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Morton Grove’s ‘Race to the Taste’ combines drinking, fitness. Page 6

Matt Luff, of Skokie, stretches at the start line to the Race to the Taste 5k in Morton Grove on Oct. 1.

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Hayley Kliczko, homecoming queen

Hayley Kliczko was named Maine East High School's 2016 homecoming queen during festivities on Sept. 22. Kliczko, of Niles, is a member of the Chicago Young American Hockey Organization and is planning to attend Brown University next year, where she says she will continue her hockey career.

Q: Besides hockey, what other activities are you involved in?
A: I'm part of East Links. We help transfer students throughout their schedule. We're like a friend, a person they can go to if they need help.

Q: What is the best part of Maine East?
A: The best part of Maine East is how we're able to be vocal about positions. We're not afraid to speak our minds.

Q: What is your favorite subject?
A: My favorite subject has to be math. I've always been really good at math, and I enjoy solving new problems.

Q: What do you want to do after college?
A: For hockey, I'm committed to Brown University to play on their DI team. And I would like to study civil and architectural engineering.

Q: What do you do in your free time?
A: I play with my little sister, hang out with friends and do volunteer service.

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The finish line of the annual Race to the Taste 5K at the corner of Oak Park Avenue and Churchill Street in Morton Grove featured a prominent "dead end" road sign.

But don't tell that to Chicago resident Dan Nowak, who was the first finisher to complete the Morton Grove Park District race on a rainy Saturday.

Nowak finished with a time of 18:52, beating out an estimated 99 other registrants who also competed in the 5K event at Prairie View Park in Morton Grove.

"It was good," Nowak said of the course conditions.

Launched nearly two decades ago, the Race to the Taste 5K combined running and walking with beer drinking on Oct 1. After the race, Glenview-based Joseph Mullarkey Distributors provided beer samples while organizers provided snacks, such as sausages and soft pretzels.

The event also featured live music by John Weber, a Chicago resident who played the tuba, and Bob Vobornik, a Park Ridge resident on accordion.

"This is awesome, great family fun," said participant Natalie Dotlich, of Morton Grove.

Dotlich attended the event with her husband, Milan, and their children, Marshall, 7; Mira, 5; and Milan James, 8.

The race is meant to bring families and the community together, motivating them to get outside and enjoy the parks around Morton Grove, said Sue Braubach, wellness and fitness manager at the Park District.

"This tradition helps send the message that people should really get out and enjoy the parks," Braubach said.

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D64 board approves new 4-year teachers contract

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A new, four-year teachers contract is in place following approval from the Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education on Sept. 26.

The board voted 6-1 in favor of the contract, which extends through 2020. Members of the Park Ridge Education Association, the union representing nearly 400 District 64 teachers, ratified the agreement on Sept. 22, according to the district.

Voting against the contract was board member Mark Eggemann, who praised the board’s negotiating team for “a tremendous job on behalf of taxpayers,” but at the same time voiced opposition to a clause in the agreement that he referred to as “the secrecy provision.”

Eggemann quoted the clause under the contract’s “negotiation procedures,” which says that public releases on contract negotiations “must have prior mutual consent (from both sides) until either the board or the PREA declares impasse or submits to mediation.”

This clause was included in the 2012-16 teachers contract and appears in the new contract as well, Eggemann said.

“As it is currently interpreted, the provision forbids this board from informing the taxpayers of the board’s offers.”

— Mark Eggemann, board member

According to information the district did release before the board’s vote on Sept. 26, the new teachers contract will include base salary increases tied to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers, known as CPI-U. For the first two years of the contract, base salary increases will be 1.5 percent, the district said.

With step increases factored in, the teacher salary increases average 2.71 percent a year and add about $3.8 million to the district’s expenses for teacher salaries over the four years of the contract, or an average of $950,000 per year, according to the district.

Changes were also made to the step salary schedule by increasing the steps from 20 to 26 and lowering the average step increase from 2.56 percent to 1.94 percent, District 64 said.

Salaries and benefits for all District 64 employees account for 75 percent of budget expenditures, according to information shared by Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad. Additional budget documents show salaries and benefits totaling $53.2 million for 2016-17.

Under the contract, the starting salary for a new teacher with a bachelor’s degree will increase from $48,582 to $49,311, the district said.

Added to the contract is a voluntary early retirement plan, which reportedly offers an economic incentive to teachers who are eligible to retire by June 2020.

“A maximum of $33,000 would be payable for those who opt to retire during the first year of their eligibility, which is reduced to $28,000 for those who wait and opt to retire during the second year of their eligibility,” the district said in a contract “fact sheet” released Sept. 23.

If pension changes are made by the state to shift funding responsibilities to the school district, “the board and PREA agreed to meet to consider the cost impact,” the district said.

PREA President Erin Breen described the details released by the district as accurate, but did question the district’s claim that the added cost amounts to $950,000 per year of the contract.

“The whole (salary) schedule was increased by only 1.5 percent, and we do not yet know how many people will take the retirement incentive,” Breen wrote in an email. “Every person who retires should save them about $50,000. If you get 10 people to retire by June 2020, that $500,000 should drop to $450,000. So that is an unknown.”

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Blue Island man found dead near Niles mall

BY ZAK KAESKE
Daly Southtown

Betty Cordial said she came away impressed the last time she saw Jayson Silver. The pair met at Grandma's Place in downtown Glenview over the summer at Silver's request.

"He called and said, 'I haven't seen you in so long, and I'm doing so well,'" Cordial, whose daughter attended just high and high school with Silver in the 1980s, said. "He said, 'I want to come and see you and show you.'"

Cordial, who considered Silver "a second son," said they talked all afternoon until restaurant staff asked them to leave as they prepared for the dinner crowd.

"He was so healthy and so good and so proud of himself," Cordial recalled. A couple of months later, Silver was found dead in a ditch next to a Niles strip mall's parking lot. His body, which had no signs of trauma, had likely been there several days before being found on Sept. 26, his 43rd birthday, police said.

"I just don't understand," said Cordial, who said she last talked with Silver over the phone about a month before his death. "He was just great, he was happy, he looked good. That's why all of this is so shocking.

Silver's cause of death was still pending Sept. 30, according to a spokeswoman for the Cook County medical examiner's office, but police said they found a number of computer dust-remover spray cans near his body.

His sister, Michelle, who lives in Massachusetts, said her brother had been addicted to huffing, the intentional inhalation of chemicals fumes to achieve a quick high.

"I would talk to him on the telephone, and it was just like he was a different person, completely," she said. "It wasn't like alcohol or other forms of addiction. He would get all giddy and weird, like just fried his brain completely.

According to a report by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 22 million Americans have used inhalants at least once in their lives. The use of inhalants, which are most commonly abused by children and teenagers, hit its peak in the mid-1990s and has been on a downward trajectory in recent years, the 2010 report notes.

Michelle Silver said her brother had developed the addiction to huffing computer duster cans about a year before his death, during a homeless stint, but had cleaned up his act in recent months.

"He got sick and tired of being sick and tired," she said. "Those were his exact words.

Determined to get clean, Jayson Silver voluntarily sought out a "sober house" in Blue Island, where he had lived with a number of other men who helped one another stay clean, Cordial said.

"He went and found the place," she said. "He made the effort.

Michelle Silver and Cordial agree that he had been clean for a number of months before his death. Neither can say for certain what might have caused his probable relapse.

"Addiction is powerful. It takes many lives everyday," Michelle posted on her personal Facebook page the day after her brother's body was discovered. "My brother (Daron) Silver dealt with (it) for many years. He was recently sober and able to get clean for a good period of time. Yesterday, one bad choice took his life."

She said she knew the moment she received a call from Niles police officers on Monday that something was terribly wrong. Her brother's death was the latest in a line of family tragedies.

"There were eight of us," she said, referring to herself, her parents and her five siblings. "There are three of us left.

Her mother and two of her sisters have died in recent years, she said.

Of all the deaths, especially his parents', had been tough on Jayson Silver and may have contributed to his problems, his sister said.

After his father died in 2014 and the Prospect Heights home they shared was sold, Jayson, now the only family member living in Illinois, became homeless.

"He was living in the woods, and that broke everybody's heart," Michelle said. "That's when he started the huffing. He didn't want anything to do with anyone. He'd reach out for help and then disappear."

Eventually, he found his way to the sober house in Blue Island and seemed to be doing much better.

"Everybody is so shocked because he had been doing so well," said Cordial, who remembered Jayson Silver as a kind, loyal and caring person with a sarcastic sense of humor.

"I loved him like a son," she said. "He was just a really special kid. If you were his friend, there was nothing he wouldn't do for you."

Michelle Silver said her fondest memories of her brother are the times they spent relaxing and watching television at home together.

"We would sit on this big brown chair together, and watch 'The Brady Bunch,'" she said. "From the time we were kids to adults, things never changed. We were always best friends."

Interested hotel developers acquire building in Lincolnwood

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

An office building in Lincolnwood that eventually could become the site of a new hotel recently was sold, although village officials have yet to receive formal redevelopment plans for the property.

The building at 7250 N. Cicero Ave. was sold earlier this year to Minhaz Lakhani, who joined a representative from a hotel management company at a village board meeting in April and shared plans to turn the 63-year-old building into a hotel.

Lakhani and Zio Pekovic, vice president of acquisitions and development for Mount Prospect-based The Bricon Group, said at the time that they were in "advanced discussions" with hotel operator Hyatt to secure a franchise-brand for the site.

But they cautioned village officials that they hadn't made any agreements with Hyatt or acquired the 1.5-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Cicero Avenue.

The building was sold the following month to Lakhani, said Jerry Ettinger, a property manager and former part owner of the office building who is president of Hallmark & Johnson, a commercial real estate brokerage firm based in Lincolnwood.

Village officials also have been in touch with the developer since the meeting in April, although they haven't received formal redevelopment plans, said Steve McNeilis, community development director for Lincolnwood.

"It was sold as recently as a week ago that they were working behind the scenes on feasibility studies and financing, and expected to be ready to move forward soon," McNeilis said in an email.

Hyatt representatives and Pekovic both did not return calls for comment.

Public records also show the property was sold May 13 by Lincolnwood Financial Center LLC to Lakhani, whose name appears as DML Properties LLC on the deed. The land was valued at $169,092 at the time of the sale and the total assessed value of the property was estimated at $548,227, according to Cook County property records.

In April after listening to Lakhani and Pekovic's plan for the site, trustees gave positive feedback on their initial idea for a 110-room, Hyatt-branded hotel with amenities, including a ballroom with meeting space for up to 250 people and an indoor pool.

If the proposed hotel development comes together, it would first go to the Plan Commission, which would have to consider zoning changes for the property and make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board.

Since the building currently lies in an area zoned mostly for offices, any plans for a hotel would require special-use approval or a zoning amendment to rezone the property for a hotel use.

"The (zoning) map amendment is feasible because the property to the south and east are within a business district," said Aaron Cook, development manager for Lincolnwood.

Commercial development historically has been a point of contention along nearby Touhy Avenue, where residents earlier this year petitioned against fast-food chain Culver's plans to build a new restaurant on the 4400 block of West Touhy.

Residents in two condo buildings near Touhy Avenue and some neighboring residential side streets came out in throngs to oppose the proposed development during a series of public hearings, where the majority of residents said they wanted to keep commercial development away from their dwellings.

But village officials disagreed and passed a measure to lift a longtime ban on fast-food drive-through lanes along Touhy intended to make it easier for Culver's to receive approval for the new location.

Despite being in close proximity to Touhy Avenue, Cicero Avenue has seen less interest from commercial developers. But the hotel project could bring change to a business landscape that is marked mostly by discount office buildings.

Trustees also have said a two-fold plan to reduce noise to neighboring homes and address the increased traffic a hotel would bring to the already-busy thoroughfare street would need to accompany a hotel development.

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Morton Grove officers no longer required to buy their own guns

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
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To streamline training, maintenance and ammunition purchases, Morton Grove police officers no longer will be required to buy guns and ammunition on their own, the department said.

Ending the officer requirement, the Morton Grove Village Board voted unanimously Sept. 26 to begin buying handguns, holsters, weapon-mounted flashlights and extra magazines for officers.

"For purposes of consistency, the (Police) Department desires to purchase and issue weapons to officers that are of the same caliber and manufacturer, which would mean only one type of ammunition will be used," said Village Manager Ralph Czerwinski.

The move means trained armorers will be responsible for the department's weapons, as well as the maintenance of them, and reduces liability exposure to the village and its officer in the event of a shooting, he said.

The board awarded a $48,405 contract to low bidder Acme Sports of Seymour, Ind., to provide Morton Grove police with 65 pistols, a variety of related equipment and any necessary training.

Police Chief Michael Simo requested the change to create consistency in the department, Czerwinski said.

"This will provide consistency in the field from a safety standpoint and from a weapons-handling standpoint," he said.

At least one other neighboring community - Niles - provides a similar service to its officers for the same reasons.

Morton Grove Police Chief Michael Simo, pictures, recently asked village board members to begin buying handguns and related equipment for his officers. Officers previously had to supply their own guns.

"We have purchased firearms for our officers for more than 10 years," said Niles police Sgt. Robert Tortabene. "It allows us to have the same ammunition and the same training."

But in nearby Skokie, police have been required to buy their own weapons for at least the past 15 years, said Skokie police Sgt. John Moersfelder.

Lincolnwood Deputy Police Chief John Walsh did not return calls requesting comment on his department's practice.

Morton Grove previously required officers to buy their own guns and equipment simply because the policy had been in place so long, Czerwinski said.

"At this point, it was determined it was a good value for officers and the department to move in this direction," Czerwinski said.

"It's not that their weapons are obsolete. They're just at different phases of service life. The current condition is not unsafe. This is just enhanced safety."

The previous practice resulted in a variety of makes, calibers and models being carried by various members of the department, Czerwinski said. Police also were responsible for the maintenance of their weapons, and they had to keep their own maintenance records, he said.

Under the new policy, trained Morton Grove officers will handle cleaning and maintenance of the guns, Czerwinski said.

"There will be in-house police officers that would have the expertise as armorer of these particular weapons, which allows us to have focused training and focused techniques to make things more efficient," he said.

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Niles

Theft
  - Jose A. Herbert, 19, of the 4400 block of North Major Avenue in Chicago, was charged Sept. 16 with felony aggravated battery and retail theft after police said he stole two cases of beer and fought with the clerk of a gas station on the 6900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Herbert was given a Sept. 30 court date.
  - Eddy Odisho, 29, of the 5500 block of Austin Avenue in Chicago, was charged Sept. 21 with retail theft after police said he stole $150 in merchandise from a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. He was given a Nov. 3 court date.
  - A 3-year-old Des Plaines man was ticketed Sept. 21 for possession of marijuana after police and paramedics responded to the 8500 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

Niles

Drug
  - A 36-year-old Des Plaines man was ticketed Sept. 21 for possession of marijuana after police and paramedics responded to the 8500 block of Golf Road for a possible drug overdose. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge for treatment, police said.

Assault
  - A man told police that while leaving work on the 6000 block of Howard Street on the night of Sept. 21, the boyfriend of a co-worker threatened to shoot him if she was fired. No charges were filed at the time of the report, police said.

Public intoxication
  - A 50-year-old Niles man was ticketed Sept. 20 for public intoxication after he was found unconscious outside a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue, police said. He was taken to Presence Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago.

Burglary to vehicle
  - A Gucci purse containing $500 in cash was stolen Sept. 16 from a car parked in a lot on the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue.
  - A bag containing documents was reported stolen Sept. 19 from a car parked outside Golf Mill Shopping Center, police said.

Property damage
  - A window on the mobile classroom belonging to Mark Twain School, 9401 N. Hamlin Ave., was reportedly damaged between Sept. 16 and 19, police said.

Skokie

DUI
  - Daniel Moreno, 24, of the 4900 block of Kirk Street, Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs Sept. 26 on the 4200 block of Golf Road.

Criminal trespass
  - Samantha L. Martinez, 18, of the 3700 block of North Kimball Avenue, Chicago, was charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle Sept. 24 on the 7400 block of Laramie Avenue. Martinez was a passenger in a vehicle she knew to be stolen and was charged with four others, ages 12 to 17, police said. One of the suspects was also charged with driving without a valid driver's license, according to police.

Disorderly conduct
  - Benjamin Reed, 34, of the 8500 block of Fernald, Morton Grove, was charged with disorderly conduct Sept. 24 on the 9400 block of Skokie Boulevard.

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Theft
  - A man advertised on the 6000 block of Golf Road.
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Drug
  - A 28-year-old Des Plaines man was ticketed Sept. 21 for possession of drug equipment and retail theft Sept. 21 at Westfield Old Orchard on the 4900 block of Old Orchard Road.

