he said.

The crash remains under investigation by Park Ridge police and the Serious Traffic Accident Team, a multi-jurisdictional investigation unit, Jogmen said.

All lanes of Dempster were closed to traffic until 6:30 p.m. June 5 as police conducted their initial investigation.

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Niles

DUI

■ Marvin Vasquez, 40, of the 3300 block of Diversey, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and illegal transportation of open alcohol on May 23 following a traffic stop in the 7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 1:30 a.m. Police said his car had heavy front-end damage and was swerving across lanes. He was given a June 13 court date.

■ Mousa Khoshaba, 61, of the 8200 block of Oak Avenue, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on May 26 following a traffic stop in the 8100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He was given a June 18 court date.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

■ A 34-year-old Niles man was charged with public intoxication on May 23 after he was found lying on the ground at the intersection of

Davis Street and Washington Road around 3:45 a.m., police said. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

■ A 36-year-old Des Plaines man and a 41-year-old Park Ridge man were charged with public intoxication after police were called to a store in the 8700 block of Dempster Street on the afternoon of May 23. Police said both men were sitting on a bench on the west side of the store and drinking beer. The Des Plaines man was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for treatment and the Park Ridge man was taken home by his wife, police said.

■ A 42-year-old man from Chicago was charged with public intoxication on May 24 after he was reportedly found passed out in a grassy area of Golf Mill Shopping Center near Milwaukee Avenue at 5 p.m. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, police said.

THEFT

■ A man allegedly made a purchase using a counterfeit \$50 bill in the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue on the afternoon of May 23.

■ On May 25, a man was seen stealing four boxes of Rogaine, valued at \$191.96, from a store in the 9000 block of Golf Road, police said.

■ An iPad was reported stolen May 25 after it was left unattended for a short time on a table inside a restaurant in the 7500 block of Harlem Avenue.

Skokie

DUI

■ Brittany A. Havis, 26, of the 1600 block of West Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol May 31 in the 4700 block of Cleveland Street.

■ Elizabeth M. Munoz, 25, of the 5200 block of North Virginia, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment June 2 in the 7600 block of Lavergne Avenue.

■ Jonathan S. Paredes, 25, of the 4600 block of North Sayre, Harwood Heights, was charged with driving under the influence of

alcohol May 28 in the 5500 block of Touhy Avenue.

DRUGS

■ Steven S. Moshi, 23, of the 5200 block of Greenwood Street, Skokie, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment May 30 in the 5100 block of Greenwood Street.

■ Brandon M. Clark, 28, of the 600 block of Dodge, Evanston, was charged with possession of marijuana June 2 in the 1500 block of Darrow Avenue.

■ Mike Douaji, 32, of the 200 block of North Latitude Circle, Del Ray Beach, Fla., was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance May 26 in the 5600 block of Old Orchard Road.

■ Joe Pierre Castro, 18, of the 5300 block of Fairview Lane, Skokie, was charged with possession of marijuana May 27 in the 7600 block of Niles Center Road.

■ Marilyn A. Scharko, 35, of the 5300 block of West Leland, Chicago, was charged with possession of marijuana May 27 in the 7100 block of Carpenter Road.

FORGERY

■ Chaton K. Lockett, 25, of the 3800 block of West Maypole, Chicago, was charged with forgery, identity theft and having a fraudulent ID Card May 26 in Skokie.

THEFT

■ Howard L. Creinin, 73, of the 8900 block of Knox Avenue, Skokie, was charged with retail theft May 30 in the 9400 block of Skokie Boulevard.

■ Jeffrey T. Henson, 38, of the 31000 block of Sea Sprite Drive, Wilmington, was charged with theft May 31 in the 7300 block of Niles Center Road.

■ Marckell Giles, 23, of the 5700 block of South Aberdeen, Chicago, was charged with retail theft June 2 in the 5100 block of Dempster Street.

■ Husnah B. Mazhar, 38, of the 7300 block of North Kenneth, Lincolnwood, was charged with retail theft May 28 in the 4300 block of Oakton Street.

■ Monique D. Cavallero, 46, of the 2100 block of Dewey, Evanston, was charged with retail theft May 28 at Westfield Old Orchard in the 4900 block of Old Orchard Road.

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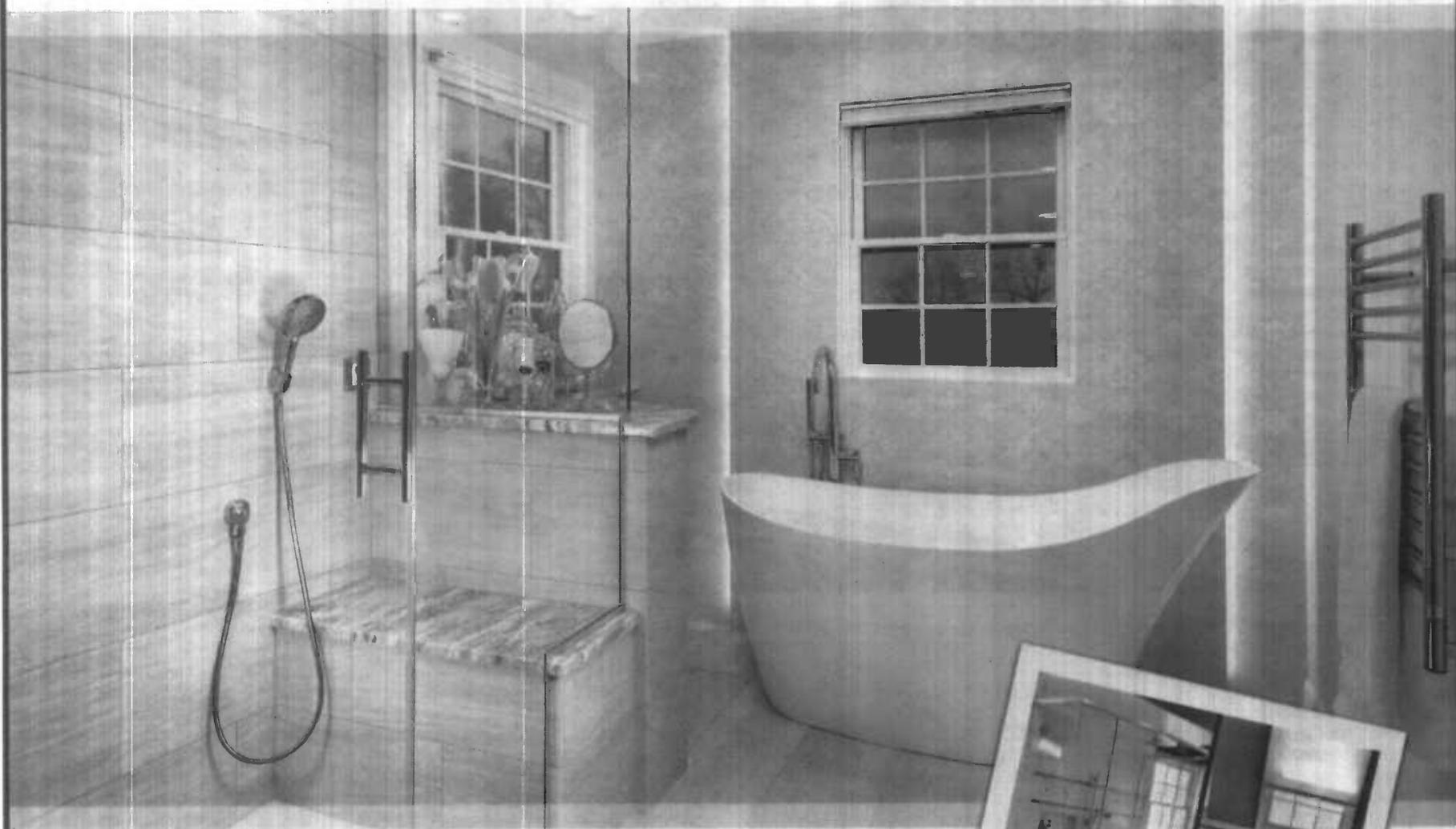
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Nursing homes for boomers gain traction

BY AMEET SACHDEV
Chicago Tribune

Aging baby boomers are transforming the conventional nursing home.

The stigma attached to nursing homes most often is that they're a place you go to die. The last thing baby boomers, who came of age in the '60s and '70s and practically invented youth culture, will ever admit is that they are getting old.

A nursing home in Arlington Heights hopes to win them over. It features spacious private rooms with flat-screen TVs, wider beds and Wi-Fi. The dining areas look more like cafes than cafeterias. It takes design cues from hotels to replace the institutional feel of older nursing homes.

"We feel that baby boomers as consumers want this," said Denise Norman, president of Transitional Care Management, which opened the Arlington Heights facility in September. "You've got all the medical needs, the nursing, the therapy. People expect that, but then if you can add that component of comfort, a little bit of luxury, they'll feel better faster."

What sets Transitional Care apart is more than aesthetics. Like its name suggests, Transitional Care specializes in caring for people after they've been released from hospitals but aren't ready to go home. Unlike most nursing homes, it's not in the business of long-term care.

The company, based in west suburban Lisle, is growing. Earlier this month state health care regulators approved Transitional Care's proposals for new facilities in Lisle and Aurora.

Transitional Care is taking advantage of changing demographics. As Americans age, demand for short-term rehabilitation, also known as post-acute care, will increase. By 2040, the number of people 65 years



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Physical therapist Nita Cesarz, second from left, works with patient Helen Fandrei at Transitional Care Arlington Heights.

or older will double to 82.3 million, or about one-fifth of the U.S. population.

Seismic shifts in health care economics also are forcing physicians and hospitals to work more closely with providers of post-acute care to make sure patients don't return to the hospital.

The forces reshaping the nursing home industry are giving consumers more choice. But the investment in facilities dedicated to short-term rehab has been slow to come to Illinois because of regulatory hurdles and opposition from within the nursing home industry.

Nursing homes typically take care of two very different kinds of patients:

First there are people who are chronically ill, suffering from conditions like dementia, who need long-term care. They usually pay out-of-pocket with private insurance or have their care reimbursed by Medicaid, the social health care program for the poor. Medicaid pays nursing homes in Illinois an average of \$145 a day per patient, which is \$25 less than the cost to care for and house a resident, according to the Illinois Health Care Association, a nursing home trade group.

The second group of patients is composed of those who are looking for therapy after a minor stroke or a broken hip and only need to stay for a few weeks. Medicare, the federal insurance

program for the elderly and disabled, pays for their therapy. Patients receiving two or more hours of physical and occupational therapy a day generate some of nursing homes' biggest payments from Medicare, up to \$500 a day.

Brian Cloch, CEO of Transitional Care Management, who has owned and operated a variety of senior housing facilities, started noticing real estate developers in other states building facilities focused on short-term rehab. Operators of the facilities prefer to call them transitional care centers rather than nursing homes and their introduction is a natural evolution of the nursing-home market, just like the establishment

of assisted living facilities was 25 years ago, he said.

Cloch proposed the Arlington Heights facility in 2011 and was met with stiff resistance within the industry. The project generated more than 20 letters of opposition.

"It was a battle royal," Cloch said. "It's fear of competition."

One of the biggest concerns was that Transitional Care would siphon the most lucrative Medicare patients away from other nursing homes. At a public hearing, Dale Zaletel, the CEO of nursing home operator Lexington Health Network at the time, said the financial implications of losing Medicare patients was significant.

Zaletel estimated his company could lose \$1.5 million in revenue per year, "all of which is designed to help support and care for the Medicaid population, which in over 25 years of service our company has never denied Medicaid recipients the quality of care that they deserve."

"So this is a significant access issue," he said.

Opponents failed to stop the Arlington Heights project. But three years later regulators denied Transitional Care's proposal for a new license in west suburban Naperville.

When Transitional Care came back with proposed projects in Lisle and Auro-

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ra, competitors raised the same objections they had in the past. But their concerns didn't sway the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, which were both approved by a 6-3 vote. The two locations aren't expected to open until 2019.

David Grabowski, a health care policy professor at Harvard University, said opponents of transitional care facilities have legitimate gripes. He has studied nursing homes for years and said the rise of transitional care could be very painful for traditional nursing homes.

"There's a real concern they will be dependent on Medicaid, and that's worrisome," Grabowski said.

But he doesn't think health care regulators should stop innovative new players from entering the market.

Nursing homes have re-

sponded to the new competition. A few months after the Arlington Heights project was approved, Lutheran Home for the Aged, a nursing home about a mile away that was founded in 1892, sought state approval for a \$78.8 million modernization plan that included construction of a new, short-term rehabilitation wing featuring 78 private rooms. Lutheran Home opposed Transitional Care's proposal. The health facilities board approved the expansion.

Consumer advocates caution that hotel-like amenities are no substitute for high-quality care.

"I think consumers need to be savvy and do their research and not just look at the amenities and get persuaded by sparkling new facilities," said Robyn Grant, director of public policy and advocacy at the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care. "If you're getting top-

notch care with all the amenities that's fabulous. I would want to go there."

The demand for rehabilitation services after hospitalization has been growing since the 1980s. That's when Medicare rules went into place to encourage hospitals to treat patients quickly and cheaply. The new reimbursement rates, though, led to older Americans being sent home too early by their hospitals and in many cases they had to be readmitted. Hospitals were criticized for throwing patients out "sicker and quicker."

Hospitals now face penalties for preventable readmissions. Quality care between the hospital and the home could mean the difference between being profitable and unprofitable. Some have come out in support of facilities like Transitional Care.

For example, St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates urged Illinois regu-

lators to approve the Arlington Heights project. More recently, DuPage Medical Group, one of the largest physician groups in the state, threw its support behind Transitional Care's projects in Lisle and Aurora. The group is managing risk for more than 150,000 patients through relationships with some insurers.

"If (DuPage Medical Group) is to accomplish our goal of providing lower cost and higher quality health care, we need partners like (Transitional Care) to create transitional care centers that support our efforts," Jeff Schmidt, the group's executive director of business development, told state regulators at their May 10 board meeting.

To control medical costs, insurers and the government will lower reimbursement rates and aggressively audit claims, experts predict. More care is expected to be shifted to the home, which will add pressure on

nursing homes and transitional care centers.

Cloch argues that Medicare patients and people with private insurance aren't getting care they deserve because nursing homes are using the payments to care for Medicaid residents.

"It's really different levels of care," he said. "If you had a knee replacement, why would you want to go to a nursing home with people in their 80s and 90s who are living there at the end of their life?" he said.

Cloch is speaking for himself. He is 53, born at the tail end of the baby boom generation. Three years ago, he completed his first triathlon and it was an Iron Man. "Go big or go home," he likes to say.

He told the architects of the Arlington Heights facility: "We're designing this for everybody in this room who's going to need a place like this. We're all in our 40s

and 50s. What would you want if you had to live in this place?"

His approach is upscale with both amenities and care. Cloch spent \$20.3 million to build the 120-bed Arlington Heights facility, or about \$170,000 per bed. The industry standard for new construction is about \$135,000 per bed.

Eighty-eight of the 104 rooms are singles with private bathrooms. There are two therapy "gyms." The dinner menu one night featured beef and broccoli, rice and poached pear.

For the new transitional centers in Lisle and Aurora, Cloch wants the marriage of hospitality and health care to be even tighter. He has hired a hospitality consultant to work with his architects.

"I thought there needed to be innovation and disruption in this space," he said.

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20 years ago, Princess Diana wowed Chicago

Local dignitaries remember brush with royalty

By KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

When Henry Bienen greeted Princess Diana at the foot of the Field Museum's grand staircase during her visit to Chicago 20 years ago this weekend, he got a chance to inquire about that now-famous purple dress.

"I asked her ... 'Did you wear purple because of Northwestern, or because of royal purple?'" said Bienen, who was then the university president and helped orchestrate the royal visit. "She just laughed. She never answered."

Bienen had many exchanges with Diana during her only trip to Chicago, from June 4 to 6, 1996. They would continue to correspond until her death, less than 15 months later.

Like others who encountered the princess during that visit, Bienen said he was struck by her charm, her humor and the way that she didn't put on airs.

She had agreed to visit Evanston and Chicago to raise funds for the university hospital's cancer center and a London hospital. He'd arranged the visit with help from his friend Landon Jones, who was editor of *People* magazine at the time.

"Every time *People* did a story on her, their circulation went up," Bienen said. Jones suggested Bienen invite the princess for a fundraising trip to Chicago, where she would also meet with students at Northwestern's Evanston campus and tour Cook County Hospital.

"I don't think she wanted another New York visit" but preferred somewhere in "the center of the country," Bienen said.

The trip had been pushed back because of the media frenzy over the announcement months earlier that Princess Diana and Prince Charles would divorce.

Needless to say, when she arrived in town June 4, 1996 — first stop was a tour of a sculpture garden on the lakefront in Evanston before a reception at Bienen's house — the media frenzy ensued,

anyway.

The crowds "were three and four deep behind the ropes. I hadn't anticipated (a crowd) that large and overwhelming," Bienen recalled. "People were extremely welcoming, and the press was extremely eager."

Then-Gov. Jim Edgar and his wife, Brenda, were among those who greeted the princess, and they still keep photos of the visit around their home. All the attention didn't seem to faze her.

"We've always had famous people come to Chicago, but she was kind of a combination of a famous person and a superstar."

— Jim Edgar, former Illinois governor

"I remember she worked that crowd," he said. "For all the glamour that surrounded Princess Di, she seemed to be a very down-to-earth person. I had a whole different perception of her after that."

Edgar recalled talking with Diana about her children and how her visit coincided with the Chicago Bulls' championship run (the team beat the Seattle SuperSonics in Game 1 of the NBA Finals at the United Center the same night the princess attended the Field Museum gala).

"I told her to tell her sons they might be impressed you knocked Michael Jordan off the front page of the *Tribune*," Edgar said.

Brenda Edgar brought a group of other governors' wives to attend a luncheon with the princess.

"They were all on cloud nine," Jim Edgar said, and "these were women who had met heads of state.

"We've always had famous people come to Chicago," he added, "but she was kind of a combination of a famous person and a superstar. I don't know of anybody today that you could try to equate to her aura and excitement. This was a big deal. About as big of a deal I can remember in Chicago."

Bienen got to dance with the princess at the Field gala, as did talk show host Phil Donahue.

"She wore very high heels, and she was a tall lady," Bienen said. "Friends asked me if I had shrunk 6 inches."

Less glamorous was the tour of the hospital, where Diana asked to see an HIV ward.

Brendan Reilly, who was the hospital's chief of medicine at the time, greeted her when she arrived. He said the building was packed with staff who brought their families to see the princess, and the hospital "never looked cleaner."

"She initially came up to me by herself. She didn't want the entourage," said Reilly, who has a photo of the two of them walking with others through the hospital. She asked to meet some of the patients.

"She would kind of excuse herself from the entourage, push back the curtain and go in and actually sit on the bed with the patient and talk," he said. "What surprised me was that someone who looked the way she looked and had the pedigree she had ... She was comfortable with them, and, more remarkably, they were comfortable with her."

One patient even asked if the princess had plans for that night. "He was actually hitting on the Princess of Wales," Reilly said. Diana responded that she "had another engagement. She was absolutely fantastic. Regal is the only way to describe it."

"Patients didn't know (royal) protocol ... and she didn't care," he said.

Throughout the visit, the princess traveled in a black Rolls-Royce, now owned by the Volo



FRANK POLICH/AP

Princess Diana chats with Henry S. Bienen, president of Northwestern University, as they enter the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago on June 5, 1996, for a gala fundraising reception.

Auto Museum in the far northwest suburbs.

Vernon Smith, 80, of Lake Bluff, is the retired Rolls-Royce dealer who supplied the car.

Smith recalled getting a phone call from the British Consulate in Chicago and being told "a certain royal person" needed a vehicle. He later learned who it was.

"Being an Englishman myself, I was more than happy to accommodate," said Smith, who had previously arranged for other members of the royal family to use Rolls-Royces while visiting the area.

Smith said he'd planned to be

Princess Diana's driver but had to go away on business so he arranged for a Northwestern University police officer to take his place.

Smith said he later received a letter from the princess, thanking him. He displays it in a plaque with a photo from her visit. And, two months later, he got a call from her secretary.

"Diana came on the phone herself and thanked me," Smith said. "She said she was treated extremely well in Chicago."

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Walk to beat tuberous sclerosis takes over Libertyville HS

BY RICK KAMBIC
Pioneer Press

More than 300 people affected by tuberous sclerosis complex visited Libertyville High School for a charity walk on June 4.

Held in the school gymnasium, the event was organized by Geri Greenberg, of Northbrook, and her son-in-law Scott Brown of Vernon Hills.

Both became active with the advocacy and support group Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance in 2014 after Geri's grandson and Scott's 6-year-old son Derrick Brown began to struggle with the illness.

"Shortly after the walk, I saw a woman whose child was recently diagnosed publish a post on Facebook that said 'What a wonderful first experience. I don't feel so alone,'" Greenberg said. "That's how I knew we're



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Enjoying some lunch after working up an appetite are Jenna Dantonio, left, 12, of Addison, Blanca Fazio, 5, of Bartlett, Emily Gutierrez, 19, of Bloomingdale and Nick Dantonio, 10, during the advocacy group Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance's June 4 walk for a cure.

doing the right thing."

Tuberous sclerosis complex, according to the alliance's website, can cause nonmalignant tumors to form at random in various

organs, primarily the brain, eyes, kidney, skin and lungs.

Seizures, developmental delays, intellectual disabilities and autism are among the leading challenges, ac-

ording to the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance.

Greenberg said doctors discovered a tumor in Derrick's heart and a cardiac team was standing by when



Derek Patton walks with his sons Cole, left, 9, who has tuberous sclerosis and Noah, 5, on June 4.

he was born in 2009. A transplant was not needed, but Greenberg said her grandson stayed in intensive care for his first month and has progressively made

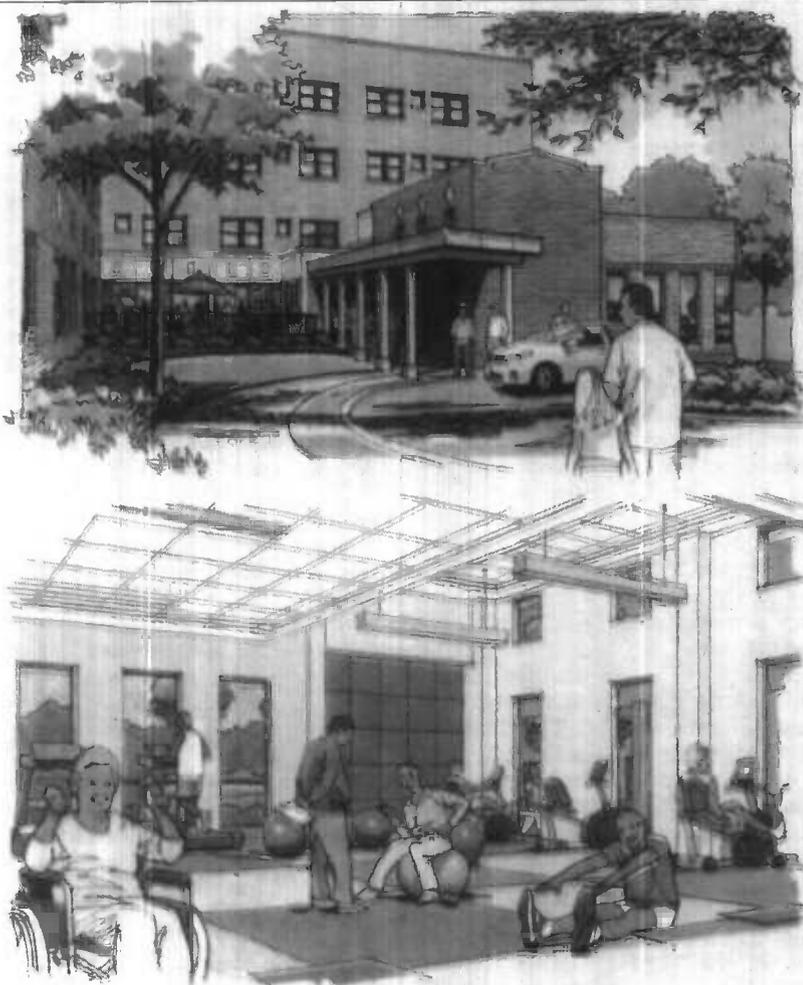
big improvements with therapy since then.

Other families with similar stories rallied relatives and friends to join the June 4 event. The walk was annually held at Ty Warner Park in Westmont, but Greenberg said the group has grown too big for the park and needed to go elsewhere.

Greenberg said the group raised \$63,750 that will go toward other networking events or expenses associated with lobbying Congress for research funding.

