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SHOUT OUT

Tracy Anderson Murphy, newlywed

Former Junior Olympian and lung cancer survivor Tracy Anderson Murphy was proposed to on the finish line of the LUNGEvity foundation's annual Breathe Deep North Shore Walk and Fun Run last April in Deerfield. She married Jeremy Murphy on July 16 in Island Lake. She has also resided in Skokie and Buffalo Grove.

Q: What was it like receiving a marriage proposal on a finish line at Deerfield High School?

I was completely surprised because Jeremy had been telling me for a year that he loved me, that I was his forever, but that the whole marriage thing just wasn't for him. Even during the walk, one of my girlfriends asked him, "When are you going to propose?" and he responded, "I'm not getting married, Tracy knows that." Once I crossed the finish line I ran over to help my mom because she wasn't able to walk that well at the time, for she is battling stage four lung cancer. Jeremy came



Anderson
Murphy

over to us, gave me a hug and a kiss and said, "Hey baby, I walked the two-mile lung cancer walk with you, will you walk with me for the rest of my life." He had my grandmother's ring, dropped to one knee, and everyone went nuts. I was in absolute shock. Later I

found out that my parents, other family members, friends, volunteers, and my LUNGEvity team knew about Jeremy's plan to surprise me.

Q: And now you're married. Thoughts?

I'm very excited. I love how this is happening, it's crazy. I've been through a lot in the past several years, yet I managed to meet this incredible man who I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with. This wedding means a lot to me and to the newly diagnosed patients with lung cancer who I advise as one of LUNGEvity's LifeLine Support Partners. So many people ask me how I get through this, mentioning they feel like lung cancer is going to kill them. I tell them, no no no,

don't prepare to die. Prepare to live. Lung cancer may not be curable, but it is treatable and you can live with it. I may not be able to cure lung cancer, but I can show people that it's not a death sentence. You can still live a beautiful life.

Q: What's been helpful to you during your lung cancer journey?

For over the past 30 years, softball has been a huge part of my life. As a Junior Olympian and an extremely competitive athlete, losing was never an option for me. I always had to win. In my first year playing softball, during one of my games a ground ball hit me in the face and I fell down to the ground crying. Even though I was down on the ground holding my face and sobbing, the runners on the other team continued playing and ran from base to base. In that moment, my father shouted from the dug-out, "Make the play. Cry later." And that has been my motto ever since.

— *Karie Angell Luc, Pioneer Press*

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First responders prep for everything

Training center in Glenview shows its mission is evolving

By MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

It's like a scene out of "Chicago Fire," said a member of a delegation from Indiana when he saw photos of training exercises at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) in Glenview.

Then the group toured the 21-acre site for first responders, which is run by an intergovernmental agency of municipalities, fire protection districts and other organizations.

His comparison, however, was a bit too limited considering how NIPSTA has evolved in recent years, according to those who run it.

NIPSTA no longer is primarily "Chicago Fire" in TV terms, but also "Chicago Police" and "Chicago Public Works" and "Chicago Paramedics" and "Chicago Emergency Medical Workers" and many other potential shows about first responders in critical situations.

When Jill Ramaker first became executive director two years ago, she was determined to expand NIPSTA's reach, she said.

"When I first came here, about 70 percent of what we did was fire service training," Ramaker said. "Really, the vision that I had for NIPSTA was to fill the plate."

The full meal she had in mind included "all the different types of agencies and training that's required for a full-scale disaster response," she said.

So in only a couple of years, NIPSTA has become a comprehensive training center for responders in disaster health care, law enforcement, public works and much more.

She also wasted no time



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS

A recent addition to the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy in Glenview is the Center For Disaster and Emergency Medicine. During a recent tour, a NIPSTA Instructor talks about training to handle unexpected emergencies.

in bringing in the latest technology to be used in diverse training exercises, said several instructors.

One of Ramaker's most ambitious additions was the Center For Disaster and Emergency Medicine.

"We really are on the ground floor of this program," Ramaker told her tour group. "There was a gap that existed, and once you get through paramedic school, nothing was really out there to challenge people to use their skills and get really, really good at what they do every day."

"Dramatic is an understatement," said Skokie Fire Chief Jim Walters describing the changes in NIPSTA he has seen over the last two years. Walters sits on the NIPSTA executive committee and heads the committee on grounds and facilities.

"They've been able to get

resources to be able to improve the level of training we've been receiving," Walters said. "They've taken it to a new level. Really, we're on track to become a one-of-a-kind training facility."

It isn't just a matter of increasing the kinds of first responders that are trained at the facility, although NIPSTA certainly has done that, Ramaker said; it's also about making sure different first responders train together.

"What we've tried to do here at NIPSTA is to say, 'Who are all of the different types of agencies and individuals and organizations that are going to be required to respond in a disaster, whether it's a small-scale or catastrophic event,'" Ramaker said.

Voting members of NIPSTA include towns from Arlington Heights, Winnetka, Deerfield, Skokie, Evans-

ton and Park Ridge, nearly two dozen representatives in all.

The Indiana visitors, there because they want to develop a public safety training center in their state, got a full taste of NIPSTA.

They saw firefighters working to free "victims" in car crashes in extrication exercises; a new mobile ambulance with state-of-the-art technology; a training room in the new Center For Disaster and Emergency Medicine. They toured the sprawling grounds to see firefighter training towers and an area for trench disasters and an old rusted out commuter train that can serve as a venue for rescue training.

Inside, they saw how law enforcement personnel work with nifty virtual reality technology. In a demonstration, an officer headed to

the backyard of a domestic incident that instantly turned more serious than originally believed; in another, he entered the scene of a school shooting where a student is down and a virtual officer beside him is suddenly shot.

A nearby driving simulator allows trainees to hone their driving skills in all kinds of weather conditions and emergency circumstances.

Shortly after Ramaker took over the top spot at NIPSTA, she hired former Broadview Fire Chief Tom Gaertner as deputy director. These two make up half of the four full-time staff members at NIPSTA, overseeing some 450 instructors who are experts in their fields, they say.

Some of the trainers are retired from public safety jobs, while others do this

work in addition to jobs with police or fire departments or other agencies.

"There is always a lot going on here," Gaertner said. "Not a lot of time to sleep. But we recognize the importance of the work."

Ramaker said this rapid growth spurt is by design.

"We are about 35 percent higher in revenue than we were at this time last year," she said. "From a business perspective, to me, that says we're growing very fast."

And not slowing down.

Ramaker said the new Center For Crisis Leadership is on tap for next year. NIPSTA hired a new director of campus safety.

The agency will be working with Chicago first responders in a new partnership.

Public works employees can now train in techniques to safely plow snow here. NIPSTA is taking on a bigger role working with school districts on their emergency plans. And it can train those in private industry as well.

In assessing NIPSTA's activity spike, Walters remembered how people used to say for years that the agency had "great potential." Finally, he said, that potential is being realized.

That's because it has to be, Ramaker said.

The nature of confronting emergency situations in the 21st century — both large and small — require proper training and most important, a coordinated and comprehensive response, she said.

"When someone calls NIPSTA and asks if we can help, we respond always with a yes," Ramaker said. "If we don't have a program in place, we build one. We put it together. We won't turn anyone away because every part of society — every part of business — is impacted by serious changes in our world today."

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Niles continues efforts to buy water from Evanston

BY LEE GAINES
Pioneer Press

Niles officials say Evanston continues to be the lowest-cost option in the village's ongoing quest for a cheaper water source.

The village board approved two measures at its last meeting in July signaling a continued commitment to pursuing a 40-year agreement to buy water from Evanston in partnership with Morton Grove.

The two communities have been working together on the effort for the last two years. Park Ridge officials previously expressed interest in joining the effort, but the municipality has since dropped out of the project.

Niles trustees last week approved an additional \$12,500 expenditure for consulting services from Chicago-based Stanley Consultants. Morton Grove will also pitch in an additional \$12,500 for the work, according to village documents.

Last October, the board approved a roughly \$22,000 expenditure for a study from the firm to figure out whether the municipalities could tap into Skokie's water lines in their ultimate bid to purchase Lake Michigan water from Evanston rather than Chicago. The total \$45,000 cost of the work was split with Morton Grove. Village coffers have been taxed by significant rate increases on Chicago water in recent years.

"We have concluded again that Evanston continues to be the lower-cost option," said village manager Steve Vinezeano. He said Morton Grove and Niles officials have approached the Northwest Water Commission, Aqua Illinois, Glenview and Wilmette about buying water from those agencies and Evanston continues to be the cheaper option. Officials did not disclose any tentative quotes

from the city in the documents provided to the public.

Vinezeano said Niles and Morton Grove representatives continue to meet with Skokie officials to figure out a way to use the village's infrastructure to transport water from Evanston to Niles and Morton Grove. He said the goal is to reduce capital costs for Niles and Morton Grove by using existing water lines while also providing some benefit to Skokie.

"I think we should have a little more substance before we take that dive – no pun intended."

— George Alpogianis, trustee

The costs of the project have been split 50/50 between Niles and Morton Grove thus far, said Bill Balling, a consultant on the project. He said Niles officials will need to approve a cost-sharing formula with Morton Grove sometime in the near future because "as contract values get larger, it's important we have a fair allocation of those costs."

As the project moves forward, Vinezeano and Balling said the village will also need to go out to bid for what is estimated to be a \$600,000 engineering and route study to determine how exactly water will be pumped from Evanston to Niles and Morton Grove and how much it will cost to construct the necessary infrastructure.

Trustee George Alpogianis expressed concern that the village would have to pay for the engineering study before inking a deal with

Evanston.

"My recommended approach would be to get that contract signed and back to you for a supply of water for a 40-year period before we entertain the contract on design and we think the timing will work on that," Balling said in response to the trustee's query.

Balling and Vinezeano also assured trustees that they had been meeting with Skokie officials on a regular basis and they are "optimistic" they'll figure out the best way to transport water through the village to both Niles and Morton Grove.

"We are focusing on three different (route) alignments, two of which have been recommended by Skokie," Balling said.

Alpogianis said the amount of money spent up to this point and the amount the village would likely spend in the future on the project made him "a little uneasy" given some outstanding uncertainty.

"I think we should have a little more substance before we take that dive – no pun intended," he said.

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo said he had received assurances from staff that the multimillion-dollar project will eventually save the village money once water is flowing from Evanston to Niles.

Both Morton Grove and Niles staff – along with their consultants – are combing through the details and approaching every aspect of the project with a large degree of caution and thoughtfulness, Vinezeano said.

"This is all very complicated," he said. "There are a lot of moving parts and it's a legacy project so we need to make sure as we move forward it will be a project with long-term benefits to Niles and Morton Grove."

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Niles celebrates retired village attorney

BY LEE GAINES
Pioneer Press

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo and the village's board of trustees crowded around retired village attorney Joe Annunzio for a picture at their July meeting after bestowing the long-time employee with a plaque celebrating his nearly 20 years of service to the community.

Annunzio retired in mid-June after 18 years as the village's in-house counsel. He was called a "a good friend and a food friend to the village" by Przybylo.

Soon after Annunzio announced his retirement, the village hired Dusanka Grcic as a part-time attorney for the village. Grcic will be paid \$85,000 annually, according to Mitch Johnson, communications coordinator for the village. Annunzio received roughly \$139,000 in his last year of full-time legal service to Niles.

The 67-year-old Park Ridge resident was first hired by the village in 1996 to aid in the removal an underground storage tank per the state's environmental guidelines from the site of a



LEE V. GAINES/PIONEER PRESS

Retired Niles village attorney Joe Annunzio poses for a picture with Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo and members of the village's board of trustees.

former gas station that Niles had purchased.

"It was on the corner of Oakton and Waukegan where the present-day administration building is and where I wound up working for 19 years," he said.

Annunzio was, at the time, an environmental attorney with a private practice in Chicago.

After the job was completed, he was hired on a part-time basis by former

Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase. He became the village's full-time in-house legal counsel in 1998. Annunzio said Przybylo is the third mayor he's worked for in Niles following Bob Callero and Blase, who served nearly a year in federal prison after pleading guilty in 2006 to an insurance kickback scheme.

Annunzio said he didn't expect to practice municipal law, but the opportunity Niles provided was a hard

one to pass up. As an environmental attorney in the 1990s, he was struggling to compete for business with large-scale firms.

While working for Niles, "I began to take on more responsibilities and over time I became a municipal attorney, and a decent one at that," he said.

Annunzio began his career as a Chicago Public Schools teacher and a musician. He received a master's degree in music composition from Roosevelt University, he said, and his last job in CPS was teaching band at Hirsch Metropolitan High School on Chicago's South Side.

"The music business is a tough business," he said. "That's one reason why I began to look at law school."

Annunzio left CPS in 1980 and graduated from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1985. He spent his four years in law school washing windows in the morning, studying in the afternoon and taking classes at night, he said.

After receiving his law degree, Annunzio spent nine and a half years working for the Illinois Attorney Gen-

eral's Office in its environmental division before opening up his private law practice. Annunzio has also taught environmental and administrative law at his alma mater since 1994.

As a municipal attorney, Annunzio touts saving the village money and shielding the municipality from major legal headaches as his biggest accomplishments.

"Many times I would pick something up and run with it and take care of it long before it would get to litigation," said Annunzio, who is also a past president of the Illinois Local Government Lawyers Association.

Przybylo noted at the village board's July meeting that the former Niles attorney is still aiding Niles through his work on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. Annunzio has served on the commission since 2000 and was elected vice-chairman of the organization last year.

He said he's currently chairing a committee tasked with working on a method to redistribute take-off and landing routes at O'Hare International Airport. The goal, he said, is for all

communities to receive a fair share of air traffic noise rather than having it concentrated in a few suburbs.

He said his work on the commission has provided an outlet for his interest in environmental law.

"You get involved in things like environmental law because you are passionate about it," he said. "It's like music. It's the same thing. You do it because of things that go beyond money."

Aside from continuing his work on the commission, Annunzio said he's not sure what he'll do as a retiree. Taking on part-time legal work or even joining a band are not out of the question, he said.

He said he looks back on his time in Niles fondly, and appreciates that it was a job that allowed him time to spend with his wife and three children - something he said wouldn't have been so easy had he instead opted to join a big law firm.

"By and large it was interesting work," he said of the job in Niles. "Every day was something new."

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Work begins on new Caldwell Avenue athletic facility

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

The Niles Park District has begun work on a new multimillion dollar 70,000-square-foot athletic facility on Caldwell Avenue and will soon embark on an extensive renovation of the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, according to district officials.

Joe LoVerde, the soon-to-retire executive director of the district, said construction of the new facility, located at 7847 Caldwell Avenue, is expected to cost \$11 million. The building will include a 100-foot by 200-foot indoor soccer field, two basketball courts, a

dance studio and several other rooms to be used for various events, he said.

LoVerde said the district has begun demolition on the building that will ultimately house the new facility. He said the district purchased the building, which once served as an indoor tennis club, storage facility and then vacant space, for about \$650,000. The current building's ceiling and floor will remain, but the remainder of it will be torn down to make way for the new athletic facility, he said. Bidding on the next phase of the project will begin next month, LoVerde said, with an expected completion

date in July 2017.

The project will be funded through bonds, he said. The bonds will be paid back via property tax revenue and operational income, according to LoVerde.

"We estimate that the program revenue generated from this building will adequately pay the debt service on the funds borrowed," he said.

LoVerde said park district officials believe the new indoor soccer stadium and the basketball courts will be heavily used. He said the district runs one of the largest youth basketball programs in the state and they've relied on area

schools for use of their basketball courts.

"The addition of the two gyms will give us relief if the schools need to use their own gym space," he said.

Work on the district's Tam O'Shanter Golf Course will involve new drainage infrastructure to tackle chronic flooding at the course and an aesthetic overhaul that will highlight the facility's history, LoVerde said. He said the district does not want to close the course at any time, ensuring golf revenue continues to flow through to the district.

"We have a tremendous amount of leagues that play

here," he said.

The first phase of the project, which is estimated to cost \$1.5 million, is expected to begin this fall and winter and will tackle the flooding issue, LoVerde said. The course will reopen next spring and shutter once again next fall for the second phase of the renovation project, which will include the installation of historically accurate tee boxes and construction of foot bridges that once spanned the north branch of the Chicago River that flows through the course. The project will be funded via operational revenue from the golf course, he said.

LoVerde said the course, which was previously owned by George May, has existed since the 1930s. A small museum will be constructed adjacent to the renovated course to showcase historical memorabilia donated to the district by the May family, he said. Under May's ownership, the course was the site of the first televised golf tournament in America and played host to a number of esteemed golf tournaments including several World Championships and PGA Tours in the mid-twentieth century.

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Living facility accused of allowing harrassment

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

A lawsuit filed July 27 against a Niles senior living facility alleges staff at the agency did nothing to help a 68-year-old lesbian resident who endured physical and verbal harassment by other residents at the facility on the basis of her sexual orientation.

The suit was filed in the U.S. District Court in Chicago by Lambda Legal on behalf of Marsha Wetzel against Glen Saint Andrew Living Community and its administrators.

Wetzel moved into the facility in November 2014 following the death of her partner of 30 years, Judy Kahn, according to the suit. The complaint alleges that Wetzel, who currently resides at Glen Saint Andrew, was subjected to "persistent verbal harassment, threats, intimidation and three separate assaults, at the hands of other residents" and called "countless homophobic slurs" in addition to being physically injured by other residents because she had a longtime relationship with another woman.

Wetzel complained about the harassment to several administrators, including executive director Alyssa Flavin, and other staff members and residents witnessed and reported the incidents as well, according to the complaint.

The suit alleges the administrators took "no meaningful action to stop the harassment, but instead have marginalized and alienated (Wetzel) and retaliated against her for complaining about the harassment."

When contacted by Pioneer Press July 27, Flavin said she wasn't aware a lawsuit had been filed against herself and the

agency. She declined to comment further, stating attorneys for the senior facility would be in touch. Attorneys for Glen Saint Andrew did not immediately respond for this story.

According to the suit, the facility is licensed by the state of Illinois to provide assisted living and long-term care and includes 107 independent living apartments, a 55-bed intermediate care unit and 47 units of assisted living.

Karen Loewy, senior attorney and seniors program strategist for Lambda Legal, a national legal organization focused on LGBT litigation and policy work, said Wetzel moved into the senior living facility after she was evicted by her late partner's siblings from the home they shared in Skokie.

"Around the time of Judy's death, she became estranged from their son, and she was basically alone and on her own," Loewy said. "A social worker helped her find a place at Glen Saint Andrew."

Wetzel, who said she's always been open about her sexuality, said she moved to the facility because she needed a place to live.

"I'm disabled," she said. "I wanted to be comfortable and Glen St. Andrew fit the bill. I came here to be comfortable and not harassed because I'm gay." Wetzel said she feels unsafe living at the facility and unprotected by its administrators.

Loewy said the suit seeks to put an end to the alleged discrimination and force the senior living facility to implement policies and train its staff members to ensure Wetzel and any other LGBT seniors living at the facility are shielded from harassment and assault in the future. She said the complaint also seeks

damages on Wetzel's behalf for the year and a half of stress, anxiety and fear she's endured.

"This is my home and the administration doesn't protect me," Wetzel said. "They make me feel like a ghost, like vapor, like I don't exist."

The suit brings claims under the federal Fair Housing Act and the state's Human Rights Act. Loewy said the federal act bans discrimination on the basis of sex and the state law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and sex.

Loewy said the case will hopefully set legal precedent and prevent any future instances of unheeded discrimination and harassment of LGBT individuals in senior living settings. She said Lambda Legal is not aware of any similar cases brought under the federal Fair Housing Act.

"The number of LGBT older adults who will be moving into senior housing settings is only going to continue to increase and it is critical these facilities understand that the law prohibits discrimination against LGBT people and it is their obligation to make sure residents are safe and respond when other residents are harassing them," Loewy said.

Wetzel said she's not afraid to stand up for what she thinks is right. She said the lawsuit is about justice both for herself and the entire LGBT community.

"I want justice for myself and other LGBTs, and my partner who passed away three years ago this November," Wetzel said. "I want justice for her. I want justice for all gays. We are people. We vote, we eat, we sleep. Why we are categorized, I can't figure it out. We are people."

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■ Mykoke Flowers, 26, of the 6500 block of South Rockwell Street, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on July 18 after he allegedly stole video games from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. He was given an Aug. 29 court date.

■ Eric Shepsky, 34, of the 8000 block of Keating Avenue, Skokie, was charged with retail theft on July 19 after he allegedly stole 30 cosmetic items and two electronic cables from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. Police said the items were valued at \$412. He was given an Aug. 29 court date.

DUI

■ Daniel A. Garcia, 28, of the 6900 block of Rosemary Lane,

Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on July 18 following a crash in the 6500 block of Ebinger Street at 4:27 a.m. He was given an Aug. 17 court date.

■ Pablo A. Lopez, 21, of the 8000 block of Lyons Street, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on July 21 after he allegedly crashed into a traffic signal post at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Maryland Street at 1:30 a.m. He was given an Aug. 22 court date.

■ Martin Isaac, 29, of the 8800 block of David Place, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with driving under the influence on July 22 following a traffic stop at Milwaukee Avenue and Central Road at 2:15 a.m. He was given an Aug. 31 court date.

THEFT

■ A woman told police her \$700 smartphone was stolen July 17 after she left it behind at a restaurant in the 7900 block of Caldwell Avenue.

■ Police said a woman at-

tempted to use a counterfeit \$20 bill to purchase items at a store in the 7200 block of Dempster Street on July 18. The woman reportedly told police that her child found the bill near a retention pond in Glenview and she did not know it was counterfeit.

■ On the afternoon of July 21, a man reportedly purchased cigarettes at a gas station in the 7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue using a counterfeit \$100 bill.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ A Niles man told police that someone smashed his windshield with a large rock and broke out the rear driver's side window while his car was parked in an alley behind the 8800 block of Washington Street on the morning of July 17. Nothing was reported missing from the car.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

■ A tablet computer was reported stolen July 16 from an unlocked car that was parked in the 7800 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

Police: Two survive after car crash in Schiller Park

BY DENNIS SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

Two men survived an unplanned dip in the Des Plaines River on July 31 after their vehicle crashed near the river in Schiller Park just south of the Rosemont border, police said.

Schiller Park Fire Chief Peter Chiodo, in a news release, said the vehicle containing the men ended up in a forest preserve east of River Road and just west of the river after striking a guardrail on River Road near Winona Avenue shortly before 9 p.m.

Firefighters from Schiller Park and Rosemont searched the crash site, which "is dense with trees and underbrush," Chiodo said.

Because a witness insisted the occupants hadn't returned to the roadway after abandoning the vehicle, the rescuers focused their efforts on the preserve,

conducting both a ground and aerial search and using floodlights and heat-sensing cameras, Chiodo said.

Fearing the crash survivors were unaware of their proximity to the rain-swollen and fast-moving river, divers were called in, he said.

Meanwhile, a Schiller Park police officer on patrol spotted one of the survivors approximately two miles away, walking near the intersection of River Road and Cumberland Avenue.

That survivor, who Chiodo identified as a Niles resident, said he'd been swept downriver more than a mile before exiting just south of Irving Park Road.

Rescuers subsequently located the second survivor, who said he'd also escaped from the river.

Neither man appeared to have sustained serious injuries, Chiodo said.

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Jollibee faithful flock to Skokie

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

A day before the eagerly anticipated Jollibee restaurant opened on the east end of Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen said he came to realize, much to his surprise, that this is “a tourist destination.”