Obstruction
  - Tymur G. Kolomiyets, 21, of the 4800 block of Cram Street, Skokie, was charged with obstructing justice and on an outstanding in-state warrant Sept. 22 on the 4700 block of Main Street. Police said Kolomiyets was found to have a warrant for a probation violation and tried to leave the scene.

Disorderly conduct
  - Five suspects were charged with disorderly conduct Sept. 24 on the 9400 block of Skokie Boulevard. They included Tiara Francesca Pierre, 25, of the 8900 block of Laramie Avenue, Skokie; a Skokie teenager, 17; Francois Lamar Pierre, 23, of the 8900 block of La Crosse Avenue, Skokie; Keaira M. Thomas, 19, of the 8800 block of Robin Street, Des Plaines; and Sydney Indya Scott, 18, of the 9900 block of Old Orchard Road.

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- Five suspects were charged with disorderly conduct Sept. 24 on the 9400 block of Skokie Boulevard. They included Tiara Francesca Pierre, 25, of the 8900 block of Laramie Avenue, Skokie; a Skokie teenager, 17; Francois Lamar Pierre, 23, of the 8900 block of La Crosse Avenue, Skokie; Keaira M. Thomas, 19, of the 8800 block of Robin Street, Des Plaines; and Sydney Indya Scott, 18, of the 9900 block of Old Orchard Road.
Little-noticed tactic boosts earnings after state reined in salaries to curb pensions

“‘It’s about honoring those employees who have stayed with the district for a long period of time,” said Superintendents Carmen Ayala of Berwyn School District 98. The district gives a post-retirement bonus depending on years of service, starting at $10,000 for teachers who work 20 years and increasing to as much as $20,000.

‘Spirit’ of 20% raises of past

Besides rewarding long careers, the bonuses are also a way to boost educator earnings after the state reined in salary increases that had been inflating the pensions of suburban and downstate educators.

In decades past, it was common for educators to get one or more double-digit percentage pay increases as they headed into retirement. These bumps are significant because higher salaries generate higher pensions in the retirement formula.

But in 2005 and 2006, the General Assembly limited raises for outgoing educators, a way to control mammoth pension costs. Those laws require so-called penalties for districts that give more than 6 percent raises to educators in salary years that will be used to calculate pensions.

Districts responded to that cap by giving consecutive 6 percent raises to educators, sometimes four years in a row before retirement to help increase pensions.

The bonuses appear to be the latest twist aimed at rewarding retiring educators.

In Vernon Hills District 128, teachers union President Dennis Duffy said the bonuses are a way to keep teachers at the district even after they've retired. The idea is to keep them around to help educate the children who will be receiving them.

He also stressed that the post-retirement bonuses do not affect pensions. “This is an important point to make; that the severance is not pensionable. And thus it is not a burden to the [Teacher Retirement System],” Duffy said.

$1 million in bonuses

In Deerfield Public School District 109, the district spent nearly $1 million in severance payments in the last two years alone, figures provided by the district show. One longtime teacher has gotten a payout of about $65,000 so far, and a final payment in 2017 will push her total post-retirement bonus to about $78,000.


McBarron noted Deerfield is a high-performing district. “High-performing districts, often, when they can, choose to provide superior pay and benefits in order to attract and retain high-quality teachers,” he said.

Prior to 2005, district administrators in Deerfield also got post-retirement severance payments, but those have largely been removed, according to data from the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System. The bonuses averaged about $35,000.

The figures don’t include several educators who retired in 2015 and 2016 but are scheduled to get their post-retirement bonuses in the current budget year, according to the district.

Duffy said the district is high-performing and families move to the area in part because of the quality of the education their children will receive.

He also stressed that the post-retirement bonuses do not affect pensions. “This is an important point to make; that the severance is not pensionable. And thus it is a burden to the [Teacher Retirement System],” Duffy said.

“It’s about honoring those employees who have stayed with the district.”

— Carmen Ayala, D98 superintendent

Not clearly broken out

It’s not clear how many districts provide the post-retirement bonuses across Illinois, though school officials in Chicago suburbs said they are aware of a few districts that do it. McBarron, from IA, said the statewide union does not track the practice.

The Tribune found at least a dozen school districts with post-retirement bonuses by reviewing more than 20 labor contracts in Chicago suburban districts. School officials in Deerfield and Glenview said the bonuses are included in salary data available to the public, but they acknowledged the bonuses for individual educators are not broken out in a clear way.

In Libertyville School District 70, a retirement incentive program allows eligible teachers to get a bonus of 30 percent of their final salary, over a two-year period. That’s on top of up to four 6 percent raises prior to retirement.

Over the last five school years, the district has spent almost $500,000 on the bonuses for 38 educators, according to spokeswoman Robin Smith Kollman.

Arlington Heights School District 25’s retirement plan allows educators to get up to 6 percent raises prior to retirement, as well as a post-retirement stipend of up to $15,000.

Not all teachers can get those benefits, said Stacey Mallek, the district’s assistant superintendent of business, because they have to have at least 35 years of service, but less than 36 years, a small window. “We have maybe three people a year that actually end up qualified,” Mallek said.

Mallek said the bonus replaces the loss of big salary increases dished out in the past.

“You are bargaining with a teachers association, and they believe that they might have been getting whatever it was 20 percent (raises) — and then you see that as a loss in pay, going down to 6 percent,” Mallek said. “Districts tried to negotiate a contract that could get ratified and tried to add some of those post-retirement benefits.”

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GOP candidates meet, greet supporters

BY MIKE ISAACS
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Republican candidates vying for upsets in a handful of local and regional races in November made their cases last week in downtown Skokie just before Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton duked it out in their first national debate.

The Niles Township Republican Organization (NTRRO) called the event at the El Fuego restaurant a "candidates' forum" and a "debate-watching party." What that really meant was a meet-and-greet with the candidates, brief speeches and then watching the highly-anticipated Clinton-Trump debate on one of a handful of televisions.

The candidates in each of these races are trying to win seats that traditionally have been dominated by Democrats. But each of the candidates expressed optimism and said it was past time for a change.

Among those Republican underdogs on hand were Christopher Pfannkuche, running for Cook County state's attorney, Diana Shapiro, Cook County Circuit Court clerk, Jonathan Edelman, state congressman in the 15th District, and Joan McCarthey Lasonde, U.S. congresswoman in the 9th District.

Lasonde has the difficult task of trying to unseat U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky who has not faced a serious challenge for a long time. Lasonde said that she believes she has a chance - if she can get her poll numbers closer to 44 percent. If she is in striking range, she said, that's when the Republican Party could kick in some serious funding to mount a challenge.

"No one bets on a losing horse," she said.

The candidate, who lives in Wilmette, said 'her top priority for the district is the economy.

"I know because I'm out every weekend and knocking on doors and you know what? People are nervous," she said.

Pfannkuche, who will face Kim Foxx for state's attorney in November after the latter's victory over Anita Alvarez, has served as a prosecutor for many years. Pfannkuche's campaign, he said, focuses on prosecuting violent felons, repeat offenders and domestic abusers "to make our communities safer."

Pfannkuche on Sept. 26 echoed some of the comments he has made in his campaign literature.

"Cook County needs a new state's attorney," he says on his website. "The reputation of the state's attorney's office has been greatly damaged under the current leadership. Justice is no longer being pursued. I intend to restore respect, integrity and professionalism."

Diana Shapiro, facing Dorothy Brown for Circuit Court clerk, said the county faces "dire financial strains on our economy due to corruption and wasteful pay-to-play politics of our elected leaders who would rather raise taxes than cut costs and operate within a balanced budget."

On her website, she has called ethics her "guiding light."

She promised to "reform the office of the Circuit Court clerk, end wasteful spending, lead by example and be an honorable public servant who will restore efficiency, reliability and dignity."

Jonathan Edelman, running for state representative against John D'Amico in the 15th District, handed out his own "Common Sense" pamphlet in the tradition of Thomas Paine.

"I have the strange notion that if you're running for public office, you ought to tell people what you believe, what you're going to do and how you're going to be in office," he said.

In Edelman's booklet, he advocates for term limits, balanced budgets and addresses pensions, taxes, business, labor and trade, education, college, crime, prison reform and more.

"One of the things we have to do in Illinois politics is we have to get rid of political royalty," he said.
Not your parents’ library

Devonshire School unveils new learning space

**By Mike Isaacs**

Pioneer Press

If you’re old enough, you no doubt remember school librarians telling you to “shush!” and library rooms converted into computer labs filled with towers and large monitors.

Now that you remember, Devonshire School says to forget when regarding its new library.

Well, “library” isn’t exactly the right word, which is why Devonshire leaders are not calling it that. The new 21st century learning center at Devonshire, which was unveiled Sept. 22 for the first time, still has not been named, but it soon will be with the help of the school community, officials say.

What is certain is that Devonshire’s transformed library is not your father’s and mother’s school libraries. It has been re-imagined and reassembled from the ground up.

The idea, Devonshire LMC Director Katie Connelly said, was to “transform” the space from the traditional all-about-books library into a more elevated space of innovation, collaboration — not just about checking out books and circulating books but about making it more of a learning space.

Books are still on view at Devonshire, which educates students from kindergarten through 6th grades. But the space no longer revolves around all-things-books. Different areas inspire collaboration and imagination, technology and research, reading on comfortable couches and other seating, making videos in an area near a green wall and viewing a map wall with multiple clocks set to different times around the globe.

Devonshire eliminated a computer lab in the library — yes, even computer labs are now passe, according to educators — and made the

“D Lab” or “maker space,” a collection of stations where students can create, build, draw, make music using a computer and more.

Principal Hal Schmeisser said that with new iPads recently handed out to each student for day-to-day learning, a computer lab was expendable.

“The way we want our school to operate, and the way it is operating, is that space (for computers) is no longer necessary anymore,” Schmeisser said.

When Schmeisser came aboard last year, he, alongside Connelly and Devonshire instructional coach Cathy Lannert, accelerated the ambitious idea of transforming the traditional library.

Teachers, parents and community members all weighed in on what they wanted to see happen with the space, Schmeisser said. Devonshire sent out surveys and conducted interviews with small groups before a committee took about three months to plan and design it.

While more educators have started to rethink their school libraries in this way, Schmeisser said he believes Devonshire is toward the front of the curve.

“We went to Wilmette, we went to Winnetka, we went to Lake Forest,” he said. “I think in a lot of affluent communities, you’re seeing spaces like this because it’s best practice, it engages kids, it’s exciting and it really meets them where they’re at and pushes them to expand their thinking and learning in new ways.”

Most communities in the country, however, have not taken such a bold step away from the traditional library, he said.

“I think that’s true, particularly for schools that serve a large diversity of students, whether that be economic, whether that be racial, ethnic, linguistic,” he said. “I don’t think these spaces necessarily exist that represent all students.”

That’s a big goal of the Devonshire learning space — to be flexible enough to meet a diversity of students’ changing needs. Tables for research and work in the main section of the library, for example, rest on wheels and can easily be reconfigured as can other parts of the learning space.

The Sept. 22 opening night drew many Devonshire families alongside their children of varying ages. They played music using a computer, built things with Legos and cut and drew all in the D Lab; they filmed themselves using an iPad camera near the green wall; they tried out the comfortable cafe-like seating; they worked with new technology in an iPad camera near the green wall; they tried out the comfortable cafe-like seating; they worked with new technology that they visited with each other.

“Racial, ethnic, linguistic,” he said. “I don’t think these spaces necessarily exist that represent all students.”

This is very nice and very different,” said Adriana Montesinos whose daughter Emily, a 4th-grader, was creating music using a computer. “I’ve never seen a library like this. It’s very interesting. Feels like home in here.”

Fourth-grader Jayden Gonzalez called the new space “awesome” and said he would be using it a lot.

Tone Stockenstrom, who came to the unveiling with her children, serves on the Devonshire Parent Teacher Association and was a member of the innovation committee that helped make the new

space happen.

“I feel this is just what the school needed,” she said. “There are going to be more active participants, and learning will happen in new ways. It’s really the future of school libraries.”

According to Schmeisser, many schools that have converted their libraries in dramatic ways have spent as much as $200,000 or $300,000. The Devonshire project was closer to between $15,000 and $20,000, he said.

“Besides the cost, I think what this place encapsulates is the culture of the building,” he said. “This wasn’t about fancy construction and ‘wow, that’s shiny and really nice!’ This was about how people are using the space and how they want to use the space.”

Devonshire educators say the need for a different vision for library space was also necessitated by changes in the job world today.

“When we start thinking about the jobs our students are going to have in the future, we don’t even know what they are,” Lannert said. “We still will be reading and writing and doing math as we’ve always done, but we’re also going to do things we haven’t even imagined. The students themselves will have to read about what a library is, Connelly said. For such a long time, they came here to ‘check out books and read stories.’

Just as the heralded Skokie Public Library has rethought its space in recent years, so, too, is it necessary for schools to do the same, she said.

“(The Skokie Public Library) is turning into a space where people can gather, collaborate, learn, build, and so I feel like that’s the path that libraries are taking and we’re just jumping on that,” she said.
Muslim Group to Zion: 'Not offensive to ask us questions'

BY YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON
News-Sun

Between sips of coffee and bites of cake and fruit, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Zion hope to make their guests feel comfortable at their mosque and free to ask questions about their religion.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim group began hosting "Coffee, Cake and True Islam" socials last month, reaching out to community members who would like to learn about their beliefs and teachings.

Junayd Latif, outreach coordinator for the Zion chapter, said the hope is that through education, the group can help paint a more balanced picture of what true Islam is all about, instead of one where terrorism and extremists abound.

"We welcome everyone to come and see that we treat our community like our family," Latif said.

The socials at the mosque, 2103 Gabriel Ave., begin with a prayer. In separate rooms, men and women pray on rugs while guests observe. Chanted in Arabic, the first prayer is a general prayer, said Grayslake resident Nadia Shams. "It's like the Lord's Prayer for Catholics," Shams said. "Basically, we're appealing to God for forgiveness, mercy and guidance to the right path."

Other prayers are made silently while bowing down. "That's when we ask God for the personal things that we want, like good health and peace," Shams said.

Each Friday at 7 p.m. when the social starts, prayer time goes quickly and moves into discussions based on questions sent via the live video streaming app Periscope.

Questions asked by guests at the mosque take priority, said missionary Faran Rabbani.

On Sept. 30, some of the queries ranged from why so much terrorism is linked to Muslims to what upcoming events the mosque would be hosting.

To the latter question, Rabbani responded that there are many. The most recent was the Walk for Humanity event Oct. 1 in Zion.

The annual fundraiser helps the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County feed its young members snacks. The event is part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community's national campaign for peace. Locally the Zion group sponsors it each year.

Other annual events include a blood drive in honor of 9/11 victims and a food pantry in partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Conversation with the Zion Muslim group members is also encouraged during the socials.

Group member Suriyya Latif said that so far, not many people have taken the opportunity to join them on the weekly event, but the invitation stands firmly. "It's not offensive to ask us questions. We welcome it," she said. "How else are we going to disseminate that we represent peace, so that we're seen as human beings?"

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Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Zion listen to questions during a "Coffee, Cake and True Islam" social event on Sept. 30.

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Scream Scene
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By SETH SCHWARTZ
Pioneer Press

Evanston resident Alex Adolphson and his dog, Rocko, enjoy walks along the Evanston lakefront. Late in the afternoon on Sept. 24, the two were sitting on a bench when a man approached and asked if Adolphson knew how to swim, saying a woman had fallen into the lake.

Jogging ahead of him, Adolphson, 25, went to the end of the dock at the Church Street boat ramp. Taking off his shoes and pants, he said he jumped into the water and brought the woman back to shore.

"I could see a woman floating in the water next to the dock," said Adolphson, who in a stroke of good fortune had completed a CPR training course last year while living in Plainfield. "The water was about five feet, it came up to my neck. My feet were barely touching the ground.

"I knew I had to get her out of the water. I'd never done a water rescue or performed CPR," Adolphson said. "I was surprised at how heavy she was. When I got her onto the cement, I could tell she was unconscious. She wasn't breathing and was blue in the face."

During this time, a few people called 911. "I did two breaths and 30 chest compressions and then did it again. The guy who got me, I heard him yelling, 'That's my wife, that's my wife!'"

By this time, the paramedics had arrived. The 67-year-old woman was taken to Evanston North Shore University Hospital, where she remained in critical but stable condition Sept. 28, according to Evanston Police Commander Joseph Dugan, department spokesperson. Once the woman had been taken away in the ambulance, Evanston police officers thanked Adolphson for his assistance.

