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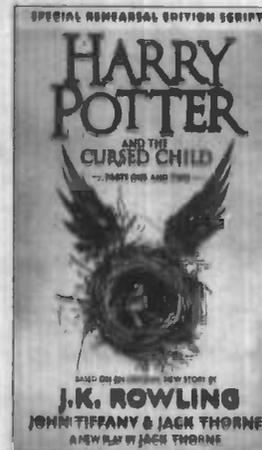
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Kids play "Pokemon Go" on their cellphones. Naomi Timpe, left, Mini Comic Con artistic director, is in her element wearing a pink bunny hat July 9 in Harwood Heights at the Mini Comic Con at the Eisenhower Public Library District.

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Libraries and bookstores prepare to celebrate the midnight release of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child." Page 21



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Chefs often draw inspiration from ingredients found at farmers markets. Locals share their favorite finds along with a recipe to try at home. Inside

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SHOUT OUT

Tom Conroy, project manager

Park Ridge resident Tom Conroy is senior project manager with McHugh Construction. One of his recent tasks involved overseeing the installation of Navy Pier's new 200-foot-tall Centennial Wheel, which opened May 27.

Conroy spent his teen years in Niles and graduated from Maine East High School. He's lived in Park Ridge since 2010.

Q: What were some of your primary responsibilities on the Navy Pier Centennial Wheel project?

A: We were the construction manager on the project. The owner purchased the wheel from a company out of the Netherlands, and we worked with the pier and the manufacturer to coordinate everything from shipping to logistics and getting all the equipment to the



Tom Conroy

pier in a timely manner to coincide with the demolition of the old wheel. We also constructed the new finishes for the area surrounding the new wheel. We started at the end of September last year and turned the space over on May 27.

Q: How would you sum up the results?

A: It turned out to be a huge success for the pier, from both a PR standpoint as well as a new attraction at the pier. It's

been constantly busy ever since it opened. Everyone seems to enjoy it.

Q: Have you ridden on the Ferris wheel?

A: Of course.

Q: How would you describe the experience?

A: It went from riding a Model T

to riding a Rolls-Royce. It's a marked improvement [over the previous Ferris wheel]. There are gorgeous views, a smooth ride, you're in air-conditioned gondolas. The old ride never stopped; you'd have to step on from the bottom and then step off. This one, it stops, and you board, you do three revolutions and you disembark.

Q: Could Park Ridge use a Ferris wheel?

A: I could actually see a Ferris wheel in the open space around the library. How much of a draw would that be, I don't know, but I'm sure it would get quite a bit of usage.

Q: Do you have any favorite places in Park Ridge?

A: I'm a big fan of going out to eat, and the new restaurants that are popping up, as well as the old staples, offer a wide range of tastes.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press

CORRECTION

In a July 14 story about suburban police reacting to the recent shootings in Dallas, a photo caption incorrectly identified Niles police Sgt. Robert Tornabene.

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Living in a Pokemon Go world 'addicting'

"Tons of kids walking around and playing it on their phones," fan says

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Chicago resident Genevieve Lorenz was one of many people participating in Pokemon Go on July 14 at the Harlem Irving Plaza in Norridge. People of all ages could be seen walking with their heads down near the shopping center.

Lorenz said she caught Poke balls near the Harlem Avenue parking lot entrance.

"It's really irresistible," Lorenz said. "I literally walked all day collecting Poke balls. I'm excited for the nerdiness in it. It's addicting!"

According to the gaming website polygon.com, Pokemon Go is described as an "augmented reality game" that "takes your real geographical location and turns it into a Pokemon dream world. The smallest landmarks become important destinations in the app, which can be all around you." Kids and adults of all ages have been spotted in parks, malls, libraries and other gathering places, looking at a smart phone and trying to "catch 'em all."

The activity has not entirely replaced the established Pokemon card games. Pastimes in Niles, which is a Poke stop, will host a Pokemon tournament on July 25. For information, go to pastimes.net.

On July 14, Tom Rossi of Norridge, Owen Patt of Park Ridge and Jessica Rossi, also of Norridge, walked past the Norridge Park District Pool playing Pokemon Go. Players typically seek Poke stops or gyms.

"It gets me out and about," said Tom Rossi, who captured a Pokemon named Drowzee at the park. "There are tons of kids walking around and playing it on their phones.

You can get out in your neighborhood and see landmarks."

"It forms a nice sense of community," Jessica Rossi said. "People are out trying to catch the same thing, helping each other out."

Officials at Harlem Irving Plaza embraced the attention. Mara Russiaki, corporate marketing director of Harlem Irving Plaza, said the HIP was "happy to be a part of this new, buzz-worthy and hip trend that not only teenagers are a part of but so are adults. It is nice to see our customers interact at the hip through Pokemon Go. We are excited to learn more about this extraordinary overnight phenomenon."

At Eisenhower Public Library in Harwood Heights, Pokemon Go was the buzz at the recent Mini Comic Con event on July 9.

"We are a Poke stop and already have a huge fan base for Pokemon that visits the library on a regular basis, so we are happy to provide a safe space in the community that players can come to and enjoy the game," said Naomi Timpe, the library's Kids World technology clerk and also Mini Comic Con artistic director.

When installing the Pokemon Go app, a warning appears that reads, "Remember to be alert at all times. Stay aware of your surroundings."

"Safety is really important when using augmented reality games," said Tiffany Lewis, the library's head of children's services. "I would encourage players to stay alert and take a parent or friend on their walks to stay safe and have fun."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press. Maryann Pisano contributed to this report.



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Becca Jozwiak, adult reference librarian, from left, and Julie Stam, marketing specialist, both of the Eisenhower Public Library, show Pokemon Go on their phones.



Tom Rossi of Norridge, from left, Owen Patt of Park Ridge and Jessica Rossi of Norridge walk past the Norridge Park District pool, stopping to play and explain Pokemon Go.



Chicagoan Genevieve Lorenz is one of many people participating in Pokemon Go at Harlem Irving Plaza.



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Judges Mahesh Sharma, from left, Alissa McGowan and Debbie Manno, all of Morton Grove, dig into their work at the Morton Grove Farmers Market pie contest on July 16.

Easy as pie | Contest benefits local food pantry

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

"Bluebarb," a combination of blueberry and rhubarb, wowed the three judges of the sixth annual pie baking contest at the Morton Grove Farmers Market on July 16.

"It's fabulous, well worth staying up all night," said first-place finisher Laura Frisch of Morton Grove, who won a ribbon and \$50 in market bucks.

Seven pies were judged on qualifications like appearance and taste. Judges sought flavorful tastes of the season and taut (not runny) fillings.

"It's a blast," said pie contest coordinator Maria Toth, a Morton Grove resident of 24 years. "I love to bake, I love sweets!"

The judges were Mahesh Sharma, Alissa McGowan and Debbie Manno, all of Morton Grove.

Sharma owns Tava Indian restaurant in Morton Grove. McGowan is a chef and manager at Whole Foods Market in Northbrook. Manno is an MB Bank



Mahesh Sharma, from left, Alissa McGowan and Debbie Manno, all of Morton Grove, judge the sixth annual pie contest on July 16 at the Morton Grove Farmers Market.

branch manager and Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce secretary and director.

"You want it to look inviting," Manno said.

"We're looking for a more natural taste, nothing processed," Sharma said.

"A flaky crust," McGowan said, of a requirement.

Each contestant brought two identical pies, one for presentation and the other for judges' tasting and for offering the rest to market patrons for donations.

Whole pies were sold for \$15 and slices of pie were \$2. All proceeds benefited the

Niles Township Food Pantry.

"It just brings people out of the woodwork to showcase their talents," said Elaine Monterola, of Morton Grove, market manager.

The second-place winner was Cory Block of Niles for the peach habanero pie. Third place went to Catherine Colombo of Chicago for her ginger berry almond crumble.

"It's a great community event," Toth said.

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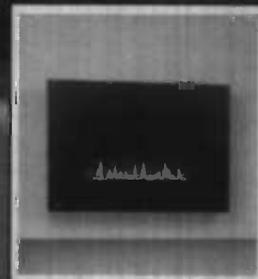
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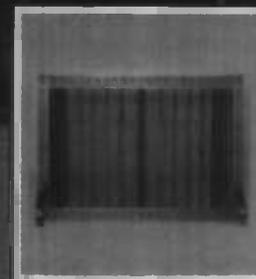
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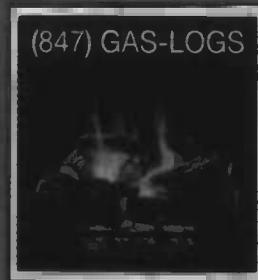
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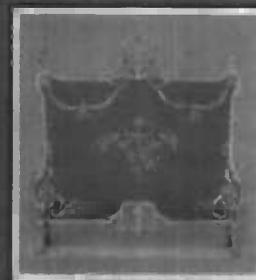


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Dist. 219 mulls language barrier concerns

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Niles Township High School District 219 is considering changing the way it communicates with the community after staff and parents recently complained that communicating in English only has many shortfalls and does not reflect the racial and ethnic diversity in the district.

District 219 family liaison worker Leticia Garcia said, by her estimate, there are as many as 90 languages spoken in Skokie, Niles and Lincolnwood and Morton Grove, the ethnically diverse area that makes up the school district. But, she said, all of the district's letters, emails and other correspondence with parents is typically done in English.

"We really need to have things translated," Garcia told the Board of Education during its July 12 meeting. "Parents are just 'filing' everything that comes in."

"The child, the student, will say to their parent 'that's not important,'" she



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District 219 family liaison worker Leticia Garcia wants the district to consider sending out letters and email to parents in various languages not just English. "We can't use the students as translators because they're not going to do a good job," she told the Board of Education during its July 12 meeting. "We really need to do it in all the languages."

added. "Of course not. It's not important for a teenager if they have to pay for the bus fee or ... any school fees that we might have. Or if the teacher wants to talk to the parents to see if the child needs any other kind of support in school.

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dents as translators because they're not going to do a good job. We really need to do it in all the languages."

A half dozen Spanish-speaking District 219 parents also joined Garcia in asking the board to consider sending out communications to parents in Spanish,

Assyrian and other languages commonly used in many households throughout the district. During the board meeting, Garcia translated for several parents.

"It's very important," Garcia said. "They want to know how to be able to help

their children. They need to be educated, but if we have parents that are not educated, there's a gap between them that's where psychological problems start to happen. Kids and parents will have that struggle."

Board member Carlton Evans said he is open to the suggestion and also said it ties in well with the district's pledge to respect and foster diversity.

"Diversity needs to be part of the day-to-day operation of the schools," Evans said. "We have parents who are from a different country, who are adjusting to the country, adjusting to the educational system.

"I think it would be a great idea for this board to seek out ways and avenues to help them to transition better by putting letters for example in a native tongue," he added. "We're going to have to do research to find out where to go about doing that.

"For the sake of equity, which we say we take very pride in and diversity, we need to make sure we're deliberate and thoughtful about doing those things,

not just talking about it," Evans said. "Tonight we had a great example of a suggestion from parents and staff to bridge that gap so children can be educated as best they possibly be."

Garcia said online translations are available on some websites but said those tend to be "literal translations" and therefore can be hard to understand. She also balked at the suggestion parents in the district should learn English if they want to help their children in school.

"Parents don't have the time to do that," she said. "They wish they could, but almost all these parents have two jobs."

"Trying to put food on the table is not easy," she added. "With \$9 an hour pay they won't get it. Usually both parents work two jobs, if they have two parents. We have a lot of single parents. They know they need it but they're here to get their kids through high school and hopefully they'll go to college."

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Superintendent: Dist. 219 to focus on achievement, experience

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

With the first day of the new school year a little more than a month away, incoming Niles Township High School District 219 Superintendent Steven Isoye said he plans to focus on student achievement and the experiences they have at the district's schools.

Isoye was hired by the district in May and gave his first superintendent's report to the school board during its July 12 meeting.

"It feels great," Isoye said in an interview. "Everybody has been very welcoming. Now that I'm here in a permanent setting so I can



BRIAN L. COX/PIONEER PRESS

Steven Isoye, superintendent of Niles Township High School District 219

begin to listen and learn about the district.

"I think it was very helpful to have that first board meeting as soon as I did because I was able to interact with the board early on

in an official way and was able to bring to them the various topics and looks at how we go about preparing and providing information to the board," he added. "It gave me a nice overview."

He also said that although he has only been officially on the job for less than two weeks he is already setting priorities.

"The No. 1 priority is looking at the student experience," he said. "It's important for me to learn about the culture of the district and to understand what are the common themes that are coming up, to help prioritize what direction any work needs to go in."

"Certainly one of the

things I'm going to be interested in talking about is how our students are doing," he said. "Looking at what we're doing? How we serve students. What the achievement is like also in regards to our entire student experience which includes student behavior, those types of things, clubs and activities extracurricular and how students are connected to the district."

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

Year by the Horace Mann/Illinois Principals Association.

Since 1998, he has served on the Board of Trustees for the Illinois Math and Science Academy, according to District 219 officials.

Isoye takes over the reins of the north suburban school district following a difficult year in which the last superintendent and another top district official resigned following an internal investigation.

Isoye said he is aware of the fact that some in the community might be watching the district more closely because of the events of the past year.

"There's that possibility,

yes," he said. "There's that possibility that they may. I'm not really at a point where I'm going to comment much about that because I'm so new here."

Isoye also said that even as he continues unpacking boxes in his new office he is thinking about and looking forward to the school year ahead.

"I'm going to have to learn more about what the needs are of the community," he said. "I'm looking (forward to) when the students, faculty and staff are back in school so we can really get going."

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Skokie police have apprehended three and are seeking the public's help identifying two additional suspects.

Skokie Police apprehend 3 suspects in vehicle burglaries

By MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Skokie Police continue to investigate and are asking for the public's help after officers responded early July 13 morning to a series of vehicle break-ins that left a police officer with a minor injury following a crash, police said.

Police said they received a call at about 12:44 a.m. reporting that six suspects were trying to open car doors on the 5300 block of Harvard Terrace.

As officers responded to the call, they said, police received an emergency call from the 5300 block of Harvard Terrace reporting a burglary at a home in progress. Police said no one at the home of the reported burglary was injured during the incident, but a 2005 White Nissan Pathfinder SUV with an Illinois license plate of H595187 was taken.

A Skokie police officer spotted the Nissan Pathfinder traveling eastbound on Oakton Street near Park Avenue followed by a red minivan, later determined to be stolen from Chicago, police said.

The Nissan Pathfinder continued eastbound on Oakton Street from Long Avenue with police following before the red minivan crashed into the responding squad car, according to police.

Three suspects fled from the crashed red minivan and two were apprehended by Skokie Police and Evanston Police, police said. The third suspect fled on foot traveling northbound on Lockwood Avenue, police said.

The third suspect was reported to have later burglarized a home on the 8100 block of Lockwood Avenue and took a Volkswagen Touareg. Like in the other vehicle burglary, police said, no one was injured during this incident.

Officers from several northern suburbs, including Evanston, Wilmette and Morton Grove, as well as from the Chicago Police Department and Illinois State Police pursued the Touareg.

Skokie Police officers broadcast the stolen vehicle information over the Illinois State Police Emergency Radio Network (ISP-ERN), which they said got results. An Illinois State Police trooper located and pursued the vehicle to a gas station at 59th Street and Halsted Street in Chicago before taking the driver into custody and processing the vehicle as evidence, police said.

Skokie police reported that an officer injured in the initial crash at Oakton and Park Avenue was treated and released from Skokie Hospital for minor injuries

and is expected to make a full recovery.

"The investigation into these incidents is active and on-going," according to a statement released by Skokie Police. They also said that charges are pending the outcome of the investigation. Names of those in custody have not yet been released.

Police said they are seeking the public's help in locating the stolen 2005 White Nissan Pathfinder SUV with license plate number H595187. They are also trying to identify two additional suspects, originally seen trying to open car doors on the 5300 block of Harvard Terrace, they said.

Police were not able to provide detailed descriptions of the remaining suspects not in custody.

Those with information about the incidents or who witnessed them are being asked to call the Skokie Police Department at (847) 982-5900.

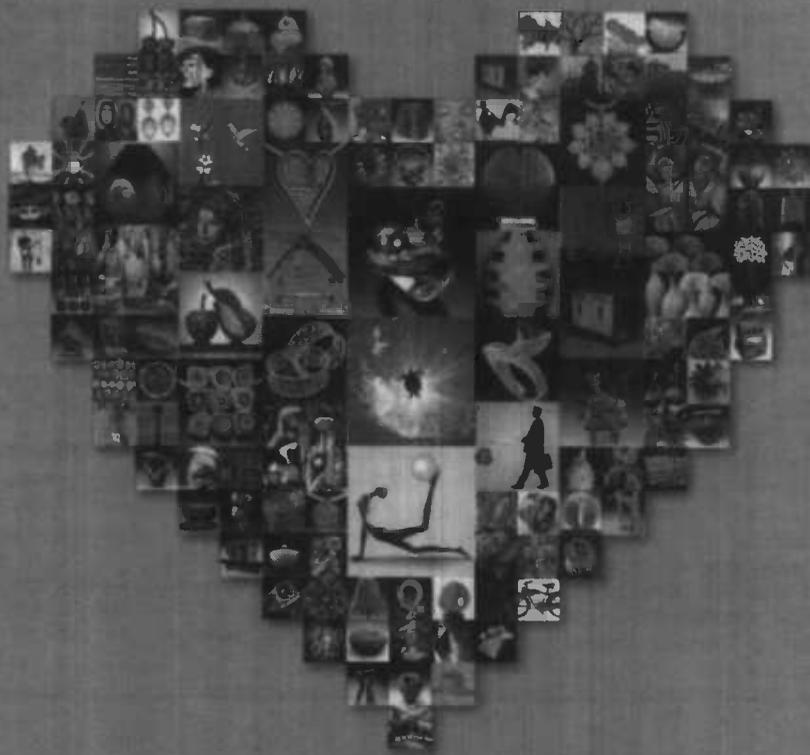
Skokie Police also has a 24-hour Crime Tip Hotline number at (847) 933-TIPS (8477). Text-A-Tip is also available 24 hours a day by texting "Skokie" and the tip info to 847411.

Chicago Tribune's Alexandra Chachkevitch and WGN-TV contributed.

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POLICE REPORT

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DUI

■ Jenine T. Fleming, 47, of the 9900 block of Holly Lane, Des Plaines, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and child endangerment July 6 on the 8500 block of Golf Road. Police said Fleming had a flat tire and was stopped at a gas station. Her child, who was seated in the back seat, told police Fleming had been drinking. She allegedly failed sobriety tests. A court date is scheduled for July 27.

■ Jesse H. Sorin, 41, of the 6200 block of Moody Avenue, Chicago, was charged July 5 with driving under the influence of alcohol on the 7100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said Sorin allegedly consumed alcohol before he was involved in a traffic accident. An open bottle of wine was found in his vehicle, police said. He was also cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, disobeying a traffic signal, driving with an open bottle of alcohol and

driving with an expired license. A court date is scheduled for July 20.

VEHICLE BREAK-INS

■ Someone broke into a vehicle on the 8200 block Ballard Road sometime July 3 or 4, police said. Nothing was stolen from the vehicle.

■ Four vehicles parked in residential driveways on the 8300 block of Park Street were broken into sometime July 3 or 4.

THEFT

■ Two unknown females shoplifted \$278 worth of merchandise from Golf Mill Mall on July 2, police said. The women brought clothing into a fitting room and walked out paying for nothing, police said. They were confronted by a mall security officer as they exited the east side of the building, police said. One of the women handed the stolen items to the security officer before they fled the parking lot.

■ Gary E. Pryor, 35, of the 10000 block of Linda Lane, Des Plaines, was charged with theft July 5 at a retail store on the 8500 block of

Golf Road. Pryor allegedly concealed \$60 worth of groceries in bags and left the store without paying for the items, police said. Police tracked his license plate number and he was taken from his home into police custody.

OBSTRUCTION

■ Adam Debowski, 20, of the 8500 block of North Oleander Avenue, Niles; and Mark B. Rihani, 20, of the 9300 block of Hamlin Avenue, Des Plaines; were charged with obstruction July 2 at a restaurant on the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police officers were in the restaurant responding to a fight when Debowski and Rihani started yelling at officers, police said. They were both cited for disorderly conduct, public intoxication and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

■ A porta-potty in Ozark Park was blown up with a firework sometime between June 30 and July 5, police said. A Niles Park District employee found pieces of the porta-potty scattered around the park July 5.

Man hospitalized after being hit by train in Morton Grove

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A 53-year-old man was hospitalized July 15 after his bicycle struck a train at the Metra crossing at Dempster Street and Lehigh Avenue, police said.

The man, whose condition was unknown, was hit by a Milwaukee District North Line train at approximately 9:05 a.m. as it headed north through Morton Grove, according to Meg Reile, a Metra spokeswoman.

He was conscious and talking when paramedics transported him to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, according to Morton Grove police. Witnesses told police the man appeared to have attempted to cross the tracks while the gates were down and the signals were on.

He and his bicycle were struck "lightly" by the moving train, police said, and the conductor

stopped when he saw the bicyclist had been hit.

The man had moderate injuries, including lacerations on his body, Morton Grove Police Cmdr. Paul Yaras said.

The train was stopped on the tracks following the accident for nearly 30 minutes before northbound service resumed, according to Reile.

The train signals and gate were working properly at the time of the incident, Reile said.

"People blowing through the gates isn't uncommon," she said. "There's no indication that any of the gates weren't functioning, and it looks like the bicyclist ran into the side of the train while it was moving."

No one on the train was hurt and no damage was reported to the train, she said.

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'Has the world learned the lesson?'

Illinois Holocaust Museum, community remember humanitarian Elie Wiesel

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

More than seven years after Elie Wiesel spoke near the yet-to-open Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, christening the new institution on a cold and relentlessly rainy April afternoon, his words rang out at the museum once again.

Wiesel, an Auschwitz and Buchenwald survivor, author, respected humanitarian and Nobel Peace Prize winner, died July 2 at age 87. During its memorial commemoration for him last week, the museum replayed his speech from April 19, 2009 — at least a generous portion of it.

"Has the world learned the lesson?" he asked at the museum's grand opening in Skokie. "Sadly, I must confess, the answer is no.

"Had the world learned the lesson," Wiesel continued, "there ought to be no

Cambodia and no Rwanda and no Darfur and no Bosnia and no racism ... and no Nazi marches here in Skokie."

Wiesel left the thousands bundled up against the cold underneath a sprawling tent that day with what he considered a simple lesson: "Whatever happens to one community affects all communities," he said.

Revisiting Wiesel's 2009 speech last week was only one way in which the museum engaged in what the humanitarian always said was vital in approaching the Holocaust: remembering.

"Those of you here in Illinois have courageously shown to your fellow Americans the importance — the essential obligation — of memory," Wiesel said during his Skokie speech.

Those at the museum last week said the power and eloquence of

Wiesel's words will allow future generations to remember the Holocaust — as well as the survivor and leader who refused to let the world forget.

"He was one of the first leaders that was able to stand up and speak up — speak up for all of us survivors, speak his thoughts," survivor and museum President Fritzie Fritzshall said. "He was not told to be quiet like the rest of us."

Fritzshall said that Wiesel's early words were especially important because so many survivors were told to forget and concentrate on starting a new life. "We couldn't and we didn't," she said.

"Elie Wiesel in those days had the privilege ... of having a mic and standing up and speaking up and speaking for the rest of us and speaking for humanity and speaking for the world," Fritzshall said.

When the museum first announced the commemorative event for Wiesel, museum officials said, the response was so great that it had to be relocated to a much larger downstairs room. Hundreds packed in there July 14 to pay tribute and, of course, to remember.

"Elie Wiesel seemed like the living embodiment of the every-person Holocaust survivor for so many around the globe who don't have the privilege that we do as part of our museum family here to know and hear from our cherished survivors," museum CEO Susan Abrams said. "Elie Wiesel really was that voice for the world at large."

Storyteller and associate professor at Northwestern School of Communication Rives Collins read a passage from Wiesel's sparse and seminal memoir "Night," which plunges the reader



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Holocaust survivor and Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center President Fritzie Fritzshall lights one of seven candles for survivor, humanitarian, author and Nobel Peace Prize-winner Elie Wiesel who died July 2. Six survivors in the back also lit candles for Wiesel during the museum's commemoration.

into the tragedy and horror a teenage boy faced in the Nazi death camps where he would lose his family, and his life would change forever.

Iroquois Community School teacher Kristin Gottschalk expressed just how important "Night" has been for her students.

"Facts and figures are important, but students can't seem to grasp the sheer magnitude of numbers," she said, adding that "Night" is the one Holocaust book her students "cling to, remember most."

"His honest and raw details engage the students," she said about the author. "As adolescents, my young students identify with young Elie and the relationship he has with his father. The detailed writing helps the students experience the struggles to understand the horrors he faced and his will to survive."

The teacher said her students vividly remember the many details Wiesel wrote about in the book — Moshe the Beadle, the journey in a crowded cattle car, the eight words that separated his family forever — "men to the left, women to the right."

Last week's commemoration included personal audience reflections, too — a former 4th-grade social studies teacher on why it was so important to her that her students hear Wiesel's voice; the reading of an 8th-grade student's letter to Wiesel on how his book "changed my outlook on life" and the assurance that "people will see the world differently because of you"; a Holocaust survivor's gratitude to Wiesel for helping her break her silence; a good friend of Wiesel's who said he enriched the lives of all he knew.

Leo Melamed, Wiesel's long-

time friend and chairman emeritus of CME Group, read a somber poem in both Yiddish and English in memory of Wiesel; seven survivors each lit a candle after reading a short and memorable reflection that Wiesel wrote or spoke sometime in his life.

A short distance away from the museum, just before its doors had officially opened seven years ago, Wiesel told people that "life is not made of years, but of moments." He told them we need to embrace life, make it count, stand up for those in need.