"I hope we're back here next year," Greenberg said. "I found the community of Libertyville to be so hopeful and welcoming. A lot of businesses offered to help with out event and its raffles."

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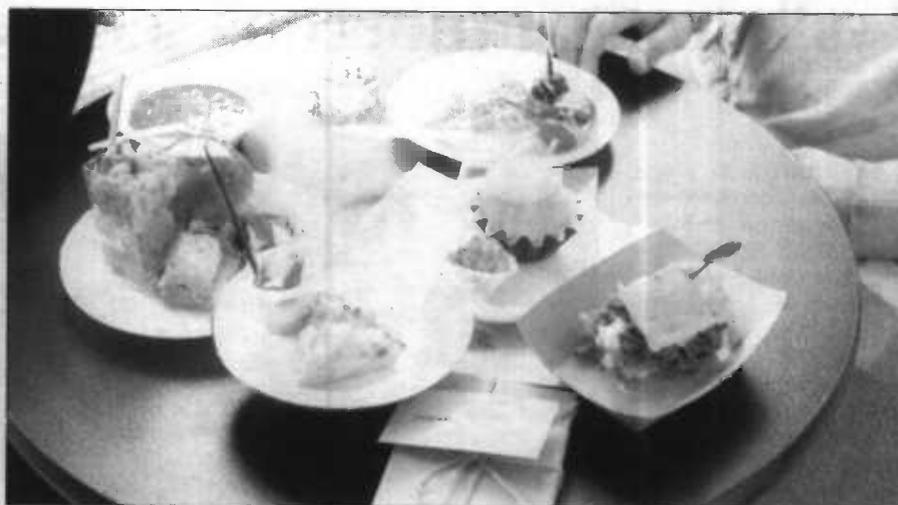
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Taste of Skokie Valley, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Skokie Valley and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, is both organizations' largest fundraiser.

Bon Appetit: Taste of Skokie Valley slated for eighth year

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

There may be only one kind of diner who doesn't hold the annual Taste of Skokie Valley as the ultimate eating experience.

The dieter.

Otherwise, the smorgasbord of tastings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 16 at the North Shore Center For the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., should satisfy just about every hankering for any of a variety of cuisines.

"The wonderful part of this event is that it showcases the area restaurants," said Skokie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Howard Meyer. "It's one of those events that pulls the community together. It's really become something people from throughout the community look forward to."

This will mark the eighth annual Taste of Skokie Valley, the top fundraiser for both the Rotary Club of Skokie Valley and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce.

The organizers report that at least 18 different restaurants will be represented this month in the large lobby of the North Shore Center For the Per-

forming Arts. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door.

Skokie will be particularly well served at the event — so to speak — from Mexican food from El Fuego Mexican Cuisine to seafood from McCormick & Schmick's, from pasta and pizza from Father & Son Italian Kitchen and the Village Inn to red meat from Jameson's Charhouse.

The lineup of restaurants was still being finalized, Chambers officials said, and some familiar ones such as Tub Tim Thai are returning after a few years. But for the most part, they said, the lineup will be similar to those in previous years.

Proceeds from Taste of Skokie Valley are divided between the chamber's educational foundation and the Rotary, which means many causes benefit from the event, according to the organizers.

The Chamber lists them as The Ark, The Golf-Maine Park District, Metropolitan Family Services, the North Shore Center For the Performing Arts, Oakton Volunteers in Teaching Adults at Oakton Community College, Orchard Village, SHORE Community Services, Inc., the Skokie Cham-

ber, Sommer Foundation, St. Brebeuf Youth Ministry, Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center and USO of Illinois.

The event will also feature an auction/raffle with prizes including \$1,000 in cash for first place, an entertainment package for second place and a \$250 shopping spree at Westfield Old Orchard for third place.

Last year drew about 450 people and raised some \$25,000, Meyer said. The goal in recent years has always been aimed at reaching about \$25,000, he said.

Taste of Skokie Valley is also made possible by local sponsors that donate money or services, the Chamber says. The North Shore Center For the Performing Arts sets up the large buffet in its spacious lobby with tables and food booths at no charge, Meyer noted.

Live music is also performed from a balcony area looking down on the main floor.

For more information on Taste of Skokie Valley, see www.tasteofskokievalley.com or call the Skokie Chamber at (847) 673-0240.

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Area Scouts attend 7th annual Twilight Camp

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Take 260 Salisbury steak burgers, 100 pounds of peeled potatoes, an oversized stockpot and a grill.

Add some gravy and mushrooms, and you've got the makings of dinner for the 160 Boy Scouts who attended Twilight Camp on June 2 at Crow Island Woods Park in Winnetka.

"It's amazing, it's fun for the kids as they get to enjoy their summer kickoff," said Cynthia Castrejon, district director with the Northeast Illinois Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"We're always full," Castrejon said of the sell-out camp, now in its seventh year.

Cub Scouts participated

in 10 stations after an opening flag ceremony. One activity station helped to hone STEM, or science, technology, engineering and mathematics, skills.

"It's really enrichment," said David Schwartzberg of Northbrook, Twilight Camp co-director.

"Kids go from station to station, doing cool activities like archery, handicrafts, slingshots, monkey bridge and a climbing wall, as well as a blindfolded baseball game called Beep Ball that helps them understand disabilities," Co-Director Karen Pinelli, of Northbrook, said.

She added that the camp got its name because it runs after school.

Brian Lamberg and Al Blechman, both of Evans-

ton, tended the grill on behalf of The Buff Brigade, a chef's group, named for colleague Buff Hoffberg of Glenview, who died on April 1.

"He (Hoffberg) was absolutely the best," said Kevin Clarke of Wilmette.

Also grilling was Jack Fox of Wilmette, a 91-year-old Eagle Scout.

"Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout," he said.

Fox peeled potatoes for 2½ hours with pals.

"That's what I do, peeling potatoes and giving orders to nobody!" Fox said.

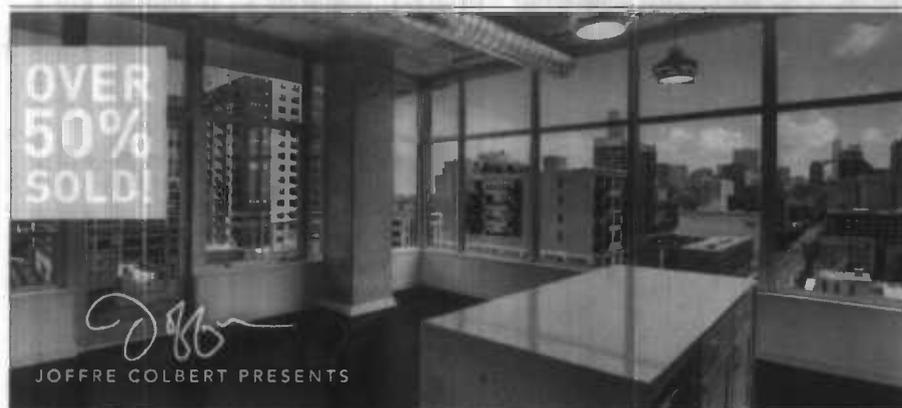
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Scouts David Rivera, 11, of Winnetka, left, and Tyler Dashnaw, 11, of Glenview, fly the flag during the June 2 opening ceremony of Twilight Camp at Crow Island Woods Park at 1140 Willow Road.



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Eatery tells critical Yelpers to jump in lake

BY RICHARD RAY
Pioneer Press

A Facebook post from Davis Street Fishmarket, an Evanston staple since 1985, announced the restaurant's closing with a few choice words for critical Yelp users on May 28.

The whimsical but biting post, which accrued hundreds of likes and shares, harks to a time when "a gallon of gas was \$1.09, and Nintendo was the wave of the future." The post also claims the dining scene is now different than it once was in the city.

"We are fortunate to have had such a great run, and we're extremely proud of it. The restaurant business has changed in Evanston; when we opened we were one of only a handful of restaurants, and that number has dramatically changed," the post reads. "Nobody ever said the restaurant business is easy. It is a daily battle to keep your head above the water line. It's also rewarding, creative, and enjoyable. Throwing a daily party for people is really fun. Now, it's time to wrap it up and sell the restaurant."

As for the armchair restaurant critics on Yelp?

"To the few cheap or negative Yelper's (sic) who think your reviews have made you a credentialed restaurant reviewer," the Facebook post reads before sug-

gesting a farewell kiss — but not on the lips.

A voicemail recording at the restaurant's phone number says the establishment closed May 29. The owners could not be immediately reached for comment.

In an email, Wally Bobkiewicz, Evanston's city manager, wrote that the city's economic development staff has been in touch with the Davis Street Fishmarket owners over the restaurant's closing. He wrote that new tenants are already interested in the storefront.

Bobkiewicz also acknowledged the seafood staple's mention of a change in the Evanston restaurant scene.

"[There are] greater numbers of restaurants and diversity of offerings," Bobkiewicz wrote. "[The] challenge for existing restaurants is to change with evolving tastes and changing Evanston community."

Facebook commenters expressed remorse over the shuttering of the business. Many also recalled memorable meals like the marinated mountain trout, Northwestern and ETHS graduation dinners, and summer jobs at the seafood joint.

One commenter mentioned marrying a Davis Street employee and that the couple named their child Davis.

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In this 2007 file photo, raw chef Tony Villalobos, center, restocks shellfish while working at the Davis Street Fishmarket's raw bar in downtown Evanston.

Village: Closed Old Orchard theaters will eventually reopen with upgrades

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Westfield Old Orchard shopper Gloria Pinchonti recently paused outside one of the mall's two movie theater venues with a perplexed look on her face.

There were no movies listed on the marquee, the doors were locked and an ominous sign appeared in the window.

"Regal Gardens Closed for Business," it read before inviting patrons to its other theaters in Lincolnshire and Chicago. In fact, the word "closed" was capitalized and underlined.

"When did this happen?" she asked. "They've been showing movies here for a really long time."

Although you would never know it by the sign in the window, Skokie officials say movies will not only open at these locations again, but the theaters will be vastly improved.

"They are closed, but they will reopen after there are substantial upgrades," said Skokie Economic Development Coordinator Tom Thompson. But the theaters are not expected to open again any time soon, he said.

That means moviegoers will have to venture elsewhere this

summer to see "X-Men: Apocalypse," "Suicide Squad," "Star Trek Beyond," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2" and a new installment of "Ghostbusters" — the kind of summer extravaganzas known for drawing younger generations to theaters.

Westfield Old Orchard said it could not yet confirm or reveal any details about upgrades to its movie theaters.

Thompson said Westfield has not yet applied for any permits regarding the theater upgrades.

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For the last several weeks, Westfield Old Orchard's two movie theaters have been closed with an ominous sign in the window pointing patrons to other theaters owned by the same company, Regal Cinemas. Old Orchard says the venues are undergoing improvements and will be back.

Reaction borders on hysteria



RANDY BLASER

Like just about everyone, I was shocked and dismayed by the story of the boy who somehow got into the gorilla exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo. And like most everyone, I was saddened by the outcome of this tragedy – the death of the 17-year-old gorilla Harambe, who was shot in what some interpreted to be an effort to rescue the boy.

But the thing I find so confounding is the outrage and venom directed at the parents of the boy – not even five years old – who escaped severe injury or death only by the willingness of zoo officials to shoot the gorilla.

I wasn't there, so I don't know how the boy got into the exhibit. I know enough about toddlers to know they are often unreasonable in their demands. They often make no sense.

Perhaps the parents were distracted, for just a few brief seconds. Maybe they got a phone call, or an email or a text. Or saw something that made them look away, however briefly. And suddenly the boy was gone.

Who hasn't been somewhere with a toddler in tow – perhaps the grocery store – and suddenly the precocious little one is out of sight. In most cases, the little one is located and no harm was done.

But here, harm was done. It was not going to be avoided.

The boy got in the pen and was suddenly in grave danger. Anyone who doesn't understand that the gorilla could kill the boy in an instant is deluding themselves and believing animals somehow have human traits.

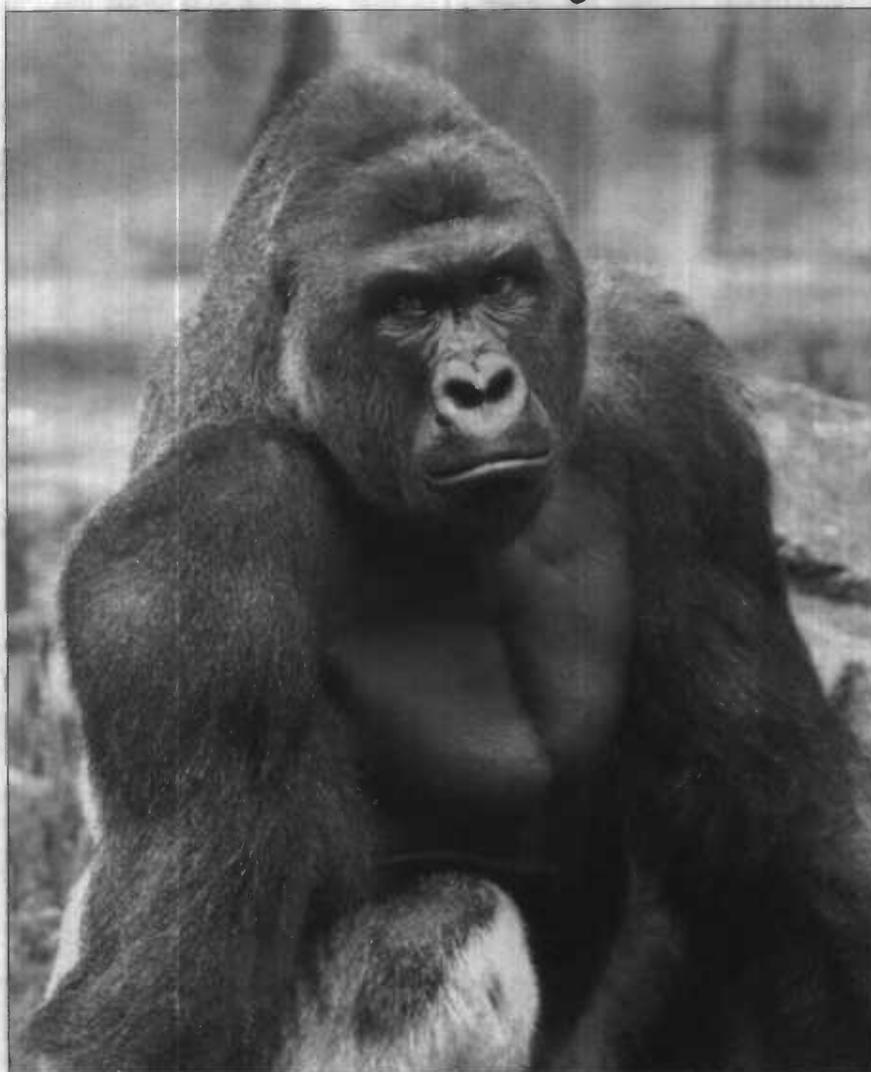
The danger to the boy was obvious from watching the gorilla drag him through the moat at breakneck speed. Twice.

The zookeepers had to act fast. They had to make the best of a worst-case scenario. They decided to kill the gorilla.

I'm not happy about it, but it was better than the alternative, risking the death of the boy.

I understand how animal rights activists can be emotional about this case. It's an emotional thing. But this idea of petitioning for justice for the gorilla and demanding that the parents be held somehow responsible or punished for what happened is bordering on hysteria.

When you see the invective hurled at the parents by commentators and social



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This June 20, 2015, file photo provided by the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden shows Harambe, a western lowland gorilla, who was fatally shot May 28.

media practitioners, it makes one wonder – have we lost all common sense? Some have threatened the parents.

Enough. It was a tragic accident. No one could have foreseen the boy's action or the outcome.

There is a Bible story about a family who traveled from their little town to the big city for a holiday. After the celebrations, the family returned home with other neighbors, friends and relatives.

One parent thought the little boy was with the other parent or relatives and vice versa. It wasn't until later they realized the boy was missing. As you can imagine, the parents were thrown into a panic.

No one contacted DCFS or the police. No one in the party, as far as we know, castigated the couple as the worst parents this side of the Roman Empire, or threatened them.

Luckily, the boy was found unharmed

three days later in the holy space, talking with the elders.

And despite the negligence of Joseph and Mary, Jesus was allowed to stay with them and fulfill God's plan.

What I'm saying is this: It's part of the human condition that sometimes we are capable of making a mistake that jeopardizes someone else's safety. If you're lucky, nothing bad will happen, no one will be around to record it on their cellphone and no one will ever know.

But if you ever happen to run across someone else's misfortune, hold your tongue. Resist the temptation to post something on social media, or to comment on it.

Realize that except for luck, it could be you.

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PAUL SASSONE

What happened to the leisurely drive?

The beauty of it made me linger.

Here and over there on this sunny, warm day scattered along the roadside – redbud and crabapple, magnolias and other astonishingly lovely flowering trees I don't know the names of.

The scent of lilacs filled the air. I was driving. But I wasn't in a hurry.

I was coming from the store and I wasn't looking forward to schlepping heavy grocery bags up the stairs.

This, together with the budding beauty around me and yes, indeed, I was in no hurry.

Just drive leisurely and enjoy.

That's not how the guy behind me felt.

I was going about 35 in a 40 mph zone. The guy behind me was in a hurry. Perhaps he was late for lunch. Or maybe he had severed an artery and was rushing to the hospital.

But they all couldn't have severed arteries, the drivers behind me.

I was holding them up. They had places to go and they wanted to go there in a hurry.

They started passing me. I sped up, too.

I wanted to ask all of them where they were going in such a hurry.

Talk to people and it seems as if they all have to go to a lot of places and do a lot of things they'd just as soon not go to and not do – "I have to get to work. This is the day the boss yells at me in front of everybody for a mistake she made."

So, why is everyone in such a hurry to get someplace they don't really want to be?

Would the world end if the kids got to their play date 10 minutes later?

And the cleaners will give you your shirts at 10:24 as well as 10:14.

But no one thinks like that any more. The words "drive" and "leisurely" no longer can be paired. We don't drive to see things. There is only where we start, where we finish and as little time as possible between one and the other.

Oh, yes, in addition to its aesthetic poverty, speeding is dangerous. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2014, more than 9,200 people died in speed-related crashes.

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OPINION



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Air travelers at O'Hare International Airport braced for long waits over the recent Memorial Day weekend.

Stress takes flight



PAT LENHOFF

Air travel and the Lenhoff family do not always mix.

There was the taxi that forgot our scheduled pickup, leaving us scrambling to the airport only to arrive after the cutoff time for checking in and causing us to return home to try again later that day.

There were weather delays, cancellations and very bumpy flights that took us out of the way in order to avoid even worse weather. We had a flight land in Rockford temporarily because of an extreme backlog at O'Hare. Who even knew Rockford had a runway long enough to accommodate a large jet?

Having just returned from our annual jaunt to Las Vegas for a business convention where I lan-

guished poolside while my better half labored in a two-million-square-foot convention center, we got to experience the most recent air travel debacle: TSA issues.

A mental pep talk that the problems were overblown did not help relax my mind enough to sleep the night before. To make matters worse, we were traveling on an airline that was not our normal carrier, which meant that options like relaxing in the Club Lounge and checking bags were not available to us this trip. Those things seem like luxuries, but you appreciate how those luxuries make air travel a bit more humane.

After hearing recent warnings about two- to three-hour waits to get through security, we departed home almost four hours before our flight time. Our wait time to get through security? About 10 or 15 minutes.

Now, I'd rather be pleasantly surprised and have to kill time at O'Hare over standing in line for more

than two hours, but let me also say I'd rather have a peaceful night's sleep without worry and an extremely early taxi pickup time.

While waiting to go through those super-duper high-tech body scanners, a TSA agent was conversing with another woman passenger nearby about the media reports regarding massive delays and missed flights. The agent told the woman that the reports were not accurate, the problem was not TSA but instead was caused by airlines scheduling blocks of departures at the same time. It was another 'a-ha' moment that demonstrated most problems have multiple sources and need multiple solutions.

My best advice? Leave early, pack your patience and get an airline-affiliated credit card so you can take advantage of their special services. You'll feel much less frazzled. Happy summer travels!

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Illinois school boards often forget who pays



DAVID RUTTER

Illinois residents are lectured continually by reformers that the state has too many public bodies and taxing districts — 7,000 — and that consolidating those functions into more efficient groupings would be better government.

Seems logical. That might be true in the academic sense, by which I mean the likelihood any idea is truly based on logic.

But the larger question in Illinois — Illinois always suffers from the unanswered and unanswerable larger questions — is whether democracy works in Illinois; whether the average people who pay all the freight mean more than all other stakeholders.

The system depends on a basic compact: Protect those who paid, not only those who spend. Remember who the servant is.

Consider two school cases at either end of the electoral universe from Palatine to Waukegan. One involves millions of dollars and the other only \$1,500. But they tell similar stories.

Palatine District 15 sprawls over the northwest corner of Cook County and nudges against Lake County. Inside are four junior high schools, 15 elementary schools and several specialty schools. That covers Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, South Barrington, Arlington Heights and Schaumburg.

When the school board voted this spring to accept a new contract for teachers, members agreed to a 10-year deal that staggered the state's educational universe. No one knows if there ever

has been a public elementary school contract in the country covering a decade.

The deal guarantees average annual raises of 3.4 percent over the decade. Residents of those suburbs are obligated to millions, not even considering new schools being planned.

We'd like to reveal all of the details, but we can't. Not only did District 15 administrators keep the contract secret for weeks, only a "summary" of the accord was released. It's like contract CliffsNotes.

Last week, the board members admitted none of them actually had seen the full 75-page contract before or after they signed it, nor is it clear the teachers ever saw the contract before they ratified it. State Attorney General Lisa Madigan has not been able to get a copy of the contract. District officials claim it's "not done yet."

Journalistic watchdogs are wondering if anyone knows what they signed, or whether they even signed the same document. The question remains open if this is a legal contract.

Legal or not, here's what the power of compounded interest means. A teacher making \$62,000 a year this year will be making \$110,000 in a decade. District 15 deliberately mortgaged its future by guessing it knows the birthrates for students yet to be born.

District officials — who theoretically work for the school board members, who theoretically work for the taxpayers of District 15 — have an as-yet secret plan to pay for this by jacking up salaries of older teachers in return for 25 percent of them retiring.

Those balloon "spikes" get shoved to the teachers' pension system to pay, which likely guarantees an entirely new generation of permanently endowed Illinois pension millionaires.

Who pays? Everyone, of course. You.

There is no sign that anyone in District 15 is protecting the public interest — or even acknowledges they should be.

At the small potatoes end of the feeding trough was Waukegan District 60's board of education, which last week agreed to pay exiting millionaire Superintendent Donaldo Batiste an extra \$1,500. That will cover his medical insurance premiums between his exit and the start of an unidentified new job elsewhere.

You'd think any administrator who earned \$2 million-plus in salary from Waukegan taxpayers during his career — and millions more in pensions — would be embarrassed to ask for an extra dab of sugar on his way out. But he did.

You'd think a school board that already had guaranteed Batiste millions would demur, and suggest taxpayers had paid enough. But they didn't.

The same board that also paid Batiste a \$20,000-a-year tax-sheltered annuity also paid the 9.5 percent of his salary that he was supposed to contribute to his pension. You paid for that, too.

Despite the difference in financial scale, District 15 and District 60 were playing the same game. They were spending other people's money without much care for taxpayers who will never be millionaires.

One was monstrous; the other merely preposterous.

Both reflect that democracy suffers when hired hands forget whose wallet they should be guarding.

For Batiste, the \$1,500 was pocket change. For many families in Waukegan, it was two months of rent.

There were votes in both actions, but there wasn't much democracy.

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Where to catch outdoor movies

What better way to celebrate warmer weather than to do a typical indoor activity — watching a movie — in the great outdoors? Check out our guide to free movies in the park, screening everything from “The Goonies” and “Minions” to “Frozen” and “Singin’ in the Rain.”

MOVIES IN THE PARK — CHICAGO

Call (312) 742-1134 for daily listings and weather-related cancellations or go to www.chicago-parkdistrict.com/events/movies/.

Brooks Park, 7100 N. Harlem Ave.

8:30 p.m. June 23: “Back to the Future” — Marty McFly ends up back in the 1950s in Doc Brown’s time-traveling DeLorean.

8 p.m. Aug. 7: “The Goonies” — A group of friends go in search of a pirate treasure to save their homes.

Chippewa Park, 6748 N. Sacramento

8:15 p.m. July 18: “Zootopia” — A rabbit newly hired by the police force tries to solve a mysterious case.

Edgebrook Park, 6525 N. Hiawatha Ave.

8 p.m. Aug. 19: “Raiders of the Lost Ark” — Indiana Jones is on the hunt to find the Ark of the Covenant.