A day later, it was proved just how right he was.

Long before the chain’s 7 a.m. opening Friday, a line of at least 400 people snaked beyond and around the restaurant and toward the full parking lot.

Those who work for Jollibee, a Filipino-based restaurant chain, said they were used to long lines when one of their eateries opens.

But the eagerness of this large group, with those at the very front of the throng having camped out overnight, took even them by surprise.

“We expected a line, but to be honest, not to begin this early,” said Jose Minana Jr., group president of Jollibee Foods Corp. for North America. “For these guys at the front to get here at 9:30 last night, we’re really humbled by that.”

Erick Miranda of Lisle, who was born in the Philippines, was first in this long line after having arrived at 9 p.m. the previous night, he said.

“Jollibee is really my very favorite restaurant,” he said. “I was just in the Philippines in April, and when I was there, I just had to go to Jollibee right away.”

The story of how Jollibee came to bring so much excitement to Skokie starts not with grand ambition but humble beginnings.

Tony Tan Caktiong initially opened an ice cream parlor in the Philippines in 1975. Three years later, Jollibee Food Corp. was born, according to the company.

The chain’s timeline shows how quickly Jollibee expanded, buying up other food companies and chains



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Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, right, and others at a preview of the new Jollibee restaurant in Skokie dip into a huge bucket of the restaurant’s popular Chicken Joy on the eve of the grand opening.

and becoming ubiquitous in the Philippines.

A Jollibee video shown during a private preview of the restaurant on the eve of its Skokie grand opening said Jollibee has 3,000 stores worldwide.

“The company currently ranks ninth out of all the top 10 restaurant companies in the world,” according to the video. It has been profitable for some 40 years, the company said, and has a market capitalization of over \$5 billion.

Numbers tell the story in one way, while the ravenous appetite of Jollibee customers tells the story in another. Jollibee is famous for its Chicken Joy fried chicken, which the company says accounts for 50 percent of

the business.

The unique Jolly Spaghetti with a special sweet sauce, the Palabok Fiesta and the peach mango pie are also big favorites.

During the Jollibee preview, restaurant employees wheeled out a mammoth bucket of chicken for guests to try; dignitaries kicked off the eating by making a toast — not by clinking wine glasses, but by holding up fried chicken pieces, a Jollibee opening tradition.

The Skokie event, though, marked not just any Jollibee opening act but its first restaurant in the Midwest. According to the company, the 33 other U.S. Jollibee restaurants are located in California, Hawaii, Nevada, New York, Texas, Washing-

ton and Virginia.

“Illinois is a fitting choice for Jollibee’s first Midwest store because it has the third-largest population of Filipinos in the United States, after California and Hawaii,” said Maribeth dela Cruz, vice president and general manager for Jollibee Foods Corp. USA.

Ada Tores, a recent Niles North High School graduate, was waiting in the long line so she could bring back food to her family, some of whom traveled from Canada just for the opening, she said.

“Jollibee is a big part of the Filipino culture,” Tores said. “If you’ve never had Jollibee, you’ve never indulged yourself in that culture. It’s more than just the

McDonald’s of the Philippines. It’s the food that brings you closer to home.”

Many parents came with their children Friday, waiting in the long line to be one of the first to munch on Chicken Joy or spaghetti. Before 7 a.m., employees circulated throughout the line and began taking orders.

Joyce Ibardaloza and her family, including her three children and a niece, said they couldn’t let opening day pass them by.

“This is the first major Filipino food chain that’s out here so it’s pretty exciting,” she said. “I wasn’t born in the Philippines, but my mom took me when I was three weeks old and I know about Jollibee.”

“We just miss this place,” said Michael Cabreros, who lives in Hoffman Estates and was born in the Philippines.

Chicago residents Donald Cross and his wife, Rowena Cuevas, now have a much shorter trip when their Jollibee craving attacks.

“We’ve gone all the way to New York just to eat at Jollibee,” Cross said. “They’ve got good chicken and good spaghetti and everything. It was worth traveling that far, but now it’s going to be a lot easier.”

The frenzy that erupts whenever a new Jollibee opens strikes some as even more extraordinary since its food began as good old home cooking.

Before Caktiong opened his ice cream parlor more than 40 years ago, he said, his wife, Bing Suan Chua, was making these dishes for family in their kitchen.

“We never expected what this has become,” Caktiong said while attending his first U.S. restaurant preview in Skokie with his wife.

The chain has become such a hit, he said, because it’s an ideal venue for families and serves quality food. Early on, he said, they came up with the Jollibee mascot that kids seem to love.

“We’ve really had good and loyal people who have stayed with us for more than 30 years,” Caktiong said. “That’s something we’re very proud of and helps account for our success.”

“Success” seemed like an understatement based on Friday’s line of excited customers. Like Miranda, Ty Kyu of Long Grove, second in line, camped out overnight.

“This is the first one in our state,” he said. “And I’m not sure people realize what a big deal it is. But look at this line. Maybe now they do.”

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Evanston responds to concerns about pesticide use

By **BOB SEIDENBERG**
Pioneer Press

An Evanston official said on July 26 the city has substantially cut down on pesticides to control weed growth and only uses glyphosate – a herbicide some environmentalists have raised concerns about – in hard to maintain places, and out of reach of most park users.

The presentation by Paul D'Agostino, the city's environmental services bureau chief, came in response to concerns raised by a local environmentalist, Toni Bark, at the July 11 City Council Administration and Public Works meeting, as well as at the regular council meeting.

Bark told aldermen this past spring she had seen a city worker spraying

Roundup, the brand name for a product which contains glyphosate as an active substance, at the beach on the grassy areas in the back by the sailing beach. She said then she had also seen another city worker spraying the substance by the tennis courts at Dempster Street.

She said she brought her concern to Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and was put in touch with various city officials about her concerns. In conversations, "it became very clear to me that no one in the city really understands what they're spraying, nor do they understand the safety data information or the OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards or the requirement to post to the public," she told aldermen, calling for a halt to the

product's use.

She pointed to a move by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, which recently adopted a policy "restricting the use of toxic and persistent herbicides on landscaped areas on and around MWRD facilities and infrastructure," as announced in a June 28 release.

Roundup and glyphosate safety has seen growing environmental debate in recent years. A representative of Monsanto, which developed the herbicide called Roundup in 1974, referred questions about the product's safety to the extensive literature posted on the company's website.

The company maintains that numerous health assessments conducted by public authorities over 40 years have "consistently

concluded that glyphosate does not pose any unacceptable risk to human health," when used according to label instructions, "and that all risk assessments conducted to date by national and international regulatory authorities have concluded that glyphosate has limited toxicity for humans."

In his presentation Monday to the City Council, D'Agostino noted that the city passed an integrated pest management policy back in 2010 geared toward using sustainable pest control, as well as pesticide reduction.

Since the adoption of this policy, staff has reduced the use of pesticides by over 50 percent, "including products that contain glyphosate," he told City Council.

The city stopped the use

of any pesticides in the lakefront area earlier this year, D'Agostino said.

D'Agostino told council members that the city's use of glyphosate is confined to "hard-to-maintain areas" that are not typically frequented by park users at non-lakefront parks and city facilities. These include sidewalk cracks, fence lines, shrub beds and the base of sign posts, D'Agostino said.

The city also uses selected fungicides and insecticides when needed to maintain the health of the roses in the Merrick Rose Garden, he said.

"If we did not apply these, most of the roses would not survive for very long, as some of the varieties are highly susceptible to black spot and many types of insects," D'Agostino said.

D'Agostino told City Council that staff recommends the city continue limited use of certain pesticides to the specific sites he identified.

"This is an important part of our overall maintenance plan," he said.

In his memo, he noted that the practices save "an enormous amount of time for the maintenance crews so they can perform other maintenance work rather than hand pulling or cutting weeds during the summer months."

D'Agostino told City Council that the city continues to look for safe alternatives to currently used products, though, including one that uses a vinegar solution to control growth.

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YMCA indoor football game draws area athletes

Event called 'cooler than a video game'

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

The 2016 Football for All Wheels Vs. Wheels event at the North Suburban YMCA on July 26 drew a large turnout, as athletes competed indoors in a wheelchair football game.

"This is cooler than a video game," said Charlie Zieziula, 12, of Northfield, a Sunset Ridge School seventh-grader, spectator and North Shore Youth Football Griffins player whose team participated.

"This is real life and you can feel the atmosphere in this gym," Charlie said. "You can feel the energy of the wheelchairs."

Approximately 25 NSYF players attended and could try out wheelchairs.

"We're hoping they (NSYF) can see being an athlete is more than just putting on a uniform and playing on a field," said Jim Roth, of Wilmette and of the NSYF Griffins.

"It's truly an inspiration," he said.

The event showcased players of the Northwestern University of Evanston Wildcats football team, the Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association of Lake Forest and The Ability Experience's Journey of Hope bike team.

"The North Suburban YMCA believes in inclusive events," said Kim Nyren, of Northbrook, NSYMCA senior manager for community investment. "Sports and programming should be available to all, and the NSYMCA is striving to achieve that for all families."

The 28 cyclists and 10 crew of the Pi Kappa Phi philanthropic team were hosted overnight at the NSYMCA. This was their seventh annual NSYMCA visit.

They arrived from Brookfield, Wis., during a stop on their 4,000-mile tour from



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Cameron Green, a 2015 Stevenson High School graduate and wide receiver on Northwestern's football team, handles the ball during the July 26 Football for All Wheels Vs. Wheels event at North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook. Surrounding Green, of Buffalo Grove, are Nicole Verneville, left, and Jim Cot-slopoulos, of Cary, each associated with GLASA of Lake Forest.

San Francisco to Washington, D.C.

"Probably the coolest part of the trip was coming into Illinois," said cyclist Michael Krohn, 22, of Oak Brook, a University of Colorado junior.

In Northbrook, the team had dinner with participants before the wheelchair football game.

"It's definitely an opportunity for them (Journey of Hope) to see what blessings they have and to see the abilities of everyone," said Andrew Bublitz, project manager for The Ability Experience.

Their next stop was Chicago before traveling to South Bend, Ind. They cycle an average of 75 miles per day.

"It's a little tougher than I anticipated," said cyclist Ste-



Members of the Journey of Hope Cross Country Bike Team gather at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook.

ven Sheibley, 20, of Madison, Ala.

Cyclists competed against the GLASA Chicago Bears Wheelchair Football Team. The GLASA won 30-29.

"We're here to provide exhibition and to let people know about us," said Cindy Housner, of Wadsworth, GLASA founder and execu-

tive director.

"If you have a physical or visual disability, you can play wheelchair football as well as many of the other sports we provide," Housner said.

Chris Michels, of Libertyville, who experienced a spinal cord injury while using a dirt bike in June 2014, is a GLASA athlete.



Ian Park, left, and Austin Carr, both Northwestern football players, sing the national anthem before the game.

"It was a great time," Michels said while lining up to congratulate players immediately after the game.

"It's fun to watch him compete and excel in sports," said his wife, Jessica

Michels, who brought their dog, Optimus Prime, to the event.

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Laughter, memories at service for David James

BY KATHY ROUTLIFF
Pioneer Press

Friends, colleagues and members of Winnetka David James' extended family said goodbye to him on July 29, in a music and laughter-filled service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Winnetka, the parish where James worshipped and professed his faith.

That faith informed his personal life, his professional accomplishments and his determination to be a catalyst for change in Winnetka and the world, attendees at the service heard.

Reverend Steve Lanza said the 92-year-old, who died July 23, "was, quite simply, a blessing to others ... God blesses us for having known, and been gifted with, this righteous man."



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS

Pallbearers carry the casket of David James, whose funeral was held July 29 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Winnetka.

Lanza's memory of James as talkative sparked chuckles of recognition among those in the sanctuary. So did James' son,

Peter, who recalled his father as a raconteur — "Dad had a million stories," he said. In fact, Peter James said, his father's eventful

life meant that everyone, even family members, could be surprised by learning another facet of it — like his own discovery as a young man that in addition to Greek and Latin, his father spoke Yiddish, thanks to a boyhood job at a South Side green grocery.

Other part of James' life were better known, his daughter Mary James recalled — his World War II career as a part of the Tuskegee Airmen's 332nd Fighter Group; moving with his family to Winnetka in 1967 after being convinced to do so by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; co-founding the group that would become Open Communities and pushing for fair housing and social justice on the North Shore; helping his wife start a summer camp to bring South Side and North

Shore children together; earning a law degree and becoming a deputy director of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty; his time in Harold Washington's 1983 Chicago mayoral campaign; among other accomplishments.

Other memories were personal. Mary James talked about how her father's parents moved their family to Chicago to provide them more opportunities; how he fell in love with a young Wisconsin girl, Mary Galloway, at Chicago's interracial Friendship House; how he gathered a family of children beyond his own six, loving and mentoring so many more that he considered part of his family.

Beyond what he did, Mary James said, and beyond what she called "a magnificent and wondrous

sweep" to her father's life, was a man of "generosity and graciousness" who never let the onerous racial constraints with which he lived turn him bitter or angry.

"David James delighted in, and loved, everyone," Mary James said, whether they were doctors, waitresses, lawyers or dirt farmers in southern Illinois. "He was guided by his Catholic faith."

"Dad, we will so miss you. But we carry your love, generosity and wisdom with us always," she said.

The world, his son Peter said, reflected through David James "like a magnificent prism." Peter used the words Shakespeare gave Hamlet to praise his own father, to sum up David James: "A was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not see his like again."

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NEWS

Craft cider brewery cleared for Evanston's Howard Street

BY BOB SEIDENBERG
Pioneer Press

Evanston's Howard Street business district could soon be home to a hard cider brewery.

Evanston City Council gave special use zoning approval July 25 for a craft brewery, North Shore Cider Company, to occupy space at 707 Howard St.

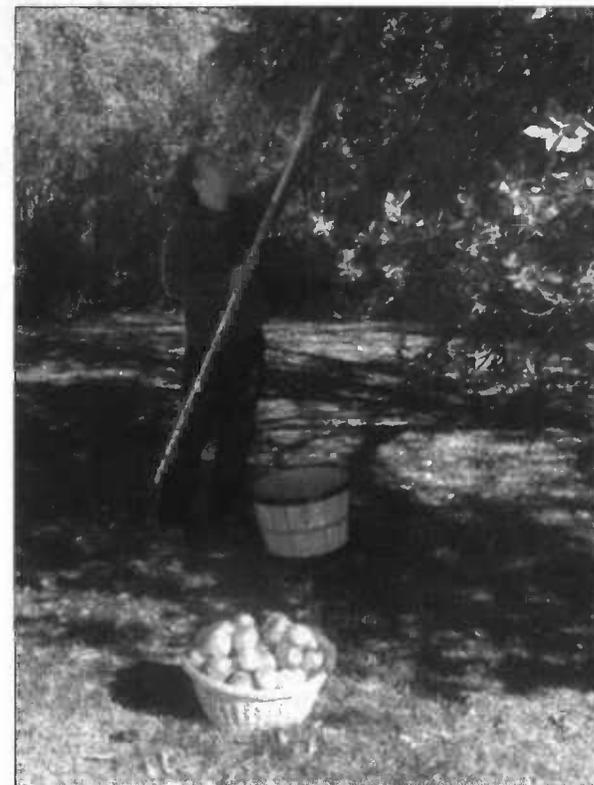
Chris Collins, the founder of the business, told City Council members he is ready to launch the business at the site by late fall or early next year.

Collins plans to manufacture hard cider on site, using apples and pear juice delivered from a farm in southwest Michigan, he said at the City Council Planning and Development Committee meeting.

Initially, the cider will be sold for off-site consumption. Collins said plans call for limited retail at the start.

Collins said juice will be delivered to the business after the harvest season ends in August. Yeast is then added to the juice so it can ferment into alcohol cider, he explained. The cider is then chilled and bottled on site.

Because the fermenting process for cider doesn't go through a heating process, the vapors released into the air won't have a pungent



COURTESY OF CHRIS COLLINS

Cider maker Chris Collins, looking for the right apples, recently got city approval to open Evanston's first hard cider brewery.

odor, as is the case of beer, he told City Council members.

Collins said he hopes to eventually sell retail and have the brand in restaurants and bars.

At retail, a 22-ounce bottle of cider would go for about \$7, he said. Alcohol

per volume will run about 6 percent, he said.

In response to a question from Ald. Ann Rainey, Collins said the next closest cidery is Right Bee Cider, located in Lincoln Park.

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Dist. 219 eliminates top HR position

BY BRIAN COX
Pioneer Press

With a new budget looming, the Niles Township High School District 219 board of education is trying to save money where it can and is eliminating its top human resources position, officials said.

"It's actually a restructuring of the human resources department," said Eric Trimberger, assistant su-

perintendent for business in district 219. "The HR 'director position' is being eliminated and is being replaced by an assistant director at a lower salary."

The board during its July 27 meeting voted in favor of the move, which Trimberger said would save the district as much as \$30,000 a year. He also said the district is saving money in similar ways in other departments and is trying to

be more efficient in its operations as staff continues to draft the 2017/18 budget, which will come out in the next month or so.

"There's a lot of administrative changes going on," he said, adding that those changes have allowed for some cost savings, including the recent hiring of a new district superintendent at a lower salary.

Brian Cox is a freelancer.

Not all in Park Ridge embracing Clinton's big moment

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

During the final night of the Democratic National Convention on July 30, as Park Ridge native Hillary Clinton formally accepted her party's presidential nomination to fight Republican nominee Donald Trump, bar patrons who were gathered at a watering hole down the street from Clinton's childhood home chose to watch a different rivalry play out.

As the former first lady made history, with the biggest moment of her political career played out on every major TV network, the big-screen TVs that line the walls of Holt's Kitchen and Bar in downtown Park Ridge were tuned to the Cubs vs. Sox game instead.

The restaurant is just around the corner from Clinton's childhood home



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Democratic presidential nominee former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton greets supporters during a campaign rally July 30 in Pittsburgh.

on North Wisner Street, but the bar attracted baseball fans during the popular Crosstown Classic series instead of throngs of politicians. Those who were interested in the convention might have decided their living rooms would make a better setting to take in Clinton's

proud moment, but the bar's employees said they would have been happy to change the channel if someone had requested it.

"We would gladly do it, but no one has asked all night," bartender Rachel Olinger said.

Overall, the lack of a large

showing of public local pride about the country's first female presidential nominee being from Park Ridge has surprised some lifelong residents, including Matt Ranalli.

Ranalli, the owner of Holt's, said he feels proud that his three young daughters are learning in the same public school classrooms where Clinton attended school in her younger years.

"Normally, you'd associate someone running for president with being educated in private schools, and I think in a way it gives kids a sense that they can do anything they want in life," Ranalli said. "With it being baseball season and the middle of summer, I just don't think people are as interested now as they will be later."

Among the crowd gathered at Holt's on July 28 was Park Ridge acting Mayor

Marty Maloney and Ald. Marc Mazzuca, who said they stopped in for a drink after a meeting at City Hall. Maloney, who said he hoped Clinton would make a repeat visit to Park Ridge before the election (her last appearance was in May for a fundraiser), said he welcomed any publicity Clinton's run for president could bring to the community.

"I think public interest in the election will pick up, and the political debate that will start in this town will be spirited," Maloney said.

Former President Bill Clinton's speech at the convention July 26 included his thoughts on getting to know his wife and her hometown.

"After the first month and that first walk, I actually drove her home to Park Ridge, Ill.," he said to applause. He described the

experience, "to meet her family and see the town where she grew up, a perfect example of post-World War II middle class America, street after street of nice houses, great schools, good parks, a big public swimming pool, and almost all white."

Maloney reacted to Clinton's comment about Park Ridge being "almost all white" by saying the town was much different from both a political standpoint and demographically when Bill Clinton last visited the community years ago.

"The town was historically conservative, but it's changed over the years to be more independent," Maloney said. "It's been an ideological shift that's taken shape here. It's something I'm proud of."

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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North Shore towns seek erosion fixes

Regional initiative looks for answers to sand woes

By **TONY BRISCOE**
Chicago Tribune

For two centuries, man-made structures that jut into Lake Michigan along the shore north of Chicago have impeded the natural southward drift of sand — the geological phenomenon that created the Indiana Dunes.

In cities like Waukegan, a buildup of sand has clogged harbors and marinas, interrupting commercial shipping and requiring expensive annual dredging. In other shoreline communities like Lake Bluff, there isn't enough sand, meaning frustrated leaders facing the shrinking of their beaches have resorted to trucking sand in and installing structures that safeguard their stretch of lakefront — but can further starve areas to the south.

But the piecemeal approach to addressing the issue of sand in the lake has had limited success over the past several decades. Illinois State Beach Park in Zion, for example, has lost acres of wildlife habitat. A breakwater off the shore of Waukegan unintentionally created sand dunes at the local North Beach Park, while the amount of sand at beaches south of the structure — including Waukegan Municipal Beach — has diminished.

And, in areas without sand blanketing the clay lakebed, Lake Michigan waves have permanently carved out deeper shorelines, creating the conditions for higher and more violent swells, which in turn lead to accelerated erosion.

Since March 2015, public officials and government agencies have come together in the first-ever attempt to develop a regional plan to manage sand for the public shoreline from Evanston north to the Wisconsin



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Beachgoers take in the sun on July 26 along Lake Michigan's shoreline at Illinois Beach State Park, an area that has been hard-hit by erosion.

state line. The 32-mile stretch of lakefront along the North Shore is home to more than two dozen beaches, several marinas and harbors, some of the state's most expensive real estate and some of the most complicated coastal dynamics.

The so-called Illinois North Shore Sand Management Strategy, an initiative by the nonprofit Alliance for the Great Lakes and funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, invited policymakers, scientists and businesses to identify issues stemming from the erosion of sand and brainstorm regional solutions.

But leaders seeking collaborative solutions recognize not everyone involved is likely to see eye-to-eye.

"We want to help communities make an informed choice on how they want to

move forward as a region," said Diane Tecic, program director of the state department's Coastal Management Program. "There will be some trade-off here and there. There are competing interests. But we should approach it by asking, are there new ways to look at this that are going to better protect all interests that we have out there?"

"No one can really address this big hairy issue alone," she added. "What we're trying to do is tie this all together."

At the group's most recent meeting on Tuesday in Waukegan, participants identified issues such as beach erosion taking a toll on tourism and the regulatory and permit hurdles involved with transferring sand in or out of the lake-shore. But they agree the biggest challenge will be financial: Whether a community has too much or too

little lake sand, viable solutions carry hefty price tags.

Through surveying participants, the Alliance for the Great Lakes conservatively estimated yearly costs associated with managing the public shoreline along the North Shore at \$3.7 million. Waukegan alone spends about \$1 million annually to dredge sand trapped in its harbor, Mayor Wayne Motley said at a meeting of the group, according to its minutes. Off Zion's shore, a water-intake pipe, which used to be protected from pounding waves by a layer of sand, could cost about \$9 million to replace or repair, Mayor Al Hill said at another meeting.

"For many of our communities, shouldering this burden alone is next to impossible ... and pulls valuable resources away from other community needs and projects," said Jim Ander-

son, director of natural resources for Lake County Forest Preserves.

Compounding the issue of beach erosion is that lake levels, which are about 1 foot higher than the historical average, have also swallowed up sizable amounts of recreational shoreline. At Tuesday's meeting, Evanston Assistant City Manager Martin Lyons was among those lamenting the loss of beach — in Evanston's case, roughly 100 feet.