"We must think of the living, and therefore, whenever and wherever living human beings suffer, we must do something to honor their dignity," he said. "Whenever people live in fear, we must be there."

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Rally for the Cure event has its most successful year in Glencoe

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
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Bonnie Malow of Skokie was having a good time at the Glencoe Golf Club on July 12, especially when she sank a long putt on the ninth hole. But Malow wasn't just playing 18 holes that day — she was trying to raise money for an important cause.

Malow was one of 30 women who participated in the Glencoe Women's Golf Association's Rally for the Cure, an annual event at the golf club that, for 20 years, has brought in money for breast cancer research and education.

"I come out here to support my friends who are survivors and to support my

friends who will be survivors," Malow said. "They will find a cure one day; it is inevitable."

This year's event brought in over \$1,800, according to the golf club's general manager, Stella Nanos, who added that over the last two decades over \$25,000 has been raised.

Participants paid a \$20 entry fee to play a full round of golf, and afterward there was a raffle with 25 donated items from local businesses, including coffee shops, restaurants and jewelry stores.

Those who couldn't attend could sponsor an individual hole for \$100, according to Nanos. In most cases, that meant a sign was created on the hole to honor people whose lives have

been touched by breast cancer.

The gorgeous summer day wasn't the only thing that pleased Nanos about the Rally for the Cure.

"It was the most successful event we ever had, based on the funds we raised," she said. "The people that donated raffle prizes were very generous, and that increased the number of sales in the raffle prizes."

The success of this year's event reinforced the Rally for the Cure as one of the favorite days on the calendar for Nanos.

"I enjoy seeing all the women come together, as we are sharing the knowledge that early detection is the best defense," she said.

"We are supporting the survivors, and hopefully one day we will find a cure."

Patti Penner of Northbrook was the event's co-chairwoman, and she donned a pink T-shirt to play her 18 holes.

"We are very happy. It was a very successful day," Penner said. "Our league is a very cohesive group of girls, and many of the women are survivors and so they believe in the cause."

Many of the players wanted to support their friends, but for Deerfield's Penny Izenson, the reasons were more personal, as she is a three-time breast cancer survivor.

Taking a moment before she drove a fairway, Izenson reflected on her life and the



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From left, at the Glencoe Golf Club during the July 12 Rally for the Cure event: Patti Penner, Patti Stone, Ellen Small, Maureen Lampert and Michele Crane.

battles she has fought.

"I get out here (to the golf course) three times a week. I exercise and do Pilates and I've been married for 46 years and I'm still kicking," she said. "I'm happy people

are trying to find a cure to this terrible disease, because it is still killing women."

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Anti-abortion protesters hoist signs

Pro-Life Action League brings its "Face the Truth Tour," to Niles, Evanston, Lincolnwood

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Motorists and others traveling through highly trafficked intersections in Niles, Evanston and Lincolnwood July 13 passed through a gantlet of images on poster boards purporting to show aborted fetuses in various stages of development.

The posters were part of a series of demonstrations held in the Chicago area by the Pro-Life Action League between July 8 and 14.

The rallies marked the league's 17th annual "Face the Truth Tour," and the demonstrations occurred roughly a week after the Supreme Court issued a ruling that a 2013 Texas law placed an undue burden on women trying to end a pregnancy in that state.

Opponents of the Texas law said it was designed to close abortion clinics and was also medically unnecessary, while proponents argued that it was intended to protect the health of women.

Following passage of the law, the number of abortion clinics in the state fell from 41 to 19.

Eric Scheidler, executive director of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League, said the recent ruling "is a signal we have a lot more work to do to educate the general public."

Standing on street corners with signs claiming to show aborted fetuses is an action Scheidler said those who are disappointed with the decision from the country's highest court can take to express their "indignation at seeing democracy undermined by these unelected and life-serving judges."

Scheidler claims that

while public opinion on social issues like same-sex marriage has changed drastically in the past couple decades, Americans remain divided on abortion.

A survey conducted by the Pew Research Center in March of this year found 56 percent of U.S. adults felt abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

Meanwhile, 41 percent said it should be illegal all or most of the time.

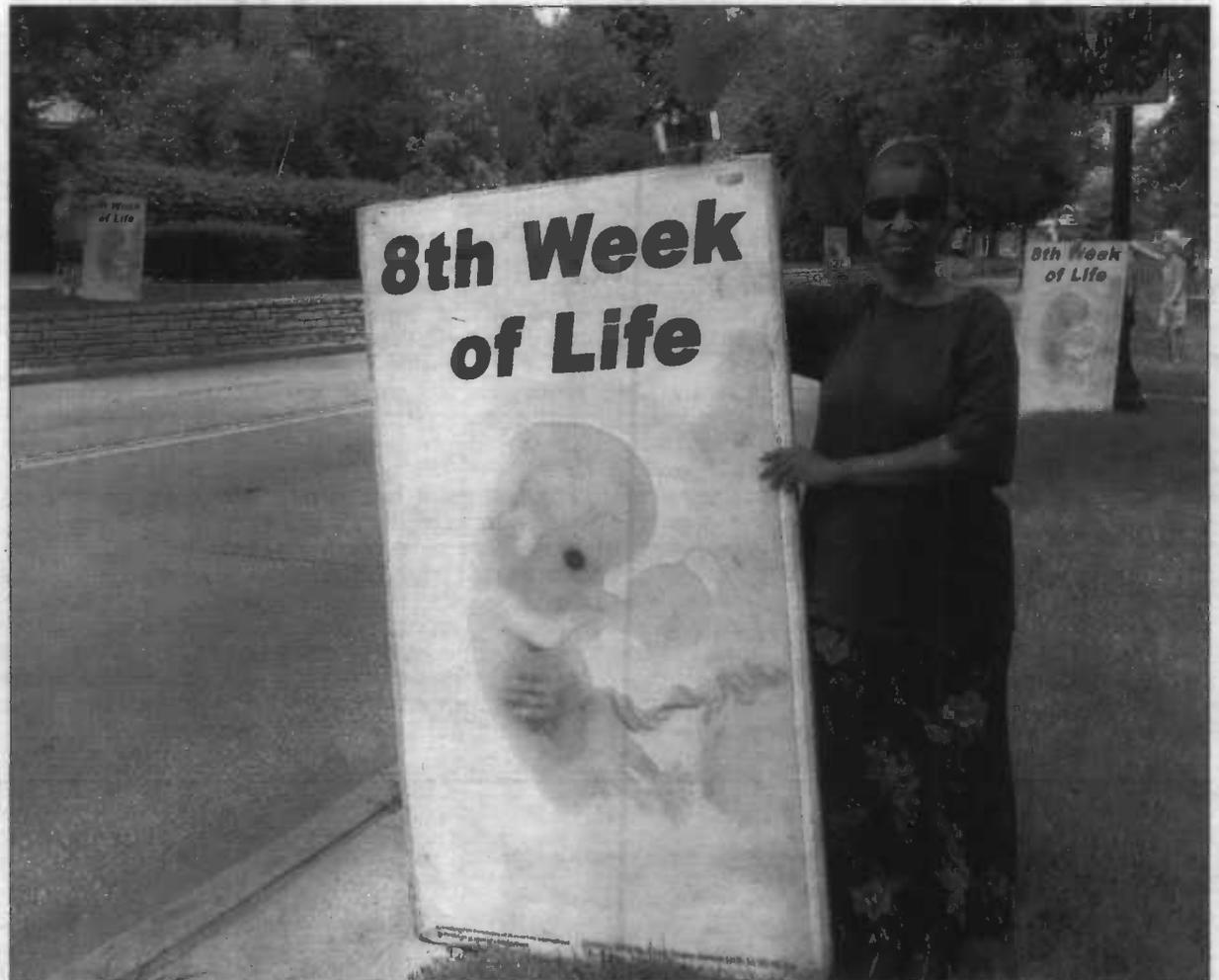
"Polling has consistently shown that 7 in 10 Americans support safe and legal access to abortion — across all party affiliation and background," James Owens, states communication director for NARAL Pro-Choice America, a nonprofit that advocates expanded access to abortion, wrote in an email.

"While these rights have been under constant assault by a vocal minority that wants to impose their worldview on the rest of America, the Supreme Court and majorities of our neighbors across the country continue to side against them," Owens wrote.

"I don't know anything about the protesters you saw, but I did see thousands of folks from all walks of life rally at the Supreme Court just a few months ago to support the reproductive freedom of all Americans."

Chicago resident Lydia Marie Farmer, 53, says she has demonstrated against abortion with various anti-abortion groups between 30 and 40 times over the past 16 years.

Farmer stood at the corner of Ridge Avenue and Davis Street in Evanston July 13 holding a poster nearly as tall as she is alleging to show the remains of a fetus aborted eight weeks into a preg-



LEE V. GAINES/PIONEER PRESS

Chicago resident Lydia Marie Farmer, 53, stands at the corner of Davis Street and Ridge Avenue in Evanston on July 13 in an anti-abortion demonstration.

nancy.

She was flanked by roughly a dozen other people ranging in age from adolescents to senior citizens holding similar posters.

Other members of the league passed out pamphlets to anyone who would accept them that included information about the league's position on abortion and a phone number for those seeking counseling from the group.

Farmer said that although she was raised a Christian, she was formerly pro-choice and it wasn't until she saw a televised debate between Carol Everett, founder of Texas-based Heidi Group, and a Planned Parenthood representative

that she changed her views. "Even as a Christian, God had to change my heart about abortion," said Farmer, who believes abortion is wrong in all instances including rape, incest and ectopic pregnancies. She said joining the anti-abortion movement has made her a more empathetic person.

"One of the misconceptions people have about this display is that it is done with aggression or anger. People who come out with a tour like this are, if anything, filled with joy," Scheidler said.

A few motorists passing by honked their horns in support, but more often than not the reaction the group solicited was angry

words shouted at the demonstrators.

A sign Scheidler posts a block away from every street corner rally warning motorists and pedestrians of "graphic abortion photos ahead" was vandalized by an unknown person who changed the message to read "grab abortion photos ahead 1\$."

Scheidler said he respects members of the pro-abortion rights movement, but is dismayed by those who would poke fun at the cause.

Scheidler's 15-year-old daughter, Lucy, who also participated in the demonstration, said that although the bulk of the public reaction is often negative, she's also experienced gratitude

from passersby.

"Someone did come up to me and said, 'Thank you for doing this.' The positive feedback keeps me going," she said.

Both Scheidler and Farmer said that while the northern suburbs of Chicago, and particularly Evanston, have historically been places where the group receives hostile feedback, that reaction has softened over the past decade.

"We used to get a much more angry, volatile reaction than we do now," Scheidler said.

"We've seen a change. People are more likely to talk rather than yell."

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Small, relaxed crowd waits for glimpse of Clinton

Candidate, former First Lady visited Wilmette July 13

BY KATHY ROUTLIFFE
Pioneer Press

The small crowd of reporters, camera crews, and Sheridan Road kibitzers were dealing with muggy heat as best they could on July 13, while training their eyes on the Wilmette mansion where Hillary Clinton, unseen, was raising money for her presidential campaign, when a boy and a girl carrying a paper grocery bag approached one of the news crews' camera operators.

The girl reached into the paper bag and brought out a red, white and blue frozen pop; would he like one, she asked the first cameraman.

"Do I have to pay for it?"



KATHY ROUTLIFFE/PIONEER PRESS

While news team camera operators watched a Sheridan Road mansion in Wilmette on July 13, waiting for a glimpse of presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, passersby photographed the photographers.

he said.

"No. It's just hot out," she responded. Within moments, two more camera operators were cooling off with iced treats on sticks.

The relaxed atmosphere across the street from Democratic fundraiser

Laura Rickett's home, where Clinton was meeting with high-rolling supporters, might have been partly due to the day's heat.

Regardless of the cause, nearly everyone who wasn't part of the somewhat desultory media

scrum was ready to smile, joke, and chat, while they waited and hoped for at least a glimpse of the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

Wilmette resident Maralee Rasmussen was watching with her 10-year-old

dog, Dozer.

"My daughter called me from Durham, N.C., and told me to bring Dozer with me," she joked.

Rasmussen, a fan of former Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, said she thought his endorsement of Clinton the previous day was gracious, adding, "I like him a lot, but I'm ready for Hillary."

Gillson Park lifeguard supervisor Billy Maloney, 18 and a self-described "very socially aware Democrat," said he was heading home from work when he ran into the crowd of about a dozen people and decided to stay and watch.

Maloney's mother, Maggie Maloney, was still excited at having caught a glimpse of Clinton earlier in the afternoon as the candidate arrived for the fundraiser. She should have

made a sign to hold up, Maloney said, still happy that Clinton had waved out the window of the car carrying her to the event.

Asked what she thought of the current political atmosphere, especially the concept of Americans choosing not to vote because their favored candidate didn't make the cut, Maggie Maloney uttered a heartfelt and colorfully unprintable epithet before going on to praise people who cared enough to head to the polls, even if it was for a compromise candidate.

Arlington Heights resident Eva Templin, in Wilmette to visit the Baha'i House of Worship that acted as a picturesque backdrop for the Clinton-watching crowd, was similarly in favor of voting.

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The new Giordano's location opened June 27 at 6485 N. Lincoln Ave. In the building that used to be occupied by Maxwell Street Grill. A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony will be held sometime in August, but Giordano's did not have an exact date for the event.

Giordano's new location focuses on carryout

Lincolnwood locale opened in late June

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood is now home to two of Chicago's biggest names in deep-dish pizza after Giordano's debuted the chain's newest location on Lincoln Avenue in late June.

Fans of classic Chicago-style pizza can order pies for delivery or pick-up from the 6485 N. Lincoln Ave. Giordano's location, which moved into the building formerly occupied by Maxwell Street Grill until it closed in 2014.

Unlike Giordano's competitor Lou Malnati's, where customers often wait in long lines for a table at the company's flagship location two blocks down at 6649 N. Lincoln Ave.,

Giordano's Lincolnwood doesn't have a dining room.

"This location is focused on carryout and delivery and off-site catering," said Lauren Kerr, a spokeswoman for Giordano's. "They have a couple of bar stools, so there's a small place for people to sit."

Until now, Giordano's fans had to travel to Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood to find the closest location, Kerr said.

Lou Malnati's has maintained its presence as a well-known Chicago-style pizza chain since the company opened its first-ever restaurant in Lincolnwood more than 50 years ago. Lincolnwood Mayor Jerry Turry has said there's plenty of room in the local pizza market for another big chain.

The franchisee-operated Giordano's location will be run by Steve Gelousis, ac-

ording to information from Lincolnwood's community development department. Ten employees have been hired to staff the business, Kerr said.

The building, which sits on a triangular piece of property between Arthur and North Monticello avenues, had been vacant for at least a year until Giordano's acquired a lease for the property from Oberweis, which owns the building and the ice cream retail store it operates across the street.

Giordano's is the second big-name retailer to open in Lincolnwood this summer. Liquor store chain Binny's Beverage Depot opened in the former Lincolnwood Produce building at 7175 N. Lincoln Ave in June.

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Morton Grove Animal Hospital breaks ground on new facility

BY KIRSTEN ONSGARD
Pioneer Press

Many doctors dream of owning their own practice. For Dr. Kathryn Bertoglio-Harris and her husband Dr. Brian Harris, that dream was first recognized in 2008 when they purchased Morton Grove Animal Hospital.

Because it was built in 1957, the space has long been in need of an upgrade, something Bertoglio-Harris said she realized even when she began working at the animal hospital straight from college 16 years ago.

June 13, ground broke on their new dream: a more spacious and modernized 6,040-square-foot structure that will replace its old counterpart at 9128 Waukegan Road. The new facility will have expanded parking, additional treatment rooms and outdoor space,



MORTON GROVE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

The Morton Grove Animal Hospital broke ground on its new facility, expected to be completed by July 2017.

and is scheduled to be completed by July 2017.

The new facility has been a long time coming. While the Village Board approved the project Aug. 10, 2015, Bertoglio-Harris said that it was something she and her husband had in mind since purchasing the facility from

its previous owner.

They said they had been in talks with village officials for months before being granted approval last year.

Currently, it has one "very small" waiting room, two exam rooms and a small parking lot in front.

"When it gets busy, we

don't have enough room outside. Here, with animals, it sometimes gets crowded and we have to shift animals to the back so there aren't fights," she said.

The new, \$1.9 million L-shaped facility will include five exam rooms, a "much larger" waiting room and a 12-space parking lot, in addition to a technology upgrade and better "traffic flow" with separated wings, she said.

In a press release, Mayor Dan DiMaria said the project was "yet another key redevelopment project along our Waukegan Road commercial corridor."

Though the entire current building will eventually be demolished, a two-step construction process will allow the hospital to remain open during construction.

A new section will first be added adjacent to the

current structure, Bertoglio-Harris said, which she anticipates will be completed by the end of the year or early January 2017. The hospital will then move into this newer section to allow for the removal of the current building.

She said construction could result in some minor interruptions, but should not prevent them from serving customers.

"There will be rough times, but at the very least we will be here to see sick animals, even if we limit our schedule," she said.

They will be posting to their Facebook page and sending a newsletter to customers to share any scheduling or parking updates, she said.

Hiring additional staff will come eventually, she said. The practice's tight-knit, "family" atmosphere means that it is important

to find employees who are in it for the "long haul" and that their customers have become attached to its current staff, Bertoglio-Harris said.

"(Customers') animals are like children," said head technician Paul Biederer, who has worked at Morton Grove Animal Hospital for more than 15 years. "When you say it's 'hey, we're just like family,' even if we didn't choose it, other people chose it for us."

The clients, Harris said, are just as excited as they are.

"It's going to have a feel that we've always wanted," Bertoglio-Harris said. "We've struggled to make the cinder blocks feel warm and homey. We're not going to have to do that anymore."

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Proesel Park ready for annual festival

Lincolnwood Fest set for July 21-24

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

What started 27 years ago as the "Fun Fest" has since grown into Lincolnwood's largest outdoor public event of the year: Lincolnwood Fest.

The annual Lincolnwood Fest returns each July and draws crowds as large as 35,000 people to Proesel Park for four days of carnival rides and games, live music and a well-attended classic car show.

Five years after the "fun fest" began in 1990 under the late former Lincolnwood Mayor Madeleine Grant, the event's name was changed to Lincolnwood Fest, recalls current Mayor Jerry Turry.

In its current format, the summer festival is planned and funded by a committee known as Friends of the Lincolnwood Fest. The leadership of the planning committee shifted last year from former fest planner Barb Faermark to Damien Kardaras, who last year dropped a Sunday morning pancake breakfast and a mud wrestling event from the festival lineup.

One of the most popular parts of the fest — the Sunday car show — will return this year in its original form after it changed hands last year from long-time show operator Paul Levine of Lincolnwood to Skokie-based car show company Monday Night Car Shows.

Levine, who declined to explain why he decided not to host the car show last year for the first time in 16 years, held a separate auto show at Centennial Park last August during a family fun fest hosted by the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department.

"We thought we'd return to the fest this year to build up the car show to how it



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5-11 p.m. Park open
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2 p.m. Quidditch 101
8 p.m. Think Floyd USA

JULY 24

10 a.m.-9 p.m. Park open
10 a.m. Car show
7 p.m. Rose Hill Revival

was in its original spirit," Levine said. "A car show may be nothing to someone, but it's something special to the people whose mentalities, pasts and how they grew up are intertwined in these old cars."

For Levine and his co-planner, Marty Michonski, getting the show into its "original spirit" means only allowing vintage autos from 1991 or earlier into the show and setting the mood with a DJ spinning 1950s-era tunes.

Music will take center stage all weekend, with bands reliving the '70s, '80s and '90s, including a Led Zeppelin cover band Friday and a Pink Floyd tribute group on Saturday night.

The main attractions of the fest will be largely the same as past years, including the live music performed by eight bands and the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, carnival-style food served by five vendors and an array of rides operated by Windy City Amuse-

ments.

One new part of the fest will be a Harry Potter game hosted by the Lincolnwood Library, which enlisted the help of Loyola University's Quidditch team, a group of college students who will teach kids 18 and under to play the Harry Potter-inspired game from 2 to 4 p.m. July 23.

"Quidditch was made popular by the Harry Potter series," said Deb Keegan, spokeswoman for the library. "Since there's a new book coming out July 31, the library is celebrating by hosting a couple of Harry Potter events as part of our Summer Reading Challenge."

Turry will kick off the festivities on July 21 at 5:15 p.m. before rock group The Saturday June Band takes the stage at 5:30 p.m.

"The fest brings good entertainment for adults and fun activities in the carnival for youth, so it's something which is safe, near home and a time to see



STEVE LASKER PHOTOS

The Lincolnwood Summer Fest drew more than 30,000 people to Proesel Park in 2015 to enjoy carnival rides, music, food and drinks. Fest planners said they're hoping for good weather and large crowds again at this year's fest, which takes place July 21-24.

neighbors," Turry said. "The hot days of summer seem interminably long, making people look for ways to divert their interests from the long days."

The carnival rides will start spinning at 5 p.m. July 21 and will continue through Sunday July 22 at 9

p.m.

The bingo tent hosted by Lincolnwood American Legion Post 1226 will be open July 21-24 from 6 to 9 p.m.

All proceeds from the fest support the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department. The \$38,500 raised during the 2015 festi-

val helped pay for renovations for the picnic shelter in Proesel Park, according to Laura McCarty, executive director of the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department.

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Is recent violence just the tip of the iceberg?



RANDY BLASER

The last few weeks have certainly shaken the nation, first with the video of deaths of two black men at the hands of local police followed by the killing of five police officers in Dallas.

I'm not sure we've had such political domestic violence scar the land since the violent year of 1968.

The concern of course is that we might be seeing just the tip of the iceberg, that there might be more to come. Many fear a flame has been lit and those flames have been fanned to the point that the nation must endure another violent summer as we did during those turbulent times at the end of a tumultuous decade.

Right now, I think it could go either way. The times are so much different today in the country than they were in 1968. Maybe

we've learned our lesson and can avoid the violence and bloodshed.

Yet many things are still the same. And that's what is so troubling. Let's take a look at the differences.

In 1968, television was coming into its own, but we hardly had the wall-to-wall coverage of news events the way cable channels cover news live today. News traveled quickly back then, but nothing really went viral, as it does today.

Consider that in April 1968, the residents of Indianapolis who showed up to greet Bobby Kennedy at a campaign stop didn't know that Martin Luther King was assassinated until Kennedy told them. Today you can watch the speech on YouTube and see how a leader responds in a time of tragedy.

Social media can put events in front of everyone nearly instantaneously. So many have seen the video of the police shootings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, and people can judge for themselves



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY

Honor guard stands at attention as the casket of slain Dallas Area Rapid Transit police officer Brent Thompson is loaded into a hearse during a funeral service July 13 in Dallas.

whether deadly force was necessary.

In 1968, there were fewer African-Americans in positions of power in the United States. The power structure of the country was completely white. Today, blacks hold more key offices, from Dallas Police Chief David Brown, who has been a

calm voice of reason, reassurance and fairness during the week of tragedy, to the president himself, members of the cabinet, members of Congress, judges and mayors.

That's a big difference. We have other voices in positions of power who can speak with authority about

what they know, what they've seen and what's happening. We now have more diversity among decision makers in America. And that may be the thing that saves us.

Yet the similarities to 1968 are also stark and not reassuring at all. Today, there are still too many

African-Americans who live in poverty, living in substandard housing in the poorest neighborhoods of our cities, who are unemployed or underemployed, and who are poorly educated in schools that still seem segregated as if Brown v. Board of Education never happened.

And too many blacks are clients of the criminal justice system, rather than being served or protected by it.

These issues have not changed for too many of our fellow Americans. And that is still the issue, just as in 1968. Too many of our fellow Americans are suffering disproportionately because of the color of their skin. We as a nation need to address those stark differences in income, education, housing and neighborhood violence that still exists between black and white.

We've seen the mountaintop, but we're not there yet.

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The secret truth about kids' summer camps



PAUL SASSONE

People think Christmas is the best time for kids.

Not so. Summer is the best time to be a kid. OK, you don't get presents in the summer. But summer lasts longer than Christmas.

Summer for me meant escaping from the tyranny of adults (teachers).

In summer, a kid was pretty much in charge of himself. I could go where I wanted and do what I wanted, as long as I didn't:

■ Get hit by a car.

■ Get arrested.

What I couldn't do was bother my mom.

Summer is not a vacation for moms. During the summer, moms have more parenting to do than during the school year, because kids are at home. So, summer can be a double shift for moms.

But not if moms handle it right.

During school, my Mom worked hard. She had to get us dressed and off to school, help us with homework, be a Cub Scout den mother, go to PTA meetings and activities, and every once in a while be summoned by the principal to watch him shake his head and murmur more in silence than in anger, "Paul,

Paul, Paul ..."

None of this was necessary during the summer. Though we had no formal agreement, my mom and I had an understanding that I could ride my bike, play ball, read and ramble. Parental supervision was not required.

To make sure summer included some time off for herself, my mom came up with other ways to fill her kids' time and leave some time empty for herself.

Day camps, for instance.

Most people think summer day camps were created to give kids something to do. Not so. They were started to give moms some summer free time.

Think about it. Kids already know how to play,

to color, to make useless objects out of construction paper and Popsicle sticks. Kids don't need camp. Moms need camp.

And my mom wasn't all that fussy about the camp to which she would send us. One summer she signed us up for a Methodist Bible school for a couple of weeks. Which would be appropriate had we been Methodists, instead of Catholics.

But all too soon summer would end — back to teacher tyranny for me and back to full-time parenting for Mom.

And I could stop pretending to be a Methodist.

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William Orr, left, and Evan Czochara play on a castle June 30 during a summer camp at Learning Is Fun Preschool in Naperville.