Hiawatha Park, 8029 W. Forest Preserve Drive

8:15 p.m. July 17: “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” — A high school teenager cuts class and spends an adventurous day in Chicago with friends.

Olympia Park, 6566 N. Avondale

8:30 p.m. June 22: “Shaun the Sheep Movie” — The adventures of Shaun the Sheep and his friends at Mossy Bottom Farm.

Oriole Park, 5430 N. Olcott Ave.

8:15 p.m. Aug. 10: “Up” — A cranky balloon salesman discovers a stowaway boy on his trip to South America.

Pottawattomie Park, 7340 N. Rogers Ave.

8:30 p.m. June 14: “The Goo-

nies” — A group of friends go in search of a pirate treasure to save their homes.

Sauganash Park, 5861 N. Kostner Ave.

8:30 p.m. June 18: “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” — The thrilling continuation of the epic space opera.

Shabbona Park, 6935 W. Addison St.

8:30 p.m. July 6: “The Martian” — An astronaut left behind on Mars must survive with meager supplies.

8:15 p.m. Aug. 3: “Inside Out” — Emotions run wild in the mind of a young girl who is uprooted from her peaceful life.

Wildwood Park, 6950 N. Hiawatha Ave.

8:15 p.m. July 21: “The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie” — SpongeBob and friends go on a quest to clear the name of Mr. Krabs.

MOVIES IN THE PARK — LINCOLNWOOD

Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.)

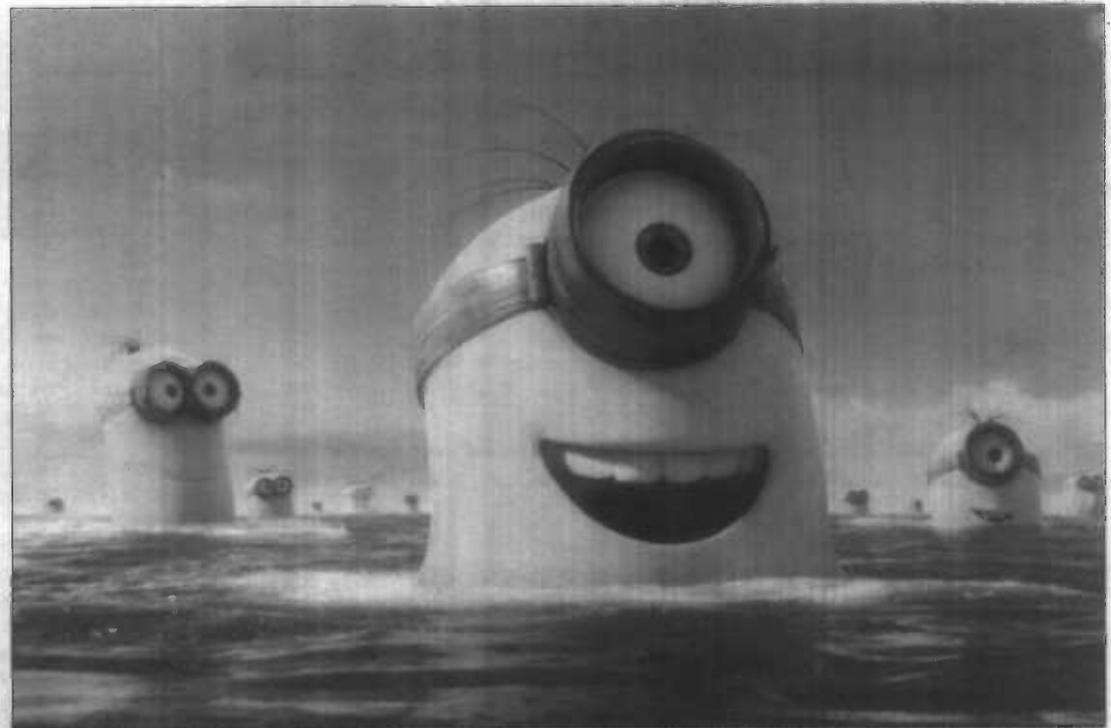
Aug. 4: “The Incredibles” — A family of super heroes is forced undercover when the government bans all superhero activities. (Proesel Park, 7055 N. Kostner.)

Aug. 18: “The Goonies” — A group of friends go in search of a pirate treasure to save their homes. (Centennial Park, 6801 McCormick Blvd.)

MOVIES IN THE PARK — MORTON GROVE

Movies takes place at Herrer Park, 6750 W. Dempster. www.mortongroveparks.com.

8:30 p.m. June 24: “Minions” — The Minions are recruited by a super-villain who plans to take over the world.



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“Minions”



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“Star Wars: The Force Awakens”

8:15 p.m. July 29: “Inside Out” — Emotions run wild in the mind of a young girl who is uprooted from her peaceful life.

7:30 p.m. Aug. 25: “Cinderella” — Under the thumbs of her wicked stepmother and stepsisters, Cinderella thinks she has no chance at going to the ball until she meets her Fairy Godmother.

MOVIE AFTER DARK — NILES

A picnic begins at 6:30 p.m. June 17 followed by a movie screening at dusk. Participants are invited bring dinner or purchase provided food. The free event takes place at Grennan Heights, 8255 Oketo Ave. Call (847) 967-6633 with questions.

MOVIES IN THE PARK — HARWOOD HEIGHTS AND NORRIDGE

Movies begin at 8 p.m. www.norridgepk.com.

June 10: “Finding Nemo” — Clownfish Nemo gets into trouble when he swims too close to the surface. (On top of the parking garage at Harlem and Irving Plaza.)

July 22: “Adventures in Babysitting” — A quiet night turns into a wild adventure involving car thieves and blues musicians for a babysitter and her three charges. (Drive-in movie at Eisenhower Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Bring a chair or visit the library to reserve a parking space.)

Aug. 7: “Goosebumps” — A teenager teams up with the daughter of a young adult horror author after his demons are set free. (The grounds of the Norridge Park District, 4631 N. Overhill Ave.)

MOVIES IN THE PARK — PARK RIDGE

Face painting, concessions and family activities from 6:30-8 p.m. Movies start at dusk at the Maine Park Leisure Center back field, 2701 W. Sibley St. www.prparks.org.

June 23: “Minions” — The Minions are recruited by a super-villain who plans to take over the world.

July 28: “Inside Out” — Emotions run wild in the mind of a young girl who is uprooted from her peaceful life.

MOVIES IN THE PARK — SKOKIE

Movies begin at sunset at Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Ave. www.skokieparks.org.

June 9: “Aladdin” — While looking for a magical lamp, Aladdin becomes trapped and finds the resident genie.

June 23: “Singin’ in the Rain” — The classic movie musical starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O’Connor.

July 14: “Norm of the North” — Norm the polar bear must stop a developer from destroying his Arctic home.

Aug. 11: “Frozen” — Fearless Ana joins with Kristoff and his reindeer Sven to find her sister, Elsa, and save the kingdom from perpetual winter.

— Staff report



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Cabaret artists getting a kick out of Cole Porter

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Eleven cabaret artists who love Cole Porter's music will show why when they sing some of their favorite songs in, "We Get a Kick Out of Cole: 125th Birthday Celebration," on June 11 at the Skokie Theatre.

"I find his output amazing," said producer Daryl Nitz, who also praised the rhymes and wit of Porter's lyrics. He noted that when he performs his Nitz-Howe Experience open mic at Davenport's Cabaret and Piano Bar, "Cole Porter must easily be the most requested composer. There's such a wide variety of songs and his music has been embraced by all the genres."

That's why the producer has assembled a cast of performers known for different musical styles.

"There are so many Cole Porter songs that I have performed," said jazz, classical and pop vocalist Frieda Lee. "I'm still doing them. Just One of Those Things, I have on my recording. I just did a really nice version of 'I Concentrate on You.' They have become standards in the jazz genre."

Lee said that she loves both Porter's lyrics and his melodies.

The vocalist will perform "I Concentrate on You" in the June 11 show, as well as "It's Alright With Me." Lee will also sing "Let's Do It, Let's Fall in Love" with the group.

"Since I'm primarily a jazz singer and a jazz musician, Cole Porter's music is some that I absolutely love," said Jeff Hedberg. "His lyrics are phenomenal and great melodies."

He jokingly added that Porter's lyrics are "dirty in a



FRIEDA LEE

Frieda Lee is one of 11 vocalists who will perform Cole Porter hits at the Skokie Theatre on June 11.

'We Get a Kick Out of Cole: 125th Birthday Celebration'

When: 8 p.m., June 11

Where: Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie

Tickets: \$32

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

nice, innocent kind of way."

Hedberg will definitely sing and play trumpet on, "Every Time We Say Good-bye" as well as perform an arrangement combining a couple of other songs.

The cast also includes David Edelfelt, Kimberly Gordon, Sophie Grimm, Ester Hana, Suzanne Petri, Jeannie Tanner and Ellen Winters. Johnny Rodgers is musical director with Jim Cox on bass and Phil Grateau on drums.

The song list in the two-act show includes such favorites as "Night and

Day," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "It's De-Lovely" and many other standards.

Nitz spent a year researching and planning this show, including listening to some recordings of Porter singing his own songs. He allowed the performers to select the numbers that they will sing at the concert from a list he assembled, but Nitz wasn't rigid about that. "I want my singers to be singing songs that they're drawn to and that they have a passion for," he said.

Living

Thursday, June 9, 2016



**Mel's kitchen:
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perfect condiment
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Abe Chernin, left, holds daughter Penelope, 1, as Abe's wife, Sarah Coleman, reads to Phoebe, 5, and Owen, 3. The kids share a room, even though their home has six bedrooms.

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Choosing to share bedrooms

Many parents keep children together even when there is space in the home, citing the benefits for kids Page 3

OUT OF MEL'S KITCHEN



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

Honey-glazed pork ribs with a green sauce.

Special sauces the perfect condiment to backyard cookouts

Let the green garnish shine with this honey-glazed rib recipe

I guess my backyard fare evolved beyond basic hamburgers and hot dogs quite a while back, but even the simplest summer dishes become more elegant and memorable when served with a fun homemade condiment.

For example, when I cook up a batch of standard sausages, I like to serve them with a smoky roasted red pepper ketchup, quick refrigerator dill pickle relish and whole grain mustard. The extra time spent working to create special sauces and garnishes yields a personalized spin on traditional summer fare and keeps my guests coming back for more.

Last weekend I hosted a little backyard cookout for a few close friends. The sun was



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

shining and the cocktails were flowing when one of my guests strolled by carrying a plate full of food and commented, "I swear I could bathe in this green sauce!" Frankly, I think he could have eaten that sauce slathered on a piece of cardboard and been in hog heaven, but I knew the grassy-hued sauce was the perfect complement to a batch of smoked paprika and honey glazed ribs. This vibrant dish strikes a

remarkable balance of flavor and the make-ahead convenience of these ribs offers busy cooks the chance to enjoy their own summer party. The verdant sauce features a trio of fresh herbs, sweet honey and piquant mustard. It comes together in a snap and offers a sweet and spicy balance to fatty grilled meat. This sauce also makes a fine friend for grilled salmon or chicken thighs.

Go on and put a signature spin on a cook-out classic like tender pork ribs by serving them alongside an unexpected sauce. Before you know it store-bought ketchup and mustard will be passe at your patio parties and flavorful sauces will be the unexpected star at your next cookout.

Smoked Paprika and Honey-Glazed Pork Ribs with Green Sauce

Ask the butcher to remove the membrane covering the bones on the ribs and cut the racks in half horizontally; the smaller ribs hold their shape beautifully and make them perfect for feeding a crowd. Start preparing this recipe one day before you plan to serve it. Serves about 6.

FOR THE RIBS:

- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon smoked paprika (divided)
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 slabs of St. Louis pork ribs; cut horizontally through the middle
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup honey
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 1-2 tablespoons BBQ sauce

FOR THE 'BATHE-IN-IT' GREEN SAUCE:

- 1 large jalapeno
- 2 cups packed Italian parsley
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup fresh mint leaves
- 2 large garlic cloves
- 1 Tablespoon tarragon leaves
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup honey
- 2 Tablespoons whole grain mustard
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Up to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper

OPTIONAL GARNISHES:

- Chopped parsley
- Chopped scallions
- Diced sun-dried tomato
- Almonds

1. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Combine 2 tablespoons of the smoked paprika, salt, coriander, cumin, red pepper flakes and black pepper in a small bowl. Rub the spice mixture all over the ribs and place them meat side up in a roasting pan. Cover the pan tightly with foil and roast the ribs for 2 1/2 hours or until meat is very tender. Remove the ribs from the oven and allow to cool to room temperature. Cover the cooked ribs tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.
2. While the ribs are cooking, prepare the honey glaze. Combine the honey, soy sauce, tomato sauce, molasses, BBQ sauce and smoked paprika in a small sauce pan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes until glaze is shiny and slightly reduced. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Allow the glaze to cool to room temperature, transfer to a storage container and refrigerate overnight.
3. To prepare the "Bathe in It" Green Sauce, place the jalapeno directly on the flame of a gas grill and allow it to roast until charred all over. Place the pepper in a small paper bag and allow to steam for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes peel the charred skin off the pepper, remove the seeds and place the roasted jalapeno into the bowl of a food processor. Add the parsley, mint, garlic cloves and tarragon to the processor. Process the mixture until herbs are coarsely chopped. Add the honey, mustard and cayenne to the bowl and turn the machine on. While the machine is running add up to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of olive oil in a slow steady stream until the sauce thickens. Season the sauce with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
4. Allow the ribs, glaze and sauce to come to room temperature. Prepare a medium hot gas or charcoal grill. Cut the ribs into serving size portions (2-3 ribs) and place on the grates of the grill, meaty side up. Brush the ribs with the honey glaze and cover the grill. Allow the ribs to cook for 6 minutes before turning the ribs. Glaze the bone side and watch them carefully so as not to burn the sauce. Once the sauce is slightly caramelized on the meat side flip the ribs back over and glaze again. Cover the grill and allow the ribs to continue cooking for an additional 5 minutes. If the weather becomes unfavorable the ribs can be reheated and glazed in a 400 degree oven.
5. Serve the glazed ribs with the green sauce garnished with almonds, sun-dried tomatoes and herbs as desired.

Choosing to share bedrooms

Many parents keep children together even when there is space in the home, citing the benefits for kids

By Danielle Braff
Tribune Newspapers

Inside a sprawling six-bedroom home in Oak Park, Ill., Sarah Coleman's three children are tucked into bed in their room.

Yes, their room. The three kids share one bedroom, the parents share one bedroom, and the remaining four bedrooms are untouched most evenings unless there are guests.

"I've always admired big families where the kids seem to develop a tribe mentality from sharing everything — toys, space, experience, parents," said Coleman, a former non-profit manager who is a stay-at-home mom to her three children, ages 1, 3 and 5.

"So even though we have enough space that our kids wouldn't need to share, it doesn't mean they shouldn't."

Home sizes are growing, but spare bedrooms are being used for guests, offices and play spaces.

The median size of a new single-family home in 1995 was 1,950 square feet, and 30 percent of new homes had four bedrooms or more, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In 2014, the median size had increased by 550 square feet to 2,500 square feet, and 46 percent of new single-family homes had four bedrooms or more.

While the U.S. Census Bureau doesn't track how many children share a room, the New York Housing and Vacancy Survey found that in nearly two-thirds of homes with two children under age 18, the kids share a room.

Jessie LeMar recalled fondly the years she shared a room with her sibling, so



Sarah Coleman reads to Phoebe, 5, Owen, 3, and Penelope, 12 months.

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

when she had her own children, she created the same arrangement for them, using the spare bedroom as a playroom.

Her 4- and 6-year-old daughters share a room, and she threatens that she will make them get their own rooms if they misbehave.

"Our threat is, 'If you can't fall asleep, you'll have to get your own rooms,' and they are young enough that they are afraid of the dark, so they don't like that," said LeMar, a legal librarian.

While there's no right or wrong decision when it comes to whether siblings should share a room (if families have the space), James Crist, licensed clinical

psychologist and co-author of "Siblings: You're Stuck With Each Other, So Stick Together," said that it's a fairly recent phenomenon that kids have separate bedrooms at all — and there are benefits to room sharing.

"Anxious kids, in particular, often have a much easier time falling asleep when they have someone in the same room or even in the same bed," Crist said.

Sharing the room also teaches children how to negotiate, how to compromise and how to work out conflicts, all of which are important skills to develop.

When they're sharing a room, siblings can also develop an even closer

bond because of those nightly presleep chats that they may start to establish, said Laura Markham, clinical psychologist and author of "Peaceful Parent, Happy Sibling."

But those nighttime chats can also wreak havoc on sleep, one of a host of issues that families may discover as soon as they put their children into the room and turn off the lights, said Linda Szmulewitz, a certified gentle-sleep coach.

Szmulewitz recommended that parents, if they decide to have children share a room, figure out solutions to such problems before they affect the kids' sleep.

"For older children who share a room, I work on helping parents set expectations about bedtime, so that they keep in mind that the time that children spend chatting before going to bed is their special private time, and you have to allow for that to some extent, rather than expecting that you are going to put them to bed and they are going to lay there quietly and just fall asleep without any interaction," Szmulewitz said.

Younger children will encounter different sleep complications.

If one child wakes before the other, Szmulewitz said, they need to learn not to yell for their parents to get

them and, instead, to tiptoe quietly out of the room.

And while room-sharing siblings tend to adjust and become heavier sleepers, Szmulewitz said, she suggests that they sleep with a sound machine, especially if there's a baby in the room.

Once sleeping is tackled, parents should also consider the privacy needs of their children, said pediatric therapist Julianne Neely.

She said that it's important for each child to have his or her own personal space to be alone.

"It is also important for each child to have their own respected space within the room to put their personal things," Neely said.

When the children reach puberty, having their own private spaces becomes even more important, and this is the time when opposite-sex siblings usually request to have their own rooms, Markham said. It's also the point when same-sex siblings simply want their own spaces, and if it can't be done by separating the rooms, Markham suggested curtaining off the beds or doing something within the room to give each child a degree of privacy.

School social worker Rebecca Solomon recently gave her 9-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter their own rooms after they requested their own space, but up until now, they had been sharing. Her twin 4-year-old sons share a room, and she doesn't plan on splitting them up into separate bedrooms.

Nor do they want to leave their roommates.

Danielle Braff is a freelancer.

PETS/ANIMALS

MY PET WORLD

Every dog is different, no matter the type of breed

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: We own an 8-year-old male pug, Digger, who is smart, lovable and extremely calm. My brother-in-law always loved Digger and bought a male pug from a breeder. Needless to say, this pup is the total opposite of Digger. Blackie is like the Energizer Bunny in that he just never stops moving. He has been recently neutered, which has not changed him too much. I know there are certain breeds that are known for their energy (Jack Russell terriers) but on the other hand, are there breeds that are known for being calm?

— Frank Williams, Baltimore, M.D.

A: Well, there is no right or wrong answer to a question like this one. Yes, each breed of dog does have certain talents; however, what you are asking is a bit different.

A Jack Russell terrier has been bred over generations to look at situations in its environment and figure things out for itself. People that bred and kept these dogs used them to patrol farms and destroy vermin; they were independent contractors, so to speak.

However, what you are describing here is different. All breeds of dogs as puppies have a natural desire to learn about their environment. So the only way to satisfy this curiosity is to explore

it by sniffing, tasting and touching whatever part of its environment that it does not understand.

As the dog matures, then all his questions are gradually answered through trial and error. Just like humans, there are some dogs that have more curiosity than others and those with less curiosity learn all they need to at a younger age. It really is not fair to compare two dogs in this issue.

Neutering or spaying a dog only removes testosterone and estrogen from the dog's body and though lowers their desire to mate, it does not eliminate all levels of curiosity. This is all a matter of growing up and learning and he should not be judged for it.

Q: My Chihuahua and cat get along very well. In fact it seems they spend too much of their time together as they love to share their meals. We do our best to prevent this from happening by feeding the cat up on the kitchen counter. However when we try to feed the dog separately by locking the cat out of the room the dog gets very upset. The vet examined them just last week and says both animals are fine and not to worry about it but we do anyway.

— Randy Levy, Orlando, Fla.

A: I think this sounds pretty cute, actually. So many of the questions I get are about pets not getting along! Realistically speak-



MARK MORAN/AP

Unlike Jack Russell terriers, pugs aren't known for being very energetic. But each dog is different and has individual qualities regardless of breed.

ing, if a cat was just fed dog food or vice versa then there would be an issue, but I think that the cat is just politely partaking of the dog's meal so that there are no hurt feelings.

The fact that you say the cat gets to eat as much of its own food up on the counter away

from the dog means he is getting all the nutrition that he needs. So as your vet said — do not worry and just enjoy watching the friendship between these two species.

Marc Morrone has kept every kind of animal as a pet possible for the

last half century and is happy to share his knowledge of pet keeping with those in need of it. Although he cannot answer every question individually, he will publish those of general interest. You can contact him at petxperts2@aol.com; please include your name, city and state.

PET OF THE WEEK



Walter

I am your typical little Terrier, loads of energy, little nub of a tail always wagging and well, not to brag, but look at my ears. I love going for walks, I sniff everything out. I already know some commands, and I am basically just a fun little dog. I love playing with toys and checking who is out and about. I came from another rescue where I had quite a fan club. Kids are not really my speed but active and fun-loving adults that love to play, go for long walks and then hang out would be just perfect.

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Car stolen, owner's license suspended, city can't resolve

On Sept. 23, 2015, our 2004 Ford Escape was stolen in Chicago. A police report was completed. Three weeks later, we received a letter showing parking tickets were issued for the missing vehicle. On Oct. 15, we drove to the address where the tickets were issued, and the vehicle was there. The police were called and a vehicle recovery form was completed.

The car sat in the same spot for almost three weeks. Nearby merchants said they called the police and the alderman (Harry Osterman) multiple times to have it removed. You would think a system would be in place to track a stolen vehicle with a pile of traffic tickets on the windshield. I had to find my own car!

When we filled out the recovery report, I was told I would not be responsible for the tickets; just send them in with the report.

I sent the paperwork in twice because the first time it was not received. The second time, I confirmed receipt and assumed all was good. Two weeks ago, I received a collection letter saying I owed over \$1,600 for tickets and fines. I additionally learned my license was suspended.

Every time I call for an update on the status of the tickets, I get a different answer. The one thing everyone I talk to within the system says is, "Good luck!"

Help! I am told the process to resolve this issue takes 10-12 weeks. I am in the auto repair business and need a driver's license to do my job.

Chuck, Niles

I wish I could say my attempts to get to the bottom of this mess led to something other than a predictably frustrating bureaucratic nightmare. But, alas, as of this writing, I cannot.

Here's how things have played out thus far:

I first called the city of Chicago Department of Finance, the office responsible for parking citations. I spent considerable time trapped in that agency's phone tree without ever reaching a human.

Next, I dialed the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, the city's hired



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

hand for collecting delinquent fines. The receptionist there curtly informed me I had to call the "city of Chicago parking number" (aka, Department of Finance). When I told her I'd be happy to do that again if she could tell me how to reach an actual person, she

imparted this insightful advice: "You have to listen to the entire recording. There are people there."

When she eventually connected me to a Department of Finance representative, I was told to call the Mayor's Press Office. From there I was directed to Anthony Gugliemi, communications director for the Chicago Police Department, who informed me, "You're going to hate this, but 80 percent of the city's parking tickets are not written by the police department. And regardless of who writes them, the Department of Finance is the one who adjudicates them." Gugliemi then provided the email address of Molly Poppe, spokesperson for the Department of Budget and Management. Almost immediately upon receiving

my email, Poppe responded, "I will look into this for you." Finally some help!

But that was two and a half weeks ago. And though six days ago, in response to my emails and phone calls, I received an email from Poppe stating, "I am working on this for you ... It is not a cut and dry solution ... I will get back to you tomorrow afternoon." I have not heard back.

So my final move was to call Ald. Harry Osterman's office, as the theft and ticketing occurred in his ward (and the office was contacted at the outset regarding the abandoned vehicle). After receiving an email detailing Chuck's issue, the alderman's chief of staff, Dan Luna, replied: "I am not promising any resolution but will look into this and let you know what I am told ... I will follow up tomorrow."

That was yesterday. Tune in next week for the (hopeful) conclusion to this city of Chicago debacle.