"It's all underwater now," Lyons said.

By looking at other regions of the country with similar problems, the working group examined a number of potential solutions, including the removal of some man-made shoreline structures and the addition of artificial offshore reefs to protect against waves.

The sand management group had planned to out-

line specific solutions at Tuesday's meeting, but members said more data collection and monitoring is needed before the group drafts concrete plans and suggests ways to overhaul regulations. The group now hopes to address those issues in a second phase this fall.

The DNR announced that it recently secured approximately \$200,000 in a grant from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration to map Lake Michigan's shoreline from Chicago to Kenosha, said Ethan Theuerkauf, a state coastal geologist. This fall, a helicopter carrying an electromagnetic photo array will measure sand thickness across the region in an attempt to identify areas of erosion and accumulation.

"One of the big gaps (of information) is how much sand is even out there," Theuerkauf said. "That's a big issue because sand is a dwindling resource. We get it all from Wisconsin and it gets trapped along shores, in harbors. ... That's the sand that nourishes our beaches. Just having a fundamental understanding where it is and isn't will make our management better."

The sand management effort will also look to engage private lakefront landowners, such as Northwestern University, in the near future. Wisconsin and Indiana have similar coastal management efforts and outreach to them will be critical going forward as well, Tecic said.

"We need to consider beyond the boundaries in Illinois," Tecic said. "It's just figuring out when Wisconsin ... is critical for us because that's where we get our sand. If they are already thinking about it, we need to link efforts."

The next meeting will be held in the fall.

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Is technology getting the best of us?



PAUL SASSONE

Do you care what kind of wrench the mechanic uses when he repairs your car?

Or what kind of spatula a fry cook uses to flip your burger?

No?

So, why should you care what kind of computer a TV weather person uses to forecast the weather? All you want is an accurate prediction of what the weather will be like in the near future.

And that's what TV weather used to be, a brief prognostication of tomorrow's weather given once during a local news broadcast. But, now, the weather seems to have metastasized so there are a minimum of two lengthy weather segments per local news broadcast. A lot of that time is spent by weather persons

bragging about their equipment, which is so accurate it can tell us it is raining hard at the Jones farm just outside Peotone.

Amusingly, the weather persons often leaven this cutting-edge technology by using the old-school method of sending a reporter out in a car to let us know it is raining and on I-57 and that traffic is heavy during rush hour.

Of course, knowing of the approach of tornadoes and damaging storms is important. But dangerous weather happens less often than weather persons would have you believe.

And, maybe, they don't even believe it.

I was watching a Cubs game on ABC when a dozen annoying beeps sounded, obliterating what the sports announcers were saying. Then, across the bottom of the screen appeared a crawler that the National Weather Service had issued a severe ...

But, at that moment the inning ended and the station went to commercial.

The very instant the commercial came on the weather warning disappeared.

If these warnings are so important, so necessary, so vital to protecting people and property, why cut them off for a commercial. Will dangerous weather wait to strike until the commercial is over?

Commerce, ego and justifying the cost of new whiz-bang technology often seems to trump protecting the public.

And while we're talking, that baseball game I was watching had its own commerce issues. Today, everything in a ballgame is sponsored and cause for a commercial: the fifth inning is brought to you by; this pitching change is brought to you by ...

Next is bound to be: This first baseman scratching himself moment is brought to you by ...

But, that's another column.

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Weatherman Tom Skilling gives the weather report at noon in the WGN studios at 2501 W. Bradley Place in Chicago, in this 2007 photo.

When the dog's no longer there



RANDY BLASER

Now I know how Jimmy Stewart felt.

Stewart was one of the greatest actors America has ever produced. Everyone knows him today from his classic portrayal of George Bailey in the holiday film, "It's A Wonderful Life." But Stewart also starred in westerns and Alfred Hitchcock thrillers, and he won an Oscar in "The Philadelphia Story" and an Academy Lifetime Achievement

Award.

One of his most memorable television appearances came on the night of July 28, 1981, when he was a guest on "The Tonight Show" starring Johnny Carson. But this time, he wasn't acting.

Stewart liked to pen humorous poems, which really wasn't anything more than doggerel. He often would recite the poems on Carson's show, and everyone would get a good laugh. It was funny to see this everyday side of one of Hollywood's greats, and Johnny Carson was a confident enough talk show host to let his guests do their thing, no matter what.

So on this night Jimmy

asks Carson if he can read a poem about his dog. Carson, of course, agrees and Jimmy starts fumbling for the papers. Carson makes a joke at Jimmy's expense and so the scene is set.

I remember watching this episode as it was first broadcast way back when and wondering when it might get interesting. Jimmy's career was just about over in 1981 - Jimmy was 73 by then and his last big film was perhaps "The Shootist" in 1976. Jimmy was a mega-star, but being a kid I didn't appreciate it as I do now.

After pulling out his papers, Jimmy says the name of the poem is "Beau." And he goes on to read a



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Randy Blaser's dog Penny

clever bit of rhyming about his dog who wouldn't come when called, who never learned to sit, stay or heel, and would often sneak up into bed with Jimmy and Mrs. Stewart after the lights were out.

Of course the audience is laughing and even Carson is enjoying the light-hearted poem. Jimmy has them right where he wants them.

As the poem goes on, Jimmy tells of his growing fondness for Beau as both he and the dog grow older. He visibly becomes emotional about comforting the aging dog's fears, and tells of Beau's passing.

By the end of the poem the great actor is struggling to get out the words, and with tears in his eyes he comes to the last two verses about feeling the stare from a dog that's no longer there. He ends: "Oh I wish that wasn't so, I'll always love a dog named Beau."

The crowd gives Stewart a loud ovation as he removes his glasses to wipe away tears and even Johnny Carson is obviously crying.

At the time, I remember thinking, "C'mon, it's a dog." But I was young and didn't understand the at-

tachment people can have for their pets.

Until last week. That's when we had to put down our dog of 11 years.

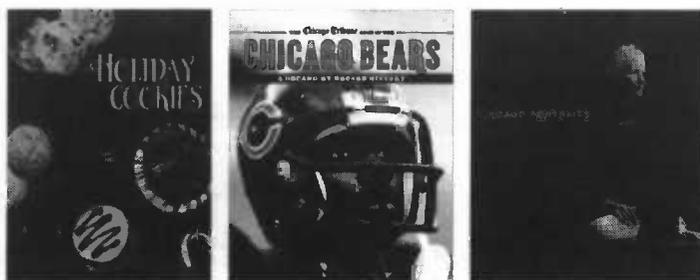
Penny was a rescue from a shelter and she was a good and sweet dog. She only barked at the sound of someone coming up the walk or the doorbell.

She liked playing fetch, being in the middle of family activity and long walks, especially through the snow in winter.

Now when I come home, the dog's not there, and I know exactly how Jimmy Stewart felt way back then because I wish it wasn't so. How he got through that poem on national TV I'll never know.

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OPINION

Holocaust Museum Olympics exhibit somber and sobering



SARA CLARKSON
Dateline

Every four years we have a chance to flaunt our patriotism, and I am not talking about what the recent roadshows in Cleveland and Philadelphia inspired. I am talking about the Olympics. The Rio Olympics have brought up all sorts of ethical and political issues as the games always do, but I have been thinking about the Berlin summer Olympics of 1936.

Consider this: "Soon after Hitler took power in 1933, observers in the United States and other western democracies questioned the morality of supporting Olympic Games hosted by the Nazi regime." That is an opening quote from an exhibit titled *The Nazi Olympics — Berlin 1936: The Athletes. The Controversy. The Pageantry.*

This exhibit is on view through Aug. 28 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, about 40 minutes away in Skokie. I was interested in it because of three books I have read in the past few years in which some aspect of those Olympics mattered.

One of those was the wildly popular "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. In it, our hero Louis Zamperini ran in the 1936 Olympics and met Adolph Hitler. Another was "In the Garden of the Beasts," Erik Larson's account of the ambassadorship of William E. Dodd in Germany during the 1930s. The third was "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown about the unlikely rowing team from the University of Washington that won gold. The 1936 Olympics held

in Berlin had a number of firsts, including live television coverage and the first torch relay of the Olympic flame. American Jesse Owens won four gold medals.

But back to that quote about the morality of the United States and other nations attending the Olympics in 1936. The fact of the matter is that although Hitler had been named German chancellor in January 1933 and had suspended virtually all freedom of speech and religion shortly thereafter, it is unlikely that a U.S. boycott could have changed history.

The elimination of dissent had already begun in Germany, and communication and powers of observation were not as "easy" then as today. The other nations could not have known and would not have believed, perhaps, what was going on in Germany.

Ironically, according to the exhibit, the 1936 Olympics offered a lull in the harassment of Jews. Hitler had "cleaned up" Berlin and the surrounding area of any signs or indications that Jews were being segregated, but German Jews, with the exception of half Jewish athlete Helen Mayer, were not allowed to compete in the games.

The exhibit was fascinating and provocative, but it was secondary to my experience in the Holocaust Museum in general, which I toured first. I got immersed in the museum. It sucked me in and educated and horrified and saddened me all at once. It was well done and has impact.

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing," said Edmund Burke, 18th century Irish philosopher. His statement is quoted in the concluding placard of the Holocaust Museum.

When you go, try and time your visit so that you



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The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

can have a docent-led tour. The gentleman leading a tour the day I visited wove a rich and detailed story including culture, history and economics. The group hung on his every word. Among the up and coming programs are ones which specifically discuss the Holocaust Museum's architecture as well as exhibits and talks with social justice mission. For more information, visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org or phone 847-967-4800.

Parent Prep

Get the inside scoop and more importantly — much, much more importantly — meet other parents who will be navigating Hinsdale Central High School's halls and student services vicariously at the Parent Prep Night at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The Hinsdale Central High School PTO Parent Network helps parents gain insight into the high school's special education system, helps special education and learning disabled students get the most out of their high school experience and shares information, resources and ideas with other parents. Email parentnetwork@hcpto.org, or visit www.hcpto.org for more information.

From 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 25, the group will hold its Tutor Expo.

Do outdoorsy people abide by a conduct code?



SUSAN DUBIN

This summer, I'm trying to be way more outdoorsy.

For me, spending time outdoors usually means I sometimes park on the driveway, instead of pulling into the garage, to force myself to walk outside a few feet on the way in and out of the house.

For years, various friends have asked me to go walking outside with them. My typical answer goes something like, "For real? Have you heard Tom Skilling's forecast about record-breaking humidity levels today? No thanks. Anyway, my best friend — the treadmill — is expecting me any moment. Feel free to stop by and hang out after your walk, though."

Fortunately, my friends have not yet given up on me, and we've had some non-humid days this summer. Several times, when they've asked about going walking this year, I've completely shocked them by actually saying yes. And I've had so much fun doing it!

I get to chit-chat with my gal pals. My vitamin D levels probably do a happy dance, thanking me for finally letting some sunshine hit my pale, sunscreen-caked skin.

But the most surprising part of my new outdoorsy experiences has been the politeness of other people traveling along the paths and sidewalks.

On one of my first walks, I heard, "On your left!" from a passing cyclist.

"Thank you," I called out, as I really appreciated the warning. "That was so thoughtful," I said to my walking partner.

Another time, I heard,



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A cyclist enjoys the Des Plaines River Trail near Libertyville.

"Right behind you" from another passing rider.

"Thanks!" I yelled back, as I totally rocked this outdoor exchange.

When I've passed other walkers and runners, I've noticed so many people looking up to exchange greetings or smiles. I definitely did not expect that, but I'm always so excited to say, "Hi!"

One time, I noticed a man pulling his dog off the path and onto the lawn as we passed. I definitely was surprised by this because we certainly could have moved over to make room on the path. I then noticed the same thing with several other pet owners.

One of my walking pals informed me how some dog-walkers move to the side of a path if their dog likes to jump on strangers. Again, so polite.

So while I was walking recently with my husband, Bill, a bike rider quietly whooshed past me. He was so close that if I had stepped even one millimeter to the left, I would have been writing this column from a hospital bed and not my comfy, arctic-feeling home office.

I wondered if that bike rider knew I could not hear him. I also wondered if he

even rang a bell or called attention to himself since that wouldn't have taken much effort and would have been way safer. Did he feel there was enough room? Was he living on the edge? Was he just annoyed in general with walkers on the path?

Bill was curious if I make sure to leave enough room for passersby when I go walking with friends. I assured him I did.

But then I started thinking. Is there some sort of conduct code walkers, runners and cyclists have or wish others had? What polite things do people appreciate while encountering others on the paths?

What annoys people about other walkers, runners and cyclists? What advice would people give other walkers, runners and cyclists if they could?

I'd love to hear your thoughts on this topic for a future column. If you are an outside runner, walker, pet-walker or bike rider, please email your thoughts or even tips for fellow outdoorsy people to gabbin@susandubin.com. Thanks so much! See you outside!

Susan Dubin is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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The Kite Festival returns to the Chicago Botanic Garden Aug. 13 and 14.

ROBIN CARLSON/CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Summer may be in its final stretch, but there's still plenty of fun to be had. Whether you're looking for outdoor activities where you can enjoy a perfect sunny day or need an indoor retreat for when the weather turns stormy or scorching, we've put together a guide to keep you busy until Labor Day.

The Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, has been running adults only night events for years, but now you can bring the kids along for the evening with **Adler After Dark: Family Edition** from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Aug. 5. For \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids, you'll get full access to the museum's exhibits and observatory, unlimited sky shows, and the chance to participate in activities like building vehicles out of Legos, a comet-making craft, a scavenger hunt and story time with Curious George. There's also a bar serving regular and kiddie cocktails. Buy your tickets at www.adlerplanetarium.org.

Late summer fun

Ways to stay entertained from now until Labor Day

BY SAMANTHA NELSON | Pioneer Press

The classic 1985 movie **"The Goonies,"** about a group of friends who in go search of a pirate treasure to save their homes, will be shown outdoors at 8 p.m. Aug. 7 at Brooks Park, 7100 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Call (312) 742-1134 for daily listings and weather-related cancellations or go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/movies/.

Spend some more time with Anna and Elsa when **"Frozen"** is screened at sunset Aug. 11 at Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Ave., Skokie. www.skokieparks.org.

Park Ridge Hinkley Fest takes place Aug. 11-14, Hinkley Park, 25 Busse Highway (Busse & Morris). Hours are Aug. 11, 4-10 p.m., Aug. 12, 4-10:30 p.m., Aug. 13, noon-11 p.m., Aug. 14, noon-8 p.m. The event

features carnival rides and games, entertainment, food and daily music entertainment. Free admission, charge for rides. www.parkridgeparkdistrict.com/news/hinkley-fest.

Watch the **34th Running of the Arlington Million** at 12:15 p.m., Aug. 13 at the Arlington International Racecourse, 2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights. Along with watching and betting on the race, you can also catch live music, compete in a best-dressed competition and play games. Admission is \$30 and \$4 for kids, and there are also a variety of food and drink packages available. Tickets are at www.arlingtonpark.com.

See stunt kit performances where up to six pi-

lots use dual line sport kites to fly precision and ballet routines set to music when the Chicago Fire Kite Team and the Kite Society of Wisconsin & Illinois come to the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, for the **12th annual Kite Festival** from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 13 and 14. Kids can also take a kite-making workshop or enter a Kids' Mad Dash contest where they compete to be the first to build a kite and get it flying. Admission is free. www.chicagobotanic.org.

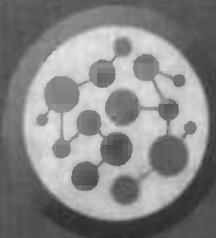
Edison Park Fest kicks off Aug. 19-21 in the downtown area around the Edison Park Metra Station, 6730 N. Olmsted, Chicago. The event includes food, beverages, live music, Family Stage activities and

a Kids Play Area. Live bands include The Fortunate Sons, Bad Medicine, Gina Glocksen Band and Who's Who. Admission is free. Visit www.edison-parkfest.org.

Skokie's Backlot Bash, takes place Aug. 26-28, in a closed-off, two-block portion of Oakton Street, between Lincoln and Laramie avenues adjacent to Village Hall (5127 Oakton St.). Hours are Aug. 26, 6-10 p.m., Aug. 27, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Aug. 28, noon-8 p.m. Features hours of live music, a large carnival midway, a 5K Run, Kids' Half Mile Race, classic movies at the historic Skokie Theatre, a children's stage and kid's activities, a classic auto show, bingo, a sidewalk sale, dunk tank, a beer tent, historic log cabin,

Sunday pancake breakfast, farmers market and food. Main stage music lineup: Aug. 26: Penthouse Sweets, 6:30 p.m.; Blue Oyster Cult, 8:30 p.m.; Aug. 27: Jonas Friddle & Matt Brown, noon; Big Sadie, Bluegrass Trio, 1 p.m.; Foreign Shores, 3 p.m.; Everybody Says Yes, 5 p.m., The Cells, 7 p.m.; Living Colour, 8:30 p.m.; Aug. 28: Tony Do Rasario Duo, 1 p.m.; Terry White, 3 p.m.; Royal Outsiders, 5 p.m.; Tributosaurus becomes The Police, 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Visit www.backlotbash.com.

Ride through Oak Park's historic neighborhoods and see 21 structures designed by Frank Lloyd Wright including his home and studio and the Frank Thomas House at **Pedal Oak Park**. The two-hour guided tour leaves at 9:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday through Sept. 30, departing from Greenline Wheels, 105 S. Marion St. Tickets are \$30-\$35 and can be purchased at cal.flwright.org/tours/pedaloakpark or at 312-994-4000.



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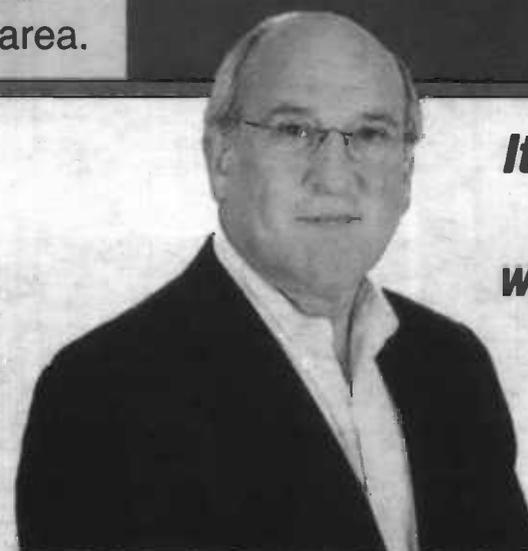
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EVENT

Buyers take home pieces of plays at Northlight prop sale

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Can you take it with you?
For buyers who came to Northlight Theatre's Scene Shop Prop and Costume Sale in Lincolnwood on July 19, they could take a piece from "You Can't Take It With You" for a song.

"If you liked this [painting], you possibly couldn't get a more unique and customized souvenir," said Mara Mihlfried, director of marketing and communications for the Northlight Theatre in Skokie.

The painting Mihlfried referred to came from the set of Northlight's 2015 production of "You Can't Take It With You."

Actor Keith Neagle is portrayed in the painting in the role Mr. De Pinna.

"In this case, you can take it with you," Mihlfried said with a smile.

This was the first time a large portion of Northlight Theatre's 10,000-square-foot scene shop was used for the prop and costume sale, now in its third year. The scene shop is located in an industrial park in Lincolnwood at 6980 N. Central Park Ave.

Among the people who turned out for the sale were theatre professionals, fans of theatre and curiosity seekers.

"We're proud of this shop, they do a magnificent job," said BJ Jones, Northlight Theatre artistic director. "It's great to have people come and take a look."

Of offering props to theatre friends in neighboring communities, "They're brethren," Jones said. "It's a small world."

First in line, arriving 20 minutes before the 10 a.m. opening time, were Jeff Casey, managing director of the Towle Theater in Hammond, Ind. and Kevin Bellamy, director of adminis-



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tration at the Towle Theater. Casey said he was looking for, "anything unique, we do a lot of contemporary premiere work."

The sale was a great opportunity, both men agreed.

They two left with a blue fainting couch that opened up, a pair of geometric lamps and glassware, among other finds.

Josh Philoon of Wilmette, a 2014 New Trier Township High School graduate, poured over tables of glassware and also sought one-of-a-kind discoveries on the costume rack.

One cup of tea already had a tea bag and clear glue material inside and under the rim, mimicking a fresh pour. There were 200 pairs of shoes, 17 boxes of glassware and approximately five real furs, the latter with prices starting at \$20.

"I'm looking for anything," said Philoon, an upperclassman studying acting and design at the University of Kansas. "I really like double-breasted

things."

Cece Lobin of Evanston purchased a prop with her father Marshall Lobin, also of Evanston. The velvet painting, sold for \$30, is an original piece from the set of Northlight Theatre's 2013 production of "Detroit, 67" by playwright Dominique Morisseau.

"We are so excited to have a piece from that play," Cece Lobin said.

Re-purposing props is environmentally friendly, keeping items in circulation longer while supporting the arts, said Victoria Martini-Rosowicz, Northlight Theatre company manager.

"We've been collecting for years and years and you get a build up so we have to go through it and cull it out," Martini-Rosowicz said.

"We like to share it with people."

Proceeds, an undetermined amount from the six-hour, one-day only event, benefit Northlight Theatre, which is housed at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

SPOTLIGHT

A look at those in the arts

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Here's a look at the latest news about suburban authors, actors, artists, musicians and more.

Noteworthy natives: Fourteen new productions will be showcased at Under-score Theatre Company's 3rd Annual Chicago Musical Theatre Festival, Aug. 8-28 at Victory Gardens Theater's Richard Christiansen Theater, and a number of people with suburban roots are helping make it happen. Oak Park native Shaun Baer appears in "Pen" and Oak Park native L.C. Bernadine is the playwright of "Will the Circle." You can see Arlington Heights native Maxwell J. DeTogne in "Jenna Roxy and Church of Modern Love," Deerfield native Jessica Lauren Fisher in "Stalker: The Musical," Skokie native Kirk Jackson in "Millhouse: My Life is a Country Song" and Highland Park native Maisie Rose in "Numbers Nerds." Tamara Bodnar, who is both a Park Ridge native and current resident, appears in "Stalker: The Musical." For the performance schedule and tickets, visit www.cmtf.org.

Like father, like son: Following in his father's footlights is T. Isaac Sherman, who plays the part of Lysander in Oak Brook-based First Folio Theatre's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," through Aug. 14. Meanwhile his dad, Skokie native James Sherman, is enjoying an extended run through Aug. 14 at Evanston's Piven Theatre with "The Ben Hecht Show," the one person show he wrote and stars in about the legendary newspaperman, playwright, screenwriter and novelist. For tickets to see the son, visit www.firstfolio.org. For dad's show, visit grippostage-company.com.

Singing about bad girls: Clare McLaughlin of Barrington is Heather McNamara, Cole Festenstein of Arlington Heights is Kurt Kelly and Barrett Winston of Buffalo Grove plays a "stoner chick" in Up and Coming Theatre Company's production of "Heathers: The Musical," through Aug. 6 at the Forest View Educational Center in Arlington Heights. In the student ensemble of the show about high school bullies are Arlington Heights resident Kate Abbott and Glenview residents Charlie Acasili, Sean Jung and Aaron Kohn. Other ensemble members include Heather Mall (Niles), Becca Duff (Oak Park) and Vealy Celdran (Skokie). For tickets, visit www.uactheatre.com.

