Local Meals on Wheels advocates ponder impact of federal, state budget cuts. Page 6

Skokie Home Delivered Meals volunteer Arkady Dment collects some meals from volunteer Carol Javanshad on March 31 before he delivers the meals to Skokie seniors. The meals are prepared at Skokie Hospital.

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Drury Lane is jazzed to bring ‘Chicago’ to the stage after nearly 30 years of trying. Page 25

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Tony Zagone, owner of Penn Station

Tony Zagone, 57, of Glenview, is owner of the new Penn Station restaurant in Morton Grove. He opened the restaurant, which is his first, on March 15.

Q: Why are you excited to open a store in Morton Grove?
A: Morton Grove is a great place to open a business because of the wide demographic and the helpful, friendly attitude toward new businesses here. The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce has been so helpful and really worked hard getting the word out that we are open for business.

Q: What is your favorite item at Penn Station?
A: I have two favorites: the Philadelphia Cheesesteak and the Reuben.

Q: Do you plan to hire Morton Grove residents to work in your store?
A: We absolutely plan to hire Morton Grove residents. Come on in and fill out an application.

Q: What do you think will be your biggest challenge at this location?
A: Since Penn Station is new to this area, our biggest challenge is creating greater brand awareness. I got involved with Penn Station East Coast Subs because I was so impressed with their food and service. Everything is made fresh daily and you can taste the difference. I felt there was a need for a Penn Station here since you really cannot get an authentic Philadelphia Cheesesteak or a fantastic Reuben at any other sub restaurant.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your job?
A: Meeting new people and providing a great sandwich in a friendly environment.

— Genevieve Bookwalter, Pioneer Press

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Meals on Wheels funding is eyed

Little impact seen on home delivered food programs

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Officials from Skokie and Niles, the two Niles Township communities that run Meals on Wheels programs, say that any potential cuts to the program nationally would have little to no impact regardless of how the federal and state budgets get resolved.

Other area agencies with robust Meals on Wheels programs, however, such as CJE SeniorLife, potentially stand to lose more, their officials say — although the impact is unknown and would depend on how the details shake out.

"The non-profit Meals on Wheels, which receives funding from federal, state and local governments and private donors, provides volunteer-delivered food to senior citizens in need. Controversy in recent weeks has come amid President Donald Trump's proposed budget, which could result in cuts to the program.

Niles Senior Services Director Kelly Mickle said that in her program, seniors are charged $4 for each hot meal delivered to them or $2.50 for a cold meal, the same price the village pays to the Bella Terra Morton Grove medical residence to prepare them.

"We just contribute the staff time and the volunteers," she said. "They're charging us how much it costs them. We bill that to the meal recipient."

Currently, Mickle said, two dozen seniors participate in Niles' Meals on Wheels program.

"We can't go much higher [in the number of people served] just because of the volunteer base and what Bella Terra can do," she said.

Like Niles, Skokie has its own program, only it does not call it Meals on Wheels but Skokie Home Delivered Meals. More important, like Niles, Skokie is able to run the program without a cost burden because of help from an outside institution — in this case NorthShore University Health System. Meals are prepared at Skokie Hospital, where volunteers pick them up and deliver them to clients.

Skokie Human Services Director Maureen Murphy said that over the course of the last year, the program has served 43 clients. The charge is $4.50 for either a hot or cold meal, but a sliding scale is also available, she said.

"They used to cook the meals themselves. Over the first few years, they had 13 residents," she said.

According to Murphy, some who request a kosher meal or something beyond what Skokie delivers are referred to CJE SeniorLife, which reportedly has the largest senior home delivered meal program in the area, she said.

"Ours has really been a niche program," Murphy said. "Often these are folks that came to our attention when they come for other senior-related concerns."

Murphy said the program is only one aspect of "the breadth of programming" the department offers to seniors and others.

She emphasized Home Delivered Meals is an important service. The program began in the mid-'70s by a group of volunteers who saw a need, Murphy said.

"But cuts discussed at the federal level, he said, could impact programs if not the ones in Niles Township."

"I know Skokie and Niles have their own Meals on Wheels available but I think other parts of the state are going to be deeply affected who don't have the resources of something like Skokie Hospital," he said.

"The impact would be pretty severe."

Many unknowns remain about how federal funding cuts would impact a program like CJE SeniorLife, which doesn't count on an outside institution for help. CJE SeniorLife's stated mission is to "enhance quality of life and facilitate independence of older adults." Its senior home delivered meal program is one of the ways it accomplishes that, said manager Magdalyn Guzzo.

"The program currently serves 294 seniors but doesn't rely heavily on Meals on Wheels grants," she said.

In fact, according to Guzzo, funding cuts to her organization's Meals on Wheels program would result in a loss of only $5,000 from CJE SeniorLife's $700,000 annual budget for the program.

Still, that doesn't mean CJE SeniorLife officials can breathe easy, she said, because talk about other Trump budget cuts could hurt more.

Nearly 40 percent of program funding for CJE SeniorLife's Meals on Wheels comes under the Older Americans Act, distributed through the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Guzzo said.

Whether a Trump-proposed budget would cut funding to the Department of Health and Human Services is still not known, but there has been a buzz about it, she said.

"If that happens, it could impact me," Guzzo said, and to the tune of up to $300,000. "I'd imagine we'd do a lot more fundraising to try to not kick people off the program," she said.

In recent years, CJE SeniorLife expanded its senior meal delivery program because of escalating need. Guzzo said it used to just serve Niles and Evanston Townships, but Northfield and New Trier Townships were added to its service area over the last couple years.

Despite the president talking about program cuts to save money, Guzzo said she thinks this program itself is a money saver.

"We call it a 'tipping point service,'" she said. "Meals on Wheels prevents people from tipping over the edge to require a higher level of care. It's just cheaper for everyone and better for people to age in their homes."

In other words, she said, the program keeps seniors in their homes longer rather than them having to move to more expensive nursing or retirement facilities.
News

Trustee defeats incumbent in Lincolnwood mayor race

Turry reflects on election day loss to challenger Bass

By Mike Isaacs
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood village Trustee Barry Bass defeated incumbent mayor Jerry Turry on April 4, spoiling the Lincolnwood mayor's quest for a fourth term in office.

Turry will step down as mayor after having served the village in that role for the last 12 years.

Unofficial totals, with 10 of 10 precincts counted, show Bass with nearly 57 percent of the vote to Turry's 43 percent, according to the Cook County Clerk's office.

"You tend to do a lot of second-guessing," the mayor said the day after the April 4 election. Turry said he was surprised he lost by as much as he did and in all precincts.

During his long run as mayor, Turry has taken on challengers several times and always prevailed. This time, he said, two major factors stood out to him in his defeat.

He said there seems to be an anti-incumbent climate today — especially for leaders who have held office for a long time.

"I had 22 years on the village board, 10 as a trustee and 12 as the mayor," Turry said. "If you're an incumbent, the general populace says, 'Throw the bastards out. You stayed too long. So I was subject to that.'"

Turry also said he didn't get enough of his voters out.

"I didn't get my people out there," he said. "Now the weather stunk, but he did better at that than I did. I think my supporters thought I was going to win."

Bass took to social media following the election to comment on his victory.

"I can think of no greater honor than serving as mayor of my hometown," Bass wrote on his Facebook page after unofficial election results had been reported by the Cook County Clerk's office.

He said that the village was where he was raised, built his business and established his family.

"This campaign has never been about me," Bass wrote. "Together, we built a coalition that spanned every community — a diverse body of residents committed to building a stronger, safer community."

Bass, who served on the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Board before he became a trustee, said voters wanted a new direction.

"The bottom line is that after 12 years, the residents felt they did not have a voice," Bass said. "They wanted a change. They wanted a safer and stronger Lincolnwood."

In a charged debate days before the election, Bass and Turry presented very different pictures of the state of Lincolnwood and leveled strong criticisms at each other.

Bass criticized the mayor for his handling of the Purple Hotel property at Touhy and Lincoln avenues, which has sat vacant for years and has had a series of complications. He emphasized what he said was an uptick in serious crime in Lincolnwood and said the village has leaned too heavily on tax increment financing zones — most of them unsuccessful.

Turry said those issues were either misrepresented or blown out of proportion by Bass.

"I had 22 years on the village board, 10 as a trustee and 12 as the mayor," Turry said. "If you're an incumbent without a tax increment financing zone that he helped reignite."

Crime, the mayor said, has not increased to the degree suggested, and he maintained Lincolnwood is still a safe community. He said he has enhanced the village's Neighborhood Watch program.

The day after the election, Bass promised to give residents a greater voice and said he wants to spur economic development and draw younger families to Lincolnwood.

"The goal from the onset was to send a mandate that we want to win big and this is a reflection of the residents' will for change, and hopefully, we can work hard and affect that type of change," he said.

Turry ran on the Lincolnwood Alliance Party ticket with candidates for three trustee seats and village clerk.

He wasn't the only of the party's slated incumbents who appeared to pull up short on Election Day.

In the four-candidate race for three trustee seats, incumbent Craig Klatzko of the Lincolnwood Alliance Party appeared to finish fourth by only 15 votes (23.29 percent), according to the unofficial results.

The three top vote-getters for trustee seats included Lincolnwood Alliance Party incumbent Ronald Cope (26.73 percent), independent candidate George Hlupas Nickell (26.33 percent) and Lincolnwood Alliance Party candidate Jean Ikezoe-Halevi (26.65 percent).

Beryl Herman of the Lincolnwood Alliance Party ran unopposed as the incumbent for village clerk.
Action Party candidates declare victory in Morton Grove races

Mayor, 3 trustees, village clerk win with large margins

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Morton Grove Action Party candidates for mayor, three trustee seats and village clerk appeared to have easily won their elections April 4, according to unofficial results posted by the Cook County Clerk's office.

The unofficial results showed 16 of 16 precincts reporting.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Dan DiMaria had 78 percent of the vote to challenger Dan Stackmann's 25 percent.

Other races were almost equally lopsided.

For village clerk, Eileen Scanlon Harford, the daughter of the former late Mayor Dan Scanlon, racked up 73 percent of the vote to Lori Gattorna's 27 percent.

The race for three village trustee seats showed Action Party candidates Bill Grear (24 percent), Ed Ramos (23 percent) and Connie Travis (23 percent) as the top vote-getters over independent candidates Mark Albers, Jeanine Como and Mary White who each got approximately 10 percent of the vote.

The challengers, led by Stackmann, formed a political action party and said their coalition was meant to take on the status quo.

However, DiMaria said Tuesday "the residents have spoken."

"It's a validation that people are liking what we're doing and it truly takes a village," he said. "I'm once again honored and just as grateful as anybody can be. I love this town."

The opposition candidates could not be reached for comment.

Morton Grove Action Party supporters filled the upstairs room of the American Legion Memorial Civic Center April 4 as polls closed and election results rolled in.

They socialized and watched the Cubs game, checking in on the numbers periodically.

DiMaria and other candidates finally arrived to whoops and hollers, and as the mayor made his way around the room, he hugged supporters and flashed a wide smile.

"We now have an administration that's going to have to terms to accomplish our goals and I think the people are happy," DiMaria said. "We're not perfect. We have a lot of work to be done that we'll start tomorrow. We finally have continuity."

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New date for Morton Grove meeting on welcoming ordinance

Staff Report

Morton Grove leaders have changed the date of a town hall meeting to consider whether the village should adopt a welcoming community ordinance, often referred to as sanctuary city status.

The town hall meeting is now scheduled for April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morton Grove Civic Center, 640 Dempster St., officials announced Thursday.

It had been scheduled for April 17.

Assistant to the village manager, Thomas Friel, said the Morton Grove Village Board will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. that night. The town hall meeting is expected to start a half hour later.

In the wake of President Donald Trump's controversial executive orders surrounding immigration, which are now being challenged in court for a second time, some municipalities have decided to adopt welcoming city legislation to support undocumented migrants in their communities.

At the Morton Grove Village Board meeting March 27, multiple people spoke in favor of the village adopting a welcoming community ordinance while a couple of residents spoke against it.

Leaders then scheduled the town hall meeting for another date, but Friel said this new date worked better for everyone involved.

Federal, state budget cuts may affect programs for seniors

Meals, from Page 6

President Trump's budget chief, Mick Mulvaney, recently defended potential cuts to programs like Meals on Wheels, saying it is among many "just not showing any results."

But those who administer the program locally and the organization itself tout its importance.

"We serve more than 2.4 million seniors from 60 to 100-plus years old each year," the national Meals on Wheels organization leaders write. "They are primarily older than 60 and because of physical limitations or financial reasons, have difficulty shopping for or preparing meals for themselves."

The program is more than about nutrition, Guzzo said.

"Our typical client is 83, lives alone, and most have mobility issues. They don't get to leave their homes often if at all. Sometimes our drivers are the only social contact they have."

Guzzo said volunteers often call seniors even on days they're not delivering meals to check in. Recently, she said, a volunteer was able to save a woman who had had a stroke when the volunteer received no answer upon knocking at the door.

Murphy called the Skokie program "a wonderful opportunity to make sure that some of our at-home, very vulnerable residents are served and able to stay in their homes."

But she also said the program is a catalyst to build community and create relationships between seniors and volunteers, of which there are currently 54 in Skokie.

Several of those volunteers Friday met up at Skokie Hospital where they collected their meals for their morning run. Volunteer Carol Javanshad coordinates the meals with the hospital and hands them over to the drivers.

"I was a receptionist and I was looking for something to do," she said. "This is an immensely important program."

Former Skokie resident Michael Keeley, 71, started volunteering for the program when he was in graduate school, he said. He has been making his runs for decades.

"Finding a good volunteer job is as hard as finding a good paid job," he said. "When you get one, you don't want to let it go."

Keeley said he has seen some changes to the program over the years — the food has improved, especially since Skokie Hospital became involved. But basically, he said, it continues to be of beneficial service to seniors who are not able to leave their homes.

The first visit of the five seniors on his delivery run Friday was to 91-year-old Lola R. Hessing. The volunteer was buzzed up to her apartment with meal bag in hand.

"I'd recommend the program to anyone," Hessing said with a smile on her face, wearing a Chicago Bulls sweatshirt and pants. She then talked with Keeley for a short time, calling him "wonderful" and pointed to family photos on the wall.

Murphy said volunteers are not just dropping off a meal but forming a bond during their drop-ins. Without volunteers, she said, Meals on Wheels and programs like it could not operate.

"Many of these seniors might not see another smiling face if not for these programs," she said. "Volunteering really is a chance to help these homebound seniors but frankly, it's more than that. It helps build community. We really are a community."
Evanston community leader, Skokie lawyer elected to Oakton board of trustees

Martha Burns and Paul Kotowski to serve 6-year terms

By Libby Elliott
Pioneer Press

Martha Burns and Paul Kotowski will be sworn in later this month as the newest members of the Oakton Community College board of trustees after the two emerged as the top vote-getters following the April 4 election.

According to unofficial results from the Cook County Clerk's office, Burns garnered 35 percent of the vote and Kotowski got 25 percent, in a race that had four candidates vying for two seats on the board.

Both are elected to serve a six-year term.

Burns, who spent 12 years serving on the Evanston Township High School District 202 school board, said she decided to run for trustee after a meeting with Oakton President Joanne Smith at which the two revealed their shared vision for the college's future.

"Dr. Smith's thoughts and ideas really resonated with me," said Burns. "I felt confident we could work together to increase enrollment at the college."

Burns said she was surprised to learn that only 9 percent of Oakton's 10,000 students come from her hometown of Evanston, an issue she hopes to address during her tenure as trustee.

"I had to ask myself, 'What is going on here?'" she said. "In Evanston, we have so many kids who could benefit from an experience at Oakton. We need to help parents and students in this district understand that Oakton is a viable option."

Burns said she wants to initiate an outreach program at Oakton to retrain cashiers and line cooks at fast food restaurants and help them progress to managerial positions, she said.

"I'd like to see underemployed people in our community acquire the skills to earn livable, sustainable wages," Burns said.

Both Burns and Kotowski expressed worries over fiscal issues the college faces, including shortfalls in state aid. Oakton's fiscal year 2017 budget is $121 million, according to financial data from the college, and anticipates getting only 75 percent of its state aid.

Kotowski said he is also concerned about state budget cuts, and plans to propose alternate forms of revenue generation during his time on the board.

"There's been a lot of tightening up, and the state is not funding schools like it used to," he said.

Kotowski suggested that increasing on-campus parking permit rates and raising tuition for out-of-district students could help Oakton balance its budget. The community college's district includes Morton Grove, Skokie, Lincolnwood, Niles and others.

"These measures are not intended to exclude any students," Kotowski added. "But it could be a way of bridging that gap."

Trustees voted last year to increase tuition by 10.7 percent for the current 2016-17 academic year, according to college financial data.

"The Oakton campus is such a nice place, we really have to question putting a waste facility across the street," Kotowski said. "I'm certainly going to be monitoring the project closely, and if it comes to pass, we need to flip the situation so it's something Oakton can benefit from."

Burns and Kotowski replace Jody Wadhwa, of Northbrook, and Patricia Harada, of Wilmette, on the board.

Wadhwa decided not to seek re-election after serving five six-year terms on the board. Harada exited after serving only one term.

Ann Termes, board chairwoman, congratulated Burns and Kotowski on their election to the college's Board of Trustees.

"My fellow board members and I look forward to welcoming them to the board on April 25 and to working with them as we collectively balance the need to provide an excellent educational experience while fulfilling our obligation to the District 535 taxpayers," she said.

Libby Elliott is a freelancer.
The following items were taken from Niles and Morton Grove police reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

Niles

RETAIL THEFT
[Ilir Lutaj, 56, of the 4100 block of Narragansett, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on March 16 after police said she stole cologne and a pair of scissors from a retailer in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center. Lutaj is scheduled to appear in court April 26.]