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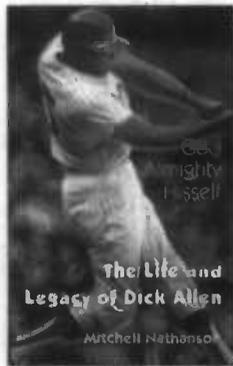
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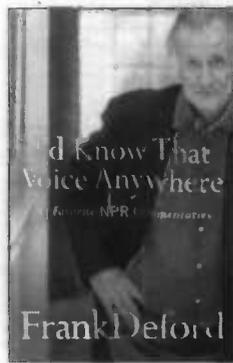


**God Almighty Hissell:
The Life and Legacy of Dick Allen**

By Mitchell Nathanson, University of Pennsylvania Press, 408 pages, \$34.95

Dick Allen spent only three seasons with the White Sox, but he left a lasting memory as one of the most electric and mercurial players ever to play in Chicago — or baseball. Mitchell Nathanson's book examines Allen's up-and-down career. He was an immense talent, hitting his peak when he won the American League Most Valuable Player Award with the Sox in 1972. However, Allen's unique personality always had him at odds with management, teammates, the media and fans. Nathanson shows how Allen, as part of the second generation of African-American players to play in the big leagues, was far more defiant in dealing with authority than his predecessors. He frequently missed spring training while holding out for more money, and often opted to skip batting practice, showing up minutes before the first pitch. He also got into a famous fight with a teammate

with the Phillies. Despite being the team's biggest star, Allen received so much abuse from the fans in Philadelphia, he once wrote "boo" with his foot in the infield dirt. He seemed to turn around his career in Chicago, but it didn't last. In typical Allen fashion, he "retired" prior to the end of the 1974 season with the Sox, only to come back to play three more years. Nathanson tells all the stories of a player who always commanded everyone's attention — for good and bad.



**I'd Know that Voice Anywhere:
My Favorite NPR Commentaries**

By Frank Deford, Grove Atlantic, 288 pages \$25

Frank Deford definitely is worthy of a spot on the Mt. Rushmore of sportswriters during the last 50 years. He made a name for himself with brilliant, elegant long features at Sports Illustrated. Deford, though, also excels when given only a few hundred words. His 19th and latest book is a collection of his best-known commentaries for NPR's "Morning Edition." Since 1980, he has recorded 1,600 weekly commentaries on sports, and in the process has become one of the most familiar voices for the station. As always, Deford's writing is glorious, hitting all the notes from funny to emotional to profound. Ruminating over the quirky language of baseball, he writes: "If a batter hits a long ball, he gives it a ride. Everywhere else, if you provide a ride, you take something along with you. If baseball patois was like the rest of language, you should send a long ball on a trip, rather

than give it a ride." Clearly, Deford's NPR commentaries aren't as routine as analyzing Peyton Manning as a quarterback. Rather, he ruminates through an eclectic range of subjects on sports, most of which strike him as peculiar. In one commentary, he considered the similarities between Babe Ruth and Winnie-the-Pooh. His opener is a terrific piece on why people care so much about sports. Part of the reason is because of sportswriters like Deford. Once again, his words make sports come alive.

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "Me Before You: A Novel" by Jojo Moyes (Penguin, \$16).
2. "The Sympathizer: A Novel" by Viet Thanh Nguyen (Grove, \$16).
3. "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney (Ecco, \$26.99).
4. "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante (Europa Editions, \$17).
5. "Girl Waits with Gun" by Amy Stewart (Mariner, \$14.95).



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NEW IN PAPERBACK



Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy

By Judd Apatow, Random House, 559 pages, \$18
Apatow, the filmmaker behind "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up," interviews some of comedy's biggest names from the past 30 years in this collection. Interviewees include Steve Martin, Jerry Seinfeld, Mel Brooks, Roseanne Barr, Lena Dunham, Chris Rock and more.



Mortal Fall: A Novel of Suspense

By Christine Carbo, Atria, 403 pages, \$16
Whispers of suicide consume locals after wildlife biologist Paul "Wolfie" Sedgewick dies after falling off a cliff in Glacier National Park. Officer Monty Harris suspects otherwise and finds Wolfie's studies of Glacier's wolverine population may have a disturbing connection with the same rehabilitation center for troubled teens that Monty's older brother once attended.



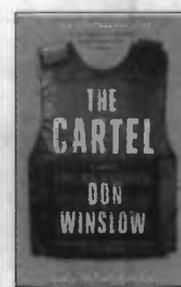
Storm of Steel

By Ernst Junger, translated by Michael Hofmann, Penguin Classics, 289 pages, \$18
Junger's classic World War I memoir, originally published in 1920 in a small quantity meant for veterans, looks at the Great War from the perspective of a German soldier on the Western Front, including fighting at the bloody Battle of the Somme, which will mark its 100th anniversary on July 1.



Black-Eyed Susans: A Novel of Suspense

By Julia Heaberlin, Ballantine, 355 pages, \$16
When she was 16, Tessa Cartwright was the sole survivor of a deadly attack in a field filled with black-eyed susans. Her testimony put a man on death row, but 20 years later, Tessa discovers freshly planted black-eyed susans beneath her bedroom window, causing her to wonder if an innocent man has been sent to die.



The Cartel: A Novel

By Don Winslow, Vintage Crime/Black Lizard, 623 pages, \$16.95
Adán Barrera, the former kingpin of drug cartel El Federación, sits in a California federal prison while the man who put him behind bars, ex-DEA agent Art Keller, lost everything during their 30-year feud. When Barrera escapes and puts a \$2 million bounty on Keller's head, the two are drawn into a battle that reaches new heights.

— Jeremy Mikula



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Fit To Be Tied: We think knot

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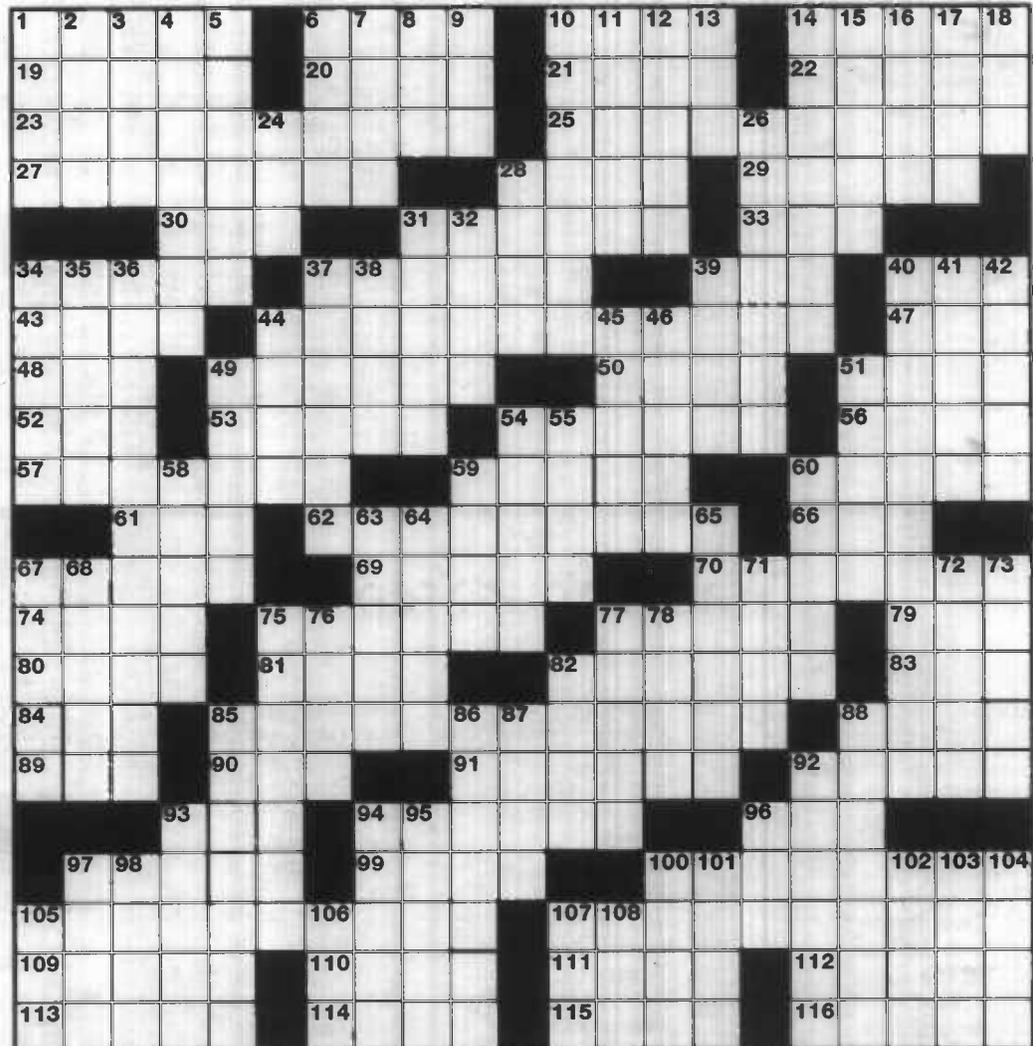
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91 Provoke
92 Reduced in number
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94 Across the sea
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Quote-Acrostic

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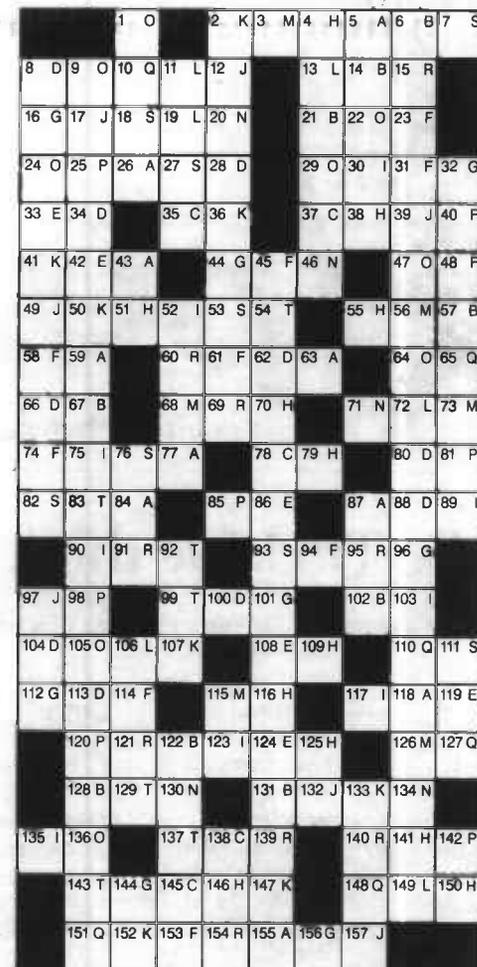
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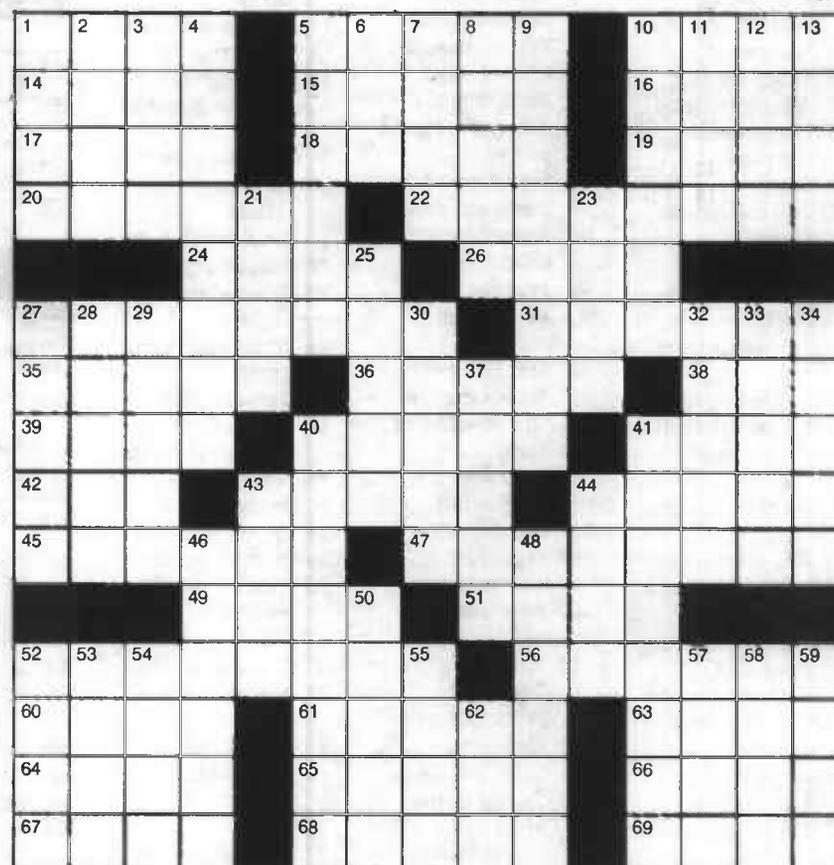
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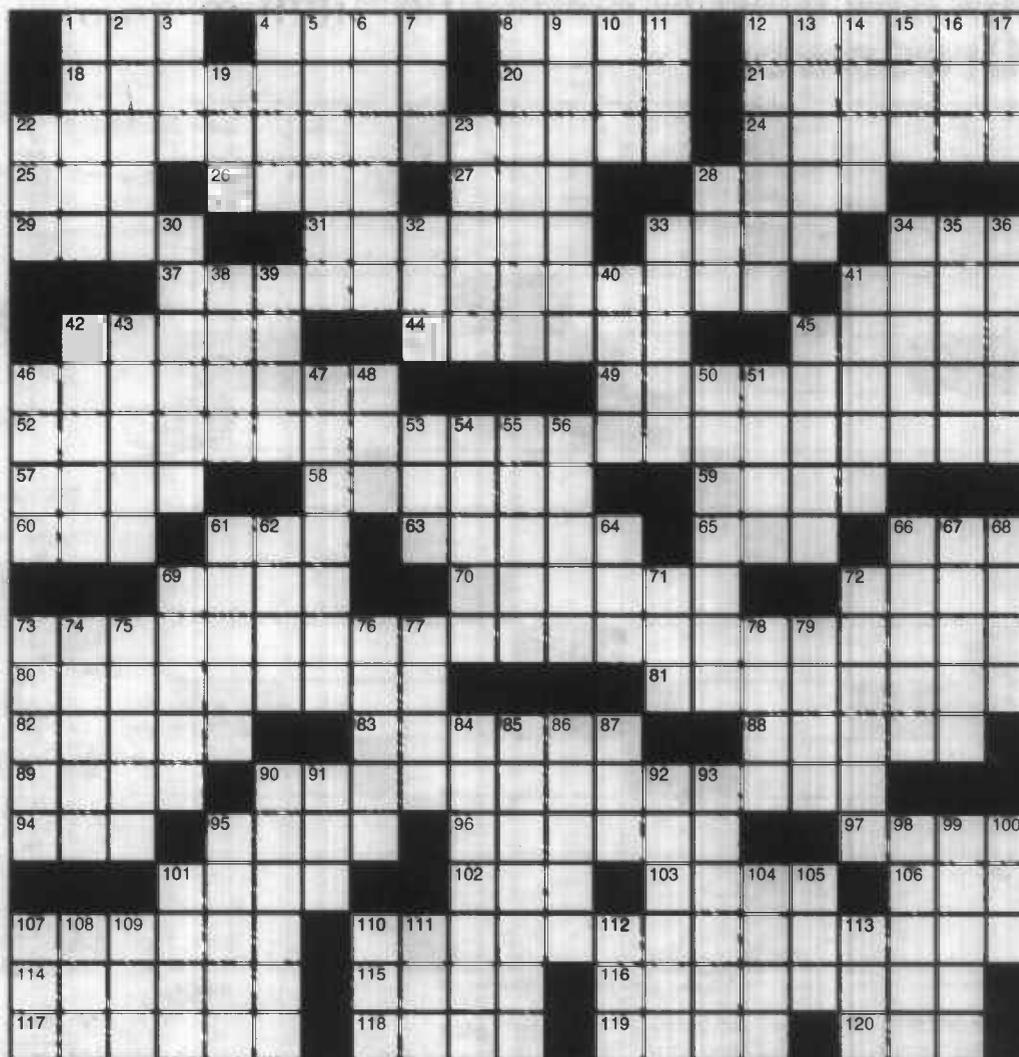
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18 1986 Gene Hackman film
20 Paths for three-pointers
21 "The Truth About Cats & Dogs" genre
22 Without 3-Down, artful deception
24 Gone
25 Usher's creator
26 Actress Hatcher
27 Left end?
28 "The X-Files" extras
29 Shallow crossing point
31 Dress
33 Cocktail hour array
34 Prefix meaning "bee"
37 Without 32-Down, stinging insects
41 Bit of public relations deception
42 Discussion group
44 Ran quickly
45 Others, on the Orinoco
46 Revealing, as some gowns
49 Name again
52 Without 30-Down, separate matter altogether
57 Maker of ProX skin products
58 Where balls are often caught
59 Catch but good
60 Engine part
61 "The Waste Land" monogram
63 The King
65 "Errare humanum"
66 Poll no.
69 Ratted
70 Trickery
72 Field of study
73 Without 76-Down, arrive where one must decide between options
80 Original model
81 It counts
82 Gave a darn
83 Lazy
88 Repeated phrase in Ecclesiastes
89 Latin wings
90 Without 90-Down, be evasive
94 U.K. award

- 95 Vulnerable bone for a catcher
96 Uncommon
97 Poet Silverstein
101 Valhalla VIP
102 Cholesterol initials
103 "Momo" author Michael
106 Winner's medalla
107 Unlike golf, as a rule
110 Without 100-Down, classic children's novel
114 Absolute ruler
115 Native Rwandan
116 Religious dissensions
117 Little hooters
118 Blood type, briefly
119 Giant great
120 Poem originally performed with music

Down

- 1 Stubby-legged Capp critter
2 Beau
3 Driving hazard
4 Theater
5 "The Birds" actress
6 Strong—
7 Telepathy, e.g.
8 Popular chocolate treat
9 Defend from attack
10 Spanning: Abbr.
11 Biblical beast
12 One-ups
13 Takes to the cleaners ... or cleans
14 "Right on!"
15 Readout using polarized light, briefly
16 Chit
17 Band aid
19 Rested, in a way
22 Sunscreen letters
23 Spanish wine region
28 "Scram!"
30 Critter orchestrally imitated in Grofé's "Grand Canyon Suite"
32 — alert
33 Pfeiffer of TV's "Cybill"
34 Patriots' Day month
35 Bench site
36 Orch. component
38 Move, to a Realtor
39 Hebrew leader?
40 LPGA star Cristie

- 41 Happy hour seat
42 Zahn of TV news
43 "That shut her up like —": Tennessee Williams
45 Footnote abbr.
46 Bowl game star, briefly
47 Like some service
48 Reagan prog.
50 Actress Bening
51 Fund-raising gps.
53 Chemical suffix
54 Three-time Masters winner
55 Half a sawbuck
56 Former NBA center Dampier
61 Schleppe
62 Place for a coin
64 Tre + tre
66 Preface
67 Break off
68 Small amounts
69 Little laugh
71 Setting for Dickens
72 — Army: links group
73 Tree with pods
74 GUM rival
75 Hal of the 1985 World Champion Kansas City Royals
76 Aid in a stirring experience
77 Czech hockey player Nedved
78 Lukas of "Witness"
79 Disbelieving accusation
84 Words said while stretching, maybe
85 Non-Rx med
86 Formal will
87 Always, in verse
90 Golfer's garb
91 White wine aperitif
92 Summer cooler
93 Halter?
95 Photograph
98 Stroked into the cup
99 Uneven, as a leaf's edge
100 Shipboard account
101 Drink too much
104 Odd couple?
105 Letter with curves
107 Altar avowal
108 Green
109 Internet access letters
110 Comic Margaret
111 Follower of Attila
112 Omega, to a physicist
113 Many a Wikipedia article

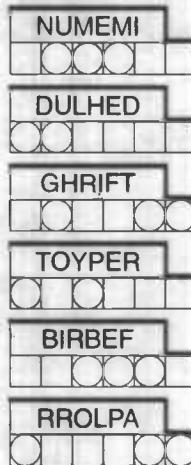


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Jumble

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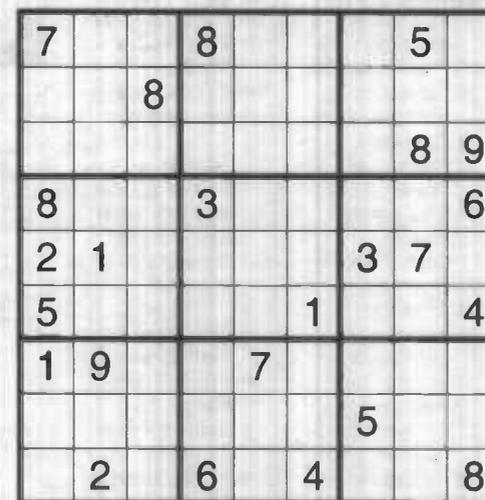
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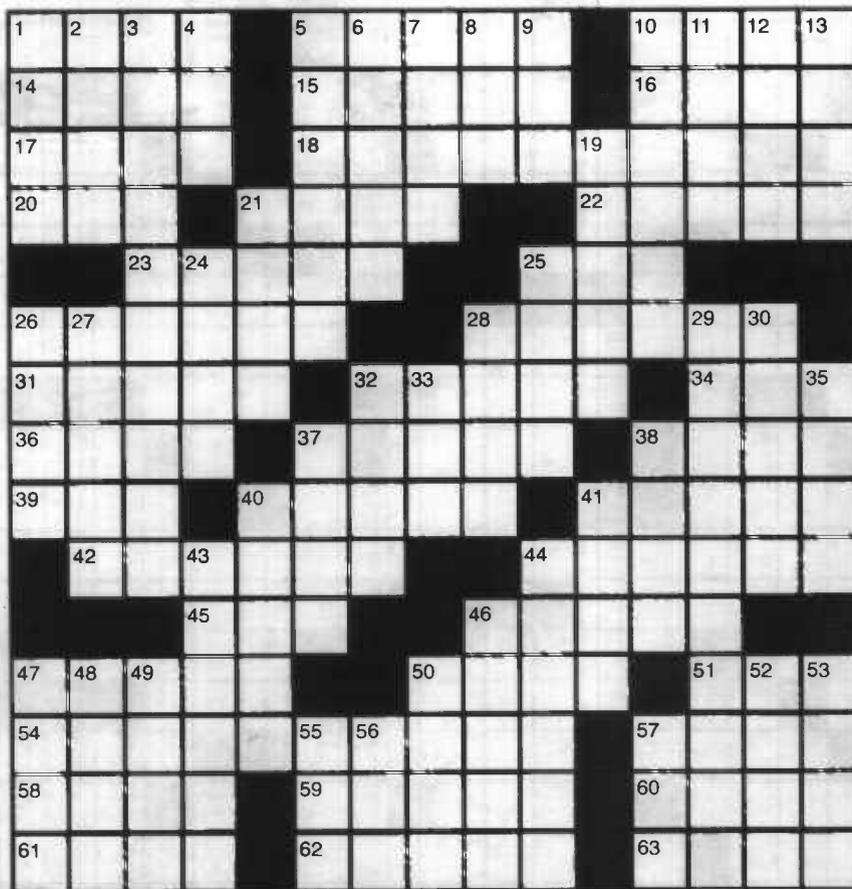
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Attila's men
5 Word in many bowling alley names
10 Sunrise direction
14 Bewildered
15 Wipe away
16 "Rhapsody in ___"; Gershwin composition
17 Hand-___; not stitched with a machine
18 Peas & carrots
20 Electronically sent file format
21 Canisters
22 Composer Franz ___
23 Vital artery
25 Brooch
26 Comedian Tim
28 Scanty
31 Egged on
32 Borscht ingredients
34 Actor Kilmer
36 Shiny on top
37 Child's plastic building bricks
38 Relinquish
39 Gobbled up
40 Bereaved wife
41 "Ave ___"
42 Cibirian and Van Halen

DOWN

- 44 Deep valley
45 Taxing agcy.
46 Piece of tough fibrous tissue
47 Trap
50 Melody
51 ...FDR, ___, DDE, JFK...
54 Far-reaching
57 Lunch spot
58 Current letters
59 Lift with effort
60 Press clothing
61 TV's "Father Knows ___"
62 Couch potato
63 Money owed

Solutions

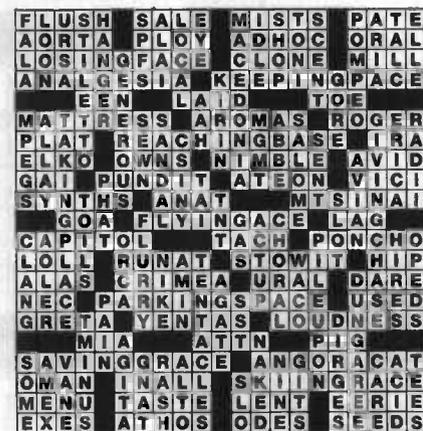


- 19 Assumed name
21 Paper fastener
24 Was in the red
25 Animals in the house
26 Castro's land
27 Give a speech
28 Cat's comment
29 In all places
30 News source, for many
32 Cribs and cots
33 Self-esteem
35 Thin; slender
37 Fibs
38 Walking stick
40 Metal threads
41 Lion's neck hair
43 Not roundabout
44 Coal fragment
46 Debonair
47 Q-tip, for one
48 Pleasant
49 Inserts
50 Greenish-blue
52 Messy person
53 Color slightly
55 ___ Beta Kappa
56 Blushing
57 ___ without; abstained from



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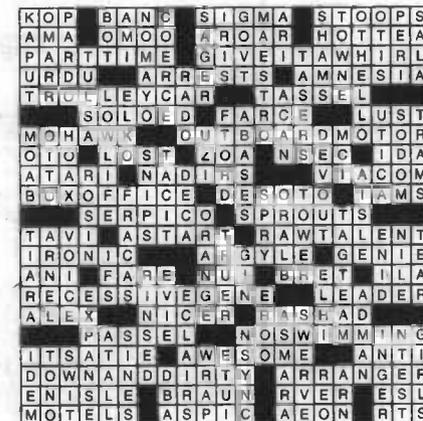
"Theme of Variations"



"Proliferating 'P's'"



"Pool Party"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

BARBARA BUSH: POTENTIALS:
If human beings are perceived as potentials rather than problems, as possessing strengths instead of weaknesses, as unlimited rather than dull and slow, then they thrive and grow to their capabilities.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

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HUDDLE POETRY PARLOR
He liked driving cars with his sister at the amusement park where traffic was —

"BUMP-HER" TO
"BUMP-HER".