"Quack" team: It took nearly a village to tell the tale of "Honk!" at the Children's Theatre of Western Springs, July 29-31. The cast included Western Springs residents Olivia Akture, Carolyn Baldwin, Jay Baldwin, Ben Jouras, Grant McKenzie, Michael



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T. Isaac Sherman, top photo, plays Lysander in First Folio Theatre's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." His son, James Sherman, above, of Skokie, stars in "The Ben Hecht Show" at Evanston's Piven Theatre.

la Phillips and Ben Smiley. Also in the show were Savannah Cowan (Indian Head Park), Roland Dale (La Grange), Madigan Smith (Hinsdale), Sean Swainson (La Grange Park), Lauren Tabour (La Grange), Emma Tiemeyer (La Grange Park), Emma Watkins (Indian Head Park) and Nick Wolf (La Grange). Technical interns included Mari-sol Cown (Indian Head Park), Connor Kubil (Western Springs) and Michael Stockmal (Hinsdale). Meghan Bulger (Western Springs), Erin Cook (La Grange Park) and Michelle Skibicki (Hinsdale) were among the costume chairs. Ben Fallon of Western Springs was the assistant technical director.

Working in Wisconsin: Oak Park native Tim Gittings is a member of the Core Acting Company at American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin. This season, he is appearing in "An Ideal Husband" (through Sept. 24), "King Lear" (Aug. 5-Sept. 30) and "The African Company Presents Richard III" (through Sept. 14). For tickets, visit www.americanplayers.org.

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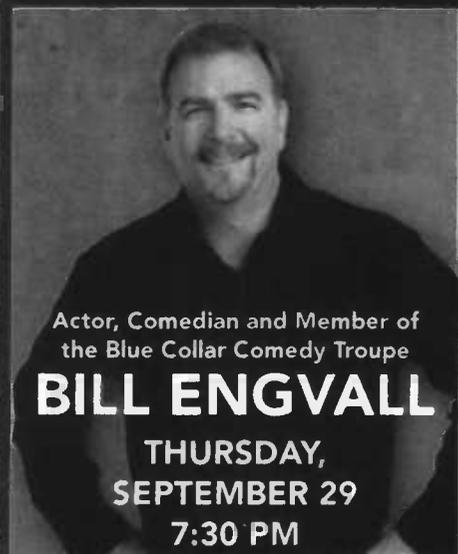


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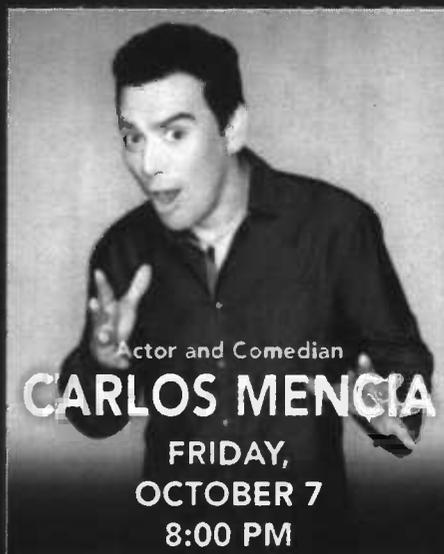


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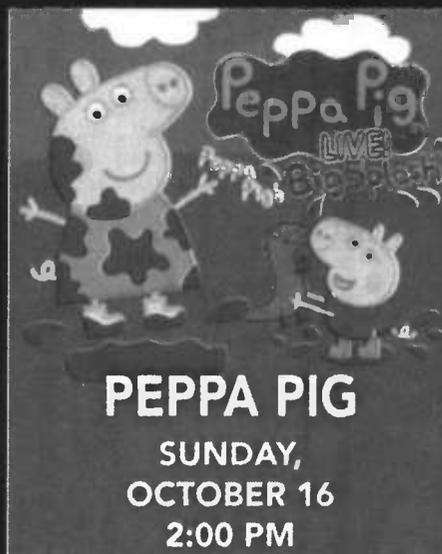
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Former teacher embraces hydroponic farming

Urban system brings fresh produce into markets, classrooms

By Judy Buchenot
The Beacon-News

You can't get produce at any farmers market that is fresher than the produce Nick Marasco sells. He doesn't harvest the produce from its hydroponic home until the moment you buy it at the market. You can find his traveling farm at the downtown Aurora Farmers Market on Saturdays and at the Aurora Farmers Market East on Thursdays. He is at one market one week and the other market the next week.

Marasco, 37, is the urban farm director for The Farm, a Triple Threat effort located near downtown Aurora. Marasco was a science teacher for 14 years at Nequa Valley in Naperville before he resigned a year ago to take on the challenge of establishing an urban farm that would engage local at-risk youth, provide volunteer opportunities and help bring healthy food into the community. "For the last five years that I was teaching, I was engaging a lot of students with aquaponics," he said. "It really helped them recreate what happens in nature. I also started to see that this could have an impact on local food being sustainable, which is one of my passions."

After signing on to be a part of the Triple Threat nonprofit organization, Marasco secured a grant from the Dunham Foundation to create an urban farm in Aurora. Marasco worked with a manufacturing company to custom design a system of 450 towers on 15 racks. The racks are on wheels and can be moved, allowing him to take growing produce to a farmers market or to a classroom for instructional purposes. Currently he is growing various greens, lettuces and herbs but he is getting ready to start growing strawberries.

The process begins by planting seeds into little plugs filled with a growing medium. Former students and other Triple Threat youth help in this process.

Recently Brendan Sigale, one



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After seeds are planted in plugs at The Farm in Aurora, they are placed in trays under grow lights to germinate and sprout. The trays are flooded with nutrient-rich water several times each day.



Marasco

of Marasco's former students, meticulously dropped tiny seeds into plugs. The plugs are then germinated by being placed in a special tray that is flooded with nutrient-filled water several times a day and exposed to bright lights. When the seeds begin to sprout, the plugs are inserted into towers filled with recycled plastic that aerates and allows nutrients to reach the roots. The water is pumped into the towers from a 300-gallon tank. The water drips down the towers using the power of gravity and the runoff water is collected and returned to the tank so no water is wasted. Marasco carefully monitors the water and adds nutrients as they are needed.

"This style of growing uses about 90 percent less water than growing plants outdoors. Each day we use just a few gallons of water on all these plants," he said.

The towers are housed in a building that used to be a tire shop but was no longer in use. "The city of Aurora allows us to use this space that had been aban-

doned," said Marasco, who lives in Yorkville. Light for the plants housed in the building comes from grow lights that slowly move up and down rods in front of the plants, bathing them with light for 12 to 15 hours each night. "We do it at night because the cost of electricity goes down at night," Marasco said.

Unlike traditional farming in a field, Marasco does not have to deal with E. coli or other problems caused by runoff from farm animals. The plants can be kept very clean since the environment is able to be controlled.

Marasco has only been growing produce for about six months, so he is still formulating the next steps. "Ideally, I would like to keep 95 percent of what I grew in the community. One of our ideas is to start a CSA (community-supported agriculture group) for fresh herbs and greens year around. We are also exploring partnering with Two Brothers Roundhouse to offer a Triple Threat salad of the week using our lettuce. We need to prove the system first," Marasco said.

At this point, it is hard to assess the cost of growing produce at the facility. Marasco said that the lettuce currently takes about 6 to

7 weeks from germination to harvest but he is experimenting with increasing the time the plants are exposed to the grow lights. "As technology costs go down, I think there will be a market for local fresh food grown this way," he says. "Right now, we have a cause attached to our food. We are growing to help fight the cycle of poverty by working with at-risk youth. We can also bring in students to see what we do here and take the towers to classrooms. This is a hybrid operation for business and education. There are a lot of possibilities."

One part of the process is teaching people to use the fresh produce. Volunteers have helped create recipes using the produce and prepare the different items for others to try.

"There is a lot of interest in kale chips but we decided to try to put something on them other than salt and came up with strawberry and cream kale chips," he said. "Then we decided to try making Swiss chard we grow." Marasco shares both recipes for others to try.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

Strawberry and Cream Kale Chips

- 3 1/2 cups finely shredded dried coconut
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- artificial sweetener
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, hulled
- filtered water
- 1 large bunch kale

1. Place coconut, sea salt, sweetener, vanilla and strawberries in a blender or food processor. Process until smooth. Add two tablespoons filtered water and process until mixture is a little thinner than nut butter, adding more water if needed.

2. Wash kale, tear into bite-sized pieces and place in a bowl. Pour strawberry mixture over the kale. Use your hands to massage the mixture into the kale so that all the pieces are coated.

3. Place on dehydrator sheets and dehydrate 8 to 12 hours until dry. Chips can also be made in an oven. Set oven at 200 degrees or the lowest setting possible. Place coated kale on a cookie sheet and bake four hours or until chips are dry. Check frequently because chips can easily be over baked.

Easy Spicy Swiss Chard Chips

- 1 part chili powder
- 1 part garlic powder
- olive oil
- Swiss chard

1. Mix chili powder and garlic powder in a small bowl. Add enough olive oil to form a paste. Wash and dry Swiss chard leaves. Coat each leaf with paste. Dehydrate on low for 10 hours or bake at 200 to 250 degrees in an oven for four hours.

Head off those kindergarten jitters

A little bit of planning can help ease the transition to school



BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

Starting something new is not always easy. Many parents, myself included, saw our rising kindergarteners regress in the weeks leading up to that first day of school. For tips to alleviate the anxiety and ease the transition for both parents and kids, I spoke with local experts about helping children make that great leap to kindergarten.

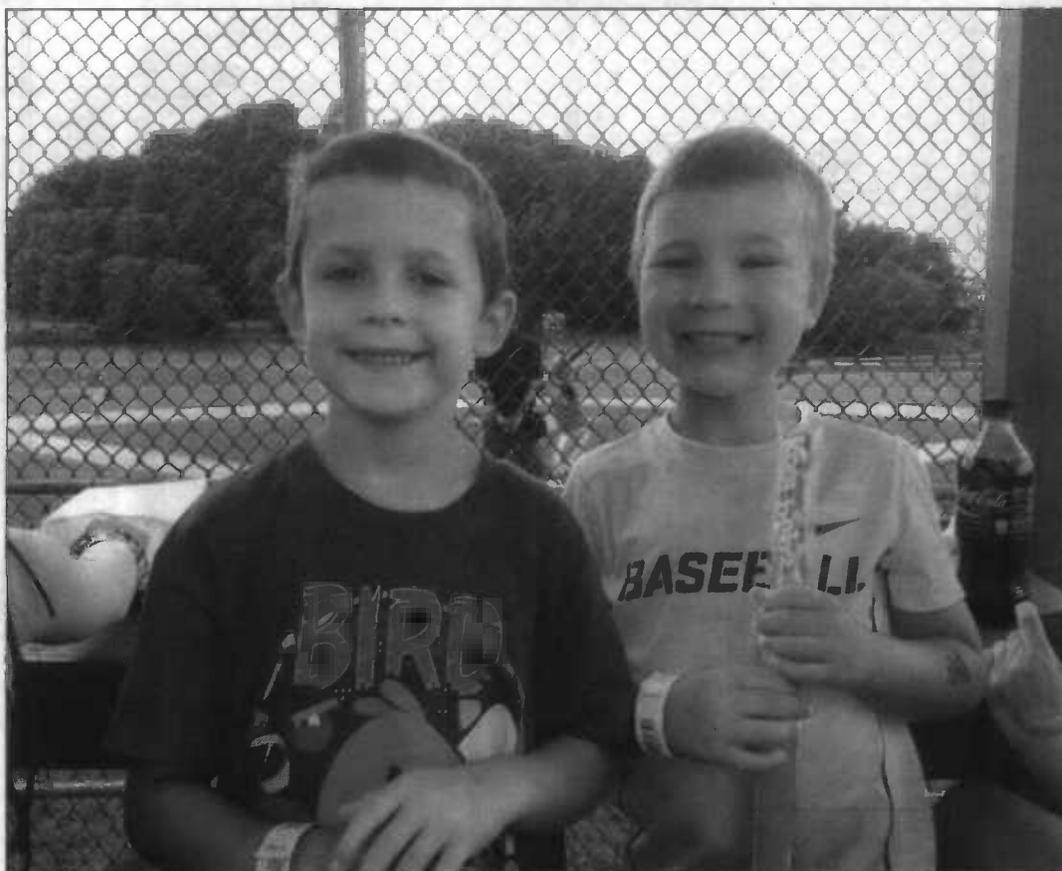
Get on a schedule

The lazy days of summer will give way to alarm clocks and school days sooner than you think. If you've let bedtimes slip and "sleeping-in" has become the norm, it's time to get back on schedule.

"Most children do better when they follow a consistent routine," said Rachel Schwartz, the Early Childhood Program and Social Services manager of the JCC Chicago, suggests putting your children on a schedule in the weeks preceding the start of the school year so the transition from summer to school is less jarring. She also recommends creating a countdown calendar with your kids, to help make the concept of school opening more concrete, and a bit exciting.

Visit the school

Make arrangements to visit the school prior to the first day. Many schools host open houses so children can visit their classroom, see their cubbies, nametags and more. This visit will help you help your child envision life in kindergarten. Schwartz recommends taking pictures of all the significant areas in the classroom, like a



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Kindergarten experts Danny Holton, left, and Jason Bauer of Glenview are proud to be entering first grade come fall.

library corner. Use these pictures to remind your kids of all the exciting things they saw during the visit.

If your child is especially anxious, the two of you can create a "social story" using the pictures as a guide for the first day. Say, for example, "I will walk into school and put my backpack in my cubby. I will then find my nametag and sit down." A story can help make the idea of kindergarten more understandable and strengthen your child's confidence that he or she will know what to do that first day.

Set up playdates

Kindergartens pull kids from a number of different preschools and early learning environments, so it's likely your children will see a lot of new faces this fall. For many children this can be scary. Help your child make connec-

tions with a few future classmates by setting up play dates.

"Look for kindie meet-ups or moms groups that host kindergarten outings, or invite neighbors to come over and play," says Schwartz. Another good meeting place is the future school's playground. According to therapist Kathy Livingston of Family Service of Glencoe, "becoming familiar with the school playground will help your child feel more comfortable and secure."

Go over bus routines

For many children, getting to kindergarten means taking the bus for the very first time. Role-playing the bus routine with your children will help alleviate his or her worries. Visit the bus stop and talk through what happens when the bus arrives, and what happens when the bus drops them off each day. Check to see if your school

district offers pre-start day bus rides for new students.

Keep calm, carry on

Both Schwartz and Livingston emphasize the importance of staying calm and upbeat. It's surprising how intuitive our kids can be, so if you're nervous and anxious about school, it's likely your child will be too. "Let your child know it's typical for every child to feel some butterflies before the first day," says Livingston. "The trick is to acknowledge the nerves but then move on to something positive."

Tips from the experts

Sometimes the best advice comes from kids who just went through the process. Here's some advice from this fall's first graders Danny Holton and Jason Bauer of Glenview.

Books

Another great way to prepare your children for kindergarten is to read them books that explore the topic. Often the characters in the books discuss feelings and situations that speak to your child and can help them articulate their own questions and concerns. The following is a list of books recommended by Rachel Schwartz of JCC Chicago:

- "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!" by Nancy L. Carlson
- "Miss Kindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten" by Joseph Slate
- "I Am Too Absolutely Small for School" by Lauren Child
- "Froggy Goes to School" by Jonathan London
- "First Day Jitters" by Julie Danneberg
- "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn (This book deals with separation from parents)

■ Don't be nervous. Kindergarten is awesome and on the last day you get popsicles, which is the best day of the year.

■ Don't worry about making new friends. Just go up to someone and say, "Hi, my name is..." and then say your name." That's how friendships are made.

■ Don't be afraid to make new friends even if you know some kids. It's OK to make new ones too.

■ The bus seems scary at first especially because you don't know many people. So just take a deep breath and find your seat. After a while you get used to it.

■ Don't forget to use manners on the bus and in school. Always say "please" and "thank you," and "excuse me" if you burp.

■ Kindergarten is fun but way harder than preschool. You basically do math all day except when you have reading, recess, gym, handwriting, music, and art. But get used to doing a lot of math.

■ Don't be scared of the bigger kids because they were little kids once too.

■ Don't litter.

■ Be a good sport and don't gloat when you win in gym.

■ If you have a bad day, tell your mom and she will make you feel better.

PETS/ANIMALS

MY PET WORLD

Troubleshooting tips to help a cat enjoy petting

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: We have a pretty tabby we named Tin Tin. She started coming around to my garden a few years ago. We started feeding her outdoors and then she was ours. However, she will not allow being touched and doesn't purr. How can we entice her to allow human touch? She likes companionship and follows me wherever I go. We started giving her treats, which she prefers to regular cat food, although we do give her dry cat food and some canned food. She licks up the sauce from the canned food but doesn't eat the food itself in most cases. Is there any harm in letting treats be a part of her regular diet? I very much enjoy your column and look forward to any input you can offer.

— Jennifer Wilson, Hartford, CT

A: I commend you on giving a cat like this a home and getting her off the streets — especially one with a few issues as yours seems to have.

A diet of canned food is always preferable to give to cats over dry food, but if she does not like it then she does not like it. The more important issue is the treats. Most commercial treats are not formulated to be a complete diet, so they should be restricted as just occasional treats. You can try to put some dry cat food in the package that the treats come in and offer the bits of dry food to the cat out of



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One way to try to get a cat to enjoy petting more is to play with the cat with a chopstick. If the cat enjoys the touch of the chopstick, he or she may accept hands on his or her body if they bring the same enjoyment.

that package — most likely she will not know the difference.

The petting is not an easy issue to fix. She has politely told you many times that she does not like it and she will be confused and upset if you do not respect her wishes. However, one thing I have tried in the past is to play with the cat with a chopstick — they are light and smooth and cats seem to like them.

If she seems to enjoy the touch

of the chopstick, then gradually cut an inch or two off the chopstick every few days so your hand comes closer to her body. Hopefully by then she will accept your hands on her body if they bring her the same pleasure that the chopstick does.

Of course, if she regards the chopstick with horror and revulsion when you try to pet her with it then you just have to wave the white flag in defeat. She seems

polite and drama free. I know many readers who have such cats that would gladly trade places with you.

By the way, I love the name Tin Tin.

Q: One of our cats, a female American shorthair, is about 10 years old, around six pounds and has short whiskers, many of which aren't straight. Best we can tell she's always had

whiskers like this. What causes this? Thanks for any help!

— Alex Meade, Lexington, KY

A: The whiskers on a cat are just modified hair. They work like an antenna to relay information about the cats' environment down through the hair and into a special follicle that attaches the whisker to the cat's skin.

So, just like other hairs on the cat, a whisker can vary. The book smart part of me was taught that a cat with no whiskers or short whiskers will have problems orienting itself. However, the street smart part of me has seen many cats that lost their whiskers due to accidents and those cats seem to get around just fine after the accident. Plus, I have had many hairless Sphinx cats or Rex Cats that had very short or no whiskers at all and they do fine without them for their entire lives.

Perhaps a cat with short whiskers that was fending for itself in the forest may be compromised without them, but most likely your average house cat that only needs to find its way from the food dish to the couch has no issues with whiskers that are less than perfect.

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



Cary Grant

Meet Cary Grant, a very handsome FIV positive 5-year-old boy. Actor and director, he could easily make the cover of CQ (that stands for Cat Quarterly in case you were wondering.) He is more than happy to pose for pictures, sometimes takes directions well and at other times, he enjoys directing others. He loves attention and while he may occasionally engage in a play session, he is more of the mellow type, lounging around and enjoying some petting.

He is neutered, microchipped and tested negative for feline leukemia. For more information, email adoptions@saveapetil.org.

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Condo owners submit assessment, finance inquiries

Following two recent Help Squad columns addressing town home and condominium issues, I received the below two interesting inquiries from readers. Chicago attorney Joseph Scharnak of Arnstein & Lehr LLP offered his advice in response.

Dear Help Squad,

We live in a condo/townhouse complex. We have one association but three funds — condo, townhouse and community.

There are three condo buildings with 12 units each and 49 townhouses. The elevator in one of the condo buildings needs to be replaced. Elevators are not mentioned in our declarations, bylaws or rules.

Do just the condos pay for the new elevator or is it the responsibility of the entire association? We are talking about \$60,000. Your help would be appreciated.

— Gloria, Park Ridge

According to Scharnak, “If there is a single ... association governing all three condo buildings and 49 townhouse units, then the elevator replacement cost [is] a common expense shared equally by all

members of the association — even those that receive no benefit from the elevator at issue.”

For this to be the case, however, there must be a single condominium declaration encompassing all the units — both condo and townhouse. An easy way to discern if this is the case is to look at the schedule of units and percentage of ownership for each, which is attached as an exhibit to the condominium declaration. If the schedule of units includes the townhouses (85 units, rather than 36), then all unit owners are responsible for the cost of the new elevator. If, however, only the 36 condominium units are listed, then there are two separate associations.

Said Scharnak: “Under the latter arrangement, there will be a condominium declaration that governs the 36 units housed in the three condominium buildings and ... a separate declaration ... that governs the 49 townhouse units. Finally, there is likely to be a third master associa-



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

tion which governs the common areas.”

Gloria’s reference to three funds seems to imply three separate associations. This being the case, “It would be highly unusual for the master association to be required to contribute any funds for items which bene-

fit members of only one sub-association,” Scharnak said.

Dear Help Squad,

Is there a law in the state of Illinois similar to the Freedom of Information Act that allows homeowners to see details of what is being done with their funds?

I pay my monthly assessments on time, yet hear from neighbors who are having repairs and improvements done to their units, and their assessments are not current. I also believe preferential treatment is given to those who serve on the Board of Directors, or have in the past.

Thank you for any information you can provide.

— Jason, Des Plaines

Scharnak explained that Section 19 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act (ICPA) allows all condominium association members to “request to inspect, examine and copy (i) minutes of all meetings of the association for the ... preceding 7 years; (ii) all contracts, leases and other arrangements ... to which the association is a party; and (iii) the books and records of account for the association’s current and 10 ... preceding fiscal years, including ... itemized records of all receipts and expenditures.”

This doesn’t mean a blanket request for all association documents can be made. Rather, the law requires that only the documents listed in ICPA Section 19 be made available within 30 days of receiving a proper written request. Additionally, the board can charge for the actual costs associated with retrieving these documents.

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**Buechner 101**

By Carl Frederick Buechner, Frederick Buechner Center, 170 pages, \$15.99

Maybe once a generation, or once every few generations, someone is born with gifts literary and sacred in equal measure. A translator, perhaps, of the highest calling. One who can at once lift our souls and our sights by virtue of the rare alchemy of the poetic plus the profound. Therein lies the prophet. Therein lies Frederick Buechner, at 90, one of the greatest living American theologians and writers.

In these collected works, "Buechner 101: Essays and Sermons by Frederick Buechner" — including excerpts from his Harvard Divinity School lectures, "The Alphabet of Grace"; a searing essay on his daughter's anorexia; a seminary commencement address on the hard truths of pastoring a flock of believers, doubters and everyday sinners — we are immersed in the depth and breadth of this rare thinker's gifts.

Anne Lamott, in her introduction, admits to being blown away by Buechner's capacity "to be both plain and majestic" at once. She ranks him side-by-side with C.S. Lewis, then declares, "No one has brought me closer to God than these two men." That alone might make you rush to pore over these pages.