"One of the fire department guys said, 'Thanks so much for the help,'" Adolphson said. Dugan said the woman's husband was unable to swim, and according to the report, the woman was floating face down in the water when Adolphson went in to rescue her.

"The police/fire department cannot be everywhere, so any time a bystander can help out without putting themselves in harm's way is appreciated," Dugan said.

If nothing else, Dugan said a bystander can be very helpful simply by helping to direct emergency responders to the right area.

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Chicago man gets 5 years in prison for 2015 Skokie House Bar stabbing

By BRIAN L. COX
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A Chicago man was sentenced to five years in prison after he pleaded guilty at the Skokie courthouse this week to stabbing another man during a 2015 fight in a Skokie bar, court records show.

James L. Vechiola, 52, of the 2800 block of West Touhy Avenue in Chicago pleaded guilty to aggravated battery at the Skokie courthouse on Sept. 26 and was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to pay fees and fines, records show. An attempted murder charge was dropped in exchange for Vechiola's pleading guilty to one count of aggravated battery.

Vechiola and a 52-year-old Wheaton man got into an argument at Skokie House Bar in the 7800 block of Lincoln Avenue in Skokie in March 2015 which escalated into a fight, authorities said. They said Vechiola pulled a knife and stabbed the other man several times.

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North Shore Cubs fans await postseason

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
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Northbrook native Chris Halazonitis brims with confidence when he speaks about his beloved Cubs.

"I'm absolutely certain they will be the 2016 World Series champs," Halazonitis predicted.

After a regular season in which the Cubs amassed more than 100 wins and seemingly had a playoff berth secured by Memorial Day, he and other North Shore residents are eagerly awaiting the start of the postseason Oct. 7.

With excitement and confidence mixed with a little trepidation given the team's history, North Shore Cubs fans will now see if this will be the year the World Series appearance drought that dates back to 1945 will be broken — or even more tantalizingly, if the team will win its first championship since 1908.

Mike Hanlon, of Glenview, pointed to Northwestern University's Big Ten football championship in 1995 as reason to think something in sports once considered unfathomable could happen.

"Because (former NU coach) Gary Barnett took us to the Rose Bowl, I think these guys are going to take us to the World Series and win it," Hanlon said. "That is what I believe."

Even though the Cubs have reached the playoffs on multiple occasions since 1984, the National League and World Series championships have remained elusive.

Yet, buoyed by their dominant regular season, some North Shore fans believe 2016 could be the year they have dreamed of for a long time.

Willie Peppey, of Wilmette, is one of those people. "The fact they have had their first 100-win season since the 1930s goes to show they can be that successful in the playoffs," Peppey said.

Jim Black, of Glenview, believes the 2016 Cubs have the right mixture of young players and experienced veterans to win the title.

"I think these guys have a really good grasp of what is going on," Black said. "There are several guys on the team that have been in the World Series with other teams."

Black also pointed to the Cubs' dugout as a reason for hope. "They have a guy named Joe Maddon who is a phenomenal manager," he said. "But there's still plenty of caution. These are fans who have witnessed the bizarre in the postseason, such as the ball going under Leon Durham's glove in 1984 or a certain fly ball down the left field line in the 2003 National League Championship Series that made a fan infamous."

Those freakish plays sometimes are blamed on a supposed curse leveled in 1945 involving a goat not being allowed into Wrigley Field.

"I worry about Billy Goat Sianis haunting us with the ghost of the goat," Hanlon said.

Other fans are just worried about the fact that the best team from April to September doesn't necessarily win the World Series.

"What scares me is it doesn't matter what happens in the regular season. It is what happens in the postseason and we have seen what has happened there," said Aaron Greenberg, of Northbrook.

Black tied his concerns to last year's Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta, who despite 18 wins in 2016, has been shaky of late.

"He speaks for the whole pitching staff and if he finds himself with problems, he could bring the team with him," Black said. "Hopefully I'm wrong."

Regardless of what happens on the field, Winnetka's Don Hanigan is thrilled about the respite the Cubs action will provide from something else on many people's minds.

"It is wonderful to have this race," Hanigan said. "So I can be distracted from the presidential race."

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New Burt's Place owners delay opening

By Louisa Chu
Chicago Tribune

One of the biggest questions in the Chicago pizza world has been when will Burt's Place reopen? After delays during renovation of the pizzeria formerly owned by the late pizza master Burt Katz, perhaps predictable with the eccentrically converted former 19th-century blacksmith shop, new owners Jerry Petrow and John Munao now say they hope to have a series of soft openings before the end of year.

The other big question in the Burt's Place project, how are the pizzas?

Petrow worked hands-on with Katz for six months before Katz's death April 30. The new partners made their first test pizza May 25 with the original recipes, techniques and purveyors, and have continued to work on trials.

Only a handful of insiders have tasted the test pizzas. Katz had perfected his signature style — widely recognized for its caramelized crust — over his 52-year career. It was a Chicago-style pan pizza, with a thicker yet light and flavorful crust, artfully topped with fresh, never canned or frozen, ingredients.

"I had an opportunity to try the pizza," Katz's daughter, Andi Bannister, said by text message. "It was really good. They learned a lot from our dad and are doing an excellent job keeping his memory alive through his pizza and the restaurant."

"We are behind John and Jerry 1,000 percent and wish them well. Our dad would have been truly honored and proud of how they are carrying on the legacy of Burt's Place."

Other taste-testers have included the mailman and his family, sometime-server Carol and former long-time part-time employee Jeff Sanders, who started working in October 1973 at Peguod’s, which Katz also founded.

"The guys (Petrow and Munao) are pretty darn close to re-creating something that Burt would be proud of," Sanders said. "So why the delay, past the original predictions of August and then mid-September? "Because the building was basically left abandoned for about a year," Petrow said. "And that really took its toll."

Katz closed the doors to his eponymous pizzeria in Morton Grove before he fell ill July 7, 2015, his 70th birthday. But it wasn't until Oct. 29 that he officially announced the restaurant was permanently closed.

"We are by not, by any means, complaining," Petrow said of the delays. "And everyone, including neighbors and the village, has been 100 percent supportive."

Morton Grove Director of Community and Economic Development Nancy Radiuzhich confirmed by phone, "They're working on getting their proper permits for renovation and upgrades. Our goal is get them open as quickly as we can, in the right way."

Petrow and Munao, former future traders at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange until the pits closed last July, started cleaning out the building themselves. They also cleared the overgrown side yard, which will be a beer garden.

Over the weekend, they found a second identical Blodgett pizza oven in Paris, Ill., requiring new permits and work, which they hope will resume next week. Katz famously was the only pizza-maker at his restaurant, baking with one Blodgett oven, so he encouraged customers to reserve their pizzas ahead. The second oven will double pizza-making possibilities.

"I feel like apologizing," Petrow said. "I'm really sorry we said August in the first place. But it's not like John and I have taken a couple of months off and have gone to the Galapagos Islands," he added.

When Burt's Place reopens, the original oven, joined by the second identical oven, will be on duty on a new kitchen floor, under a new kitchen ceiling, ventilated with a new HVAC system. But for the customer, "it's going to look like Burt's Place," Petrow said.

"The front of the house will be as similar to original Burt's as much as possible," he added. The same phone number still works, and it rings two of the working rotary phones, one yellow and the other black, among the many collections left behind. The new owners welcome calls and even visitors, though not inside as work continues.

Plus they will take credit cards, unlike Katz, whose menus were printed with the words, "Credit Cards - NYET."

"We refuse to say we'll ever be 100 percent Burt's Place, because Burt was Burt, and we're never going to be Burt," Petrow said.

"But we promise we'll try to get to 99 percent Burt, and we're quite satisfied with that."

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Is it too much to ask government to spend tax money wisely?

Randy Blaser

How would you like to find out that new spending by your school district was going to pay retired teachers to stay home?

That's essentially what some suburban schools are doing, according to a recent Chicago Tribune report.

As reported in the article, suburban districts are giving payouts of thousands of dollars in the form of bonuses to retired administrators and teachers. That comes on top of salary bumps in their final year of service - a practice that was funded over time by the employee's salary in their final years of service, the pay bumps boosted their pension.

The problem was that the pension gap was growing so large there would soon come a time when all new spending on education in the state would go to pay retired teachers.

So the General Assembly curbed the practice. But some districts have figured out ways to get around those limits. Hence the bonuses or stipends to retiring teachers, which are not tied to salary and therefore pensions.

Oh, if only they were so innovative when it comes to ending the achievement gaps that exist in our schools where minority and poor students lag behind their white or more affluent counterparts.

That's quite a choice, isn't it? Pay bonuses to innovative and young teachers to figure out new and innovative teaching methods to raise achievement levels, or give bonuses to teachers who stay home?

The rationale for these suburban schools to choose the bonuses is they need to offer them to attract the best teachers. They are high-performing schools and people move to these communities because of that. Nonetheless, it is a practice largely hidden from the public. It is also a practice that union officials say does not put any additional burden on the pension fund.

I suppose it doesn't. But pension funds, transportation funds, building funds and education funds are for accountants. For the regular people who pay the taxes that provide the revenue for all the funds, the only bottom line we care about is that tax bill.

And the biggest line item on any tax bill is the schools.

Yes, people want to move to good schools. They also want lower taxes. So these high-performing schools are attracting everyone to their district, yet they only get the ones who can pay.

Meantime, the state is broke. It has no interest in spending more money for schools. And no one has any interest in finding a more equitable way to distribute the education dollars already collected.

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Who goes to the bank on a Saturday?

Paul Sassone

Looking a lot like inmates in a southern prison, we shuffled through the rat's maze of ropes and poles movie theaters use to keep us away from everything except the popcorn counter.

Believe it or not, even with smartphones and other electronic gizmos, some people still do banking in person. But only a fool goes on Saturday. And there I was.

Not fair. Some people bank on Saturday because that's the only day they can get there. Maybe that's why this woman was banking on Saturday. She was an older lady, short, frail and she pushed a walker in front of her. She moved very slowly as she entered the rat's maze.

No one let her go ahead. In line, she was right behind the guy who was right behind me. He was fit and 40-ish. I turned to him and asked: Why don't we let the lady go first?

"I'm in a hurry" he said as fast as he could. It has no interest in finding a more equitable way to distribute the education dollars already collected.

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OK, OK, I didn't really have words with him. And he'll remain a jerk for the rest of his life. Then I went to the grocery store.

Now, there's another place only a fool goes on Saturday.

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‘Designated Survivor’ cuts through catastrophic clutter

ERIC SCOTT

The U.S. secretary of housing and urban development is 12th in the line of succession to the president. Now that you know that U.S. cabinet factoid that would have been useful for that fourth grade social studies quiz, you should keep it in mind when watching “Designated Survivor” at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on ABC.

Actor Kiefer Sutherland suddenly becomes commander-in-chief in the opening scenes of the first show while serving as the designated survivor — the one cabinet-level official who hangs out somewhere other than the U.S. Capitol during the president’s State of the Union Address in case something happens.

Acting as HUD Secretary Tom Kirkman, Sutherland is zipped up in his Cornell hoodie, drinking a beer with his feet up on a spacious conference room table while watching the speech at an undisclosed location one minute before being hustled out of the room by secret service agents following an explosion that destroys the dome and claims everyone inside.

But it’s not the kick-butt, “24” Sutherland that emerges from the chaos to take over power. Instead, the show focuses on the enormity of what a more mild-mannered Sutherland suddenly inherits as the new leader of the free world under attack.

While watching the tragedy and ascendency unfold, it’s easy to think of your last bad day at work — when the big meeting you thought was next week was happening as you walked into the office unprepared. You realize that wasn’t as bad as what’s happening on the TV screen. As he frequently does, Sutherland totally sells this show and makes it easy to believe he’s now the new president who wants to be tough but is way in over his head on multiple levels. This is definitely not a role for Owen Wilson or Patrick Dempsey.

We also see how the entire Kirkman family is thrust into dad’s instant presidency. There’s a bit of a “dialogue wince” when secret service agents track down Kirkman’s teenage son who was selling drugs at a rave.

On the car ride to the White House, the bad boy says, “I thought you were taking me home?” The agent behind the wheel predictably responds, “I am.”

The real disturbing thought conveyed by “Designated Survivor” is that the scenario really could happen.

Albeit highly unlikely and hopefully only a made-for-TV story, would a completely unprepared low-level cabinet member really have to assume control over everything with little, if any, help facing down hawkish generals and ego-fueled White House staffers?

Hopefully there’s a real better plan in place rather than, “OK, you’re the boss now and we’ve got a ton of problems happening around the world that you need to act on now.”

At the end of the pilot episode, Sutherland trades in his hoodie for a suit, schools a Middle East ambassador about military power that he now can unleash at his fingertips and then — finally — goes before the camera to address a weary nation. You definitely want to come back and see how he manages his new job and “frenemies” inside the White House. With President Sutherland, as President Kirkland, mind-boggling the store, it’s interesting enough to tune in next week to see what calamity he avoids next.

I also wonder if the real presidential candidates are watching this show for some pointers. Hmm.

Eric Scott is a freelance columnist.
I’m 78 and still confronting my racist views

BY MEL NOVIT

I grew up in a household in which disparaging remarks about African-Americans were not made. The N-word was never uttered in my home. But the world around me, decades ago, had a different agenda that polluted my thought processes.

In my early teens we moved to a suburb north of Chicago where discrimination was common. “Colored people” were invariably cleaning women having finished a hard day’s labor in the homes of some affluent white families. They would stand with shopping bags waiting for buses that would be just the beginning of the long journey back to the South Side of Chicago — “where they belonged.”

In subsequent years, while in an Illinois college, I recall only two African-Americans - one who played on the basketball team and a young woman studying to be a teacher. Blacks in college seemed an enigma.

To this day I have to ward off faulty thoughts, such as whether a black U.S. Supreme Court justice could be as qualified as his peers or if a black financial manager would be capable of managing my assets.

My wife once needed an orthopedic surgeon. We looked for someone with lofty medical credentials and an auspicious track record. The physician who fit the bill turned out to be an African-American man. Could we really entrust my wife’s physical well-being to an African-American surgeon? We looked for someone with lofty medical credentials and an auspicious track record. The physician who fit the bill turned out to be an African-American man. Could we really entrust my wife’s physical well-being to an African-American surgeon?

A Jackson, Miss., police officer plants a segregation sign at an Illinois Central Railroad station. Many Americans grew up in such a world.

African-American and as close to me as a son, has opened my eyes to the distorted view that persists about African-Americans.

This professional man is sometimes stopped when driving his upscale car because of racial profiling. He acknowledges that he is careful to be respectful when dealing with policemen or other authority figures because his parents taught him that being compliant is preferable to being dead.

He has educated me about how black people are still portrayed in our society. Sadly, some things have not changed.

Although I have always thought of myself as a liberal, I now realize the lasting effects on me of movies, newspaper reports, TV and books that didn’t acknowledge contributions to society made by African-Americans. History was white. And despite my “open-mindedness” I realized that I, too, harbored irrational thoughts when it comes to African-Americans.

There remains a “mystery” surrounding a different culture. After all, I grew up in a world in which blacks, at one time, couldn’t vote or use the same restrooms white people used. I still have images of crude wooden signs posted at recreational facilities where my family and I would picnic that read: “No N—-s, Jew or dogs allowed.”

As white Jews, we were able to pass. Blacks could never take such a risk.

To this day, despite years of education and positive experiences with African-Americans, I acknowledge that I still combat ridiculous notions about blacks. I am embarrassed that I still struggle between emotional and rational thinking. And I am angry that I grew up unable to fully connect with a segment of our society. This has been my loss.

I am aware of the flaws in my thought processes and I deal with them. The repugnant reality, however, is that overt racism remains rampant in 2016.

Hopefully, generations to come will learn to look into a person’s heart rather than at skin color.

Mel Novit lives in Morton Grove.
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SAY BOO

A spooky sampling of Halloween fun

BY SAMANTHA NELSON | Pioneer Press

There is no shortage of spooky and not-so-spooky fun to be had for Halloween. Everything from haunted walks and hayrides to shivery stories and pumpkin-fueled parties.

The list below is a sampling of the Halloween fun. Check the websites of your local libraries and park districts for more Halloween-related events.

Brookfield

BOO AT THE ZOO, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. OCT. 22-23 AND 29-30
Brookfield Zoo, 8400 31st St., (708) 688-8000, www.czs.org/boo

Not-so-scary event includes crafts, a Haunted Hayride, Creepy Cowboy Carousel, corn maze, zoo chats, a giant pumpkin carver, pumpkin smoker, costume parade and costume contest.

Chicago

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, 6-9 P.M. OCT. 21
Brooks Park Gym, 7100 N. Harlem Ave.

Watch "Monster House" and enjoy popcorn, cotton candy and goody bags for every child who comes dressed in costume. Registration required, visit www.edisonpark.com.