DUI
[David Pasulka, 57, of the 600 block of Chatham Road, Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence on March 16 after police said he was involved in a hit and run crash in a parking lot in the 7100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, a car struck a building and then drove away. Police took Pasulka into custody in the 7700 block of Lehigh Avenue. Pasulka is scheduled to appear in court April 14.]

LEAVING THE SCENE
[Rosalinda Alvarez, 34, of the 1300 block of South 51st Street, Cicero, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving without a valid license March 14. Police said Alvarez's car struck another vehicle at Touhy and Melvina avenues and then drove away. Alvarez is scheduled to appear in court April 28.]

PUBLIC INTOXICATION
[A 57-year-old Park Ridge man was ticketed with public intoxication on March 15 after police reportedly found him in the “fetal position” inside the hallway of a building in the 7000 block of Touhy Avenue. According to police, the man had a family member who used to lived in the building. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.]

PROPERTY DAMAGE
[Graffiti was spray-painted on a van parked overnight March 16 or 17 outside a business in the 7100 block of Austin Avenue, police said.]

DRUG POSSESSION
[A 46-year-old Des Plaines man was ticketed with possession of marijuana following a traffic stop in the 8400 block of Dempster Street shortly after midnight March 17, police said.]

TRESPASSING
[Police were called March 17 after a 49-year-old woman reportedly showed up at Emerson Middle School, 8101 N. Cumberland Avenue, even though she had been told previously that she was not allowed on the property, police said. The woman reportedly ran from the school grounds when a school employee approached her.]

THEFT
[Police said a man is suspected of stealing $2,099 worth of clothing from a retailer in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center on March 13. The man reportedly fled with the items and was last seen getting into a car that was parked nearby.]

RETAIL THEFT
[An employee of a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center on March 23 with prostitution following an incident in the 9200 block of Waukegan Road. Police said Luvsanchultern was providing an undercover officer a massage when she grabbed and manipulated his genitalia. Luvsanchultern is scheduled to appear in court May 8.]

POSSESSION OF CANNABIS
[Danny J. Kennedy, 28, of the 9000 block of Mango Avenue, was charged March 17 with possession of cannabis after police said a man was identified by police, also reported that three of his campaign signs were removed from the area of Dempster and Washington streets, but his opponent's signs "were still there and had multiplied," police said.]

Morton Grove

PROSTITUTION
[Gangerel Luvsanchultern, 51, of the 300 block of Callie, was charged March 17 with prostitution following an incident in the 9200 block of Waukegan Road. Police said Luvsanchultern was providing an undercover officer a massage when she grabbed and manipulated his genitalia. Luvsanchultern is scheduled to appear in court May 8.]

BURGLARY
[A resident in the 6000 block of Crain Street reported April 3 that someone used an unknown pry tool to force open the rear door to his residence and burglarize the home.]

THEFT
[A woman reported on April 3 that someone stole her flower pot off the front step of her residence in the 9500 block of Harlem Avenue and threw dirt onto her car.]

STOLEN VEHICLE
[A man reported April 4 that someone stole his vehicle that was parked in the 9000 block of Mango Avenue. Police said the vehicle was recovered and an arrest was made.

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An estimated 350 people — including tots, teens, moms and dads — hopped around Proesel Park in Lincolnwood April 8, as the park district hosted the town's annual Easter egg hunt.

The springtime scramble is a village tradition, officials said, but this past weekend's event marked the first time the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department hosted it, said Linda Vering, the village's Community Outreach and Marketing Coordinator.

"In previous years, it had been held by the Lincolnwood Police Department's Fraternal Order of Police. We're glad to carry on this great Lincolnwood tradition," she said.

Vering said that the scores of children who participated were grouped by age as they searched for goodies. The hunts took place at staggered times, she said, to accommodate parents who had children of varying ages.

Over 3,000 colorful eggs were placed all around the park and were filled with all sorts of kid and family favorites. There were 1,000 eggs for each of the three age groups, organizers said.

"We had a raffle drawing for two large baskets full of sports items," Vering said. "Local businesses Subway and JumpZone contributed coupons that were stuffed in some of the eggs, and our event sponsor, RCN Chicago also provided doughnuts and other promotional items."

Additionally, families were able to partake of other activities, including bean bag toss games in the park shelter and use of sidewalk chalk for the kids to decorate the floor of the shelter.

The park district provided free water, coffee and doughnuts for attendees, Vering said.

And of course, no Easter egg hunt would be complete without an opportunity to have a photo taken with the Easter bunny — who arrived to the park atop a fire engine.

"The bunny arriving by fire truck is always one of the highlights and kicks off the first egg hunt for the youngest attendees," Vering said. "We couldn't have put on this event without the support and assistance of the Lincolnwood Police and Fire Departments. It's a real team effort."

— Staff report

Cesar Benavides keeps son Cesar Jr. from getting an early start at the Easter egg hunt at Proesel Park in Lincolnwood April 8.

Haefele Keller bunny hops across the Easter egg patch before the annual hunt started at Proesel Park.
D64 plans study to boost communications effort

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Hundreds of residents without children enrolled in Park Ridge-Niles District 64 schools will be asked to participate in telephone surveys this month as part of an effort launched by school officials to determine how well the district is communicating with its constituents and how it can improve.

Patron Insight, a Kansas-based company that, according to its website, specializes in evaluating stakeholder input, was hired by the district at a cost of $15,000 to determine the effectiveness of its outreach and communications efforts, according to District 64's public information coordinator, Bernadette Tramm. She wrote in an email that the contract with Patron Insight includes recruiting people for and conducting four focus groups with district taxpayers who are not district parents; creating online surveys for parents, staff and community members; conducting phone interviews with 15 "opinion leaders" in the community; and individual interviews with board members, district administrator and school principals.

The company will also conduct random telephone surveys, including landlines and cellphones, with 400 non-parent community members between April 5 and 15, according to the news release. During that same time period, an online survey will be emailed to district staff and families and will be available for residents to fill out online through the district's website. The company is also reviewing outgoing communications from district schools and its central office over the past couple years, the release states.

"The evaluation stems from the board's and district's ongoing goal of strengthening two-way communication," Tramm wrote.

She added that the effort is the result of a discussion by board members and school administrators in 2013, and that it was most recently discussed by school officials last November.

District 64 Superintendent Laurie Heinz states in the news release that the ultimate goal is to "hear what our community members are thinking and talking about when it comes to all things District 64, whether we are on target in meeting their needs for information, and how we can improve."

The results of the outreach evaluation will be presented at the board's next meeting, slated for April 24.

To fill out the online survey, go to www.d64.org.

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

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Synagogue brings matzo-making to Niles market

By Jennifer Johnson
Pioneer Press

With rolling pins firmly in small hands, the matzo making began.

Wheat stalk kernels, ground into a fine powder and mixed with water, formed the dough for children to turn into matzo, the flat, cracker-like bread associated with Passover. But the most exciting part, judging from the children's wide-eyed expressions, was watching the finished product, now warm and crisp, emerge from the portable oven.

Hosted by Chabad and F.R.E.E. of Niles, this "model matzo bakery" was held April 6 at the Niles Jewel-Osco at 8730 W. Dempster St. It was the first time organizers took the pre-Passover activity out of the synagogue and into the community, said Rabbi Lazer Hershkovich, outreach director with Chabad and F.R.E.E.

"Part of the Chabad movement is educating people that Judaism is not just a religion, it's a way of life. And we want them to learn about our traditions in a hands-on way," he explained.

Passover, or Pesach, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the freedom of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. April 10 marked the first night of Passover.

Those who observe Passover refrain from eating leavened bread and gather for Seder meals, where matzo, the unleavened bread, is eaten.

Making matzo kosher, or acceptable to eat under Jewish law, for Passover requires more stringent preparation and monitoring, Hershkovich explained, so the matzo made during the model bakery at Jewel will not actually be eaten during the holiday. However, the children and their families were able to eat it before Passover, and the learning process of making matzo was a valuable one, Hershkovich said.

"It gives them a nice introduction to the holiday and a nice education of the holiday," he said.

Leibel Scheiman, the designated matzo baker for the day, said the activity is a way to recreate the experience of what it was like for the Jewish people to flee Egypt after being granted their freedom all those years ago.

"I hope they learn what it's like to make matzo and what it was like for the Jewish people when they left Egypt," Scheiman said of the children who participated.

"They didn't have enough time for the bread to rise, so this is what they ate - these little flat breads. And that's what we're trying to commemorate."

Aeduard Goldstein, of Arlington Heights, brought his 4-year-old daughter, Bella, to make matzo. "I just wanted my daughter to experience it," he said.

Goldstein is no stranger to the process of making matzo: He explained that he works in a matzo bakery in Skokie.

So how did the children's matzos compare with the ones he churns out each day? "It's the same - we just make them bigger," Goldstein said, smiling. "They have to be a certain size, but the process is the same. Nothing really much changes."

Some shoppers who observe Passover were given a box containing a single shmurah, or watched, matzo that is Kosher for Passover and made in Israel. It was offered free of charge by Chabad and F.R.E.E.

In the past, the model matzo kitchen was open to members of the synagogue and held exclusively there, Hershkovich said, but this year it was decided to take it out to a more public setting.

"The idea is that we reach a greater public and get out the message of Passover," Hershkovich said.

Located at 9401 Margill Ave., in unincorporated Maine Township, Chabad and F.R.E.E. was also represented during a recent Park Ridge City Council meeting when acting Mayor Marty Maloney read a proclamation in recognition of Education and Sharing Day.

Bella Goldstein, 4, and Sholom Lison, 5, roll dough into flat pieces of matzo during an April 6 matzo-making event at Jewel-Osco, 8730 Dempster St. in Niles.
Residents raise stink over proposed compost facility

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

Citing concerns about traffic, diminished property values, vermin and especially odor, north suburban residents are organizing in opposition to plans for a new composting facility just outside Des Plaines.

But an owner of the proposed Patriot Acres operation said opponents are jumping to conclusions and don't have all the facts yet.

Residents packed a small meeting hall and overflowed into an adjacent tent in Mount Prospect on April 6 in a session organized by detractors of the facility; which would be built by a Glenview company on a former landfill site along the Des Plaines River across Central Road from Oakton Community College.

One of the panelists, Joseph Pollina, who lives near the proposed site, said he appreciates the need for composting, "but this is not the right spot for it."

The proposal has received clearance from the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals but must still win approval by the Cook County Board, where the plan is due to be considered next month.

If approved, the facility will occupy 25 acres and compost landscape waste and food scraps, but no meat, said John Lardner, one of the owners of Patriot Acres who attended last week's gathering.

The remaining 100-plus acres on the site might be used for community gardens or greenhouses, he said.

Opponents are focusing primarily on the potential for the facility to cause what they call a "stink zone" that they say could carry foul odors up to five miles away, to suburbs including Northbrook, Northfield, Arlington Heights, Park Ridge and Niles.

Brian Critchlow said he was the former site manager of a composting facility elsewhere in the Chicago area. He said his former employer regularly received complaints about odors and that operators of such facilities typically use chemicals to address them.

But Lardner said Patriot Acres will have multiple mechanisms for reducing odor and that opponents pointed only to other operations that had problems.

"It's interesting that they've already judged a project before it's even operating and they compare us to other sites that were poorly run, and yet don't talk about other compost sites that are well-run," he said.

One Mount Prospect resident who spoke also asked for residents to "put the brakes on the talk" until they get more information.

Mike Hertz said later that he could hear audience members booing softly as he spoke, "but people were listening, and maybe it got them thinking. That's the whole point. Yeah, it's an emotional issue, but you got to let the voice of reason play out in your decision-making."

But one of the organizers of the opposition, Rob Sulkowski, formerly with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said he isn't interested in talking to Patriot Acres operators unless they pull their application. He said he has many questions and concerns about the proposal, but he will raise them in front of the Cook County Board.

Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, whose district includes the proposed composting site, said he plans on recusing himself from the vote because he formerly worked for a law firm that is representing Patriot Acres.

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Sweet Passover treat offered to special-needs congregants

By Irv Leavitt and Karie Angell Luc
Pioneer Press

Some people have seders on the first night of Passover, some have them on the second. And some, like those at Congregation Beth Shalom on April 2, have chocolate seders.

About 50 people attended the event in which chocolate in various forms was substituted for the stations of the seder plate. The seder, staged annually in recent years at Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, is intended to give people with special needs a sweet taste of being Jewish on the holiday.

That has not always been easy, said Beth Shalom Cantor Steven Stoehr. About six years ago, he said, he asked a member to think about doing something for people who had various kinds of disabilities, mostly developmental, on Hanukkah.

"The doors of the synagogue were not always wide enough for wheelchairs," Stoehr said, referring not to literal barriers, but more attitudinal: Are synagogues doing enough to welcome people, for worship and for holiday celebrations with disabilities or developmental challenges?

He felt that they didn't, at least locally, so he founded HUGS — Healthy Understanding, Growing Spaces — to give special services to those who wanted or needed them. He said he didn't want to make it an organization just to grow membership at his synagogue. Instead, he said he sought to open the area's worship community to people who had a hard time clearing hurdles, to "get us out of our own silos."

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park joined in, sending congregants' family members, and hosting HUGS events.

Chocolate pretzels evocative of roasted shank bones were included at the HUGS Passover Dessert Chocolate Seder.

Glenview's Attea Middle School, spending what appeared to be a happy 90 minutes with his grandmother, Linda Muslin, also of Glenview.

"This is a highlight," she said, becoming tearful. "This is one of the best days of my life, really."

Mikayla Neediman, 11, came to her first HUGS event April 2, said her father, Marc Neediman. She has Cornelia de Lange syndrome, which for Mikayla means developmental delays, said her father.

"In her case, we're very blessed, it's mild," Marc Neediman said.

Coming to the chocolate seder was a way to prepare for Mikayla's bat mitzvah, he said.

"Now that Mikayla's old enough to understand, we wanted to start exposing her to temple," Marc Neediman said. "So we brought her to this, which is really, really fun."

Some HUGS events are closed to kids, to give older special-needs Jewish congregants a chance to celebrate with their peers.

Both Beth El and Deerfield-based BJBE have done HUGS Purim events for adult special-needs groups.

"We understand that adults with disabilities are yearning for connections to community," BJBE Cantor Rayna Green said. "They really want their own events."

Many of the HUGS events are held on different days than regular holiday observances. In the case of a chocolate seder, Stoehr said, it's much better before the start of the holiday — April 10 — when dietary restrictions kick in.

"Passover chocolate is a little questionable," he said.

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Bill seeks to ease impact of closing of test stations

Mulroe says federal EPA could complicate issue

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Staff report

After an emissions testing station in his district closed in November, state Sen. John Mulroe said he heard from constituents about the burden of traveling a greater distance and then having to wait for their vehicle to pass.

"The goal of the emissions testing is to reduce air pollution from vehicles," Mulroe said. "We shouldn't be increasing pollution by forcing individuals to drive farther from their homes for testing."

Seeking to cut down on the burden, Mulroe recently introduced legislation that would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code, requiring the state Environmental Protection Agency to locate vehicle emissions stations within a five-mile radius of those subject to testing, rather than the current standard of 12 miles.

The senator's district includes northwest Chicago as well as the communities of Niles, Des Plaines, Rosemont, Park Ridge, Norridge, Harwood Heights, Schiller Park, Franklin Park, Elmwood Park and River Grove.

Many of his constituents used a testing station at 6959 W. Forest Preserve Drive in Chicago, which served residents for close to 30 years.

With the station now closed, the nearest facility is in Skokie at 3555 Jarvis Ave.

"By closing emissions testing facilities in Chicago, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has created an undue burden on Chicago residents to meet the emissions testing requirement," Mulroe said in a statement. "Getting a vehicle's emissions tested can already be a time-consuming task in and of itself. We should not add to that by forcing Chicagoans to drive further to fulfill this obligation."

In announcing the closing of the stations last year, IEPA officials said the change was the result of a new streamlining system the state was breaking in under a new testing contract.

The new network would provide added convenience for motorists, IEPA officials announced at the time, including a second test position at most primary stations and no appointments required at inspection and repair facilities.

Kim Biggs, spokeswoman for the IEPA, said April 4 that the agency has been in discussions with Mulroe on concerns, "and we are both committed to approaching U.S. EPA with potential changes to the vehicle emissions testing program to minimize inconveniences to motorists."

The senator acknowledged he learned in his conversations with the agency that a solution to the problem could be more complicated than having the agency opening stations closer to the users. Mulroe said he was told there could be contract implications to such a change. In addition, he said, officials have relayed concerns that the move could affect the federal money the state receives, with the testing program falling under the federal Clean Air Act.

"It's not as easy as saying, 'Let's change this,'" said Mulroe, adding, "I don't want to jeopardize the money we get for roads."

Nevertheless, he said, based on information supplied by the IEPA since the legislation, he's not even sure the way the stations currently operate is justified. Chicago and the Metro-East St. Louis areas are the only places in the state where there is testing, he noted. On its site, the EPA says exhaust emissions from cars and trucks are the single greatest sources of air pollution in those areas.

Some motorists were caught unaware when the state closed a testing station at 6959 W. Forest Preserve Drive in Chicago.

Dear Chicago, Will you send us your proposal video? We're asking on one knee.
A representative of Community Nurse in La Grange said a decision to no longer sell used clothing highlights a fact most people who donate their clothing might not know: Most of it is sold by the pound to recycling companies.

The nonprofit, which has run The Community Shop in La Grange since 1993 and which formerly operated as The Carousel Shop and The Corner Shoppe, decided to quit selling most used clothing because it didn't make financial sense.