This world sorely needs a prophet who reminds us to not give up our search for holiness amid the noise and hate and madness all around. Buechner, though, says it in words that shimmy through the cracks, burrowing deep within us, reverberating long after the page is turned. He writes: "We must learn to listen to the cock-crows and hammering and tick-tock of our lives for the holy and elusive word that is spoken to us out of their depths. It is the function of all great preaching, I think, and all great art, to sharpen our hearing precisely to that end."

And it is that very sharpening that we find, paragraph upon paragraph, page after page, in Buechner 101.

**Our Father**

By Rainer Oberthür, illustrated by Barbara Nascimbeni, Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 58 pages, \$16

The questions are pure. The questions, profound. From the child's script, the surest path to heaven. And from the start, "Our Father," a breathtaking peeling back of a foundational prayer of so many Christian religions, shimmers with a simplicity that can't help but catapult our sacred questions to the highest heights.

Before beginning a line-by-line, word-by-word, meditation on the Lord's Prayer, as it's often called, this extraordinary picture book frames the prayer in the context of how it responds to the most essential — and possibly unsettling — questions: Where did the world come from? Why does it exist? Why am I here? Why do people die? What happens afterward?

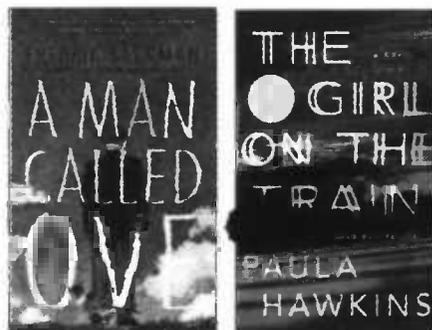
In a voice that exudes comfort and heart-to-heart closeness the reader is told that these really are questions about God: Where is God? Why can't I see God? How can I talk to God?

Are these not the very questions pondered by legions of theologians? And yet, the answers found here — in a children's book from a Grand Rapids, Mich., publishing house with a long tradition of searching the globe for particularly illuminating children's text and illustration — are perhaps among the clearest ever penned.

Which is what makes this a book for the soul young or old or anywhere in between. Each line — alongside charming illustrations that beg to be studied closely — becomes a prayerful exegesis, unfurled in words that speak to the pure heart of the child. It's a book that will lull you into the sure and safe cove that is a building block of faith. And, chances are, you'll never again murmur mindlessly the words of "Our Father." Instead, you'll be awakened to the depths of its timelessness and its capacity to enfold the answers to all our deepest questions.

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1. "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).
2. "The Girl on the Train: A Novel" by Paula Hawkins (Riverhead, \$16).
3. "The Sympathizer: A Novel" by Viet Thanh Nguyen (Grove, \$16).
4. "Hamilton: The Revolution" by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter (Grand Central, \$45).
5. "After You: A Novel" by Jojo Moyes (Penguin, \$16).



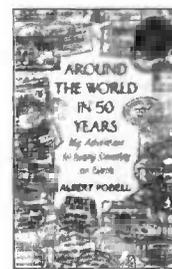
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Albert Podell details his two record-setting accomplishments of taking the longest automobile journey around the world and visiting every country on earth. Podell writes about the dangerous weather, riots, revolutions, unique foods and the deaths of three of his five companions during his travels.



The Prisoner of Hell Gate: A Novel
By Dana I. Wolff; Picador, 212 pages, \$16

Karalee and four of her fellow public health graduate students visit the Hell Gate in New York, a place where the contagious, disfigured and insane were locked up for centuries. Their casual trespass comes with a price as the hidden evil still lurking in the corridors of the abandoned hospital comes out.



The Hand That Feeds You: A Novel
By A.J. Rich; Scribner, 280 pages, \$15

Morgan comes home to find her fiancée Bennett mauled to death. As she attempts to notify Bennett's parents, she discovers that everything he's ever told her about himself is a lie. Bennett had had several fiancées, and as each one gets murdered, Morgan races against time before she becomes the next victim.



Our Man in Charleston: Britain's Secret Agent in the Civil War South
By Christopher Dickey; Broadway, 389 pages, \$17

Dickey examines the work of Robert Bunch, a British consul agent who arrived in Charleston in 1853. Assigned to send intelligence back to London, Dickey found himself leading a double life as the Civil War began, befriendng slave owners while trying to undermine the Confederacy and slave trade.

—Jeremy Mikula



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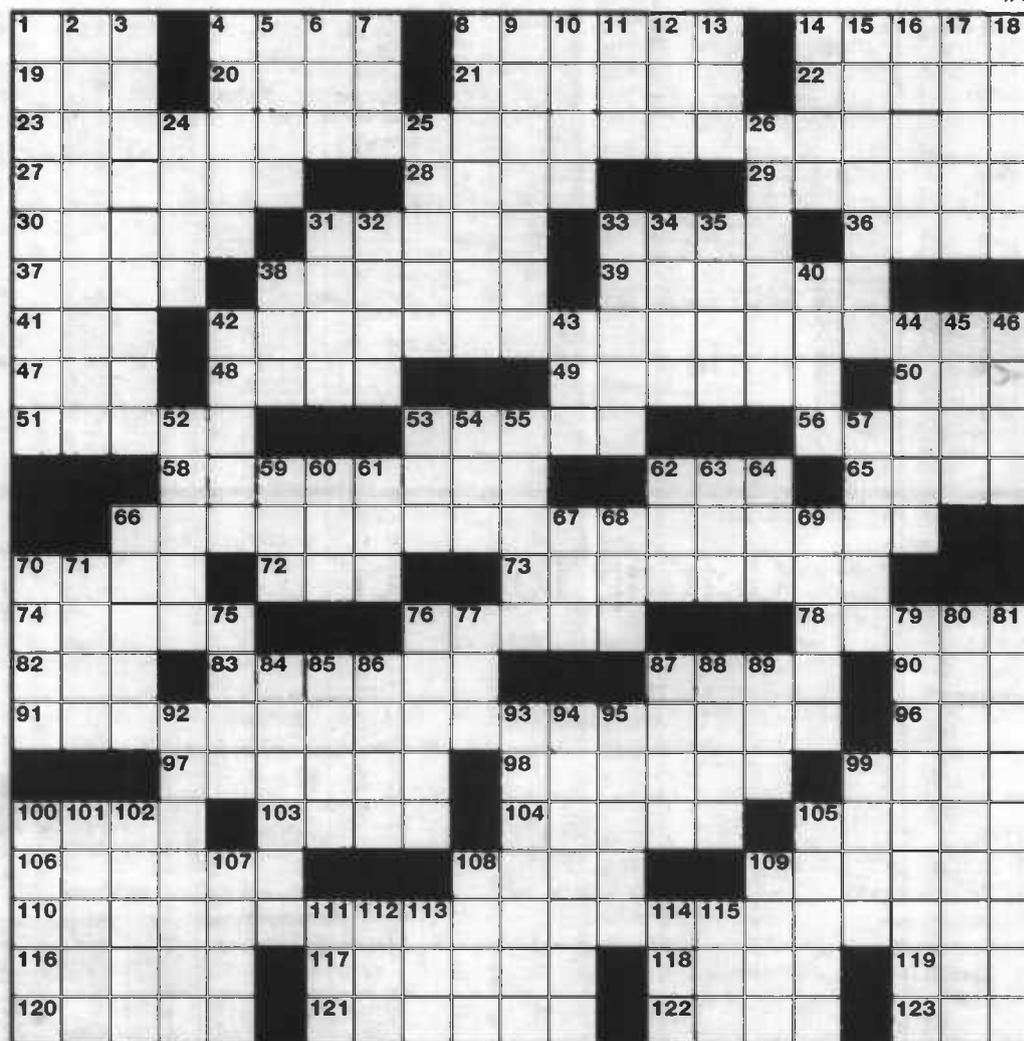
Musical Questions: Which are five of the answers

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

Across

- 1 Truck compartment
4 Tried to emulate
8 Alphabetize, for instance
14 Frat letter
19 Symbol of sagacity
20 Recreation
21 Hybrid utensils
22 — once (suddenly)
23 The Monotones (1958)
27 Diagonal mover
28 German Johnny
29 Some farm machines
30 Ashley or Mary-Kate
31 Repeated slogan
33 "You've got a deal!"
36 Ibsen protagonist
37 Comics cry
38 Japanese belief
39 Valencian entrée
41 Son of Noah
42 Sammy Davis, Jr. (1962)
47 Era
48 City near Tahoe
49 Was defeated by
50 Jazz genre
51 It's here now
53 Bret Harte character
56 Verboten
58 Woody Allen instrument
62 Hiker's guide
65 Mitt Romney quintet
66 Peggy Lee (1942)
70 Cry of delight
72 Part of BYOB
- 73 Red-carpet event
74 *Duck Dynasty* aier
76 Spot for a yacht
78 Adoption org.
82 —pitch softball
83 Prepared, as a contract
87 Prefix for business
90 Sci-fi captain Jean—Picard
91 Irving Berlin (1932)
96 Common list ender
97 Ad supplement
98 Crew team activity
99 Dust speck
100 Glasgow girl
103 Casual tops
104 Vow taker
105 Tax-exempt bonds
106 Gasoline rating
108 Verboten thing
109 Nashville NFLers
110 Whitney Houston (1988)
116 Bits of Frost
117 Extinguishes with water
118 Champagne descriptor
119 Erstwhile space station
120 *The Planets* composer
121 Full range
122 Vow
123 Messy place
- 5 Raindrop sound
6 Erode
7 Shade source
8 Region of Ghana
9 Used up for
10 Loud cries
11 Spanish gold
12 *Citizen Kane* studio
13 Chiding sound
14 Out of harm's way
15 Prohibited
16 "Battle Hymn" repeated word
17 Reliable expert
18 Engage in — of wills
24 "That was close!"
25 Show gratitude for
26 Small stock purchase
31 Action star from Hong Hong
32 Say — (greet)
33 Eloper of rhyme
34 Galoots
35 Headed out
38 "Steady as — goes"
40 Burglarize
42 With dry humor
43 Middle of the sixth century
44 Friars Club leader
45 Earth orbiter
46 NASDAQ newcomers
52 Pined (for)
53 Hill dweller
54 "Pay attention!"
55 Interrupts
57 Fire-gone conclusion
59 Hubbub
60 Hubbub
- 61 Quaint quarters
62 One with a May day
63 George W. press secretary Fleischer
64 Symbol of simplicity
66 "— return to our regularly scheduled program"
67 Sch. near Providence
68 Cub Scout group
69 Lumber feature
70 Withstand examination
71 Symbol of sanctity
75 Paradise lost
76 Some statues
77 Well-put
79 Redundancies
80 Doing OK
81 Felonious abettor
84 Sat for a spell
85 Sporting blade
86 Aerialist's walkway
87 Far from basic
88 Wonka before Johnny
89 Dustcloth
92 Wins over
93 Sinatra's birthplace
94 Sincere
95 Astronomical hunter
99 Mixed breed
100 Far from basic
101 Allergic reaction
102 Girder material
105 High spirits
107 Cozy place
108 Snoop (around)
109 Stretched fully
111 Glorifying verse
112 Swing in a ring
113 Highway hazard
114 *Veep* channel
115 Timeline portion

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Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues	Words
A. Lucky Lindy destination: 2 wds.	30 135 91 43 112 159 71 172 5
B. Visible to the audience	158 108 72 45 132 28 169
C. Strait	139 66 41 13 111 2 87
D. Electrifying	37 95 120 125 141 70 15 48
E. Difficult	143 34 21 107 155 168
F. Get out of town	147 116 97 161 128 9 40 55
G. Buff	144 133 60 171 103 119 6 154 24 83
H. Pleasantly exciting	52 126 146 151 102 82 162 25 69 10 118
I. At the forefront	61 90 29 110

J. DC Comics super-villain	44 57 160 93 76 123 136
K. Played same soap character for 43 years	26 17 101 115 140 153 167 58 75 1
L. Good friend: 2 wds.	22 152 68 86 134 35 99
M. Quick in-and-outs	145 88 51 20 64
N. Virus attacker	121 7 32 81 94 142 47 113 129 67
O. Get cracking	79 105 27 164 14 53
P. Trump sobriquet: 2 wds.	18 38 3 100 74 117 124 62 156
Q. Former magazine king: 2 wds.	65 150 109 49 138 11 85
R. Clingy clothing?	106 12 42 73 54 96 8 31 130 163
S. Fortification	50 92 170 137 36 80 16
T. 1992 MVP and Cy Young winner	77 127 122 19 173 46 98 148 63
U. Deposits	39 84 157 23 166 131 59
V. I like it!: 2 wds.	114 33 4 56 78 89 149 165 104

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Getting Together

BY CHARLES PRESTON

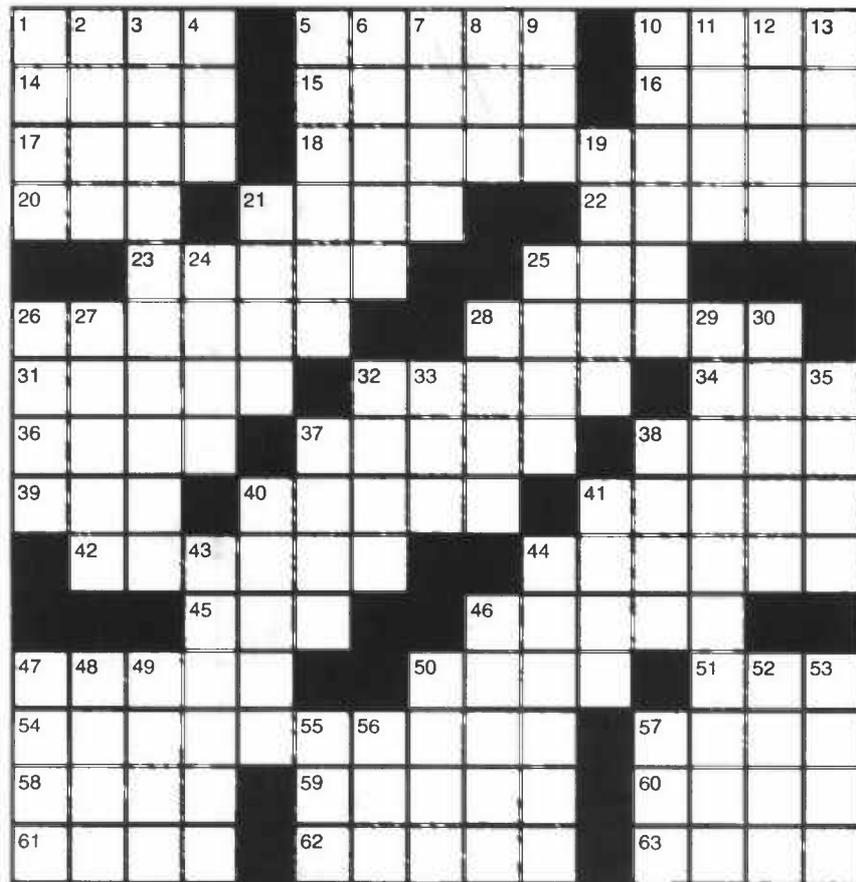
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| Across | 46 Tree lined walk | 12 Takes over |
| 1 Universe: comb. form | 47 Writer Bombeck | 14 On the deep |
| 5 Food fish | 49 Malice | 18 Orion's left foot |
| 9 Cummerbund | 51 Delicate | 20 Angers |
| 13 Off | 54 Creature | 23 Become fact |
| 14 Bower | 57 Leoncavallo, e.g. | 25 Sleuth Sam |
| 15 Neighborhood | 59 Flattop | 26 Abbr. |
| 16 Social asset | 60 Roof feature | 28 Actor — Bruce |
| 17 Navy boats | 61 Fresh air | 30 Name-calling |
| 19 Carroll O'Connor role | 62 Miss Bagnold | 31 Voice a view |
| 21 Greek letter | 63 Reproduced | 32 Arete |
| 22 Ex-Senator Fong | 64 Mail | 34 Court words |
| 24 — -mutton sleeve | 65 Sojourn | 35 Enzyme |
| 25 Elbow room | Down | 39 At ___ : without fail |
| 27 Cuckoo | 1 Prefix with pult | 41 Give up |
| 29 Gaffe | 2 Man- — | 42 Reposed |
| 33 Toadyish | 3 Low calorie sweetener | 44 Gathered |
| 36 Finial | 4 Imaginary | 48 Greek island |
| 37 Seed covering | 5 Actress Joanne | 50 Window unit |
| 38 French painter | 6 French cleric | 51 Dread |
| 39 Edacious | 7 Makes puzzling | 52 Glowing review |
| 40 Retreat | 8 Wipe out | 53 Cap or collar |
| 41 Vatic | 9 Tar | 55 Where the Ili flows |
| 43 Spanish month | 10 Famed cartoonist | 56 Peerage member |
| 45 O'Neill play | 11 Made out | 57 Bird's beak |
| | | 58 To boot |

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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Implore
- 5 Speak without preparation
- 10 Unpleasant-tasting
- 14 Bring on board
- 15 African nation
- 16 Zero
- 17 "How sweet ___!"; line for Jackie Gleason
- 18 Charge against a defendant
- 20 Allow
- 21 Friendly nation
- 22 Hits hard
- 23 Jam alternative
- 25 Light brown
- 26 Fleet of ships
- 28 Sews lightly
- 31 Rocky ridges at the sea's edge
- 32 Turn red
- 34 Ms. Thurman
- 36 New York team
- 37 Not taut
- 38 Large flat-bottomed boat
- 39 Emulate Jean-Claude Killy
- 40 ___ one's neck out; take a risk
- 41 Part of NASA
- 42 Drag; haul
- 44 Celery pieces

- 45 Shoot carefully
- 46 Like a childish complainer
- 47 Glass fragment
- 50 Fly high
- 51 Greek letter
- 54 Proof entry
- 57 Celebrity
- 58 One opposed
- 59 Sire children
- 60 Hockey disk
- 61 State of clutter
- 62 Pitcher Koufax
- 63 ___ for; requests

DOWN

- 1 Dr. ___; TV psychologist
- 2 Ceremony
- 3 Mathematics
- 4 Positive reply
- 5 Spring bloom
- 6 Loiter
- 7 Easter flower
- 8 Wrath
- 9 Panhandle
- 10 Determined; resolute
- 11 Form a spiral
- 12 Shoelace problem
- 13 Cravings
- 19 Embarrass
- 21 Most common conjunctions
- 24 Clumsy fellows

Solutions

S K S V A Y O N V S S S E S
 A R R A R U N A T E R I A
 D A M O N A N D P Y T H I A S
 S L Y E N T O H E A P S
 B E C S A N O A
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 P R A Y I C K Y A D L I B A

- 25 Chore
- 26 Upper limbs
- 27 Has a strong odor
- 28 Dollar
- 29 ___ leaves; koala's lunch
- 30 Artist's clothing protector
- 32 Radar screen image
- 33 Fond du ___, WI
- 35 Astounds
- 37 Flower stalk
- 38 Bridge
- 40 Move smoothly
- 41 ___-crazy; tired of confinement
- 43 Writer Joel Chandler ___
- 44 Shack
- 46 Courted
- 47 Con game
- 48 Sharpen
- 49 ___ and crafts
- 50 Taurus or Libra
- 52 Paper bag
- 53 Annoys
- 55 NBC rival
- 56 Soothing drink
- 57 Hot tub



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Last week's crosswords

"In the Mail"

E A S T T O A S T C R A N E B E T S
 P U C E A N D I E M E C C A A G R I
 I R A N B C E L L A D H O C G R O U P
 C A R D C O U N T E R I T S H O T
 T R U E G O A D T A P A S
 R E C O I L A A R O N C E L I B A T E
 A M I B I L L W A T T E R S O N C N N
 S A R A A T O M F L I P S S K I S
 P I C A S W I K S A M M Y B E A N O
 S L U M I N R E C R O P F I N G E R
 L I A R S C A M Q U O T E
 P S A L M S C L O D C R U D O D E S
 C O R N Y C R O W S H E A D F E M A
 L I F E G O A P E W E E K F A C T
 A R I L E T T E R P E R F E C T L E E
 B E L P A E S E E L L I S H O R S E S
 S E E R S I D O L C A R E
 E I L E E N P R E S E N T T I M E
 C H E C K I T O U T E C L A T O D O R
 D E L I M A N S E A R I S E R E A R
 S N I P E S S E N D U P E D T A T S

"Friendship"

D U A L P A I R S R A G S
 A R R A R U N A T E R I A
 D A M O N A N D P Y T H I A S
 S L Y E N T O H E A P S
 B E C S A N O A
 I S O L D E T R I S T R A M
 D U K E S M A I N E A M O
 L A R D R O M E O A D I T
 E V A D A N E S A B I D E
 R E S T A T E D J U L I E T
 A N E T C A G E
 T R U S T S A G E S H E
 H A N S E L A N D G R E T E L
 A I D E A D A G E N O E L
 I D O L R O G E R D A L E

"Getting Connected"

T B A A G I L E P A L O B R I M
 R A N M O B I L R U N I N S U E D E
 A N G U S B E E F I L I K E A B L O W
 P E R P R T S S T I M U L U S B I L L
 P S Y C H O B A T T E D S H A G
 S A K S B A E Z D O E T R E
 E S S V E N U S B R E E Z E S C O O T
 S W E D E A S H R E O I L R U M S
 T E R R A P E O N S R O S A E S P Y
 O P I A T E S T E L M O T Y P E B
 S T O W I N G W O O S L O P E U P
 U N T I E S T O P I T A P O L L O
 B A S E A N A T P E N I N S U I T S
 A B B A C E L E B S E E U T E R I
 B L U R S V I T U S B E R T I N G F A T
 Y E S E D A G E E R N A A N
 I A G O L A B R A T P R O M P T
 C E N S U S B U R E A U F I T G Y R O
 O X E Y E O N T A P G E N I U S B A R
 A P S E S A D O R E A T O M S A D A
 L O S T T I O S D E N E B D O H

Last week's Quote-Acrossic

TERRY TEACHOUT: SIGHTINGS: The current 'attractive' sentiment denying Shakespeare's plays could have been written by a person of humble background rejects the possibility of genius itself, plus the harsh reality of human inequality.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

HIGHLY HUMANE GEYSER
 INTACT TRUDGE TYRANT

She said that her wedding dress still fit, but she was —

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Interactive puzzles and games

Director drew audiences with love and romance

When I was a fifth-grader, there was no one I envied more than Pinky Tuscadero. After all, Pinky was the Fonz's girlfriend! What I didn't know back then was that Pinky and Fonz's romance in Garry Marshall's unforgettable '70s sitcom, "Happy Days,"



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

was just a glimpse of what the brilliant writer, director, actor and producer had in store over the next five decades.

Marshall, who died recently at the age of 81, seemed to have a deep love for tenderness, romance, humor and happy endings (with the exception of his movie, "Beaches," that had me crying for an hour) and it showed in all of his work.

In honor of the late Marshall, here are a few of my favorite scenes from movies either written, directed or produced by Marshall:

'Overboard' (1987)

There are so many wonderful scenes in this darling movie about a spoiled, wealthy woman (played by Goldie Hawn) who gets amnesia after falling off her yacht and ends up living with a beer-guzzling, blue-collar single dad (played by Kurt Russell). Marshall offers up a touching ending when the two jump overboard in the middle of the Atlantic and swim into each other's arms. He tops it off with Russell's character asking, "What can I possibly give you that you don't already have?" Hawn's character answers, "A little girl."