MONSTER SMASHED PUB CRAWL, 7-10 P.M. OCT. 28

The pub crawl lineup is Edison Park Inn 7-8 p.m.; Emerald Isle 8-9 p.m. and Firewater Saloon 9-10 p.m. Tickets cost $20 and include drink specials, a raffle ticket and grub along the way. The night also will offer a costume contest. For tickets, visit www.edisonpark.com.

Evanston

BCBOO LITTLE MONSTER MASH HALLOWEEN BASH, 4-6 P.M. OCT. 23
Little Beans Cafe, 430 Asbury Ave, bit.ly/2dfgjX

The annual party, hosted by the Bump Club and Beyond, features trick-or-treating, dessert, snacks, games, arts and crafts, spooky stories, and a raffle. $35 for one adult and one child, $50 for two adults and a child, $15 per additional child.

Glencoe

NIGHT OF 1,000 JACK-O'-LANTERNs, 6-10:30 P.M. OCT. 20-23
Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, 847-835-5440; chicagobotanic.org

More than 1,000 hand-carved pumpkins, some as large as 150 pounds, line a paved pathway where you'll also encounter costumed characters. Seasonal food and drinks including apple doughnuts and cider will be sold. Tickets are $14-$16 or $12-$14 for kids ages 3-12.

SPOOKY POOCH PARADE, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M. OCT. 29
Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, 847-835-5440; chicagobotanic.org

For two hours only, dogs are allowed in the Chicago Botanic Garden. Cleverly costumed canines march the parade route to celebrate Halloween. Spectators are invited to line the parade route for a barking good time. To view the parade is free, but anyone bringing a dog must purchase paid registration for your dog, whether or not you enter the parade and costume contest. In addition to the parade, activities include the costume contest, judging, and an awards ceremony. Costume categories include Best Costume Overall, Best Dog/Owner Costume, Best Puppy in Costume for dogs ages 1 and under in people years, Best Senior in Costume for dogs ages 10 and older in people years, and Best Horticultural Interpretation. The parade steps off from the Kraberg Rose Garden. Dogs must be on leash at all times and must leave the garden by 2 p.m.

TRAINS, TRICKS AND TREATS, 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. OCT. 29 AND 30
Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, 847-835-5440; chicagobotanic.org

Families are invited to come in costume and trick-or-treat throughout the Model Railroad Garden to celebrate Halloween Cost is $6 adults, $5 seniors, $4 (children ages 3-12); children 2 and younger free.

Glenview

BOO BASH, 3-6 P.M. OCT. 29
Glen Town Center, 2030 Tower Drive, www.theglintowncenter.com/events

Free family fun, including candy stations.

Gurnee

FRIGHT FEST, 5-11 P.M. FRIDAY, 11 A.M.-MIDNIGHT SATURDAY AND 11 A.M.-10 P.M. SUNDAY OCT. 7-30 PLUS 11 A.M.-7 P.M. OCT. 10 AND 5-11 P.M. OCT. 31
Six Flags Great America, 542 N. Route 21, 847-249-4636; frightfest-sixflags.com

The amusement park is populated with monsters and you can also visit haunted houses, catch shows and watch a costumed parade. The event is not recommended for kids under age 13. Admission is $46.99-$71.99 plus $30 to visit the haunted houses.

Highwood

THE GREAT HIGHWOOD PUMPKIN FEST 4-10 P.M. OCT. 7, 11 A.M.-10 P.M. OCT. 8, 11 A.M.-9 P.M. OCT. 9
Downtown Highwood, highwoodpumpkinfest.com

The bash features an attempt to break the world record for most jack-o-lanterns lit plus pumpkin carving, trick-or-treating, costume contests, parade, hayrides, petting zoo and carnival. Admission is $2. Proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Illinois. Between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Oct. 3-6 stop by Highwood City Hall, 17 Highwood Ave., to carve a pumpkin.

Lincolnwood

PUMPKINS IN PROESEL PARK, 1-3 P.M. OCT. 22
Proesel Park, 6915 Kostner Ave., 847-673-1540; lincolnwoodil.org

The free party features crafts, a DJ, a bounce house and Halloween-themed games and refreshments. Dress in costume and take advantage of a photo station.

Morton Grove

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FEST, 3-6 P.M. OCT. 22
Prairie View Community Center, 6834 W. Dempster St., 847-965-1200, mortongroveparks.com

Wear your costume for a free bash for kids ages 3-12 featuring carnival games, hayrides, crafts and the chance to decorate pumpkins to take home.

Niles

MONSTER BASH, 6-8:30 P.M. OCT. 21
Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., 847-967-6633; niles-parks.org

Kids ages 3 and older and their families can dress in costume and celebrate with pizza, games, and music. Tickets are $15-$18.

Turn to Spooky, Page 24
When a Georgetown socialite’s son shows up with a shocking new world view, it ignites a family divide that spans over thirty years.

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Boo! at the Zoo is Oct. 22-23 and 29-30 at Brookfield Zoo.

Spooky, from Page 23

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY, 9:30 A.M. OCT. 29
Oak Park, Main Street and Ottawa Avenue, 847-967-6633; niles-parks.org

Kids ages 1-12 can dress in costume and stroll to Grennan Heights for games and goodies. Tickets are $10-$12.

Park Ridge

HALLOWEEN HOOPLA, 6:30-8:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCT. 13
Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge; (847) 692-5127, www.parksparks.org

The event will include scarecrow building, pumpkin carving, hayrides and a campfire for making s’mores and drinking cocoa. The cost is $31 per resident family; $50 for nonresident families which entitles you to one scarecrow and one pumpkin; additional pumpkins are $10. Registration is required.

BONES, MUMMIES AND TOMB RAIDERS CONCERT, 7-10 P.M. OCT. 26
Pickwick Theatre, S. Prospect Ave., 847-692-7726
parkridgeivicorchestra.org

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra plays music from movie series including “Indiana Jones,” “Harry Potter,” “Lord of the Rings” and “Pirates of the Caribbean.” Tickets are $5. Prior to the concert, there will be kid-friendly activities at the Park Ridge Public Library and Hodges Park from 5-6:30 p.m.

PARK RIDGE CLASSIC FILM SERIES PRESENTS ‘CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON’ SCREENING, 2 P.M. (MOVIE ONLY) AND 7:30 P.M.
OCT. 27
Pickwick Theatre, S. Prospect, Park Ridge; parkridgeclassicfilm.com

Evening includes spooky organ music, a costume contest and Parade of Ghouls. Admission is $10; advance tickets are $8, $6 for the matinee.

Schaumburg

BRICK-OR-TREAT, NOON-7 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-7 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OCT. 21-31
Legoland Discovery Center Chicago, 601 N. Martin-gale Road; legolanddiscoverycenter.com

Kids can trick-or-treat for Lego bricks that form a Halloween-themed mini-model, build with glow-in-the dark Legos and search for hidden Lego pumpkins at the annual celebration. Admission is $19 and kids who dress in costume receive $5 off.

Schiller Park

CHICAGO HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY, BEWARE OF ZOMBIES 2016, 8 P.M. TO 2 A.M.
OCT. 28
Galaxy Banquets, 4663 N. Ruby; www.halloweenchicago.net

Huge Halloween costume party, 21-and-older, including costume contest, dancing, tarot card reader, cash bar and prize wheel.

Skokie

TIME WARP TIME: A ROCKY HORROR CABARET, 7 P.M. OCT. 30
Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., 847-677-7761, skokie-theatre.org

Dress up and sing along with the cast for a cabaret show featuring songs from “Rocky Horror Picture Show” and Halloween-themed songs from the ‘50s-’80s. Tickets are $25.

Various locations

“THE SHINING,” OCT. 23 AND OCT. 26
Movie theaters: Century 16 Deer Park, Evanston 18, Lincolnshire 20 Plus Imax, Cinemark Melrose Park and Rosemont 18, fathomevent- s.com

Jack Nicholson is an author who may be descending into madness while he and his family are caretakers at a hotel.

JAMES C. SVEHLA/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"Ugly" author urges honesty

Born with a facial tumor, author Robert Hoge encourages honest discussion of physical differences
If you like honey, you'd B. happy here

Oak Brook 'hive to table' restaurant generates buzz

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

Naperville resident Sean Patrick Curry is a chef who has always had an interest in bees.

"I believe that bees are intelligent creatures," says Curry, 42. He prizes the honey that is produced and uses it in many dishes.

In the past, he has tried to raise bees at other restaurants where he has served as a chef, including a rooftop hive at a Naperville restaurant. When the opportunity arose to open a restaurant focused on these tiny honey producers, he happily took on the challenge.

B., an Oak Brook "hive to table" restaurant, opened in August with a menu that features honey harvested from bees that buzz around the Audubon Certified Cooperative Sanctuary gardens outside the restaurant's floor-to-ceiling windows (localfoodfresh.com or 630-850-5525).

"The difference here over past restaurants where I tried to have bees is that bees are welcome here. We have a horticulturist on the property, and we planted things specifically for the bees. At any time, there are about 200 bees visiting the gardens here. I have eight hives of northern Italian bees.

"All they care about is pollen and nectar. In July, I had close to a million bees in the hives. This year I expect to collect close to 450 pounds of honey. My goal is 600 pounds.

Curry slips on a bee keeper's outfit, grabs a smoker and collects the honey. He also has equipment for extracting the honey in the restaurant. He is willing to give interested patrons a tour and lesson on the art of keeping bees upon request.

"This honey is very good, and people keep asking to buy it, but for now, I need to keep it to use in the restaurant. It has a very good flavor with a hint of a minty flavor," Curry says.

Lamb chops served with a honey and cider gravy have been a popular item at B. in Oak Brook.

In addition to nurturing bees, the restaurant also has herb and kitchen gardens for fresh produce used in the kitchen. The rest of the food served at B. is "locally sourced from about 250 different Midwest farmers," Curry says.

"This is relaxed elegance," says Steven Ellingsen, general manager of Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center where the restaurant is located. "It is really a free-standing restaurant even though it is on-site. I think it is unique to the market and will stand on its own as a culinary experience."

Honey is used in numerous ways at B.

Erica Tomei, the B. pastry chef, makes a honey cake that is topped with a wispy dab of unique dehydrated foam. She also prepares a house made honey wheat bread made with a yeast culture grown on-site.

"We call it the dough baby," she jokes about the yeast, which needs continuous attention to be sure it is fed and kept moist.

The bread is served with fresh honey and a dollop of ricotta for spreading.

Honey is used to replace processed sugar in many different dishes, including the pizza dough and soups.

"It is not in every dish we serve," Curry says. "That would be too overwhelming. I would say our fall menu uses honey in about 70 percent of the dishes."

Heirloom vegetables abound on the menu, including multiple colors of heirloom carrots served with a side of hollandaise made with pork fat. One item that is drawing a lot of interest is the Viking Lamb chops from Wisconsin, served with a honey and cider gravy.

"Lamb is not served often in restaurants and so people appreciate having it as an option," Curry says.

An interesting twist at B. is the living salad that Curry says is "very interactive." Guests are served arugula that is still growing in a small vase and are given scissors to snip off the leaves and place them in a bowl with shaved grana and caramelized honey bread crumbs.

A few sprinkles of dressing, a little tossing, and the guest has made his own personal, fresh salad.

Curry is content to "bee happy" in the new restaurant. He shares two of the honey-laced recipes from the restaurant for others to try.

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Honey Cake

Makes 12 servings.

Cake

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sour cream

Tres Leches Soak

- 3 ounces evaporated milk
- 3 1/2 ounces sweetened condensed milk
- 3 ounces whole milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

1. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla, orange juice and honey. Scrape sides of bowl while mixing.

2. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix dry ingredients into main mixture in parts, alternating with sour cream. Line a 9- by 13-inch pan with parchment paper. Pour batter into pan.

3. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool. Carefully turn cake out of the pan. Poke holes in the cake. Mix together the three milks and vanilla. Pour about one-third of the mixture over the cake. Allow to soak into the cake. Repeat until all the liquid is used.

Brick chicken

Serves two.

- 2-3 pound whole chicken, cut in half
- 5 tablespoons pepper
- 1 tablespoon ginger
- 2 1/2 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 2 tablespoons peeled garlic
- 1 cup Negra Modelo or Guinness
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 cup achiote paste
- 1/4 cup adobo
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons dried oregano
- 1/4 cup diced white onion
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup honey

Salt and pepper to taste

1. Put all ingredients in a blender. Blend. Marinate chicken in the mixture 10 to 12 hours. Remove from marinade. Roast at 375 degrees until chicken reaches 165 degrees — about 45 to 60 minutes.
BOO-tiful DIY costumes for Halloween

Don't go batty this Halloween. Instead, dress up your little ghouls and goblins in easy-to-make costumes that require little more than paint, glue and creativity. And most of the items you need you'll find in your own pantry or closet.

Strawberry
A rain poncho and plastic headbands get a quick makeover to become a fanciful fruit frock.
You need:
- Rain poncho
- Plastic headband, available in the hair accessory aisle at most grocery stores
- White fabric paint
- Paper towel roll
- Green construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Green duct tape (optional)
Directions:
Use fabric paint to add the strawberry's seeds as white dots.
To make the stems and leaf collar:
- Cut paper towel roll to size, 2-3 inches
- Cover the roll with green construction paper.
- Cut out green leaves. The strawberry needs 10-15 long green leaves.
- Glue or tape the leaves to the “stem” and fan out as desired.
- Note, the strawberry leaves will flop under the “stem.”
- Cover headband with green duct tape (optional).
- Glue or tape stem to headband.
- Add a collar of leaves simply gluing a bunch of leaves to the top of the red poncho or punch a hole through the leaves, insert some ribbon and wear the leaves as a necklace.

Bag of Jellybeans
I love this costume because it finally puts to use all those leftover jelly beans. The jelly bean label. Print one on your computer or have your kids make one with markers and paper.
- Clear packing tape
Directions:
- Tape jelly bean label to the front of the garbage bag with packing tape.
- Cut out arm and leg holes.
- Have your “jelly bean” step into the bag being careful to put arms and legs through the necessary holes.
- Fill up the bag with balloons (front, back and sides).
- Close the bag, tying loose knots on the sides of the drawstring bag. Be sure to leave ample room around the neck area.

Headless Horror
If you have a long coat, a backpack and a large plastic container, you have just about all you need to make this hilariously gruesome costume.
You need:
- Long coat (must have buttons)
- Large recycled container
- Backpack
- Gloves
- Bulky stuffing, such as T-shirts, plastic bags, newspaper or towels
- Safety pins or Velcro tape
- Clear packing tape
Directions:
- Prepare plastic container by removing top cover and carefully cutting off the bottom of the container. You will also want to cut out a large portion of the back to allow for better air circulation. If the edges are sharp, cover edges with clear packing tape.
- Fill backpack with bulky items such as extra clothes or paper towels.
- Fill gloves with paper towels so it appears as if fingers are inside.
- Have your child put on the bulky backpack and then place the coat over the backpack.
- Unbutton the middle buttons so your child can pop his or her head out.

Tongue Twister
This clever costume turns an old Twister board into a unique and punny costume.
You need:
- Plastic Twister board
- White baseball hat, available at most craft stores
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Velcro tape
- Spinner arrow, made with construction paper and a brad, (a small wire nail with a small, barrel-shaped head). Or, if you have an old board game with a spinner you can reuse the plastic arrow and backing.
Directions:
- Fold board in half and cut a neck hole in the middle.
- Write tongue twisters on the board with a black permanent marker. If you need tongue twister ideas visit http://bit.ly/10GIddX.
- Wear the board as though it were a poncho. Use Velcro tape to close up the sides, being sure to leave room for the arms.
- To make the spinner hat, use scissors to gently punch a hole in the middle of the hat.
- Draw a circle around the hole, and divide it into sections. Color in the different sections (red, yellow, blue and green) with permanent marker.
- Add arrow and secure with either a metal brad or plastic backing.
- Have your “tongue twister” step into this board being careful to put arms and legs through the necessary holes.
- Fill up the board with balloons (front, back and sides).
- Close the board, tying loose knots on the sides of the drawstring bag. Be sure to leave ample room around the neck area.

Happy Halloween!
At what point do you say goodbye to a pet?

By Marc Morrone

Tribune Content Agency

Q: My Chihuahua is 16 years old and my family members are putting pressure on me to put her to sleep. They say it is a pity to see her bump into walls as she cannot see very well and that I am only keeping her alive to satisfy my own needs and not hers. She seems happy enough to me - she still eats and goes to the bathroom on her own. She does sometimes leave puddles on the floor, but we have tiles so it is not an issue for me to clean up after her. At what point do you say goodbye to a pet?