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When the news brings tears and no easy solutions



PAT LENHOFF

The photo says it all. A solitary young female, long dress flowing, stands face-to-face with police officers in riot gear during a Black Lives Matter demonstration in Baton Rouge, the site of a recent killing of a black man by police.

The photo is one of so many lately that illustrates our latest national crisis, and it's impossible to not feel touched by coverage of this struggle.

These days, I expect to cry during every news program. And I do.

Watching the struggles of a black man pinned down by multiple police officers before being shot and killed brings tears.

Listening to the interview with a very emotional black woman who was injured in the Dallas shootings describe how police officers, even as they were felled by bullets, called out for her to run and covered her as she tried to shelter her own son created a lump in my throat as silent tears glide down my cheeks.

A newspaper photo of a young white boy sharing his flowers with a young black girl during a rally in New Orleans. The kind of picture you love to see, if only it hadn't been spurred by such tragic events.

People of my Boomer generation feel that we've been there with this issue already in the turbulent 1960s when rioting was common, peace marches weren't always peaceful and Martin Luther King Jr., among others, prayed for change without violence. It seemed that progress had been made,



MAX BECHERER/AP

A protester is grabbed by police officers in riot gear on July 9 after she refused to leave the motor way in front of the Baton Rouge Police Department Headquarters in Baton Rouge, La.

but recent events hint that the improvement wasn't as good as believed, and we are reliving those 60s struggles again.

It's funny how your viewpoint varies depending on which side of the pendulum you reside. Until I made the change from my Christian upbringing to Judaism, I felt pretty comfortable that religious prejudice was under control except perhaps in isolated situations with extremists. After my kids entered school, I got a cold water wake-up on how naive I was to believe that inequity was a thing of the past.

What changed then in my case wasn't society, it was my new perspective as a minority. And it altered my outlook forever.

Consequently, if a Native American says that the name of a sports team is a slur, I don't feel comfortable arguing why it's not. Better to listen and

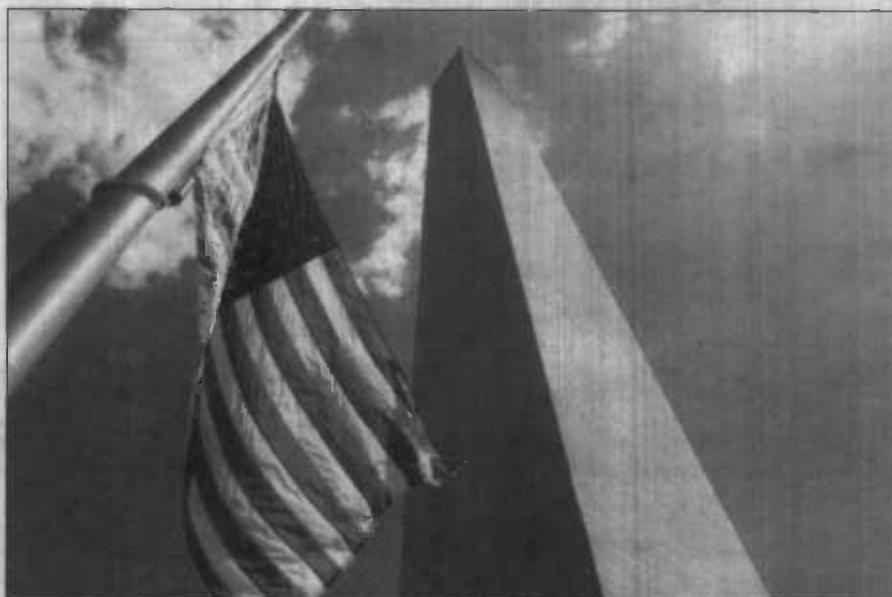
open the mind. And if a majority of African-Americans, particularly males, have told of biased treatment by police, then we have to listen and try to affect change.

At the same time, being a police officer is a job that many of us are not cut out to perform, nor would we want to. So much is at stake and quick decisions have forever effects. Those decisions carry the heaviest of burdens yet can only be made in seconds.

It's time to show law enforcement officials our support. It's also time to demand necessary changes that will ensure everyone receives equal treatment. I just wish there was a simple clear path to follow.

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An American flag files at half-staff at the base of the Washington Monument.

A nation at half-staff



LYNN PETRAK
Home on LaGrange

I was driving through a roundabout intersection in a local downtown the other day, not long after the Fourth of July, and I was struck by the beauty of a large American flag hanging from a flagpole and the many flags rimming the circular garden around it.

A few days later, I drove through that same area and felt sad and weary. The flags were at half-staff. Again.

It's the midpoint of the year, and already I'm sick and tired of seeing our nation's flag at half-staff for one tragedy or another. From shootings to terrorist attacks, the impact on our nation's psyche is akin to a powerful symbol of freedom and unity being semi-regularly lowered.

For that matter, citizens in this country and around the world are weary of seeing other flags — French flags, Turkish flags, rainbow flags — scroll across

their social media feeds. It's the same with social memes about standing with the residents of a particular city, with a skyline in the backdrop.

It's a sad time. An ugly time. I don't like feeling so bereft and, on many days, I really resent the irritation and anger that bubbles up in me when I see people arguing all over the place about being on one side or another of an issue. (Never mind why I get irritated. If I disclose why, half of the people reading this will be irritated with me.)

Indeed, it seems as though our spirits are half-staff as well. We're hanging on, attached and affixed to our everyday as if tethered to a pole, but we're not at our full glory, flapping and snapping in a strong wind.

Sure, that's a handy metaphor, but it's also true. There's only so many times that your spirits can be raised, lowered, raised and lowered again before you just kind of hang in there, half-winded.

I'm hoping, even as we head into a particularly contentious national election and a time of ideologies at war and terror on the march, that the flag can stay up where it belongs for

the next several months.

I look at my own flag hanging from the pole on my front porch and I think about how we can fight against the weariness we feel on an individual basis. It may sound naive and probably is, but I believe that when we make idle small chat in public places with people of diverse backgrounds, interests and preferences, we're raising ourselves to full staff.

It might be talking about the high humidity that day, or the reasons we love or just don't understand "Pokemon Go," or if our favorite baseball team will be playing when the leaves start turning. Calm, sincere, dialogue is wonderful; hateful speech, screaming matches and mean comments are fruitless.

Those everyday interactions make up our own personal roundabouts in life, ones that we have control over when passing through. We can pause and remember those for whom we mourn, but we can choose to keep moving and remember that our flag is still there, our banner yet waves.

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Potter parties

Bookstores celebrating 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' with release party events

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

The CIA could take lessons from the people behind "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child — Parts One & Two," the hotly anticipated latest chapter in the story of the young wizard.

Here are the basic facts — it's based on an original story written by "Harry Potter" series author J. K. Rowling as well as Jack Thorne and John Tiffany. Thorne turned that Rowling tale into a play which will receive its world premiere in London's West End on July 30. On that date, at the stroke of midnight local time, bookstores will be allowed to sell copies of the script book.

Because the book is being printed while the show is still in previews, it's basically a working script. There may be some changes in future additions but the basic storyline will remain.

The play takes place 19 years after the last installment. Harry, now married and the father of three school-age children, is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic. Harry's youngest son Albus is on his way to Hogwarts but resistant to carrying on the family legacy.

The play, which is cur-

rently in previews in London, will be presented in two parts and people are encouraged to see both in one day or on two consecutive evenings. Viewers of this first play based on the series will be strongly encouraged to keep the show's secrets.

Bookstores across the Chicago area (and we're confident the rest of the country — and possibly the world) are hosting events to mark the release of the book on July 30 and 31. The format of the piece or further details are a mystery to them, too.

Kathy Glarner, event manager for the Old Orchard Barnes & Noble in Skokie, said there's great excitement at their shop because, "Our readers have been waiting for nine years for another Harry Potter and this Harry Potter takes place when he's all grown up. Lovers of Harry Potter can't wait to find out what happens to him."

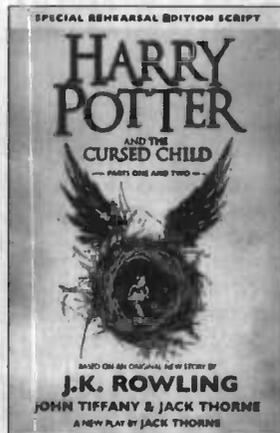
"Cursed Child" is a play script, and being marketed as a script book, but local bookstore officials aren't exactly sure what to expect. "We haven't been able to even get a sneak peek," Glarner said. "It's under incredible restraints and lock and key."

Every single Barnes & Noble store will host a Countdown to Midnight



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(Left to right) Paul Thornley (Ron Weasley), Noma Dumezweni (Hermione Granger) and Cherrelle Skeete (Rose Granger-Weasley) star in the cast of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," now playing at the Palace Theatre in London.



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Party, starting at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 30. "We're going to have event materials and giveaways," Glarner said. "At midnight we will start selling the books to our customers, who we encourage to pre-order."

The mystery continues at the Barnes & Noble stores. "Even our itinerary and our events schedule is being kept under wraps," Glarner said. "We want to surprise his fans, as well as the book being a surprise."

Over at the Magic Tree



BARNES & NOBLE

Harry Potter fans who spent hours working on the 3D Hogwarts puzzle at the Old Orchard Barnes and Noble in June as part of a series of Harry Potter-themed events leading up to the release of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child."

Bookstore in Oak Park, owner Beth Albrecht's daughter Rosie Albrecht indicated they are equally in the dark about what to expect in this latest volume.

Rosie, who graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School this year and is heading to the University of Chicago in the fall to major in English, is a huge Harry

Potter fan.

She said she has read all the books "many times." She has also seen all of the

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movies but asserted that "the books are better. There's a lot of details they couldn't fit in because the books are really long."

Rosie fondly remembers the event she attended when the last volume, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," was released.

"It was thrown by the Magic Tree long before we owned it," she said. "They did a town-wide Harry Potter festival. They had vendors selling wands and Harry Potter robes."

Rosie and her sister Gracie shared their love of all things Harry Potter with customers ages 7-10 at a Hogwarts Camp, July 18-21. The children were divided into houses, made wands, created potions, played quidditch, did magic duels and competed to win the house cup.

What they didn't do at the camp was reveal secrets about the upcoming release. "They've been very tight-lipped," Rosie said of the publisher. "We do not have early access to this one. We have to wait like everybody else."

Kari Patch, a buyer of children's books at The Book Stall in Winnetka is also in the dark about details of the upcoming release. There was a Harry Potter Party at the store on June 28, but Patch noted, "The party was more a general appreciation of the whole Harry Potter phenomenon," she said. "We did trivia with the kids and made house crests and talked about which houses the kids are best sorted into."

Patch added that they did explain about the new book being set in the future and being a play rather than a novel "to prep the kids and talk about what that means and the differences in story presentation."

Because the latest Harry Potter is in such a different format, Patch said, "We're wondering who's going to be the most excited — if it's going to be the new grown-ups who grew up reading

'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' release parties

Anderson's Bookshops in Naperville, Downers Grove and La Grange, midnight July 30. Purchase of a book includes a ticket to The Return of the Party that Shall Not be Named where there will be games, trivia contests, prizes and costume contests. Order tickets for any of the stores at www.andersonsbookshop.com.

Barnes & Noble, all stores, 8 p.m. July 30, Countdown to Midnight Party will include a Muggle Wall where customers can share favorite Harry Potter memories, giveaways and activities. The celebration continues at 9 a.m. July 31 with events and activities. For details on individual stores, go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

The Book Bin, 1151 Church St., Northbrook, 11 p.m. July 31 to 1 a.m. Aug. 1. Harry Potter Midnight Party will include refreshments, games and reading the book aloud until 1 a.m. For reservations, call (847) 498-4999. www.bookbinnorthbrook.com.

Frugal Muse, 7511 Lemont Road, Darien, 10 p.m. July 30 to 1 a.m. July 31. Tickets are \$25 plus tax, which includes a copy of the book. There will be a costume contest, quidditch pong, crafts, coloring, trivia contest, sorting hat and photo booth. Call (630) 427-1140 for reservations. www.frugal-musebooks.com

Lake Forest Book Store, 662 N. Western Ave., Lake Forest, 8 a.m.-noon July 31. Birthday cake, coffee, treats and more. Reservations at (847) 234-4420. www.lakeforest-bookstore.com.

Magic Tree Bookstore, 141 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, 10:30 p.m. July 30. Purchase a book for admission to the party which will include a costume contest, trivia contest, wand-making activity, division of kids into houses and butter beer. Call (708) 848-0770 to pre-order book and reserve space at the party. www.magictreebooks.com.

Various Evanston locations. The activities begin with a Reading Relay at noon July 30 at the Evanston Public Library — come and read as much of the "Harry Potter" series as possible, in several locations, before midnight when "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" is released. At 6 p.m., the action moves to the town's Wizarding School, aka Northwestern University's Deering Library. A pick-up quidditch game will gather on the Deering Meadow at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., an animal keeper will present a class on the Care and Feeding of Creatures on the Deering Steps. The Reading Relay will continue in the Deering Library, along with wand making, and basic spells. From 8:30-8:45 p.m. there will be a costume contest judging contest. At 9 p.m., all visitors are encouraged to parade back to downtown Evanston and Diagon Alley (on Sherman Avenue) just outside of Bookends and Beginnings Bookstore for the announcement of the costume contest winners. The reading relay will split into two parts with simultaneous readings at Bookends and Beginnings and Barnes and Noble to see which location can get the furthest by book box opening at midnight. Bookstores will have continuous activities from 8 p.m. until midnight. For information, call Bookends and Beginnings at 224-999-7722 or Barnes and Noble Evanston at 847-424-0848.

these when they were being published or the young fans."

Rosie Albrecht concludes that the Harry Potter books are so popular because, "The characters are so real and intricate, and people get so attached to these charac-

ters. It's such an amazing, diverse collection of really cool people that you get to spend seven books with."

Fans anxious to read this latest incarnation should plan to pre-order a copy of the book from their local bookstore.

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Farm fresh food keeps going all summer

Theis says it takes careful planning to have produce ripen throughout season

By Judy Buchenot
The Beacon-News

Summer is moving right along and the farmer's markets are filled with just-picked produce.

"We have green beans, yellow beans, cucumbers, beets, peppers, zucchini, summer squash. The tomato plants are loaded and we hope to have them by early August," said Barb Theis Ponderlick of Theis Farm Market. "And we will have corn very soon. Just about everyone who comes to the stand asks about sweet corn."

It takes careful planning to be able to have fresh produce at the stand all season long. Fortunately, Ponderlick comes from a farming heritage so she grew up learning all about produce. The Theis family used to own a farm that was located where Fermilab is today. Ponderlick took over her father Henry's farm in Maple Park about 25 years ago. She hadn't planned to be a farmer. She went to school to be a hair stylist and worked in a salon for several years.

"But I finally realized that I was a farm girl in my heart," she said.

Today Ponderlick, 46, runs the farm with her adult son and daughter-in-law. "My parents are in their 70s and they still help," she said. "I keep telling my dad who is 79 that he doesn't have to get on the tractor but he sees what needs to be done and wants to do it. And my mom, she can pull weeds faster than the high school kids I hire."

In order to have produce ripening all season long, Ponderlick said they plant different varieties throughout the growing season. For example, they plant eight varieties of corn at different times. This stretches the corn season for several months. "My dad eats a raw ear of corn just about every day when it is ready," says Ponderlick. "It is OK to eat corn uncooked. He likes to taste the corn to see how good it is." All of her vegetables including the corn are non-GMO (genetically modified organisms), which is important to some customers.

The family hopes to keep the produce stand going right through to Christmas. "We start in the spring with asparagus and bedding plants. Then we have strawberries, peas and some other cold-weather vegetables in June. Then comes summer with all the corn and everything else. In the fall we have the pumpkins and potatoes, onions, squash and cold-weather crops



JUDY BUCHENOT/BEACON-NEWS

These marinated cucumbers can be kept in the refrigerator several weeks and are a refreshing summer side dish. They become softer over time, which some prefer, but can be eaten a few hours after preparing them.

again. Then we have Christmas trees and wreaths."

Ponderlick admits to munching on pickling cucumbers and raw beans herself while out in the fields.

"You are out there picking all of this fresh produce so it is easy to grab something. We are so busy in the summer that we don't always have time to cook anyway," she said.

When she does cook green beans, Ponderlick is careful not to overcook them. "They are the best when you just steam them." She also cautions against overcooking sweet corn. "Bring a pot of water to a boil. Put in the husked corn. Bring it back to a boil. Turn off the heat and let it sit about one minute. Then it is ready," she said.

Cucumbers are one of Ponderlick's farmstand favorites. She marinates and keeps them in the refrigerator for weeks for a quick, refreshing side dish. "I like to cut the cucumbers with a wavy cutter because I think it allows the sugar and vinegar to penetrate into the cucumber farther," she said. She usually cuts off some of the peeling to form attractive stripes on the cucumber instead of removing all of the peeling.

Another farmstand vegetable that is often overlooked is zucchini. Ponderlick loves to make zucchini bread. "If I am using small tender zucchini, then I don't have to peel them but if the zucchini have gotten large, I peel them and also take out the center where the seeds are," she said. Instead of making loaves, Ponderlick often uses the same batter to make minimuffins, which she freezes to enjoy for several weeks.

Ponderlick is out picking produce on the 25-acre farm nearly every day.

The Theis farmstand at 6N953 County Line Road in Maple Park is open daily. This produce is also found at the Sycamore market on Tuesdays, the DeKalb market on Thursdays, the Aurora West Side market on Wednesdays and downtown Aurora Market on Saturdays.

There is much more available at a farmstand than corn and tomatoes, Ponderlick said, suggesting that customers give cucumbers, zucchini and the bountiful selection of other vegetables a try and taste the difference of just-picked, farm fresh produce.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

Refrigerator Cucumbers

- 6 cups thinly sliced farm fresh cucumbers
- 1 cup thinly sliced farm fresh sweet onion
- 2 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups white vinegar.
- 1 tablespoon salt

1. Mix all of the ingredients in a bowl and allow to stand for two to four hours.
2. Cucumbers can be served at this point or covered and refrigerated for two to four weeks. The longer they are stored, the softer they become.

Zucchini Bread or Minimuffins

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups grated, farm fresh zucchini
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips (optional)

1. Beat eggs well. Add sugar, vegetable oil and vanilla. Mix until blended. Stir in grated zucchini. Add baking soda, salt, baking powder, nutmeg, cinnamon and flour. Mix just until blended. Gently fold in walnuts and/or chips if desired.

2. Grease two 9-by-5 inch loaf pans and divide batter between pans. Bake at 325 degrees for one hour. To make muffins, line minimuffin pans with paper liners. Fill cups about two-thirds full. Bake at 325 degrees for about 15 minutes.

3. Both the loaves and the muffins can be wrapped and frozen.

Barb's Culinary Cue

If you have a bumper crop of zucchini, try freezing some for winter batches of zucchini bread. Simply grate the zucchini, measure and place in freezer bags or containers. Then when the cold winds blow, thaw a bag and whip up a batch of zucchini bread.

Chefs unearth inspiration in market finds

By Veronica Hinke
Pioneer Press

There's nothing like seeing a chef in the kitchen after a visit to the farmers market; it's like watching a kid on Christmas morning.

"I have beautiful produce," Chef Sarah Stegner said happily when she returned from the Green City Market in Chicago recently. Stegner ticked off a list of her finds that morning, including baby zucchini and patty pan squash, tender baby turnips with big leafy greens and "baby kale that's so beautiful."

Back in the kitchen at Prairie Grass Cafe in Northbrook, Stegner focused on turning her loot into a gorgeous plate of colorful grilled vegetables spiked with spicy, crispy pieces of soppressata, a type of Italian salami, and accented with fresh mint from her garden. She peeled and trimmed the turnips and cut them into wedges. She saved the green tops and washed them well. Then she blanched the turnip wedges and greens in boiling salted water. She then sauteed the bulbs and greens in a little olive oil.

"Season them well, using your favorite seasoning," Stegner said.

She cleaned the zucchini, too, and some stunning lavender-colored onions with their greens still on top. She cut them in half and tossed everything in a little olive oil and salt. Then she put them on a hot grill until they were tender. "I like them charred," she said. "I like the vegetables to still have a bit of a snap in the zucchini and baby turnips, and the greens and onions should be tender."

For a little extra punch, Stegner also had some spicy fresh soppressata. She peeled off the casing, sliced the soppressata thin and sauteed it in a small pan over the stove-top until it was a bit crispy. She spooned the soppressata over the veggies, along with the juices it released during the saute.

"The farmers market is a source of inspiration and creativity that drives my menu," Stegner said. "The taste of the food that is so fresh and has been handled with respect and care from the beginning is what every chef wants to have access to."

Stegner is co-chair of the board and a founding member of Green City Market in Chicago. "It's been a big part of the Chicago food movement for 17 years," Stegner said. "Having access, direct access, to farmers is key to building relationships that help both the farmer and the chef. It's a growing community of people who are committed to protecting our local food sources and the farmers that work the land."

For Jennifer Eisen, owner of House 406 in Northbrook, items that keep her going



VERONICA HINKE/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS



ABOVE: The big, leafy baby turnips Sarah Stegner found at the Green City Farmers Market in Chicago make Chef Sarah Stegner smile in the kitchen at Prairie Grass Cafe in Northbrook. **LEFT:** Colorful grilled vegetables are seen in this dish crafted by Stegner.

back to her favorite farmers markets include stone fruits and berries.

"There is something about a basket of farm-fresh strawberries or blueberries that makes me happy," she said. "The flavor is so different than any store-bought items. Everything from the farmers market is rich in flavor, sweeter than factory farms, and looks more real. I like my tomatoes to be imperfect and my strawberries to have large indentations. Those markings tell a story of where they came from."

Eisen loves the Glenview Farmers Market and the Northbrook Farmers Market. And she tries to get to Green City Market at least a couple of times a year "to say hi to

friends," she said. "I love the relationships created at a farmers market and the overall feel of summer in the Midwest."

Chef John Linton, head chef at Hearth Restaurant at Homestead Hotel in Evanston, loves to visit the many farmers markets in southern Wisconsin, where he grew up. "These are farms that I grew up around and I want to give back as much as possible to them," he said. "It is amazing to meet the farmers. They work harder than any chef to get us the best possible product. Not many people get to see that side of our business."

Linton also frequents the farmers markets in Oak Park, where he lives, and in Evanston, where he works.

Mixed vegetables with soppressata and mint

- 8 baby turnips with greens
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon favorite seasoning blend, or desired amount
- 3 zucchini
- 3 patty pan squash
- 4 onions with greens
- 1/2 pound soppressata
- 6 Sprigs fresh mint

1. Peel and trim turnips and cut into wedges. Wash turnip greens well. Blanch turnip wedges and greens in boiling salted water (1 teaspoon salt, or desired amount). In small pan on stovetop, saute turnips and greens in a little olive oil. Season well with a favorite seasoning blend (1 teaspoon seasoning blend, or desired amount).

2. Clean zucchini, patty pan squash and onions, and cut each in half. Toss in olive oil and salt. Put on a hot grill till tender. (Chef Sarah Stegner prefers them charred).

3. Peel casing away from soppressata and slice into thin pieces. Saute in a small pan until slightly crispy.

4. Arrange the turnips, greens, zucchini, patty pan squash and onions on a platter. Tear the mint leaves over it. Spoon the crispy soppressata pieces and any juices it has released over the vegetables.

— Adapted recipe from Sarah Stegner, Prairie Grass Cafe

Program Coordinator Myra Gorman with the City of Evanston said there are 58 vendors in year's Evanston Farmers Market. That's about 16 more vendors than five years ago. She said a survey conducted in 2014 indicated that, on good weather days, 6,000 to 7,000 people visit the market, which operates from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. "It's definitely a Saturday morning destination," Gorman said. "Families can come and eat breakfast under colorful umbrellas and make things like shake butter and plant their own herb gardens."

And Gorman has discovered she loves beets — at least the orange, white and yellow ones. She cuts them up into bite-size pieces, spreads a little olive oil on them and roasts them. "They taste just like a sweet potato," she said.

PETS/ANIMALS

MY PET WORLD

What does it mean when a dog licks you?

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I have a 6-year-old golden doodle, Sophie, the most wonderful, loving pet. My problem (if you can call it a problem) is her continually licking my face when she is sitting near me. Does it have a meaning or is it only a reaction to what I had taught her previously? I would love to know if it is love or a game for her, or does it have any meaning at all? Thanks for your help.

— Daniel Cohen, Boynton Beach, FL

A: Well, you asked for the reason the behavior exists and there is a scientific one. Wolf puppies will lick the faces and lips of adult wolves to indicate that they are hungry. The adult wolf will then regurgitate its stomach contents onto the ground for the puppy to then eat.

When we domesticated the wolf into the dog, we retained the traits of the wolf that we liked and did not encourage those that we did not like. From those traits that we did like was the idea that the animal should view us as a paren-

tal figure. Now most dogs will view us as providers and parental figures when they are adults.

So you see the face licking you describe starts off as more of an instinct, your dog is not begging for food, but more of a way of acknowledging that you are the dog's parental figure. The dog derives security, comfort and reassurance for this, and will continue to do it as long as you allow it.

Now that is the scientific reason for it. There's also the fact that your dog loves you very much and this is her way of expressing it, so just sit back and enjoy it!

Q: We have a great new pet, a 12-week-old female golden doodle. She loves to walk and run just not on the road and blacktop. Once we leave the backyard she gets very skittish. I can clearly see she is afraid of cars, but even on a quiet street she refuses to move. Should I be more demanding for her to move?

— Donald Garcia, Las Vegas, NV

A: Being pushy rarely works in



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Laurie Walker gets a lick from her Chinese Crested dog. When a pet licks its owner's face, it is a way to acknowledge that he or she is the dog's parental figure.

this situation. Your dog does not feel comfortable out of the yard and if you do push her, then she will feel that her fears are justified. It is always important to remember that animals never accept our assurances about how safe a situation is — they need to figure it out for themselves.