'Runaway Bride' (1999)

Following their smashing successful rom-com, "Pretty Woman," Richard Gere and Julia Roberts team up in this sweet movie about Ike (played by Gere), a newspaper columnist who chases a story about a woman (played by Roberts) who has left a string of fiances at the altar. In true Marshall style, the two end up falling in love. One of the best scenes is when Maggie says to Ike, "When I was walking down the aisle, I was walking toward somebody who didn't have any idea who I really was. But you - you knew the real me." Ike replies, "Yes, I did."

'Valentine's Day' (2010)

With dozens of great actors and hilarious heartwarming storylines, "Valentine's Day" is a sweet movie that captures different perspectives of the holiday that some

people love and some find repulsive. An absolutely hilarious scene occurs when a scorned, angry woman (played by Jennifer Garner) goes to an anti-Valentine's Day party, takes a baseball bat and starts beating the heart-shaped pinata as hard as she can.

But at the end of the movie, Garner's character tells her 10-year-old student, "You're the best, most special Valentine's date I've ever had." In true Marshall style, sweetness and sentimentality wins over bitterness.

'Beaches' (1988)

Anyone who has ever had a true best friend can appreciate this tender drama about two girls from different backgrounds who become lifelong friends, enjoying blissful times and sharing in each other's sorrows. There is a scene in "Beaches" where CC (played by Bette Midler) and Hillary (played by Barbara Hershey) have a big fight in the middle of a New York department store. "You're so jealous you can hardly breathe," CC says. It makes you so uncomfortable and sad, you want to call your best friend and tell her how much you love her.

'Pretty Woman' (1990)

Probably the most famous and well-loved Garry Marshall movie, "Pretty Woman" is a love story about Edward, a wealthy businessman (played by Richard Gere) who falls for Vivian, a Hollywood Boulevard prostitute (played by Julia Roberts). The movie that made Roberts a household name has that fairytale ending it deserves: Edward climbs up a fire escape despite his fear of heights to rescue Vivian. When he reaches the top he asks, "What happens when he climbs up and rescues her?" Vivian answers, "She rescues him right back."

Marshall said in a television interview in 2010, "The type of work I do, you know, it's called sentimental." The gifts his work leaves behind? Loveable, memorable characters, famous movie quotes and scenes so touching they made us laugh and cry at the same time. But most of all, Marshall inspired his audiences when it came to love and romance. "I want the fairytale," said Julia Roberts in *Pretty Woman*. That was Marshall's way of telling us all not to settle.

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HEALTH

Transition into menopause can last for several years



DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF
Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: I am in my early 40s. Over the past several months, my periods have become less regular. Sometimes my flow is lighter than normal; other times it's heavier. Is this perimenopause?

Dear Reader: It could be, though you're a bit young. As a woman approaches menopause, periods often become irregular. A woman is said to be in menopause after she has gone for one full year without periods. The transition into menopause is called perimenopause. This phase begins when a woman notices changes in her cycle, usually in her mid-40s. It ends with menopause. Perimenopause usually lasts three to five years — but it can take as few as two years or as many as eight years for some women.

A woman's ovaries produce eggs and the female hormones estrogen and progesterone. These hormones control a woman's periods and other processes in her body. As a woman approaches menopause, her ovaries make less and less of these hormones.

As hormone levels fall, a woman's pattern of menstrual bleeding usually becomes irregular. A woman can have irregular periods for several months to years before her periods finally stop. Many women experience light, skipped or late periods during perimenopause. However, there also can be heavier and more prolonged bleed-



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Most women get hot flashes, night sweats or both during menopause, but how long these symptoms last varies.

ing during perimenopause. This may be caused by progesterone levels that drop faster than estrogen levels.

Another common symptom of perimenopause is hot flashes. A hot flash is a feeling of suddenly being hot, flushed and uncomfortable. Hot flashes come in bursts or flushes that usually last a few seconds to a few minutes. They are caused by changes in the way blood vessels relax and contract, and are thought to be related to the changes in a woman's estrogen levels. They may also be related to brain hormone levels that act on a woman's ovaries to affect their production of estrogen.

As estrogen levels fall, the vagina's natural lubricants also decrease. In some women, this causes vaginal dryness. The lining of the vagina gradually becomes thinner and less able to stretch. These changes can cause sex to be painful. They can also lead to inflammation in the vagina.

Depression also may occur at a higher rate in perimenopausal women than in premenopausal women. And women with a history of depression are

prone to flare-ups during perimenopause. (Though non-hormonal events such as career challenges and children leaving home may affect depression as much or more than hormone changes.) Weight gain is also common around perimenopause.

Some of the symptoms and complications of perimenopause improve with time — particularly the irregular bleeding. Other symptoms persist into menopause, such as hot flashes, vaginal dryness and depression.

We've discussed in this space before that the belief that menopausal symptoms tend to last no more than five to 10 years may be wrong. In some women, the symptoms may last much longer.

There are some simple blood tests that your doctor can perform to determine if you are entering perimenopause. I'd suggest you discuss that possibility with your doctor.

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

Marijuana stops the pain; treating plaque psoriasis

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have severe diabetic neuropathy. The pain is intense, but it lasts only a short time and can occur anywhere: on the left big toe one time, right little finger the next, left testicle, right earlobe, etc.

None of the drugs my doctor prescribed worked very well, and they all took weeks or months to have any effect. Even then, the dosage had to be increased, and the side effects worsened.

Someone suggested I try something that never occurred to me — marijuana. I took two puffs, waited about 20 seconds and the pain was gone for three days! That was the fastest and longest relief I have ever gotten. More research is needed, but it's very promising.

A: Sixteen people with painful diabetic neuropathy that had not responded well to other treatments participated in a placebo-controlled trial of inhaled marijuana at various doses (Journal of Pain, July 2015). This small study showed that their neuropathy pain was significantly reduced at several doses.

We agree that more research will be very helpful. People interested in learning about research that has been done on medical marijuana may wish to listen to our hour-long interview with Dr. David Casarett, author of "Stoned: A Doctor's Case for Medical Marijuana" (available at www.peoplespharmacy.com).

Q: I have suffered from moderate to severe plaque psoriasis for more than 40 years. I have



SETH PERLMAN/AP

In a placebo-controlled study, marijuana showed promise in treating people with painful diabetic neuropathy.

tried every possible remedy and medication, with at best short-term success from steroid creams.

Recently, I read that the vitamin biotin is good for skin, hair and nails. Biotin combined with resveratrol has completely cleared my skin of all plaques and psoriasis. (I was already taking resveratrol.) This took place over a period of about 30 to 45 days.

I have been on this regimen for more than six months, with no recurrence of psoriasis whatsoever. My nails also are very strong now. I wanted to share this discovery of good fortune with others who may benefit.

A: Thank you for an intriguing testimonial. We have not been able to find studies demonstrating that biotin improves psoriasis.

There are other natural products that have been studied, however, including resveratrol (PLOS One, May 12, 2015), glycyrrhizin from licorice (Cellular Physiology and Biochemistry, March 2015) and curcumin from turmeric (PLOS One, June 25, 2013). One study found that taking oral curcumin (Meriva) improved the response to topical steroid treatments (BioMed Research Interna-

tional online, May 18, 2015). Perhaps biotin improved your response to the resveratrol you were taking.

Q: My doctor told me to drink eight glasses of water each day now that the weather is hot. Is that really necessary? I prefer coffee, tea or beer. Does that count?

A: All the fluid you drink counts. There is a popular belief that drinking eight glasses of water daily is essential for good health, but thirst is a good guide to how much water you should be drinking.

Athletes who exercise long and hard (marathon runners, for instance) often concentrate on getting enough water so they don't become dehydrated. Drinking too much also is a danger because body sodium levels can drop too low. Here again, thirst is the good guide, and added electrolytes may be helpful.

Thirst is not always as reliable in older people, so they may need to pay attention to fluid intake, especially during hot weather.

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Kids don't equal happiness

U.S. parents lack support, aid offered elsewhere

By Ana Swanson
The Washington Post

Ask the vast majority of American parents, and they will tell you that having kids has made them happier.

The problem with this claim, as common as it is, is that research suggests it just isn't true. People who have kids in the United States and in many countries around the world report being less happy than people who don't have kids. Being a parent gives people a sense of purpose and meaning, as well as lifelong social connections. But, for some reason, it doesn't appear to bring American parents more happiness.

Now, new research has shed light on why this might be. In research that will be published in the *American Journal of Sociology* in September, Jennifer Glass of the University of Texas, Robin Simon of Wake Forest University and Matthew Andersson of Baylor University looked at an expansive data set from 22 European and English-speaking countries to find out how and why parents and nonparents in individual countries rate their happiness.

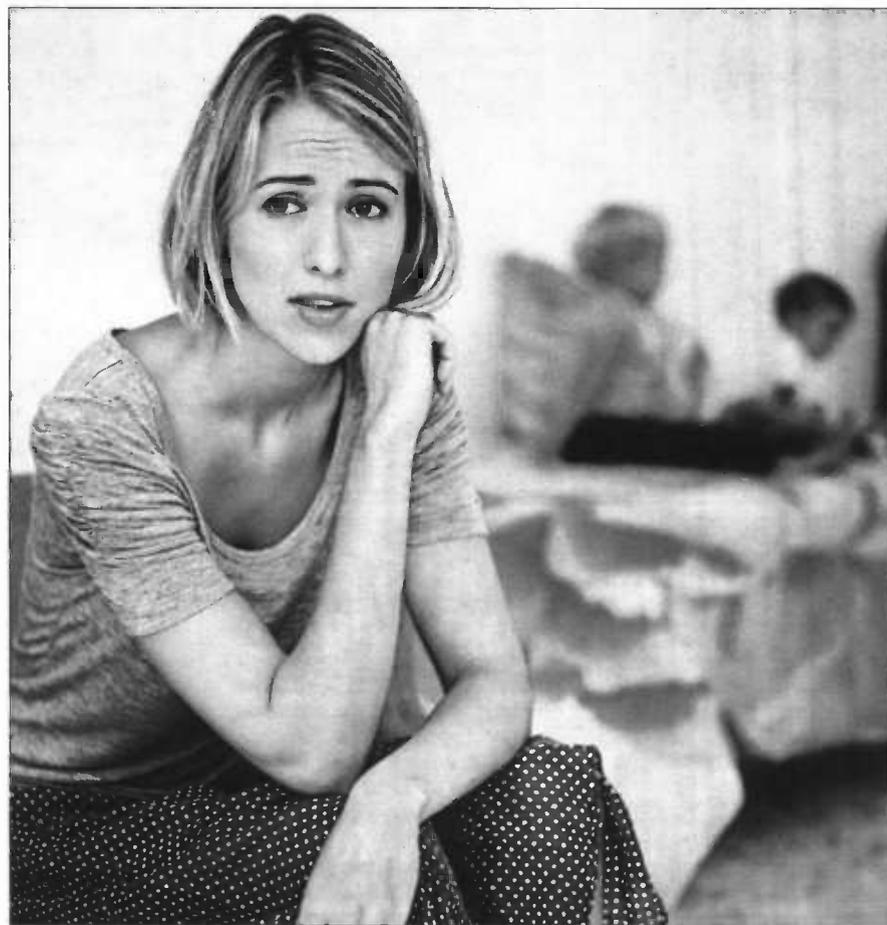
"The cultural stories about parenthood are that it's wonderful, children are great, it's the best thing that happens to us. So why do we actually see these gaps? That's what motivated the research," says Glass.

The key to their findings is that not every country experiences a "parenting happiness gap" like the United States does. On average, an American parent reports being 12 percent unhappier than a nonparent in America, the biggest gap in the 22 countries the researchers looked at, followed distantly by Ireland. In 12 other countries, nonparents also described themselves as happier than parents. However, in eight countries — Portugal, Hungary, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Finland, France and Russia — parents reported being happier than nonparents.

The researchers examined the differences among these countries to figure out what might be causing the happiness gap. They conclude that U.S. policies — or, more accurately, the lack of them — are likely to be the fundamental cause, by increasing the cost and the amount of stress and anxiety that parents feel.

The United States provides minimal assistance to parents, including paid parental leave, mandatory paid sick and vacation days, subsidized child care and work schedule flexibility, they say.

And parenthood is also unusually expensive in the United States, due to the high cost of private education and a lack of pub-



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"The negative effects of parenthood on happiness were entirely explained by the presence or absence of social policies allowing parents to better combine paid work with family obligations."

— Finding of researchers studying parental happiness

lic subsidies for child care. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated that a middle-income American family is likely to spend \$234,900 to raise a child born in 2011 to age 17. If the kid goes to college, that figure may double.

In contrast, countries like Norway, Sweden, Finland and France have extensive social safety nets and supportive family policies, Glass says. Russia and Hungary continue to maintain certain Soviet-era policies that take care of families. In Portugal and Spain, extended family networks tend to help take care of kids.

And all of these countries have more extensive policies to support working families than the United States, Glass said.

"What we found was astonishing," the

researchers write in a briefing that explains their findings. "The negative effects of parenthood on happiness were entirely explained by the presence or absence of social policies allowing parents to better combine paid work with family obligations."

The two policies that explained the most variation in happiness within a country were the cost of care for the average 2-year-old as a percent of wages, and the total number of paid sick and vacation days mandated by law. Compared with these two policies, paid parental leave had a much smaller, though still observable, effect on the happiness gap.

The researchers also found that the presence of family-friendly policies didn't

appear to decrease the happiness of non-parents in those countries — for example, by increasing their tax dollars or work hours.

The researchers caution that their findings don't mean that American parents are less happy than other parents around the world, as some media outlets have reported. The United States actually ranks second overall on the list in terms of happiness, behind New Zealand and before Denmark.

What their findings mean is that American parents and nonparents report the biggest relative difference in happiness among the countries they studied.

Comparing happiness around the world can be a difficult task, the researchers say, because concepts of happiness tend to differ among cultures. So the researchers stick to examining the difference in the happiness reported by parents and non-parents in the same country, saying this measure of "the relative effects of parenting" should help them identify exactly what factors contribute to parental stress.

American parents tend to feel that the challenges they face when raising kids are more of an individual burden than a social problem, Glass says, that if only they were more organized or if they had more energy, they could do a better job at balancing family and work. Instead, they should recognize that what they're experiencing may be part of a much bigger social issue.

"We have rugged individualism in the U.S. that makes parents feel that others are coping better than they are. But that's not the case," she says. "We know that these problems have been endemic for decades now, and we've watched the maternal employment rate in the U.S. steadily erode relative to other countries."

The good news, the researchers say, is that there is nothing inevitable about the parental happiness gap. And there may be some relatively achievable solutions for improving the happiness of American parents, like subsidizing child care or expanding access to paid vacation and sick leave.

Some of these changes are happening at a city and state level. This year, California boosted family leave benefits, while cities such as Chicago and San Diego established paid sick leave.

But many Americans continue to juggle kids and a job without these safety nets.

"I think that most parents are completely happy with the fact that they had children and can't imagine not having those children in their lives," Glass says. "But loving your children and feeling devoted to them is not the same thing as having a stress-free experience."



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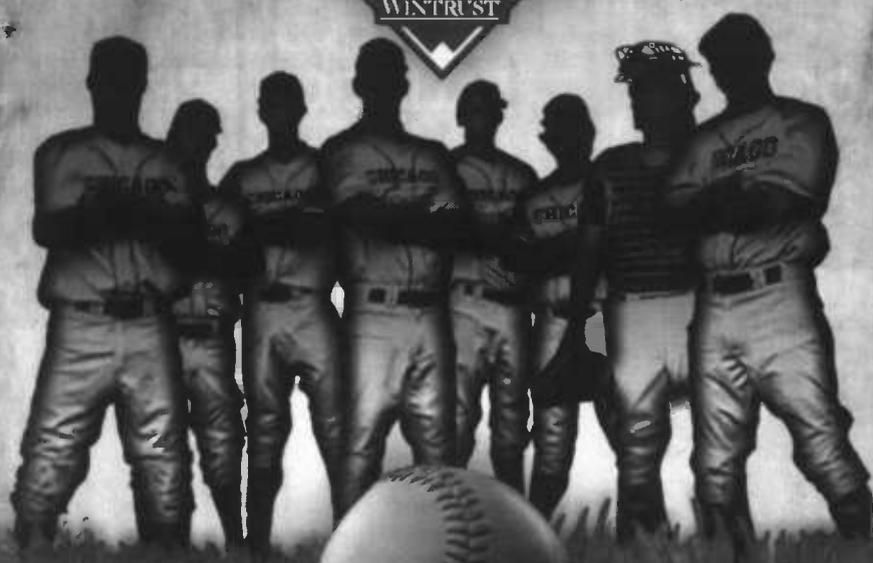
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KALEIDOSCOPE DANCE

Skokie's Kaleidoscope Dance will be held Aug. 10 during a Wednesdays on the Green Party.

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Skokie's Kaleidoscope Dance headlines party on the green

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Everyone will have a chance to dance when Skokie's Kaleidoscope Dance comes to Wednesdays on the Green, 7 p.m. Aug. 10 on the Village Green next to the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

"It's a big summer dance party under the stars," declared Heather Jackson, owner and artistic director of Kaleidoscope Dance, who has been on the Wednesdays on the Green committee since its inception six years ago. "We bring in a DJ and my staff leads the crowd. We offer complementary dance lessons and we're there to get the crowd pumped up and get everybody up and moving."

Four staff members plus some students will be there to inspire the crowd. "A lot of our families come out, too," Jackson said. "We'll dance all through the ages. We'll do swing, we'll do hip-hop, we'll do a lot of basic dance steps."

Classy Clown will make

balloon animals for the children and paint their faces.

For details, go to www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com.

Four day fest

There will be partying Aug. 11-14 at Hinkley Fest in Hinkley Park, 25 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. The event includes carnival rides and games plus food vendors and musical entertainment. A single-day unlimited ride wristband is \$30; a Mega Pass for all four days is \$60.

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

Spin your wheels

You and your kids can tour five Morton Grove parks during Bike the Parks, 9-11 a.m., Aug. 6. The ride will start and end at Harrer Park, 6250 W. Dempster. There will be a treat or something to do at each park. The cost is \$25 per family of up to five people for residents; \$31 for non-

residents.

For details, call 847-965-1200 or go to www.mortongrovecparks.com.

Fun pasta-bility!

Miss Carole and Macaroni Soup! will add a live element to Niles Public Library's Bibliobop, 10-10:45 a.m. Aug. 12 at 6960 W. Oakton St. The popular children's entertainer will have everyone wiggling, giggling, hopping and singing along.

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

Pant, pant!

Youngsters will learn that "Dinosaurs Love Underpants" and "Aliens Love Dinopants" when they hear those two books by Claire Freedman during a story-time, 11 a.m. Aug. 6 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. There will be related activities and coloring, too.

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Greek Fest draws thousands to Niles



LEE LITAS
Social Studies

The Event: More than 16,000 hungry visitors descended on the Big Greek Food Fest hosted by Holy Taxiarchai & Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church of Niles over the weekend of July 15-17.

The 3-day smorgasbord offered Greek traditional delicacies from roasted lamb and Greek chicken to loukoumathes, those sweet doughnuts dripping honey. Entertainment included festival dancers, cooking classes, a kid's corner, live music and a raffle with luxe prizes like a new 2016 Audi A3 or a new Harley Davidson.

The church currently has a capital campaign to help fund its facility expansion while the Food Fest helps its annual operations.

Cause Célèbre: "Our church is...a great place for all the Greeks to get together and...share our heritage with the community," said Elaine Loomos of Park Ridge, volunteer. "Greeks are known for their warmth and hospitality and we always like people joining us in our fun."

Founded in 1976 in Niles, the congregation has grown from 60 original families to more than 650.

"We're dying for space," explained Rev. Fr. Constantine P. Botsis of Niles, Protosphyter. "The parish has grown from the time we built the current facilities and we're dying for space. We're tremendously overcrowded, we have no storage, we need a gym, we need a kitchen, we need meeting spaces and the fest is important to the overall financial health of the community."

To date, the church has raised more than \$2 million toward their capital expansion campaign. "And now we've got to raise another million and a half before we can start our construction. The goal is to start...in 2017," said Perry Giannopoulos of Arlington Heights, parish president and Greek Fest chairman.

Bottom Line: The money raised from Holy Taxiarchai & Saint Haralambos' Big Greek Food Fest of Niles accounts for 20 percent of the church's annual budget.



LEE A. LITAS/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

From left: Angelike Mountanis and Zoe Belias, both of Niles, Agape Lamberis of Downers Grove and Anastasia Diamantopoulos of Addison, kitchen staff volunteers



Irene Pappas of Skokie



From left: Ionna Karagiannis of Niles, Angie Bambulas of Morton Grove, Sofia Vlahos and Virginia Karidas, volunteers, both of Niles



Georgette DeMarinis of Park Ridge, from left, Anna Lemperis of Niles, Elaine Loomos of Park Ridge, volunteers



From left: Perry Giannopoulos of Arlington Heights, parish president and event chairman, Dimitrius Papakostas, volunteer, Ted Karabatsos, parish council member and Tom Kanelis, parish council member, all of Niles

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920 S Aldine Ave, Park Ridge	Glen A Connor & Kristy G Connor	Diane Yonkers	06-30-16	\$475,000
106 Granville Ave, Park Ridge	Deborah Chessick	Allan M Nielson	06-29-16	\$485,000
1030 Courtland Ave, Park Ridge	Timothy Cichowski & Kristin Cichowski	Amsfr Llc	06-30-16	\$499,000
111 W Touhy Ave, Park Ridge	Janes E Coogan & Lauren M Burke	Andrzej Gawdzki	06-09-16	\$522,500
223 N Aldine Ave, Park Ridge	Mark E Orszula & Maria G Monastero Orszula	Hannon Trust	06-10-16	\$535,000
1122 Peale Ave, Park Ridge	Eve Doucette & Christopher H Schmidt	Michael J Francis	06-17-16	\$542,000
1535 S Vine Ave, Park Ridge	Thomas R Heldmann & Amanda E Heldmann	Leo J Connolly Sr	06-27-16	\$580,000
226 S Merrill St, Park Ridge	Matthew Riggs & Elizabeth Riggs	Ralph Babusci	06-24-16	\$590,000
41 Morris St, Park Ridge	Michael Emil Messino	Hinkley Park Development Llc	06-29-16	\$624,500
126 Stanley Ave, Park Ridge	Vincent Norlock & Jeanette Norlock	Russell B Phillips	06-29-16	\$629,000
303 Elmore St, Park Ridge	Steven J Lollino & Stephenie Drassdo Lollino	Jeremy Bell	06-27-16	\$647,000
35 Morris St, Park Ridge	Xiaotong Li	Hinkley Park Development Llc	06-30-16	\$648,500
45 Morris St, Park Ridge	Abraham Eshkenazi	Hinkley Park Development Llc	06-21-16	\$670,500
405 S Clifton Ave, Park Ridge	Thomas A Kupka & Maffia Kupka	D R Richard Dutton	06-24-16	\$768,500
102 N Grace Ave, Park Ridge	Brian A Early & Jennifer I Early	Steven E Noeth	06-30-16	\$780,000
209 E Kathleen Dr, Park Ridge	Leo Vaggelatos	Roman Wojtowicz	06-27-16	\$782,000

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PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Three-bedroom, one-bath home built in 1939 — in need of rehabilitation. Range, refrigerator, wood-burning fireplace, attic. Near shopping, country club, parks, schools and Metra. Please include rider with offer and allow two weeks for acceptance.