A: This is an issue that I have gone through myself and time again with all my pets for many decades. Only a handful of my assorted pets have died peacefully in their sleep, otherwise I have been in the same situation as you are now many times.

First of all, do not let other family members pressure or guilt you into doing it. The only person who is qualified to say that your pet is suffering physically is the vet who has been caring for it and who is qualified to say that your pet the additional care it needs, unable to provide your geriatric pet the additional care it needs, and it was thus suffering in that manner.

In the end, each case is different and sometimes you have to do what you have to do and I cannot judge anybody for that.

My Siamese cat, Wheezer, is now 20 and is frail, skinny and suffers from irritable bowel syndrome despite a raw food diet and drugs. Nonetheless, he suffers from explosive diarrhea and when that happens it certainly ruins any plans we may have at that particular moment.

However, he still toddles about the house and keeps himself clean. At night he always finds me and falls asleep on my chest no matter where I am. He could sleep anywhere in the house but the fact he feels safe with me touches my heart a great deal. I do not mind cleaning up the mess he makes. I know the problem will resolve itself sooner than I would like and I will never have another Wheezer again after that.

Q: We have two cats that are brothers and were raised together. One meows all the time and seems normal in all respects. The other one hardly ever meows but he seems to be purring all the time and his purring is very loud. Is there a reason for this and should we be worried?

A: From here I certainly cannot say if there is anything wrong with the cat, but I can comment on cat vocalization. Meowing by cats is done only by kittens to their mothers and by adult cats to their human keepers as they view us as their “parents” and they express their needs to us in this manner.

Among themselves cats growl, hiss and make other sounds, but they rarely meow to each other. There is a lot of debate among scientists on purring among domestic cats, but they do agree there are two different purring styles.

One type of purr that expresses contentment and another type measured by recording and comparing the sound waves - that is called a “solicitation purr.” In other words the cat is expressing a need for something with a purr in the same manner that it would express the need with a meow.

So perhaps your meow-less cat has discovered that his purring gets him the same things from you that a meow would - only the cat knows for sure.

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Families fuming over bad experiences with designer

Help Squad received complaints from several Chicago-area families regarding designer/contractor Terrell Goeke, who previously served as Studio 41's design director. In this role, Goeke allegedly solicited contract work from Studio 41 customers. Below are some of their complaints.

Family 1: Terry sold us on the "team approach" he could provide by managing all aspects of our project through Studio 41. He provided his Studio 41 business card and communicated with us using his Studio 41 email. Poor design led to us twice reinstalling plumbing and cabinets in our master bath, which resulted in water damage and extra repair costs. Terry promised credits against Studio 41 purchases to make up for extra labor charges... These credits were never received.

Family 2: We met with Terrell Goeke at Studio 41 to discuss our project and select Studio 41 products. (All orders were placed) through (Terrell Enterprises, LLC). The total cost of the project was $170,000. We have canceled checks (from Goeke) placed) through (Terrell Enterprises, LLC). Select Studio 41 products. (All orders were

Family 3: Terrell Goeke gave us his Studio 41 business card, said they do remodeling as long as we purchase Studio 41 products. We hired Terrell and gave him a check to start the project. The work was done with cheap material — not the Studio 41 cabinetry we agreed on. He did not pay workers or [suppliers]... We have spent over $100,000 to redo all the damage he caused.

Goeke's registered interior designer license was denied renewal by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in November 2015 “as a result of displaying improper conduct of a character likely to deceive the public.”

When I asked Goeke why renewal of his design license was denied, why he left Studio 41, whether he had offered Studio 41 credits to compensate for rework and whether he could provide an accounting of monies spent and orders placed, he did not answer. Instead, he told me Family 2 had “close to 20 grand in extras,” and when he offered to provide an accounting, “she started blowing a gasket that she wasn’t going to pay for any of the extras. It’s pretty annoying... when homeowners can do and say whatever they want... I front all the money then nobody wants to pay for one reason or another.” Via email he added: “I am no longer in a construction business.”

When asked about Studio 41's knowledge of Goeke's revoked design license and his soliciting customers for installation and construction work, general manager John Mannion told me, “We didn't hire (Goeke) as a registered designer. He was selling cabinetry to homeowners...”

“At no point did anyone raise a hand and say, 'Hey, how come I have this Terrell Enterprises contract and not Studio 41?" Whatever we need to do to support the product needs of these projects, we'll take care of it. We have gone above and beyond because we don't want people to be disadvantaged. But people looking to connect us with Terry, I understand where the thinking comes from, but the contract is between Terry Goeke, his Terrell Enterprises, and those individuals.

It is human nature to want to trust the "expert," especially when associated with a reputable business. The take-away for Help Squad readers is: Never forgo due diligence and always be alert to red flags.

ALWAYS ask for references. Check the internet reviews or for write-ups on the individual or business.

Do not proceed without a detailed contract. For additional contract-review tips:

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist.
Reading remains popular

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

The Pew Research Center recently released its annual survey of Americans’ reading habits, and it contains some news.

Whether it is good news, bad news or not really news depends a lot on the assumptions you carry about what’s happening to reading and readers.

The percentage of adults who have read a book in the last 12 months is essentially unchanged from 2015, moving from 72 percent to 73 percent. The peak for the years Pew has surveyed is 2011, at 79 percent, but I will bet you dollars to doughnuts that something called “Fifty Shades of Grey” (released in 2011) has a lot to do with that number.

In case you’ve forgotten, the median is the midpoint of the data set. Of people who read books, there’s an equal chance of being above or below that number. The mean is the average of all people who read books. The gap between the two numbers show that the “average” reader is reading many more books (12) than the typical reader (four).

But we could take those people who are at the median and seek to move them closer to the current mean. Four books a year is one a quarter. Twelve is only one a month. Many of you reading this read a book per week or more.

Let’s make the one-a-quarter people more like one-a-month people.

How? I’ve been thinking about it. When you identify someone who reads, but doesn’t read “enough,” try this technique:

Ask, “What have you been reading lately?”
When they say nothing much, or they haven’t read anything lately, make a suggestion.

“Oh, you should try (awesome book you just read), I loved it.”

You have planted the seed. Surely, some of these seeds will bring fruit and flower.

Now, given that the number of people who read a book in a year is relatively steady, it seems unlikely that we could increase the percentage of readers. But I think I know how to get more reading happening. There’s an interesting difference between the median number of books read per year (four) and the mean number of books read per year (12).

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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.

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| N. Irritating | 112 28 71 93 8 132 161 |
| O. Jump rope game: 2 wds. | 131 99 155 47 86 75 |
| P. All gone | 147 129 105 115 30 |
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| S. Around the corner | 5 146 100 136 12 83 60 36 |
| T. Precarious position | 85 106 34 163 55 |
| U. Interest/maturity relationship: 2 wds. | 16 45 140 22 |

Compound It!

**BY CHARLES PRESTON**

**ACROSS**

1. Gaelic language
6. Nimble
10. Lasso
14. Farewell, Fr.
15. Petulant grimace
16. Unemployed
17. Icy white crystals
19. Run out rapidly
20. Kitchen utensil
21. Rage
22. Tempestuous
24. Denomination
25. Tells an untruth
26. Building front
29. Emergency treatment
33. Mighty particle
34. No: Ger.
36. Land: L.
37. Quarrel
38. Always reliable one
40. School of whales
41. Glisten
43. Scorch
44. Memo
45. Longtime resident
47. Decreases
49. Seed covering

**DOWN**

1. Acronym for a social class
2. Author Ferber
3. Shaggy beast
4. Stitch
5. Blow and puffed
6. Intelligent
7. Slow
8. Regret
9. Polite affirmative
10. Quick retort
11. Aroma
12. Cherry-like fruit
13. Weird
14. Bright
23. Irascible
24. Uncle
25. _ Evans
26. ND city
27. Coral isle
28. Browbeaten
29. Less coarse
30. Jargon
31. Angry
32. Ladies
35. Artist’s frame
38. Affected smile
39. Having a high IQ, sometimes
42. Completed
44. No
46. Tight-fisted ones
48. Husky
50. Merchandise
51. Slovenly person
52. Mischievous sprite
53. State firmly
54. Challenge
55. Russian river
56. Greek god of war
57. Girdle
60. By way of
61. Garden tool
Crossword

ACROSS
1 Feather tuft on an egret's head 51 Greed
6 Divulge a secret 54 Largest tribe in South Africa
10 Created 55 Kathmandu
14 "are red, violets are..." 56 Restricting
15 Smidgen 57 Press clothes
16 Middle East 58 Short sleeps
17 Big; happy occasion 59 Delight
18 Song for two 60 "Phooey!"
19 Give, but expect 61 British fellow
20 Bothered 62 Walk with difficulty
22 In a __; hypnotized 66 Wed on the run
24 Baker's need 67 Brooklyn team
25 are the meek,... 68 Notice
26 Pres. Harding 69 Good judgment
29 Nourishes 70__
30 Fit __ fiddle 84__
31 Striped animal 85__
33 Appears 86__
37 Cheap metal containers 87__
39 __ away, erodes 88__
41 Glasgow native 89__
42 "__ of Old Smoky" 90__
44 Staircase piece 91__
46 Garden tool 92__
47 __ out, relax 93__

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51 __ up, spends 49 Plays over in one's mind
52 __, __ up, __, __ up 50 Eave hanging in an icy winter
53 Walk with difficulty 51 __ of the blood
54 Largest tribe in South Africa 52 __, __ up, __, __ up
55 Kathmandu 53 Walk with difficulty
56 Restricting 54 Largest tribe in South Africa
57 Press clothes 55 Kathmandu
58 Short sleeps 56 Restricting
59 Delight 57 Press clothes
60 "Phooey!" 58 Short sleeps
61 British fellow 59 Delight
66 Wed on the run 60 "Phooey!"
67 Brooklyn team 61 British fellow
68 Notice 66 Wed on the run
69 Good judgment 67 Brooklyn team
70__ 68 Notice

Last week's crosswords

"AVIARY"

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

R(obert) ARDREY: LIKE THE CRICKET: Man is invested by the unknown but measurable forces of the natural world as Is the planarian worm. We are as driven by old regulations, as contained by old regulations as is the cricket in his niche.

Last week's Sudoku

Last week's Jumble

He promised to quit, so when his wife caught him about to smoke a stogie, it was --

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

This week's Jumble

LIQUID ACCENT SUDDEN
BOUNCE GROUND APATHY

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CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

Interactive puzzles and games
The power of perfume

A sexy pair of sandals, great fitting jeans or that perfect shade of lipstick are just some of the things a woman might use to attract romance into her life. But there is another accessory in which men and women invest to feel sexy, attractive and desired: perfume and cologne.

According to the website StatisticBrain.com, annual sales in the global perfume industry are close to $29 billion, and in a recent study, only 17 percent of women reported not using perfume.

So what makes people such fragrance fans? I sat down with Gigi Gold, a 30-year veteran in the cosmetic and fragrance industry and founder of Cocktail Perfume, her North Shore-based perfume and body products company to talk about why we love perfume and what role it plays in attraction, desire and romantic feelings.

JP: What is the perfume industry what it is today?
GG: A scent tells a thousand words and makes a lasting impression on who we meet. The power of advertising and social media means a brand message can be conveyed to millions promising a life-changing experience with one spritz of perfume. Ultimately, perfume is big business because scents are silent yet powerful extensions of our personalities, hopes, dreams and innermost desires enclosed in a bottle.

JP: What is the benefit of wearing perfume or cologne?
GG: Beautiful fragrances change our moods. They make us happier. They are confidence-boosters. When you are happier and more self-confident, you are more flirtatious, and a whole demeanor can change. You are more appealing and attractive to others. Fragrance is a captivating part of the allure.

JP: What are the notes in your fragrance, Cocktail, and why did you choose them?
GG: There were certain feelings I wanted people to feel, and that's how I created Cocktail. The notes in it include jasmine, which evokes happiness, which was my main goal. I also chose bergamot because it evokes warmthness inside you and makes you feel good. I chose violet leaves, which helps people experience new beginnings; and rose, which evokes love. Bottom notes include musk, which research shows increases sexual attraction; patchouli, which evokes feelings of being positive and powerful; and amber, which helps you feel warm.

JP: Can wearing a certain fragrance affect your relationship?

GG: Of all the senses, smell is the most intelligent and sensitive. Scents can remind us of anything—an old friend, your mom's kitchen, a happy time from the past. A smell can trigger your memory. So, if you wear a certain fragrance regularly, someone you are dating or a spouse might feel comfortable or happy when smelling it because it reminds him or her of you. A fragrance can be your signature.

JP: What do you want to say to people who wear too much perfume?
GG: A fragrance is meant to be a hint of who you are and to make a subtle impression. You want someone to notice your personality to walk into a room, not your fragrance. It should be sprayed on your pulse points, such as your wrists, ankles, or behind your knees. Or, as Coco Chanel said, "Where you want to be kissed."

A few years ago, I was working as a freelance writer for a startup perfume company and the owner sent me to New York City to attend a convention for perfume enthusiasts called Sniffapalooza. Held in the cosmetics department at Bergdorf Goodman, several well-known perfume designers spoke about the latest industry trends (and gave out enough samples to last me for the rest of my life).

The designers who left the biggest impression on me were Sylvie Ganter and Christophe Cervasel, creators of Atelier Cologne, their Paris-based fragrance line, which was acquired this past summer by L'Oreal. Each of their fragrances told a love story that offered romance and hope and a happily ever after.

What I learned about perfume that weekend is what makes it sell. It's not the promise of attracting men by wearing it or even the actual smell, although you have to enjoy the smell. It's the story behind the scent, the bottle, the company's branding, and most importantly, the way it makes you feel when you smell it and spray it on your skin. When it makes a woman feel really pretty and sexy and desirable, that's when her credit card comes out.

In closing, even though perfume or cologne can make a person smell really good, the best scent of all is the skin of the man or woman you adore and love deeply—that familiar smell that warms you, comforts you and ignites that spark all at the same time. No perfume on earth can compete with that.

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Sunglasses must offer good protection from harmful UV rays

Dear Dr. Komaroff:

During my last eye exam, my eye doctor advised me to buy a pair of "high quality" sunglasses. But she didn't tell me what she meant by high quality. Can you help?

Dr. Komaroff is a physician who responds to questions via Ask Doctor K.

Dear Reader:

When you buy sunglasses, it's natural to look for a style that looks good on you and is comfortable. But don't fail to consider the two most important details: the amount of harmful ultraviolet radiation the lenses screen out. Without proper UV protection, sunglasses can work against you by enabling you to see comfortably in light that is harmful to your eyes.

UV radiation can penetrate the clouds, even on overcast winter days. That's why the American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends that everyone wear sunglasses whenever they are outdoors.

Since 1998, the FDA has regulated nonprescription sunglasses as medical devices. It requires lenses to be impact-resistant, nontoxic and nonflammable. Beyond that, though, options vary, and some choices are better than others. You'll want to consider the following:

- **The label.** Look for 99 percent or 100 percent UV protection, or UV400, which means the lenses absorb wavelengths up to 400 nanometers, thus blocking all harmful UV rays.

- **The size.** The larger the lenses, the better protection they offer. Wraparound lenses are the best because they prevent UV rays from entering at the side.

- **The shade.** Although it may seem counterintuitive, darker isn't automatically better. The darkness of the lens affects only the ability to filter out visible light. The protection from UV light is conferred by coatings applied to the lens.

- **The cost.** There is no relationship between the price tag on a pair of sunglasses and the protection it offers. As long as the labels specify 99 percent or 100 percent UV protection, or UV400, and have no optical defects, an inexpensive pair from a dollar store will do the job as well as pricier sunglasses from a designer boutique. If you want glasses that change their shade depending on the amount of light, such prescription lenses will cost you more.

- **Lenses come in different shades for different situations.** For example, dark lenses are best for a sunny day on the water, while lighter tints may be better choices for overcast days. These days, you can get "photochromic" lenses that change their shade depending on the amount of light. Indoors, they are clear. Outside in bright sun, they become a dark shade.

- **The optical quality.** If you're trying on sunglasses, focus on a vertical edge or line and move your head back and forth. If the line wiggles, the lens may have an optical defect.

- **The fit.** You want the frames to fit comfortably, with the lenses directly in front of your eyes.

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Yellow mustard relished for relief of leg cramps

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

A: I've heard on your radio program that yellow mustard will stop leg cramps. I get cramps frequently. Usually I manage them by drinking tonic water and walking up and down the street late at night.

Last night at 11, I got leg cramps in both legs; one was on the upper thigh, and the other was on the back of my thigh in the other leg. I could hardly wobble about.