"The current fast fashion clothing market is driving down price points for donated clothing that is salable," said Angela Curran, president/CEO. "Resale clothing has to be sold at low, low prices to even try and compete with the prices of new and continuously discounted clothing at places like T.J.Maxx, Target or Kohl's."

There also are more websites such as Thredup and Tradyse for people who want to sell their high-end or designer used clothing on consignment rather than donate it, she said.

"Even when people do purchase higher-end clothing, shoes, purses or jewelry, there are literally dozens of online sites for sellers to consign, sell or swap items rather than donate to charity," Curran said.

The Council for Textile Recycling estimates the U.S. generates about 25 billion pounds of textiles a year, which amounts to 82 pounds per person. Only about 15 percent gets donated or recycled which means about 85 percent ends up in landfills.

"Recycling may not be a donor's preferred use for clothing donated to Community Nurse, it actually serves to produce at least some revenue for our mission and also prevents even more clothing from going to landfills," Curran said.

Curran said The Community Shop also is hampered because it doesn't have a large staff to process donated clothing or a warehouse for storing it. Even larger nonprofits that have such resources turn to recycling donated clothing.

Cheryl Lightholder, manager of communications for Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, estimated that the nonprofit diverted 72.5 million pounds of textiles and household goods from landfills in 2016.

Although nonprofits get just pennies on the pound for textile recycling, at least those items are not ending up in landfills, said Erin Kennedy, an educator for School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education in DuPage County, which is dedicated to protecting and educating about the environment.

Kay McKeen, founder and executive director of SCARCE, said consumerism and cheap prices mean people tend to have a lot of clothing and need to consider how to repurpose it without clogging a landfill.

"I talk to high school classes where some kids have 50 pairs of jeans. I have one," she said.

But it requires use of energy and other resources. "When you recycle you still have to sort it, ship it and send the materials some place," McKeen said. "Then those companies have to turn it into something new. We still want recycling though instead of having it sitting in a landfill."

Recycling companies take textiles and turn them into a large variety of products. "That fabric could be turned into stereo speaker covers or rugs and rugs," she said.

An Oakbrook Center store, Madewell, accepts old jeans, which then are sent to a recycling company and turned into home insulation. Shoppers receive $20 toward the purchase of new jeans from the store.

La Grange resident Rose Naseef, volunteer coordinator for SCARCE, said she thinks there is still a market for used clothing.

"I think for this particular nonprofit it might not be as lucrative," she said. "That's disappointing because it supports a great organization."

One outlet that appears to offer competition to The Community Shop for the sort of high-end designer clothing that can be resold is Kelsey Resale Boutique in Hinsdale. The store has been around for six years and just started a website three weeks ago.

"Business has been amazing. People are getting into reusing," said manager Kelsey Moran.

The store requires items offered on consignment be in pristine condition.

"It can't have spots or be wrinkled. We don't have a lot of staff," Moran said.

Before making the decision to stop selling used clothing and shoes, Curran said The Community Shop evaluated its options.

"We looked at the merchandise lines that were giving us the most revenue, and cut our losses by eliminating clothing and shoes," she said.

While the financial model might not work for The Community Shop, Naseef said people should continue to look for ways to re-use their clothing. She said churches and schools often hold events at which such items are sold.

While it was forced to make a difficult business decision, Curran said she hopes people will continue to support the store.

"We hope the community will understand and accept why 90 percent of the clothing is being sold to a recycler, and continue to support The Community Shop by donating used furniture, household items, jewelry and clothing," she said.

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The Olympics are best left to the amateurs

The U.S. hockey team pounces on goalie Jim Craig after a 4-3 victory against the Soviet Union in the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. In this 1980 file photo.

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Rauner offers a retread of successful campaign messaging

It’s dress-up time in Illinois.

You probably have seen – how could you avoid seeing? – Gov. Bruce Rauner’s latest series of TV commercials vowing to fix Illinois.

Costumed in jeans and a red-and-blue plaid shirt, the governor hovers in an impossibly clean workshop that looks like a Black & Decker showroom than a real home workshop.

But Rauner delicately removes strips of duct tape from the camera lens. The duct tape is a symbol of his inadequate solutions.

The hard-line governor of the state that won’t pass a budget.

With great, new solutions running for office. He is the hard-line governor of the state that won’t pass a budget.

Maybe the Democrats should counter the governor’s commercials with commercials of their own.

Let’s see, Rauner dressed up as Norm the carpenter from “This Old House” (minus the protuberant stomach possessed by all real carpenters).

Who could Madigan dress up as for his TV commercial?

The Lone Ranger? No, the mask might give the wrong idea.

I got it! Madigan could dress up as Robin Hood.

You know, take from the rich and give to the poor.

Democrats like to be thought of that way.

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"This Is Us" reader feedback reflects hope, not politics

I'm obviously not the only one seeking shelter of some kind from the political storms pelting our country these days.

My recent column on the popular TV show "This Is Us" attracted a torrent of like-minded feedback from readers across Northwest Indiana and from across the country. More than 90 percent of their comments via voicemail, email and social media reflected this email I received from Vivian Serbin.

"Thank you for your well written piece on my favorite TV program, 'This is Us.'" she wrote. "You encouraged us to see that we are all flawed. That we all can have similar struggles, and joys. You really kept it neutral until the one sentence about building walls rather than bridges. Removing that one sentence would be inclusive to all sides of the political spectrum. Thus getting your message across to everyone."

A few readers also took exception to that same line in my column addressing our inherent divisiveness as humans. "Is it because we choose to build walls rather than bridges, as we've been wired to do for eons, to safeguard us from potential threats?" I wrote.

Those readers accused me of using that line to point the finger of blame or shame at President Donald Trump for his promise to build a wall along the United States-Mexico border. That wasn't my intention. At least I don't think it was. However, in these ever-political times, every line or comment can be quickly viewed as political commentary.

"Jerry, nice jab at our great president with that comment about building walls versus bridges," said a man named Samuel on my voicemail. He said this comment in a sarcastic tone, so I'm assuming he's a Trump administration supporter.

Such comments were in the minority, though, in regard to that column and its message of hopefulness for our bitter, beleaguered country. You can read it on my webpage here: www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/chi-jerry-davich-staff.html.

The vast majority of comments I received were similar to this one from Pat Wisniewski from For Goodness Sake Productions. It's a local, independent production company dedicated to the art of creating "Good News" stories that make a difference in our world.

"Hi Jerry, I just read your article about my favorite show 'This Is Us' and I had to write you to tell you how beautifully written your article was. It touched me about as much as the show. Thank you," she wrote.

I had no idea how many readers of mine are also fans of this TV show, which wrapped up its first season Tuesday night on NBC-TV. For many of its fans, especially me, it will feel like my new group of friends and family are moving away for the summer. They won't return until the fall and my Tuesday nights simply won't be the same without them.

If that sounds overly dramatic, it wasn't meant to be. My sappy sentiments are more reflective of the show's refreshing reprieve from reality than they are about the show's critical acclaim, high ratings or Hollywood hyperbole. Fan after fan told me the same thing.

"Your words are exactly what millions of people are thinking and you expressed it perfectly for us. I hope millions more will play catch-up and join the rest of us. Beautiful article. Thank you, Kelle Lemp!"

Out of curiosity I asked Lemp where she lived, as I often do when readers contact me. I wondered if she lives in Northwest Indiana or possibly in the Chicago area, finding my work online or through social media.

"I live in Elk Grove, California," she replied.

Elk Grove, California? I asked, how did she find my column from there?

"I read the article via Sterling K. Brown's Facebook page," she replied.

I was stunned.

Sterling K. Brown is the lead actor of "This Is Us," portraying the complex character Randall Pearson, one of the three siblings born on the same fateful day. He is also known for playing Christopher Darden in "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story," for which he won the Prime-time Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor.

I checked his Facebook fan page and, sure enough, he shared my column with his thousands of followers, writing, "Interesting article. Curious to hear what the FB family thinks about it."

His post received more than 10,000 hits and nearly 1,000 comments, with most of them similar to this one.

"(The column) is 100 percent true," wrote Rochelle Pomykal. "The show really does transcend the lines of real versus make believe. We know they're characters, but we can also see ourselves, our loved ones, and the choices we've made; all in that hour we spend with you once a week. It brings up joy, sadness, pain, relief, and most of all, love. We see these boundaries being pushed, but we see the choices that get them there."

This is what true art allows us, and compels us, to do — reflect on ourselves.

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Rauner needs to back up talk with action

As the Senate's two leaders tried again to find the votes to pass their "grand bargain" last week to end the state's two-year governmental gridlock, Gov. Bruce Rauner began spending over a million dollars on two new TV ads that portray him as an Everyman "duct tape" hero in the fight for Illinois' future.

"Illinois is broke and broken," Rauner says to the camera while standing in a well-kept garage and wearing a plaid flannel shirt. "And the politicians that got us into this mess, their solution is this," Rauner says as he holds up a roll of duct tape. "Higher taxes." he says as he yanks out a piece of duct tape. "More spending," he says with another jerk on the roll. "No real reforms," he says as he takes one more pull.

"After decades of ignoring problems, it's time someone fixes 'em," the governor says. A list of bullet points appears on the screen in front of a line of tools neatly arranged against the garage wall as Rauner says: "Our balanced budget plan freezes property taxes, caps spending, creates jobs and puts term limits on politicians."

Rauner is then shown sitting on a chair in the garage. "Our plan brings real reforms to Illinois," he says as he grabs the roll of duct tape. "Their duct tape solutions won't work anymore. We will fix Illinois together."

The second, shorter ad, begins with Rauner peeling off duct tape from a piece of glass over the camera. "Springfield politicians don't want you to see what they're up to," the governor begins, wearing the same flannel shirt in the same garage. "Cuz their duct-tape solutions just cover up Illinois' problems. They don't fix 'em," he says with a smile. "Fix Illinois," an announcer says.

The governor's people firmly believe that they have staked out a comfortably poll-tested platform. "What we oppose, the public opposes," a Rauner official said last week. "What we support, the public supports."

The public hates tax hikes and Rauner is gearing up for the 2018 campaign with a message that he saved the state from ruinous Democratic tax increases without his demanded job-creating reforms, which include the above-mentioned balanced budget, property tax and state government spending freezes, term limits and other awesome stuff.

Trouble is, he's never once proposed a balanced budget and can't get anything else passed. Rauner is heading into a re-election campaign without much of anything to show for his time in office. Hence, the duct tape ads.

Team Rauner is also still opposed to whatever comes out of the Senate's negotiations because the proposals don't meet its demands.

Talks have reportedly faltered over a "five and five" proposal to raise the income tax for five years and cap property taxes for the same amount of time. The Senate Democrats are also still refusing to specify major budget cuts (which the governor has refused to do as well), and a dispute has developed over the latest education funding reform bill.

Should the Senate's plan go down in flames yet again, the Democrats will undoubtedly say that Rauner never actually wanted a deal to begin with. They'll claim in unison that the Turnaround Agenda was, in reality, a mere ploy to achieve Rauner's "real" result, which is the slow but very deliberate destruction of "weak" universities and social service programs and the crushing of unions and "the middle class." And they might possibly even get some backup from a clearly furious Senate Republican Leader, who lashed out at the governor and his chief of staff earlier this month for declaring through an unnamed source in a newspaper article that the grand bargain was dead.

Rauner will continue to counter with a campaign based on running against the Springfield "status quo," and in particular the overwhelmingly unpopular House Speaker Michael Madigan. But after over two years in office, a lobbyist who conspicuously drops his "g's" and dons the costumes of the working class in expensive TV ads to claim he's on the common man's side finally may be wearing thin. The governor's 58 percent job approval rating in the latest Paul Simon Public Policy Institute poll didn't appear out of nowhere, after all.

Instead of constantly worrying about his own political future by producing yet another round of expensive TV ads far away from election day, the governor ought to find another way to improve his state's future. He has a Republican Senate leader who is firmly committed to getting us out of this horrific ditch. Instead of undercutting her at every turn, he ought to be helping her across the finish line. Doing otherwise will only prove the Democrats' point that he doesn't really want a deal.

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Comic never out of style
Rita Rudner heads to North Shore Center

BY DONALD LIEBENSON
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It's been two years since Rita Rudner performed at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, and she is putting the nearby Designer Shoe Warehouse on notice. "Tell them to get ready," she joked in a phone interview. "I'm bringing an extra suitcase."

For most of this decade, if you wanted to see Rudner onstage, your best bet would be the Las Vegas Strip where she performed in a succession of residencies at the New York-New York, Harrah's and The Venetian. She has sold 13 sold a reported $1 million in ticket sales and was named Best Comic in Las Vegas for eight consecutive years.

On April 21, she returns to the North Shore Center. "A beautiful theater," she states enthusiastically.

It has been 27 years since her HBO special, "Born to be Mild." Comedy today is anything but.

Female artists are thriving in an era where they are empowered to be more personal, more intimate, more raw. But don't expect Rudner to ditch her characteristic formal stage attire. Nor do audiences need to brace themselves for four-letter punchlines as she discusses relationships, family, children and everyday absurdities.

"I just do what's comfortable for me," Rudner explains. "It's a free country and you can be who you want to be (onstage) and everyone should listen to whom they want to listen. It's a different style."

Rudner has always remained true to her poised and elegant muse. She recalls with an audible shudder participating in a Friar's Club roast of Chevy Chase. These are notoriously profane affairs.

"That was a nightmare," she says. "It was really unpleasant. I never did it again. When I got up to roast Chevy, he got up to go to the bathroom. Well played (I thought)."

Rudner's stand-up career had an unorthodox beginning. She was a dancer on Broadway appearing in such productions as "Annie" and "Mack and Mabel." But she noticed that there was far less aspiring female comedians than there were aspiring Broadway dancers. And so, at the age of 27, she traded chorus lines for punchlines, as her bio jokes.

When she started, the headliners at such legendary clubs as Catch a Rising Star were Jerry Seinfeld, Paul Reiser and Bill Maher. She learned by observing and by doing. "Mentors?" she emphatically states. "There's no such thing as a comedy mentor. You're on your own. If you get somewhere, then good for you. I would sit around with other comedians and we'd help each other write jokes, which was a good little comedy education, but no one ever said, 'Do this, do that, do the other thing.'"

Rudner credits her years as a dancer for instilling in her the discipline to develop her craft.

"When you're in ballet," she explains, "you don't just start dancing. You learn the first position, second position. I didn't start writing a joke. I asked myself lots of questions (to get to the joke). I did it step-by-step."

Rudner is a "have-it-all" kind of woman. She has been married for almost three decades to British producer Martin Bergman, with whom she has collaborated on screenplays, stage plays and novels (one of which, "Turning the Tables," is being optioned for a mini-series). The secret to their marital and collaborative success? "We just get along," she states.

"We have the same sense of humor. I make people laugh from 8-9:30; he makes me laugh all day."

Her latest project is writing her autobiography, another addition to a tireless schedule that includes performing, writing new material, walking her dogs and being involved with her daughter's school. As this interview begins, she is searching in vain for a scallop recipe she promised to prepare for a charity dinner party she is hosting. "I made it a month ago," she says. "I guess I could make it up."

Rudner opted at the time for the more settled life of a comic in residence so she could be home while her daughter, Molly, was growing up. Now that Molly is entering her teen years, Rudner jokes, "I can go out (on the road) once or twice a month and she's happy I'm not there to tell her what to do."

Rudner takes pride in sustaining her career on her terms. She was never comedy's Next Big Thing, and that has worked to her advantage, she reasons. "The good thing about never being in fashion is that you're never out of fashion. This is it."
The Park Ridge Chorale's "April Paris" concert will include Edith Piaf songs and selections from "Beauty and the Beast."

**Music**

**The Park Ridge Chorale brings Paris to life musically**

By Myrna Petlicki
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Short of time and money to travel? No problem. You can spend "April in Paris" with the Park Ridge Chorale. Director Edward Zelnis has created an eclectic program for the April 22 concert, focusing on aspects of that magical city, that's guaranteed to please music lovers of all tastes.

"I've always had an affinity for Paris and all the arts elements that surround it," Zelnis said. "Throughout the whole history of the city, every great painter and writer from Europe, from America, ended up in Paris at one point. So, it provided a tremendous spectrum of musical ideas and cultural ideas to use."

Zelnis noted that since the Park Ridge Chorale members enjoy performing all kinds of music, "We'll usually do many different styles in the same concert. Paris was one of those themes that opened up so many possibilities."

The program includes selections from "Beauty and the Beast." "It's set in France and the lead characters are Parisian," Zelnis said. He added, "It is rather amazing how many Broadway shows and how many films with music are tied in to Paris as a theme."

Songs from "Les Miserables," "La Cage Aux Folles" and "Gigi" made the cut for the concert.

Other selections include two Edith Piaf songs and selections from two Cole Porter Broadway shows centered around Paris, "Can-Can" and "Fifty Million Frenchmen."

The theme from "The Pink Panther" is also on the program. "It's a fun arrangement where, in addition to singing, the choir is doing a lot of percussion — finger-snapping and slapping rhythms on their bodies," the director said.

Corrine Bachar, who has been a member of the Park Ridge Chorale for nearly 20 years, described the two Piaf songs as "very recognizable. And we're doing those in French so those are my challenge but I have enjoyed those a lot."

Bachar has been selected to sing a duet, "I Remember It Well" from the movie "Gigi."

Adrienne Dimopoulos has been a member of the group for over 20 years. She praised the theme of this concert. "I really like — and it's also quite timely — all the 'Beauty and the Beast' music we're doing," she said. "That's a fun, upbeat set."

Dimopoulos added that an especially appealing aspect of this concert is, "So much of this music is so familiar. We all realized that over the years there have been so many French-related musicals and composers. There were so many things based in Paris."