Address: 106 E. Camp McDonald Road
Price: \$239,000
Schools: John Hersey High School
Taxes: \$4,993
Agent: Nooshin Saharkhiz, Jameson Sotheby's International Realty



LIBERTYVILLE

Four-bedroom, 2.5-bath built in 1998. New kitchen, laundry/mud room, family room, office/den, roof replaced in 2015, screened porch leading to wooded backyard. Near schools and expressway.

Address: 1996 S. Egret Court
Price: \$485,000
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: \$18,781
Agent: Anne Stromayer, CENTURY 21 Kreuser & Seiler



WILMETTE

Four-bedroom, three-bath home with stone/brick design built in 1950. Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, professionally landscaped yard, finished basement with two private rooms, sun room. Nears parks, schools, shopping and Metra.

Address: 2301 Kenilworth Ave.
Price: \$769,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School Winnetka
Taxes: \$17,760
Agent: Jason Merel, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage



LAKE ZURICH

Three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home built in 1987. Open floor plan, family room with sliding door leading to backyard, two-car garage and full, unfinished basement. Near schools, shopping and parks.

Address: 650 Waterford Court
Price: \$255,000
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: \$7,200
Agent: Jane Lee, RE/MAX Top Performers

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Thursday, August 4

Kristin Diable & The City and Luke Winslow King: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$22, 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 for Joseph G Cruz: The Evanston Art Center announces its second Society artist resident, Joseph G. Cruz, who will occupy the upstairs gallery at the Art Center from Aug. 2 through Sept. 11 this year. Cruz received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2011 from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and went on to receive his Masters of Arts from the University of Notre Dame in 2016 with a GLOBES Fellowship in Environment and Society. 9 a.m. All week, 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. 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. All week, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

Hidden Art of Trees: Hidden Art of Trees showcases some of the Midwest's most talented wood artisans and the materials that inspire them. The grain, the color and even random defects in the wood motivate these artists to create some of the most stunning and

unique furniture and bowls. 8 a.m. All week, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Summer History Tours at The Grove: 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. August 4, August 6 and August 7. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6096

BookBites: Reading Social: Book selections are available at the Reader Services Desk one month prior to meetings. New members are always welcome. Just drop in. 7 p.m. Hackney's Glenview, 1514 E. Lake Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-7171

New Digital Storage and The Cloud: What is the "cloud"? And how does it work? Learn about the pros and cons of digital storage for your documents and photos in this demonstration-only class. A Glenview Library card is required and register by calling or at glenviewpl.org/register. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Adult Literacy Classes: Summer Session: A unique opportunity for native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. A small, friendly group led by a teacher and volunteer tutors meets twice weekly. 9:15 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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. No registration is required, but in case of rain, storytime is canceled. 10 a.m. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Google Apps for Work and Play for Computers: Registration is required for this Hands-On Workshop to learn what free Google Applications can do for you. Get tips on using Google Maps, Photos, Hangouts and more. 7 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Wonder Ground Open Lab: Look, touch, tinker and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. A drop-in visit is meant to last

about 15 minutes. Activities are repeated each week from Tuesday to Thursday. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Lecture Series Steve Albini: Join recording engineer, music journalist, guitarist and industry commentator for an evening of discussion. As a recording engineer Steve Albini has worked on over 1500 albums with artists including: Nirvana, the Pixies, Robert Plant and Jimmy Page. This is part of the library's Rock Music Month. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings: Chicago Fly Fishers Club meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays from October through May. Demonstrations of fly tying are performed by an experienced demonstrator. The members have an opportunity to tie the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

Book Discussion: This group meets on the first Thursday of each month. 1 p.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

Wiggle While You Walk on the Library Lawn: From now through August, you are invited to take a Story-Walk® 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. Come follow this fun family activity for kids of all ages. 9 a.m. All week, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

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

Food Drive in Skokie: Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. These foods to be given to the hungry in the community. All foods can be dropped off at Walgreens. For further information, call Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township

Jewish Congregation office at 847-675-4141. Midnight, All week, Walgreens, 3945 W. Dempster Street, Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

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. Options include: Tots Club, Bright Beginnings, Expanding Horizons, as well as half and full day programs, and transportation. Special features include private swimming at Oakton Water Playground, and sports and gymnastics with "Stretch N' Grow" certified coaches. 9:30 a.m. August 4 and August 5, Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie, 847-677-1770

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

My Son the Walter: A Jewish Tragedy: In this one-man show, a comedian recounts his days of woe as a struggling server in New York. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. August 4, 8 p.m. August 5, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. August 6, 2 p.m. August 7, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$40, 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, August 5

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. Available are fresh produce, olive oil, bird houses and birdseed, food storage containers, green products and more. 3 p.m. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Walter Wolfman Washington: 10 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$27, 847-492-8860

Sierra Hull: 7 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chi-

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Young Families Shabbat on the Lake: Come be a part of the fun and make new friends! The schedule includes: 5:30-6 p.m. - Ruach and Blessings with Juice and Challah; 6-7 p.m. - sensory stations, creative family activities and BYOPD (Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner). 5:15 p.m. Lighthouse Beach Picnic Shelter, 2611 Sheridan Road, Evanston, free, 847-763-3517

Drop-In Chess Club for up to grade 8: Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy. Just drop in and if possible, please bring your own chess set. Children under age eight must be accompanied by an adult. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Honoring Veterans: Linda Rockwell, Veterans Program Coordinator for JourneyCare, discusses the special health issues of veterans of all ages, available benefits that may assist veteran families and how veterans in hospice care can be helped to find peace as they face the end of life. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Friday Night Live for Music and More: Meet your friends and bring your family to the Glenview Park Golf Club for burgers and brats hot off the grill, cold drinks and free live music. 7 p.m. Glenview Park Golf Club, 800 Shermer Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-0250

Silver Screen Series: "Lilies of the Field": A traveling handyman becomes the answer to the prayers of nuns who wish to build a chapel in the desert. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

Crusin' Park Ridge: Fun for the whole family with live entertainment, food,

beer/wine, bounce house and, of course, cars. Free to exhibit your car. 6 p.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3121

Saturday, August 6

Presence Holy Family Health and Safety Fair: Join in a morning of free good-for-you fun for the whole family. The opportunities included are: tour fire trucks, climb walls and participate in free health screenings. Adults may consult with a doctor about their health concerns while children participate in games and other activities. 9 a.m. Presence Holy Family Medical Center, 100 N. River Road, Des Plaines, free, 877-737-4636

Polyglots Toastmasters meeting: If you speak German or want to keep it fresh or improve it, visit this club. This is not a language school, but a place where you can speak and listen to German and, above all, have a good time with those at all levels and ages. Go to their website at www.polyglotstoastmasters.org/ and their meetup at www.meetup.com/Polyglots-Toastmasters-German-speaking/. Please email andrew.weiler.uiuc@gmail.com for the current location, as sometimes they meet at places other than the Des Plaines Library. 9:30 a.m. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Evanston Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce, meat, cheese, baked goods, flowers and more from 51 vendors. 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

Sean Hayes: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$35, 847-492-8860

FUSE: Studio: Drop in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12. Mid-night, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

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

Signature Entertainment Presents:

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

Stories from the "Raven Tales" Animated Series: This special program features stories from the acclaimed "Raven Tales" animated series. Find out how Raven brought light to the world in "How Raven Stole the Sun." Discover what lesson a childless couple learns in "The Child of Tears." 11 a.m. Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids; \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

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. August 6 and August 7, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

Jazz Meets Blues Concert III: Featuring internationally renowned jazz bassist Marlene Rosenberg, and Delta bluesman David "Chainsaw" Dupont. 7 p.m. Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$12, 847-866-5915

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. 8 a.m. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-657-1506

Art At The Glen Town Center: Art at the Glen offers extraordinary artwork of all mediums, including ceramics, fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, paintings, drawings, photography and wood. Artists have the opportunity to interact with the public through art demos and booth chats. 10 a.m. Glen Town Center, 1951 Tower Drive, Glenview, free, 847-926-4300

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

Presentation Eastland Disaster An Unparalleled Tragedy: Over 100 years ago, the SS Eastland rolled over into the

Chicago River, resulting in the city's greatest single-event loss of life. Ted Wachholz from the Eastland Disaster Historical Society talks about the tragic event, and features newly discovered video footage, photographs and more. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Prohibition Cocktail Class: The Morton Grove Historical Museum hosts a Prohibition Cocktail Class in the bar at the American Legion Post 134, in conjunction with their exhibit Flappers and Flyboys: The Bold Spirit of Morton Grove in the 1920s. Costumes are welcome. 2 p.m. The American Legion Post 134, 6144 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, \$20, 847-965-0206

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. 7 a.m. Prairie Avenue and Main Street, 15 Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-309-2433

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, August 7

Sam Outlaw: With Molly Parden. 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$20, 847-492-8860

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

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The Art Of War Art exhibit: Barbara Goldsmith of Evanston has artwork that consists of a series of sculptures which are evocative of implements of

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war. 10 a.m. All week, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 847-859-7835

GlenViewings Film Series "The Martian": The story is about a manned mission to Mars, when Astronaut Mark Watney, presumed dead after a fierce storm, is left behind by his crew. Just drop in for this PG-13 rated film, "The Martian." 1:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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Concert: Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble: 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Rep. Lou Lang to speak in Skokie: Illinois Marijuana Laws is the focus of a program presented by State Representative Lou Lang. It is open to the public. Rep. Lang's lecture is preceded by morning services at 9:15 a.m. 10 a.m. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

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

Monday, August 8

Lara Filip: With Adam Michaels. 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$22, 847-492-8860

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

The Mudflapps live every Monday:

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

Animals of the Grove for ages 3-8 with Adult: Learn about and visit with live animals from The Grove. This is co-sponsored by The Glenview Park District. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 6 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Lakeside Yoga at Park Center Lakeview Patio Lawn: Enjoy the tranquility of a beautiful lakeside setting for a blissful start to your week. Yoga classes are free and open to the public. Please bring your own yoga mat. 6:30 p.m. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Adult Book Discussion: This book discussion at 90 Miles Cuban Cafe features "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler. 11 a.m. 90 Miles Cuban Cafe, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles. Call 847-929-5101 or go to www.mgpl.org for more information. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

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

Small Dog Training: The four-week, Small Dogs Only Training class, begins on Aug. 8, at Dogs In the Ring, in Skokie. 1 p.m. Dogs in the Ring, 7243 N. Saint

Louis Ave., Skokie, \$120, 847-677-0696

Tuesday, August 9

VNA Health Care Mobile Clinic: The VNA Health Care Mobile Clinic will offer \$25 immunizations and physicals to Bensenville School District 2 students on Tuesday, Aug. 9 and Wednesday, Aug. 10. Call District 2 at 630-766-5940 to make your appointment. 9 a.m. Educational Administration Center, 210 S. Church Road, Bensenville, \$25, 630-766-5940

Marcus Miller: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$25-\$85, 847-492-8860

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

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

Smile and Rhyme Drop-In Storytime for ages 2 and up: Just drop in with Miss Fran who shares stories, rhymes, and songs in the Cafe. Stay for a snack and to chat after the program. 10:30 a.m. Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Digital Demos in the Lobby: Explore the Library's digital movie, TV program, music, ebook, audiobook, and magazine collections, through hoopla, MyMedia-Mall, and Zinio, and learn how to download items to your portable device. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Going To Mars For Real: The movie "The Martian" had major input from NASA to bring realism to its depictions of living, working and exploring on Mars. What did the movie get right or wrong? Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium brings you to the Red Planet and highlights technological advances that you may see in real missions to Mars in the future. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Career Counseling Appointments: Six 30-minute appointments are available to consult with a career expert for resume help and job search strategies for any stage of your career. Call and ask for extension 7700 or visit the Reference Services Desk to register. 9 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Summer Storytime in Madeleine's Garden at Proesel Park: Bring a 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. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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

Walk N' Talk Book Group: The Geography of Bliss: Go on a philosophical and humorous trip in search of the most contented places and the happiest people. Brisk walking and bookish conversation are included. 6 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

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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. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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Wednesday, August 10

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. 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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Wednesday Worship and Cook Out: Join at the church for worship and a meal. Worship begins outside (weather permitting) in the East Parking Lot at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow. Bringing lawn chairs is encouraged, but attendees may use folding chairs available. 6 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2328 Central Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-6060

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4300

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**"Star Trek Beyond" ★★★**

PG-13, 2:02, sci-fi

"Things have started to feel a little ... episodic," acknowledges James T. Kirk in his famous captain's log, three long years into a five-year gig. That line, cheeky and knowing, comes early in "Star Trek Beyond." The latest film in this franchise isn't quite up to the 2009 and 2013 movies. But it's still fun, you still care about the people and the effects manage to look a little more elegant and interesting than usual. The nemesis this time is a lizard fellow

named Krall, played by Idris Elba. Krall never quite pops as the antagonist Elba so clearly has in him to portray. But if there's one thing this franchise has taught us, it's this: You can't always get a Khan when you want one. — *Michael Phillips*

**"The Secret Life of Pets" ★★★**

PG, 1:31, animated

It may not have the emotional resonance of a Pixar movie, but 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 Louie 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*

**"Ghostbusters" ★★★**

PG-13, 1:47, comedy

The easy, electric chemistry of the four leads in Paul Feig's "Ghostbusters" acts like a firewall against the supernatural and the adolescent, alike, in this spirited reboot of the 1984 original. Ghouls and anonymous Internet commentators — who have hit their thumbs-down buttons ahead of the film's release — share plenty of characteristics. Each is likely to drool and quickly disappear when you turn on the lights. Feig's "Ghostbusters" ain't afraid of either. In his

corner he has the best comic actor of the decade, Melissa McCarthy, the klutzy wit of Kristen Wiig, "Saturday Night Live" standout Kate McKinnon and the big-screen breakthrough of Leslie Jones, the film's secret weapon. — *Jake Coyle, Associated Press*

**"Lights Out" ★★★**

PG-13, 1:21, horror

Traumatized by the prologue murder of his father, young Martin (Gabriel Bateman) hasn't slept in ages. He's haunted by a spook at night, with long, sharp fingernails and a crummy disposition. This creature, who goes by Diana, appears to be a friend of Martin's mother, Sophie (Maria Bello). Sophie's estranged daughter Rebecca (Teresa Palmer) has mysterious claw marks on her arms, indicating that she also had run-ins with Diana. Palmer and Bello

really do seem like world-weary, spook-addled daughter and mother. They're strong enough to take your mind off some lapses in narrative judgment. Still, the film works; it's enjoyably nerve-wracking, and it doesn't sideline its women. — *M.P.*

**"Ice Age: Collision Course" ★**

PG, 1:34, animated

Fourteen years after the first "Ice Age" film was a hit, the fifth installment rolls into theaters. Is it inevitable? Yes. Is it necessary? Absolutely not. "Collision Course" is a perfunctory, watered-down entry in the series. In this world of ancient animals facing apocalyptic, asteroid-borne problems, it feels profoundly odd that the emotional stakes of the film are centered around the wedding of Manny (Ray Romano) and Elle's (Queen Latifah) daughter Peaches (Keke

Palmer). The focus on something as innocuous as a mammoth wedding weighs the stakes in the wrong direction — away from the actual world-ending part of the tale. — *Katie Walsh*

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The best of both worlds

Crossovers have come to dominate marketplace

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Chicago Tribune

Not too long ago, after minivans had grown out of cars and SUVs emerged from pickup trucks, a new vehicle type was born: the crossover. It shared the best traits of its parents, the smooth handling and better fuel economy of cars with the tall ride height and more versatile interior space of trucks.

Now the crossover segment dwarfs every other segment.

Virtually nonexistent 20 years ago, crossover utility vehicles comprise 27 percent of the U.S. auto market through June, according to The Wall Street Journal. Midsize cars rank a distant second at 19 percent; pickups garner 15 percent. But how do crossovers compare to the cars on which they're based and the truck-based SUVs they replaced? Better yet, what sparked them?

"A need — people liked the idea of an SUV in terms of size, cargo capacity and flexibility," said Jessica Caldwell, senior analyst at Edmunds.com. "Crossovers had the handling of a car and lower weight for fuel economy, lower center of gravity for handling, and were easy to get into. Women especially have gravitated to crossovers because they have a nice ride height."

What makes a crossover a crossover?

How it's built

"Think of architecture as the underpinnings — chassis and powertrain — as the templates, with the top hats — SUV, wagon or sedan bodies — riding on top," said Jim Nichols, spokesman for Volvo Car USA.

There are different types of architecture or "platforms." Pickup trucks and full-sized SUVs have bodies riding on separate steel frames, also known as body-on-frame construction. Cars are engineered as



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The Chrysler 200 midsize sedan, above, shares a platform with the Jeep Cherokee, below. Shared architecture allows automakers to "reuse design and components across a larger volume of vehicles," says Joe Grace, of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.



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"unibody," with their frames integrated to the body, making them lighter and more fuel-efficient. Crossovers combine the space of an SUV with unibody architecture.

Sharing platforms used to be easy. Remove the bed of a compact pickup like the Chevy S-10, graft on a wagon body, and voila, the garage-sized Blazer of the '80s. Ford followed the same formula with the Ranger and Explorer. Until the late '90s, almost all utility vehicles rode on full frames, bouncing and guzzling fuel like the trucks they were.

But Jeep dispensed with

the full frame in engineering the unibody 1984 Cherokee/Wagoneer. It proved SUVs could have the attributes of a car and the capability of a truck.

How they compare

Crossovers share much with their sedan and wagon siblings, but differences marginally affect performance and passengers. They are heavier because of their bigger bodies and all-wheel-drive systems. They're also taller for the ride height and interior space owners love, but

cubic feet compared with the S60's 12 cubic feet.

The Jeep Cherokee and Chrysler 200, which share Fiat Chrysler Automobiles' "compact wide" architecture, pose another comparison. Both come standard with 184-horsepower four-cylinder engines, but the 200 sedan achieves 23/36 mpg city/highway while the front-drive Cherokee delivers 22/31 mpg. The Cherokee is 7 inches taller than the 200 and weighs about 300 pounds more. Add four-wheel-drive and off-road components to Cherokee and the gap widens.

How they help automakers

Crossovers benefit automakers, too. By basing SUVs on car architecture, they can eliminate truck-based models and gain economies of scale.

"From a company standpoint, the advantage of shared architecture is that we can reuse design and components across a larger volume of vehicles," said Joe Grace, FCA's director of advanced vehicle development. "We can build multiple configurations in one assembly plant."

FCA engineers vehicles as diverse as the Dodge Dart, Chrysler 200, and Jeep Cherokee with shared platforms. The Ford Focus, Ford Escape, Ford C-Max, and Lincoln MKC crossover also share platforms — as do the Chevy Sonic, Chevy Trax, and Buick Encore. Gaining economies of scale is critical when developing platforms that cost billions of dollars. It's especially important for smaller automakers to optimize resources.

"We will have two basic architectures — SPA for large/midsize and CMA for compact vehicles," Volvo's Nichols said. "It allows us to start from the ground up with electrification in mind and provides flexibility in

designs. As the marketplace changes, we can quickly respond with different vehicle types."

How crossovers influence cars

Just as cars influenced crossovers with unibody architecture, crossovers are now influencing cars.

"Automakers have explored every type," Caldwell said. "But you see more crossover attributes going back to cars — going back in the other direction."

Mercedes-Benz and BMW seem enamored with "crossover coupes" that sport faster rear rooflines. Models like the Volvo S60 Cross Country and Subaru Crosstrek are high-riding passenger cars with all-wheel drive. Volkswagen's Beetle Dune looks ready for trails. Crossovers even serve to advance cars.

"We can get features on sedans we wouldn't have had otherwise," Grace said. "An example is all-wheel drive on the Chrysler 200 that was made possible by the Cherokee sharing its architecture."

As vehicles electrify, it becomes more critical to spread costs over a large variety of vehicles while speeding technology to market.

"We made a commitment that each new platform we introduce will have a plug-in variant," Nichols said. The Volvo XC90 plug-in hybrid delivers 400 horsepower and 53/54 mpg city/highway.

Crossovers thrive because they marry car and truck. Essentially tall station wagons with passenger car handling and efficiency, crossovers offer the comfort and utility that once boosted SUVs, but with a softer ride. Sharing architecture makes better crossovers possible — now and in the future.

Casey Williams is a freelance writer.



JIM FETS/CADILLAC

The 2017 Cadillac XT5 in Platinum trim sports front and rear skid plates for off-road cred.

Crossover luxury, for a price

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

Some things bear repeating. In Cadillac's case, it is the shield shape of its crest tattooed all over the new XT5 crossover.

There's a lot more than branding riding on this successor to the outgoing SRX crossover, including a new trim level hierarchy, and a new alphanumeric naming system similar to the luxury German brands it is targeting.

As luxury makers introduce more entry-level products to court young buyers, and buyers turn to more and more crossovers, Cadillac needs the XT5 to not just turn heads but serve as the only crossover in the lineup beside the full-size Escalade. For now.

From a performance standpoint, the naturally aspirated V-6 engine can't compare with the German turbos. It takes too long to get the torque you need to feel it rip away from its civilized bearings, even in sport mode. Discrete paddle shifters give drivers more input should they choose to redline it.

Once we make our \$24,000 leap over other trims, like "luxury" and "premium luxury" (c'mon, Caddy, even McDonald's has more creative naming upgrades), Cadillac offers a pop of panache with the Platinum trim.

2017 CADILLAC XT5 PLATINUM

Luxury crossover

Price as tested:

\$62,850

Base price: \$38,995

Mpg: 18 mpg city, 26 mpg highway

Engine: 3.6-liter V6

Transmission: 8-speed automatic with paddle shifters

Parting shot:

Luxurious interior makes up for lagging performance

While the 20-inch wheels are an athletic improvement on the outside, the 12-spoke rims blend in more than stand out. The grille has more and thinner slats, as well as front and rear aluminum skid plates that give the AWD Platinum a bit of off-road legitimacy.

The interior, tricked out with the style, convenience and safety features you'd expect at that price point, is where the Platinum trim and XT5 stand out.

The inside is crowned with a gorgeous microsuede interior that, to one 10-year-old passenger, showed my age. "It makes me feel old." When pressed

for details, he said it was the brown.

I liked how the beige contrasted the chrome trim making the shieldlike dip in the dash to the real wood extending from the door panels to the leather on the seats.

The 8-year old agreed. "This is a nice one."

Indeed. The only criticism inside was the odd electronic gear stick. It was as annoying at the end of the week at the beginning. Platinum comes with everything: a panoramic sunroof, rearview mirror that turns into a supplemental backup camera that can stay on even when driving forward, tri-zone climate control for driver, passenger and rear seat, leather seats, nifty ambient lighting, and the best head-up display on the market.

At the other end of the spectrum, Cadillac made minor but significant tweaks to its CUE interface. There is a climate panel with firm toggles, and there is even a touch-sensor volume bar separate from the 8-inch screen.

That thoughtfulness to every detail is the defining trait of luxury. The XT5 is there in design, and if you're not looking for more boost under the hood, that should be enough to announce Cadillac's place in the crossover space.

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Why do gas stations still end prices with 0.9 cents?



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: What on earth is the rationale for gas stations to list their prices to include 0.9 cents at the end? When gas was 29 cents a gallon (I remember paying 19.9 in Texas in 1968) the fractional cent might have made sense. Now it doesn't, so why keep implying that \$2.39.9 a gallon is not essentially the same as \$2.40?

— M.W., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

A: That fraction of a penny goes back a lot further than 1968. Try 1918 or thereabouts, when a penny went a lot further, too.