If she wants to determine for

herself that the situation is safe, then just hold the leash and lean against a tree and let her. She will get tired of sitting down as she explores the area. In no time, she will figure out for herself that being out of the yard is a great place to be, and your next question to me is how to stop her from pulling you down the block.

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

PET OF THE WEEK



Flapjack

I was too chatty so I came back. Originally, a very nice man had found me as a stray a couple of years ago and took me home. When he took me to the vet, it was discovered that I am FIV positive but that didn't make any difference to him. He loved me and took great care of me and his other cats. My world was so perfect. He described me as a gentle and easy-going cat that would often roll over for belly rubs. He also commented that I was a well-behaved guy, using my scratching post faithfully and always happy to relax in his lap. Unfortunately when he became homeless, we all had to say our good-byes. I am about 9 years old, neutered, tested negative for feline leukemia and microchipped. For additional information, please visit www.saveapetil.org.

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Couple's Medicaid coverage finally canceled

When we left off with Roy and his Medicaid cancellation debacle two weeks ago, he had just been informed by an Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace supervisor that though he'd been requesting termination of his Medicaid coverage since January, the policy remained in effect even after he enrolled with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. As a result, the credits he received through the Healthcare Marketplace were going to be rescinded, leaving Roy and his wife on the hook for \$4,000 in tax penalties.

Though Roy had finally received a certificate of creditable coverage from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (a document listing the months he and his wife were covered by Medicaid) it did not identify his wife by name - an issue for the Marketplace - and it was dated June 15, 2016, five and a half months after their BCBS policy went into effect.

Roy and I had progressed to this point with the assistance of Gregg McAllister, external affairs representative at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Chicago. However, when I circled back with McAllister regarding the cancellation no-

tion's inaccuracies and asked if Medicaid could provide Roy a corrected certificate, he replied: "Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. However, we are unable to comment on individual cases." And that apparently was that.

I decided to turn to Jim Stephens, chief deputy director of the Illinois Department of Insurance. Over the next two weeks, with assistance from four others, Stephens was able to put me in touch with John Hoffman, Department of Healthcare and Family Services public information officer.

While Hoffman tapped the appropriate staff to work through Roy's issue, Roy shared with me the Medicaid missteps over the past five-plus months.

- Early January: Called Aurora HFS office. Phone tree required selection of a caseworker. Roy had no caseworker, so random selections were made. Regardless of choice, voicemail boxes always full.
- Jan. 21: Called HFS toll-free number.



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

When Roy requested Medicaid cancellation notice, informed it wasn't necessary. After explaining reason for request, informed it would take "a few weeks to process."

- Feb. 1: Called to check status on cancellation. Told it was in process. Feb. 9: Called

to check status again. No record of request found. Cancellation request resubmitted.

- February-March: Repeatedly requested extensions from Marketplace so BCBS coverage wouldn't be canceled.

- Late March: Told by HFS that coverage couldn't be canceled via phone; had to be done in person at local HFS office.

- March-April: Repeatedly called Aurora HFS office to schedule appointment. Never reached a human.

- April 22: Went to Aurora HFS office. Per Marketplace instructions, completed paperwork requesting certificates of creditable coverage be mailed to Health Insurance Marketplace Supporting Documentation Department in London, Ky. Aurora HFS

office documented Roy's cancellation request as being due to his relocation to London, Ky.

Three days after my initial contact with Hoffman, I heard back from him via email: "HFS has issued a cancellation notice (to Roy and his wife) that will apply to coverage from January going forward. We apologize for any inconvenience during this process."

With much relief, Roy confirmed: "I was contacted by Lynn Thomas at HFS and she confirmed that our Medicaid cancellation date has been reset back to Jan. 1, 2016. Thank you for all your help in finally getting this resolved!"

After all of this, I was curious, can a Medicaid certificate of creditable coverage be requested online, or must it be done in person or via phone? Per Hoffman, the request must be made by phone, via the Illinois HFS Certificate of Creditable Coverage Hotline, at 1-888-281-8497.

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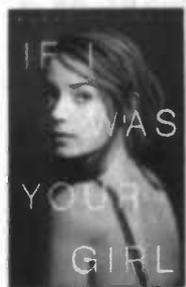
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**If I Was Your Girl**

By Meredith Russo, *Flatiron*, 272 pages, \$17.99, ages 13+

With first love comes uncertainty. Maybe you start off presenting an idealized, baggage-free version of yourself, and then, as the relationship deepens, you want to share more, but fear scaring the other person away.

The stakes are even higher than rejection for Amanda, the transgender teen narrator of Meredith Russo's groundbreaking debut novel. On Amanda's first day at her new high school in Tennessee, where no one knows about her desperately unhappy pre-transition past, she notices two boys checking her out. "My heart screamed that they knew, that the one with those piercing eyes was attracted to me for a moment and his friend was making fun of him for it. That was the kind of scenario that got girls like me killed." Although

she takes hormones, has had surgery, and draws the attention of the boys — one of whom will become her boyfriend — purely by virtue of her feminine beauty, the reality is, as she says, "I was never really safe."

Arriving at a crucial moment in the fight for transgender rights, especially in the South, "If I Was Your Girl" vividly articulates not only the challenges Amanda faces as she pursues the life she wants, but also the joys. She makes friends. She has her first kiss, her first sexual experiences. She watches her parents become her fiercest advocates. She discovers that some people can't be trusted, but others can.

In an afterword addressed "To my cisgender readers — which is to say, to those of you who are not trans," Russo, who transitioned in 2013, expresses concern that Amanda's story will be seen as typical. In reality, many trans women and men don't pass as easily as she does; for instance, they can't all afford — or elect not to have — genital surgery. But, as Russo points out, that doesn't mean their identities are any less "valid" than Amanda's. It doesn't mean they don't deserve to be safe and happy and loved.

**A Fierce and Subtle Poison**

By Samantha Mabry, *Algonquin*, 288 pages, \$17.95, ages 14+

In sensuous prose that enhances the story's mythical underpinnings and tropical setting, Samantha Mabry conjures a vision of girls who disappear. Some of the girls vanish from the streets of Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, their bodies washing up on the beach later, covered in mysterious sores. Another girl who dissolved into legend years earlier resurfaces to affirm her existence. But can she stop the chain of disappearances by ending the curse that has literally turned her blood to poison?

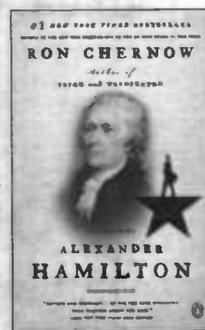
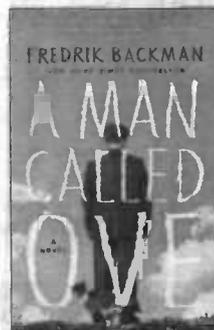
Mabry chooses an outsider to narrate, a 17-year-old boy named Lucas, son of a Puerto Rican woman and a rich white developer from Houston who pollutes the landscape with luxury hotels. Though Lucas has spent the last seven summers on the island and believes

all the local stories — particularly the one about the old house at the end of the lane, where if you write down a wish and toss it over the wall a green-skinned witch will supposedly grant it — he knows that he doesn't fit in. He says, "What I feared was a future where I ended up a version of my dad: oblivious and arrogant, disappointed in clearly beautiful things." He seems already on that road, spending most of his nights drinking and taking girls for granted. When one of those girls goes missing, he becomes a suspect in her murder. They key to solving the crime and clearing his name lies behind the wall of the old house.

If readers could toss their own wish into the mix, it might be for more Isabel, less Lucas. She is a fascinatingly complex character whose voice, like the voices of the *desaparecidas*, the disappeared girls, is silenced too soon. Still, with its sparkingly sinister blend of natural history and magic, of themes that seem both modern and timeless, "A Fierce and Subtle Poison" gets under the skin.

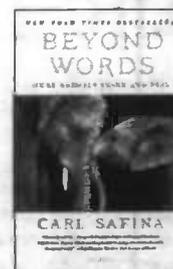
CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).
2. "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow (Penguin, \$27).
3. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner, \$27).
4. "The Girls: A Novel" by Emma Cline (Random House, \$27).
5. "The Little Paris Bookshop: A Novel" by Nina George (Broadway, \$16).



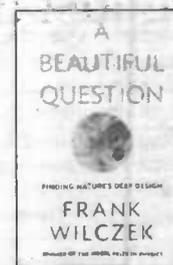
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NEW IN PAPERBACK

**Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel**

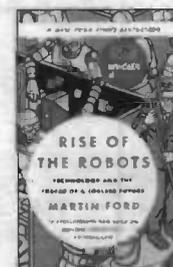
By Carl Safina, *Picador*, 496 pages, \$18

Piecing together decades of field observations with revolutionary discoveries about the brain, Safina sets out to dissolve the behavioral differences between animals and humans. From an elephant family in Kenya struggling to survive poaching and drought, to a pack of wolves in Yellowstone National Park, Safina demonstrates how self-awareness and human emotions — joy, grief, jealousy, anger and love — are also part of animal life.

**A Beautiful Question: Finding Nature's Deep Design**

By Frank Wilczek, *Penguin*, 448 pages, \$18

Wilczek, a Nobel laureate for his pioneering work in quantum physics, guides readers through an illustrated series of discoveries from Plato and Pythagoras to Newton and Einstein. Wilczek looks at the aesthetic structures in nature — what makes it so beautiful — and explains how the same combination of atoms and light responsible for the geometric symmetries of nature can also be found at the root of every symmetry in the universe, including music harmony.

**Rise of the Robots: Technology and the Threat of a Jobless Future**

By Martin Ford, *Basic Books*, 368 pages, \$16.99

Ford, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur, examines the rapid rise of artificial intelligence and the impending possibility of machines taking over both blue- and white-collar jobs. Since society has yet to find a way of avoiding this imminent threat, Ford warns that the consequences will be devastating for humans: massive unemployment as well as economic insecurity.

**The Runaway Wife: A Novel**

By Elizabeth Birkelund, *Harper*, 256 pages, \$15.99

When a French woman named Calliope goes missing in the Swiss Alps, her three daughters, Clio, Thalia and Helene, turn to American hiker Jim Olsen for help. The rescue mission turns out to be much more complicated. As he struggles with his attraction for her daughters, Jim realizes the woman — who came to the Alps to escape her politician husband's most recent scandal — might actually want to stay hidden.

**Atoms Under the Floorboards: The Surprising Science Hidden in Your Home**

By Chris Woodford, *Bloomsbury Sigma*, 336 pages, \$17

Woodford looks at the science behind household phenomena like squeaky floorboards, rubbery custard and shiny shoes, as well as everyday objects such as buildings. Each chapter offers fun, comprehensive facts about how things work the way they do. Two of the topics Woodford tackles are hard to grasp for both children and adults: why skyscrapers can withstand gusty winds and how bicycle wheels don't collapse under a person's weight.

— Andreea Ciulac



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Spelling B: Starting just as you might expect

By S.N. | Edited by Stanley Newman
(stanxwords.com)

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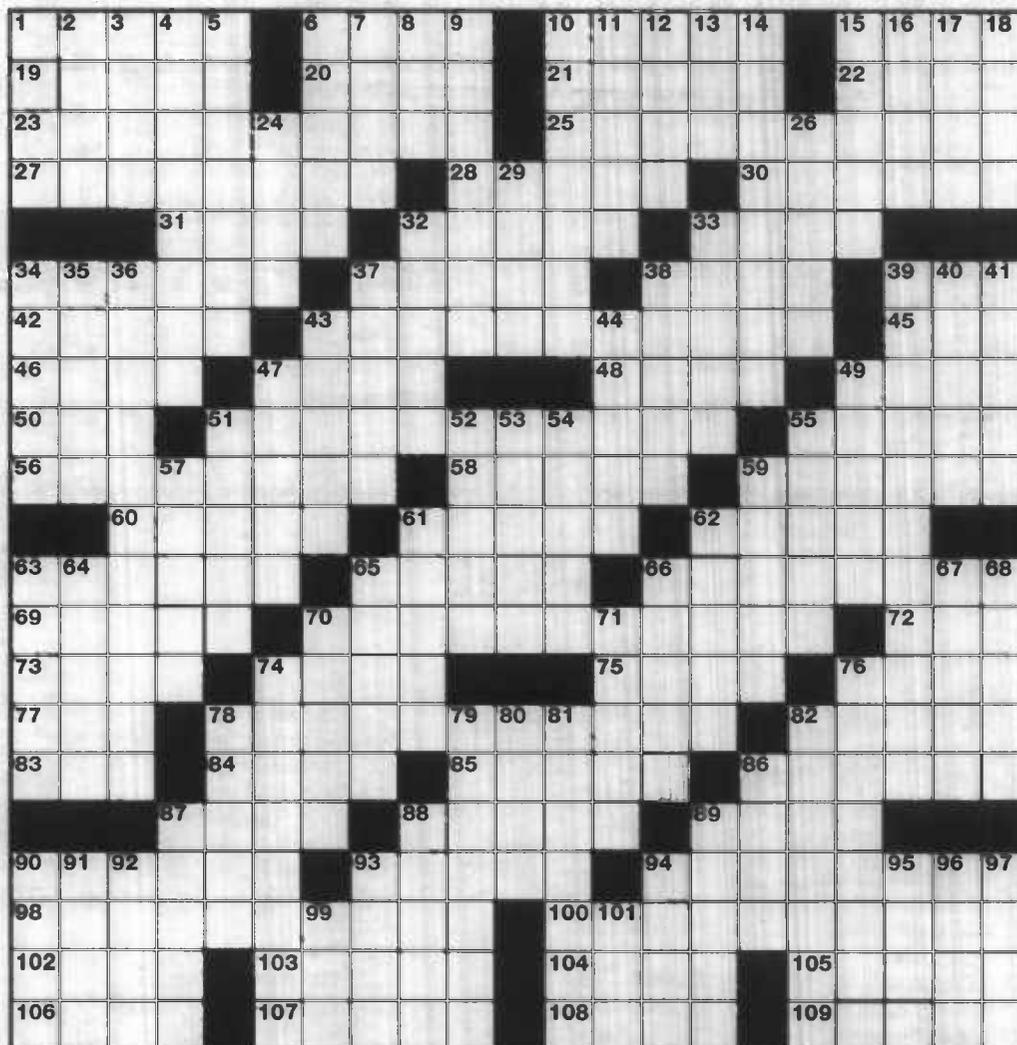
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6 "A man walks into — ..."
10 They're often seen on superheroes
15 Blender setting
19 Computer game pioneer
20 Subtle glow
21 French farewell
22 Break in the action
23 Carter's National Security Advisor
25 Wagner opera Valkyrie
27 Attractive stuff
28 Traditional teachings
30 Linked, as spacecraft
31 Recipe amt.
32 Emergency money
33 Enliven, with "up"
34 Close again, as some doors
37 Unexcitable
38 Washrooms, for short
39 Swimsuit top
42 Have — (be concerned)
43 Middle class
45 Towel holder
46 Handbag designer
47 Quaker colonist VIP
48 Rid of rind
49 How, in Honduras
50 Nevada city
51 Empty boasting
55 Stuff in bran
56 Pillages
58 Nigeria neighbor
59 Former Labour leader Brown

Down

- 60 Light brown
61 Order to a projectionist
62 Word like *danke*
63 Prenatal procedures
65 Inaccurate
66 Theater legend Lynn
69 Beef cuts
70 It might get into a jam
72 Type of toothpaste
73 Triathlete's vehicle
74 Mexican War president
75 Lack of hardships
76 Chew persistently
77 GI hangout
78 Lapel adornment
82 Make joyous
83 *Music Feed* ailer
84 Sharp surface
85 Family members
86 *Compadres*
87 Foot part
88 Congratulations
89 Aid feloniously
90 "Lemme!"
93 On-call accessory
94 Krypton, for instance
98 Deep-sea submersible
100 Star in Orion
102 Enthusiastic about
103 Divination deck
104 Confident assertion
105 Modern artist Max
106 Shipped off
107 Does a slow burn
108 Narrated
109 Electronic instrument, for short

Down

- 1 Newborn
2 Modest acknowledgment
3 Stun
4 Construction crew
5 Pretty big
6 Erstwhile grocery chain
7 Otherwise engaged
8 Biblical sanctuary
9 Caboose, for instance
10 Certain city trip
11 Seller of space
12 Name of 12 popes
13 Poetic dusk
14 Arizona State athlete
15 Mesh well
16 Clumsy ship
17 — tyme (Victorian-era, maybe)
18 Beseeched
24 Technical sch.
26 Polo participant
29 At first, in a dict.
32 Hoodwinked
33 Public promenade
34 Did yard work
35 French school
36 Former American Ballet Theatre head
37 Hymnal contents
38 — wait (lurk)
39 Swift's land of giants
40 Shakespearean eloper
41 Prettify
43 Important thing
44 Bibliography notation



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- 47 Uses leverage
49 Date qualifier
51 Buffoons
52 Borders on
53 Jam-packed
54 Salsa tidbit
55 Third point, in tennis
57 "Common Sense" writer
59 Literary category
61 Chicago journalist Mike
62 Telegraph developer
63 Picture holder
64 A little wet
65 *The Prince of Tides* star
66 Misgivings
67 "Swell!"
68 Mel Brooks' Robin Hood
70 Big branch
71 Salad bar selections
74 Online broadcasts
76 Sparkling
78 Goodman of the Big Band era
79 Zeros
80 Hosiery shade
81 Being a satellite
82 Is revealed
86 Offspring of Eve
87 — water (facing trouble)
88 Comic-book blow
89 At — (done)
90 Long-billed bird
91 Taper off
92 Envelope abbr.
93 Slowly reduce, with "down"
94 Proofreader's abbr.
95 Tim of *Project Runway*
96 Deputy, for short
97 Thomas of clockdom
99 Angry hisser
101 "Green" prefix

Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues

Words

- A. Off somewhere 86 19 56 65 107 128 155 162
- B. Watchers 77 40 98 109 165 28 15 58 142
- C. CO town on the Eagle River: 2 wds. 121 38 9 41 84 63 143 106
- D. Excessive 71 99 13 91 52 79 135 126 33
- E. Now! 75 118 21 70 123 131 101 89 44
- F. You know who: 3 wds. 117 61 11 18 163 150 156
4 78 31 96
- G. Pachelbel's canon in D bass notes, e.g. 50 152 64 97 14 27 122 2
- H. One plus thirty zeros 114 32 129 102 8 141 20 92 51
- I. Light My Fire's group: 2 wds. 37 82 110 169 144 72 46 67

- J. Sweet song of fifties 90 133 69 42 59 17 125 139 166
- K. Active 7 148 115 66 48 130 73 30
- L. Mouth piece 147 127 26 49 16 105 81
- M. Noted knuckler 54 140 161 12 111 29
- N. Great! 100 23 60 159 151 116
170 85 132 35
- O. Not so great 164 108 39 57 1 10 104 146
- P. Water suppliers 113 74 62 167 160 53 3 83 36 153
- Q. Enemy of the Dragon Lady 22 120 134 145 88
- R. Hay crop 154 43 5 87 112 136 24
- S. Dash and daring 45 168 80 34 93 124 138
- T. Sponge 157 76 103 137 47 95
- U. Contemplate 6 55 119 68 25 158 94 149

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Musical

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 Chick's mother
6 The colors
10 Gilbert and Sullivan role
14 Hold dear
15 Standout
16 Cupid
17 Old name for China
20 Maintained
21 Old French coin
22 Itineraries
23 Tibetan ox
24 Granny or sheepshank
25 Kind of sauce
29 Archie Moore's weapon
30 Hulking
33 Selling point for real estate
34 Mah-jongg piece
35 Diminish
36 Revolutionary general
39 Greedy ones
40 Hostilities
41 Agalloch
42 Malt beverage
43 Zephyr
44 Fully grown
45 Direction
46 Nervous twitch

- 47 Igneous rock
50 Skindiver's accessory
51 Fleeting fashions
55 See 10 Across
58 Slothful
59 Roster
60 Gem State capital
61 Mexican worker
62 Flatfish
63 Moisten

Down

- 1 Noted composer
2 — fixe
3 Puppet
4 — Scott decision
5 It is so
6 Light blow
7 Hawaiian feast
8 Everything
9 Channel island
10 Done for: Ger.
11 Leave out
12 Persephone
13 Cinnabar and pyrite
18 Shred
19 Debatable
23 Oscitate
24 Ovens

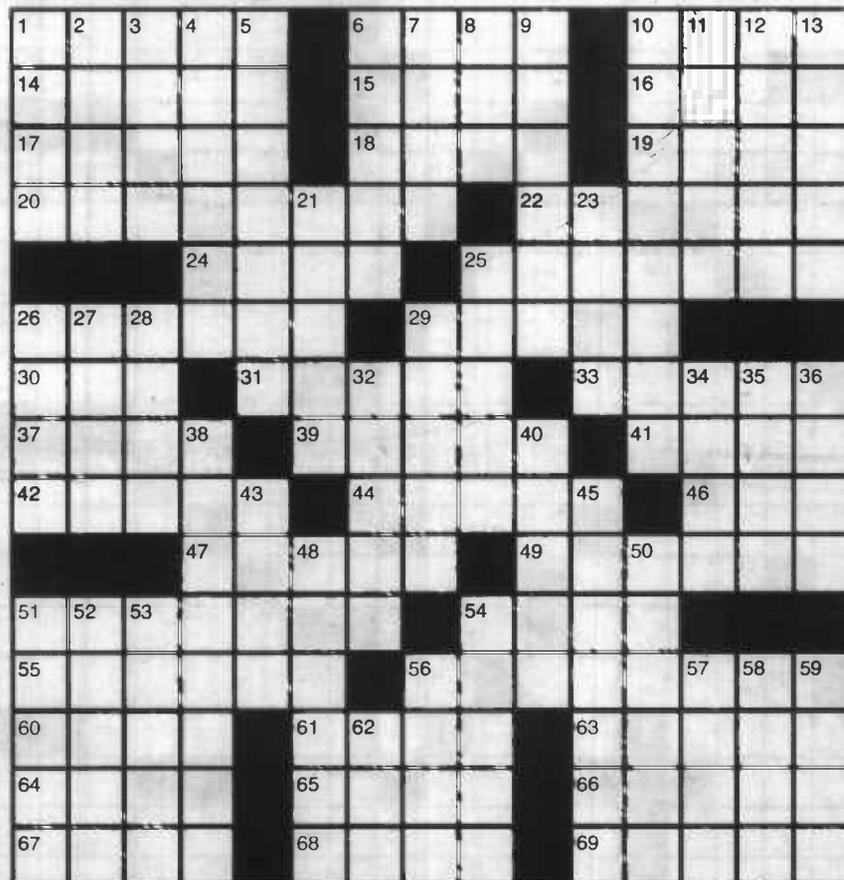
- 25 Rough Riders' port of embarkation
26 Be beneficial
27 Mountain chain
28 Social events
29 Long narrow bay
30 Mississippi's nickname
31 — tube
32 Greylags
34 U—
35 Poet Whitman
37 Violent windstorms
38 Colonel Hobby headed it
43 Berlin eyesore
44 Piece of candy
45 Devoured
46 Recognized right
47 Image on a radar screen
48 Staff officer
49 Normandy town
50 Replete
51 Cleaving tool
52 Biting
53 Contemporary of Bernhardt
54 Disgorge
56 Cry of contempt
57 Tidal reflux

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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Skillful
6 Goes on stage
10 Horse's neck hair
14 Whale's lunch?
15 Have a snack
16 Scent
17 Agassi of tennis
18 Acacia or laurel
19 Hideaway
20 Hold back
22 Go by, as time
24 Huge flightless birds
25 Reached a peak
26 Le ___ Bleu; cooking school
29 Suffers defeat
30 Tumor suffix
31 Play a ukulele
33 Chairs & pews
37 Tourette's symptoms
39 Blisters & boils
41 Undergarment
42 Water vapor
44 ___ on; quit berating
46 Black or Bering
47 Potlucks, e.g.
49 Zsa Zsa & Eva
51 Window coverings
54 May honoree
55 Boards

DOWN

- 56 Rather lilac in color
60 Seep out
61 Barrier built across a river
63 Shun a big wedding
64 ___ up; spends
65 Singer ___ Fitzgerald
66 Rotating machine part
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4 Went separate ways
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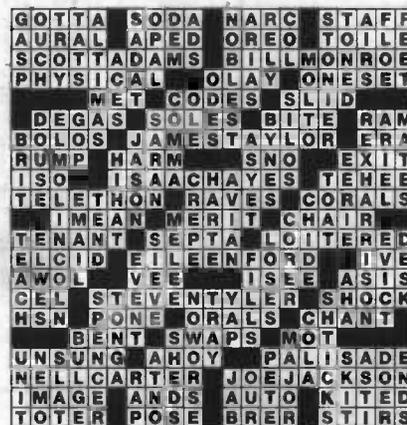
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40 Coffee sweetener
43 Humble
45 Diaper brand
48 Respond
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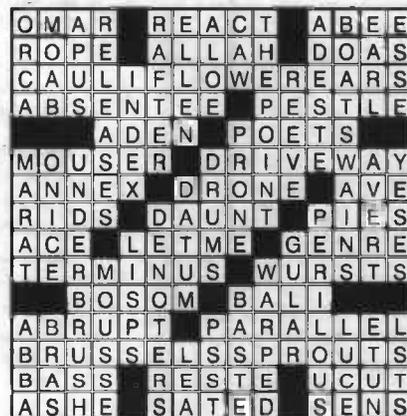
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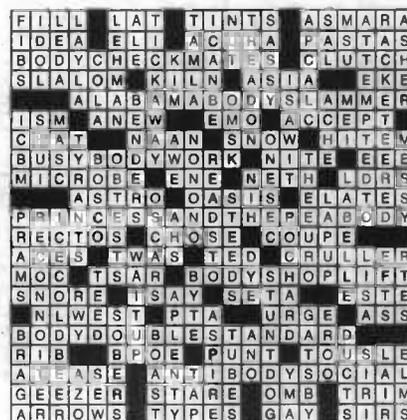
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"Eat Your Veggies!"