Dimopoulos also is doing a duet. "It's a piece called, 'Paris,'" she said. "It's the opening number of the concert. We're supposed to be this couple sitting at a cafe singing about how wonderful Paris is and then the rest of the group starts singing. The selection is from 'Abelard and Heloise.'"

The show will conclude with "The Best of Times" from "La Cage Aux Folles," which Zelnis described as "a wonderful, uplifting inspiring anthem to life. It embodies to me the spirit of Paris."
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When bonds are hard to make
Naperville cook likes good causes, good food

Overnight recipes make for easy Easter brunch

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

Margie Tarpey, a long-time Naperville resident, wanted to give back to the community after she retired from her career at the Wheaton rehabilitation facility Marianjoy. She began volunteering for Naperville CARES in 1999 and then began to volunteer time with Naperville Loaves and Fishes a few years later. When the two organizations merged last summer, it made things less complicated for her. She has worked on the annual fundraiser for Naperville CARES, Cuisine for A Cause, for several years.

"This year, the event will be a fundraiser for both organizations," she said. "It will be the 14th year. It will also be the last year for Cuisine for a Cause. Both groups felt that it has run its course so we won't be doing it anymore."

Both Tarpey, 73, and her husband are retired and living what she calls "the best years of our lives, doing things together and helping others." Among her favorite activities is working with the area restaurants who participate in Cuisine for a Cause.

"It's Naperville's largest cocktail party," said Tarpey. "It's a fun evening but it is also a way to help end hunger and provide important resources to people in need. These are both outstanding organizations (Loaves and Fishes and Naperville CARES) filled with wonderful people. Everyone shows such kindness and dignity to all of the clients. I know that I can't save the world, but I can do something by working with these groups."

When Tarpey isn't busy volunteering, she enjoys spending time with family. She has three adult children and eight grandchildren. She will be having 12 family members over for Easter morning brunch.

"We like to keep it simple," she said. "We get together and go to church first. Then we come back here, and the kids look for their Easter baskets while I get brunch ready."

Instead of having to spend time chopping and dicing on Easter morning, Tarpey makes her apple-stuffed strata for easy Easter morning brunch. The second dish is an overnight coffee cake that only needs about 35 minutes in the oven at the same temperature as the apple-stuffed strata.

Tarpey is always looking for tasty and easy recipes. She feels blessed that one of her daughters-in-law, Ceci Martinez, is an excellent cook who often shares her recipes. One of her favorites from Martinez is an easy Parmesan crusted chicken. The recipe involves only three ingredients to dress up chicken breasts. She simply mixes together 1/2 cup of mayonnaise with 1/2 cup of grated Parmesan cheese and spreads it on four boneless skinless chicken breasts that have been seasoned with salt and pepper. Then she sprinkles about four teaspoons of Italian seasoned breadcrumbs over the mayonnaise. The chicken is baked at 425 degrees for about 20 minutes until done. The end result is a flavorful, no-fuss dish.

With Easter just days away, Tarpey shares her two easy, make-ahead brunch recipes for others to try. She has made the strata with Golden Delicious apples with good results but says other varieties of baking apples also work.

Apple-Stuffed Strata

2 tablespoons butter
4 cups apples, peeled and sliced
7 tablespoons sugar, divided
cooking spray
12 slices cinnamon swirl bread
1/4 cup chopped pecans, divided
1/2 cup low-fat milk
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
5 large eggs

1. Melt butter in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add sliced apples and one tablespoon sugar. Saute apples until tender and lightly browned. Remove from heat and allow to cool five minutes. Coat an 11-inch by 7-inch glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray.

2. Cut slices of bread diagonally and arrange half of the slices in the bottom of the dish. Spread apple mixture over bread. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup of pecans. Make another layer of bread over pecans.

3. In a bowl, place 5 tablespoons of sugar, milk, cinnamon and eggs. Whisk to blend. Pour over bread. Press down bread pieces so they are submerged. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In the morning, heat oven to 350 degrees. Uncover dish and sprinkle with 1/4 cup pecans and one tablespoon sugar. Bake about 48 minutes or until knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve warm.

Overnight Coffee Cake

1/4 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar, divided
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, divided
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup sour cream
1 cup chopped nuts

1. Cream butter, sugar and 1/2 cup brown sugar until light and fluffy. Lightly beat eggs and add to mixture. Sift together flour, baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and nutmeg. Add to creamed mixture. Fold in sour cream. Pour into a greased 9-inch by 13-inch pan. Mix together the chopped nuts, 1/2 cup brown sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle evenly over the batter. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In the morning, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake about 35 minutes or until cake tests done.
By Arlene Karidis
The Washington Post

Matthew rarely was invited to birthday parties or play groups as a young child. On the few occasions he was included, his mother said a prayer and “hoped nothing bad would happen,” she recalls.

“Crowds overwhelmed him. There were the games and toys were too much, and sometimes he’d run to another room and hide.” What made social situations even harder was that he struggled with impulse control. And he gets locked on ideas. He was perceived as the different one,” says Cat of her now 14-year-old son, who has autism. (Cat and Matthew are identified by their first names only, to protect their privacy.)

“Though he desperately wanted to make friends, it was difficult for Matthew, just as it is for many kids with communication barriers and other challenges that make bonding hard. Many of these kids don’t know how to begin to make friends. Some can reach out initially, but the friendship quickly fades because they lack the social and communication skills required to navigate and maintain relationships,” says Leslie Kauzlarich, program coordinator for the Oakmont secondary program at Frost School in Rockville, Md., a day school for students with autism.

“They don’t understand why the car went off the road,” she says. “They keep trying the same things that haven’t worked and, without help, they often eventually give up,” she says.

Kauzlarich has seen students with autism grow and form healthy connections, but it takes a lot of practice, especially in expressing themselves and learning what is considered appropriate behavior.

“Children who do well get a lot of practice in generalizing skills in different scenarios, which they can then apply to other situations,” she says. “To be successful, they need to begin exercising their social and emotional muscles early, and in different settings, with children who have similar issues, and with those who do not.

Lack of social and communication skills can make it difficult for children with autism to maintain friendships with other kids.

There are plenty of opportunities to gain experience in special programs designed for them, such as autism group meetups. But finding the right social circles with “typically developing” kids can be hard. Cat and Matthew have worked at it for years, trying to find the best fit.

Children who do well get a lot of practice in generalizing skills in different scenarios, which they can then apply to other situations. “We’ve done video modeling where we record students and then they watch themselves engaging in positive social interaction, which is powerful and reinforcing,” Kauzlarich says.

They are also guided by therapists in resolving problems they may have in their social interactions. This is done in a comfortable and confidential setting.

“For instance, we had two students who wanted to be friends but were driving each other crazy. Their joking can sound mean. When it came to a head, our therapist sat them down and had both say what they felt about the other person. So they get perspective, learn conversation skills and conflict resolution. And they do it in a safe environment where they can say what they feel,” Kauzlarich says.

Another key to establishing successful relationships is to find the right match. Parent and child should talk about activities of interest and cast a wide net, trying many opportunities with kids with similar interests, says Kristen Kalyman, a psychologist at Kennedy Krieger Institute’s Pediatric Developmental Disorders Clinic.

“I had a kid who, after trying a lot of activities, got involved in adaptive ball with kids with physical disabilities, though he did not have a physical disability himself. He ended up loving it,” Kalyman says.

Programs that include typically developing kids alongside those with special needs can have benefits. For instance, they can help children with disabilities learn to interact with people in situations outside a closed community.

But finding good opportunities for friendship can take persistence. Matthew went to an open gym in sixth grade where he gravitated to younger kids.

“He didn’t see them just as little kids, but someone to play with, and he loves being helpful. He would jump in to help them, say walk on the balance beam. But you could see in the faces of some parents that they were thinking, ‘What is this 11-year-old’s deal? Some of them would call their

kids away,” remembers Cat.

She tried something new that would still allow Matthew to engage with his neurotypical peers. She enrolled him in a class with youth his age. But, first, she got to know the instructor. He had to be someone positive and gentle when correcting. And she made sure he understood Matthew’s triggers.

Using something they are interested in to build a relationship around can help kids with autism form connections, as well. If your child is passionate about space travel you might help him learn to talk about rockets and explain what he knows to someone else, suggests Elizabeth Crain, a professor in the division of speech and hearing sciences at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In time, they may be comfortable talking about it in a group during circle time.

Cat’s son has come out of his shell, but it’s an ongoing process. He has made a close friend, someone he Skypes with and plays laser tag with on weekends. And she has found Teens Like Us, a program that pairs atypical adolescents with typically developing peers.

His weekends are full, between this special club, Friday nights at a trampoline park and volunteering at Sunday school.

“The younger kids at church really like him,” Cat says. “They high-five him and compete for his attention at playtime. And at the park, he’s like the man on campus. He knows the rules and talks to everyone. He knows the rules by now and speaks up if someone does something that bothers him. He can be more like a 14-year-old.”

Her advice to parents of kids with similar issues: “Find what they can do that makes them happy. “You have to work at it, but find that thing where they can be physically and emotionally safe,” she adds. “And where they can make friends.”

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Don't get a rabbit just because it's Easter

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
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Q: I have four pet rabbits of my own and am always looking for ways to spread education about rabbit care, since it's not as simple as people realize. I don't know how familiar you are with rabbits, but I have more of a request than a question: Could you talk about why it's a bad idea to give rabbits as an Easter gift to children? I am a volunteer with the Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group and we always get an influx of rescues after the cute Easter bunny grows up and the child no longer wants it. We're always campaigning to prevent rabbits as gifts in the first place. Education is key to making change for the better for all animals. — Diana Kronenberg, Long Island, N.Y.

A: I am happy to talk about why one shouldn't get a rabbit around Easter as well as how great rabbits are as pets if placed in the right home.

Let's talk Easter first. When given a choice between buying a live bunny or a plush rabbit toy for a young child, parents need to go with the plush toy (or chocolate bunny).

Rabbits are not easy pets to care for and need adult caregivers to thrive. They require as much care as a dog or cat — and as much as a dog to care for over their lifetimes, according to the House Rabbit Society.

In addition, rabbits can become aggressive around sexual maturity, if not sterilized. And, they can live eight to 14 years. Today's impulse gift for an eight-year-old child could still be in the family long after the child has finished college.

Rabbits are a "prey" animal, which means they will bolt in fear if they think their lives are in danger. Kids or animals in the home who are loud, lively and longing to chase them can literally scare a rabbit to death.

During humane society summer camps, I used to teach kids how to behave around rabbits by having them sit in a circle to quietly observe the rabbits sitting in the center. If the kids startled the rabbits, the observation was over until the next day. To their credit, most kids can sit still for 20 minutes, but they also get tired and lose interest quickly. The next day, the kids got to feed the rabbits, which sustained their interest a little longer, but not by much.

Kids will lose interest in their pet rabbits, too, which means rabbits are often neglected or given up altogether. Rabbits are actually great pets when placed in quiet homes with the right people. They are affectionate with their families and can be litter-box trained, like a cat, so they can hop around the house.

If anyone reading this is serious about getting a rabbit, talk to rescue groups, like the Long Island Rabbit Rescue Group, about rabbit care. They may even let you foster a rabbit to see if it's the right type of pet for you.

If you do your homework, are ready to make a decadelong commitment and decide a rabbit is the best pet for your family, then you might be what these rabbit rescue groups are looking for in a rabbit parent.

Visit the House Rabbit Society at rabbits.org for more information and to find rabbit rescue groups in your city or state. Please don't get a rabbit just because it's Easter.

Q: When I change the water from my fish tank, I toss the dirty water onto the lawn, not into my sink. The question is, will this water be good for my indoor plants? — Bart Varacchi, Holbrook, N.Y.

A: Absolutely! If you have a filter on your fish tank and the ammonia levels in the water are normal, go ahead and recycle that fish waste by dumping it onto your lawn and plants. Your plants will love it.

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Can cellphone robocalls and texts be blocked?

In response to my recent column, “Remove a listing from MLS, expect to be inundated with Realtor calls,” I received two related questions from readers: Is there a way to stop robocalls to mobile phones, and can spam text messages be blocked? For answers to both of these seemingly simple questions, I contacted mobile phone service providers, a phone manufacturer and an app developer. I learned the answers are not simple.

Built into both iPhone’s and Android’s default phone and messaging apps are ways to block unwanted phone calls and text messages. iPhone’s is basic; Android’s is more robust. With iPhone, you can block by number. This is useful, unless the robo-caller or text spammer calls/messages from a different number each time.

To block phone calls: From “Recents” in the Phone app, tap the “i” to the right of the number, scroll to the bottom and tap “Block this Caller.”

To block text messages: In the Messages app, tap the “i” to the right of the number, tap the arrow to the right of the phone symbol, tap “Block this Caller” at the bottom of the screen.

Android, on the other hand, allows users to block by number, phrase (for text messages) and unknown sender. Depending on the phone, the below directions may vary a bit.

To block phone calls: From “Recent calls,” tap the number then tap “Block.” You can also select “Report call as spam.”

To block text messages by phone number: Tap and hold the text message, select the “add to spam” icon.

To block text messages by phone number, phrase or unknown sender: In the Messages app, tap the three vertical dots in the top right of the screen, tap “Settings,” select “Spam filter,” then select your preferred blocking method.

Additionally, per the FTC, “If you are an AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon or Sprint subscriber, you can report spam texts to your carrier by copying the original message and forwarding it to 7726 (SPAM), free of charge.”

If you want more extensive blocking functionality, there are numerous apps available for a nominal fee in the App and Google Play stores.

Nomorobo is one such app referenced by an Apple spokesperson as a highly effective robocall blocker for iOS 10. Per Nomorobo, “To detect new robocallers, Nomorobo analyzes millions of calls made to hundreds of thousands of phone lines every single day.” In this way, Nomorobo compiles an extensive, real-time blacklist against which all incoming calls are checked.

Per the tech website ubeergizmo.com, SMS Blocker-Clean Inbox (found in the Google Play store) is a simple-to-use, highly rated text-blocking app for Android phones. In addition to blocking by “Sender” and “Word,” SMS Blocker also offers the ability to block by “Series,” which means users can block texts containing words/numbers that begin or end with a particular series of letters/numbers.

When I asked the two largest carriers, Verizon and AT&T, if their services offered protections against robocalls and spam texts, below is what I was told.

Verizon: “Verizon participated in the FCC’s Robocall Strike Force, bringing carriers together with law enforcement to address the root causes (of robocalls, spam and fraudulent calls). Verizon is currently trialing a new service identifying the source of (these) incoming calls so customers can take appropriate actions. We will launch this new service later this year.”

More information can be found on Verizon’s website at vz.to/2oIguRU.

AT&T: “Here is a link that explains how to deal with unwanted calls. In addition to blocking known numbers in your phone, (AT&T offers) AT&T Call Protect: soc.att.com/2p6jRf.”

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Going beyond debuts

Reflecting on novelists who write acclaimed 1st book, then top it

By John Warner
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First novels are exciting. A debut! Someone new who may have something to offer we haven't yet seen!


But one thing we may notice about the authors of these books is that after their debuts, they never matched, let alone exceeded, their first novels with subsequent work. Harper Lee, Ralph Ellison and J.D. Salinger never published second novels during their lives (and Salinger's are still rumors, rather than reality). Joseph Heller wrote some very good books after "Catch-22," but nothing that approached his masterpiece.

We should all be so lucky to have one great book inside us, but I began to think: Who has managed to publish a great debut novel and later gone on to top it or exceed it with a subsequent work?

With "V," published in 1963, Thomas Pynchon brought an anti-Beats, Beat novel into the world. Pynchon was 26, and the novel was a finalist for the National Book Award. Pynchon managed to top "V." 10 years later with "Gravity's Rainbow," his widely acknowledged masterpiece won the National Book Award in 1974 and would have won the Pulitzer Prize as well, but the Pulitzer advisory board reportedly objected to some of the book's content and decided to award no prize instead.

When Toni Morrison published "The Bluest Eye" in 1970, it wasn't greeted with accolades or sales, but this is a reflection of a culture that hadn't yet figured out how to make space for voices like Morrison's. Subsequent years have revealed its power. You can take your pick of "Song of Solomon" or "Beloved" as her masterpiece, but both rank among the most important books of the contemporary era.

Stephen King's wife, Tabitha, had to pluck the first pages of what would become King's debut novel from the garbage at a time when the couple was choosing between having a phone and heating their home. Those pages later became "Carrie" (1974). A modest seller in hardcover, the paperback version sold more than a million copies in its first year.

King aficionados could probably argue for days about his best work, but put me down for "The Stand." Just shy of 30, Donna Tartt published "The Secret History" (1992), a quasi-mystery set in a fictional stand-in for Bennington College, where the guilty party is revealed in the opening chapter. Long, intricate, emotionally full to the point of near melodrama, it's like reading the world's greatest soap opera. Tartt would top it with "The Goldfinch" in 2013, for which she won a 2014 Pulitzer Prize.

Perhaps my favorite debut novel of all time, and one of my favorite novels of all time, is Colson Whitehead's "The Intuitionist," the story of Lila Mae Watson, an elevator inspector in a city very much like New York who "intuits" the health of the elevator operations. Part mystery, part metaphysical inquiry, it's a brilliant, inventive book, infused with the spirit of Pynchon, Ellison and Baldwin.

And yet, somehow Whitehead surpassed it with last year's "Underground Railroad," which managed to make use of all of his writerly powers in fresh and unexpected ways. It is sure to be an enduring classic.