Around the time of the Great Depression, the federal government tacked a 1.5 cents per gallon tax on the stuff. Since times were already tough enough, gasoline retailers used the tried-and-true marketing trick of using the 0.9 instead of whole cents and it has been thus ever since.

Q: I have a 2014 Subaru Outback. Our low-oil light comes on about 1,000 to 2,000 miles prior to a scheduled oil change. The dealership casually dismisses the finding as just an indication that the oil needs to be changed. There is no oil spot in our garage where we park. The dealership has mentioned needing to do an oil consumption test. What exactly does this mean and what exactly does it uncover?

— B.A., Chicago

A: An oil consumption



GREGORY BULL/AP

The extra 0.9 cents at the pump isn't new. The fraction of a penny gas-pricing tactic is nearly 100 years old.

test is simply checking the dipstick to determine at what mileage the engine is down a quart. It is done at scheduled intervals, usually every 1,000 miles.

All engines use some oil, otherwise certain components such as valves will seize. If your engine is using less than one quart every 1,000 miles, car makers consider this normal, even though car owners disagree.

Q: Perhaps this is a silly question. It looks as though my current set of tires will need replacement in about a year based upon how I drive. So, I started thinking about which tire is better for my 2014 Nissan Quest. I have no idea how run-flat tires would feel while driving with a flat tire. I also have yet to research if such a run-flat tire is even appropriate for my vehicle. My thinking is that I'm better off with the normal type tire while always carrying a can of Fix-a-Flat as I do now. Not only is a can of that stuff less expensive, but why buy expensive tires?

— D.S., La Porte, Ind.

A: Run-flat tires pro-

vide a margin of safety to drive to a safe place and have the flat changed. You will feel the difference when this happens, but it is nowhere as squirrely as a regular flat tire.

Carmakers are gradually doing away with spare tires as well as run-flats in favor of sealer-and-inflator kits that save space and weight.

Q: I purchased my dream vehicle last year, a 2015 BMW X3 turbo diesel. Love it and it is the best vehicle I've owned. I purchase the correct diesel fuel required, but I was wondering if purchasing diesel from Top Tier fuel stations is better than diesel from Sam's Club or other discount clubs?

— E.S., Gilbert, Ariz.

A: The Top Tier designation only applies to gasoline. We are aware of no similar designation for diesel fuel.

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Rosenberg becomes unlikely DI pitcher after surgery

BY BRITTANY KAPA

Pioneer Press

On the inside of his right elbow, Seth Rosenberg has a tattoo of baseball stitches inked in red over a crescent-shaped surgical scar.

Rosenberg underwent Tommy John surgery on the elbow to repair a torn UCL in March 2014, ending his freshman season on the University of Rochester (N.Y.) baseball team after going 0-for-3 at the plate and allowing two earned runs in his one inning on the mound.

As Rosenberg, a Niles West graduate, rehabbed from the surgery and strove to make the unlikely jump from the Division III Yellowjackets to a Division I program, the tattoo served as motivation.

"It was something I didn't want to have on my body if I was never going to play baseball again," said Rosenberg, who considered himself primarily a catcher who would occasionally go in to close prior to the injury. "I wanted to continue onto the next level of playing, it was kind of motivation that I really had to bust my ass during rehab to get to the point that 10 months out, 11 months out, when I got the tattoo that I was going to be ready to keep playing."

Rosenberg transferred to Northern Kentucky, a member of the Horizon League, for the the 2015 spring semester. He didn't have a guaranteed roster spot on the baseball team, but he was told he'd have a chance to try out in the fall of 2015. That's when the Norse coaching staff saw Rosenberg's potential. But not as a catcher: They wanted him to pitch. In spite of moving up to the Division I level and adjusting to a new role, Rosenberg became an often-used Norse reliever in 2016.

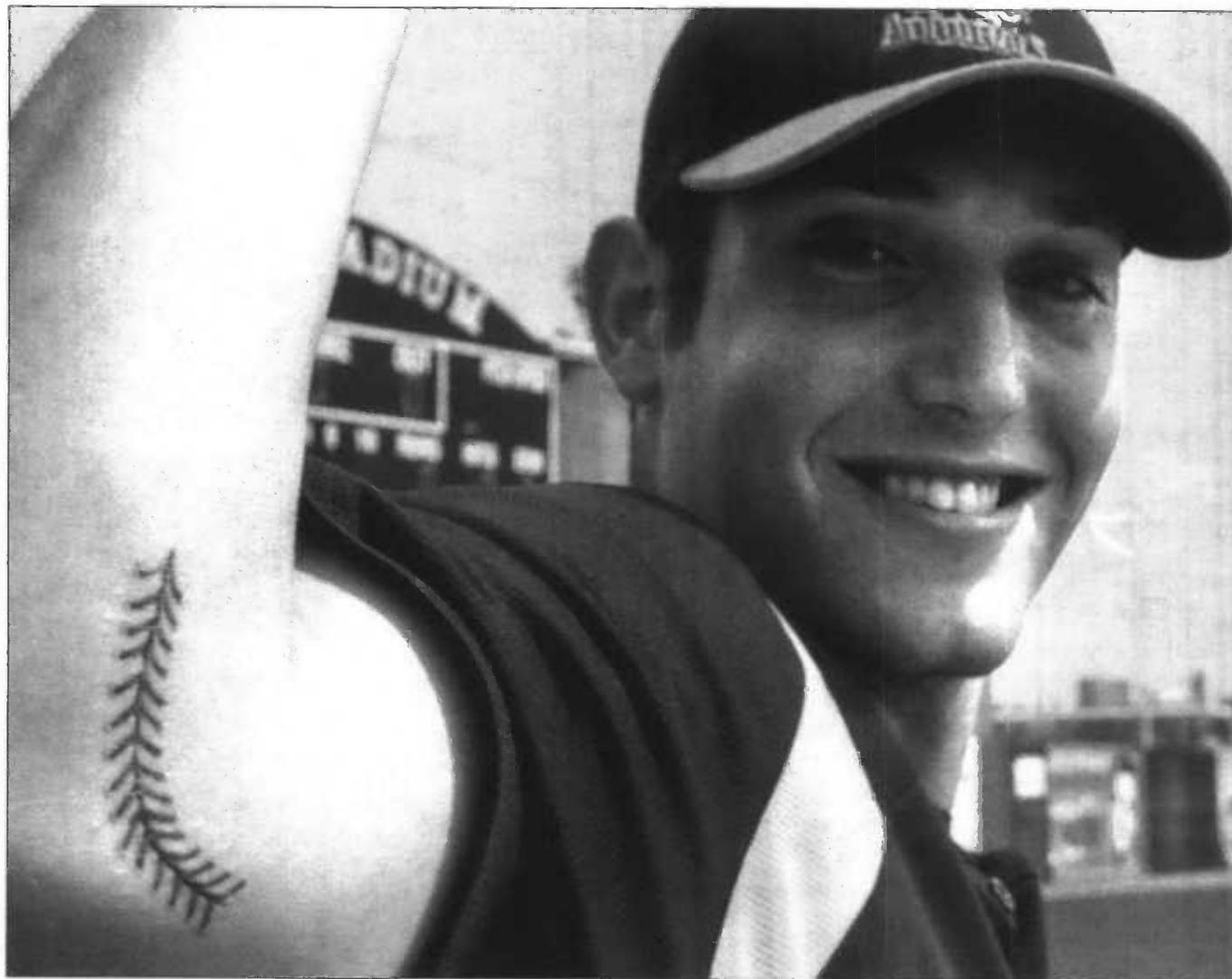
He's built on that experience this summer and was named one of the starting pitchers in the Midwest Collegiate League All-Star Game.

"The coaching staff at NKU thought I had the best potential, and I could help out the most, by being on the mound," Rosenberg said. "They switched me over, and I'm thankful they did."

Rosenberg's elbow first started to bother him in the summer of 2012, just prior to his senior year of high school. Rosenberg was in constant pain pitching. He could throw runners out on the base paths when he played catcher, but that also caused pain.

After multiple consultations, Dr. Timothy Kremchek, the Cincinnati Reds medical director, performed Tommy John surgery on Rosenberg. Even though Rosenberg had undergone MRIs, the full extent of the damage couldn't be seen until Rosenberg was under the surgical lights.

"When he opened up my elbow it was completely torn, there was bone growing in places where there shouldn't have been



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Niles West graduate Seth Rosenberg has a tattoo of baseball stitches over the scar from his Tommy John surgery.

bone growing," Rosenberg said.

When Rosenberg transferred to Northern Kentucky, he was reunited with Kyle Colletta, a friend and former Niles West teammate. Colletta, an infielder and pitcher, started 42 games for Northern Kentucky and hit .281 as a freshman in 2014. It was Colletta's father, Sam, who made the call that got Rosenberg in front of Norse coach Todd Asalon. Asalon said he received a call about "a kid with a really good arm."

Asalon had plenty of depth at catcher, so he gave Rosenberg a roster spot as a pitcher.

Rosenberg credits Norse pitching coach Dizzy Peyton with his success on the mound.

"I kinda came in with a blank slate not really having any preconceived notions of what being a pitcher was, and what you had to do, and he helped me out a lot," Rosenberg said.

In his first season with Northern Kentucky in 2016, Rosenberg pitched 25 innings in 14 relief appearances and posted a 5.76

ERA. He struck out 15 and walked nine.

"His adjustment to pitching went fairly smooth, but there is always room for improvement," Asalon said. "Being a catcher though I think sped up his adjustment to being on the mound."

This summer, Rosenberg is pitching for the Joliet Admirals of the Midwest Collegiate League. Rosenberg's main goal has been to master a changeup and increase his velocity. While Rosenberg said he hasn't been clocked in a while, the last time he threw for a radar gun he hit 91 mph.

In six starts, Rosenberg had a staff-best 3.06 ERA in 32 1/3 innings and was named an all-star. He was even better in the All-Star Game on July 12, needing only eight pitches to get through a scoreless first inning. Rosenberg was awarded the win as the Blue All-Stars beat the White All-Stars 10-2.

"He's a very intelligent baseball player, and he's got a surprisingly high pitching IQ considering that it's relatively new to him,"

Admirals manager Tom Barry said. "You can see here and there a little bit in his throwing motion he reverts back to a catcher motion."

Rosenberg is aware of his faults, and said he has a tendency to not use his entire body when pitching. With the help of the Admirals coaching staff, Rosenberg is trying to focus on maintaining good pitching form.

Often, Barry just needs to give Rosenberg a simple reminder, "Stay long, stay fluid," when he's on the mound.

"It's enough for me to take a deep breath, relax, and get back into a good motion," said Rosenberg, who has two years of eligibility left with Northern Kentucky.

Barry said he is confident that with Rosenberg's continued dedication, "he's going to be a really good pitcher."

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Q&A: Tilson, Wilmette native acquired by Sox

BY CHARLIE CLARKE
Pioneer Press

Prior to being acquired via trade by the Chicago White Sox on July 31, New Trier alumnus Charlie Tilson climbed his way up the Cardinals minor league system for five years.

In 100 games with the Triple-A Memphis Redbirds, Tilson batted .282 with a .345 on-base percentage and a .407 slugging percentage. He totaled 99 hits, including 16 doubles, eight triples and four homers. He also has 33 walks, 51 strikeouts and 15 stolen bases. Tilson, who was drafted by the Cardinals in the second round in 2011.

Pioneer Press freelance reporter Charlie Clarke caught up with Tilson, a Wilmette native.

Q: Were there any indications or hinting that you might get dealt to the White Sox or did someone break the news to you?

A: I woke up to a phone call yesterday (July 31). That was the first I heard of it. It's such an exciting opportunity. I feel so fortunate. I can't wait to try to help make an impact.

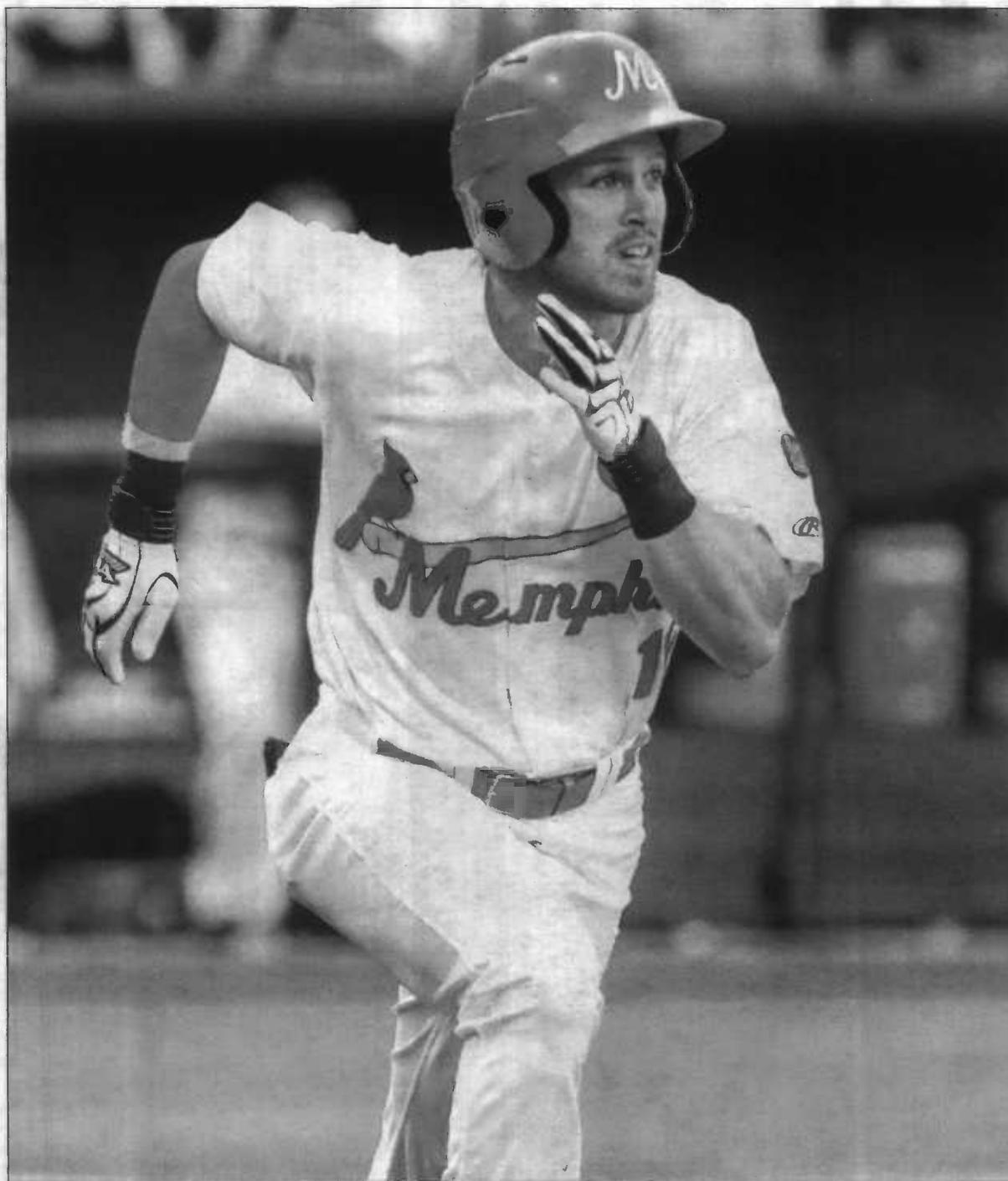
Q: When you got the phone call, was it surreal? Like a dream-come-true moment for you?

A: Yeah, it was unbelievable. I grew up a diehard White Sox fan, spent so much time at that stadium watching the team. To have it work out this way, I feel so fortunate, excited and so pumped to get going.

Q: Have you spoken to any White Sox teammates yet?

A: Not yet, just touched down in Detroit. (The White Sox opened a three-game series at the Detroit Tigers on Aug. 2). I'll probably have that opportunity tonight (Aug. 1) or maybe tomorrow (Aug. 2). I can't wait though, I'm stoked.

Q: Did you get to say goodbye to your teammates in Memphis? Was it tough?



MEMPHIS REDBIRDS

New Trier graduate Charlie Tilson, who is pictured on June 18, was traded to the Chicago White Sox on July 31.

A: I did. I've been playing with a lot of those guys since I was drafted in 2011 and we've climbed the ranks together. Those guys are like my brothers. They were incredible teammates. It was tough, but they were so happy for me. I know they're going to do great things, too. And we

just hope at some point down the line, our paths cross again. It's tough to say bye to those guys but it's just part of the job and I'm just so excited for this opportunity.

Q: How many texts and calls have you been getting in this last day or so?

A: It's been pretty over-

whelming, but I'm just so appreciative. That support is hard to beat. I'm just so thankful. Whoever I wasn't able to get back to, I apologize. This has been such an exciting time.

Q: (Before the trade) did you have (Memphis) teammates formerly in the MLB that gave you

advice?

A: Yeah, definitely. I've had some incredible teammates this year. I've had a chance to play with Kolten Wong, [Randal] Grichuk, [Jeremy] Hazelbaker. We just added a new guy, Efran Navarro, as well from the Angels. When those guys talk, you listen. They have

great experience and great insight. It's a fortunate opportunity for me.

Q: What have been the main adjustments you've made in Memphis?

A: I've really focused on trying to control the strike zone more. It's helped me limit my strikeouts and bring up my walk rate. More than anything though, it's really allowed me to see more pitches, especially as a leadoff hitter. If you can work the count and see some pitches, it can set you up later in the game with runners in scoring position. And you feel like you already have the upper hand. I feel like fine-tuning that plan has been key for me and it's put me in better opportunities to do more damage and be more prepared to make an impact.

Q: Does that make you a lot more confident at the plate? Does it feel like you have the upper hand on the pitcher?

A: Yeah, absolutely. That's a very important key for me to have success at the plate.

Q: I know you ran wild last year in Double-A (46 steals) and you're still running (15 steals this season in Triple-A), but not at as high of a rate as last year. Is there a cause for that?

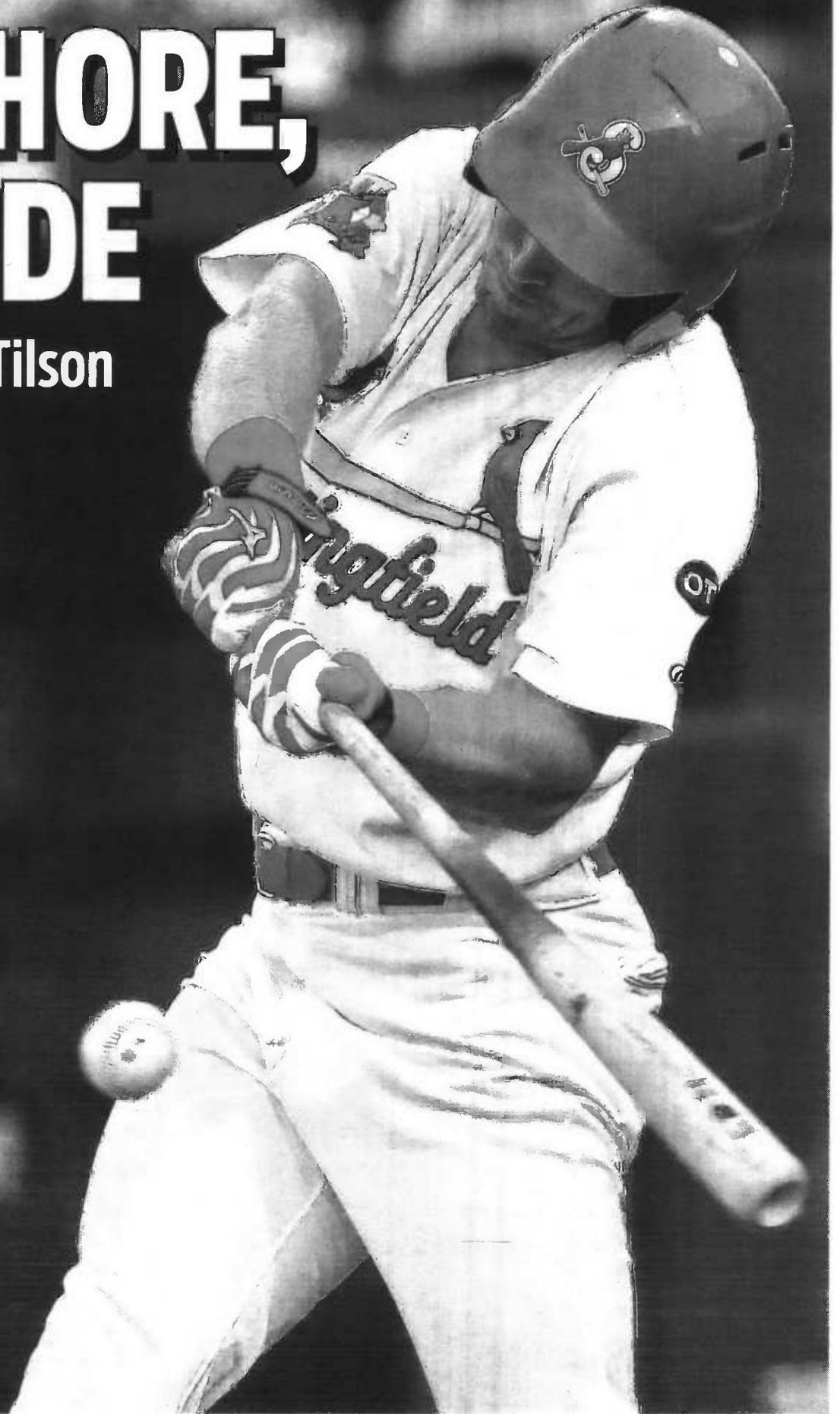
A: I got off to a slow start, hitting-wise and it's hard to steal bases when you're not on base as much. But I feel good about my baserunning. My success percentage has been a lot better (83.3 percent this year versus 70.8 percent last year). Obviously, I'd like to have as many bases as I possibly could, but right now I'm picking my spots and trying to be smart, choosing the right time to do it. I want to be aggressive as possible, but I want to make smart decisions at the same time.

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NORTH SHORE, SOUTH SIDE

New Trier grad Charlie Tilson
traded to White Sox. Inside



New Trier grad Charlie Tilson, who is pictured on July 15, 2015, was traded to the Chicago White Sox on July 31.

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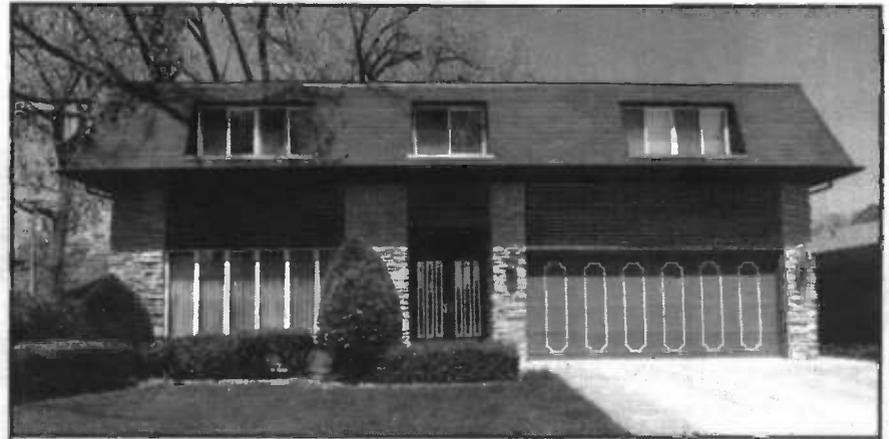
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