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Last week's Quote-Acrossic

A.C. DOYLE: A CASE OF IDENTITY: If we could hover over this great city, gently remove roofs and peer in at the queer happenings, it would make all fiction with its conventionalities and foreseen conclusions most stale and unprofitable.

Last week's Sudoku

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This week's Jumble

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Choose to respond to acts of hate with love

Hopeless and depressing are two words that came to mind when I heard about the Dallas police shootings last week.

The ambush that led to five dead and seven injured police officers, as well as two injured civilians, made me think about how much prejudice and hatred there is in the world, and I felt more pessimistic than ever about race relations, which seem increasingly strained by the day.

But then I thought of something. It came to me as a glimpse of hope for an issue that seems to lack any. Both the killings of innocent black men by police officers and the killings of brave, hard-working police officers are out of our control in a direct sense. However, there is something every human being can control: the way we respond to these despicable acts of hate.

We have choices. We can be mad. We can see a black man walking down the street and despise him because the man police say killed those Dallas police officers was black as well. We can see a police officer and immediately surmise he is a racist, given all the shootings of late. But all this will do is fuel more hatred.

The smarter, better option of dealing with the devastation of this horrific act and other race-related violence is to counter the hate with love. Here are four ways to do this.

1. Teach your children. The other day, I was walking by a lake and noticed a duck teaching her five ducklings how to wash themselves. She would stick her beak into her feathers and all five ducklings would follow suit, doing the exact same thing in the exact same manner.

It made me realize how perfectly kids emulate their parent's behaviors and words. So, if you say derogatory things about black men or cops, your kids will learn to feel the same. If you teach your kids to have love in their heart for all people, they're more likely to grow up with an open mind, and in that regard, you are helping race relations improve.

2. Show gratitude to police officers. Can you imagine how frightening it must be for police officers to do their jobs right now? If you happen to run into one, why not walk up to them and tell them



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

how brave you think they are, how appreciative you are of their dedication and how grateful you feel to have them protecting you? Your words might inspire continued courage and motivation that a police officer needs every day he or she is on the job.

3. Appreciate your spouse and family.

Every police officer killed in action and every innocent black man killed leaves behind loved ones that could include a spouse, children, family members and friends. With this as a reminder how precious life is, it is never a bad idea to tell your loved ones how you feel and to do something thoughtful to show your love.

4. Celebrate each other's differences.

The best way to explain this is to share a passage that was written by Rabbi Paul Cohen, senior rabbi at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield, referring not only to the tragedy in Dallas, but also to the conflict in the Middle East: "Affirming one's own identity too often means disparaging the 'other.'"

"I am in and you are out" is often the way we acquire and maintain a sense of belonging. But, this is not a necessary outcome," Cohen has written. "At the end of the day, unless and until we are able to truly live the truth that each of us is a human being created in the image of God these horrific episodes will not relent."

People say it's trite to say "If everyone was the same, the world would be a boring place." Not only isn't it trite, but we need the saying on a few million billboards. Especially now.

Hate is exhausting. Hate makes a person lose sight of life's beauty and goodness. Hate destroys others. Hate destroys the hater.

Love, on the other hand, rejuvenates. Loving and being loved makes a person want to help others, sustain compassion and make the world a better place. Love makes people grow and prosper. Martin Luther King Jr. said: "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." King knew the power of love. Ironically, he died tragically because of hate.

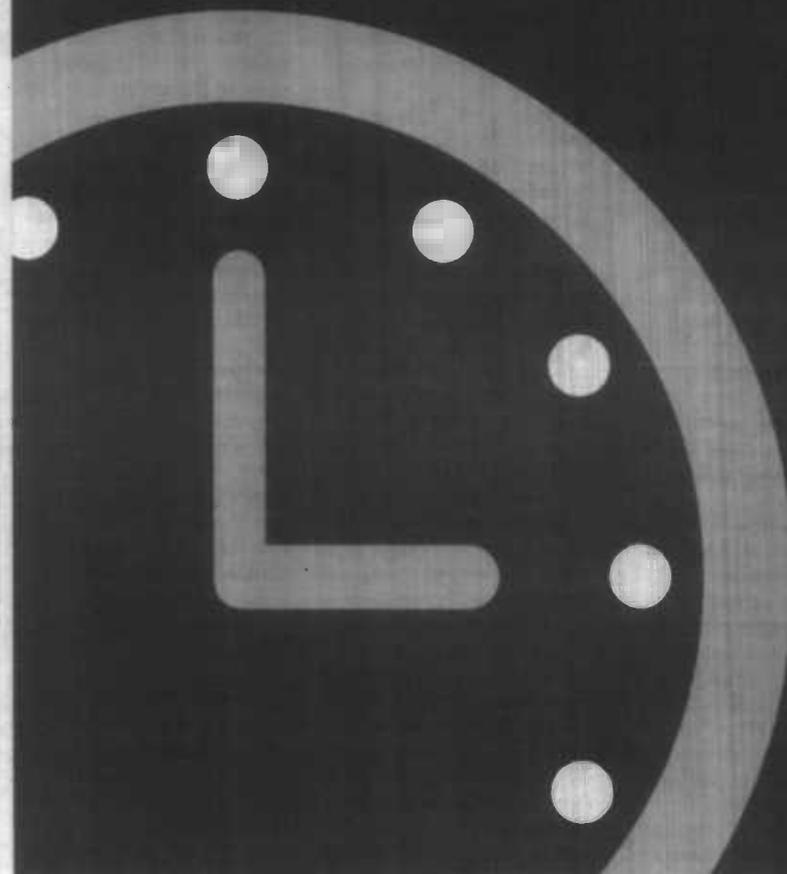
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HEALTH

Smartphone apps can help with minor hearing loss

Tips for people who aren't ready for a hearing aid



DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF
Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: I suffer from minor hearing loss, but not bad enough for a hearing aid. My wife complains about the volume on the TV, and I can't always keep up with conversations at a party or restaurant. I'm not looking for a technological fix just yet. Can you give me some practical solutions?

Dear Reader: I'm happy to share some practical tips for dealing with minor hearing loss. Before I do, though, I'd advise you to see a doctor. Hearing loss may be caused by a variety of things, including an underlying health condition.

If you are experiencing normal, age-related hearing loss, you may at some point benefit from a hearing aid. In the meantime, here are some listening strategies that should help you to get the most out of a conversation or public event:

- **Come in for a close-up.** Move within six to 10 feet of the other person and focus on his or her face. You may not be a lip reader, but you can pick up a lot of cues from a person's mouth and facial expressions. If you're in a group, position yourself so that you can see everyone.
- **Put your best ear forward.** If one ear has better hearing than the other, try to keep it toward the



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speaker.

- **Ban shouting.** Ask friends and family to come into the same room to talk to you, not to shout from a distance.

- **Listen up.** Follow the speaker closely. Once you become familiar with someone's speaking patterns and style, you'll be better able to pick up words and phrases that might otherwise be confusing.

- **Stake out your turf.** If you're going to a talk or live performance, try to find a seat about six rows from the front and in line with the speaker's face. At the theater or movies, try to get an unobstructed view. If you can, avoid sitting under a balcony. Try out an assistive-listening device if one is available.

- **Enlist your smartphone.** By downloading one of several free apps and adding a pair of earbuds or wireless headphones, you can convert your smartphone into an entry-level hearing aid. All of the apps amplify sounds picked up

on your phone's microphone. Several also have features common to a digital hearing aid. For instance, they can focus on close or distant sounds and adjust levels of background noise.

I'm in the same position as you. I have mild hearing loss, and I'd like to at least postpone using a hearing aid. I've tried all of these tips except the last, and I can confirm that they help me.

Although I'd like to postpone using one, things have changed a lot in the world of hearing aids. They are both better and smaller, no longer large and unsightly. Hearing loss falls into the category of ailments that, if you have to have them, are easier to deal with in this century than in the last.

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

Diabetes drug can cause severe pain in the joints

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have been taking Januvia for diabetes for eight months. Ever since I started, every joint has hurt. The pain became worse as time went on.

I mentioned the pain to my doctor, and he blew me off. I did not connect it with Januvia until I saw a TV commercial. At the end, it mentioned that some people may experience severe joint pain, and it finally made sense.

I didn't start feeling this way until after I started the Januvia. I immediately stopped taking it, and two weeks later, the pain is much less than it was before. That was all the proof I needed that Januvia was to blame.

A: It is disappointing that your doctor did not take you seriously when you told him about your joint pain. In August 2015, the FDA issued a drug-safety communication warning that sitagliptin (Januvia) and similar medicines such as saxagliptin (Onglyza) and linagliptin (Tradjenta) can cause "severe and persistent joint pain." For most people, the pain eases when the drug is discontinued.

You need to tell your doctor about the FDA warning and discuss other ways to treat your diabetes. We are sending you our Guide to Managing Diabetes so that you can learn more about other drugs and nondrug approaches to help you keep your blood sugar under control. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (68 cents), self-addressed



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The FDA issued a warning in August that Januvia and similar diabetes drugs can induce persistent joint pain.

envelope to: Graedons' People's Pharmacy, No. DM-11, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q: Years ago, I had a friend who was just miserable with a rash from his groin down. He worked in the Great Dismal Swamp, so he had to wear high waders all day long. I told him to try milk of magnesia (MoM).

It was life-changing for him. He passed the word around to all of his co-workers. MoM made their lives much nicer.

Just recently, I broke out with eczema on my hand and arm. I was prescribed a steroid cream, but it didn't help at all. I tried MoM, and it's been a wonderful relief. I apply it twice a day. I am grateful that this works so well.

A: Milk of magnesia (MoM) is a liquid laxative containing magnesium hydroxide. It has been used topically as a treatment for seborrheic dermatitis, diaper rash, acne, underarm odor, poison ivy, under-breast rash and canker sores.

These all are off-label uses, since the Food and Drug Administration has not approved MoM for any

of these purposes. Nevertheless, milk of magnesia may make the skin less hospitable to microbes that aggravate a variety of skin problems.

Q: I have been taking proton-pump inhibitors like omeprazole and lansoprazole for reflux for a decade. My creatinine numbers are climbing, and I am afraid these drugs could be harming my kidneys.

My doctor says acid-suppressing drugs are fine; he takes one too. But as I age, I worry more about my kidneys, so I've decided to go off the medicine. I cut down very gradually, and now I'm off altogether. If I get a little heartburn, I suck on a hard candy. That increases saliva and helps with reflux.

A: A recent study suggests that patients taking acid-suppressing drugs long term may be at risk for higher creatinine levels and kidney trouble (Journal of the American Society of Nephrology online, April 14, 2016).

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

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Picking up the pieces

How to move forward after a bad breakup

By Allison Bowen
Tribune Newspapers

When she meets people who have just signed divorce papers, Rachel, 46, tells them to take time for themselves.

Rachel, who asked that her full name not be used, led an abusive 18-year marriage a few years ago. Emerging from the wreckage was a bit like shell shock, she said.

"We often get lost in relationships, and there's a lot of sadness and blame that comes with bad breakups," she said. "It's important to heal after that."

Whether a relationship was a short stint that depleted your energy or a long-term, abusive experience, the first steps forward are not always clear — whether the split was your choice or your partner's.

Give yourself space.

First, take time to collect yourself. Process the rupture and how you feel about it.

Chicago divorce attorney Gemma Allen advises her clients to seek counseling.

Bad breakups, she said, especially abusive ones, "imprint you in ways that sometimes you're not even aware of."

It's human nature to hang on to things. To make them work. But many splits happen after prolonged problems, said New York City psychotherapist Alan Bernstein, co-author of "Mastering the Art of Quitting: Why It Matters in

Life, Love, and Work."

"People tend to persevere longer than they should," he said.

So by the time you finally exit, you might have stacked up more emotional baggage than you can handle.

Expect to go through stages of grief — maybe a few at the same time.

"You can deny and be enraged," he said. "What you're after is some kind of acceptance."

Don't expect to immediately find a new normal.

"Having a little bit of a transition period allows the person to regain, recover and restore those parts of themselves that dropped off earlier," said Dr. Lisa Fontes, a Massachusetts psychotherapist and author of "Invisible Chains: Overcoming Coercive Control in Your Intimate Relationship."

For Rachel, that meant realizing a new routine and reconnecting to friends and even herself.

"A lot of it was just putting the pieces back together," she said. "I used to walk around and say, 'Just because he said it about me doesn't mean that it's true.'"

Address practical concerns.

Experts say it's valuable to set aside emotion for practical concerns, even briefly. If you're going through a divorce, gather financial documents. It's best to be prepared.

"Be proactive for your own protection," Allen said.

"It's not being disloyal to the relationships. It's being loyal to yourself."

Think tax statements, credit card statements, retirement accounts.

For unmarried couples who were living together, whose name was on the lease? You might need to know pretty quickly if you're on the hook for next month's rent. And don't automatically leave the television behind.

If the breakup wasn't a dangerous one, advocating for belongings can assist both finances and morale, Allen said.

And what about that Bali vacation you took together, charged to your credit card? If you don't agree on splitting it, think through options — maybe an agreement can be made for one person to take more furniture.

"Think about bartering your way out," Allen said. "Don't forget about it, because I've seen people be stuck with some huge credit card bills, and sometimes for trips not even yet taken."

Figure out what you want the future to be.

It's OK to process what this chapter means to you, but don't dwell on the past. Resist the urge to constantly push rewind in your memory.

"After a breakup is not the time to be reminiscing about the good times," said Fontes. "After a breakup is a better time to think about the reason for the breakup



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and the things that have gone wrong."

Fontes suggests embarking on something creative — drawing, dancing, gardening.

Consider writing a list of some of the things you want to do in your life, Bernstein said. "What is it that you're trying to accomplish? What do you want your life to look like?"

And get out of the house. Rachel reached out to friends from all different circles — college, work, other parents. As an introvert, it was difficult, she said, but she knew building relationships was vital.

"It takes a lot of work because people are busy in their lives, and some of

those relationships are going to stick, and some aren't, and that's OK," she said. "Just putting yourself out there is good."

Don't jump into a new relationship Don't take up your friend on her offer to set up a blind date just yet.

Experts said that whatever your next relationship might be, just wait. Giving yourself time to become more whole will provide a better foundation for the next one.

"It's usually a good idea to wait for a while and figure out one's own rhythms first rather than plunging into a relationship," Fontes said. "Certain parts of ourselves grow and

expand within a relationship, and other parts wither because they're not being nourished."

Bernstein said it's OK to log on to an online dating site, but he offered a few caveats.

"It doesn't hurt to look at it, as long as you're not trying to replace the person you just lost," Bernstein said.

Have confidence, experts say, that a fuller future self is on the horizon.

"Eventually there is a sense of acceptance, that there is a life waiting for you, closer to the one you wanted," Bernstein said.

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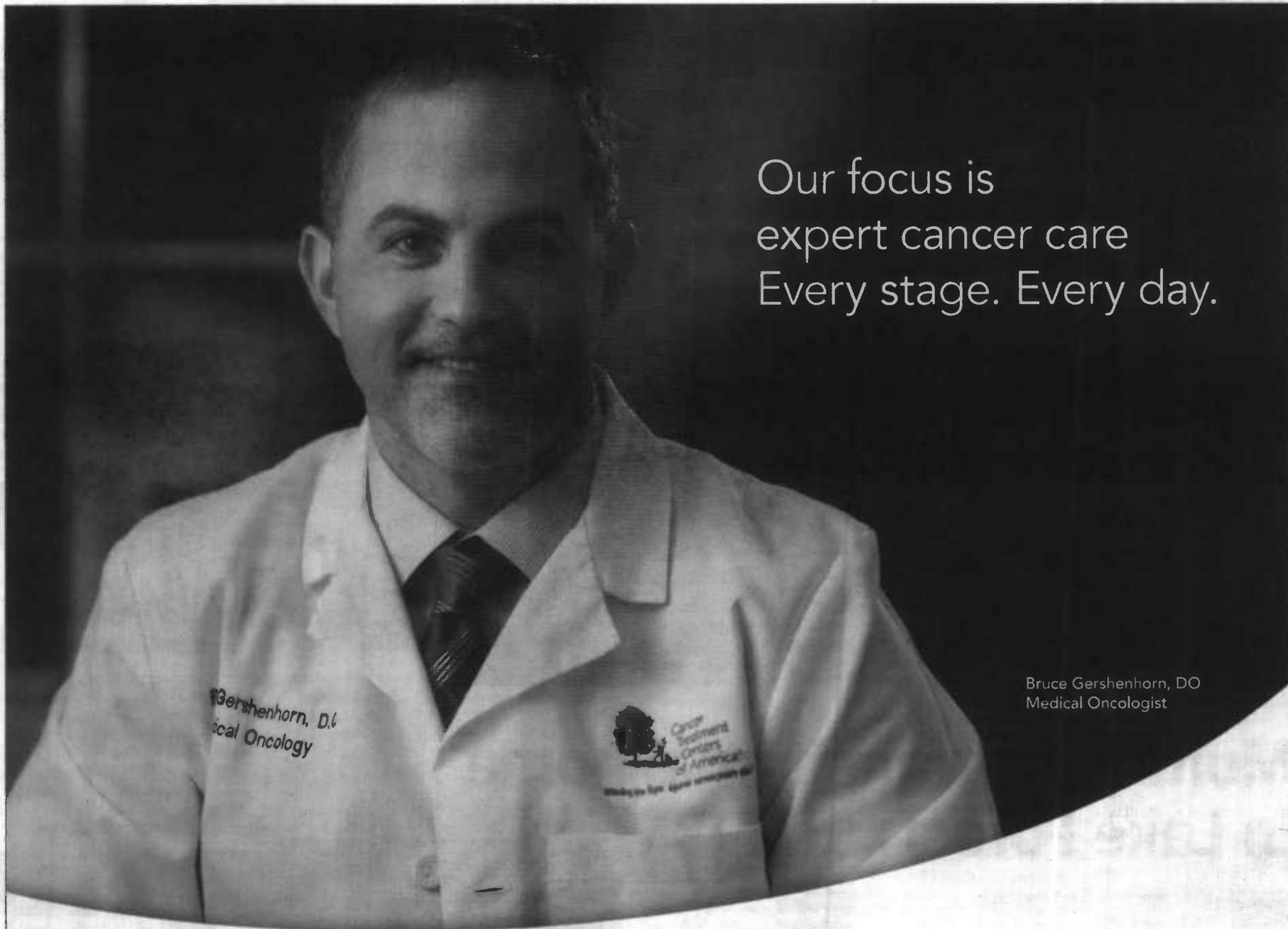
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THEATER

Acting training program to set up at Skokie Theatre

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Janet Louer has a vision. It is becoming reality through her latest venture, Another Door Theatre Project.

Louer, who previously was associated with ATC (Actors Training Center) at the Wilmette Theatre said, "I wanted to do more than just be in a musical theater division," she said. "I wanted to bring in Shakespeare. I wanted to bring in on-camera within the company training — training the young actor to do all of it. I wanted to bring in outreach." Louer has already formed an alliance with Michael Jones and his Professional Theatre and Dance Youth Academy, based in Chicago's Wood-lawn area.

Another Door was co-founded by Barbara Falk (music director) and G. "Max" Maxin IV (technical director). Starting in the fall, Another Door will be based at the Skokie Theatre.

"We call it Another Door Theatre Project because it isn't a school," Louer explained. "It is an ensemble-based training program that has two levels." There is a Development Conservatory and an Ensemble Conservatory.

"The Development kids aren't ready to be in the Ensemble Conservatory. We train them to be able to move up," Louer said. Young people must audition for this program.

Ensemble members have a rigorous schedule of training and rehearsals. They also take educational field trips.

In August, Louer is taking Ensemble Conservatory members to New York where they will see Heather Headley (Louer co-manages the musical thea-



ANOTHER DOOR THEATRE PROJECT

Another Door Theatre Project is an ensemble-based training program that will be based out of Skokie Theatre.

Another Door Theatre Project presents, 'Bare: A Pop Opera'

When: 8 p.m. July 29 and 30 and 2 p.m. July 31

Where: Sherman Theater, 1702 Sherman Ave., Evanston

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Contact: www.anotherdoortheatreproject.org

ter star) in "The Color Purple," and have a talkback with the cast. They may also see "Waitress" and have a talkback with star Jessie Mueller.

The ensemble will present three shows each year. This summer they are staging, "Bare, A Pop Opera." The sung-through musical by Jon Hartmire Jr. (book and lyrics) and Damon Intrabartolo (lyrics and music) focuses on two gay teens who attend a Catholic high school.

"Two guys are hiding their sexuality. And in the midst of it, there are auditions for 'Romeo and Juliet,'" said Louer, who is

directing and choreographing. The main characters parallel the characters in 'Romeo and Juliet' and the scenes parallel the scenes in 'Romeo and Juliet.'"

Fifteen-year-old Jacob Simon of Deerfield, a Deerfield High School sophomore, plays Peter.

"Peter is a devout Catholic who happens to be gay," Jacob said. "His relationship with religion and his roommate Jason and everyone in his life are affected by his secret that religion is keeping him from telling. Jason is his everything. Peter can't come out of the closet without dragging Jason out and Jason isn't ready to take that step."

Oak Park resident Logan Scofield, 17, an Oak Park River Forest High School senior, plays Jason.

"Jason comes from a very religious family where their faith shapes almost every aspect of who they are," Logan said. "So Jason, being a little bit more than curious, is ostracized and feels neglected by his family and the church. His entire life he has been overachieving and overworking to try to fit in, just to survive."

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Drummers will demonstrate their expertise on Japanese Taiko drums and other traditional instruments on July 26 at Devonshire Park, Skokie.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Drumming up appreciation for Japanese culture in Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

May we have a drum roll, please? There will be plenty of them when Tsukasa Taiko presents a traditional Japanese performance on Taiko drums and other Japanese instruments, 7 p.m. July 26 at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood St. Skokie, as part of Skokie Park District's Tuesday Family Festivals.

"This is a family friendly program. All ages come to see and enjoy our performances on these occasions," said director Tatsu Aoki. "In our organization there are performers ranging from kids to community adult performers to the professional-level performers. What you're going to see at this festival is community performers."

The performers, who all study at Aoki's Taoki school, will range in age from 10-year-olds to adults. "Some of the students are with us for eight or nine years," Aoki said. "These community performers do many, many performances during the summertime. They're very used to per-

forming in public."

The drummers will wear traditional Japanese costumes.

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

Bounce, soul and rock 'n' roll

Second Hand Soul is the featured act for the last in the Summer Concert Series in Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, July 28. The concert runs from 7-8:30 p.m. but the fun starts at 6 p.m. with free bingo and an inflatable activity for kids, plus face painting from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Cool trivia

Enjoy a taste of history at the Annual Ice Cream Social, 1-4 p.m. July 23 at the Charles Gates Dawes House, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston. Word has it the ice cream sundae was invented in Evanston.

For details, call 847-475-3410 or go to www.evanstonhistorycenter.org.

[evanstonhistorycenter.org](http://www.evanstonhistorycenter.org).

Strangest pet yet

A young girl finds there's lots you can do with an unusual pet in "Too Many Moose!" by Lisa M. Bakos. Naturally, the girl begins thinking that more moose would be even better fun than one. Your kids can hear this book and participate in related activities during a storytime 11 a.m. July 23 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie.

For details, call 847-676-2230 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

Tips from a clown

Put down your electronic devices, get off the couch and bring your family to Go Active with Ronald McDonald, 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 23 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Ronald and a puppet friend will teach the importance of an active lifestyle during this interactive event.

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

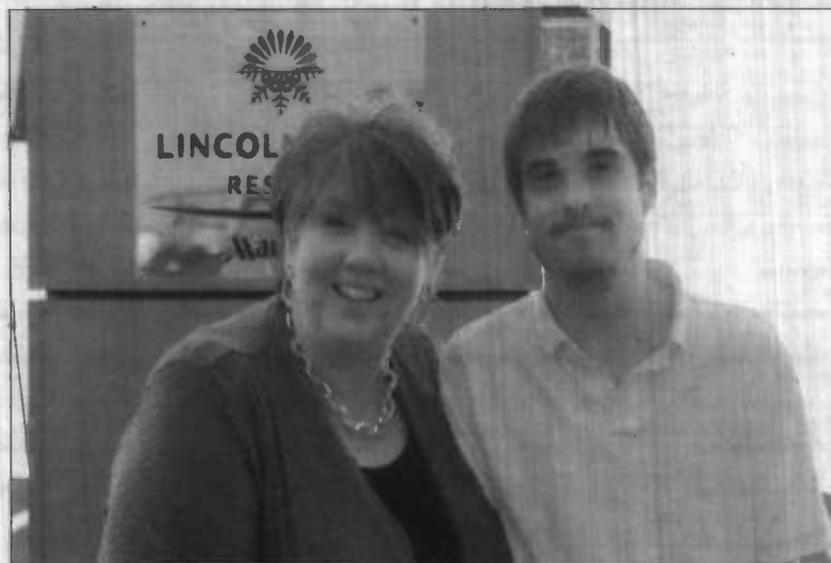
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At last year's Trivia Night at Oakton Community College, from left: Amanda Reuter, of the Oakton Educational Foundation, Elena Couto, Manager of Development and Alumni Relations and Theresa Bashiri-Remetio and Tony Churchill, both Alumni Council members enjoyed a friendly competition while raising money for Oakton scholarships. The third annual event this year should be even better. Check out Trivia Night at 6 p.m., July 28, at Countryside Saloon, 2501 E. Ballard Road, Des Plaines. Friends, family, fans of Oakton and alumni can form a team (four-six players) or make new friends by joining a squad. Tickets, \$30 per player, must be purchased in advance at 847-635-1893 or oakton.edu/alumni. Fee includes open bar (beer and wine), unlimited pizza and salad. There will be a 50/50 raffle (winner need not be present). One ticket, \$10 or three, \$25. All proceeds support the Oakton Foundation Annual Fund.