The great thing is that every single one of these writers is still working. It's possible we have yet to see their best.
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Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues Words

A. Ability to experience emotions 168 97 113 104 33 127 76 4
B. Type of bond 56 99 164 31 147 110 131 15
C. Way down there 156 46 146 137 100 166 24
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Back Talk

BY CHARLES PRESTON

ACROSS

1. Kick or knot
4. Venerable
7. Gelatin made from seaweed
11. Astronomical place of worship
12. Inlet
15. Rifle
17. Instance of repartee
19. Mention
20. Protected mooring
21. Peruvian coin
22. Construct
24. Sake or plate
25. Irish storyteller
26. Nomads in Baluchistan
27. Natural terrace
28. Author of John Brown's Body
29. Corroded
30. Prima donna
31. Leo, for one
32. Citizens of Bucharest: var.
34. Flee
37. Roman poet
38. Ancient money
41. Ascend
42. Kiln
43. Egyptian skink
44. Record
45. Miss Gardner, et al.
46. Cease: naut.
47. Iron in the rough
48. Grape-like fruits
49. Ottoman standard
50. Fortification
52. Tropical fruit
55. Take care
56. Transgression
57. Then's partner
58. Terminal: abbr.
59. American humorist
60. -ant or -ace
16. Dodecanese island
18. Cream
20. Lovers, sometimes
22. Monk
23. Soak
24. Russian river
25. Indian coin
27. Ape
28. Buckle
30. Gullible one
31. Well-pleased: archaic
32. Rhonchus
33. American lithographer
34. Impede: law
35. Beetle
36. Gambled
38. Impenetrable
40. Rested
42. Egg-shaped
43. With: Fr.
45. Turn aside
46. Solo
48. Poisonous tree
49. Wholehearted
51. Reverence
52. King of Judah
53. Deer
54. Possess

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4. Fillbuster
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6. East Indies mail system
7. In play
8. Be in a state of wonder
9. I love: L
10. Italian composer
13. Fragrance
14. Craftily obtained
15. Agriculture
21. Relentless
23. Inexorable
24. Cape (P.).
26. Cover Up
28. Range
41. Count (U.)
43. At last
44. Stratus
47. Lament
48. Solitary
49. Blending
50.esen
51. Sirens
52. Deity
53. Yarn
54. Connect
55. Lonely
56. Floppy
57. Respiratory
58. English: slang
59. Utter
60. Bulldog
School can be tough, but parents can help by making sure students have all the tools and study habits they need to succeed. Here are four ways to help raise children's grades.

Make space
It may be tempting for kids to stretch out in front of the television while they do their homework, but a dedicated study space will be more effective and help students stay organized. Place a desk or study table in a well-lit area of the home and ensure it has all the supplies your student will need to be successful.

Make music
Studies show that learning music is good for the brain. Music education can enhance language development, is associated with spatial intelligence, and can even raise scores on standardized tests.

Piano can be fundamental to that education, so offer your child all the benefits of having one in your home. These days, innovations in technology make it fun and easy for children to embrace their inner musician. For example, the CGP-700 from Casio features a 5.2 inch color touch display. This allows young musicians to get creative and easily choose from hundreds of tones, rhythms, and more. Stereo audio recording and playback allow musicians to record their practices and learn from their mistakes and successes.

Make some moves
Make sure your kids get plenty of exercise, as physical activity is linked to academic achievement. Adults can encourage the habit by being good role models. Sign up and train for a 5k as a family. Suggest a bike ride or game of soccer in the park.

Your kids don't have to go out for the varsity team to reap the benefits, but a fitness routine that involves some vigorous activity can help to improve grades.

Make math fun
For many students, math is the trickiest subject. But having the most cutting edge tools can help students better understand math concepts and enable them to solve the most challenging equations.

Outfit your child with a graphing calculator that offers the ability to draw three dimensional graphs, such as planes, cylinders and spheres, and view them from various angles to better analyze their shapes. For example, the PRIZM fx-CG50 from Casio has a cross-section option and a special zoom function that enable users to further examine the graph for even greater analysis, and its picture plot function gives users the ability to plot graphs over pictures of real-life scenes.

From music to muscles to math: consider taking a holistic, multi-pronged approach to academics.
School news

Fusion Academy Evanston
Finally, a summer school that won’t ruin your summer fun.
Fusion Academy in Evanston is a revolutionary private middle and high school where positive relationships unlock academic potential. All courses are one-to-one: one student and one teacher per classroom. This allows teachers to personalize curriculum and teaching for each student’s learning style.
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GCE Lab School is located at 1535 N. Dayton St., in Chicago. For more information, call 312-643-0991 or visit gcelabschool.com.

The Goddard School
For nearly 30 years, The Goddard School has been a trusted name among parents and families. The tools and processes are changing the way educators teach and students absorb content. And these changes also are making teachers more efficient, enabling greater freedom for students to benefit from a more personalized approach to learning.

How digital technologies can help students learn

Did you know that advanced digital technologies can help grade school and high school students become better prepared for college and careers?

From interactive platforms and applications to high-tech hardware, digital learning is empowering educators and helping prepare students for their futures. Here are a few new learning tools that are transforming education today.

Do the math
Graphing calculators are getting an enhanced look and feel, enabling students to solve the most challenging equations and enhance their understanding of math. For example, cutting edge calculators, such as fx-CG50, the newest model in Casio’s calculator portfolio, offer a three-dimensional graphing function that allows students to view their graph from various angles to better analyze their shape. Other new capabilities include cross-section and zoom functions for greater analysis. Students can also plot graphs over pictures of real-life scenes on a full color textbook-style display, making math education a more visual experience.

Go the distance
These days, classroom style learning doesn’t always have to take place within the four walls of a physical classroom. Distance learning offers a greater number of people access to the same educational opportunities, and is made possible by new technologies.
Educators and schools are embracing platforms like Blackboard and Schoology to help connect students with educational content 24 hours a day. These platforms also enhance traditional classroom learning. Known as blended learning, students still attend class, but can hone their skills and knowledge during off-hours at a personalized pace with technologymediated instruction.

Music to one’s ears
Music education isn’t what it used to be, thanks to new technology and gear. For example, Chordana Play, a new app, can be linked with several Casio electronic keyboards as a learning tool for beginners and advanced musicians. The app displays notes graphically in real time, along with the correct keyboard positions for both hands. Users are welcome to import song data into the app and expand their repertoire over time. To learn more, visit CasioMusicGear.com.

As technology evolves, enhanced tools and processes are changing the way educators teach and students absorb content. And these changes also are making teachers more efficient, enabling greater freedom for students to benefit from a more personalized approach to learning.
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Goddard School's play-based F.L.E.X.* Learning Program (Fun Learning Experience) is grounded in research on how children learn best: children experience the deepest, most genuine learning when they are having fun. It's designed to help build each child's emotional, academic, social, creative and physical skills to provide a well-rounded experience and ensure each one becomes confident, joyful and fully prepared in school and in life.

The Goddard School is located at 9651 Gross Point Road, in Skokie. For more information, call 847-773-0200.

Lake Forest Academy

When Lake Forest Academy basketball coach Matt Vaughn gathered Cary basketball alumni for a game and post-game pizza reception in January, Dylan Ennis couldn't join his former teammates, because six years later, he's still playing college basketball. These days, he wears jersey No. 31 for the Oregon Ducks; in a rare sixth year of eligibility granted by the NCAA, he helped the Ducks reach the Final Four for the first time since 1939. Ennis hails from Brampton, Ontario; like current LFA's students, he came for the excellence of experience in athletics and academics. LFA's culture is characterized by its global outlook and Midwestern values.

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Tips to make math your child's favorite subject

For many students, math can seem like a chore. Not only are the concepts sometimes tough at first, but teachers are required to keep their lessons moving at a particular pace, making it easy for any student to get lost in the classroom shuffle.

Parents, however, can help make math more fun and engaging at home, helping students excel in school and enjoy themselves in the process. Here are a few ideas and tips for doing so.

**Pie Graph:** Bring pie graphs to life by using real pies. First, bake together, assigning your child all the tasks that use numbers and math: measuring, counting, and setting the timer on the oven. After the pie has cooled, it's time to demonstrate the visual concept of halves, quarters, and thirds. Ask your child to convert these fractions into percentages and decimals. Correct answers get a sweet reward.

**Gear up:** Math is no fun when one is not equipped to succeed. Ensure your child has a high-quality calculator that's appropriate for his or her grade level. The K-12 line from Casio includes basic calculators, scientific calculators, and graphing calculators that contain up-to-date functions that help distill math concepts.

**Play shop:** Teach kids how money works, while reinforcing adding, subtracting, and how tax is calculated. Pretend you are running a "store." Take turns being the customer and the shopkeeper. This is also a great opportunity to learn about budgeting and saving.

**Use free fun resources:** Online math games can reinforce classroom concepts in a way that is fun and allows students to set their own pace. Check out free online resources like the Lesson Library at casioeducation.com. Their collection of graphing games can be used with a graphing calculator to help students better understand graph concepts and the equations behind them.

**Play ball:** Cater to your student's extracurricular interests. If your child has a love of sports, make a game of assessing team and player statistics. If your child loves music, evaluate favorite songs for patterns, rhythms, and intervals. Literature buffs may find that poetry can be mathematical. Those who like to work with their hands will find the need for math in crafting, sewing, and model kit building.

Math is not only essential to academic success; its mastery is useful in all facets of life — from understanding one's finances to landing a job in an emerging technology sector. Help students get a leg up in their math classes by encouraging a love for the subject.
How music and singing benefits children

Music is everywhere: on the radio, in movies and television shows and as a backdrop when shopping or celebrating milestones.

Music is an integral part of cultures all over the world. Music can express emotions not easily conveyed otherwise. It also provides a sense of community and belonging and can help unite the divided.

Playing musical instruments or singing has a number of benefits. From the earliest days after their birth, children can be calmed by music. Music helps people work out their feelings and can be uplifting and comforting when people need a boost. While many people are familiar with the mood-enhancing benefits of music, they may not know that music also has developmental benefits.

According to Don Campbell, internationally known educator and author of "The Mozart Effect for Children," music enhances intelligence, coordination, emotional expression, creativity, and socialization skills. Studies have suggested that music and movement affect all areas of development. Music can bolster listening skills, improve motor skills, assist with problem solving, and promote spatial-temporal reasoning. Many others say that music can calm and focus the mind, which is why it is often employed by therapists.

In the book, "The Importance of Music," author Ellen Judson cites a 10-year study that tracked more than 25,000 middle and high school students. The study showed that students in music classes receive higher scores on standardized tests than students with little to no musical involvement.

In addition, singing and engaging in musical appreciation sharpens one's ability to communicate. Learning a piece of information attached to a tune will more readily embed that information in the brain. For example, many children learn the alphabet via song. Pairing lessons with song can help anyone retain information more easily.

Music also is fun, so much so that kids may not realize they're actually learning while singing. Matthew Freeman, development manager of "Sing up," a national singing project to help enhance music in children's education, states that children don't think of singing as work and may be more willing to participate. Song can be used to reinforce all different subjects, from language arts to mathematics.

Children or adults who are apprehensive about meeting new people can use music as a means to open the door to new friendships. Joining a choral group will immediately introduce people to others who enjoy music as well. Group singing is less intimidating than singing alone, so it takes some of the pressure off of a person and can staunch performance anxiety.

Music is beneficial throughout one's life and can be an enjoyable way to make learning more fun.
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Is it normal to feel angry after a parent dies?

No one can tell you how you are going to feel when one of your parents dies. So when my father passed away a few weeks ago, I assumed I was going to be immensely sad, simply because that would make sense, right?

While I did experience devastation and sorrow, I felt something else, which was unexpected: anger. Over the next couple weeks, I found myself feeling livid and argumentative with others. Any daily situation that didn't go perfectly well caused me to become furious.

This includes the moment I found out my flight (I was headed to my dad’s memorial service) was delayed an hour. When the gate agent said, “The flight is now leaving at 4:30,” I felt rage rapidly rise in me. I was so mad I could barely breathe. Mad at the gate agent, mad at the airline and mad at the other passengers who weren't upset at what I viewed as an outrage. I turned with anger as tears welled in my eyes. My practical, normal self would have said, “An hour delay. Big deal. Did you forget you’re at O’Hare?” But my newfound anger made the slight inconvenience a major issue for me. I didn’t even know why I was so angry; I just was.

Then, something happened that caused my anger to abruptly turn to sorrow and tears. I turned around and realized that my gate was right across from the Garrett’s Popcorn store. What’s the significance? For years, before I’d get on a flight to visit my parents, I would buy a bag of Garrett's cheese and caramel popcorn for my dad. It was his favorite.

So, when I saw the Garrett’s store and the ugly truth that I would never again get to buy my dear father his favorite popcorn, I realized my feelings of resentment about the flight delay were a mask for sadness, for grief, for emptiness and for the intense ache that was literally breaking my heart.

Is it normal to feel mad when one of your parents dies? To try and get answers, I reached out to Evan Byer, a North Shore-based psychologist and grief counselor. Byer confirmed that yes, anger is a common emotion in grieving the loss of a loved one.

“Anger is deeply rooted in sadness,” said Byer, who also works as a psychologist for the Cancer Wellness Center, a Northbrook-based nonprofit organization that offers free education and support to cancer patients and their families. “How it can manifest is that you find you are more irritated. Things get amplified. This is typical of someone who is very individualistic and is also non-linear. “Grief is very up and down. It’s common for people to at times feel they are coping well and the next day is a big struggle,” he said. “It’s common to oscillate between thinking excessively about the grief and then going into extreme denial or avoidance.”

Byer offered these tips for coping with the loss of a parent:
- Spend time with friends and loved ones who truly understand and love you.
- Try to laugh a lot. That might mean reading a comedic novel or watching a funny TV show or movie.
- Confront the reality of what is happening to you in an authentic way. Talk about it, either with a therapist or with those who you trust.
- Listening to soothing music or looking at art can assist in the healing process.
- It’s only been a few weeks for me, but I can think of a few things that have provided me with comfort:
  - Prayer and faith. Talking to God and to my dad is calming and provides a sense of peace and acceptance.
  - Talking to my immediate family members. Hearing their voices, reminiscing about our childhood and telling funny, heartfelt stories about our family is uplifting.
  - Describing my dad. I ran into a friend the other day who offered her condolences. Then she said, “Tell me about your dad.” My entire face lit up and I began talking about him, telling her about his personality and his wonderful accomplishments. Describing him and details of his life brought him back for a few minutes. I found that very therapeutic.
- In recent days, my anger has faded and is being replaced by emptiness and acceptance. The good news is I find myself full of love. Unlike people, love does not die. My heart feels full of warmth, and I feel immense pride to be the daughter of the best dad I could ever have asked for. It leaves little or no room for any negative feelings.
- Rest in peace, Zack Pilossoph. I love you.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.
Cured meats are tied to worsening of asthma

By Dr. Robert Ashley

Dear Doctor: I love ham sandwiches — and have one almost every day. I also have asthma and just read that processed meats can increase the risk of asthma. How can this be?

Dear Reader: Meats have been cured — that is, preserved and flavored — since ancient times, largely through salting or smoking. Sodium nitrate and sodium nitrite salts were used to some degree in the Middle Ages, though the practice was not widespread. In the United States, these salts have been used to cure meat since 1925 and are highly effective in decreasing the incidence of bacterial disease. However, ingested nitrates and nitrates can form nitrosamines, which are carcinogenic.

Now comes a study, published last year in the journal Thorax, concluding that cured meats such as ham increase the risk of asthma. The study enrolled 971 male and female participants from five cities in France. The enrollees — not all of whom had asthma — filled out a 118-item food-frequency questionnaire. Cured items included ham, sausage, and dried sausage. Participants reported the severity of their asthma over a 12-month period and scored this from 0 to 5, with 5 being waking up from sleep with an asthma attack.

At the beginning of the study, those who consumed more than 4 servings of cured meat per week were more likely to be men, were slightly more likely to smoke, were slightly more obese and had slightly lower educational levels. Those who ate more than 4 servings per week of cured meat were also more likely to be asthmatic and have more severe asthma at the beginning of the study.

After seven years, the participants filled out another survey. Among those who ate less than 1 serving of cured meat per week, 14 percent reported increased asthma symptoms; among those who ate more than 4 servings of cured meat per week, 22 percent reported increased asthma symptoms. Noting that increased weight is also a factor for worsening asthma symptoms, the researchers adjusted for weight, smoking and educational levels — and still found a correlation between worsening asthma and cured meat.

Oddly enough, two U.S. studies have found that people newly diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease were more likely to eat cured meats four to six times per week, but they did not find an increase in asthma risk. The cured meats here also included hot dogs and bacon.

As for why eating cured meat might worsen asthma, theoretically, nitrates can cause oxidative stress within the lungs and lead to more inflammation within the body, which can worsen asthma. While nitrates and nitrates may worsen asthma, I am not certain that they create asthma.

In addition, these studies did not separate meats cured by nitrates or nitrates and those cured by other means.

The take-home message: Stay away from meats cured with sodium nitrite or potassium nitrate. Not only are cured meats associated with greater obesity and increased asthma, meats cured with nitrates and nitrates increase the risk of cancer.

When you're shopping for smoked meats, make a close read of the food labels part of your pre-purchase routine.

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Splitting pills may be more dangerous than you think

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Q: I am a retired emergency-room physician. I have fought a battle for 20 years to stop pill-splitting. This is often what managed-care organizations like Kaiser and Veterans Affairs use as a cost-saving strategy. If "dose" means anything, this practice should be abandoned. The pieces are not even close to exact halves. This variation in dose can harm patients.

A: Pill-splitting often has been recommended as a way to save money because the higher dose is frequently priced about the same as the lower dose. For example, the cholesterol-lowering drug pitavastatin (Livalo) costs about $300 a month whether you get it as a 2 mg tablet or a 4 mg tablet.