The friendly skies can get pretty friendly

The mile-high club is apparently alive and well. That's one of the things I learned while talking with two flight attendants on my flight home over Memorial Day weekend.

In the back of the plane at 35,000 feet (with turbulence that made it a little difficult to type, I might add), I sat down with attendants Joel and Sean, who told me about the love and other romantic behavior they see in the friendly skies.

"This is the kind of job where you think you've seen it all, and then you see something new that shocks you," said Sean, who has been on the job for two years.

From newlyweds to grumpy, married couples to strangers that connect and end up dating, airline travel definitely has its share of drama and romance, which doesn't surprise me.

A few years ago, I met a man at O'Hare while waiting to board a flight to Florida. We were both going to visit our parents, and talked until we boarded the plane and took our seats. We then talked as we got off the plane, walked to baggage claim and got our bags.

Three days later, as I waited at a Florida gate to go home, guess who showed up? The same guy. We tried to get seats together, but the plane was full. However, when the drink cart stopped at my seat, the flight attendant let me know that "the man in 17F" would like to buy me a drink. I was tickled, and everyone around me was smiling and saying, "Aww ..." I never dated the guy, but kept in touch with him for quite awhile.

There are probably millions of stories like mine happening on planes every day. Think about it. You've got as many as 150 people or so cramped together with nothing but time and no cellphones allowed. Yes, there are options for occupying your time - a Kindle, the airline magazine, the newspaper, your laptop, a movie, but the right situation and timing, along with a mutual attraction, can lead to a nice conversation, sparks and maybe even love.

"I have seen people connecting and appear to be hitting it off, but you never really know if it's one-sided, and if maybe one of the passengers doesn't really want



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

"I have seen people connecting and appear to be hitting it off, but you never really know if it's one-sided."

— Joel, flight attendant

to be talking," Joel said.

According to the guys, it is the late-night and international flights when things start to get cozy.

"We offer blankets in first class, and sometimes I suspect something is going on underneath them," Joel said.

"On larger jets and longer flights, there are less flight attendants around and if it's late at night, that's when people try for the mile-high club," Sean said. "I think it's the thrill of possibly getting caught. Being sneaky is sexy, or maybe it's because then they can tell people they did it."

But as romantic as air travel can be, Joel said it can also cause a tiff.

"Airports are very stressful, and we often see couples get on the plane and you can tell they have been in a fight," he said. "They tend to take it out on the other passengers, and then you have to figure out how to calm them down. I've actually reseated couples and made them sit apart."

I probably fly once every couple months, and maybe it's because I'm an outgoing person, but almost every time I'm on a flight, I end up talking to the person seated next to me. I've met some of the most interesting people on flights, and have laughed, talked business, flirted, counseled and listened to unforgettable stories.

I find people tend to be more daring and open in what they'll share on a plane, maybe because they figure you don't know their name and they're never going to see you after this flight.

If you think about it, besides an airplane, where else do you really go where you can't leave, you can't get up and move, and you can't use your phone to escape a man or woman conversing with you? So, you're sort of forced to give someone a chance.

People always tell me they have a hard time meeting single people. My advice: those TSA lines might take hours, but they might be worth it. A traveler seated in 21C could end up being the man or woman of your dreams!

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.

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Danielle Moore, 10, and Zuzu Knox, 10, during a Winter Yoga class at Sheridan Elementary School in Lake Forest in February.

Yoga for children can improve both physical, mental health



DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF
Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: My 8-year-old daughter has expressed an interest in taking a yoga class, but I don't want to waste my money. Can children really benefit from yoga?

Dear Reader: Yes, they can. I spoke to Dr. Marlynn Wei, who is a psychiatrist, certified yoga teacher, and author of the upcoming Harvard Medical School Guide to Yoga. She noted that yoga and mindfulness (a related practice) have been shown to improve both physical and mental health in children.

To start with, yoga improves balance, strength, endurance and aerobic capacity in children. A growing body of research has shown that yoga can also improve focus, memory, self-esteem, academic performance and classroom behavior. It can even reduce anxiety and stress in children.

Emerging research studies suggest that yoga

can help children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. It may do so by improving the core characteristics of ADHD: inattentiveness, hyperactivity and impulsivity. It can also boost school performance in children with ADHD.

A growing number of schools now integrate yoga and mindfulness into physical education programs or classroom curricula.

Here are some yoga exercises for kids. You can try these at home with your daughter before signing her up for a class:

Simple yoga breath

1. Take in a deep breath and hold it for a count of three.

2. Breathe out forcefully, as if you're blowing out a candle.

3. Repeat this for five cycles of breath.

Flying bird breathe

1. Stand tall, with arms at your sides and feet hip-width apart, facing forward.

2. Imagine being a beautiful, strong bird.

3. Pretend to prepare to fly by inhaling and raising your arms ("wings") until your palms touch overhead. Keep your arms straight.

4. Exhale slowly as you bring your arms back

down to your sides, palms facing down.

5. Repeat in a steady motion with each breath: Inhale as you raise your arms, and exhale as you lower your arms.

Your daughter may also enjoy simple meditation. For example, before bedtime, turn off all electronic devices and reflect on the day with her. Pose questions like, "What are you grateful for today?"

Here's another mindfulness meditation exercise:

1. Find a comfortable seated position or lie down.

2. Close your eyes.

3. Try to listen to every single sound in the room.

Not being a pediatrician, my only experience with yoga for children involves a friend. Her son was struggling with self-confidence, and it was affecting how he did in school, academically and socially. Practicing yoga gave him a sense of self-control that my friend is sure turned him into a popular and gifted student.

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

Control that athlete's foot fungus to save your shoes

By Joe Graedon
and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have contracted athlete's foot for the first time in my life. I probably picked it up at my yoga class. I am treating it, but my question concerns my shoes. Is there a way to kill the fungus in them so I don't reinfect my feet? I wear Birkenstocks mostly, and I don't want to have to dump them all. Will time in the sun possibly kill the fungus, or should I spray bleach inside them?

A: Leaving shoes to air-dry in the sun is a good first step to killing the fungus. Some people spray the insides with Lysol, rubbing alcohol or another disinfectant to kill the fungus. Try sprinkling a foot powder containing cornstarch and zinc oxide in your socks or shoes to control athlete's foot. It's also smart to switch shoes so you don't wear the same pair two days in a row.

Q: Over the past 30 years, I have taken Benadryl twice. Both times it caused me memory loss as a side effect.

I had to look up phone numbers that I dialed daily. I wasn't even sure what year it was. Thankfully, the problem only lasted for 24 hours.

A: Diphenhydramine (DPH), the active ingredient in the antihistamine Benadryl, is very sedating. Studies have shown that it can impair the ability to drive safely (Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, March 2004). It also may affect memory and concentration (Journal of Psychopharmacology, July 2006).

A new study in JAMA Neurology (online, April 18, 2016) reports that taking



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A foot powder containing cornstarch and zinc oxide can be used to control athlete's foot.

anticholinergic drugs like DPH is "associated with increased brain atrophy and dysfunction and clinical decline." Such medications interfere with the action of an essential brain chemical called acetylcholine. There is growing concern that they could increase the risk for cognitive decline and dementia in older people.

There are dozens of drugs with anticholinergic activity, including most of the over-the-counter "PM" pain relievers. Some medications for allergy, depression, diarrhea, motion sickness, heart problems and overactive bladder also may affect the brain.

Because you are so susceptible to brain fog from DPH, we are sending you our "Guide to Drugs and Older People" with a list of many other medications that could raise the risk for dementia. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (68 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedon's People's Pharmacy, No. O-85, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website:

www.peoplespharmacy.com

.com.

Q: I read your column spotlighting the danger of suicide due to antidepressants. Just as insidious, but far less publicized, is an apparent increase in the risk of homicidal behavior by those using or withdrawing from SSRIs. Please write about this as well.

A: Researchers in Sweden reported that people between ages 15 and 24 who were taking SSRI-type antidepressant drugs appeared more likely to resort to violence (PLOS Medicine, Sept. 15, 2015). After reviewing police records, they found an association between SSRI prescriptions and convictions for assault, homicide, rape or arson.

This finding remains highly controversial. Nonetheless, the Food and Drug Administration does warn that people taking antidepressants should be monitored for unusual behavior, which might include hostility, aggressiveness and impulsivity.

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

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Big seeds: Living large in vegetable garden

By Debbie Arrington
The Sacramento Bee

George Ball knows what gets gardeners' pulses racing.

When it comes to envisioning summer's garden, bigger sells better, said Ball, president of Pennsylvania-based seed catalog giant W. Atlee Burpee & Co. Want a tomato larger than a softball? An eggplant that can feed a family of four? An ear of corn that's hard to wrap your teeth around? That's what Ball is talking about.

"People love big," he said. "But they also want the real thing. They want real taste. We breed all our vegetables the old-fashioned way because that's what people want."

"Gardening is an active hobby," Ball added. "People don't want anemic heirlooms without yield that are susceptible to disease. We've seen a return to an old-fashioned approach to gardening. No. 1, people want results from all their work."

In its 2016 catalog, Burpee aims to please, with more than 100 introductions aimed at the backyard farmer.

Burpee's overall best-seller lives up to its big billing: SteakHouse tomato. This recent hybrid yields tomatoes that average 2 to 3 pounds each.

"It's not only impressive looking, it's incredibly delicious," Ball said. "When you slice into it, it's like carving prime rib — all pure flesh."

Ball is particularly excited over two introductions: Meatball eggplant and Jaws yellow corn.

"Meatball eggplant has a truly revolutionary quality," Ball said. "I know it sounds like a bit of a joke, but this eggplant is a real game changer. It's the whole concept of meat substitutes. No other eggplant can do what Meatball can

do. It has the versatility, the density and tremendous flavor to be turned into cutlets, meatloaf and, of course, meatballs. It's a meal-maker.

"We saw this thing coming along about 10 years ago, emerging in our test fields, but the timing wasn't quite right (for introduction). Now with more interest in meat substitutes, this eggplant is amazing."

More stunning is Jaws, Burpee's first 12-inch sweet corn. Supply of this seed is limited, so it's available only at www.burpee.com.

"It's unbelievable," Ball said. "It's the most exciting introduction I've ever done in 25 years."

A naturally occurring variation, Jaws is gigantic. It's as big around — more than 7 inches — as most ears are long.

"When you bite into it," Ball said, "you've got to double clutch your teeth, take a double bite to get through it."

"When I first saw it, it was freaky, really unbelievable looking. We scraped fresh picked ears and found it yielded about three times as many kernels as a normal ear."

Typically, corn yields a half cup of kernels per ear; Jaws yields 1½ cups.

"People want more yield, and varieties like Jaws will be at the forefront of that," Ball said. "You get more corn in the same space."

The plants grow "extraordinarily tall, 6 or 7 feet," he noted. "The corn is beautiful, golden, with good corn flavor. It's not supersweet, but tastes corny without being chewy."

Another best-selling corn variety was recently introduced: On Deck, the first full-size corn meant to grow in containers. That reflects another trend: Gardeners want big veggies in less space.

"They want more value,"



CHRISTA NEU/SACRAMENTO BEE

Meatball eggplant, touted as a meat substitute, could revolutionize the way gardeners think about the vegetable, says Burpee President George Ball.

he said. "They want things that are beautiful with vivid color and a lot of yield. They want a lot."

Despite all the experimentation, Ball said he keeps in mind that gardeners tend to stick to the basics. They grow what they like to eat, in particular peas, carrots, onions and lots of parsley.

"Behind SteakHouse, our No. 2 seller is Italian parsley," he said. "Everybody seems to add it to their order. Once you grow fresh parsley, you'll never buy it at the supermarket again."



CHRISTA NEU/SACRAMENTO BEE

SteakHouse tomatoes, which average 2 to 3 pounds each, are the overall best-sellers for seed catalog giant Burpee.



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Burpee's Jaws sweet corn measures 12 inches long.

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THEATER

James Downing Theatre doubles down on summer productions

BY MYRNA PETLIČKI
Pioneer Press

Two guys are in the dark — one figuratively and one literally — in the James Downing Theatre's production of "The Actors Nightmare" by Christopher Durang and "Black Comedy" by Peter Shaffer.

George Spelvin is an accountant whose "Nightmare" is that he is mistaken for an understudy and forced to perform in a play for which he doesn't know the lines.

Eric Wang, who plays George, understands what that hapless man is going through. "I would describe him as very much like myself," Wang admitted. He noted that George is placed in situations where he wonders, "What am I doing here? How did I get here?"

The Schaumburg police officer indicated he knows that feeling because, "I serve on a regional SWAT team and I'm a negotiator," he said. Recently he has been asked to do things that aren't technically part of his job and when he questioned why, he was told, "Somebody said you're good with this."

That's kind of what happens to George, with people telling him, "Hey, you've got to get on stage. You have to do this," Wang said. The actor noted that responding to the changing expectations people have for George is one of the most enjoyable aspects of the role.

In "Black Comedy," Brindsley Miller is a young sculptor who borrows furniture from a vacationing neighbor without permission to impress a wealthy art collector. Complications set in when there's a power outage. The conceit of the play is that it starts in darkness and the stage is lit during the black-



JAMES DOWNING THEATRE

Emily Lue and Eric Wang in James Downing Theatre's production of "The Actor's Nightmare."

'The Actor's Nightmare' and 'Black Comedy'

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Where: James Downing Theatre, Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Olliphant, Chicago

Tickets: \$20; \$15 students and seniors

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out.

"He is a lost soul," said actor Robert Ibanez, who plays Brindsley. "He doesn't have any real direction with his work or in his personal life. He's living in the moment."

Ibanez indicated that pretending he is in the dark is an acting challenge. "Normally as a scene partner, you want to make eye contact and make physical contact with the other people you're working with," he said. "We specifically have to not do that in this show." The actors have to look in the wrong direc-

tion or grab the wrong person.

"The entire rehearsal process has become a beautiful dance," Ibanez declared.

Orchestrating these two zany one-act comedies is director Rhys Read.

Read said that he likes "the surreal aspect" of "The Actors Nightmare" and also relates to George because he's a CPA.

He added, "It's a common theme for actors — that fear that you have to go on and you can't remember any of your lines. It's certainly one I've had."

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VILLAGE OF NILES

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bike Niles Fest highlights safe riding and family fun

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

A number of fun activities are planned for Bike Niles Fest, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 11 at Notre Dame College Prep, 7655 Dempster St., but it has a serious purpose.

"The real focus of this is bike safety awareness, to try to get people to wear their bike helmets and wear bright colors so people can see you," said Carl Maniscalco, director of the Village of Niles' Family Fitness Center.

Vendors who sell bike-related products will be on-hand. Activities will include a bouncy house, Safety Town, bike rodeo, balloon-twister and two shows by the Division Stunt Team BMX.

"There will also be a bike ride through Niles on our bike route with the Mayor of Niles," Maniscalco said. He noted that it will be a leisurely ride of about six miles through the Robert Amling Memorial Bike Route with Mayor Andrew Przybylo. Maniscalco jokingly added, "We're not

going to try to break any world records that day."

For details, call 847-588-8400 or visit www.vniles.com.

Prize performance

Movies are the focus of the Devonshire Dance Recitals, 1 and 4 p.m. June 12 at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Dance students will perform to numbers inspired by the theme, "At the Oscars." Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door.

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

Cast away

Introduce your children to a new hobby at the Kids' Fishing Clinic, June 11 at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. There will be sessions for ages 2-5 from 1-2 p.m. and for ages 6-15 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. They will learn to cast and bait the hook. Parents must accompany kids ages 7 and under. The cost is \$6 for residents;

\$12 for nonresidents.

For details, call 847-692-3570 or go to www.prparks.org.

What a workout!

Kids will be dancing, singing and doing finger-play as they learn tonal and rhythm patterns during Vocal Gymnasium with Wendy Morgan, 10:30-11 a.m. June 16 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. The interactive program is for ages 5-6.

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

Garden variety

Take advantage of the warm weather at a Summer Storytime in Madeleine's Garden, 10-10:30 a.m. June 16, at Proesel Park, Morse and Lincoln Aves., Lincolnwood. There will be stories and related activities for ages birth-5 with a caregiver at this drop-in event.

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

MAINE TOWNSHIP SUPPORTS HONOR FLIGHT



MAINE TOWNSHIP

Robert Provenzano, Highway Commissioner and Army veteran, from left, Mark Weller, a volunteer from Honor Flight Chicago and senior paramedic with the Addison Fire Dept., and Gary K. Warner, Township Clerk and Army veteran were on hand when Maine Township presented a check for \$1000 to Honor Flight Chicago on May 24. The funds were dedicated from fees collected by the Clerk's office for processing passports. The Honor Flight program takes World War II veterans at no charge to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., for a full day of celebrating their service. Recently, the program has started taking Korean War veterans to see their memorial in Washington, D.C., as well. The township has provided funds to the Honor Flight since May 2011 for a total of \$6000.

NILES WEST RACING TEAM HEADS TO DIV. 3 FINALS



NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

The Niles West Racing Team took two second-place finishes at Byron Dragway in the High School Drag Racing Division on May 7. Javier Pando drove his Honda to a second-place finish in the first bracket of racing while Matt Danielak drove the club's 1968 Pontiac Catalina to a second-place finish for the second bracket. Danielak was the overall points winner and took first place for the High School Division this season. He qualified the Niles West Racing Team to go to the Division 3 High School Finals this September at the Lucas Oil Raceway in Indianapolis. Niles West Automotive Technology Instructor Timothy Richmond is the team's sponsor.

VETERAN RECEIVES MEDALS 71 YEARS AFTER WWII ENDS

A World War Two Army Air Corps veteran, Skokie resident Cantor David Brandhandler, age 102, received the medals he earned during the war, which ended 71 years ago. The medals were presented on May 19 by Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, (D-Evanston). Brandhandler ended his service, Dec. 23, 1945, as a lieutenant. At the time, soldiers had to wait for medals due to a shortage of metal to create them. Brandhandler chose to go home rather than wait. Jeff Sacks, Past Department Commander, Jewish War Veterans of Illinois, who attends Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation with Brandhandler, arranged with Schakowsky to have the medals delivered.



ELM ENTERPRISES/ EZRA-HABONIM, NILES TOWNSHIP CONGREGATION

MAINESTREAMERS HOST 90-PLUS BIRTHDAY PARTY



MAINE TOWNSHIP

Among the 15th Annual 90-Plus Birthday Celebration guests were, from left, seated: Albert and Angela Cassettari of Niles, both 99 and married 76 years, Mary Bialka, 99, of Niles and Jean Lusco, 101, of Des Plaines. In back, from left, are Assessor Susan Moylan Krey, Clerk Gary K. Warner, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, and Trustee Wally Kazmierczak of Maine Township. Friends and family members joined 125 participants at the May 25 event hosted by Maine Township's MaineStreamers senior division at the Chateau Ritz in Niles. Children from A Mother's Touch Kindergarten Class from Des Plaines provided entertainment. Each participant received a flower upon arrival and had his/her photo taken with Supervisor Teschky. Participants enjoyed lunch, then birthday cake and ice cream. Summit of Uptown in Park Ridge sponsored the flowers and cake. The oldest participants were 102 and 101 years old. There were also three who were 100. More information on MaineStreamers can be found at mainetownship.com/services/mainestreamers.

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A PERFECT "10"!!

Morton Grove... New Listing! Custom Designed Total Rehab in 2001 with the finest materials! Gourmet oak cabinet kitchen with ceramic floor. Solid oak doors throughout + refinished hardwood floors. All newer windows, electric circuit breakers & tear-off roof. Super family room/bedroom with built-ins. Ceramic master & hall baths are designer perfect. Large professionally landscaped lot is a Gardener's Delight! Huge Garage is 31' x 15'/totally insulated & newer windows. Absolutely Gorgeous & A Must See! Great Location!!..... **\$279,000**



IMPECCABLE "MORTONAIRE" SPLIT!

Morton Grove... Just Listed! Stunning updated 5 BR - 3 bath Split-level on extra large lot! Huge kitchen with Quartz counters, breakfast bar, 2 skylights, newer appliances & large eating area seats 8 with sliding doors to stone patio & landscaped yard. Updated C.T. bath with Quartz counters. Lovely dining room with custom mirrored cabinets. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room & 4 upper BRS. 26' family rm with newer floor. Bedroom with shared deluxe master bath & Jacuzzi. New concrete walkways & driveway. 2 1/2 car attached garage. Near park/pool!!..... **\$469,900**



SUPERB VALUE AND LOCATION!

Skokie... New on the Market! Sensational & quality built 8 rm Tri-Level in sought after School District 73.5. Like New & "move in condition" - Recent updates include: baths, all windows, electric panel, all new paint/decorating throughout. 21' Main floor Family Rm w/fireplace, skylights & sliding glass doors to deck/yard. 4th BR on lower level (could be office/in-law suite or rec room). Oak floors. New flood control system. Additional expandable attic space off master BR has potential for sitting room, studio, office, etc. Oversized 2.5 garage (24' X20') **\$339,000**



NOTHING ELSE COMPARES TO THIS!