GALA BENEFITS CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING



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Coleen Janiszewski of Park Ridge, who gave a moving speech about her son Jimmy Janiszewski, were among 600 supporters at Chefs Night 2016 at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort on May 2, sponsored by the Center for Enriched Living, Riverwoods, which provides opportunities for personal growth for nearly 450 youth and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. The evening raised \$580,000 for the Center. More at centerforenrichedliving.org.



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Patrick McGeean-Mary Adams engagement

When Patrick McGeean, formerly of Park Ridge and now living in Des Plaines, wanted to propose marriage to his girlfriend, Mary Adams of Downers Grove, he knew they both loved golf.

So, on July 2 as the couple finished their round at the Park Ridge

Country Club, Patrick's big question was waiting at the edge of the 18th green, spelled out with golf balls. Mary said "yes" and was delighted with Patrick's creativity. A date for the marriage is pending. Patrick is the Operations Manager of Bil-Mac Trucking in Elk Grove Village, a company

started by his grandfather. Mary is a Special Education Teacher in Downers Grove. The couple met 18 months ago on a phone app called Tinder. When they started dating, Mary took up golf and now regularly breaks 100 — something Patrick feels is great for a beginner.

PARK RIDGE CHORALE SINGS BACHARACH



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The Park Ridge Chorale presents "Bacharach & Friends," at 7 p.m., July 23, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge. The concert salutes Burt Bacharach, one of America's most prolific songwriters. Song selections include, "What's It All About Alfie," "Promises, Promises," "Say a Little Prayer," "The Look of Love," "What the World Needs Now Is Love," and more. In addition to Bacharach songs, the Chorale sings works of some of his contemporaries like Jim Webb, Michel Legrand and Jacques Brel. Tickets are \$18 adults, seniors \$16, available at the door or at parkridgechorale.com.

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ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
1206 N Dale Ave, # 2F, Arlington Heights	Lukasz Wszolek	Fannie Mae	06-07-16	\$75,000
1030 S Fernandez Ave, # 4L, Arlington Heights	Hermira V Felix	Seiji Yuguchi	05-26-16	\$120,000
406 E Hinz Rd, Arlington Heights	Xiao Long Huang	John Francis Korman Jr	05-26-16	\$140,000
3914 Newport Way, Arlington Heights	Sailesh M Hira	Joanna Golz	06-06-16	\$206,000
214 N Pine Ave, # 3B, Arlington Heights	Michael L Kelly	Rena B Appleby	06-06-16	\$207,000
433 S Gibbons Ave, Arlington Heights	Marta R Tobolski	Deborah K Roe	06-06-16	\$249,000
201 N Vail Ave, # 803, Arlington Heights	Frederick Wilkens & Lydia Wilkens	Stella Mills	06-07-16	\$250,000
106 W White Oak St, Arlington Heights	Mircea Marchis & Tatiana Cretu	Steven Ford	06-07-16	\$251,000
1273 S Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights	Anthony J Miller & Mallory E Miller	Robert Kaplafka	06-15-16	\$277,000
1296 S Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Shavkat Isakov & Durdona Abakdzhanova	Amy K Kitzmiller	06-07-16	\$280,000
1015 S Pine Ave, Arlington Heights	Sebastien Langevin & Valentina Langevin	Anna Anemore	06-07-16	\$282,500
1111 W Cedar Ln, Arlington Heights	Ramena R Bouto	Johannsen Trust	05-26-16	\$292,000
410 W Maude Ave, Arlington Heights	Megan Manning	Alan E Eriksson	06-06-16	\$300,000
115 N Prindle Ave, Arlington Heights	Nikos Zafiris & Alexandra Fakiola	Kari Lea Busby	06-07-16	\$322,000
1915 N Carlyle Pl, Arlington Heights	Nicholas D Ricciardi & Siobhan M Ricciardi	Brian M Reynolds	05-26-16	\$367,000
2207 E Hunter Dr, Arlington Heights	Kevin Raymond & Collen Elizabeth Coleman	Nello Ales	05-26-16	\$396,000
1538 S Fernandez Ave, Arlington Heights	Jeffrey D Lonard & Erin E Lonard	Mark J Slater	06-07-16	\$455,000
627 S Patton Ave, Arlington Heights	Robert A Haas Jr & Lauren E Hass	Russell Shavitz	06-06-16	\$475,000
14 N Donald Ave, Arlington Heights	James A Licato & Jennifer L Licato	John E Batcha	06-07-16	\$650,000
1137 Courtland Dr, Buffalo Grove	Ziva Levy	Kristine E Vehlow	06-03-16	\$128,000
1115 Auburn Ln, Buffalo Grove	David Gonet	George Panowko	06-03-16	\$163,000
17 Le Jardin Ct, Buffalo Grove	Yu Zhou	Jeffrey Berlinsky	06-08-16	\$179,000
224 Willow Pkwy, Buffalo Grove	Sylvia Leibach	Joni Lucarelli	06-08-16	\$240,000
854 Old Checker Rd, Buffalo Grove	Volodymyr Polishchuk & Iryna Polishchuk	Keith M Shin	06-08-16	\$242,000
381 Hazelwood Ter, Buffalo Grove	Pradeep Balakrishnan & Kiruthika Vishalini Senthilkumar	Konstantin Papushin	06-08-16	\$255,000
700 Twisted Oak Ln, Buffalo Grove	Yelena Sokolova	Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee	06-01-16	\$256,500
2510 Live Oak Ln, Buffalo Grove	Haritha Yalavarthi & Venkat Yalavarthi	Ginsburg Trust	06-01-16	\$265,000
422 Lamont Ter, Buffalo Grove	Erdenetsogt Delgerekh & Tuya Dorj	Debora L Samuels	06-07-16	\$275,000
540 Caren Dr, Buffalo Grove	Kumaravadevel Arumugam	Susan Beth Winston	06-10-16	\$309,000
1124 Devonshire Rd, Buffalo Grove	Muralidharan Viswanathan & Deepa Narayanan	Phyllis Dritz	06-02-16	\$315,000
820 Kingsbridge Way, Buffalo Grove	Amie Spitz & Jonathan Spitz	Michael Blitz	06-08-16	\$341,000
750 Aspen Dr, Buffalo Grove	Jonathan Young Joon Chung & Ga Young Chung	Michael R Vadraska	06-09-16	\$349,000
870 Ridgefield Ln, Buffalo Grove	Vesna Dardic & Dejan Dardic	Michael Knuth	06-13-16	\$365,000
2543 Waterbury Ln, Buffalo Grove	Yanwei Wang	John V Bergren	06-03-16	\$372,000
743 Alsace Cir, Buffalo Grove	Manish S Kelkar & Anuradha P Gavankar	Brian J Terry	06-03-16	\$372,500
446 Buckthorn Ter, Buffalo Grove	Faig Garayev & Tamilla Garayev	Leonid Raskin	06-01-16	\$382,000
1047 Shambilss Ct, Buffalo Grove	Norbert Relschl & Mattie Crystal Moon	Kenneth R Laner	06-03-16	\$418,000
960 Thompson Blvd, Buffalo Grove	Garry Airapetov & Tatyana Airapetov	Gowri Selka	06-08-16	\$427,000
615 Vernon Ct N, Buffalo Grove	Gilberto Garcia Ruiz & Urszula Budzlosz	Ingrid E Kaev	06-15-16	\$445,000
1427 Winston Dr, Buffalo Grove	Matthew FINDER & Michelle FINDER	Ryan Murnick	06-03-16	\$460,000
28 Chestnut Ct W, Buffalo Grove	Ting Yan & Ye Li	John J Flaherty Jr	06-08-16	\$465,000
212 Jacobs Ct, Buffalo Grove	Qingquan Wu & Shu Ghu	Hsbc Bank Usa Trustee	06-01-16	\$527,500
3040 Roslyn Ln E, Buffalo Grove	Marius M Blass & Denisa Blass	David Nilsson	06-02-16	\$530,000
2850 Orchard Ln, Buffalo Grove	Jason Chan & Sharon Y Li	Robert Cleveland	06-03-16	\$635,000
1987 Wright Blvd, Buffalo Grove	Kiran R Pasham & Jayashanti Gagginepally	Pulte Home Corp	06-01-16	\$720,500
304 Howard Ave, Des Plaines	Brian Stock	Firstmerit Bank Na	06-15-16	\$75,000
9205 Potter Rd, # 2C, Des Plaines	Zaya Youssef	Ramesh Sharma	06-15-16	\$81,000

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640 Murray Ln, # 303, Des Plaines	Milen L Avramov & Irina G Davidkova Avramova	Constantine J Grzelak	05-26-16	\$105,000
8970 N Parkside Ave, # 412, Des Plaines	Hiren A Shah & Bharti A Shah	Hsbc Bank Usa Trustee	06-06-16	\$109,000
9382 Landings Ln, # 503, Des Plaines	Merima Selmie	Fannie Mae	05-26-16	\$115,500
650 Murray Ln, # 304, Des Plaines	Matthew Czyzewski & Joseph Czyzewski	Aneta Koziara	06-06-16	\$130,000
1525 E Thacker St, # 20, Des Plaines	Pratyax Patel	Michael Pair	06-07-16	\$145,000
8654 Gregory Ln, # E, Des Plaines	Kaushikkumar Patel & Raginiben Patel	Daxa K Darji	06-15-16	\$147,000
1365 Ashland Ave, # 505, Des Plaines	Zorana Aleksic	Pearl H Grasso	06-07-16	\$172,500
506 Country Ln, Des Plaines	Christine Balderas	Kathryn Lynne Basso	06-15-16	\$180,000
2535 Rusty Dr, Des Plaines	Jose Matos	Muriel L Gare Estate	06-15-16	\$199,000
410 S Western Ave, # 601, Des Plaines	Edyta Mieczkowska	Stone Gate Of Des Planes Llc	06-06-16	\$210,000
460 Little Path Rd, Des Plaines	Roman Fornusek	Dariusz Zydowski	05-26-16	\$212,000
1287 Wayne Dr, Des Plaines	Yanira Pagan	Raymond C Busk	06-15-16	\$218,000
1901 Shepherd Dr, Des Plaines	Roberto Garcia	Zakaria Dabl	06-07-16	\$245,000
936 Howard Ave, Des Plaines	Maria L Mendez & Daniel Jimenez	Vince L Marcanti	06-15-16	\$248,000
1020 W Villa Dr, Des Plaines	Griselda Saucedo	Mohammad Aqrabawi	06-07-16	\$248,000
9160 W Oaks Ave, Des Plaines	Bashir H Hersi	Biju B Jacob	06-07-16	\$249,000
434 N 5th Ave, Des Plaines	Dzejna Hailovic & Emir Hailovic	Jnl Properties Llc	06-07-16	\$250,000
2085 Lee St, Des Plaines	Nermin N Khamou & Jawad O Rabi	Deborah J Hughes	06-15-16	\$250,500
905 Greenview Ave, Des Plaines	Zachary M Dyon & Jennifer L Panunzio	Otto E Gonzalez Sr	06-07-16	\$265,000
2437 Peter Rd, Des Plaines	Steven Svilen Nikolov & Bernadette Bajgrowicz	Thomas Josephy Delaney Estate	06-15-16	\$265,000
725 Elizabeth Ln, Des Plaines	David W Young & Julie N Young	Veronica C Pettingill	06-15-16	\$290,000
1339 White St, Des Plaines	Joreh D Diaz & Jack J Diaz	John Lawrence Hennessy	06-15-16	\$350,000
874 Margret St, Des Plaines	Pino J Muffoletto & Patrizia Muffoletto	John Freson	06-07-16	\$400,000
510 Dara James Rd, Des Plaines	Kiril Mirchev & Teodora Mirchev	Faisal Saqlain	06-06-16	\$550,000
1228 Emerson St, # 402, Evanston	Sergei Gryaznov & Elena Gryaznova	Alissa C Zuchman	06-07-16	\$216,500
327 Asbury Ave, Evanston	Neal F Coleman & Rachel F Coleman	Sandra L David	06-15-16	\$240,000
826 Michigan Ave, # 3B, Evanston	Deja Augustine & Amber Augustine	Terence M Marling	06-07-16	\$275,000
709 Asbury Ave, Evanston	Robert N Lancaster & Kathryn S Lancaster	Sean E Gannon	06-06-16	\$280,000
1228 Emerson St, # 406, Evanston	Anthony R Annoreno	Grandbend Llc	06-06-16	\$312,000
1220 Pitner Ave, Evanston	Angela N Coker & Jacqueline T Coker	Karla Espinosa	06-15-16	\$327,000
8947 Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston	Ashok Nagella	Michael Rohd	05-26-16	\$425,000
1418 Florence Ave, Evanston	Martin Pfefferkorn & Sarah Pfefferkorn	Robert Kelly	06-07-16	\$636,000
7112 Dempster St, Morton Grove	Aziz Raza	Takis Sarantos	06-07-16	\$235,000
9518 Sayre Ave, Morton Grove	Joanna Bochenek	Marek Nowakowski	05-26-16	\$267,000
5929 Washington St, Morton Grove	Richard M Hook & Carol A Hook	Chizuko Rivera	06-07-16	\$360,000
8815 W Golf Rd, # 7A, Niles	Young Y Shin & Bonnie Shin	Steven R Potter	06-15-16	\$145,000
7809 N Nordica Ave, Niles	Jian Chen & Yan Yuan Chen	Sung Kim Kim	05-26-16	\$218,500
8238 N Caldwell Ave, Niles	Gabriel J Hallas	Robert J Painter	06-15-16	\$220,000
6924 W Howard St, Niles	Ali Raza & Brenda Raza	Marie Fortuna	06-06-16	\$275,000
1035 N Northwest Hwy, # A2, Park Ridge	Basil Mavroudis	Bruce Pearson	06-15-16	\$90,000
1063 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge	Bartosz Dzwiewiecki	Mck Holdings Llc	05-26-16	\$200,000
400 S Northwest Hwy, # 201B, Park Ridge	Rosemary Skoczylas & Edward Skoczylas	Rita Y Eng	06-07-16	\$305,000
1205 Beau Dr, Park Ridge	Kathleen A Berry	Seeley Trust	06-06-16	\$315,500
1909 S Ashland Ave, Park Ridge	Leslie M Prato	Eric C Thorsen	06-07-16	\$385,000
614 S Western Ave, Park Ridge	David E Stevens & Amy Marie Hollrah Stevens	Robert M Velasco	05-26-16	\$426,000
1531 S Ashland Ave, Park Ridge	Dave Winikates & Christa Winikates	Thomas A Jefson	06-15-16	\$456,500
617 S Lincoln Ave, Park Ridge	Christopher M Lesnik & Iva Hristova Lesnik	Keith Hess	06-07-16	\$550,000
865 N Merrill St, Park Ridge	Daniel Dublak & Christine Dublak	Kirby E Kirchoff	05-26-16	\$600,000
1508 S Vine Ave, Park Ridge	James Glascott	Wilmington Sav Fund Soc Ttee	06-15-16	\$707,000

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VERNON HILLS

Three-bedroom split-level home built in 1981 with one full bath and two half-baths. Hardwood floors, family room, newer carpeting, lower level family room. Near parks, aquatic center, schools and community center.

Address: 340 Albert Drive
Price: \$259,900
Schools: Vernon Hills High School
Taxes: \$7,294
Agent: Susan Coveny, RE/MAX Prestige



PALATINE

Five-bedroom, 3.5-bath ranch built in 1963. Living room with vaulted ceiling, hardwood floors and gas fireplace. Basement has rec room and sliding doors leading to back porch. Near shopping and expressway.

Address: 2010 Crestwood Lane
Price: \$449,850
Schools: William Fremd High School
Taxes: \$15,166
Agent: Sari Levy, Lucid Realty Inc.



MORTON GROVE

Five-bedroom, three-bathroom with open floor plan. Entry with vaulted ceiling, wood-burning fireplace, wooden staircase, family room, whirlpool in master bath, deck, and two-car attached garage. Near shopping schools, forest preserve and Metra.

Address: 9446 Normandy Ave.
Price: \$699,000
Schools: Niles North High School
Taxes: \$14,850
Agent: Cheryl Bellavia, CENTURY 21 McMullen

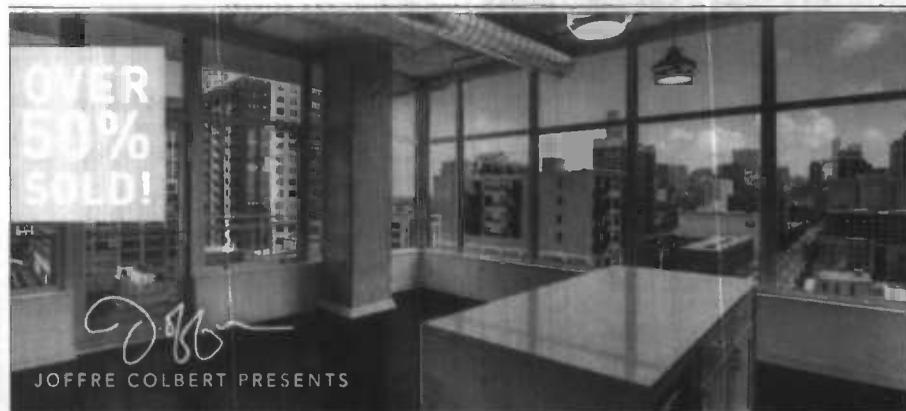


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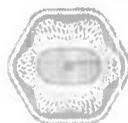
Four-bedroom, 3.5-bath executive home built on cul-de-sac in 1988. High ceiling, three fireplaces, two decks and windows with landscaped views and garage. Near schools, shopping and Metra.

Address: 1343 W. Estate Lane
Price: \$975,000
Schools: Lake Forest High School
Taxes: n/a
Agent: Jeanne Keiler, Baird & Warner Winnetka

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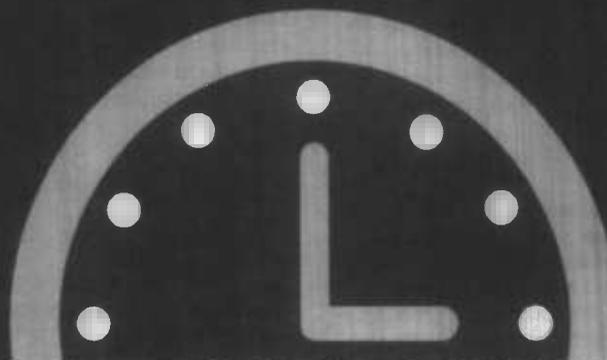
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Thursday, July 21

PigPen Theatre Co.: 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$17-\$32, 847-492-8860

Evanston Art Center Call for Artists: The arts and crafts offered at the annual Winter Expo include original works of jewelry, ceramics, fiber, metal, glass, painting, photography, mixed media, and more. A \$30 non-refundable application fee entitles artists to submit a maximum of four images. 12:15 p.m. All week, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, \$30, 847-475-5300

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. Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Contemporary Native Women Opening Doors to Change: Join the Mitchell Museum for the opening of its latest exhibit, Contemporary Native Women Opening Doors to Change. Welcoming reception at 1 p.m., curator led tour at 2 p.m. and a panel discussion from 3-4:30 p.m. 1 p.m. All week, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults and Tribal members free, 847-475-1030

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

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. July 21. Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$880, 847-328-2795

Summer History Tours at The Grove: The Grove is an ideal place for a day trip with the kids that's close to home this summer. Take a tour of the historic buildings with costumed interpreters who show guests what pioneer life was like in Northern Illinois over 150 years ago. The tours are free and include demonstrations plus fun activities for kids. 11 a.m. July 21, July 23 and July 24. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6096

The Storybook Challenge Play Ball for grades 1-2: Elephant and Piggie stories introduce a rollicking time with fitness empowerment activities led by staff from Game On! Sports. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Little Bearfoot In The Park Concerts: Join us Thursday mornings in July for the Glenview Park District's summer entertainment series for kids. Our whimsical, interactive and delightful entertainers provide a fun filled outing for your whole family. 10:30 a.m. Glenview Park Center, Gallery Park Amphitheater, 2500 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Free Family Movie Night At Flick Park: Bring your blankets, snacks and a picnic dinner to enjoy "Finding Nemo" with the whole family. Starts at dusk. 8:30 p.m. Flick Park, 3600 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Books n' Bites: Registration is required (open June 16) for grades 5-8. This book discussion is held offsite and is about Harry Potter. "The Cursed Child and Fantastic Beasts" comes out soon; share your Potter excitement with other fans. 4 p.m. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Summer Storytime In Madeleine's Garden at Proesel Park: Bring a blanket and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and outdoor activities geared toward birth through five-year-olds. The children must be accompanied by a caregiver. 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Lincolnwood Summer Concert Series: This concert series is a perfect way to enjoy warm summer nights in June and July, featuring live music, free chil-

dren'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

Hot Ticket features "Hail Caesar": "Hail, Caesar!" PG-13. Cast: Josh Brolin, George Clooney. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Classic Car Show: Get those engines running because it is time once again for the annual Harrer Park Classic Car Show featuring a variety of cars from antique, classic and muscle cars to modified, import and sports cars. 6 p.m. Harrer Park and Pool, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0971

The French Riviera Art, Leisure and the Pursuit of Ple: The French Riviera, one of the most storied landscapes on earth, is blessed by a seductive climate, eye-popping vistas, chic resort destinations and remote perched villages. Join Tish Robinson, scholar, teacher, owner of The Wonders of France and all-around Francophile as she takes a look at this corner of paradise, where l'art de vivre, the art of living well, is nowhere more fulfilled. 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. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-123

Wiggle While You Walk on the Library Lawn: From now through August, you are invited to take a StoryWalk featuring the book "Wiggle" by Doreen Cronin. This energetic book about an animated dog who wiggles in a variety of funny situations is worth imitating. There are also interactive features added like hula hoops, maracas and a special surprise inside the library. 9 a.m. All week, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Love and Theft: 8 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$15

Rockin in the Park Free Summer Concert Series: 7 p.m. Bub City, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 312-610-

4200

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

Skokie Photographic Society: The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. All levels of photographic skill are welcome. 7:30 p.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-677-8324

My Son the Waiter A Jewish Tragedy: Comedian Brad Zimmerman Brings the Laughs to Chicago in "My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy." A hilarious and inspiring story about the grit and passion required to make it as an artist and the sweet rewards that come from never giving up on your dream. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 21, 8 p.m. July 22. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 23, 2 p.m. July 24, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$40-\$50, 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, July 22

Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Consul": Main Street Opera presents this great American opera. Menotti spins a tragic tale of one woman's struggle to flee a violent police state. 7:45 p.m. Friday, The Alta Villa, 430 N. Addison Road, Addison, \$22 - \$55; children under 12 free, 224-764-1615

Des Plaines Farmers' Market: City of Des Plaines Farmers' Market is every Friday, open until 7 p.m. on Ellinwood Street starting at Lee Street. Parking is available in the library parking garage off Prairie Street or on Ellinwood between Pearson and River Road. Available are fresh produce, olive oil, bird houses and birdseed, food storage containers, green products and more. 3 p.m.

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Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Women in Business Networking Breakfast with Dr. Jacquot: Join us for our Women in Business Networking Breakfast. Network with attendees, enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear Dr. Margo Jacquot of The Juniper Center speak. 8:30 a.m. Sunrise Grill, 1930 Touhy Ave., Des Plaines, \$10 members, \$15 prospective members, 847-825-3121

Tab Benoit: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$36-\$54, 847-492-8860

Temple Beth Israel Shabbat at the Park: The community is welcome to join Temple Beth Israel members and friends at a special worship experience held under shelter in Lovelace Park, in Evanston. Attendees should bring their own dinners and a dessert to share. 6:30 p.m. Lovelace Park, 2740 Gross Point Road, Evanston, free, 847-675-0951

Bingo Night for Adults and High Schoolers: Keep the competition going and get ready for another win by joining us for Bingo Night. Register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Stories in the Sun Drop In Storytime: Bring a blanket to join Miss Meleesa and her special guests at locations around Glenview for outdoor songs, stories, and fun. Stop by or call Youth Services after June 1 for storytime locations. 11 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Storytime at Lincolnwood Town Center: Join Lincolnwood Library at the Lincolnwood Town Center in Center Court for a storytime for children aged birth to age 5. 10:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy, Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Facebook Help Drop-In: Have a question about your Facebook account or need help checking your security settings? Drop in with your account information, and get assistance from a librarian. 10 a.m. Morton Grove Public

Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Family Event The Three Billy Goats Gruff: In a special evening performance, Improv Playhouse Theatre returns with a hilarious rendition of the old folk tale. This is fun for the whole family. 6 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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

Courtney Cole: 9 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, free

Let's Go To The Movies: Come out and celebrate music from memorable Hollywood films and recreates the emotions you felt when you first heard these iconic songs. 8 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

Saturday, July 23

John Kurtz Eggs and Leggs 5K: The walk/run will start and end at Fischer Farm with participants running throughout the adjacent Oak Dale Woods Subdivision. All run participants receive a shirt, breakfast and the opportunity to win awards and medals. The 2016 Eggs & Leggs run will be chip timed by Time to Run, and will have a mile split time and digital clock. 8:30 a.m. Fischer Farm, 16W680 Old Grande Ave., Bensenville, \$25-\$35, 630-766-7015

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

The Yawpers: 8:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10-\$18, 847-492-8860

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

Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories: "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories" are

recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. July 23 and July 24, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

Glenview Farmers Market at Wagner Farm: A free weekly event, this farmers market takes place rain or shine. Shop for seasonal fruits and vegetables, flowers, homemade jellies and preserves, cheese and eggs. Free parking is available. For a full list of vendors and special market events visit the event website. 8 a.m. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-657-1506

Free recycling and paper shredding: The Northfield Road District will offer free recycling as well as paper shredding at the Glenview Farmers Market at Wagner Farm. For information about appropriate items to recycle, visit the Northfield Township Road District website. 8 a.m. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-7055

Family Night Golf: After 5 p.m., groups of up to six players can play for the flat fee of just \$30. Some restrictions apply. 5 p.m. Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, \$30 for up to 6 player group, 847-657-1637

Quidditch 101 at Lincolnwood Fest: Registration is required. This is for Grades K-12, however, children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Fans of Harry Potter, come hang out with the official Quidditch team of Loyola University, Lumos. Noon, Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Get Hooked Crafts with Friendship Bracelets: Register to relive your days at camp with this fun, friendly craft. Materials provided. 10 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

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

"Bacharach and Friends" The Park Ridge Chorale: The Park Ridge Chorale performs "Bacharach & Friends." Rhet O'Neill, president of the chorale said, "Burt Bacharach is one of America's most prolific song writers," and they realized how many songs were written by him. Tickets may be purchased online at the website or at the door. 7 p.m. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$18 adults; \$16 seniors, 224-585-3403

Cassadee Pope: 8:45 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$15

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, July 24

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": This July, Muse of Fire Theatre Company presents a wild riot of whimsy with "A Midsummer Night's Dream" under the summer sun. Bring a blanket, stretch out in the shade, and join the ensemble in a twisted tale of lamenting lovers, furious fairies, asinine actors and a genuine jackass. 3 p.m. Ingraham Park, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, free

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

Family Night Golf: After 5 p.m., groups of up to six players can play for the flat fee of just \$30. Some restrictions apply. 5 p.m. Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, \$30 for up to 6 player group, 847-657-1637

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra concert: 1 p.m. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 224-456-2399

Critic's Choice features "Anomalisa": "Anomalisa" 2015, R. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

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spices. 7:30 a.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500.