One study of pill-splitting found that volunteers who cut hydrochlorothiazide tablets in two pieces ended up with almost half of the pieces of this diuretic the wrong size (Pharmacotherapy, January-February 1998).

Researchers in Switzerland concluded that scored tablets are not always designed to be split (Swiss Medical Weekly, Feb. 27, 2010). In some cases, the scoring appears to be decorative. A Food and Drug Administration study found that the thyroid drug levothyroxine should not be cut even when tablets are scored (AAPS PharmSciTech, September 2010).

A Dutch study found that hand-breaking tablets were more accurate than using a pill splitter (International Journal of Pharmacoeconomics, May 15, 2014).

Q: My wife, 76, has been taking amitriptyline since 2013. Just last week, the results of a positron emission tomography (PET) scan confirmed she has dementia. Her neurologist said the amitriptyline should not have been much of a factor, but I wonder.

A: Amitriptyline is an old-fashioned antidepressant. It is included on the Beers List of drugs that should be avoided or used with extra caution for people over 65 (Pharmacist's Letter, November 2015).

Anticholinergic drugs can contribute to confusion, memory problems and cognitive impairment.

Q: What are people in chronic pain going to do now that the pendulum has swung toward not prescribing opiates for chronic pain? As a hospice nurse, I frequently see patients suffering from terminal-cancer pain. I myself am a chronic-pain patient and am scared to death that I will no longer be able to get adequate relief from severe pain. Is anyone with compassion overseeing the Drug Enforcement Administration, insurance companies or government policy?

A: Regulators are caught in the horns of a terrible dilemma. On the one hand, they are dealing with an opioid epidemic. There are scary headlines about abuse of drugs like oxycodone (OxyContin) and fentanyl. Overdose deaths are reported almost every day. As a result, policymakers have cracked down on opioids. The DEA has made it harder for physicians to prescribe such medications for people dealing with chronic pain. Sadly, there are no simple solutions to this challenging dilemma.

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Out with the old, in with the new(ish)

Elbow grease, vintage furnishings add polish to a 1930s bungalow

By Tate Gunnerson
Chicago Tribune

For Claire Staszak, the attraction was immediate.

"This house has an art deco or old Hollywood feeling that I responded to right away," she says of the 1930s Tudor-style bungalow in Chicago that she and husband Luke, a high school history teacher, renovated together over his summer break in 2016.

After touring many houses, the couple fell hard for the charming four-bedroom abode's stained-glass windows, coved ceilings and other intact original details.

"You would never get vintage charm like this in a house built today," Claire Staszak, 32, explains, pointing to the glass doorknobs. "I knew it was the right house for us from the moment we first walked through the door."

While the Staszaks hired contractors for plumbing, electrical and the installation of the kitchen backsplash, they were more than willing to get their hands dirty painting walls, ripping up the old linoleum and refinishing the original hardwood floors.

Aided by his mother, Luke Staszak, 33, also completely demolished the dated kitchen, a laborious process that involved using a jackhammer to remove a tile backsplash that covered the bottom three-quarters of the walls.

"I was covered in cuts and scrapes by the end of it all," he says. "(It) was the toughest day of labor I can recall, but I knew we only had the dumpster truck for one day, so I worked as hard as I could to get the job done."

The result is a brighter and much more open kitchen outfitted with black-and-white cabinets, butcher block countertops and a white diamond-shaped tile backsplash with black grout. Other elements — brass fixtures, a custom movable wooden island with a vintage enamel top and an antique-painted cupboard with glass doors — reinforce the home's old-timey vibe.

"The (cupboard) is partially a cost-saving measure, but it also adds so much more character, and it's just so pretty," Claire Staszak says. "You probably would have seen something like this here in the '30s or '40s."

Infusing a home with character isn't simply a pastime for Staszak, an interior design student with her own business, Centered by Design. Her quasi-Bohemian aesthetic is apparent the moment one enters the intimate foyer.

Graphic black-and-white wallpaper adds a contemporary sensitivity to the entry foyer of the Staszaks' Chicago bungalow.

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In his basement workshop, her husband built a modern desk base for her office and a handsome, white storage-and-display cabinet for the living room, which is peppered with an eclectic array of pieces. These include a $25 thrift store sofa that she recovered in velvet, along with a Moroccan-inspired black-and-cream wool rug and a high-end marble-and-brass cocktail table.

"I'm such a huge fan of brass," she says. "It's becoming hugely popular again, but to me it has an older feel that's perfect for this house."

To brighten the interior of the north-facing dwelling, which felt oppressively dark and gloomy in comparison to the couple's previous sunny corner apartment, the pair made the agonizing decision to paint much of the original woodwork white. As a compromise, however, they left the casings around the stained-glass windows in the entry and living room untouched.

"It was difficult to paint up beautiful century-old oak," Luke Staszak says, "but painting the trim white was the right choice to brighten up the entire house and also allowed me to add additional trim and match it more easily."

The marriage of old and new permeates the interior. A graphic floor tile in the mudroom, which resembles far more expensive concrete material, pairs perfectly with a rustic painted bench.

And in the master suite, blue walls create a soothing backdrop for a 70s-era wicker headboard, a rosewood dresser with leather straps and a colorful array of artwork — prints, photographs, watercolor paintings — by up-and-coming artists.

"It's not about just going out and buying stuff," Claire Staszak explains. "Things that have a story are so much more meaningful."

Beyond their four walls, the Staszaks are finding much to enjoy about life in their new home, including neighbors who have embraced them graciously, introducing themselves with a bottle of wine, leaving a handwritten list of their favorite neighborhood restaurants on the door or simply signing for packages.

"I'm so impressed with everything Luke did, and I think that he appreciates my design," Claire Staszak says. "It's just really nice to create a home with somebody that you love."

Tate Gunnerson is a freelance writer.
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After decades of hot pursuit, Drury Lane lands ‘Chicago’

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
Pioneer Press

It’s taken close to 30 years, but the merry murderers of the cell block tango have finally arrived in Oakbrook Terrace. After decades of relentless pursuit, Drury Lane Theatre Artistic Director William Osetek has succeeded in bringing “Chicago” to the suburbs.

When the musical opens in previews April 20, it will be the first locally produced rendition of John Kander (music) and Fred Ebb’s (lyrics) global-smash since the mid-1980s. At least four “Chichagos” have touched down in the Loop since the Broadway revival opened in 1996. This one is different, and not just because it’s locally produced.

Instead of the largely set-and costume-less souped-up concert staging favored on Broadway and in the show’s tours, Osetek is moving “Chicago” fully into the Roaring ’20s with a full complement of period costumes and sets.

“I’ve wanted to do a Chicago-set production of ‘Chicago’ since 1986. Basically, it’s taken me that long to get the rights,” says Osetek. Time hasn’t diminished the show, he adds. “I don’t see how a single audience member can be oblivious to the fact that it’s a play called ‘Chicago’; it deals with gun violence, and it’s playing just outside a city where people are killing each other with guns every day.”

And although murderers Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly slay more with laughs more than blood, the jokes have fangs. “Chicago” is a barbed satire that offers a scathing condemnation of the nation’s insatiable lust for celebrity.

The show’s leading vixens are based on Belva Gaertner and Beulah Annan, Chicago party girls who became stars after being charged with murder in the mid-1920s. Thanks to reporter Maureen Watkins, Belva and Beulah became front-page sensations. Instead of stone-cold killers, they were portrayed as innocent beauties done in by the corrupt influences of jazz, booze and dishonorable men. When both were found not guilty, Watkins had a crisis of conscience.

“She felt horrible because she felt responsible for their acquittal,” says Osetek, “so she wrote a play skewering the public’s fascination with murder-as-entertainment.”

The musical (and the later Oscar-winning film it inspired) has always been associated with the choreography of Bob Fosse, the late, great dancer/director. His work on numbers including “Cell Block Tango,” “All That Jazz,” and “Mr. Cellophane” has helped make “Chicago” a global success.

Long-time Fosse collaborator and Broadway veteran Jane Lanier is handling the choreography for Drury Lane.

“Fosse’s style is intoxicating,” Lanier says. “The way he could move bodies and tell stories — nobody works like he did. I’m not trying to simply copy what he did with ‘Chicago,’ but I am definitely working in his style.”

Like Osetek, Lanier says “Chicago” is a deeply cynical tale on the power of razzle-dazzle to eclipse the worst of human nature.

“You don’t need talent to be a star today. You just need a reality show. Roxie is a showgirl who isn’t working much. Once she’s all over the news, once she’s been charged with murder, everybody wants her. What does that say about us?”
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Emily Oaks event explores Earth Day around the world

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

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“We are taking a look at how Earth Day is celebrated in countries around the world,” said Lee Hansen, facilities manager. “We wanted to highlight some of those countries that our Skokie residents came from or their relatives came from, and try to bring some of their fun traditions, whether they’re games or activities, or just heightened awareness about certain ecological issues.”

Admission is free but refreshments will be sold, including veggie burgers, chips, organic apples and organic beverages.

“If it’s a pleasant afternoon, it’s a great place to sit by the pond and munch on your burgers after you’ve visited different countries and enjoyed what they do to celebrate Earth Day,” Hansen said.

There will also be a native plant sale offering wildflowers and grasses.

For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.

Emily Oaks Nature Center will host Earth Day activities from around the world at a celebration on April 24.

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**Holy Thursday, April 13**
Lord’s Last Supper
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**Good Friday, April 14**
Lord’s Passion
Small Church, 10:00 AM - Noon: Adoration & Stations of the Cross 4:00 PM
Malayalam Good Friday Service Big Church, 5:00 PM

**Holy Saturday, April 15**
Blessing of the Easter Foods & Baskets Small Church, Noon
Easter Vigil Mass Big Church, 8:00 PM
Malayalam Community Vigil Small Church, 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 16**
Lord’s Resurrection
Small Church, 9:00 A.M. & 9:15 A.M.
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Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper, 7:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight
Prayer Service, 11:45 pm

**Good Friday, April 14**
Prayer Service for Morning, 9:00 am
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and Death, 3:00 pm
Living Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday, April 15**
Blessing of Food Baskets, 1:30 pm
NO 5 pm Mass
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5:00 p.m.

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Resurrection College Prep hosts 95th gala

Event: '95th Charity and Truth Gala'
Hosted by: Resurrection College Prep High School, Chicago
Event chairs: George and Cindy van Brenk
Special guest: Tony Esposito, Chicago Blackhawks Hall of Famer
Honors: Rev. Britto Berchmans, pastor St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Park Ridge, received the Charity and Truth Award; Dr. Leanne Weldmann, '72, received the Renaissance Award
Location: Cafe la Cave, Des Plaines
Date: Feb. 25
Attended: 220

Sister Virginia Ann Wanzek, from left, Father Britto Berchmans, Charity and Truth Award recipient, Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Park Ridge, Megan DiMeo, Resurrection freshman, Mia DiMeo, Resurrection junior and Abigail Lantvit, Resurrection sophomore, all Saint Paul of the Cross of Park Ridge graduates and residents of Park Ridge

Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki, Resurrection president and Nancy Stachnik of Chicago, board chairman

Cindy van Brenk, from left, daughter Gillian van Brenk and George van Brenk, all of Park Ridge, chair couple for the event

LANDMARKS ILLINOIS HONORS AREA LEADERS

Melissa Ventrone, and Todd Shaffer, both of Park Ridge, were among 775 guests at the Legendary Landmarks Celebration hosted by Landmarks Illinois at the Hilton Chicago on March 15. The event honored Fred Eychaner, Chicago civil rights activist and philanthropist, Richard Hunt of Chicago, well-known and respected artists and Daniel McCaffery of Winnetka, business leader, and raised $824,125. Go to www.landmarks.org.

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PHIL BRANDL OF PARK RIDGE HONORED AT BENEFIT HOUSEWARES CHARITY FOUNDATION

Phil Brandl of Park Ridge, president/CEO International Housewares Association and 2017 Lifetime Leadership Award recipient, from left, Janet Hayes, 2017 Lifetime Humanitarian Award recipient and Rich Boynton, 2017 Humanitarian of the Year Award recipient were honored at the Housewares Charity Foundation's 20th Annual Gala, March 20 at Navy Pier in Chicago. The event, with 1,000 attendees, raised nearly $2 million for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and for No Kid Hungry. Find more at www.housewares.org.

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Three bedroom, 1.5-bath Vintage Tudor design built in 1920. Formal living room with fireplace, separate dining room, covered porch overlooking backyard. Recent improvements including new appliances, fresh paint and washer/dryer. newer furnace, A/C and roof, garage. Home warranty included.

Address: 411 Midway Drive
Price: $197,000
Schools: Mundelein Consolidated High School
Taxes: $3,247
Agent: Christine Hall, Baird & Warner Libertyville

GLENVIEW

Four-bedroom, 3.5-bath remodeled single family home first built in 1959. Hardwood floors throughout, master bedroom on main level has a Jacuzzi tub and large walking closet. Guest suite and two more bedrooms on second level. Family room in the finished lower level, recently painted house, garage.

Address: 128 James Court
Price: $449,000
Schools: Maine East High School
Taxes: $6,453
Agent: Al Zoubi, Baird & Warner Lincoln Park

HIGHLAND PARK

Five-bedroom, 4.5-bath Colonial built in 2002. Eat-in kitchen with granite counters and island, tile backsplash, stainless steel appliances. Kitchen opens to family room with fireplace and sliding doors to patio and fenced backyard. First floor also features hardwood throughout, office, formal living room, garage.

Address: 435 Ridge Road
Price: $784,000
Schools: Highland Park High School
Taxes: $16,370
Agent: Mark Steward, Baird & Warner Highland Park

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Four-bedroom, 2.5-bath Colonial home built in 1989. Chef's kitchen with center island and breakfast area, family room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Master suite with en-suite bathroom has garden tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Lower level can be finished for additional living space, 3.5-car garage.

Address: 406 Crest Hill Drive
Price: $449,900
Schools: Wheeling High School
Taxes: $10,037
Agent: Maria Del Boccio, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

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**HOME REMEDIES**

Feel much more at home after move into new house

**BY STACI GIORDULLO**

Angie's List

The movers have finally left, but now you find yourself surrounded by boxes of belongings in your new house. Just the thought of unpacking and organizing everything after moving is exhausting, but there are ways to tackle the task and settle into your new home with ease.

Try these tips.

**Deep clean your house:** When moving into a previously-owned home, it's nice to start with a clean slate. And by clean, we mean clean. Give it a good scrub.

If necessary, hire a reputable service for a deep cleaning of your new property.

**Dispose of the leftovers:** Sometimes the previous homeowners leave behind items they think you might need or they just didn't bother to pack. Whether it's refrigerator magnets, drawer liners or an old welcome mat, don't be afraid to toss or donate everything and buy your own stuff.

**Tunes, blooms and perfumes:** The quickest way to make a new house feel like home is to fill it with familiar scents and sounds. Crank the stereo with your favorite music to help get your groove on while you unpack. Bring something fresh into the house; pick up a bouquet of flowers while you're at the grocery store stocking up on supplies. Light a scented candle or throw a batch of pre-made cookie dough into the oven to fill the air with the smells of home.

**Pick one project:** Unless you plan to stay at a hotel for a bit, now is likely not the time for a whole-house remodel. Prioritize your wishes when it comes to planning a remodel or making updates around the house. Start at the top of the list.

Remember, you can hire contractors and service companies for any job you don't want to do or have time to address. From installing new fixtures to painting the walls, you decide if it's DIY or not.

**Display the odds and ends:** Unpack your favorite books and family photos early, and make sure to find them a spot in the new house sooner than later. Even if you plan to move them as you settle in, having personal items on display offers a level of comfort in new surroundings.

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### Garage a mess? A plan for tackling daunting job

**By Katherine Roth**

Garages have a sneaky way of going from deep storage to cluttered chaos. Clearing out the flotsam and organizing what remains can be daunting or downright overwhelming. But with careful planning, most garages can be organized in a day or a weekend, experts say.

"I don't think you can just wake up one morning and say, 'I'm going to organize the garage,' and be successful at it," says Regina Lark of the Los Angeles-based company A Clear Path: Professional Organizing and Productivity. "You need muscle power: You need people around you for support. And you will need some basic information and, possibly, supplies before you begin.

This action plan can help.

#### Plan, enlist and prepare

The first step, says Lark, is to look at your calendar and set aside a full day for the job. Choose a starting and ending time, and make sure someone will be there to support you.

"It's got to be the only thing on the calendar that day, for everyone involved. It's usually a very uncomfortable task, so get help. Bring in friends. Offer pizza at lunch, wine at the end of the day, and reciprocity," she says.

Lark suggests that you and your support team set aside three or four hours to take things out, sort them into piles and make quick decisions about what to keep. Then set aside another three or four hours to put everything back in an organized way and make a quick trip to the donation center.

Before you start, she says, consider: "Do you have enough trash bags or do you need a small dumpster? Do you have spare boxes where you can put things to be donated? What time does the donation center close? Is your garage too small to hold what's inside? Will you need shelving or storage bins or peg boards? It's better to have too many supplies and return a few things later than to have progress halted because you don't have what you need.

#### Embrace the decision-making process

"It's hard to stand in your garage before you start and really connect with the reality of what is there," Lark says. "The speed and success of the task really boils down to how quickly you can make decisions about things. Look around and ask yourself what you really need in your life in order to thrive.

She says many unnecessary items are stored because they evoke memories or because they might cause you to overeat. "You can make decisions about things. Look around and ask yourself what you really need in your life in order to thrive.

"As you look around, you'll see that you have five different baseball gloves sitting in a corner. If you don't have what you need, remove, sort and discard. Betsy Goldberg, home design director at Real Simple magazine, recommends starting the big day by laying an old sheet or two onto the garage floor or driveway, and then taking everything out of the garage, sorting it into piles by category.