I went out to my car to get one of those mustard packets from fast-food places. I opened it up and squeezed it into my mouth. Honestly, it stopped the cramps immediately!

A: Thank you for sharing your success with yellow mustard. Some athletic trainers believe that mustard and pickle juice restore electrolytes like sodium and potassium, but a study showed that could not be the explanation for such rapid relief (Journal of Athletic Training, May-June 2014).

Another explanation was discussed in The Wall Street Journal (July 11). A neuropsychologist has done research showing that pungent flavors like ginger, hot pepper and mustard flood the sensory neurons and overwhelm the misbehaving motor neurons responsible for muscle cramps.

Anyone who would like to learn more about managing muscle cramps and other common complaints may wish to read our book "The People's Pharmacy Quick and Handy Home Remedies" (available at www.peoplespharmacy.com).

Q: When I quit eating gluten, my migraines went away. Now if there is a little bit of gluten in something I eat at a friend's house or in a restaurant, I wake up with a migraine and know I ate the wrong thing. Have you heard of this?

A: Migraine headaches are frequently a symptom of celiac disease. In this autoimmune condition, gluten (a protein in wheat, barley and rye) triggers the immune system to attack the lining of the digestive tract and other tissues in the body.

You did not say if you have been tested for celiac disease, but you might want to discuss it with your doctor. A person with a celiac condition must be very careful about what they eat. Nutrient levels among vitamin D supplements vary widely. One study found extreme variability in dose among vitamin D supplements. Some pills had as little as 9 percent of the dose on the label, while others had up to 140 percent.

The Food and Drug Administration does not monitor the quality of dietary supplements, so consumers are on their own. ConsumerLab.com tests supplements, but you will have to pay for the reports.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
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Robert Hoge looks out at the crowd of 400 children. He's already taught them how people say hello in his native Australia—that's g'day, for those not in the know.

He's graciously shown his new friends the two metal poles that form the lower half of his left leg, and he's waited patiently as the kids have stood up, leaned over, craned their necks—or all three—determined to see for themselves. Now he's moving on to bigger things.

"You've got to be really honest, OK? Can you be honest?" Hoge asks the third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Owen Elementary in Naperville.

"Yes!"

"Put up your hand if you think I look normal," Hoge says. A third of the hands in the room go up.

"Put your hand up if you think I look beautiful." Half the hands go up. "You're wonderful children," Hoge says with a chuckle. "OK, who hasn't put their hand up? Again, no wrong answers, who thinks I look ugly?" Utter stillness. And then slowly, hesitantly, three brave children raise their hands.

"Hey! No!" a few of their classmates protest.

"No, that's OK," Hoge says, gently but firmly. "There are no wrong answers."

The self-described "ugliest person you've never met," Hoge, 44, was born with short, twisted legs and a big tumor in the middle of his face. He has a broad, short nose constructed from one of his toes, and, as he makes clear in his powerful new memoir for kids, "Ugly," he's no stranger to childhood cruelty. But as he embarks on his U.S. book tour, his anti-bullying message isn't the soothing "we're all the same on the inside" that adults have come to expect.

"Too often, we try to say to kids that differences in appearances don't matter, by pretending they don't exist," Hoge says.

"I want to give them the impression that it's OK. It should actually be OK to say people look different from each other. I don't think it's possible to have people accept differences in appearance if we can't at least acknowledge them. So the first thing (I want kids to know) is, it's OK that we look a bit different from each other, and let's not pretend we don't."

Dressed casually, in a plaid shirt, tan pants and work boots, Hoge easily commands the crowd of cross-legged kids, and when he recites a list of nicknames (toothpick legs, stumpy, cripple) he endured as a boy, he does so with a reassuring touch of dry humor: "I got called ugly face, which was, again, you know, not particularly creative."

When a kid asks an unexpected question—"Did you like Team USA?"—he leans forward with a quizzical smile and lobs that trick shot right back over the net: "I love being in the USA. I don't like when the USA beats us in the Olympics, especially the swimming, but Michael Phelps is retiring now, so that's good. Someone else can have a go for a while."

This is all great fun, of course, but it's fun with a deeper meaning.

"I don't want to sit there and lecture (kids), but I think there's some value to kids who are having a rough time, who might be bullied or teased, in seeing someone up there that they can relate to," Hoge says.

"They can see that there's someone who's (had a tough time) and that they've made it. I don't think there's any one answer to bullying, but there's a lot of value to giving kids hope by talking honestly."

Hoge, who lives in Brisbane, is married and has two daughters and a cat named Leo. A memoir he wrote for adults came out in 2013 in Australia and New Zealand, and after that, he was often invited to speak to kids. His publisher suggested writing a memoir for children, and Hoge, a former newspaper reporter, embraced the challenge. "Ugly," which got a starred review from Publishers Weekly, was released in the U.S. this month.

Hoge writes about how unusual he looked when he was born, with a tumor pushing his eyes to the sides of his head. There were more than two dozen operations, including a life-threatening 12-hour marathon at age 4, in which doctors moved his eyes in toward his nose, amputated part of his right leg, and rebuilt his nose from toe bone and cartilage in his amputated foot.

There were terrible taunts, the worst of which was "Toe Nose," he writes: "It cut to the very heart of me, making me ashamed of the good work the doctors had done."

But there was also a very loving and supportive family and a childhood rich in ordinary adventure. We see young Robert, making his first friend at school, learning to ride a bike and making mischief with neighborhood pals. You fear for him as he enters school, a child with wobbly legs and an unusual face, but over time, you come to fear for those who stand in his way too. He's funny, he's whip-smart, he's brave. He seems, well, kind of unstoppable.

"I'm probably aggressively positive," Hoge says with a twinkle in his eye. "Which is sometimes to my detriment and probably means I'm not always as sympathetic as I should be."

On a more serious note, he adds: "I wanted to have a balance in the book of being extraordinarily frank about my circumstances, all the surgeries I had, and some of the consequences of that, what it meant in my life, but also reflecting that, despite—and perhaps because of—my circumstances, I had a pretty good childhood. I had a lot of fun growing up."
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"Through the Woods" is a charming story for all

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

It's tough letting go of your kids when they're grown up and ready to move on. It's an equally difficult adjustment for two sets of grandparents, whose grandson may leave town, in "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Joe DiPietro at James Downing Theatre.

"This character is basically me," declared Nicholas Padiak who plays Nick, a young man on the move. "He's my age, his name is Nick, he works in marketing, as do I. He gets a promotion. I just got a promotion. He has anxiety. I have anxiety." The main difference is that Padiak doesn't have meddling grandparents.

The character of Nick, who lives in his native New Jersey, has dinner every Sunday night with his four Italian grandparents. He chooses one of those dinners as the time to let them know that he has been offered a promotion which requires a move to Seattle. They're not ready to listen to that.

"He's conflicted," Padiak said of Nick. "He has a duty to his family and cares about them quite deeply and wants to spend time with them. But he also has this economic and societal pull of wanting more, wanting to strike out on his own and make a life and career for himself."

His grandparents try to dissuade Nick from moving using every device at their command. "They throw guilt at him and then they try to get him to stay by setting him up with a lovely young lady," Padiak said.

Diane Kumpf plays Emma, one of Nick's two grandmothers. "Emma was born in this country but she never went too far in school," Kumpf said. "She married at 18 and had two boys right away.

All four grandparents have some similarities. Kumpf indicated, noting they're all "demonstrative and holler a lot but it doesn't mean anything. We all love each other very much." Because Nick's parents relocated to Florida, the grandparents are particularly attached to Nick.

They don't want him to move because they will miss him but Kumpf believes there's an additional reason they try to dissuade Nick from accepting the promotion. "They've only lived one place their whole lives and there weren't opportunities open to them to get a job that takes you across the country," Kumpf said. "So it's scary to them."

Director Gretchen Grassl, who is also active with Kirk Players in Mundelein, noted that when that company presented "Over the River and Through the Woods" in the '90s, "It was universally everybody's favorite." She added that people said it made them laugh and cry.

That's why she suggested the play to the James Downing Theatre board. They agreed it was a great choice for their company.

"It's so sweet and it's so true," Grassl said, with the grandparents wondering if what they did made life better for their grandson or not.

"And his question as the grandson is, 'What do I owe for their devotion all these years?'" Grassl related. "It's a really cool generational piece. I'm excited for people to see the show."
FAMILY FRIENDLY

Raise your spirits with Park Ridge Halloween Hoopla

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Search your closet for an outfit befitting a scarecrow when you go to Halloween Hoopla 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge.

“We set up a bunch of pumpkins and we’ve got lots of straw and the families bring their own clothes to stuff a scarecrow. They carve and decorate their pumpkin,” Jenny Clauson, supervisor of the Park Ridge Park District event, said.

Outdoors, families can take a hayride and sit around a campfire making s’mores and drinking cocoa.

“Once everybody’s done stuffing their scarecrows and carving their pumpkins, we line them all up and do a judging contest, and hand out prizes and candy to everybody,” Clauson said.

She noted that it’s really cute when families bring baby clothes and make baby scarecrows.

The cost is $31 per resident family, $50 for nonresident families, which entitles you to one scarecrow and one pumpkin; additional pumpkins are $10. Registration is required.

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

Nothing to fear

Despite the name, the Monster Bash is tame. There will be pizza, games and music for dancing at this family event for ages 3 and older 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles. The cost is $15 for residents; $18 for nonresidents. Early registration is encouraged.

For details, call 847-967-6633 or go to www.niles-parks.org.

Look, up in the sky...

...and you may see a meteor shower at Stargazer Night: Draconids 7 p.m. Oct. 7 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The telescope will be out at this drop-in event for stargazing and constellation naming.

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

Take your time

Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Oct. 8 for Fall Family Fun Fest at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. There will be games, programs, sidewalk chalk, a duck pond, crafts, giant tic-tac-toe and more.

For details, call 708-867-7828 or go to www.eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Pet project

Find a great outfit for your dog, cat or other furry or feathered family member for the 7th Annual Costumed Pet Parade 11-11:45 a.m. Oct. 8 in front of the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. People and pets will parade around the library grounds. Apple cider and cookies will be served.

For details, call 847-825-3123 or go to www.parkridgelibrary.org.
Dance for Life turns 25

Event: Dance for Life, 25th anniversary
Benefitting: Aids Foundation of Chicago, the Dancers' Fund, Dance for Life and The Awareness Initiative
Presented by: Chicago Dancers United
Highlight: Performance featuring: Giordano Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Joffrey Ballet, Chicago Dance Crash and Visceral Dance Chicago
Locations: Hilton Chicago and Auditorium Theatre
Date: Aug. 20
Attended: 2,400 at the performance
Raised: $425,000
Website: www.chicagodancersunited.org

NILES LIBRARY HELPS STOCK FOOD PANTRIES

Tim Spadoni, from left, Patti Rozanski, Karen Dimond, Carolyn Drblik, Barbara Nakashiki, Rob Breit, Linda Ryan and the library board, not pictured, would like to thank everyone who participated in the Food for Fines Drive. Between Sept.1 and 15, more than 600 non-perishable goods were collected to benefit the Niles Township, Maine Township and Niles Family Services food pantries. See www.nileslibrary.org.

'COMMUNITY' PARTY RAISES $18,000 FOR CHARITIES

Dave and Donna Krueger of Norridge, from left, Lisa Grant of Melrose Park, Kern and Mark Hagen of Elmwood Park, were among 160 who attended the Unity In Community Foundation's 8th Annual CommUNITY Fundraiser and Food Drive Sept. 17 at the Underpass Restaurant & Lounge in Franklin Park. The event raised $18,000 for the Veterans Assistance Program, CommUNITY Helping Hands and local high school scholarships. Food was also collected for the local food pantries. Visit www.theunityincommunity.org for more.

Send us your holiday bazaar info

Pioneer Press is preparing a roundup of holiday bazaars and craft shows. If you would like your organization's information included in the holiday bazaar listings, send your information to Deborah Hoppe at dhoppe@pioneerlocal.com by Oct. 10. Please include event details, address, email and website, with a phone number and/or email for us to contact if we need more information.
LAKE ZURICH

Four-bedroom, 4.5-bath Colonial home built in 1987. Gas fireplace, sliding glass doors to patio, cook's kitchen with black titanium granite countertops, and garage. Near parks, schools and shopping.

Address: 1030 Brittany Road
Price: $449,000
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: $10,111.74
Agent: Kevin Rutherford, Baird & Warner Winnetka

NILES


Address: 8809 N. Elmore St.
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Taxes: $4,810
Agent: Albena Miluchev, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage: Northbrook

NORTHBROOK

Four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home built in 1977. Hardwood floors on first floor, full eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, family room with fireplace, garage and concrete patio. Near schools, parks and expressway.

Address: 3100 Techny Road
Price: $649,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: $11,578
Agent: Michael Kevorkian, New Market Realty Inc.

HIGHLAND PARK

Four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home built in 1968. New roof, all bathrooms remodeled, new doors, deck, and water heater, circular driveway and attached 2.5-car garage. Near adjoining villages, Metra, shopping and lakefront.

Address: 3412 University Ave.
Price: $670,000
Schools: Highland Park High School
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Agent: Alan Meyerowitz, @Properties

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A gutter clogged with leaves, sticks and other debris can cause a leaky roof.

**HOME REMEDIES**

**Gutter check: Keeping them clean a necessity**

**BY TOM MOOR AND JASON MICHAEL WHITE**

Gutters are an integral piece of your home's well-being. They serve to control the flow of rainwater to protect your roof, walls, foundation and landscape.

But when neglected, experts say gutters can turn from a necessity to a nightmare.

A gutter clogged with leaves, sticks and other debris can cause a leaky roof or water damage to the interior or exterior of your home. Contractors say gunked-up gutters also make nice homes for pests, rodents, mold and honeycombs from bee infestations.

"If you let gutter cleaning go by the wayside, it can cost you hundreds or thousands of dollars," says Jeff Lambert, a supervisor with The Gutter Man in Houston.

"Gutters are a potential bomb above your head full of insects and critters, if you let them stay out of sight, out of mind," Lambert adds.

How often should they be cleaned?

It depends largely on where you live and, most importantly, how many trees are in your yard.

Bob Vecchio, owner of The House Doctors in Cleveland, recommends having gutters maintained in the spring and fall. "I recommend people calling me in the fall when all of their leaves are down or almost down, Vecchio says. "In the springtime, maple trees get those little helicopters that go everywhere, including into your gutter."

Leaf guards significantly decrease the need for gutter maintenance, but they don't eliminate the need completely, Lambert says.

Instead of every four to six months, you may only need to maintain gutters with covers or screens every one to three years. The frequency of maintenance will depend on the quality of the cover and the type and quantity of trees in the yard, he says.

Even if you do have gutter covers, it's still a good idea to do a visual check each year, says Vince Curcio, owner of The Bizz-zy Bee in Charlotte, N.C.

Vecchio says a guard will not keep all the debris out, adding: "Up to 15 to 20 percent can still get in, and you still have to remove the guard. Sometimes you need a professional to do so."

It's important to purchase quality covers and screens if you want to effectively limit the need for gutter maintenance, says Gerry Murray, owner of Gutter Covers of Indiana in Indianapolis.

"You need to look for one that's tough enough to hold up and suits your type of trees," he says.

A gutter cover costs between $100 and $200, depending on the size of the home and length of gutters, Murray says.

Although cleaning gutters is a task most homeowners can do themselves, it can be dangerous work. According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, falls from ladders sent more than 240,000 Americans to hospital emergency rooms in 2009 (the most recent year available).
Simple organization hacks tidy people do every day

BY SOPHIE MIURA

Domain

Ask me to locate an electronic bill, and a quick Command + F will retrieve my archive in an instant. Ask me to find hard-copy medical records or receipts, and that's a completely different story. If, like me, you've mastered a digital filing system but don't quite know how to organize life's administrative paperwork, it's time to declutter your desk.

The digital age might have replaced mounting paper bills with a bursting inbox but, according to Martha Stewart, a filing system is crucial for important documents, something many millennials overlook. Guilty? Here are five simple hacks tidy people swear by for an organized workspace.

Centralize paperwork:

Leaving items scattered around the house or creating multiple filing spots can be an easy way to lose track of paperwork. Choose one place to store all important documents, ideally near a computer so you can cross-reference soft and hard copies.

Reduce receipts: Holding onto important receipts and warranty information might seem like a safe bet, but it can quickly spiral out of control. One of the things that causes chaos is that people don't know what they need, so they save everything,” says Julie Morgenstern, author of “Organizing From the Inside Out.”

She suggests making an automatic toss list and storing the rest in a file by month. Review this at tax time, and toss any papers that aren't relevant.

Create a mail-sorting area: To prevent paperwork from piling up, add a wastepaper bin to your entryway to encourage you to toss unwanted mail straight away.