Monday, July 25

Blue Mondays featuring John Primer: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$8, 847-492-8860

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

Italian Parent Child Storytime ages 3-5 with adult: Experience a little bit of Italy and bask in summertime vocabulary with teachers from this Italian language and culture program. Enjoy games, songs and stories together. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

"Pokemon" Free Play with Pastimes: Drop in to practice for fun or learn the basics of "Pokemon" play. Pastimes of Niles is on hand to help new players and loan out decks. A limited number of loaner cards are available. 1 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Studio B The Open Maker Lab: Create your own projects using the 3-D printer, laser cutter and Silhouette Cameo Vinyl Cutter. Supplies are available for purchase. 7 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Monday Movers: This is for toddlers with a caregiver (walkers up to 24 months) to join for a half hour of moving, singing, reading and fun. 10:30 a.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Business Expo and After Hours: Come for the non-stop opportunities to interact with exhibitors, test out new products and enjoy hands-on activities. At the event, 66 exhibitors from the Northbrook, Glenview and the Deerfield Bannockburn Riverwoods (DBR) Chambers showcase their businesses. See the list of exhibitors on the website. Registration is online and see further information, but walk-ins are accepted. 5 p.m. Hilton Northbrook Hotel, 2855 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-5555

Tuesday, July 26

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

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. Tram tickets may be purchased in the Heritage Garden or any ticket location. 10 a.m. Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

CJE SeniorLife Counseling Appointments: CJE SeniorLife Resource Specialists provide counseling to adults 60 and over, their families and caregivers. Counseling includes topics such as selecting appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs and identifying supportive resources. For more information or to make an appointment, call Kathy Gaeding at CJE SeniorLife. 9:30 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 773-508-1054

Say Cheese: Mark Lyons, an experienced home cheese-maker, presents the art and science behind cheese-making and shows attendees how to make some simple cheese recipes. Tasting is included, but please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Storytime at the Pool: Enjoy a brief, poolside story with a librarian during the first afternoon safety break each Tuesday. In case of rain storytime will be canceled. 12:45 p.m. Proesel Park Family Aquatics Center, 7055 N. Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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 and More Film "Miss You Already": "Miss You Already" is rated PG-13 and is a story about the life-changing events that cause the friendship of two women to be tested. They attempt to deal with

illness, the desire to have children and their joys and sorrows. The cast includes: Drew Barrymore, Toni Collette. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Tunes on Tuesday: Enjoy free, musical entertainment on Tuesday nights during the months of June, and July. The series showcases music from a variety of decades and genres. 7 p.m. Harrer Park and Pool, 6250 W Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0971

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

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

Keep Calm and Yarn On: Knitters, weavers, crocheters, and fiber artists, stop by our new weekly meetup. You can share what you know, learn something new, or just work on your own project. 2 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Photo Organizing: Professional organizer Bonnie Hillman Shay shares practical techniques for sorting and digitizing your printed photos, home movies and slides, as well as managing your digital photo files. Learn from an expert how to share and preserve your family memories for your children and grandchildren. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Pajama Stories: Put on your coziest pajamas and join in a half hour of stories and fun. 6:30 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Football for All with Journey of Hope Bike Team: The Journey of Hope cross-country bike team makes its annual stop at the North Suburban YMCA for a free community event celebrating kids with special needs. The football-themed party includes adaptive activities, a wheelchair football game and appearances by Northwestern University Football Players. Open to the public;

RSVP by calling or knyren@nsymca.org. 6:30 p.m. North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Understanding the Islamic World: Over four weeks, Jim Kenney explores questions, which are critical for a real understanding of the Islamic world. He will compare and contrast western views of religion, the state and pluralism with those that characterize Muslim culture. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$40 NSSC members; \$52 non-members, 847-784-6030

Life Transitions Group: A support group for men and women who have been widowed for one to four years. The group is volunteer-facilitated and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$5 per session, 847-720-4170

Country in the Park Free Summer Concert Series: 7 p.m. Bub City, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 312-610-4200

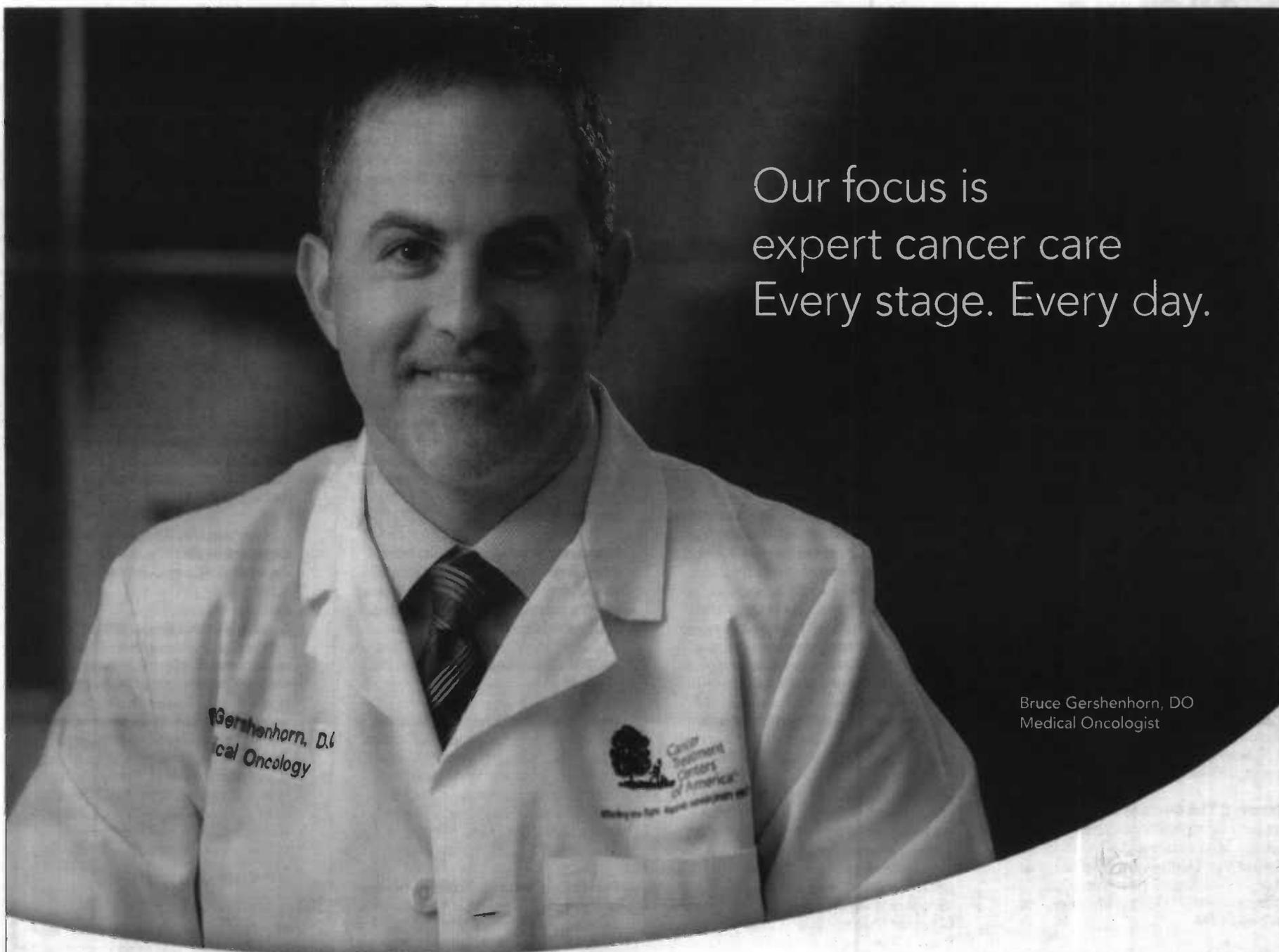
Country in the Park 2016: This concert series features some of Nashville's most popular emerging country music artists. Country in the Park concerts occur every Tuesday throughout the summer. Guests can enjoy food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after select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

Wednesday, July 27

Music in the Park and French Market: This family summer concert series has something to offer all musical tastes. Favorite Bensenville restaurants sell dinner and dessert items, for dinner in the park prior to the concert. 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

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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

LinkedIn: This is for those new to LinkedIn, who want to build their professional identity. Participants must have a valid email address and should sign up for a LinkedIn account before class. A Glenview Library card is required and registering by calling or at glenviewpl.org/register. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Gladiator Training for grades 1-3: Explore Rome and the Colosseum as you experience Italy virtually with teachers from Insieme a Chicago Italian language and culture program. Enjoy fun facts and geography through stories,

art, games and more. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 4:30 p.m. and 6 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 and enjoy these shows guaranteed to please young and old alike! The Jackman Park Gazebo is located at Lehigh Ave. and Prairie St. Entertainment schedule: July 27 - Final Say. 7 p.m. Jackman Park, 1930 Prairie St., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Summer Walking: Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., meet at the park bench outside the east wing of the Glenview Senior Center to walk together through and around the Gallery Park. 6:30 p.m. Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-446-4300

Hidden "Harry Potter": Registration is requested, but drop-ins are welcome. This is recommended for ages 8 and older to enter the magical world of "Harry Potter" to help fans enjoy these wonderful stories even more. Potter costumes are encouraged and there are free DVD giveaways, non-alcoholic butterbeer, themed crafts and more. 7

p.m. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Pitch This Digitize That: This presentation covers tools available to help you digitize your family photos, financial documents, correspondence and other important historical artifacts. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Free Film "Ant Man": Armed with a super-suit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, cat burglar Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr. Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), plan and pull off a heist that will save the world. 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Northbrook Farmers Market: Shop for farm fresh fruits, veggies, cheese, baked goods and more at this not-for-profit community farmers market. 7 a.m. Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free

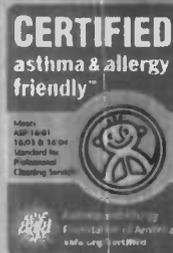
Knitting Studio and Workshop: Each Wednesday afternoon, certified knitting

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

Bridge Class Playing the Hand: After the bidding for tricks, the play begins. Learn how to enhance your Bridge game. 9 a.m. Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$75 members; \$79 guests, 847-692-3597

Junior Gan Israel Day Camp: Offering Jewish preschool camping for over 25 years, registration is now open, with quality programming for kids ages one through six-years-old. Special features include private swimming at Oakton Water Playground, and sports and gymnastics with "Stretch 'n Grow" certified coaches. 9:30 a.m. Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie, Refer to website, 847-677-1770

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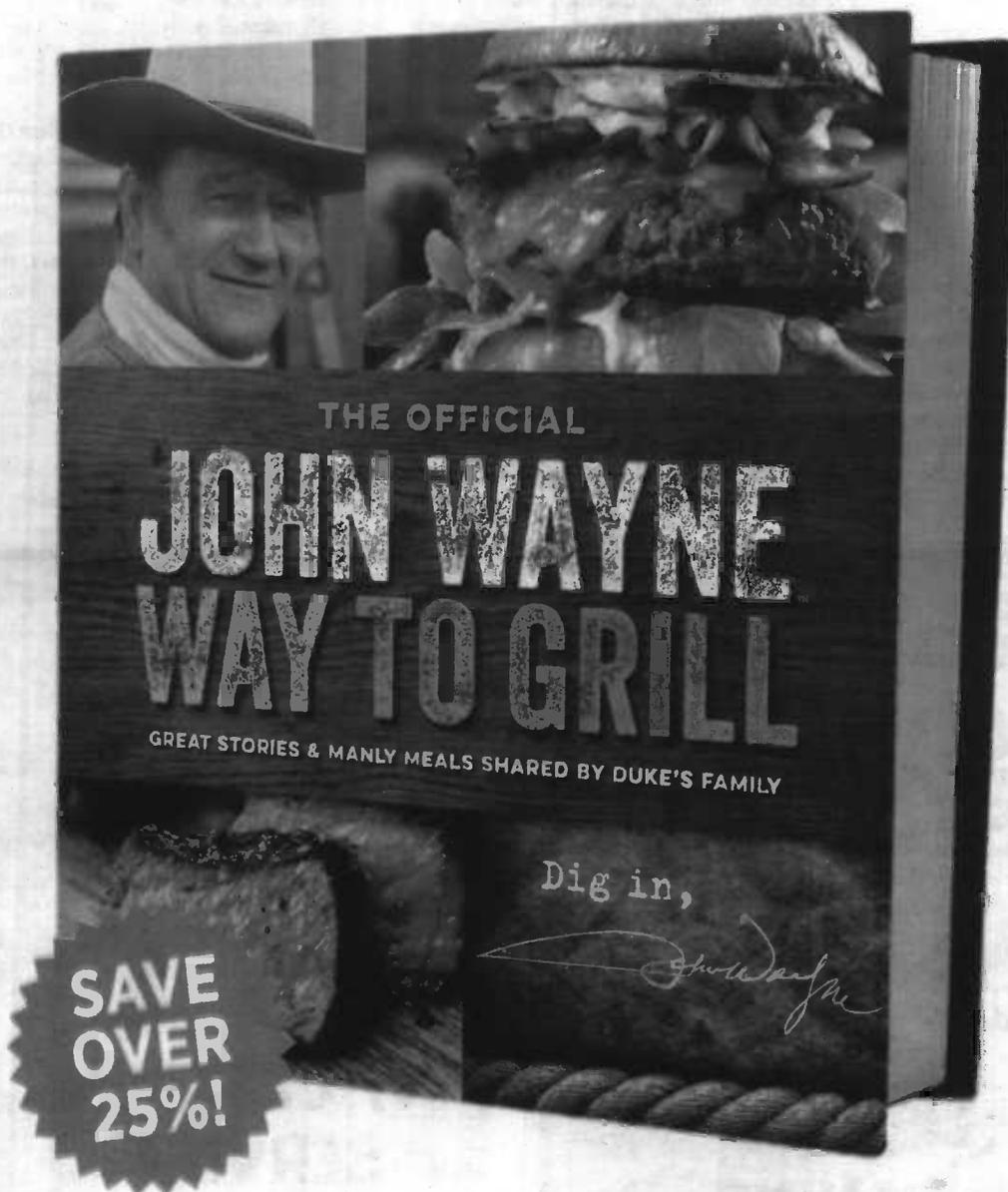
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**"The Secret Life of Pets" ★★★**

PG, 1:31, animated

With its playful premise and endearing performances, "The Secret Life of Pets" is fun, family- (and animal-) friendly fare. The pets are given voice by an all-star cast that includes Louis C.K., Kevin Hart, Jenny Slate and Albert Brooks. Little terrier Max (C.K.) is the top dog in the life of his owner, Katie (Ellie Kemper), until she brings home a giant, fluffy mutt named Duke (Eric Stonestreet). The rival pups become separated and wind up in

the underground headquarters of a bitter bunny named Snowball (Hart). It's fun to imagine what pets get into when no one is home, and "Pets" does a great job of taking that idea to an extreme. — *Sandy Cohen, Associated Press*

**"The Legend of Tarzan" ★★**

PG-13, 1:42, action/adventure

Tarzan has been dusted off, his abs polished and his vocabulary spruced up in David Yates' handsome but altogether pointless "The Legend of Tarzan," a chest-thumping resurrection of the Ape Man that fails to find any reason for the iconic character's continued evolution. Craig Brewer and Adam Cozad's script sets the tale a decade after the discovery of Tarzan (Alexander Skarsgård) in West Africa; seen only in flashback is Tarzan's

origin story, including a more violent version of his famously loquacious introduction to Jane. The film's main source of suspense is watching it twist and contort a century-old property into something meaningful. — *Jake Coyle, Associated Press*

**"Finding Dory" ★★★**

PG, 1:43, animated

This satisfying follow-up to the 2003 smash "Finding Nemo" amplifies the defining characteristic — short-term memory loss — of Dory, the blue tang fish voiced with subtle warmth and unerring comic timing by Ellen DeGeneres. Dory fin-twists, gently, Marlin (Albert Brooks) and Nemo (Hayden Rolence) into aiding her in her search for the parents she only periodically recalls. The quest takes the trio to the coast of California and

the Marine Life Institute. The open ocean is the reward for Dory, along with reuniting with her parents. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates" ★★ 1/2**

R, 1:38, comedy

Mike and Dave Stangle put the "bro" in brothers. They don't know when to say when, and the movie they're in is similarly afflicted. Starring Adam Devine and Zac Efron as the titular duo, the film is uproarious and flamboyantly raunchy, utterly stupid yet also occasionally winning. You'll laugh, but you might feel bad for doing it: Amusement is a form of approval, and do we really want to encourage such filth? The message, which has all

the subtlety of a slap to the face, is that girls can be just as grotesque, offensive and self-centered as guys. — *Stephanie Merry, The Washington Post*

**"The Purge: Election Night" ★★★**

R, 1:45, action

The America we see in writer-director James DeMonaco's sequel might've been dreamed up over a conference call among Donald Trump, the National Rifle Association and the most reactionary of the Fox News pundits and contributors. "Purge 3" also works well enough as a simple, scuzzy, effective multitrack survival narrative. Not long from now, the ruling political party, the New Founding Fathers of America, has miraculously cut the

nation's crime rate by devoting one night a year, Purge Night, to rampant murder, unpunishable by law. — *M.P.*

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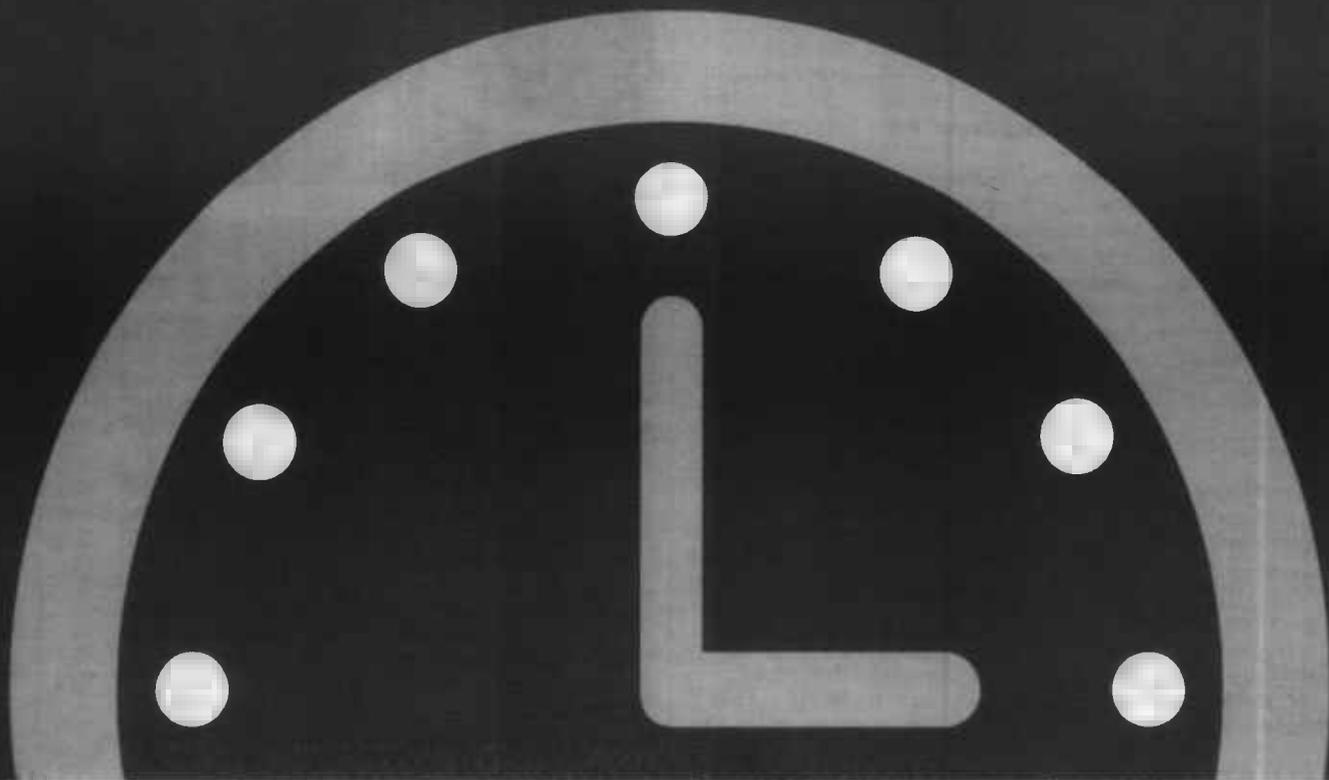
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2017 Fiat 124 Spider captures spirit of original

By ANDY MIKONIS
Tribune Newspapers

Five years into the Fiat brand's return to U.S. shores, the 2017 Fiat 124 Spider goes on sale this summer to bolster the lineup, inspired by the original Fiat 124 Spider sold in the U.S. from 1968 to 1982.

That last model year marked Fiat's retreat from the U.S. market, and my mother bought one of the last new Spiders. I drove it a lot — even took my driver's test in it — and it gave me an appreciation for small European sports cars. Years later I would buy a well-loved 1981 Spider of my own, and the 2017 captures the spirit, if not the distinction of, the original.

While most brands would kill for younger customers, Fiat Brand North America director Bob Broderdorf thinks the new 124 Spider convertible will bring in an older and more affluent crowd to Fiat buyers, who are five years below the industry average of 51.

The price of admission is reasonable. With the exception of the limited-edition launch model, you can buy any trim level of the 124 Spider starting under \$30,000, even with an automatic transmission. This falls in line with the appeal of the reasonably priced original Fiat Spiders.

The 2017 Spider also springs off of existing technology and uses an outside builder, but in this case it is based on the Mazda MX-5 Miata and manufactured by Mazda in Hiroshima, Japan. It's hard for the Italian roadster to escape a resemblance, even though it shares no sheet metal with the Miata, and it's 5 inches longer and about 100 pounds heavier. The wheelbase and track width are the same. The extra length mostly is in a longer front end ahead of the wheels,



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The 2017 Fiat 124 Spider, left, makes its U.S. debut this summer. The new model is inspired by the original 1968 Fiat 124 Spider, sold in the U.S. until 1982.

which slightly skews the perfect 50:50 front-to-rear weight distribution of the Miata and the original Spider.

"It would have been nice if they pushed the styling a bit further so it's less like a drag and drop of Spider 2000 elements onto a Miata," said John Ekholm, a consultant in Seattle who bought my '81 for his first car. "It seems like the rear-end styling might be less successful and 'Fiat-ish' than the front."

The grille shape works as an homage to the original, and I'll buy the headlights as a modern interpretation. A character line from the fender up over the door handles does evoke the original.

Giovanni D'Avola, noted vintage Fiat expert and proprietor of Chicago's Autosprint Ltd. since 1985, agrees. "The front at least has a European slick look, but once you get past the doors, honestly, it's a Miata."

Re-engineered for the 2016 model year, the MX-5 Miata is certainly a great car to start with, but will buyers accept the 124 Spider as an Italian car?

It has an Italian-built Fiat 1.4-liter MultiAir turbocharged four-cylinder engine; the original 124 Spider had a 1.4-liter, though saw only a few turbos late in the run.

It's the same engine as the Abarth 500 but is the first rear-wheel-drive application, said Leia Horton, program manager of the 124.

A significant amount of suspension tuning was done to the car in order to distinguish it as a unique product, Horton said, though she was vague when pressed about actual parts differences.

Roadster test

I tested a base Classica trim level in Grigio Argento, a metallic gray that is a little darker than the silver on my mother's Spider. No blue interior like hers, as the cloth interior comes only in Nero (black).

Average-size drivers will be comfortable, but at 6 feet, 4 inches with long legs, I found the 124 Spider a tight fit. It was workable for shorter stints, but the fact that I couldn't straighten my left leg would be-

come tedious over time. The passenger side was even worse, as the footwell is shorter for some reason. No tilting the seat back at the rear-most point, either, as you are up against a wall. The old Spider was cozy but had a vestigial back seat, which allowed a little reclining or even stuffing a second friend in for short periods of time. With the top up, I nearly maxed out headroom. Cup holders looked clipped on as an afterthought at the rear of the console, right up against the back of the small passenger compartment. The door of the storage compartment, when you open it, will hit anything you have in the holders.