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Thursday, April 13

The Art of Influence: The brass quintet, Axiom Brass, celebrate their 10th anniversary. The concert highlights four composers whom have been significantly influenced by art and the world around them. 7:30 p.m. Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 773-455-8306

Nature vs. Nurture: The Evanston Art Center announces an upcoming exhibit curated by Younsoo Kim Flynn. It features the works by Nathan Braunfeld, Jack Flynn, Sue Jun Kim, and Everything is Collective (Jason Lukas, Zachary Norman, and Aaron Egerd). Nature vs. Nurture runs from March 17 to April 23. Each of the artists focuses on redefining the complex relationship between natural and urban landscapes. 9 a.m. All week, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Society Artwork in Residence Program: The Evanston Art Center of EAC announces Society artist resident David Khan-Giordano, who will occupy the upstairs gallery at the Art Center from April 1-28. David Giordano works often and intensely with other artists in book form. As such, David is involved with plans of inscription, accompaniment, and co-writing. 9 a.m. All week, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Kader Attia: Reflecting Memory: The Block Museum will present an exhibition of newly commissioned work by the internationally acclaimed French-Algerian artist Kader Attia, based in part on the artist's research in the collections of Northwestern University's Herskovits Library of African Studies and interviews with university faculty across disciplines. 10 a.m. Thursday-Sunday, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-467-4602

Triple T: Thursday evenings are their weekly taco special. That is four chef's choice tacos paired with a flight of their house-brewed draft beer— all for $15.4 p.m. Pecchig Pig, 623 Howard St., Evanston, $15, 847-491-6778

Meditation Healing Circle: The Wellness Source hosts a Guided Meditation Healing Circle with Katherine Trinity, a life-long student of mystical arts and sciences. Call for reservations. 7:30 p.m. The Wellness Source, 1245 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, $20, 224-413-3500

Thursday Morning with Mrs. Schmitt: Ages 2 up with Adult: Mrs. Schmitt brings her stories and fun to the library, so just drop in. 10:30 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Spark Park for Grades K-2: Curious Curies and Tiny Teslas are needed for STEAM explorations. Space is limited, so please register at glenviewwp.org/register or by calling. 4:15 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Parkinson Wellness Recovery Brain-Body Training: Parkinson Wellness Recovery/PWRI is Parkinson-specific exercise, scientifically designed to target symptoms of PD. It includes boxing training for endurance, agility, and stability. The instructor is Drew Sursinsky, an exercise physiologist. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Thursday, 1 p.m. Friday and Monday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, $12-$17, 847-502-0630

Story Walk: The Grizzly Bear Who Lost His Grrrrrr: This is presented by the Glenview Park District, the Glenview Public Library, and the Bike Glenview Initiative. The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and was developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. 9 a.m. All week. Little Bear Garden Park, Patriot Blvd & Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Everybody Move - Ages Birth to Two years with Caregiver: Celeste Cifala Roy, from early childhood movement and music program Everybody Move! has planned an hour of activities and exploration including scarves, balls, hoops and instruments to get your child up moving, singing and dancing. Weekly Thursday attendance is encouraged for this eight week session. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Butterflies Encounter at Golf Mill: This is family-friendly event for all ages to encounter butterflies fluttering freely inside a special butterfly house located inside Golf Mill Shopping Center. Children ages two and under are free with an adult. Cost is $5 per person. This is a chance to see a butterfly munch, and also feed a butterfly. The butterfly experience includes a staff-guided tour about butterfly lifecycle, anatomy and ecosystem, plus complimentary craft projects for kids, storybook readings and more. 10 a.m. All week. Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles, $5 per person; free for kids under 2-years-old, 847-699-1070

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

The Art of Climate Change: Local artist Alisa Singer and Loyola professor Nancy Tuchman use art as a springboard to discuss the science of climate change. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Park Ridge Garden Club: The Park Ridge Garden Club presents Ask a Master Gardener. A panel of master gardeners answer your gardening questions. Come with questions and learn from experienced local gardeners. All are welcome. The FR Garden Club is a member of the Garden Clubs of IL Inc., District IX and National Garden Clubs, Central Region. 7 p.m. Centennial Activity Center - Park Ridge Park District, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-0993

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

Eric Church: 8 p.m. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $25, 847-635-6601

Nature Fun and Frolic - Thursdays: This is for age two with a parent for weekly classes that introduce toddlers to different plants, animals and natural elements, while singing songs, playing games, reading books, and exploring nature in many different ways. Class takes place primarily outdoors, weather permitting. 9:15 a.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $95 Skokie resident, $119 non-resident, 847-677-7001

By the Water: Northlight presents the story of a community ready to rebuild after Hurricane Sandy. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $30-$81, 847-673-6300

Dogs Take the Stage, Imagine U-Go, Dog Go: Yellow dogs, red dogs, big dogs, little dogs, spotted dogs and dogs with extremely fancy hats sing, dance, race in cars and eventually end up at a big tree for a dog party in this musical adaptation of P.D. Eastman's beloved children's book "Go, Dog! Go!" A relaxed performance is offered for children with special needs on April 23. Touch tours are available for audiences with visual impairment. Tickets: $10 for general public, $8 for students and children under 18, Northwestern students are $6 in advance or $8 at the door. 7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Muskett-S OM Theatre at Northwestern University, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston, $6-$18, 847-491-7282

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged: Three actors present all the Bard's 37 Plays in 97 minutes, making it an irreverent, fast-paced romp that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St., Evanston, $10-$25, 847-424-0089

The World Premiere of Quest: "Quest" is an original circus-theater production loosely based on Leo Tolstoy's short story "The Three Questions." The protagonist asks three simple (but huge) questions, setting in motion a whirlwind journey to find the answers. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, $20 for adults, $15 for kids, students and seniors, 847-328-2795

Friday Night Mealtowns: This is a great night out for teens to join an in an awesome skate and dance party! A DJ plays today's hits and disco lighting shines on the ice throughout the night. Call for more information. 8:15 p.m. Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, $8 per person; $4 for rental skates, 847-724-5670

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Saturday, April 15

Polyglots Toastmasters meeting: Polyglots is the only Toastmasters International Club in the United States that conducts its meetings in German. If you speak German or want to keep it fresh or improve it, visit this club. Go to their website at www.polyglots-toastmasters.org and their meetup at www.meetup.com/Polyglots-Toastmasters-German-speaking/. Please email andrewweiler.uic@gmail.com for the current location, as sometimes they meet at places other than the Des Plaines Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St, Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Martha Wainwright: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave, Evanston, $18+$3, 847-492-8860

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

0609

Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday: Adult comedy every Saturday night hosted by comedy legends Tony Scufflefield and Mark Simmons. National headliners with movie and television credits on stage. Awesome venue with full bar and dinner menu. 9 p.m. Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St, Evanston, $15 adult advance; $20 at the door, 847-821-6434

"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. Saturday and Sunday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St, Evanston, $3 kids, $5 adults, 847-375-1030

Free Trail Walk: Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals and those who are interested in nature. For information, go to the website or call 2 p.m. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave, Evanston, free, 847-724-5670

DIY Sharpie Mugs for ages 13-18: Join the Maker Movement, by designing a personalized mug with permanent Sharpie markers. All supplies are provided for this project (one mug per person). Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Evanston, free, 847-729-7500

Earth Day Celebration: This community-wide event is filled with family activities, nature walks, environmental exhibits and more. Find out what local organizations are doing to promote environmental stewardship and learn how you can make a difference. More information, call or go to glenviewpark.org. 10 a.m. Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie/The Tyner Center, 2400 Compass Road, Evanston, free, 847-724-5670

Anime and Manga Club: Gather with fellow fans to watch and discuss anime and manga, read fan art, make cosplay costumes. 2 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St, Niles, free, 847-663-1234

MB Financial Park's Party With Your Peeps: Families can enjoy a variety of free activities on the Park's great lawn, including open bags, visits with the Easter Bunny, face painting, balloon twisting and more. Interactive DJ for Kids from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and live music from Sushi Roll from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

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Sunday, April 16

Easter Brunch at White Pines: This Easter Brunch consists of carved prime rib, a cold seafood bar, an omelet station, a sweet table, and assorted appetizers and salads. A Bloody Mary and Champagne bar are available. The price of the brunch is $35.95 per adult and children ages 5-10 are $15.95. Children under 4-years-old are complimentary. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 9:30 a.m. White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St, Bensenville, $35.95 adult, 630-766-0304

Easter Brunch at White Pines: This Easter Brunch includes classic brunch fare, house specialties, a customized omelet station, a carving station and more. Dinner features classic dinner fare, house specialties and a carving station. Costs: $39 for adults, and $19 for children ages 11 and younger, plus tax and gratuity. 11 a.m. The Estate by Gene & Georgetti, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, $39-$39 plus tax and gratuity, 847-653-3302

Mid-Passover Program and Movie for Youngsters in Skokie: Find all these and more at the special Mid-Passover program for youngsters: the Disney movie, "Moana," a Moan walk and Passover munchies. "This will be fun for families and kids of all ages," says Adi Dalin, Chair of the synagogue's Family Programming Committee. 2 p.m. Exar Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St, Skokie, $8 per person, 847-675-4141

Hop on in for Easter Brunch: Celebrate Easter with a buffet hosted by Bar Louie, which is located in the Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore. This Easter dining extravaganza features: dozens of hot and cold offerings, a carving station, an omelet station, a pasta station, made to order waffles and crepes, a bakery section with home-made breads and muffins, and a Kids' Buffet with kid-friendly favorites. 10 a.m. Holiday Inn North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave, Skokie, $29.95 adults; $19.95 kids 5-12; kids 4 and under free, 847-763-3068

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Drop-in Maker Monday for Grades 4-8: Stop by to explore different components of the library's new mobile MakerSpace. 3:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Learn To Be A Shark: Come to the north shore's only co-working space and entrepreneur incubator. Vcapital speakers Ryan Kole and Jim Vaughan explain how to invest in early and mid-stage companies, joining investor networks and be a part of venture funds. 6:30 p.m. Callan Building, 2399 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-414-7342

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

Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend, Breathe: Kids ages four through eight snap memories in the photo booth. Brunch includes classic brunch fare, house specialties, a customized omelet station, a carving station and more. Dinner features classic dinner fare, house specialties and a carving station. Costs: $39 for adults, and $19 for children ages 11 and younger, plus tax and gratuity. 11 a.m. The Estate by Gene & Georgetti, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, $39-$39 plus tax and gratuity, 847-653-3302

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Adolescent Mental Health: Current Trends: NAMI CCNS presents a public education forum featuring Deborah Taber, Administrative Director, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for Hospital and Programs at Northshore University Medical System. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-729-7500

Women's Networking Lunch: This lunch is an opportunity to network with like-minded business women. Each lunch features two speakers and plenty of time to make business connections. It is open to members and non-members, but RSVP is required. 11:45 a.m. Granite City Food & Brewery, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, $11 per person and RSVP. 847-724-0900

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, stay for a snack and chat after the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult, 10:30 a.m. Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free

WORD 2010 Basics: Learn how to create and edit documents. A Glenview Library card and registration are required at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Digital Demo in the Lobby: Explore the library's digital eaudio, ebook, download center, magazine, movie, TV show, and music collections. Learn how to download items to your mobile device from hoopla, MyMediaMall and Zinio. Information and instruction is also available about the library's online databases. This event is conveniently held in the Library Lobby to just drop in and ask the experts. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Power Employment Workshop: Discover proven strategies to land a job, as Illinois WorkNet Center speakers share what’s working and what’s not in today’s job market. This comprehensive workshop discusses setting SMART goals to keep you on track, using social media to connect with active hiring managers, getting your resume through today’s Applicant Tracking Systems, and sharpening critical interview skills. Go to worknetnc.com to register. 9:30 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Lightning Strikes: Tesla and the Soul of Innovation: For fans of the Tesla car, author John F. Wasik uses the life and inventions of the inventor Nikola Tesla as a lens to show how we can spark our own creativity and innovation. Tesla's vision for global, clean energy and other future technologies are also shared. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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Toddlers: Through exploration and play in the natural world, your child, or Toddlebug, learns their sense of place in the world, and builds and strengthens their motor and language skills. Each class focuses on a new animal and sensory experience and introduces simple sign language. 10 a.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $85 Skokie resident, $106 non-resident, 847-677-7001

Nature Neighbors: Classes run weekly for those ages 4-5 to explore the wonders of the pond, prairie and woodland neighborhoods. They learn about the amazing animals that live there through exploration, play and creative projects. Activities change seasonally. Classes are primarily outdoors, weather permitting. Children must be toilet-trained. 1:15 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $162 Skokie resident, $203 non-resident, 847-677-7001

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Wednesday, April 19

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**Free Film: “Taxi!”:** Screened in Farsi with English subtitles, the story is about internationally acclaimed director Jafar Panahi, who drives a yellow cab through the vibrant streets of Tehran, picking up a diverse group of passengers in a single day. This is part of the library's Celebration of Cultures Film Series. 1 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Knitting Club:** If you want to learn to knit, or you are working on a knitting or crochet project, drop-in to share tips, show off your work and converse with fellow needle arts enthusiasts. Bring your own knitting supplies. 11 a.m. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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

**Community Wednesdays:** We will host three, one-hour lectures/classes throughout the day, along with our fitness class offerings at the Marvin Lusterbader Center. 9:30 a.m. Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, $10 per day for nonmember, 224-406-9257

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**Map and Compass Skills:** This is for ages 10 and older to learn the fundamentals of navigating by using a compass and map. Topics include: topographic symbols and contours, taking and plotting bearings, and managing obstacles in your route. This L. L. Bean workshop takes place indoors. 7 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $8 Skokie resident, $10 non-resident, 847-677-7001

**Senior High Youth Group:** For all youth grades 9 to 12 to enjoy fun and friendship while engaging in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. 6:45 p.m. First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

**Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings:** Chicago Fly Fishers Club meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, from October through May. An experienced demonstrator does demonstrations of fly tying, with members tying the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

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"The Boss Baby" ★★ /2
PG, 1:37, animated
"The Boss Baby" derives its premise from the notion that when new babies arrive in the household, they render parents into slavishly devoted employees with their demands and fits. Babies are like bosses, but more satirically, bosses are like babies, right? That metaphor is explored in Marla Frazee's children's book, with a boss baby outfitted in a suit, and now that's been transported to the screen with Alec Baldwin voicing the titular boss. The film is surprisingly fun. Written by Michael McCullers, it's almost too clever for its own good; only adults are going to appreciate the nuances of the jokes and wordplay about corporate middle-management culture. — Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service

"Beauty and the Beast" ★★
PG, 2:10, musical
This chaotic, pushy remake of Disney's 1991 screen musical stresses the challenges of adapting a success in one form (animation) for another (live-action). The high points of director Bill Condon's resume suggest he was the right person for this big-budget remake. But his new movie is more of a grating disappointment, despite its best supporting turns, human and animatronic. Emma Watson makes for a genial, bland-ish Belle, the outsider in her provincial French village. Underneath the digital fur and digital roars, Dan Stevens as the Beast, the transformed prince working on a rose-petaled deadline to become human again, locates some moments of pathos that stick. — Michael Phillips

"Ghost In the Shell" ★★★
PG-13, 1:46, action/adventure
In director Rupert Sanders' darkly imaginative new film, Scarlett Johansson plays the Major, a member of a cyberterrorism law enforcement division trying to keep hackers from sabotaging the artificial intelligence wonders manufactured by Hanka Robotics. She is a female human/robot hybrid, first introduced in Masamune Shirow's cyberpunk manga in 1989. The movie's half police procedural, half personal investigation, as the Major discovers the truth about her human past. I got a mite restless during the routine action climax. But until then I was happily enveloped by the visual world created by director Sanders, his cinematographer Jess Hall and production designer Jan Roelfs. — M.P.

"Power Rangers" ★★ 1/2
PG-13, 2:04, action/adventure
Back in the '90s, you probably knew them as Mighty Morphin, but we all know them best as simply the Power Rangers. Now, of course, we have the big screen reboot. This version of the "Power Rangers" is about as dark as a CW series; just enough to be taken (somewhat) seriously, but with enough of a sense of humor about itself to have some fun too. The team of screenwriters has brought a sense of levity to the high school dramas, and the film is more about a bunch of oddball teens than it is about colorfully suited, karate-chopping superheroes. — Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service

"Kong: Skull Island" ★★★ /2
PG-13, 2:00, Action/Adventure
"Kong: Skull Island" is better, lighter on its feet (digital feet and human feet) and more fun than its reported $190 million production budget would suggest. I honestly don't know what you'd call it: a franchise reboot? A sequel to Peter Jackson's 2005 "King Kong," which I admired, but didn't enjoy like this one? Any movie with the sense, the wit and the visual instincts to introduce Kong the way this one does is fine with me.

Booooom, the mighty paw slams down on the top of a cliff as Skull Island's landlord rises up to check out, nose to nose, the first humans we see on screen. — M.P.

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If millennials prefer to make most purchases online, why not let them buy cars online? And if they’re used to getting a new phone every year or two, why not give them the option to get a new car that often?

That is the approach that a fledgling brand called Lynk & Co plans to take when it launches in China in 2018 and in the U.S. and Europe in early 2019.

Lynk is owned by Geely Automobile, the Chinese multinational that also owns Volvo, and it will sell cars online and through company-owned stores, like Tesla, instead of through franchised dealers like other manufacturers.

Lynk’s entry in the U.S. would present another challenge to the franchise dealer system that has been in effect for more than 100 years, following Tesla’s lead. In addition, short-term car rental services such as Maven and Zipcar are giving consumers alternatives to owning a vehicle, and companies such as Carvana are selling used cars online directly to consumers.