Morton Grove... Brand New Listing! Utopia! Showplace Perfect! Home of noted Decorator/Designer. Exquisite; nothing left to do but, just, "Move in". Like new 10 room multilevel masterpiece exuding love, warmth & charm. New windows throughout-2015; New sliding glass door-2013; New furnace & AC-2013; New architectural style roof shingles-2003; New battery back up systems-2010. Marble kitchen, 5 BRS-3 full updated baths, 27' family rm w/fireplace, 5th BR (could be office or in-law suite) on same level, finished sub-bsmt & laundry rm. Attached garage **\$549,000**

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
1226 S New Wilke Rd, # 408, Arlington Heights	Ginka Pencheva & Alexander B Pencheva	John Milne	04-28-16	\$120,000
1649 N Belmont Ct, Arlington Heights	Patrick Hill	Phyllis Struck	05-05-16	\$204,000
5 N Rammer Ave, Arlington Heights	Adam F Campbell & Mara B Campbell	Kazuhiro Yoshitomi	04-26-16	\$300,000
126 S Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights	Alexander Daboub & Julie Daboub	Michael Couvreur	05-05-16	\$365,000
4040 N Highland Ave, Arlington Heights	Bryan S Simon & Michelle G Simon	Versten Trust	05-04-16	\$450,000
2029 N Flower Clr, Arlington Heights	Geoffrey Fourman & Lisa Fourman	Stuart R Ruffin	04-28-16	\$483,000
922 S Roosevelt Ave, Arlington Heights	Michael Maycan	Amgrim Properties Llc	05-05-16	\$660,000
700 Weidner Rd, # 204, Buffalo Grove	Juan M Alvarado & Martilde Rdriguez	Beverly J Johnson	05-06-16	\$130,000
293 E Fabish Dr, Buffalo Grove	Narendra M Brahmabhatt & Meena N Brahmabhatt	Megan J Manning	04-21-16	\$192,000
3 Amherst Ct, Buffalo Grove	Malla Lainez & Gilbert Lainez	Rosenberg Trust	04-19-16	\$339,000
2904 Scottish Pine Ct, Buffalo Grove	Hai Jlang & Xiaoyan Ruan	Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee	04-21-16	\$411,000
750 Heatherdown Way, Buffalo Grove	Jingnan Zhu & Jinyan Zhang	Michael Latulippe	04-19-16	\$415,000
2960 Roslyn Ln E, Buffalo Grove	Thomas Brennan & Jaime Brennan	Byron K Wells	04-21-16	\$498,000
9440 Bay Colony Dr, # 3W, Des Plaines	Sawsen Kubba	Us Bank Na Trustee	04-22-16	\$89,000
1200 Greenridge Ave, Des Plaines	Valentyna Kravchuk & Volodymyr Kravchuk	Krystyna Piszczek	04-26-16	\$188,000
956 E Grant Dr, Des Plaines	Lai Lung Nuam & Whitney Naum	Donald Riddell	05-03-16	\$198,000
1710 Morse Ave, Des Plaines	Piotr Patla	Susan Garcia	05-06-16	\$216,000
341 Harding Ave, Des Plaines	Thomas E Gustafson	Sean Massa	04-28-16	\$262,500
820 Oakton St, # 1B, Evanston	Alexander Wahl	Lily Pond Llc	04-29-16	\$72,500
711 Austin St, # 301, Evanston	Bella Sainker	Theodore J Bruckbauer	05-05-16	\$135,000
2525 Wellington Ct, # 207, Evanston	Anders Jonsson & Kerstin Jonsson	Charles C Porter	04-29-16	\$158,500
2238 Central St, # 3, Evanston	Brian Crowley	Christine Ruch	05-06-16	\$165,000
1628 Pitner Ave, Evanston	Joshua Yoak & Eydia Yoak	Edgar Garcia Villalobos	04-28-16	\$302,500
807 Davis St, # 612, Evanston	Zrinka Allen	Fernando L Aviljes	05-06-16	\$462,000
1123 Hull Ter, # 1, Evanston	Jacob M T Hart	Ira A Keeshin	05-04-16	\$475,000
3250 Central St, Evanston	James J Jackson & Sally M Mcfall	Patrick J Conroy	04-29-16	\$570,000
747 Michigan Ave, Evanston	Peter Serene & Mary Jean Serene	Romana Hasnain	05-06-16	\$1,000,000
1002 Castilian Ct, # 111, Glenview	Sarah Sih & Selling Hwan Suh	Son K Klm	04-28-16	\$130,000
201 Valcire Ct, Glenview	Tariq M Siddiqui & Gulrukh T Siddiqui	Pnc Bank Na	05-06-16	\$256,000
1823 Cuiver Ln, Glenview	Edwin D Layman & Molly M Layman	Igor David Grunin	04-28-16	\$615,000
2157 Mint Ln, Glenview	Paul J Williams & Nicole D Williams	Yelena Sokolova	05-03-16	\$645,000
1993 Dauntless Dr, Glenview	William Joseph Sullivan & Clare Elizabeth Sullivan	Development Solutions Gln Llc	05-06-16	\$666,500
1400 Kaywood Ln, Glenview	Chia Yang Lu & Debra Schmelzer Lu	Nicholas Karras	04-22-16	\$837,500
1 Thornfield Ln, Hawthorn Woods	Anthony Rampino III & Lora Rampino	Delores J Atkinson	04-19-16	\$385,000
1 Fox Hunt Ct, Hawthorn Woods	Randy Clay	Bank Of America Na	04-19-16	\$390,000
23165 W Lochanora Dr, Hawthorn Woods	Monica S Hong & Andrew K Kim	Steven Cholity	04-21-16	\$495,000
21820 W Pine Lake Clr, Kildeer	James A Griffith & Lor Griffith	Robert E Geist	04-21-16	\$549,000
23297 N Sanctuary Club Dr, Kildeer	Alexander W Bertoldo & Janaina D Bertoldo	Woodleaf At Sanctuary Club Llc	04-19-16	\$844,500
28663 Braeloch Ct, Lake Bluff	Jing N Mak & Yanqin Cui	Nicholas B Burlew	04-19-16	\$483,000
138 E Sheridan Rd, Lake Bluff	Samantha Van Drunen & Matthew Van Drunen	David P Ohmuller	04-19-16	\$715,000
1301 N Western Ave, # 119, Lake Forest	Gabriel Bershadsky	Lake County Sheriff	04-21-16	\$120,000
315 Robinson Dr, Lake Forest	Lori Ann Halvorson	Thorndale Management Inc	04-19-16	\$775,000
23854 N Sunset Dr, Lake Zurich	Eugene Kolotov & Rina Kolotov	Lake County Sheriff	04-21-16	\$126,580
35 Terrace Ln, # D, Lake Zurich	Elisrael Munoz & Cesia Munoz	Tibor Varga	04-19-16	\$184,000
1097 Queen Ann Ln, Lake Zurich	Brian Failla & Roseanne Failla	Lindsey M D Avanzo	04-19-16	\$320,000
573 Green Bay Ct, Lake Zurich	Andrei Pavlov & Olesea Pavlova	John M Oliver	04-19-16	\$338,500
750 Waterford Ct, Lake Zurich	Ell Jacobson & Jamie Jacobson	Custom Development Llc	04-21-16	\$368,000
223 Harding Ave, Libertyville	Robert Rossi	Stacy Hopwood	04-19-16	\$222,000
138 E Sunnyside Ave, Libertyville	William Stramich	Josef Stramich Estate	04-21-16	\$250,000
1026 Tamarack Ln, Libertyville	Zachary Hochstetler & Shayna Hochstetler	Mark G Moroney	04-21-16	\$382,500
1236 Deer Trail Ln, Libertyville	Brian T Samz & Ashley B Samz	David Polloff	04-19-16	\$530,000

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322 Brainerd Ave, Libertyville	Stephen Blomgren & Colleen Blomgren	David A Esper	04-21-16	\$580,000
14615 S Somerset Cir, Libertyville	Ahmed A Othman & Samar A Elkazaz	Lynn M Nichols	04-21-16	\$706,000
7413 Lyons St, Morton Grove	Wojciech Wileczek & Vanessa Vice	Lisa Marie Brandt	05-02-16	\$245,000
9425 Oliphant Ave, Morton Grove	Elliott Dresher	Joann Schalk	05-05-16	\$345,000
9236 Nashville Ave, Morton Grove	Seamus Chambers & Kristin Terry	Michael S Bartholomew	05-06-16	\$437,500
100 S Emerson St, # 306, Mount Prospect	Coillean O Gara	Jody L Marx	05-06-16	\$300,000
907 E Ardyce Ln, Mount Prospect	Xuyen Kim Nguyen & Ngat Xan Nguyen	Daniel Antes	05-06-16	\$420,000
7622 N Odell Ave, Niles	Joshua L Mathis	Maureen Watson	05-06-16	\$239,000
1912 Milton Ave, Northbrook	Paul J Mieheels & Kristin M Mieheels	Alex S Lam	05-02-16	\$340,000
3136 Hemlock Ln, Northbrook	Krzyszto Kraj & Susan J Kraj	Tarek Sultani	05-05-16	\$567,000
2415 Newport Rd, Northbrook	Nathan Sis & Erica Sis	Balvinder S Sareen	04-29-16	\$645,000
950 N Countryside Dr, # 207, Palatine	Tye Harris	Us Bank Na Trustee	05-05-16	\$52,000
1273 N Winslow Dr, # 101, Palatine	Ajay Patel & Pradhant Patel	Aracelly J Perez	05-06-16	\$70,000
410 W Mahogany Ct, # 405, Palatine	Sun O Ostromecki	Tushar Munge	05-06-16	\$143,000
76 W King Henry Ct, Palatine	Zachary L Hibner & Erin M O Keefe	Mary S Felt	05-06-16	\$299,000
908 N Gln Dr, Palatine	Bart J Mack & Jessica M Johnson	Frederick Green	04-26-16	\$310,000
348 N Pondview Dr, Palatine	Wyeth Jordan	Carrie Jean Cohan	04-26-16	\$475,000
78 N Crescent Ave, Palatine	Charles S Ferguson & Abaigeal Ferguson	Michael R Behrensa	04-29-16	\$479,000
1074 N Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge	Dawn M Ruzicka & John E Ruzicka	Richard R Kallstrom	04-28-16	\$385,000
1062 Cove Dr, # 143B, Prospect Heights	Waklyer Metechko	Pnc Bank Na	05-06-16	\$110,000
4 Monterey Dr, Vernon Hills	Justin Keirans & Sarah Elizabeth Keirans	Jason Tomlinson	04-19-16	\$307,500
32 Manchester Ln, Vernon Hills	Hsiangchi Lee & Young Lee	Robert Sherman	04-20-16	\$320,000
993 Creek Bend Dr, Vernon Hills	Xiang Zhao & Jason Yuqiang Jiang	Mark J Putterman	04-19-16	\$725,000
903 Ridgefield Ln, Wheeling	Maria Sterkowicz & Artur Zaczenluk	Robyn Streckert	04-26-16	\$162,000
7 Prestwick Ln, Wheeling	Laurtie Chang	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	04-26-16	\$255,000
351 Mors Ave, Wheeling	Aurel Sram & Valeria Sram	3fcb lll Llc Holdings 4	04-28-16	\$271,000
2138 Elmwood Ave, Wilmette	Michael P Thompson & Debra J Thompson	Martha F Robbins	04-29-16	\$474,500
1207 Frontage Rd, Wilmette	Zabihulla Ah,adi	Steven C Smart	04-29-16	\$680,000
1420 Sheridan Rd, # 5C, Wilmette	Garrett Johnson & Barbara Johnson	Kenneth Tucker	05-06-16	\$1,020,000
930 Taylor Dr, # 103, Gurnee	Nicholas V Perna & Amy J Schutz	Andrew P Mazar	04-21-16	\$87,500
901 Campbell Dr, Gurnee	Patricio Lopez	Kathryn Shaffer	04-19-16	\$118,000
1641 Newgate Ct, Gurnee	Lian Mel Wang	Mary A Glissman Paul	04-20-16	\$215,000
1231 Vista Dr, Gurnee	Nargis Anwar	Fannie Mae	04-20-16	\$261,000
17402 W Westwind Dr, Gurnee	Brian Yuh & Lynda Jeutang Yuh	Anthony B Karlatiras	04-21-16	\$290,000
7418 Inglenook Ln, Gurnee	Brian M Smith & Traci Pugliese Smith	Robert J Beck	04-21-16	\$325,000
36335 N Field View Dr, Gurnee	Steven William Maier & Lori Dawn Maier	John A Krupinski	04-19-16	\$495,000
840 Wellington Ave, # 103, Elk Grove Village	Michelle Lewis	Timothy P Graham	05-08-16	\$100,000
900 Richard Ln, Elk Grove Village	Ewa Kochowska Terin	Grandview Capital Llc	05-02-16	\$138,000
515 Charles Dr, Elk Grove Village	Eric Alrsen & Rosse L Ostland	Jame S C Rojek	04-28-16	\$350,000
7742 W Westwood Dr, Elmwood Park	Michael John Jellnek & Alyssa Marie Jellnek	Trident Development & Const	04-22-16	\$370,000
2813 N 76th Ct, Elmwood Park	Elliot J Reyes	Zahara Investment Inc	04-22-16	\$500,000
7446 Washington St, Forest Park	John P Reynolds	Scout Properties Llc	04-29-16	\$390,000
3120 Ruby St, Franklin Park	Rolando Gonzalez & Carmen Mendoza	Ryan J Peterll	05-06-16	\$190,000
313 S Maple Ave, Oak Park	Anthony J Erangey	Jace J Cuccia	05-06-16	\$460,000
1137 Rossell Ave, Oak Park	Ryan J Crawford & Renee E Wollmuth	Christopher R Wollmuth	05-06-16	\$499,000
1181 S Oak Park Ave, Oak Park	Kevin C Norton & Julia P Norton	Ambrosia Homes Of Illinois Llc	05-02-16	\$595,000
1174 Clinton Ave, Oak Park	Errik Lindberg & Jane Lindberg	William Kapral	05-02-16	\$640,000

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**MUNDELEIN**

Four-bedroom, two-bathroom home built in 1965, recently updated. Family room, carpeted floors, cathedral/vaulted ceilings, fireplace, partial basement and storm windows. Near Metra, library, shopping.

Address: 1150 Lomond Drive

Price: \$254,900

Schools: Mundelein High School

Taxes: \$6,666.53

Agent: Renee Kessel, Century 21 Market Place, Ltd.

**DES PLAINES**

Three-bedroom, 1.5-bathroom brick/stone home built in 1941. Formal living room with fireplace, hardwood floors and screened porch that overlooks yard. One-year home warranty included. Near Metra, library, shopping.

Address: 1598 Ashland Ave.

Price: \$299,999

Schools: Maine East High School

Taxes: \$3,761

Agent: Connie Hoos, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

**PROSPECT HEIGHTS**

Four-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom brick design home built in 2005. Gourmet kitchen, open-concept floor plan, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, hardwood flooring, all on a half-acre lot. Near parks and Metra.

Address: 1201 Alderman Ave.

Price: \$649,999

Schools: Wheeling High School

Taxes: \$12,855

Agent: Maria Del Boccio, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

**HIGHLAND PARK**

Three-bedroom, two-bathroom ranch built in 1960. Vaulted ceiling, eat-in kitchen with maple cabinetry and stainless steel appliances. Private backyard with patio. Near beach, schools, Metra and Ravinia.

Address: 523 Green Bay Road

Price: \$375,000

Schools: Highland Park High School

Taxes: \$7,601

Agent: Marcia Lyman, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Highland Park

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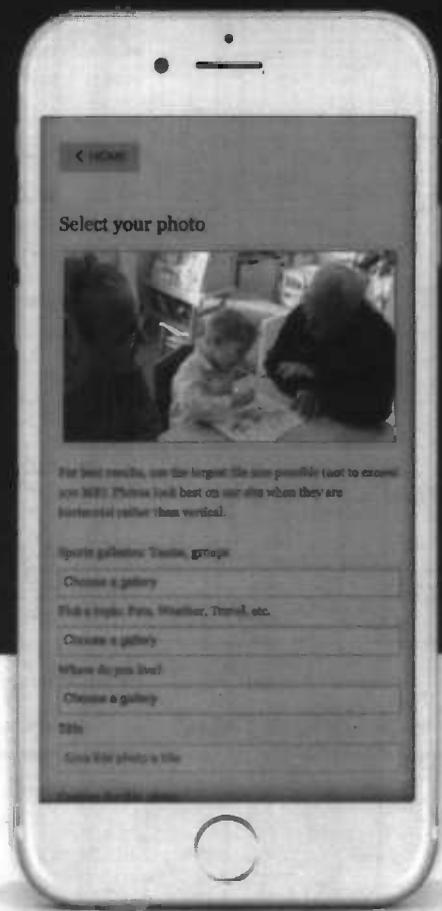


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Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, June 9

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. Once uploaded, the photos are posted online. 10 a.m. All week, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

Coffee Talk Delves Into Des Plaines History: Ever wonder how Des Plaines acquired its name or who first inhabited this city of more than 58,000 people? Come learn some facts and figures about this suburb at the Coffee Talk, "You Will Like Des Plaines." History Center curator Philip Mohr presents an overview of Des Plaines from Native American times to the recent past. 1:30 p.m. Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, \$3 suggested donation, 847-391-5399

Diabetes month by month: Learn how to prevent, manage and take care of your diabetes in order to prevent complications. Every month we will have a different topic; from weight management, stress management to how to read food labels. 5 p.m. Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center, 1285 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, free, 847-666-2346

Grandma Dated Tarzan: Fiction, memory and Imagination: Native Chicagoan Anara Guard will highlight stories that draw upon her memories (real and imagined) from her recent collection, "Remedies for Hunger," which was named one of 2015's Best Books by the Chicago Book Review. 6:30 p.m. Bookends & Beginnings, 1712 Sherman Ave., Evanston, free, 224-999-7722

Society Artwork In Residence Program: The Evanston Art Center launches an inaugural "artwork-in-residence" program, inviting six artists to "move in" to the second floor of the center's project space for 4-week residencies. From June 2016 to March 2017, the Art Center proudly hosts artists: Adriana Kuri Alamillo, Judith Brotman, Joseph Cruz, David Giordano, Kirsten Leenaars and Pedro Valez. Each of the artists chosen by curator Jessica Cochran address the residency theme society during their stay. 9 a.m. All week, Evanston Art Cen-

ter, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

The Arts of Life: Instrument of My Hands art exhibit: The month-long exhibit coincides with the city of Evanston's "Evanston Made" event beginning June 3. A reception with artist talk happens on June 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gallery OTR. 6 p.m. Over The Rainbow Association Gallery, 2040 Brown Ave., Evanston, free, 847-486-0808

"My Fair Lady": Phonetics professor Henry Higgins makes a wager that he can transform Eliza Doolittle, an unrefined, Cockney flower girl, into a lady. The Light Opera Works cast includes Nick Sandys as Professor Henry Higgins and Elizabeth Telford as Eliza Doolittle. 2 p.m. June 9, 8 p.m. June 10 and 11, 2 p.m. June 12, Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston, \$34, 847-920-5360

St. Joan of Arc Carnival and Family Festival: Enjoy rides and games from Windy City Adventure, food from a variety of vendors and fun for the whole family. Individual tickets are for sale throughout the event. The specials offer unlimited rides for \$25 on either Thursday from 4-8 p.m., Saturday from 12-4 p.m., or Sunday 1-5 p.m. The Mega Pass for unlimited rides is \$57 if purchased before June 8 or \$65 after. 4 p.m. June 9 and June 10, Noon June 11 and June 12, St. Joan of Arc School, 9245 Lawndale Ave., Evanston, \$25-\$65

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

Lincolnwood Summer Concert Series: This concert series is a perfect way to enjoy warm summer nights in June and July, featuring live music, free children's activities and bingo with great prizes. The weekly event is located near the big tent in front of the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. 6 p.m. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-9740

Niles Songwriters: Local songwriters meet on the Second Thursday of the month at the library's Lower Level to discuss their craft and play their music. 7 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Wonder Ground Open Lab: Look,

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

Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings: Chicago Fly Fishers Club meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays from October through May. Demonstrations of fly tying are performed by an experienced demonstrator. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

Park Ridge Garden Club to Meet: The Park Ridge Garden Club will present a year in review of club events during the June 9 meeting. Club members will also discuss plans for the upcoming Garden Walk set for June 26. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-0993

Park Ridge Toastmasters Meeting: This is the Park Ridge Toastmasters Bi-Weekly meeting. All are welcome to join for impromptu speaking, prepared speeches, jokes and much more. 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, free, 224-715-5128

Rockin' In the Park 2016: This concert series features the music of classic cover bands. The weekly concerts occur every Thursday from June 2 through Sept. 1 with food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after every show. 7 p.m. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5554

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

Skokie Synagogue Re-Opens Gift Shop: Marcy Feinberg, the chairperson of the Gift Shop, says the store opens to the public with "Beautiful gifts to bring at Passover as well as crystal glassware, books, photo albums, spice boxes and yads, challah covers, challah boards and kiddush cups for Shabbas." 10:30 a.m. All week, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Resumes: Hands-on workshop that provides resume best practices to begin constructing an effective, branded, customizable and focused resume highlighting your unique value. 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, or email andrealevasseur@jvschicago.org. The Career Moves clients pay \$10 per workshop, and non-clients pay \$20 per workshop. 9:30 a.m. Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, \$10-\$20 per workshop, 847-745-5460

The Gospel According to...: 7:30 p.m. June 9, 8 p.m. June 10, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 11, 2:30 p.m. June 12, 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

Friday, June 10

Family Campout at Fischer Farm: Campfire-roasted hotdogs, chips and a beverage for dinner, s'mores and a continental breakfast are provided. Campers need to bring a tent, sleeping gear, lawn chairs, bug spray, flashlight, games, toys, additional snacks/beverages, and personal items. Reserve at the Deer Grove Leisure Center. Rain dates are June 17 and 18. 5 p.m. June 10 and June 11, Fischer Farm, 16W680 Old Grande Ave., Bensenville, \$6 per person; ages 3 and under free, 630-834-3152

"Barefoot In the Park": Neil Simon's Tony Award winning romantic comedy produced by the Guild Theater. 7:30 p.m. June 10 and June 11, 3 p.m. June 12, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-\$25, 847-220-2919

Video Game Night for Ages 13-18: Hang out with your friends and play video games on big screens using the library's game systems and collections. Pizza is generously donated by Viccino's Pizza. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 5 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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Summer Lunch Movies "Air Bud": "Air Bud" is rated PG, and is appropriate for all ages. Noon, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

Nick Lynch and Cowboy Jukebox: 9 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$10

Andrea Bocelli: 8 p.m. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$75-\$375, 847-635-6601

Saturday, June 11

Relay For Life of Des Plaines and Park Ridge: Participate in the American Cancer Society event. Noon, Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines, free, 616-551-4038.

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

Paul Thorn Band: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$40, 847-492-8860

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous meets Saturdays. New-comer meeting on the last Saturday of the month. For information, call Hannah. 9 a.m. Saturday, 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. 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. June 11 and June 12, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

Birdies Bags and Beer: Get a group of friends to come out for a 21-and-older night of fun. Enjoy a round of golf, a game of bags and a round of beers. 5 p.m. Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, \$45, 847-657-1637

Human Foosball at Proesel Park: Each player is harnessed across the width of the inflatable arena in position. Up to six players per team can move side to side within their specific zone in the arena, not front to back, just like the table game. 2:30 p.m. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Crafting for Charity: Join this group where they are making softies, those cute stuffed knitted or crocheted animals for children. Finished toys are donated to a local hospital. 10 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

127 Years and Counting The Haupt-Yehl House Museum: In June of 2016, the Morton Grove Historical Museum celebrates 30 years of the Haupt-Yehl House. While you're there, visit a new exhibit on the history of the Morton Grove Historical Museum and see how much they've grown. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0203

Morton Grove Farmers Market: Shop for locally produced fruits and vegetables, flowers, crafts, baked goods, pantry items, body products and more at this weekly market. Extras include live music and entertainment for kids. 8 a.m. Dempster Street and Georgiana Avenue, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436

Sizzle Into Summer Family Event: Join in a day of family activities on the park grounds. The activities include: Morton Grove Historical Museum 30th Birthday Party: noon-3 p.m. Harrer Pool Activities: noon-5 p.m. Children's Activities: 1-5 p.m. Live Music: 5:30-10 p.m. The event fee is \$3 which includes full day admission to all children's activities, inflatables, entertainment, Harrer Pool admission and live music. Children two and under are free. Noon, Harrer Park and Pool, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, \$3, 847-965-0971

Second Saturday Breakfast Bingo:

Kids and families are welcome to enjoy some breakfast treats as everyone plays Bingo. Enjoy a kick start to one's weekend with a morning of family fun at the library. 9:30 a.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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

College Illinois at Children's Health and Safety Expo: Join College Illinois! at the Expo to learn how to financially prepare for your child's future college tuition. 9 a.m. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, free, 312-464-8100

Twenty-first Star Chapter NSDAR June 2016 Meeting: The Twenty-first Star Chapter of the NSDAR will host a Continental Breakfast at the Park Ridge Country Club. Junior, new and prospective members will be celebrated. Call Second Vice Regent, Dorothy Wilson, for details. 9:30 a.m. Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$11, 847-328-6946

Hillbilly Rockstarz: 9:30 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$10

Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society's 5th Annual Rock Swap: Come for an afternoon of fun and great deals for rockhounds of all ages, including special activities for kids. Rocks, minerals, fossils, crystals, geodes, cabochons, hand-made jewelry, lapidary items and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 11 a.m. St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave., Skokie, free, 312-623-1554

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

Sunday, June 12

Chicago Polish Arts Club 90th Anniversary: Celebrate the arts organization with lunch and entertainment from violinist Anthony Kawalkowski and The Polonia Dance Ensemble. Advance ticket reservations required. Noon, Cafe

la Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, \$70, 847-729-6880

A Diamond Celebration: The season of celebration culminates with a transcription of Paul Hindemith's virtuosic and colorful tour de force, Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber. Alumni from throughout the 60-year history join the Northshore Concert Band in a concert and season finale. 3 p.m. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$18 adults; \$13 seniors; \$7 students and children, 847-432-2263

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

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

Improvised Jane Austen at Glenview History Center: The Glenview History Center brings Improvised Jane Austen, one of Chicago's premier improv groups for a special, improvised play in the style of regency author Jane Austen. 2 p.m. Glenview History Center, 1121 Waukegan Road, Glenview, \$5 suggested donation, 847-724-2235.