Steering response is quick, and the 124 Spider Classica can easily overpower its Yokohama 16-inch tires on more challenging curves. When it happens, the car exhibits its excellent weight distribution and handles well enough that it does not understeer or get out of sorts. Peak torque is cited at 2600 revolutions per minute, but I found 4000 a sweet spot with the turbo

spooled up, smoothly pulling it out of the corners, looking over the two familiar bulges in the hood.

Horton pointed out the sport mode on the Abarth version increases torque, changes throttle mapping and changes steering calibration as well as paddle shifter operation on models with an automatic transmission. "We incorporated a little oversteer," Horton said. "You can really whip it around."

I found this to be true; the Abarth was great fun to take around a fast autocross course. It did remind me of the Fiat 500 Abarth, despite the different chassis and drive wheels. Both were created with the same performance philosophy.

Mere Miata?

Comparisons to the MX-5 Miata are inevitable, and Fiat had one on hand for short test drives. It was surprising how different the cars feel in two aspects. Though with less power, the Mazda engine is more free-revving, with a snarling exhaust note. Suspension feels stiffer over

bumps, giving the Miata more of a go-kart feel. Interestingly, this and the up-level Grand Touring Miata wear the same 17-inch Bridgestone tires as the Lusso and Abarth 124 Spiders.

In a lot of ways, I felt the 2017 captured the character of the original Spiders. They weren't terribly fast but fast enough to have fun. Which recalls the expression: It's better to drive a slow car fast than a fast car slow. The ride was firm yet compliant, but when you threw it into a corner, it was well-balanced and predictable. The 2017 has a lot more power, but it's still a smooth cruiser with great cornering capability. Based on the vehicles I sampled, the Classica and Lusso Spiders have nicer interior trim for less money than Miata. That, coupled with a firmer ride, makes the MX-5 Miata feel more raw. This can be a positive depending what you are looking for, and that distinction grows less evident in the 124 Spider Abarth.

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Niles North distance runners have created tradition of success

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

On a cold and wet Halloween day last fall, the present and future of Niles North distance running were on display at the Class 3A Lake Park cross country sectional.

Senior Martin Barr finished 12th in the race, and would go on to finish 37th at the following week's state meet. Seven months later, the Villanova-bound Barr came in fourth in the 3,200-meter run at the Class 3A state track and field meet.

Finishing just six seconds and three places behind Barr at the cross country sectional was teammate Connor Perreault, a sophomore, who handled the muddy conditions better than most to earn a somewhat unexpected ticket to state.

"Conor qualifying, that was a great day, holy cow," Niles North cross country coach Dave Shafron said.

Though Perreault ended up finishing 91st at state, he solidified himself as the next in an increasingly long line of highly accomplished Vikings distance runners. Since the 2008-09 academic year, five Niles North runners have competed at the state cross country meet and six ran in the distance events (1,600 and 3,200) at the Class 3A state track meet.

Before leaving for college, Barr has spent the summer training with the likes of Perreault and Dhruvil Patel, the latter back home in Skokie after successful freshman cross country and track seasons at North Central College in Naperville. Patel took 26th at the 2014 cross country state meet and 17th in the 3,200 at the 2015 state track meet.

"Martin (Barr) and Dhruvil Patel have shown me the way," Perreault said. "With good coaching and working with some of my older teammates, it's helped me

get here and hopefully go forward. ... Now, I look at the younger guys and know I can help keep the tradition going. It's fun to be in that position."

Much of Niles North's current distance-running culture can be traced back to one man: Dan Horyn, the beloved cross country coach and track assistant coach who died of esophageal cancer at the age of 34 in September 2013.

"Horyn just knew the sport technically, knew more than most," said Micah Beller, a 2013 Niles North graduate currently entering his redshirt junior season in cross country and track at Michigan. "Away from the nuts and bolts (of the sport), he just spoke a lot about character, got everybody buying into the program. He had a lot of passion and instilled that passion."

When Horyn took over the Niles North cross country team in 2005, it had been three years since a Vikings runner had qualified for the state cross country meet.

A former runner at Illinois, Horyn built the foundation of his Niles North distance program, and two breakthrough athletes eventually emerged. Israel Cornelio finished seventh in the 1,600 at the 2009 state track meet. Then, during the 2010-11 academic year, Kosta Papazoglou came in 24th in the state in cross country and took 15th in the 3,200 at the state track meet.

"Horyn raised the level of expectations for individuals and the team and established an attitude of excellence," Beller said. "Israel and Kosta were the first guys, and we fed off that."

Beller finished 10th at the 2012 cross country state meet and eighth in the 1,600 at the 2013 state track meet. Next up, was Patel. Then came Barr and Perreault.

Shafron originally came to Niles North as Horyn's

assistant coach and ended up becoming the cross county coach and track distance coach during the 2013-14 school year. The Wheeling alumnus brought his own set of impressive credentials, having competed at North Central College, a Division III powerhouse that has been coached by the legendary Al Carius for the last 50 years.

"Coach Shafron is a great coach," Barr said. "The two of us worked really well together, had a really good dynamic. He's encouraging to us and gets us to work hard."

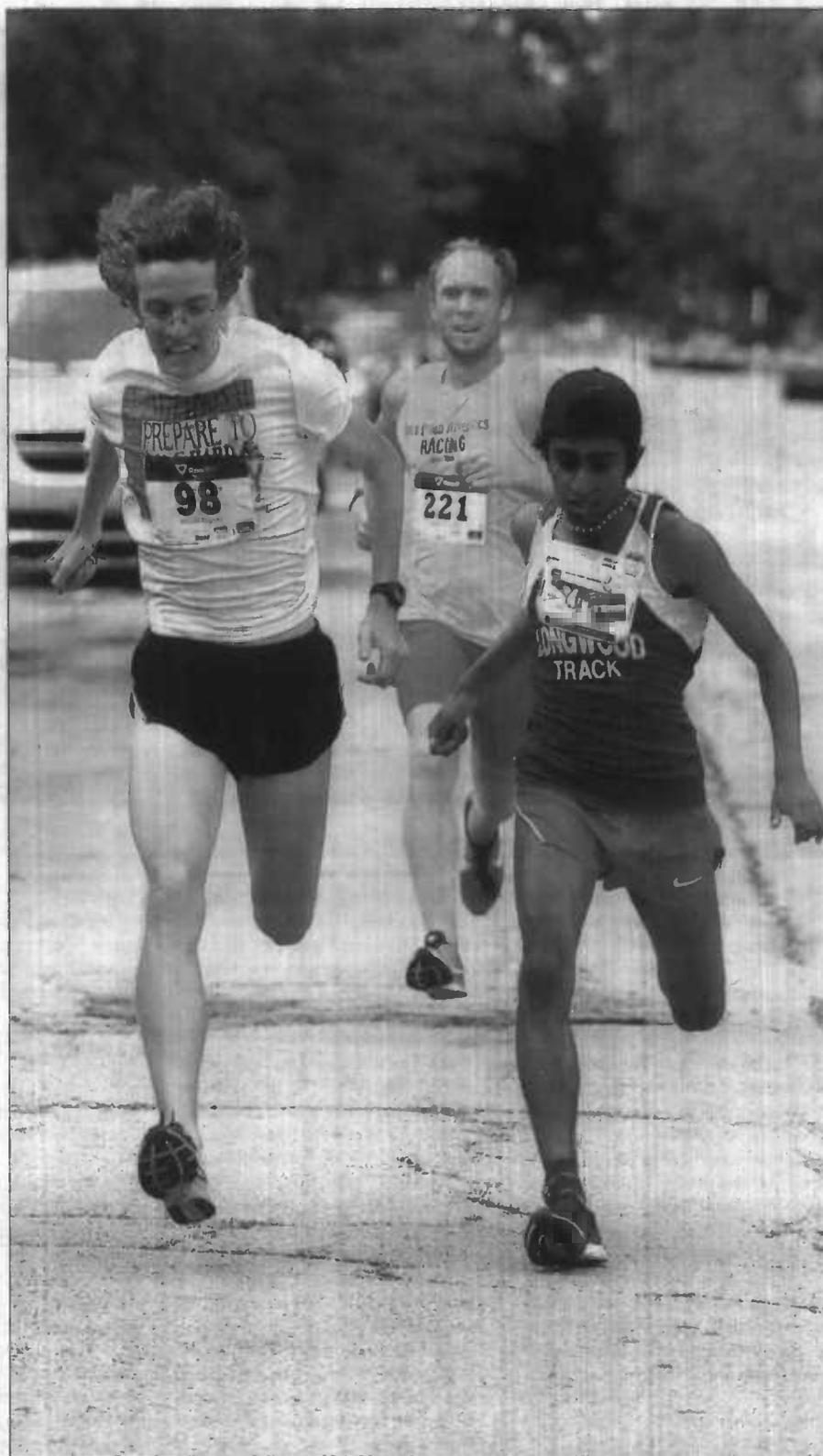
In addition to running at his former coach's alma mater, Patel also was a collegiate teammate of several other fellow Niles North alumni: then seniors Aron Sebhat, Tim Vazquez and Carlitos Rangel and freshman Nebil Mohamed.

Sebhat, Rangel and Vazquez joined Beller on the 4x800 relay team that finished second at the 2012 state track and field meet. Sebhat, whose college career started at Nebraska, also took 36th at state in the 3,200 in 2010.

Beller, like most of his fellow Niles North distance-running standouts, entered the Vikings program with little middle school running experience. But, he, eventually accomplished more than expected thanks to coaching, hard work and, perhaps, running with a bit of a chip on their shoulder.

"Everybody comes in knowing that up on the North Shore, schools have kids who started running earlier. But four years (in high school) is long enough to offset some of that," Beller said. "I think (a later start) also pays dividends because it makes you attractive to college coaches, who know you have a higher ceiling because you only started after middle school."

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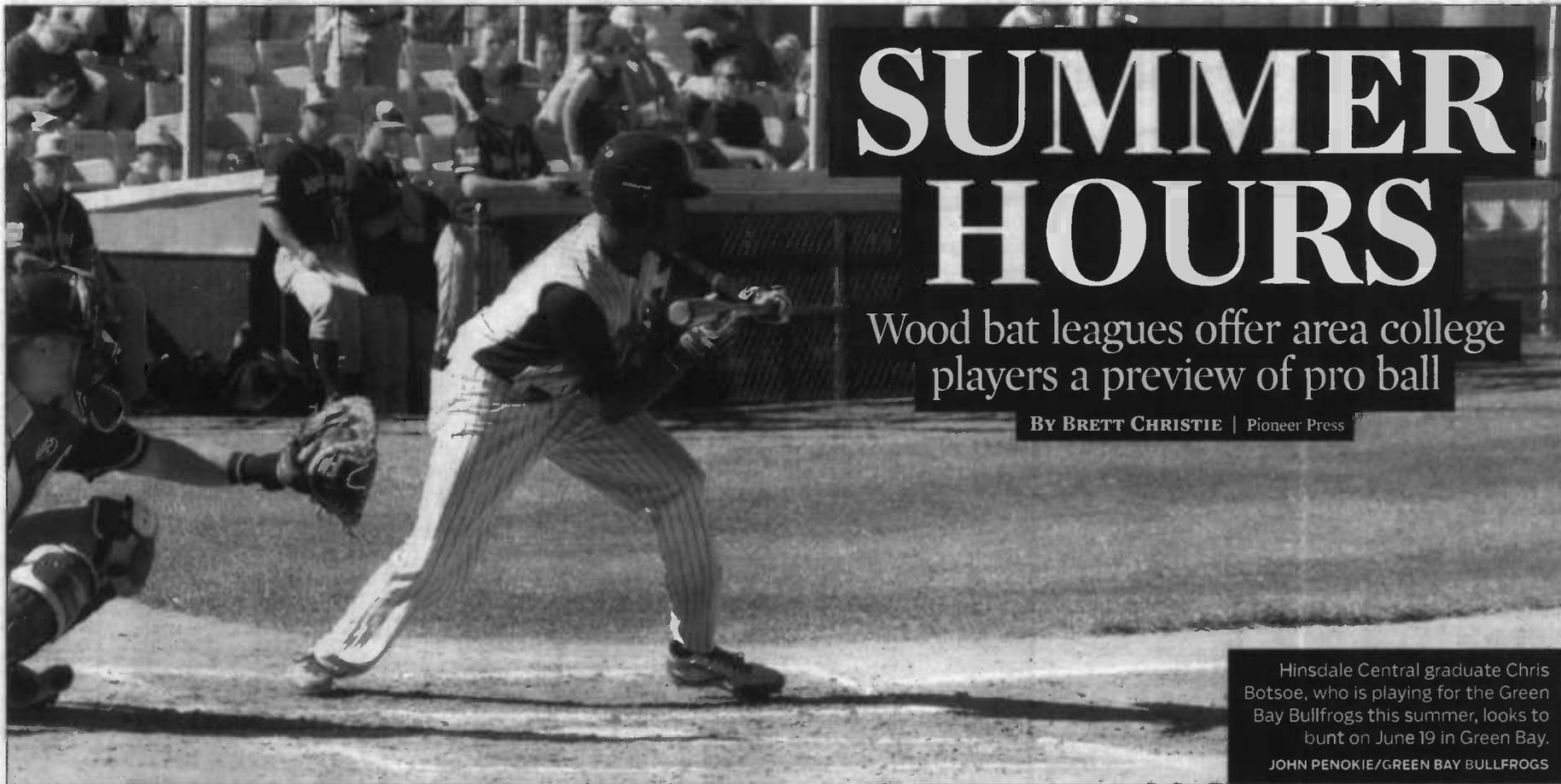


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Martin Barr, left, edges out former Niles North teammate Dhruvil Patel, right, for first at Dan Horyn's Skokie Swift 5K on June 5. Barr won with a time of 15 minutes, 40 seconds. Dave Eckhart of Park Ridge, center, took third.

CORRECTION

The photo provided by U.S. Rowing to accompany a story about Dariush Aghai in the July 14 issue was instead a photo of Anders Weiss and Nareg Guregian.



SUMMER HOURS

Wood bat leagues offer area college players a preview of pro ball

BY BRETT CHRISTIE | Pioneer Press

Hinsdale Central graduate Chris Botsoe, who is playing for the Green Bay Bullfrogs this summer, looks to bunt on June 19 in Green Bay.

JOHN PENOKIE/GREEN BAY BULLFROGS

If one is fortunate enough to get drafted by a Major League Baseball team, a stint in the minor leagues often awaits, as do many adjustments. Some area players are getting a glimpse of what life is like in the minors — while honing their craft for their college careers — by playing in college summer wood bat leagues.

Games nearly every night of the week for the entire summer, wood bats instead of metal, small towns and long bus rides are all apart of the experience.

Matt Fallon, a senior-to-be outfielder at Xavier, is not new to the summer scene. The Loyola alumnus is spending his third consecutive summer playing in a wood bat league, this time in the Prospect League for the Champion City Kings in Springfield, Ohio. This season, Fallon's coach is Rick White, who spent 12 seasons in the major leagues as a pitcher.

"It's definitely a pro-type experience with how much you're playing and how you've got to handle yourself and be prepared for every game," Fallon said.

A catcher for Division-III Depauw in Greencastle, Ind., Zack Wade also is playing in the Prospect League and said he couldn't

ask for a better environment to play baseball. The league has several Division I players, and the uptick in competition has been a thrill for Wade, a Deerfield alumnus on the Springfield (Ill.) Sliders.

"It's a pretty outstanding experience," said Wade, who just finished his junior year. "It's baseball six days a week playing against some of the best competition in the country. It's just awesome going out there and getting to play the game I love every day."

Chris Botsoe is coming off a freshman season at Louisville in which he did not get into a game. So for the Hinsdale Central graduate, playing in the Northwoods League for the Green Bay Bullfrogs has served as a way to gain live-game repetitions and showcase his skills.

For St. Viator alumnus Gunnar Kay, who also plays in the Northwoods League, this summer has served as a redemption tour. Kay, who will be a redshirt sophomore at Division-II Illinois-Springfield in the fall, is back with the Thunder Bay Border Cats two years after suffering an injury to his right throwing arm while a member of the team that forced him to undergo Tommy John

surgery.

"It's definitely been a big confidence booster to kind of prove to myself I can still do it after an injury," Kay said.

From metal to wood

The most noticeable contrast between college and these summer leagues is the bat. The sounds at the ballpark are cracks instead of pings. Among the area college players, Fallon has grown fond of wood bats over the years.

"You kind of get more feel for what you're hitting and how you're hitting it," Fallon said. "Metal, it seems like you can make more mistakes and still get away with it. Wood, if you make mistakes you're probably going to pay for it, but I've always liked it. It kind of makes you stay inside the ball longer and really just try and barrel everything up."

For Wade, the learning curve has been much steeper. In his first season playing in a summer wood bat league he's had to adjust not only to the new bat, but the heightened competition throwing to him as well.

"Going from metal bats against D-III pitchers to wood bats against D-I arms is definitely a

transition," Wade said with a laugh. "I definitely like it a lot. It sounds more like traditional baseball, and it really separates the talent that's there. After college the only baseball that's played is with wood bats, so it's kind of cool to see how everyone stacks up on a different level."

From a pitcher's perspective, the wood bats also allow for a variation in approach. Kay said he typically tries to run his fastball in on a hitter's hands more when he has a wood bat in an attempt to create softer contact and perhaps break the bat. But he conceded that balls that would typically be lazy flyouts with metal bats tend to drop down for hits between infielders and outfielders with wood bats.

"I try using it as an advantage, but sometimes it works against you," Kay said. "It's not a huge difference — it's still the same game and you still have to approach it in much the same way — but you can get away with some more stuff for sure."

A grinding schedule

Area players generally agree that the biggest adjustment between college ball and summer-

league ball is the schedule. In both the Northwoods and Prospect leagues, teams play 72 games in 76 days. While the college schedule usually has a maximum of five games in a week, playing in summer wood bat leagues resembles a pro schedule.

"The competition is the same because it's mostly college athletes, but just getting your body used to playing every single day has been the biggest adjustment for me," Botsoe said.

"Because you're playing every day, you can kind of get into a lull," Fallon said. "It's just the same routine each day, like waking up every day and going to the field. In the spring it's a little different because you know you're going to have a couple days in between. So it's definitely a grind. You've got to get yourself up for every game."

The Northwoods League attempts to protect pitchers coming off spring college seasons with workload restrictions. For example, if a pitcher has thrown 100 pitches or more in a game, he can't begin the next inning. Also, a pitcher must have five full rest days after throwing 100 or more pitches in an appearance.

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Host families

An element of the leagues that is not akin to pro baseball is the presence of host families. Each team has families that volunteer to open up their homes for the summer to players.

"They pretty much treat you like you're a member of their family," Botsoe said.

All four players said home-cooked meals are a staple of the stay with their host families, and so is their ubiquitous support at games.

"I'm able to go home and they make me dinner every night, whereas some guys will eat a meal at the field that's provided," Kay said of his host family. "I have plenty of time and get to hang out with them. They come to all of the games and are very supportive. It's not any different than being at home and hanging out really. They definitely make it an enjoyable experience."

Fallon admitted that at first it's a bit odd staying at a stranger's home, but given the hosts' welcoming nature, he had a comfortable transition.

"It's something you kind of get used to after a little bit," Fallon said. "They tell you to make yourself at home and anything we need, we just tell them foodwise or whatever and they take good care of us."

Despite its minor-league model, players are not paid during these summer leagues because of NCAA rules. That can make the financial situation unsettling for some, but the host families alleviate some of those concerns by providing food and housing. The teams also provide meals, transportation to away games and hotel accommodations when on the road.

"You don't really have to buy anything, because it's pretty much playing baseball 24 hours a day, so there's really no need to have any money," Botsoe said. "I don't know any kids (on the Bullfrogs) who have jobs right now, but I don't really think they have time for jobs because of how our schedule is."

Wade had a different outlook on the financial situation.

"Honestly, money gets pretty tight," said Wade, who also played for the Prospect League's Kokomo (Ind.) Jackrabbits this season. "We get free bats, free gear and clothes and stuff for playing. And we get free meals and stuff like



JAMES MIRABELLI/THUNDER BAY BORDER CATS

St. Viator graduate Gunnar Kay pitches for the Thunder Bay Border Cats in the Northwoods League this summer.

that, but outside of that, money is pretty hard to come by. We can work extra camps and whatnot for the park district or for the owner, but those are decently paid and they don't happen too often."

Away from the field

A player's lifestyle is mapped out to revolve around baseball. If he isn't lifting or working out, he's probably eating. A typical day in the life of a player in these summer leagues goes as follows: Wake up, eat, head to the gym, eat again, go to the field for work in

the batting cage, take batting practice, play the game and then eat dinner at home.

In their spare time, the players enjoy a variety of activities outside of baseball.

"We try and go see movies and just hang out around here," Fallon said. "There's actually a lot of golf courses nearby and our host family lives on one, so they always encourage us to go play a little bit. I've never really been a golfer, because it's mostly been baseball, but on days like today (July 12) when it's nice out and we have a break, we'll go out and play."

"We have some teammates that have a river behind their house, so we go over there and jump on a boat," Botsoe said. "We go downtown sometimes and go get food, but other than that there's not much else we can do because we don't have the time."

Preparation for pro ball

All four area players agree that the summer leagues have helped them improve and prepare for what life will be like if they play pro baseball.

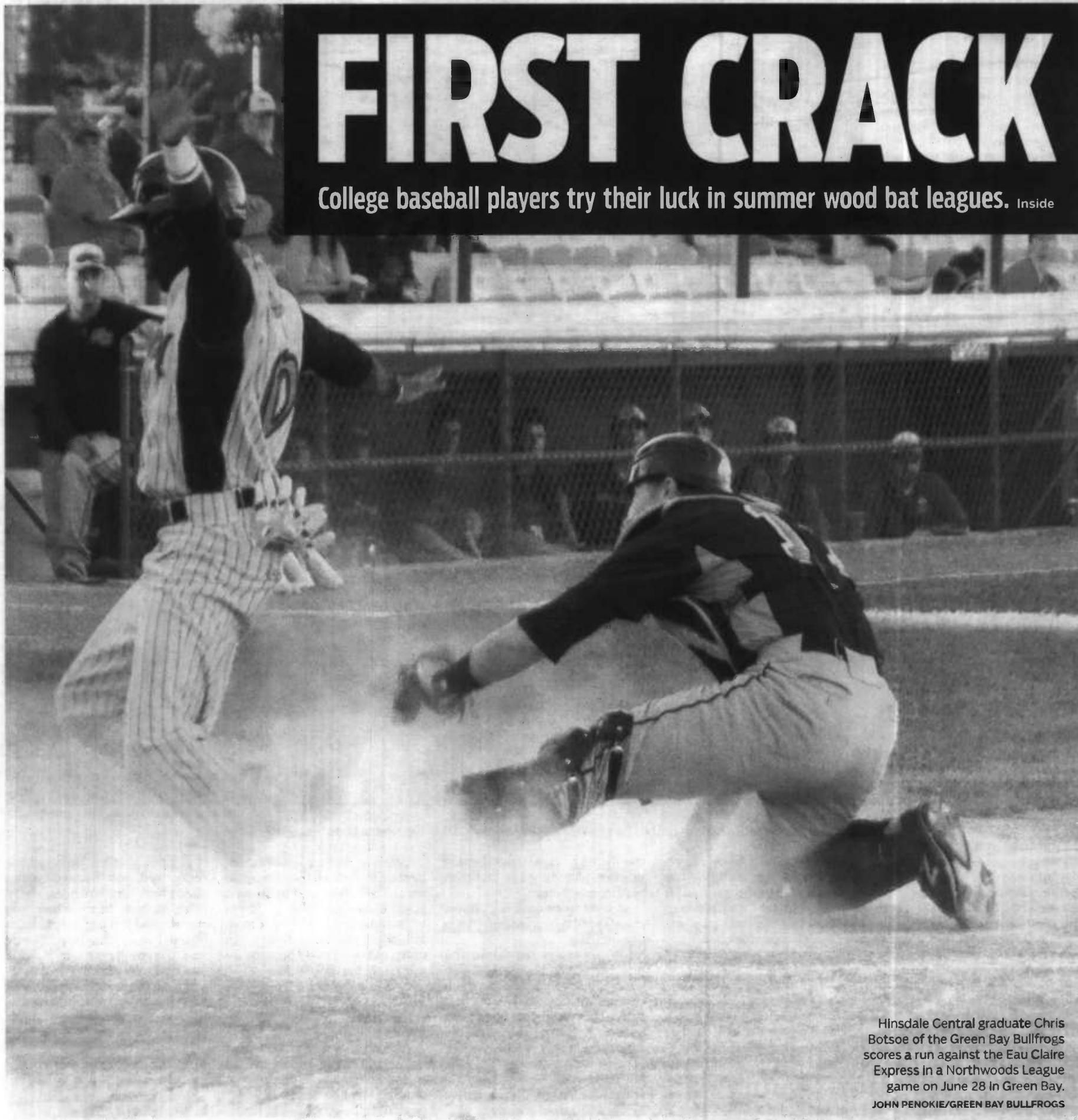
"I think this has prepared me really well, just because you're gonna have your struggles, you're going to have times where you succeed and you just have to learn how to balance those out," Botsoe said. "You can't get too high or too low. Baseball's a hard game, so you just have to try and have fun with everything that you're doing and that you don't put too much pressure on yourself."

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FIRST CRACK

College baseball players try their luck in summer wood bat leagues. *Inside*



Hinsdale Central graduate Chris Botsoe of the Green Bay Bullfrogs scores a run against the Eau Claire Express in a Northwoods League game on June 28 in Green Bay.

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