Sort bills by month, not type: Professional organizer Barry Izsak says it's a mistake to file bills based on type. Instead, he recommends organizing paperwork by month or scanning the copy to add it to your digital system before recycling the original.

Use a safe-deposit box: Some important documents should be stored away from the rest of your filing in a safe-deposit box. This includes birth certificates, medical records and legal documents. Make sure you keep these together, and retain copies for quick reference.
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Parkinson Wellness Recovery/PWR! is Parkinson-specific
exercise, scientifically designed to target
symptoms of PD. It includes boxing
training for endurance, agility and sta-
ability. The instructor is Drew Surinsky,
is an exercise physiologist. 9 a.m. and
10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,
Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut
Ave., Glenview, $12-$17, 847-502-0630

Write Right: This is suggested for sixth
to eighth graders to drop in for an
formal writing group. Sit and write with
your peers, share your work, or look for
feedback. 3:30 p.m. Lincolnwood Public
Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincoln-
wood, free, 847-677-5277

Medicare Made Easy: During this
presentation Kathy Gaeding from CJE
SeniorLife, a trained Illinois Senior
Health Insurance Counselor, provides
tips to help you make good choices and
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Oct. 15 - Dec. 7 is the open enrollment
period when consumers can make
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health insurance plan. 1 p.m. Lincoln-
wood Community Center, 6900 N.
Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-
677-5277

Everybody Move: Everybody Move
takes place on Thursdays, Sept. 22 to
Nov. 10, for infants to 2-year-olds, with
caregiver. Celeste Cifala Roy, from Ev-
estring's early childhood movement
and music program Everybody Move!,
has planned an hour of activities and explo-
ration. 9:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Community
Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lin-
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Presentation: Foreclosure Preven-
tion/Fair Housing: Open-Communi-
ties, a housing counseling agency, pro-
vides educational resources for local
homeowners interested in their Fore-
closure Prevention program. This agen-
cy also provides assistance with mort-
gage delinquency and default resolution
counseling for struggling homeowners
across the northern suburbs of Chicago.
7 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library,
6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free,
847-965-4220

Converting Cassettes and Vinyl
Records: Learn how to convert your
audio cassettes or vinyl records to MP3
or CD in the Digital Media Lab. 2 p.m.
Morton Grove Public Library, 6140
Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-
965-4220

Medicare Program: Mike Altman, a
Senior Benefits Advisor, presents all the
information needed to help you choose
the Medicare Plan that best fits your
needs. No registration is required. 7 p.m.
Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar
Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Masquerade Murder Mystery Din-
nar: Northbrook Woman's Club offers a
Ladies Night Out - Midnight at the
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5437 Park Place, Rosemont, $22, two-item
minimum food/beverage purchase, 847-813-0484

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Concert Series: 7 p.m. Bub City, 5441
Park Place, Rosemont, free, 312-610-
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German Stammtisch: The group
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each month in the community center to
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m culture. For all experience levels,
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Oakton Park Community Center, 4701
Oakton Street, Skokie, free

The City of Conversation: 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 and Oct. 7, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, 8
p.m. Saturday, Northlight Theatre, 9501
Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $30-$57, 847-673-
6300

Friday, Oct. 7

Des Plaines Farmers' Market: City of
Des Plaines Farmers' Market is every
Friday, open until 7 p.m. on Ellinwood
Street starting at Lee Street. Parking is
available in the Library parking garage
off Prairie Street or on Ellinwood be-
tween Pearson and River Road. 3 p.m.
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Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-857-
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1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $30-$60,
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Piccolo Theatre The Memory of
Water: A comic and touching account
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mother's death, each haunted by their
own demons. The irreverent and witty
dialogue among the sisters gives way,
finally, to the deeper bond they share.
3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 7 and Oct. 8, 3 p.m.
Oct. 9, Piven Theatre Workshop, 927
Noyes St., Evanston, $10-$25, 847-424-
0089

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**Saturday, Oct. 8**

**Opulent City:** Opulent City features a variety of burlesque starlets, daring pro aerialists, provocative circus performances and ancient vaudeville entertainers. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Rivers Casino, 3000 S. River Road, Des Plaines, $15, 888-307-0777

**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

**Evanston ReBuilding Warehouse Wrecking Ball 2016:** Spend a night eating local food, drinking local brews, and bidding on everything from antique corn shuckers to entertainment packages. Enjoy live music and competitive games. Proceeds support Evanston ReBuilding WORKFORCE job training initiative. The 7-month program trains individuals facing barriers to employment in construction and prepares them for long-term employment. 7 p.m. Dempster Dodge Plaza, 1152 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $99 per person; $45 for students, 847-864-9246

**Signature Entertainment Presents:**

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

**“Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories”:** "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories" are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. Oct. 8 and Oct. 9, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, $3 kids, $5 adults, 847-475-1030

**Restoration Work Days:** This is for anyone ages 8 and up to help collect seeds and remove non-native, invasive plants to make way for wildflowers, grasses and trees. Just bring work gloves if you have them. 9 a.m. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Evanston, free, 847-299-6096

**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. For a full list of vendors and special market events, go to the event website. 8 a.m. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-657-1506

**Genealogy Research Day:** Celebrate Family History Month with experts who can assist with your "brick walls" or help you get started with your research. Drop in to get individualized help. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Trail Walks:** Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals and those who are interested in nature. 11 a.m. Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie/The Tyner Center, 2400 Compass Road, Glenview, free, 847-299-6828

**Walk ‘N Talk Book Group: The Marriage of Opposites:** The book group will meet at the east entrance of the Library at 10 a.m. You can pick-up the book at the Check-Out Desk a month prior to the meet. The daughter of Jewish refugees, Rachel Pomin grows up on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas, but dreams of traveling to Paris, the home of art and music. 8 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Congregate Call:** Questions about the new Medicaid laws will also be discussed, along with a catered lunch. 12:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $7 member, $9 guest, 847-692-3597

**Disturbia Screams in the Park:** This acclaimed interactive horror experience returns to the basement level of the MB Financial Park parking garage. The sinister attraction, features 20,000 square feet of terror with more than 35 rooms. New are: multi-level underground sewer where dark and ominous waters await, and a petrifying swamp. General admission tickets are: $25 per person Sundays through Thursdays; and $30 per person Fridays and Saturdays. VIP tickets, allowing ticket holders quicker access and less wait time for the haunt, are $40 per person. 7 p.m. Oct. 6-Oct. 9, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, $25-$40 per person, 847-349-5008

**Saturday Night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sculfield and Mark Simmons. National headliners with movie and television credits on stage.**

**Fall Bulb Festival:** Enjoy live music, a harvest market, cider, wine, beer and more from more than 20 local vendors. 10 a.m. Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, parking fees may apply, 847-855-5440

**Your iPad Getting Started:** Explore settings, browse the internet and download apps in this interactive workshop. iPads must be charged and in working order. Bring your Apple ID and password. A Glenview Library card is required and please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 10 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, free, 847-729-7500

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

**GLENergy The Divine Miss M Presentation:** Recording artist Bette Midler, over the course of her career of almost fifty years, has won every major award given in the performing arts. Hy Speck’s entertaining presentation this afternoon, includes clips of her movies, television and stage appearances. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Oktoberfest:** Join us for an afternoon of food and fun. Brats, chicken, sauerkraut, potato salad and dessert will be served. Admission includes beer. Noon, The East Wing Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, $20

**Autumn Photo and Nature Walk:** This is a teen event to join for photo and nature walk when the light is at its finest. Learn some basic photography tips and capture beautiful autumn scenery by using your camera, or camera-enabled device. Registration is required, and this is weather permitting. 3:30 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220


**Lunch and Learn: VA Benefits, Medicaid, and More:** If you are a veteran or the spouse or widow of a vet, learn what benefits you are eligible for at this seminar. Medicaid benefits and the new Medicaid laws will also be discussed, along with a catered lunch. 12:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $7 member, $9 guest, 847-692-3597

**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

**Kanye West:** 8 p.m. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $29.50+, 847-635-6601

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CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 9

Tommy Castro & The Painkillers: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $18-$34, 847-492-8860

Bach Week Festival “Bachtoberfest Bachanalia”: Expert pairings of music of the Baroque era and beyond with wine and hearty hors d’oeuvres from France, Germany, Italy, and Spain will take center stage at the Bach Week Festival’s “Bachtoberfest Bachanalia” fundraiser, benefiting the 2017 festival. 5:30 p.m. Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, free, 847-269-9050

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

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

Fall Bulb Festival: Enjoy live music, a harvest market, cider, wine, beer and more from more than 20 local vendors. 10 a.m. Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Parking fees may apply, 847-835-5440

Glenview Community Church 75th Anniversary Events: The schedule includes: Holy Communion with pre-Communion communion organ recital at 11:15 a.m. in the Mayflower room, Childhood Memories of GCC and Children’s Board multimedia presentation. 10 a.m. Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

Drop In Early Literacy Fair and Meet Clifford: Stop by to see Clifford and visit hands-on activity stations including: the five early literacy skills proven to lay the foundation for school success; and a family sing-along with musician Steve Beno. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Temple Jeremiah and Author Kenneth N. Green on Oct. 9: Author Kenneth N. Green speaks about his book, “T’m From Division Street.” The book tells the comeback story of growing up in Chicago’s Humboldt Park neighborhood, and the famous people who had their roots there. 10 a.m. Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, free, 847-443-5760

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, Oct. 10

Indigenous Peoples’ Day Celebration Concert: This concert features Evanston’s Mark Cleveland, folk singers the Sones de Mexico Ensemble, and Lakota alternative rock group Scatter Their Own. It is sponsored by Northwestern University’s Native American and Indigenous Peoples Steering Group and Goodcity Chicago. Mitchell Museum hosts this concert and tickets are available at mitchellmuseum.org. 7 p.m. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 5 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $15, 847-475-1030

The Mudflaps live every Monday: The Mudflaps sing and play their hearts out every Monday in the pub from 8 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Food and drinks served late. 8 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Page Turners: The current selection: “The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins. The Page Turners meet monthly, so just drop in. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Community Service Club: From making placemats for Meals on Wheels to creating coloring books for children in need, some complete compassionate and engaged projects for the community while earning community service hours. This is for sixth to eighth graders and registration is requested, but drop-ins are welcome. Please bring a volunteer sheet to verify hours. 4 p.m. Lincolnwood Community Center, 4500 Dernpster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-9061

Knitting Roundtable for Adults: Ronnie Run, an expert knitter, shows attendees how to knit or how to solve knitting challenges. Bring one’s current project(s) and needles. 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, 6900 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Tuesday, Oct. 11

KING! 7 p.m. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15-$30, 847-492-8900

Temple Beth Israel Erav Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service: Erav Yom Kippur Kol Nidre takes place at Evanston Township High School Auditorium. Tickets are required by contacting Temple Beth Israel by phone or via their website. 8:15 p.m. Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, tickets required, 847-675-9061

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

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

Smile and Rhyme at Heinen’s Ages 2 and up with adult: Miss Fran shares stories, rhymes, and songs in the Cafe. Just drop in and stay for a snack and to chat after the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m. Heinen’s Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Beginning Square Dance Classes: Have fun and learn to square dance; beginner lessons are sponsored by the Glenview Square Dance Club and Glenview Park District. No experience necessary, no partner required. 7:30 p.m. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chester Ave., Glenview, free first lesson, Registration for 9-week session $46/$54, 847-724-5670

Movies, Munchies & More: Film: “The Band Wagon”: When a Hollywood celebrity finds himself on the downturn of his career, he joins up with a diverse group of friends to star in a Broadway show but ends up stumbling into a world of trouble. Cast: Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, Jack Buchanan. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Teen Book-to-Movie Viewing: This is a teen event to enjoy pizza and drinks as the group watches “Scott Pilgrim vs. the World,” the movie based on the graphic novel series. Registration is open and is encouraged, but not required. 4:30 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Voter Registration: Register to vote at the library before the upcoming Presidential Election. 5 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Optimal Aging: Call to register in advance or for more details about this informative seminar. 10 a.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, Free to members, $2 guests, 847-692-3597

Lehrhaus Confirmation Class: Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah teenagers are invited to participate in this program which teaches young people how to utilize Jewish resources when faced with making a decision. This is a fascinating three-year program. 7 p.m. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, $420 for entire year plus book fees, 847-675-4141

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

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Temple Beth Israel Yom Kippur Young Families Service: For families with children age 5 and under. Non-members welcome. No tickets are required. 9 a.m. Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, free, 847-673-0351.

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College Planning Workshop Admissions: This is for High School students and parents, as C2 Education presents an informative series to help navigate their way through the college process. Learn important tips for planning careers and majors, admissions and the college application. Register for one or all sessions. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Readers and Eaters: This is a teen event for grades 6-8, with free books and free food! Drop-in to hear about new teen reads, eat plenty of treats and leave with a book you won’t have to return (but we expect you to tell us all about it later). Attending earns you an extra entry to the Teen Read Week Raffle. 4 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Drop-In Genealogy: October is Family History Month. Drop in for a 15-minute guided search of your family history. This is located near the Reference Desk and no registration is required. 3 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-277-6224.

Exercise and Arthritis: Learn about the tangible benefits of exercise in lessening arthritis symptoms, and try simple exercises you can do everyday. For information, contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@nsmymca.org or call 10:30 a.m. North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-277-7250.

Northbrook Farmers Market: Shop for farm fresh fruits, veggies, cheese, baked goods and more at this non-profit community farmers market. The market is open rain or shine, except in the event of severe weather. 7 a.m. Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free.

Food For Thought: A Spooky Sonata with Itzhak Perlman: Register in advance to join Jim Kendros for the chilling and thrilling violin concertos of Itzhak Perlman. Catered lunch also available. 12:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $17 member, $19 guest, 847-692-3597.

Brad Wenzel: Brad Wenzel performs original stand-up. 8 p.m. Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, $22, two-item minimum food/beverage purchase, 847-813-0484.

Monthly Networking Luncheon with Sheriff Dart: Join the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, enjoy a delicious lunch, and hear Sheriff Tom Dart speak at our Monthly Networking Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Carlucci Rosemont, 611 N. River Road, Rosemont, $25 member, $30 prospective member, 847-825-3121.

LiT Lounge: “The Little Stranger” by Sarah Waters: New members are warmly welcome. After being summoned to treat a patient at dilapidated Hundreds Hall, Dr. Faraday finds himself becoming entangled in the lives of the owners, the Ayres family and the supernatural presences in the house (NovelistPlus). 7:30 p.m. Village Inn Pizzeria Sports Bar & Grill, 8050 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, free, 847-965-4220.

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"The Magnificent Seven" **
PG-13, 2:13, action/adventure
This hollow remake of the classic Western is all over the place, trying too hard to be all Westerns to all sensibilities. The time: 1879. The town: Rose Creek, whose citizens are being ripped off and wiped out by a robber baron portrayed by Peter Sarsgaard. Time for a cleanup crew! In they ride, these seven, reflecting the full multiethnic diversity of the Old West. Director Antoine Fuqua's remake has its moments: Some of the straightforward action is pretty slick, and it's certainly great to hear a newly orchestrated rendition of the Elmer Bernstein theme. The movie may take death seriously in the final chapters of a very simple story, but getting there it's mostly anonymous, frenzied mayhem. — Michael Phillips

"Storks" ★★
PG, 1:29, animated
Writer-director Nicholas Stoller has created a movie about where babies come from. In this world, the old wives tale of storks delivering bouncing bundles of Joy is real history, though the birds have been relegated to delivering packages for CornerStore.com. Through human orphan Tulip's misguided helpfulness, the baby factory is fired up once more, and Tulip and Junior the stork must deliver a new baby. The emotional core of the film, with Junior and Tulip bonding through their adventures, is that family is what you make of it. That this resonant a message comes in such a wildly weird and funny package is just about as oddly pleasant as you can imagine. — Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service

"Sully" ★★★
PG-13, 1:36, drama
"Sully" tells the familiar story of Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who made a forced water landing on the Hudson River with 155 passengers aboard a U.S. Airways flight. Clint Eastwood is an efficient, restrained and methodical filmmaker, an approach that lends well to the temperament and character of Sully as he is portrayed by Tom Hanks. "Sully" is about good people doing their jobs thoughtfully and at the height of their abilities, working together under unprecedented and extraordinary circumstances. Sometimes all of those things come together to create a miracle, and "Sully" is a warm reminder of that. — K.W.