Read for the Win Summer Reading Kick-off Festival: Join the library's summer reading program for adults, teens, and kids. Just drop in to sign up for this new reading challenge, by starting in the lobby to spin the prize wheel; then move to the Community Room to register for the reading program and receive your prize: ArcLight Cinemas-Glenview movie tickets, Ravinia tickets, free DVD rentals, and other fun giveaways. 1 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Jane Austen Speaks: Jane Austen as portrayed by Debra Miller, visits MGPL from the autumn of 1815. Her first three novels, "Sense and Sensibility," "Pride and Prejudice," and "Mansfield Park" have been published. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

North Suburban YMCA School of Dance Recital: These annual "iDance" recitals are presented at the high school's Sheely Center for the Performing Arts. Over 250 dancers from the age of three through 18 are showcased in a

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wide range of dance styles, including ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and hip hop. Each show features entirely different routines. These recitals are free of charge, with seating available on a first-come basis. For info call. 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Honor Ride Chicago: Family-friendly bike riding event that offers three separate courses that run throughout Chicago for all levels of riders. The event raises needed funds for local and national efforts for Ride 2 Recovery's Project HERO (Healing Exercise Rehabilitation Opportunity) to help rehabilitate wounded veterans and saving lives. 7:30 a.m. Evanston Subaru, 3340 Oakton St., Skokie, \$75, 818-888-7019

Skokie Concert Choir's Spring Concert 2016: This choir is directed by Candice Crane and the accompanist is Adrian Metzger. The choral pieces range from Mozart to Phil Everly. Parking is free and is accessible. 3 p.m. JCC Chicago - Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie, \$10 adults; \$5 children, 773-251-7890

Skokie Farmers Market: Farmers and vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin sell fresh-picked vegetables, fruits and flowers along with cheese, baked goods, coffee, sauces and spices. 7:30 a.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500

Monday, June 13

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

The Mudflapps live every Monday: The Mudflapps sing and play their hearts out every Monday in the pub from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. 8 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Summer Circus Intensive: During the six weeks, you condition your body to its highest physical levels while working with a cross section of Chicago's leading circus, dance, and physical theatre instructors to develop new skills. You begin the creative process of choreographing a circus movement piece to call your own. 4:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$880, 847-328-2795

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Individual Appointments: Meet with trained library staff for a 45-minute one-on-one session and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your portable device. For questions, to register, and for appointment locations, visit or call the Reader Services Desk at extension 7600. A Glenview Library card is required. 10 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

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

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

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

Summer 2016 Kumbaya Chess-Ed Camps: Professional teachers provide high-level instruction and supervised game play. Beginners are welcome. 9 a.m. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$190 morning or afternoon; \$380 All Day, 773-775-1945

Tuesday, June 14

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

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tre instructors to develop new skills. You begin the creative process of choreographing a circus movement piece to call your own. 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$880, 847-328-2795.

Summer Camp at the Actors Gymnasium: Begin your day with a rigorous warm-up, followed by training and workshops in circus and aerial arts, physical theatre and drama, and dance. Students learn juggling, tumbling, static trapeze, Spanish web, tightwire, stilts, and more; take fun-filled field trips; and create and perform their own circus-theatre performance at the end. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$1,180 (per session); \$2,275 (both Sessions), 847-328-2795.

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, an overview of the Garden's history and highlights. 10 a.m. Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Behind the Scenes with Spike and Alice: Spike and Alice, the now infamous corpse flowers (titan arum), drew over 100,000 people to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Tim Pollak, the Garden's outdoor floriculturist and curator of these intriguing plants, takes you behind the scenes with the odorous titans of the plant world. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Facebook Basics: Get started with the basics, including signing up, creating a profile and adding friends. Valid email account is required. Please sign up for a Facebook account before class; a Glenview Library card is required. Please register by calling or visit: glenviewpl.org/register. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Career Counseling Appointments June: Thirty-minute appointments are available to consult with a career expert for resume help and job search strategies for any stage of one's career. Call and ask for extension 7700 or visit the Reference Services Desk to register. 9 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Summer Storytime in Madeleine's Garden at Proesel Park: Bring a blan-

ket and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and outdoor activities geared to birth through five-year-olds. No registration is required, but in case of rain, storytime is canceled. 10 a.m. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Personalized Photo Cards: Drop-in with your favorite photos and leave with a customized greeting card for any occasion. Learn to use the silhouette cameo, an electric cutter to cut borders and other embellishments for your card. 6 p.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 www.mgpl.org/kids for more information. 4:45 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Movies, Munchies & More: "Battle of the Bulge": In this presentation, Robert Mueller will guide the audience through the battle events and remember the men who beat Hitler's last desperate gamble. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Walk n' Talk Book Group Reads H is for Hawk: Let's start the summer on the right foot with a brisk walk and an animated talk about the award-winning memoir of love and nature. 6 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Summer Kids Club: Golf Mill Shopping Center Kids Club returns every Tuesday this summer. The mall has a full schedule of fun, educational and interactive activities planned for children ages 12 and under. Summer Kids Clubs is held in Center Court, where there are live performances, arts and crafts giveaways and more. 11 a.m. Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles, free, 847-699-1070

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.

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,

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8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 702-806-8421

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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

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

Wednesday, June 15

Music in the Park and French Market: This family summer concert series has something to offer all musical tastes. Early in the evening, there are free games, giveaways, photo-booths and a caricature artist. Each concert night includes a Classic Car Show and a 50/50 split-the-pot raffle that benefits local charities. 5:30 p.m. Downtown Bensenville, 12 S Center St., Bensenville, free, 630-766-8200

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

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

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

New Introduction to Lynda.com: Lynda.com gives you access to high-level online video courses for business, software, technology and creative skills taught by industry experts. A Glenview Library card is required. Please register by calling or at glenviewpl.org/register. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Concerts in the Park: Bring your dinner, folding chairs and lawn blankets. The Jackman Park Gazebo is located at Lehigh Ave. and Prairie St. Entertainment schedule: June 15 - Fool House; June 22 - Second Hand Soul Band; June 29 - Soda; July 6 - Pirates Over 40; July 13 - Wild Daisy; July 20 - Bopology; and July 27 - Final Say. 7 p.m. Jackman Park, 1930 Prairie St., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Scrabble for Adults: Held in Study Room 1, come join in exercising your brain and enjoy friendly games of Scrabble with other word lovers. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln

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

ESL Conversation Group: Practice speaking English in an informal and friendly group setting. All skill levels are welcome to attend, however, registration is required. 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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Pop-Up Library at Noodles & Company: Lincolnwood Public Library is "popping up" in various places throughout the summer. They'll have popular materials to check out through their mobile circulation including books, DVDs, audiobooks and CDs. Noon, Noodles & Company Patio, 3304 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, free, 847-677-5277

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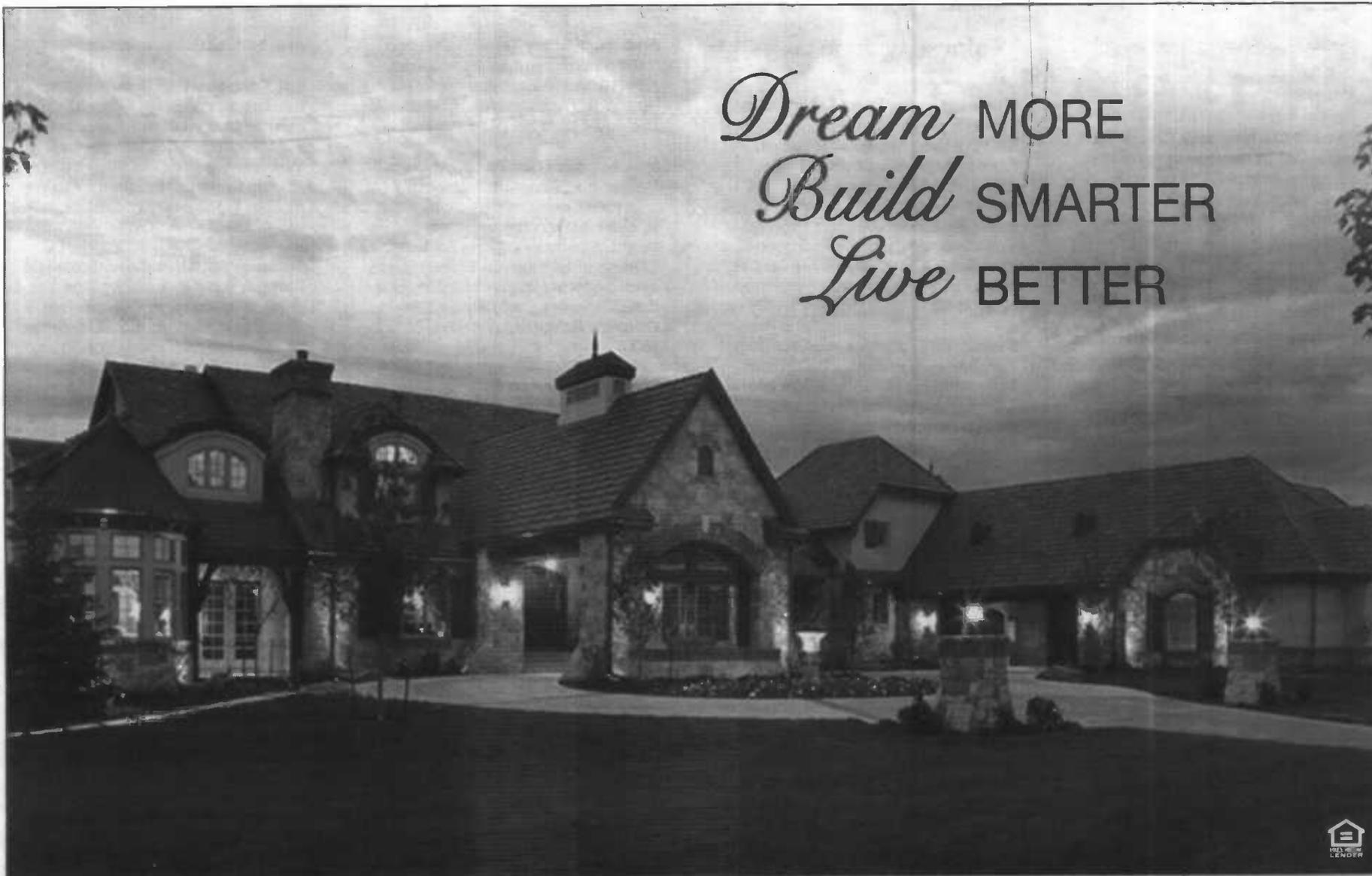


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**"X-Men: Apocalypse" ★★**

PG-13, 2:27, action

The stakes in the boringly apocalyptic "X-Men: Apocalypse" couldn't be higher. Its long-entombed, ready-to-party mutant god Apocalypse, played by Oscar Isaac, is both invincible and immortal, and he wants to control every single mind in every single human on Earth. Screenwriter Simon Kinberg lumbers through the conflicts, and director Bryan Singer handles the traffic earnestly and

well. But this latest "X-Men" picture is no gem. It's simply large and long. — *Michael Phillips*

**"The Angry Birds Movies" ★★★**

PG, 1:37, animated

If you've ever played the mobile video game "Angry Birds," you might have found yourself wondering — why am I sling-shotting cartoon birds at grinning green pigs? Why are these birds so angry? What have the pigs done to deserve this destruction? "Angry Birds," the movie, is here to fill in that backstory and provide motivation for the avian rage. The film, directed by Clay Kittis and Fergal

Reilly, proves to be more than just a gimmick, and doesn't skimp on any of the quirky wackiness that you might expect from a film about blob-shaped, flightless birds battling pigs. —

Katie Walsh

**"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" ★★★★★**

R, 1:32, comedy

With "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," writers Andrew Jay Cohen and Brendan O'Brien have flipped the script, creating a feminist party classic that's completely current and doesn't skimp on any of the wild humor. Chloe Grace Moretz, Kiersey Clemons and Beanie Feldstein play college freshmen who want to party on their own turf and by their own rules. So they find their own house,

formerly the Delta Psi house next door to 30-something parents Mac (Seth Rogen) and Kelly (Rose Byrne). Isn't it time that the ladies got their own rollicking, foul-mouthed, THC-soaked party movie? — *K.W.*

**"Captain America: Civil War" ★★★★★**

PG-13, 2:27, action

Early in "Captain America: Civil War," a botched Avengers anti-terrorist mission in Nigeria leads to many civilian casualties. Should the Avengers be reined in and subjected to stronger federal oversight? Among the gang, some vote yes. Others, notably Captain America (Chris Evans), refuse to comply with United Nations oversight. This causes a rift and leads rather neatly to the internal

strife and intramural civil war of the title. Nothing in "Civil War" takes your breath away. But almost everything in it works on its own prescribed terms, and the quiet moments register.

— *M.P.*

**"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 slightly clinical. That said: The movie's pretty good. Director Jon Favreau's voice cast for the animals is tiptop, from Bill Murray's sloth bear, Baloo, to Idris Elba's adversarial tiger, Shere Khan. There's a real person on screen too; Neel

Sethi plays Mowgli. Favreau has a knack for straight-ahead pacing and for tightening the screws (the movie is 81 percent life-and-death peril and 19 percent comic relief) without being maniacal about it. — *M.P.*

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Death Notices

Marshall, Wells Stewart 'Stew'

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois – Wells Stewart Marshall Jr. (Stew), 94, died May 30, 2016, in Springfield, Illinois. Stew was born Jan. 6, 1922, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Wells Stewart and Phyllis Price Marshall.

Stew graduated from Edison High School in 1939. During WWII, he served with the 34th Infantry Division, 151st Field Artillery Battalion in North Africa and Italy, where he received a battlefield commission and was awarded the Bronze Star. He served stateside during the Korean War and retired from the service as captain.

He and his wife, Jeanne, lived for many years in St. Anthony Park (St. Paul), Minnesota. There they raised a family and attended St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, where Stew served in many leadership positions, including senior warden and treasurer. In 1968, the family moved to Park Ridge, Illinois. He and Jeanne were members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for 48 years. At St. Mary's, Stew served as senior warden, financial secretary and as a member of numerous committees. He was the consummate churchman.

Stew spent his career at Honeywell before retiring in 1984. He possessed a sharp mind and keen sense of humor. He and Jeanne raised three amazing children and nurtured them with wisdom, love and their example of living a life by caring for their family and their community. They would have been married 70 years this July. Stew made this world better by his service to family, church and country.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and sister, Phyllis Mary (Palmer). He leaves behind his wife, Jeanne Killmer Marshall; a brother, Charles (Phyllis); a daughter, Mary Jeanne (Jim Scheider) and sons Wells Stewart III (Mary Carson) and David Killmer (Dominic Wolocko).

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Concordia Village's chapel in Springfield. Curry Funeral Home in Pawnee, Illinois, is serving the family of Wells Marshall Jr.

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Masterton, Rita C.

Rita C. Masterton, nee O'Sullivan, age 82, longtime resident of Skokie, died June 3, 2016, at Sunrise of Schaumburg. Founder and nineteen-year manager of the former, non-profit S.O.C.K.S. program in Skokie. Beloved wife of the late Frank; dear mother of Loraine (David Delaney), Stephen (Char), Philip (Vicky), Peter (Debbie), GERALYN (Daryl) Vogelsberg, and the late Owen; loving grandmother of Cody, Peter, Hilary, Kelsey, Morgan, Michael, and the late Ryan; fond sister of Gladys Duffy and the late Maureen Harrison and Jim O'Sullivan. Visitation, Thursday, June 9, from 3 to 7 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Friday, June 10, at 9:15 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass, 9:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, Skokie. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN, 38148-0142 or JourneyCare Foundation, 405 Lake Zurich Rd., Barrington, IL, 60010. For funeral information: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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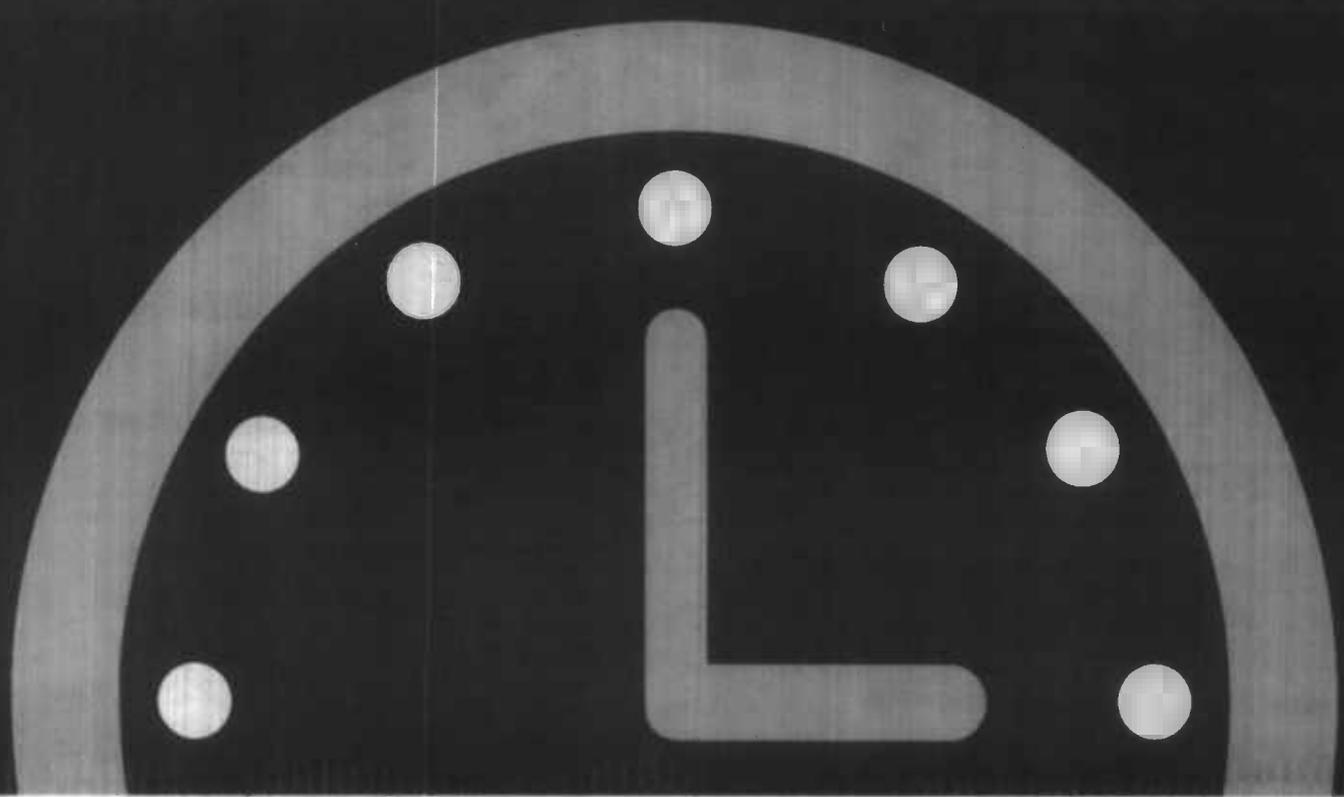
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Promise of a new Dawn

Rolls-Royce drops everything in stunning \$400,000 convertible

By ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

The Rolls Royce Dawn has four wheels, two doors, orange seats and a steering wheel. So why does it cost more than most houses?

At a starting price of \$340,000 that effortlessly rises to the \$400,000 that our preproduction test model cost, drivers — and passengers — of the hand-made Dawn are paying to feel special.

It's as much a vehicle as it is a conveyance away from the vicissitudes of living into a secure state of just being.

This existential circumnavigator is also a stunning work of mechanical art.

It floats down the road, soaking up inevitable road imperfections with nary a shudder. It is uncommonly quiet for a convertible, and unequivocally secure in its spot at the top of the automotive prestige chain. Yet it is also reserved, in that peculiar British way.

With the soft top up, the four-seater can glide inconspicuously to town, and the world's most conspicuous brand ornament — a woman with wings called the Spirit of Ecstasy — can be clipped, as it retreats into the hood, or bonnet, in proper English.

Being reserved is only necessary if you have something to show off. Drop the top on the "sexiest Rolls-Royce ever built" and the Mandarin orange leather interior pops like daybreak.

Drophead gorgeous: The fabric top opens silently at speeds up to 31 mph. It takes 22 seconds for the windows to drop, the back to open, and daybreak to occur in what Rolls-Royce calls a "silent ballet." Several passengers, including our eagle-eyed photographer,



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Rolls-Royce Dawn, which features a fabric top and suicide doors, is already "pretty much" sold out through the 2017 model year, a spokesman said.

didn't notice until the light was upon them.

The trunk, or boot, is deep enough to fit two sets of golf clubs lengthwise, possibly four if the bags are narrow. The convertible compartment can be raised when the top is up to create even more trunk space.

Suicide doors: Despite the silent ballet, the detail that drew the most comments was the suicide doors, hinged at the rear to allow for the easiest entry and exit. With the doors open, the wide berth makes the car appear to take flight with splayed arms of orange light. Once nestled in this steel womb, the door handles are far to reach but no bother — a small button on the dash automatically closes the behemoth doors for you.

HMS Vanity: Once inside, prepare for Rolls-Royce insignia everywhere, from the seat backs to the control dial to the sill plate stamped with "Hand Built in Goodwood, England", as if you could forget you were in the hands of a master craftsman.

There is a nautical theme to Rolls-Royce. Circular vents with pull knobs to control airflow stud the Canadel wood paneling of the dash. The pored wood is the most gorgeous grain to deck a car we've ever seen. If you prefer your dash uninterrupted, a Canadel panel closes over the wide 10.25-inch high-definition screen in the center stack. Same with your unseemly American cup holders or distinctly un-American ashtray and lighter. Even the temperature control discs are unique, with a split

to move the top vents independent from the lower vents. Rear passengers get the same treatment.

The nautical feel carries over to the steering wheel, which has a huge center pad and thinner wheel feel, not unlike a boat. At low speeds, the steering is a bit boatish, without much tension, which felt slightly off for the level of assuredness everywhere else.

Power in reserve: This stately land schooner houses a massive 6.6-liter twin-turbo V-12 engine paired to a seamless eight-speed automatic transmission. There are no paddle shifters, or other pretensions to manual control: that would be gauche.

The bee-ast under this bonnet generates 563 horsepower and 575 pound-feet of torque just fine without

manual intervention. The twin-turbo delivers all that torque at just 1,500 rpm to shrug off a portliness that tips the scale at 5,644 pounds, about the same as most full-size SUVs.

RPM are not displayed on the instrument cluster, however; instead there is a power reserve gauge that sits at 100 percent when coasting, and dips down to 20 percent or under if one were to make light speed out of the Dawn, which hits 100 kilometers per hour (or 62 mph, you boor) in just 4.9 seconds.

Queen's English: The 10.5-inch screen may be the only thing not distinctly Rolls-Royce. It's essentially a repackaged version of parent company BMW's iDrive system, with a really cool interactive owner's manual that lets you search

2016 ROLLS-ROYCE DAWN

Ultra-luxe convertible

Price as tested:
\$400,000 (estimated)

Base price: \$339,850

Mpg: 12 city, 19 highway,
14 comb

Engine: 6.6-liter
twin-turbo V-12

Transmission:
8-speed automatic

Parting shot:
In the words of Ferris
Bueller, "It is so choice."

by image or by alphabet. Otherwise, Rolls-Royce has fully branded the Dawn in British heritage.

The control dial, which also doubles as a touch pad to write letters or numerals for quicker entry, features the Spirit of Ecstasy. The voice commands respond in a proper British accent, saying "mo-BILE", and "PRO-ess-ing your input." It's charming.

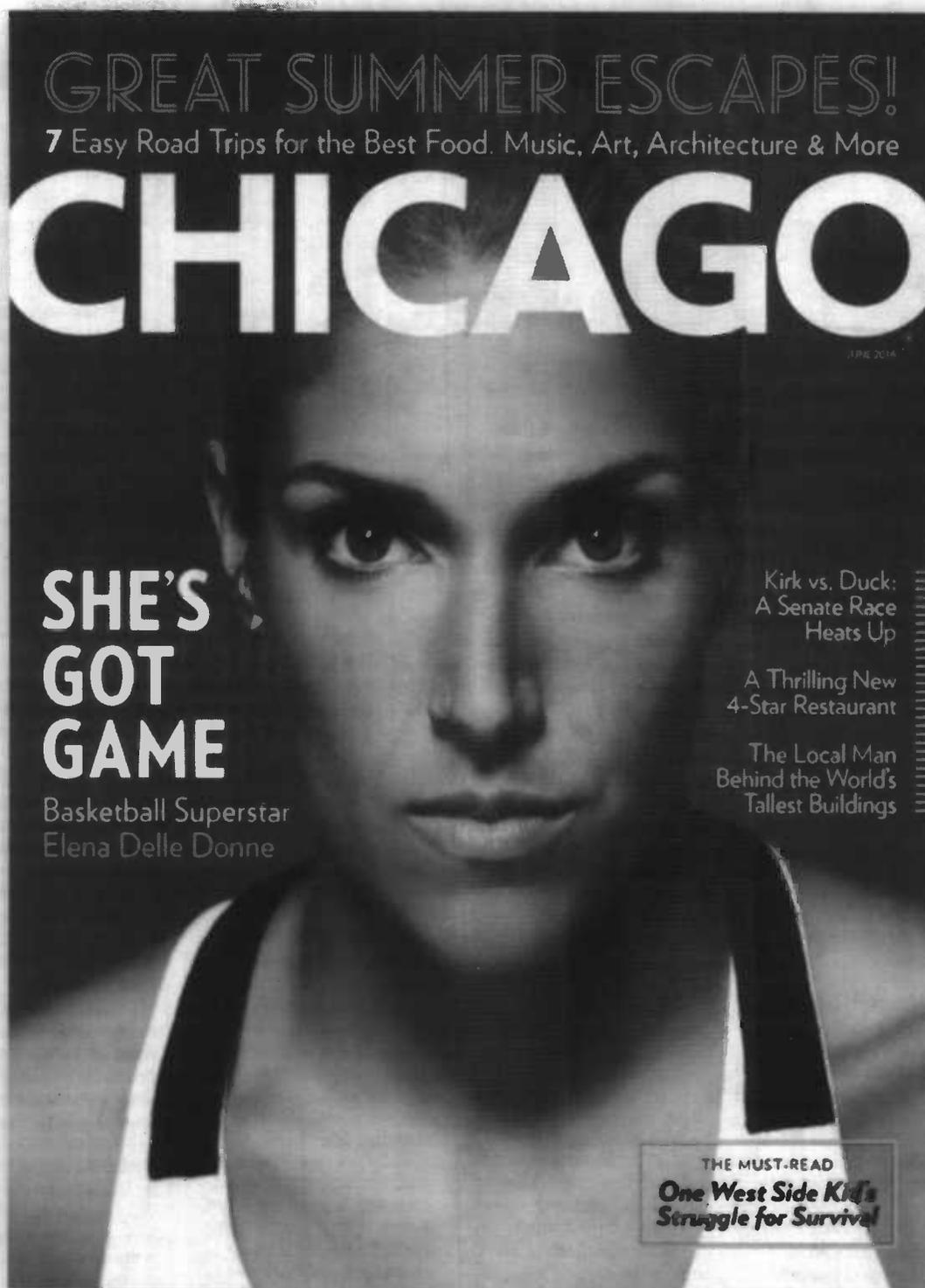
Then there are the twin umbrellas stowed over either of the front wheels, accessible by pushing a button where the front door hinge would be in a normal car.

Also hidden in the bonnet is the Spirit of Ecstasy, which emerges automatically on start up and retreats when the car is locked to deter the spirit of theft. At night, it is illuminated.

The sound system is bonkers, the head-up display is the clearest we've ever seen and the button to open the boot is actually in the shape of the Dawn — with the top up — instead of some generic car symbol.

The dollars are in the details, and those details add up to \$400,000.

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Elio Motors' P5 prototype three-wheeled two-seater is being marketed to commuters.

Future may ride on 3 wheels

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

The Elio three-wheeler is getting a taste of the hype elicited by the Tesla Model 3.

More than 53,000 people have made a preproduction deposit starting at \$100 for the three-wheeled two-seater with a gas engine that gets an estimated 84 mpg on the highway. And at a preproduction price of about \$6,800, you can get a half-dozen for any one Model 3.

The tandem-seated, or front-to-back, two-seater has few frills. The P5, or fifth prototype, we tested came with manual steering, manual five-speed transmission, a nonfunctioning seat belt and instrument controls, and with a loud, rough ride more like a go-kart. The P5 prototype does not have the sound-deadening insulation promised in the production model.

Yet it's fun, in that visceral, hands-on way, unlike so many modern cars that are hard to see the engine through the technology.

It uses a fuel-injected 0.9-liter three-cylinder engine, not unlike a smaller version of Ford's smallest EcoBoost engine, though without the turbocharger. And the power is considerably less: the Elio putt-putts 55 horsepower, and 55 pound-feet of torque.

ELIO P5
Three-wheeled
commuter car

Base price:

\$6,800

Mpg: 49 city, 84 highway

Engine: 3-cylinder

Transmission:
Five-speed manual

Parting shot:
We'll wait for the
production model.

It's front-wheel drive because there's only one wheel in the back.

It is engineered to save cost at every corner. It weighs just 1,228 pounds (a Mazda MX-5 Miata weighs 2,332 pounds), so it can hit 60 mph in 9.6 seconds. There is room, and plans, for a turbocharged offering that will hit 60 mph in under 6 seconds.

It has a top speed over 100 mph, but the level of road noise must be akin to living inside Spinal Tap's amp turned up to 11. Taking it on the highway would require a leap of faith, in the prototype at least.

It gets an estimated 84 mpg highway and 49 mpg city, with the eight-gallon

tank giving it a range estimated at over 600 miles.

It is surprisingly roomy in the front seat. Getting in the back seat would benefit from a coach or suicide door, and the headroom cramps if you're over 6 foot. There's plenty of room in the rear hatch for most commuter purposes, and could fit a set of golf clubs or a guitar or two without a rear passenger.

Production models will be offered as automatics for an extra \$1,000 or so, and three air bags add some measure of safety.

The rear seat will come with LATCH-system harness for child seats.

Jerome Vassallo, Elio vice president of sales, sees the three-wheeler taking off as the Beetle for millennials, but microcars such as the Smart ForTwo have not historically done well in the U.S. On the other hand, three-wheeled motorcycles are gaining popularity.

There is no question that personal mobility is evolving, but Elio doesn't think the market has connected what consumers are used to with what they'll use in the years before shared, autonomous mobility.

"We don't know what the answer is in the future," Vassallo added. "But this is a bridge to get us there."

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How to store a car while awaiting Takata air bag fix



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: My Honda CR-V is currently a part of the Takata air bag recall. I am driving a rental car and have the Honda in my garage until the dealership can fix the air bags. I was wondering what the best thing would be for me to do for my Honda while it sits in the garage? It has been sitting for about a month now and could be sitting all summer.

— M.F., Highland Park, Ill.

A: We consider a couple of months to be short-term storage. Add a fuel stabilizer such as Sta-Bil to the fuel and then top off the tank. If it's due for an oil change, do it now. Connect a trickle charger with a float feature, such as a Battery Tender, but do not disconnect the battery itself. Open a couple of windows a smidgen to admit fresh air. If you feel that the car may be stored longer, remove the wheels

and lower the car onto jack stands. Some people call this "putting it on blocks."

Q: You recently published an item about replacing the rubber in windshield wipers. Here is a reader's suggestion to the 1957 issue of Science and Mechanics: "To repair a used windshield wiper blade when only the rubber portion is worn out, slip a piece of thick cellophane or cardboard behind the wiper to protect the glass, then paint the rubber portion with rubber tire paint. — B. Ritter." Maybe your reader could try it.

— S.S., Chicago

A: We recall a product called tire black from our teen years, but have not seen it in a long time, and could not find any such product with an online search. But we enjoyed the historical perspective.

Q: Last year, I bought a 2008 Chevy Silverado with about 70,000 miles on it. The first thing I did was change the oil. A couple of months later, I took it in for inspection and my mechanic told me the oil was low. When I checked the oil life monitor it still had 50

percent left and I completely forgot about it. Driving home the other day, a message flashed saying stop engine, low oil pressure. Indeed, the pressure was almost down to zero. I got off the road, checked the oil life and still had 7 percent to go, but there was no oil on the dipstick. Why would the car wait until I was three quarts low and had a complete loss of pressure to tell me something was wrong?

— D.F., Philadelphia

A: The computer calculates remaining oil life based on time, the number of times the engine is started and how often it reaches operating temperature, as well as other parameters. The monitor has no knowledge of the oil level in the engine. That is why there is a dipstick. The fix is to check it occasionally when filling up. The low oil warning only comes on for a drop in oil pressure, as can happen when there is insufficient oil.

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



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Some years of the CR-V (2015 model year shown) are affected by the air bag recall.

New Trier has hard time with Bergstrom's slider

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

The Notre Dame and New Trier baseball teams were tied.

The Dons had scored a run in the top of the third against Trevians ace Ben Brecht, who overpowered Notre Dame to finish with 12 strikeouts and four hits allowed. But New Trier answered right back with a run in the bottom of the third in the Class 4A Loyola Sectional semifinal on June 2 in Glenview.

In the bottom of the fifth, Michael Hurley hit a leadoff triple to right field.

As the Trevians' right fielder stood at third base, Notre Dame pitcher Paul Bergstrom stood on the mound and thought about the situation.

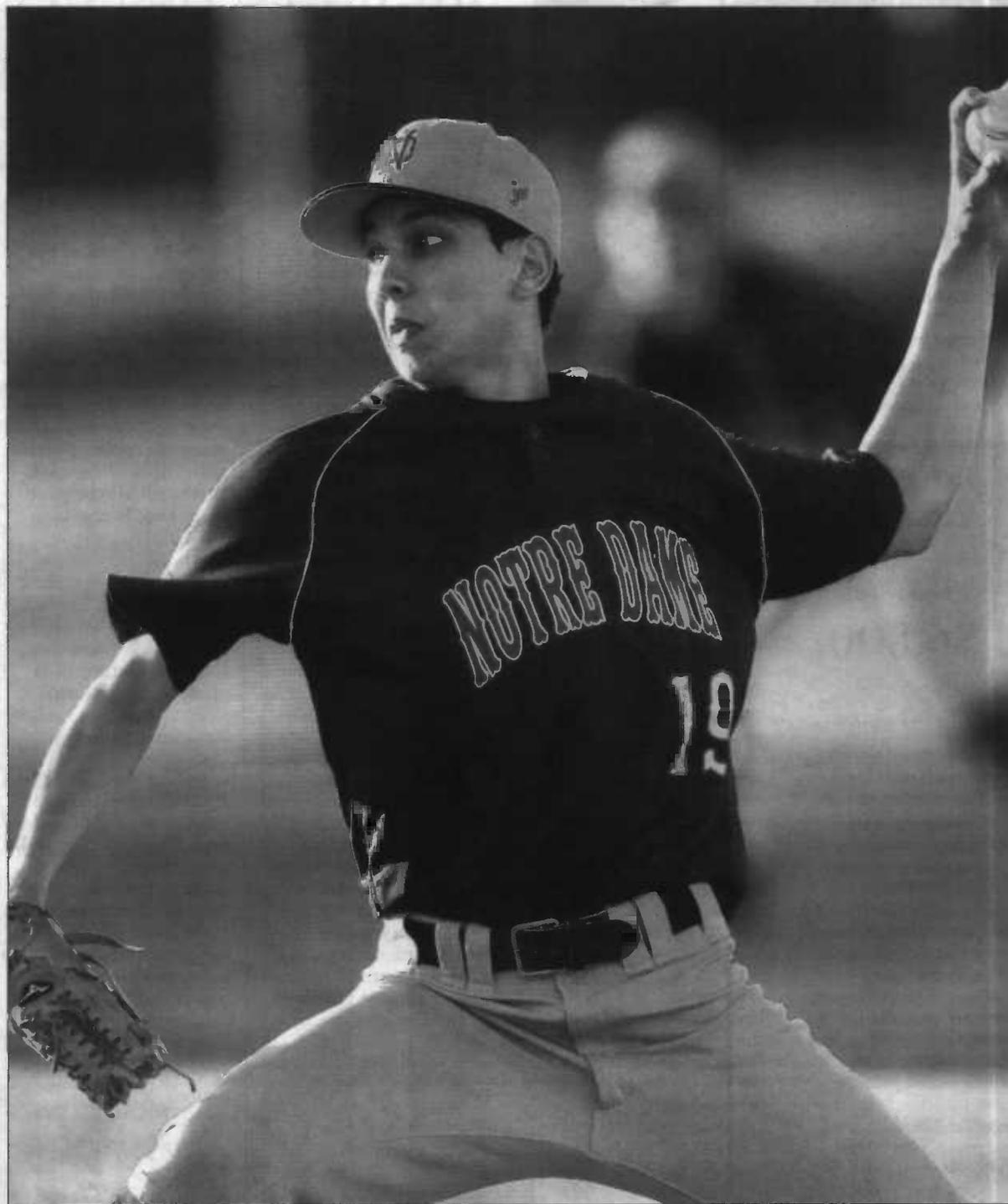
"I can't let him score," the sophomore left-hander recalled thinking, following New Trier's 2-1 victory. "I (knew) I need a strikeout or just keep it in the infield."

Bergstrom also knew that, if he was going to escape, it was going to be because of his slider — a pitch he only began throwing at the beginning of this season.

"It started more as a cutter — something harder — but (there's been) more break," said Bergstrom, a Mount Prospect resident. "This season, it's been working for me. ... I'm going to throw it in any count to any hitter."

New Trier's next three hitters were all right-handed, but there was no way Bergstrom was coming out of the game.

"He's got a little bit of guts to him, but especially for a young kid," Notre Dame coach Nelson Gord said of Bergstrom, who finished this season with a 1.64 ERA and a 0.98 WHIP in 42 2/3 innings pitched. "He's (come through in big situations) all season. He's been thrown into some tough spots — bases loaded, runners in scoring position — and he's just as cool as the



KEVIN TANAKA/PIONEER PRESS

Notre Dame's Paul Bergstrom pitches against New Trier in the Dons' 2-1 loss on June 2 in the Class 4A Loyola Sectional semifinals.

other side of the pillow."

Will McNulty was up first. The junior second baseman had the first chance to give Brecht the lead.

McNulty swung at the first pitch he saw. He hit a weak ground ball to third

baseman John Hendry.

Hendry fielded it cleanly. He looked Hurley back to third, then fired across the diamond.

One out. Left fielder Sean Douaire was up next.

Gord pulled the infield in.

New Trier coach Mike Napoleon, who is also the Trevians' third-base coach, instructed Hurley to run on downward contact.

"In that situation," Bergstrom said, "I'm just thinking, 'Infield in, I've got to get something to them. Some-

thing down, something hard.'"

Douaire's at-bat lasted longer than McNulty's, but he also hit a ground ball to third.

Hurley was off on contact. Hendry fielded the grounder cleanly. He threw

home to senior catcher Matt Segovia. The ball beat Hurley by about 10 feet. Segovia tagged Hurley.

Two outs.

The once-dire threat had been eliminated thanks to Bergstrom's slider.

"Especially with these (New Trier) guys — big guys who like to pull the ball — if (the slider) is moving, it's that's downward action right to their hands," Bergstrom said. "They just swing right over it. Then, to lefties, it's moving away from them."

Bergstrom hit the next batter, junior center fielder Eric Nicholas, but he got senior third baseman Dylan McGuire to ground out to senior shortstop Ranko Stevanovic to end the inning.

Two days later, the Trevians beat Oak Park-River Forest ace Hank Christie, a Northwestern signee who was 8-0 entering the game. They exploded for 12 runs to win the Class 4A Loyola Sectional.

In total, Bergstrom faced 13 New Trier hitters. He struck out two, hit two and got seven to ground out. Hurley and junior catcher Dylan Horvitz, who had a game-winning RBI double in the bottom of the sixth, were the only players who hit the ball out of the infield against Bergstrom.

Bergstrom was effective against the Trevians largely because he trusted his breaking ball and located it very well. What transpired in the bottom of the fifth inning and during most of Bergstrom's sophomore season proved that trust was justified.

"He's a kid who's not throwing 95 miles per hour, but the fact that the ball is pounding in on those right-hand hitters, it makes it seem like he is," Gord said. "(The slider) has been his go-to pitch."

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COLLEGE NOTES

New Trier grad Shade lifts MIT softball

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Former New Trier student **Katherine Shade**, a sophomore outfielder for the MIT softball team, was the hero of the team's recent win against Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the NCAA Division III Worcester Super Regional.

With MIT leading 1-0 and two WPI runners on base with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, the Glencoe native made a diving catch to end the game.

With Shade's help, the Engineers eliminated WPI in the next game and went on to finish fifth in the NCAA Division III Softball Championship.

Shade hit .312 with a .380 on-base percentage this season.

St. Joseph grad Miskdeen joins Kent State staff

St. Joseph alumnus **Akeem Miskdeen** was recently hired as an assistant coach for the Kent State men's basketball team. The Chicago native had spent the past five seasons on the staff of the Hampton men's basketball team, which had made the NCAA Tournament the past two seasons. Before that, Miskdeen had stops at Division II programs Mount Olive and Wingate.

As a player, Miskdeen spent two seasons at Laramie County (Wyo.) Community College before transferring to Queens in 2006. He led Queens to back-to-back NCAA Division II Tournament appearances.

Deerfield's Liberman earns weekly honors

Deerfield graduate **Joe Liberman**, a freshman pitcher for the University of Chicago baseball team, was recently named University Athletic Association athlete of the week after earning a pair of wins against North Central College and Edgewood College. The Deerfield native pitched four innings in relief against North Central and logged a complete game against Edgewood.

Of players who pitched at least a full inning this season, Liberman led the team with a 1.99 ERA.

Sophomore outfielder **Max Larsen**, a Lyons alumnus, hit .299 with a .424 on-base percentage and a .477 slugging percentage.



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New Trier grad Katherine Shade made a game-saving catch for MIT in an NCAA Division III Super Regional.

He led the team in doubles (12), walks (20) and runs scored (29).

Fellow Lyons graduate **Thomas Prescott** was a junior first baseman and pitcher for the Maroons. He hit .263 and pitched in 13

games.

Also on the team are senior pitcher **Alex Athenson**, a Lake Forest graduate, and freshman pitcher **Isaac Johnston**, a Chicagoland Jewish graduate.

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

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Sherman solidifies top of Niles North's rotation

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

The Niles North baseball team entered the season with plenty of question marks on the mound after the graduation of top pitchers Tony Granato and Eric Wheeler.

But there should be no such questions next year, after the emergence of three solid starters, including No. 1 pitcher George Sherman, a junior.

The 6-foot-3, 225-pound lefty was an ace all spring for the Vikings, who finished 22-15 after falling 5-3 to second-seeded New Trier in the Class 4A Niles West Regional final on May 28.

"George is a competitor

first and foremost," Niles North coach Ed Toledo said. "He always gives us his best and puts us in a position to win, and that's the highest compliment I can give him."

Though he sometimes lacked run support, Sherman finished the campaign with a 5-6 record and a stellar 1.86 ERA. He saved his best for the biggest occasion.

Sherman went the distance and earned the victory in ninth-seeded Niles North's 3-2 comeback win over rival Niles West in the regional semifinal on May 27. Sherman gave up six hits, didn't allow an earned run, walk one and struck out nine on the Wolves' home field. Niles West was the

seventh seed.

"(Sherman) was hitting his spots well when he needed to and making the right pitches at the right time," Niles North junior catcher Josh Schoenberg said. "He really put the team on his back."

Sherman said he was pleased to come through for the Vikings after a few late-season outings he considered sub-par by his high standards.

"Earlier in the season, I was doing well. But near the end, I gave up three or four runs (in those starts)," he said. "We were still in those games, but I didn't feel like it was up to where I wanted to be. I guess (the Niles West game) was a return to form."

In contrast to Niles North's No. 2 starter Jovanni Sanchez, whose fastball can hit 87 mph, Sherman usually throws in the mid to upper 70s. Sherman's success is based on location, keeping hitters off-balance and throwing to contact.

"I don't throw fast and will not blow anybody away," Sherman said. "I'm able to hit my spots. I have a curve and changeup. They say hitting is about timing, and for me, pitching is about interrupting that timing. I also don't walk a lot of guys and (throwing strikes) helps keep my defense in it and alive."

Schoenberg said there are days when Sherman's curveball can make batters look silly. But Schoenberg

also said he might be even more impressed by Sherman on the days when the curve is less effective.

"With George, even when he doesn't have his best stuff, he's out there giving 100 percent and competing every day," Schoenberg said. "So, it always seems like he's got his best stuff, and it's enough to get us a win."

The task won't get any easier for Sherman and the Vikings next season, as they move to the Central Suburban South, which means several more games against New Trier, Niles West, Evanston, Maine South and Glenbrook South.

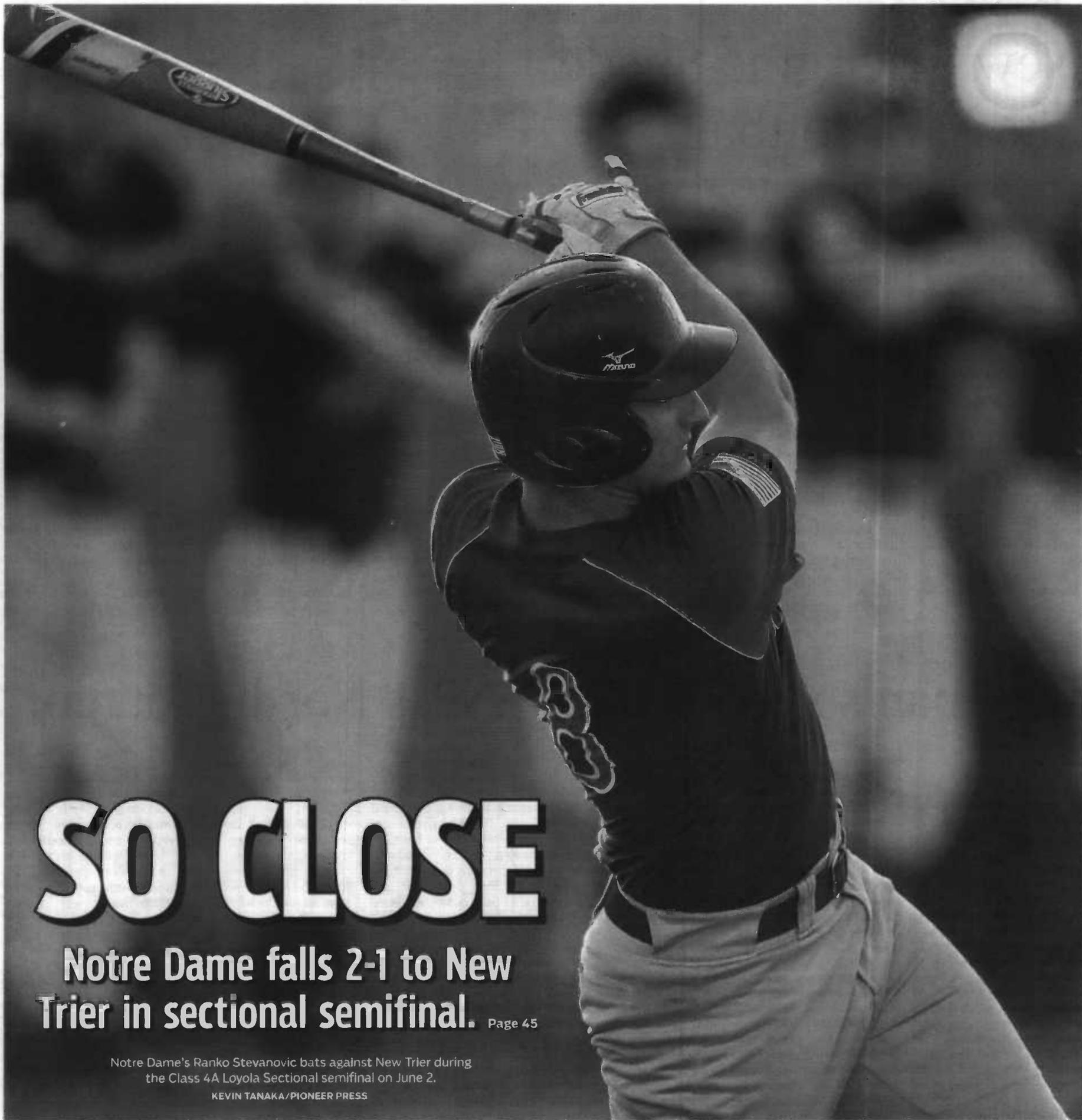
With 12 Niles North seniors departing, several lower-level players will

have to prove they are varsity-ready next season. But the starting rotation of Sherman, Sanchez and Cameron Benesch, all juniors this season, will give the Vikings a solid foundation.

"We've done pretty well in all of our games against CSL South teams this year. Even though we may not have won all of them, we have always been in those games," Sherman said. "It will be cool to face those teams twice (next year). It will be better competition and will drive us to do better, to work harder and to get better results."

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SO CLOSE

Notre Dame falls 2-1 to New Trier in sectional semifinal. Page 45

Notre Dame's Ranko Stevanovic bats against New Trier during the Class 4A Loyola Sectional semifinal on June 2.

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