"Bridget Jones's Baby" ★★★
R, 2:02, comedy
Renee Zellweger is charming as ever in "Bridget Jones's Baby," a lively return to form for the unlikely trilogy. Bridget is in her 40s and Mark Darcy has gone off and married someone else. She catches the attention of Jack (Patrick Dempsey), who is immediately smitten with her. A few weeks later, she finds herself having an unexpectedly romantic night with a now-separated Darcy. Bridget discovers that she's pregnant, and the father could be either Darcy or Jack. This movie, for all its comedic ridiculousness and wild circumstance of the paternity crisis, is a celebration of women. — Lindsey Bahr, Associated Press

"Snowden" ★★★
R, 2:14, drama
Director Oliver Stone's subject, U.S. Intelligence community whiz kid Edward Snowden, became notorious in 2013 when he passed along confidential National Security Agency documents to journalists. The data dump provoked cries of "traitor!" and just as many cries of "hero!" Snowden succeeded in provoking just how much intel on ordinary American citizens the government had been gathering with impunity. The issues raised, drone-like, and sent hovering over the narrative landscape in "Snowden" will be with us a long time. I wish I could say the same for this moderately absorbing film's impact. — M.P.

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INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Arnold Palmer infused his ideals into area courses

BY JON J. KERR
Pioneer Press

Jack Junge played in the boys golf state tournament three times for New Trier. Each time he played the host course, The Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington, he walked past a rock in front of the hole No. 6 tee box.

On the rock were words commemorating a moment that forever ties Arnold Palmer, who died Sept. 25, to the course he designed.

In July 1997, Palmer flew to Bloomington for a ceremony to officially open The Den at Fox Creek. When he got to the par-4, 438-yard sixth hole, the then 67-year-old Palmer showed off a swagger well known by golf fans around the world.

Palmer swung from the back tees and birdied the hole.

"Every time I played there I stopped and looked (at the rock) and said, 'That's special,'" said Junge, who shared the 2012 Class 3A individual state title during a weather-shortened tournament and is now a sophomore golfer at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

Hinsdale Central has won four consecutive Class 3A state titles at The Den at Fox Creek, the Bloomington golf course designed by Arnold Palmer.

The Den at Fox Creek director of golf Jason Wingate said, "He flew in that morning, jumped off his plane and made an incredibly difficult hole look easy."

The Den at Fox Creek annually hosts the boys golf Class 3A state tournament. This year's tournament is scheduled for Oct. 14 and Oct. 15. Throughout the course are features Palmer was known to enjoy — wide fairways surrounded by daunting bunkers and unsettling bodies of water.

The Hinsdale Central boys golf team is the four-time defending Class 3A state champions and Red Devils coach Jess Krueger said he talks to his team about Palmer and the course each year before it plays a practice round at state.

"We talk about how (Palmer) designed the course and why," Krueger said. "There's risk-reward on every hole. He made it playable but makes it challenging for every player."

Krueger said a stretch of three holes known as "The Fox Trap" — the 544-yard, par-5 No. 5, the par-4 No. 6, the course's No. 1 handicap, and the 373-yard, par-4 No. 7, featuring a sharp dogleg left — reveal what he believes to be Palmer's populist intention for the course.

"They designed it to be played by a wide range of people, all skill levels, certainly for the youth juniors on up," Krueger said.

The Den at Fox Creek is emblematic of the golf icon who designed it. En route to winning seven majors, Palmer changed golf's image. As the son of the head professional and greenskeeper at a Pennsylvania country club, Palmer had an everyman persona and helped democratize a sport that had been viewed as a pursuit for the upper class.

The Arnold Palmer Design Company has created four courses in Illinois: The Den at Fox Creek and the Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course in Alton are open to the public, while White Eagle Golf Club in Naperville and Hawthorn Woods Country Club are private.

David Schingel, head of Hawthorn Woods' original construction team, remembers Palmer being on the grounds while the course was being built and suggesting improvements.

"He came out a few times and rode around in a truck," Schingel said. "He wanted us to soften up a few holes, he thought they were too hard. He wanted the bunkers close to the green, three feet, pitch-bunker style."

Palmer played the back nine to commemorate the opening of Hawthorn Woods in 2006. At the end of the round, Palmer was mobbed by fans. Schingel asked Palmer to sign two flags for his sons Luke and Matthew. Palmer instructed Schingel to send the flags to his office with the autograph request.

A month later, the flags arrived at David Schingel's house signed by Palmer.

"He was true to his word," David Schingel said.

At The Den at Fox Creek, Palmer's presence is felt not just while playing golf.

Ian Kelsey, who as a Deerfield junior shared the 2012 Class 3A individual state title with Junge, remembers "The Fox Trap" and the dangerous par-3 17th hole. Kelsey barely avoided the water in front of the green on No. 17 with his first shot in 2012.

But what Kelsey also recalls is signs of Palmer's influence in the clubhouse and on other objects dotting the course.

"When you first walk into the clubhouse, his memorabilia is all over the place," said Kelsey, now a junior on the Dartmouth men's golf team. "Even the yardage book covers our coach gave us had his face on them. You see his signature on the hole markers."

Palmer left a lasting impact on the game of golf, but for some area residents, they feel a special connection to one of the game's all-time greats.

"The Den is still my favorite course," Junge said. "When someone asks me about it, I say that Arnold Palmer designed it and how important of a course it was."

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Rodriguez’s interception helps Loyola roll past St. Rita

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

The St. Rita football team was coming off a win over Mount Carmel and features a hurry-up offense with many different sets and unbalanced formations. The Mustangs’ passing game had been strong most of the season.

St. Rita’s unbalanced sets meant Loyola’s defensive game plan was focused on reacting to the Mustangs’ formations, according to Ramblers junior outside linebacker Anthony Rodriguez.

“We had to read more (than against other teams). Usually we stick to our rules, but this time we had to read it more,” Rodriguez said. “We had a great week of practice, we got a lot of film in, more than usual, and I felt like we were prepared.”

Rodriguez demonstrated his readiness throughout Loyola’s 35-3 Chicago Catholic Blue win over St. Rita on Oct. 1 in Wilmette.

After a second-quarter stretch in which Loyola gave up a field goal and then punted for the first time, St. Rita had a chance to cut into the Ramblers’ 21-3 lead.

On a third-and-9 play at the St. Rita 26, the 6-foot, 190-pound Rodriguez dropped into coverage and stepped into a passing lane to intercept Mustangs junior quarterback Jake Zylman.

“I just dropped to the flat, surveyed the field and sort of baited the quarterback. I gave the receiver a little more space to make the quarterback a little more comfortable (thinking he had an open target), and then just made the play,” Rodriguez said of his first varsity interception.

Five plays later, Ramblers senior running back Kyle Rock plunged into the end zone giving Loyola (6-0, 2-0) a 28-3 lead.

“That was a really great play. I’m so happy for Anthony Rodriguez,” Loyola senior middle linebacker Anthony Romano said. “He’s not really known for his pass coverage and now he’s got an interception. He’s just getting better every week.”

Romano added: “(Rodriguez) has speed and athleticism. He might not be the heaviest guy, but he packs a punch when he hits you.”

Rodriguez, who began the summer as a second- or third-stringer, has become a play-maker, first-string linebacker. A versatile performer, he lines up as a standing rush linebacker over the tight end or in coverage on the slot receiver.

In addition to his big interception, Rodriguez also had a bone-jarring hit on St. Rita junior wide receiver Dave Gleaves that resulted in a tackle for a loss, and he batted down a pass on a fourth-and-5 play in the third quarter.

“He has some explosiveness. He’s a quick-twitch guy,” Loyola coach John Holecek said about Rodriguez. “He’s very agile. He’s a very good athlete. I think it’s (about) instincts and intuitiveness. When that stuff comes, he’s going to be a really good player. He’s a worker and he’s got all the tools.”

A Niles resident, Rodriguez said he comes from a family in which boxing was the sport of choice for previous generations. Though he’s never really fought, Rodriguez said his father Nelson, who hails from Puerto Rico, trained him in the boxing gym when he was younger.

Anthony Rodriguez said those lessons have served him well on the gridiron.

“(It helped with) footwork, a lot of footwork, especially being an outside linebacker and having to shuffle and move my feet,” Anthony Rodriguez said.

Anthony Rodriguez was one of several valuable performers on the Loyola defense against St. Rita, as the Ramblers held the Mustangs (3-3, 2-1) 38 points below their scoring average and limited Zylman to just 7-of-22 passing for 73 yards.

Romano had two tackles for loss and a sack and junior defensive lineman John McMahon recovered a fumble.

Notes

■ Loyola senior tight end Jake Marwede, a Duke recruit, had a big day, catching nine passes for 97 yards.

■ Senior receiver David Terrell Jr. had two catches for 49 yards and senior receiver Jack Moran caught a 4-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

■ Rock carried 18 times for 103 yards and 2 touchdowns, while Loyola junior Hamid Bullie had 10 carries for 56 yards. Ramblers senior quarterback Tommy Herion completed 15-of-27 passes for 170 yards.

■ Before the game, there was a somewhat unusual moment when a flying object over the field led to a request from the public address announcer: “If someone is responsible for the drone, will they please remove it.” Soon, the object flew away.

■ Next up for Loyola is a visit to non-division opponent Leo (2-4) at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7.

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Borsellino makes waves for Western Illinois football

By Sam Brief
Pioneer Press

When FCS member Western Illinois upset Northern Illinois 28-23 on Sept. 24, Oak Brook resident Joey Borsellino had a hand in delivering the victory.

Borsellino, a graduate of Montini, made nine receptions for 148 yards, including a 37-yard reception in the first quarter. The Leathernecks (3-0 as of Sept. 30) played South Dakota State on Oct. 1 in their pursuit to remain undefeated.

Borsellino is accompanied at Western Illinois by Xavier Rowe from Oak Park-River Forest, who registered three tackles in the upset win, as well as Buffalo Grove graduate Tre Carevantes and Prospect alumnus Colin Olson.

Lyons grad scores 1st goal for Michigan

Grace Salvino, a freshman forward on the Michigan women's soccer team and an alumna of Lyons, scored her first collegiate goal on Sept. 9 against UC Riverside in Michigan's 4-0 victory. The Wolverines are 8-1-1 through Oct. 1 and have won six straight games, including Big Ten wins against Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan State and Rutgers.

Local players a part of top-five Michigan football team

Salvino isn't alone in finding success in Ann Arbor. Three former local football stars are on the Michigan football team, which was ranked fourth in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll as of Oct. 2. Michael Hirsch, a junior fullback from Glenbrook South, played at Harvard before he was diagnosed with Wegener's granulomatosis, an autoimmune disease which required chemotherapy. After graduating from Harvard in 2014, Hirsch joined the Michigan football team this year as a walk-on. He's a member of the scout team but has recorded a rush and a reception in game action this year.

Quarterback Michael Sessa and tight end Ian Bunting, both from Hinsdale Central, also play for the Wolverines.

O'Neill paces Pittsburgh volleyball

The Pittsburgh women's volleyball team was 12-3 as of Oct. 1, and junior Kelsey O'Neill, a graduate of Loyola, has been a significant force in the Panthers' success. O'Neill has registered 85 kills on 222 total attacks and 39 blocks, all top-five figures for her team. In a straight-set win against
**Veteran O-line has big hand in Wolves’ success**

**BY JON J. KERR**
Pioneer Press

The Niles West football team is scoring a lot of points this season. Through six games and four victories, the Wolves are averaging 387 points per game. Senior quarterback Johnny Pabst is orchestrating the attack, but when asked about the offense's success, Pabst gives credit to the Wolves' experienced offensive line.

“On paper, this is a great line,” Lovera said. “They lead us every day to get better.”

The current lineup of center Tom Lappas, left guard Adrian Micor, left tackle Josh Weichel, right guard Danny Gomez, and right tackle Chris Adams have started every game this season. All five are seniors. Four of them — Lappas, Micor, Weichel, and Adams — played together from the start of 2014, and Gomez was inserted into the starting lineup late last season.

The continuity means trust is high among the lineman, allowing for shared responsibilities at the line of scrimmage.

“On protection calls, Johnny (Pabst) usually tells us who the Mike (middle) linebackers are and we split it up from there,” said Lappas, a Skokie resident. “We rely on each other.”

As the center, Lappas is often charged with verbalizing blocking assignments once Pabst identifies the middle linebacker.

“If there’s a man free, I’ll take the Will (weak side) or outside (linebacker) and the other four are man up,” Lappas said. “If it’s a three-man front I’ll take the nose (tackle) and, the guards will (block) the linebackers and the tackles the ends.”

The Wolves starters average 250 pounds on the offensive line, ranging from 330 (Weichel) to 195 (Micor). On run plays, Niles West uses a zone blocking scheme, which involves blocking a spot rather than a specific defender. That fits the aptitude and athleticism of the personnel, according to Wolves coach Scott Baum.

A two-year starter, Pabst’s knowledge of the offense allows him to choose a run or a pass play before Lappas snaps the ball. Pabst raves about the offensive line’s communication, making him more secure in whatever option he decides.

“When I’m looking at protections and what we want to do, they contribute,” Pabst said. “I can look at a coverage and they can talk about how they want to block it. They do stuff a lot of offensive lines don’t do.”

On Sept. 30, Niles West lost at Evanston 42-35 in Central Suburban South action. The Wolves (4-2, 1-1) fell behind 21-7 at the break before eventually tying the game at 21 in the third quarter. Trailing 35-21 with under two minutes left, the Wolves had the ball with a chance to score but a Pabst throw was tipped and intercepted by the Wildcats, sealing the game.

Pabst finished the game with 337 total yards (254 passing, 83 rushing) and three touchdowns.

Williams North at 7 p.m. Oct. 7.

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**Up next**

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**Diving newcomer Williams hopes to keep competing in college**

**BY GARY LARSEN**
Pioneer Press

A little more than one year ago, a few of Kelly Williams' friends tried to talk her into going out for diving at Niles West. She had a background in gymnastics, but she'd never dived competitively before.

“I didn’t even know (Niles West) had a diving team, and I wasn’t sure if I wanted to start a new sport,” Williams said. “I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I didn’t even know how competition worked. I was oblivious.

Then a junior, Williams made the decision to give diving a try. To say she was raw would be an understatement.

“I had to teach her how to jump off the board,” Niles West diving coach Adrian Lovera said.

Williams' first few days on the team were spent learning how to approach the end of the board, a process that bored her to no end. But within a few weeks, she was hooked.

“I started learning new dives and it became fun,” Williams said. “I became driven to keep learning.”

Divers must develop specific types of dives to meet IHSA competition requirements, which are referred to as a list of dives, and Williams met those requirements in short order.

Williams placed as high as fourth at a weekend invitational last year. And as the high school season unfolded, Lovera knew he had a committed diver on his hands.

“Toward as far as she has come in the last year has been fun to be a part of,” Lovera said. “I’m surprised at how far she has come, but then when I look at her work ethic, I’m not surprised. She has been diving non-stop for the past year.”

After the high school season ended last year, Williams spent time training with Glenbrook Aquatics, and then worked daily with Lovera throughout the summer.

“That’s when I started learning new dives. I got my approach more consistent and I pushed to get the list I have now,” Williams said. “(Lovera) is a great coach and he pushes me every day to get better.”

“Two at the end of last year I never, ever thought I could be where I am now.”

Divers take 11 dives at weekend invitational meets, and Williams scored 322.25 points and placed second at the Niles West Invitational on Sept. 10.

At Maine West's six-team tournament Oct. 1, the senior scored 308.25 points and placed third, finishing just 4.10 points out of first place and 1.35 points away from second place.

“In my first five dives, I messed up my most consistent dives and my approach was all over the place,” Williams said. “If I had done any one of those dives the way I normally do, I would have won it. So I’m definitely already looking forward to the next invite.”

Williams' immediate goal is to continue improving and qualify to dive at the state meet this year. She said she might enroll at Oakton Community College, which doesn't have a swimming and diving program, but her long-term goal is to dive at the college level.

“I feel like right now, I'm not consistent enough,” Williams said. “It's only my second year diving. But I'm catching up.”

Lovera sees a college diving career in Williams' future. While high school divers compete on a one-meter springboard, college divers also compete on a three-meter board.

“Colleges are interested because she also has a three-meter board, which most athletes don’t get until they get into college,” Lovera said. “For Kelly to get a three-meter board so quickly after she took up the sport is pretty unique.

“She’s still raw, but she’s a talented individual.”

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Aragon's stature belies her power

**By Mark Perlman**

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Seeing a volleyball player blast a spike is nothing out of the ordinary. But watching Niles North junior Alyssa Aragon do it is a bit different. You see, she is only 5-foot-6.

Midway through the Vikings' 25-13, 25-19 Central Suburban South loss to visiting Maine South on Sept. 29, Aragon took a big swing and hammered the ball down to the floor. The Hawks' front line appeared to be a bit startled with Aragon's ferocity sometimes other (volleyball) teams are willing to put in the work, and that shows on the field. They work their butts off.
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