“We don’t think the other model is wrong. We believe that if you come out with a new car brand, just bringing another really great car is not good enough, so we want to offer a totally different customer promise and a different business model,” Lynk Senior Vice President Alain Visser said.

The company’s approach will depart from traditional automotive retailing in several ways:

- Instead of sprawling suburban dealerships, the company will set up small stores in malls or pop-up stores in major cities such as Chicago, Boston and San Francisco. The company expects to have 70 to 80 U.S. sales points within about three years.
- Customers will be able to buy or lease cars, but the company will focus on “subscriptions” for one, two or three years. Visser said subscriptions would be similar to leases, and customers would be able to exchange their cars for new models at the end of their terms.
- Vehicles will be delivered to customers (or they can pick them up), and they will receive a walk-around explaining the car features. Lynk also will pick up and deliver cars for service.
- Lynk will not own its service centers. It is negotiating with Volvo dealers to provide service.
- The vehicles will have a standard “sharing button” and embedded technology that will allow owners to rent their cars to others when they aren’t using them.
- Millennials will be the primary target because they are most likely to embrace this new approach and “they are the biggest customer group in all major regions globally,” Visser said in a telephone interview from Gothenburg, Sweden, where Lynk and Volvo are based but have separate headquarters.

“Those customers who do not see the advantage of going to a dealer and negotiating a price can come to us. Does that mean the dealer model is wrong? Not necessarily, but we believe there is enough customers out there who are ready for something else,” Visser said.

Initially, the brand will offer one model in the U.S., a compact SUV based on the Volvo XC40 called the 01, which Visser said will be a “premium product” but priced against SUVs from volume brands. Other models will be added (and also have numerical names), though Visser didn’t give details.

Lynk’s blueprint borrows from Tesla, the electric car company that used a similar approach to sell expensive battery-powered cars to well-heeled buyers without relying on franchised dealers.

Auto industry analyst Maryann Keller, though, thinks that because Lynk will compete with volume brands such as Ford and Toyota, what worked for Tesla and its CEO, Elon Musk, won’t work as well for it.

Musk “got a billion dollars’ worth of free publicity because of the novelty of the car and who he is, a brilliant entrepreneur, wealthy, very charismatic, a great speaker. And it was a phenomenal car,” Keller said in a telephone interview.

“I think (Lynk executives) have this strange notion that who comes to them is going to be able to click online, pick the color, pick the interior, pick whatever style — and please send it. They don’t understand that the car-buying process for 90 percent of Americans is more complicated,” she said.

Many buyers, especially younger ones, have credit issues that make it hard for them to get a loan or approval for a lease, she said. In addition, Lynk will have to set up a means to take and dispose of trade-ins, and it may also have to get into the used-car business.

Lynk, she argues, would be better off setting up a network of franchised dealers who are experienced in all aspects of the car business.

“They would be able to be up and running across the country faster, and they would do it without having to put their own capital to work. They can set whatever standards (for dealers) they want,” said Keller, a former Wall Street analyst who now runs her own firm, Maryann Keller & Associates. In 2004, Keller wrote a report for the National Automobile Dealers Association that extolled the benefits of the franchise system for consumers.

Visser said Lynk is aware that car dealers are equipped to handle all aspects of the retail side of the business, but he argues that a growing number of consumers are ready for a different approach to buying a car.

“There is a different way, and maybe a better way, to run this business. This is not against dealers. This is showing that we have alternatives to the existing model,” he said.

Rick Popely is a freelance writer.
A place to belong

Hockey team gives disabled veterans a sense of community

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

Filling time with meaningful, productive activity after being discharged from the military is a struggle for millions of combat veterans.

Thanks to the founding of the Chicago Blackhawks Warriors hockey team in 2015, two dozen Illinois disabled veterans have a way to ease the transition from military life to being a civilian once again.

The Warriors, consisting of players with a broad range of hockey skills, as well as a wide variety of mental and physical ailments, play a nearly six-month schedule against local teams of varying ages and levels.

Each player has a unique story about what brought him to the Warriors and how playing adds value to them.

But there’s one attribute in particular almost every Warrior cited as being crucially beneficial.

“It’s a great place to get camaraderie again, something that the civilian world doesn’t have a lot of,” said Travis Newberg, a Stevenson graduate now residing in Long Grove. “What I’ve experienced since I got out of the military, there are a lot of guys who just stick to themselves. It was nice to find a brotherhood again that was missing.”

Filling that social void for combat veterans is slowly gaining traction across the country, as USA Hockey’s disabled players wing has expanded its reach. The Warriors follow the model of similar teams closer to the East Coast, and the team works hand-in-hand with the Chicago Blackhawks, who support the team via sponsorships and by allowing their name to be used.

The Blackhawks alumni team also chipped in by going toe-to-toe with the Warriors in their regular-season finale April 1 at Mount Prospect Ice Arena. A near-capacity crowd watched the Blackhawks alumni eke out a 16-15 win, but the big winner was the Warriors, who raised nearly $20,000 through a silent auction of items largely donated by the Blackhawks.

“Just something we were very fortunate to experience; they did us a huge favor,” said Eddie Kerrigan, a Glenbrook North graduate still residing in Northbrook.

“I was in disbelief out there. I wasn’t one of the coolest things I’ll ever get a chance to do.”

In order to play for the Warriors, applicants must be honorably discharged from any branch of the U.S. military and carry at least a 10 percent disability rate, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

According to coach Rich Jecmen, the vast majority of Warriors have been diagnosed with either post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI). Many also suffer from hearing loss.

Bensenville resident Travis Newberg, a Stevenson graduate now residing in Long Grove, was like I was back in (the military). That part that you’re missing is almost like a homesickness. And then everything just felt right.”

Steve Reaven is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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ROUNDTABLE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS WARRIORS HOCKEY TEAM

The Chicago Blackhawks Warriors are a hockey team comprising military veterans who were injured in combat and now live in the Chicago area. The Warriors, who are sponsored by the Chicago Blackhawks, faced Blackhawks alumni on April 1 at Mount Prospect Ice Arena.

After the game, which served as a benefit for the Warriors, Pioneer Press contributor Steve Reaven caught up with several players to discuss what the team means to them.

Q: What is the most beneficial aspect of playing on a team with other combat veterans?

Richard Duzinskas, Bensenville: It brings you that camaraderie that you’re missing because we all understand what we’ve been through. You get the same joking around that you had in the barracks back in the day. It really makes you feel like a family.

Brian Torkelson, Grayslake: It’s easy to bond and relate to each other. It gives a time to forget about the demons that haunt all of us. It’s a safe place that almost feels like you’re back in the military.

Q: What level of previous hockey experience did you have prior to joining the Warriors?

Travis Newberg, Long Grove: My mom was a figure skater, and she took me to lessons when I was a kid, but I played football and baseball more. Three years ago, my girlfriend and I were talking, and I said, ‘I think I’m going to go buy hockey skates.’

Then two weeks later, I thought to go play in an adult league. I found the Warriors, and I’ve been playing ever since.

Eddie Kerrigan, Northbrook: I played up until about first grade, got out of it for reasons I still don’t know. My dad played hockey and so did my uncle, so hockey has been in my family forever. When I was coming out of the military, looking for an outlet, I said to myself, ‘I’m going to start playing hockey again.’

Kevin Errandi, Darien: I played pond hockey, backyard-type stuff when I was a kid, played in the street, but never anything even remotely competitive until October, when I joined the team.

Q: How has playing with the Blackhawks Warriors helped you physically or mentally?

Bill Davidson, Lincolnshire: Hockey is so much about problem-solving. It’s extremely physical, so it kind of tires the mind. Your mind doesn’t have a chance to race. For 60 or 75 minutes, you can’t think about anything else — all you’re doing is being physically fit and thinking about problem-solving on ice. It’s awesome.

Kerrigan: It’s a great workout, and there’s something to be said about mental health and working out. They go hand-in-hand. You feel great coming off the ice, and hanging out with the guys in the locker room makes you feel great.

Errandi: I had a pretty rough time when I got out of the military, especially with my disabilities. I was going through a divorce, and I moved around a lot. Coming out on the ice and relaxing and being around people who are like-minded means everything to me. It’s what keeps me grounded.

Duzinskas: It’s helped me get out of the house, it’s given me exercise. It just kind of keeps you going, keeps you motivated to get up and do something every weekend.

—Steve Reaven
Niles West's Cho, Marin soar to new heights together

By Jonah L. Rosenblum
Pioneer Press

A longtime gymnast and a newly empowered athlete have the Niles West girls track and field team on the verge of history.

Nicole Cho, a superb musician who began pole vaulting her freshman year of high school, reached 11 feet for the first time at the Windy City Pole Vault Summit on March 4.

Karina Marin, a gymnast who started pole vaulting last season, cleared 10-6 to take eighth place at the Class 3A Illinois Top Times meet, essentially the state championship for the indoor track and field season, on March 25 in Bloomington.

"Jumping with them and being able to see myself as one of the best vaulters, that was awesome," Marin said. "That was really helpful to me to realize I'm actually pretty good at this sport. It's helped me become more confident."

Together, Cho and Marin could make history as the first pair of Niles West pole vaulters to make state — and perhaps could vault even higher.

"I do think they're perfectly capable of getting up around the 12-foot mark," Niles West girls track and field coach Mark Medland said.

That would potentially be good enough for a Class 3A state title. Last year's winner, Katie Schroeder of Grayslake Central, cleared 12-3.

Cho and Marin came to the sport somewhat randomly. As Wolves veteran pole vault coach Jim Lonergan pointed out, few children grow up pole vaulting. It's not like track, where many children run from their earliest years. The best-case scenario, he said, is a child watches the Olympics and falls in love with pole vaulting.

The more normal introduction to the sport is he convinces a high schooler to give it a try.

"Deep down inside, they have to be the ones that really want to do it," Lonergan said. "I try to encourage them and maybe do a little bit of arm twisting. In reality, they've got to feel pretty comfortable putting themselves up in the air."

That was no problem for Marin, given her history in gymnastics. When she started pole vaulting her junior year, everyone had a feeling that she would be good.

"She's incredibly strong in her core, in particular, and she got that right kind of mindset," Lonergan said. "When she said she was interested, I was like, 'Heck yeah,'" said Lonergan, a retired Maine South English teacher. "The other coaches that are in the building said this girl is an athlete, she's going to be good, she's got this great gymnastics ability, and I didn't disagree with them by any sense. The one factor you couldn't really discover until she spent time on the runway is how well could she run with a pole — and that's turned out to be great."

Cho's introduction to pole vaulting came earlier — at a track and field camp prior to her freshman year, when Lonergan asked if anyone wanted to try pole vaulting.

"It seemed a lot more fun than running around the track," Cho said.

Pole vaulting introduced her to a new world.

Cho had been good at pretty much everything she ever done. She is a first chair violinist, a choir member, a leading force in the school's a cappella group and vice president of the school's National Honor Society. Athletics was different. She had played basketball for fun — but had never played a sport at a high level.

At first, Lonergan said, new heights were just a thrill for Cho. She would smile and then she was done for the day. He wanted to teach her how to smile — and then push harder. Qualifying for state last year was a turning point for the then-junior — she realized how good she could be — as was posting a no-height at the state meet.

"I really never expected to even qualify for state. Just thinking back to freshman year, I thought it wasn't a realistic goal," Cho said. "Last year, I no-heighted at state, which was really disappointing for me. Through that failure, I learned how much more I needed to believe in myself."

At the Windy City Pole Vault Summit at Rolling Meadows, Lonergan saw something different from his four-year pole vaulter. He watched Cho hit her highest mark, 11-0, and then keep on going and give her absolute all to the next height.

"I believe that Nicole carries that attitude in probably everything else she's ever done, certainly in the classroom and in the fine arts, in singing and playing these instruments," Lonergan said. "When it came to the athletic arena, she never saw herself that way. I think she's in the process of seeing herself differently and we couldn't be at a better time for all these things to come together."

While Cho was working to develop an athletic mindset, Marin had that part down from her years in gymnastics. She just had to learn the sport. Cho and Marin have used their personal experience to help each other how to become better pole vaulters.

"It's great having Nicole on the team with me," Marin said. "Obviously, when I first started, I was not as good as her. I always looked up to her."

Cho, meanwhile, noted Marin's talent — and mindset.

"She can teach me how to have this good competitive mindset," Cho said. "She always believed in herself. You can see how she presents herself on the runway and at a track meet. She has this mindset and this aura."

At the Whitewater Invite earlier this season, Medland watched from afar as Cho and Marin warmed each other up during a lengthy injury timeout.

"They are each other's biggest supporters," Medland said. "They really are."

They've pushed each other, and together, they've set a new bar for Niles West.

"When you see a kid go that high for the first time, it's, 'Oh my God, that's so high. I could never go that high,'" Lonergan said. "When you see it every day, then it just becomes the norm."

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Wasielewski hired to lead Niles West hoops program

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Mike Wasielewski is an experienced basketball coach with an impressive resume.

He played at Naperville North and served as a lower-level coach at Lane upon his graduation from Illinois. He was the head coach at Elmwood Park for three years and at Waukegan for two years before spending the last two seasons at Class 4A powerhouse Stevenson as an assistant under coach Pat Ambrose.

But Wasielewski was not prepared for the hiring process for the boys basketball coaching job at Niles West. Four players were part of one interview session.

"That was interesting with the four players," Wasielewski said. "I have never seen that in previous interviews, but I really liked that because the kids gave feedback based on which coaches they liked. ... I talked a lot about building relationships and wanting to work hard and make it an enjoyable experience."

Wasielewski was approved as the Niles West boys basketball coach at a Niles Township High School District 219 school board meeting on April 4. He replaces Bob Williams, who retired after spending the last eight seasons at Niles West. The Wolves compiled a 10-16 overall record and a 2-8 record in the Central Suburban South in Williams' final season.

Wasielewski said the Niles West job had many attractive components.

"This winter, I really didn't have any intention to be looking at all," Wasielewski said. "Basically, the Niles West job opened with a social studies position right in my backyard. I live about 15 minutes from the school, and to be a head coach again in a really good district (was desirable). All the pieces are perfect for my situation, and Niles West plays in an elite conference in the CSL. I thought it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Niles West athletic director Kendall Griffin said Wasielewski checked all the attributes required to lead the basketball program.

"He literally blew us away during the interview period," Griffin said. "We went through three rounds of interviews, and one of those rounds included current student-athletes in the basketball program. He's knowledgeable, experienced and knew everything about us from our system and kids. What also set him apart from other candidates was he was big on getting out into the community and building the program from the youth and middle school levels."

Ambrose endorsed Wasielewski for the Niles West position after watching him become an integral part of the Patriots' program the last two seasons.

"Coach Was did a great job with our juniors to help prepare them for varsity contests," Ambrose said. "He had varsity experience at Waukegan and brought that experience to our place. He's a strong coach who is very good at details and helping the players improve over a season."

Wasielewski had a 31-50 coaching record at Elmwood Park from 2010-13, but in his second year the Tigers went 14-13. It was the first time Elmwood Park had won 10 games or more since the 1998-99 season. He went 12-43 at Waukegan from 2013-15 when the Bulldogs were a member of the CSL South. There was a month-long teacher's strike in Waukegan in October 2014 and the Bulldogs' best player, C.J. Duff, transferred to Carmel. Duff started all 28 of Western Illinois' games this past season as a freshman.

Wasielewski said his two seasons at Stevenson taught him many things that he hopes will help him lead Niles West's program. In particular, he said watching and studying Ambrose, who has coached Villanova star point guard Jalen Brunson and Indiana-bound forward Justin Smith in recent years, was beneficial for his career.

"I can't say enough about working at Stevenson, just seeing coach Ambrose's game preparation and how meticulous he was scouting," Wasielewski said. "Gave me a whole new perspective on coaching and the way he approaches practice and the way he teaches and the detail he goes into. It was a great experience for me to see a successful way of doing things. I feel like it was a finishing school for me, and feel it will give me the extra edge to be successful."

Wasielewski said his No.1 goal at this stage is to build relationships with his players and the community. He wants to work with local parents to build the feeder program, and plans to move closer to the school.

Competing in the CSL South on an annual basis is no easy task, even for an experienced coach. At this point, Wasielewski has yet to meet his players but he would like to play a style that fits his personnel and can make Niles West competitive in the long run. The Wolves have posted only two winning seasons since 2005.

"I believe we have a unique system, and do something different than everybody in the CSL," Wasielewski said. "I believe that system has to be really flexible and be able to adapt to opponents in the CSL, adapt to pressure from teams like Evanston or Niles North and execute against discipline teams like Maine South and New Trier."

Wasielewski said he hopes to have a unique brand at Niles West, and do something that will give other schools problems when they face us."

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Locals hit homers for Coe baseball

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A pair of local graduates on the Coe College baseball team hit walk-off home runs in back-to-back games. Morton Grove native and Notre Dame Prep graduate Thomas Simon homered in the bottom of the 11th inning to lead Coe over Nebraska Wesleyan 7-6 on March 26. The next day, Glenbrook North graduate Jordan Kaplan hit a game-winning grand slam in a 6-2 Coe victory. For both players — Simon is a junior outfielder, and Kaplan is a freshman infielder and pitcher — the home runs were the first of their collegiate careers.

A handful of other area graduates join Simon and Kaplan on the team, including senior pitcher Thomas Schaedel, a Notre Dame Prep graduate who was 3-0 with a 1.23 ERA through five starts this season.

Locals contribute for University of Chicago baseball

The University of Chicago baseball team was 11-4 and winners of six straight through April 2. Senior first baseman Thomas Prescott, a Lyons graduate from Western Springs, was hitting a team-leading .414 this season with 11 RBIs. Junior outfielder Max Larsen, another Lyons graduate, was hitting .340 with a team-leading seven doubles. Deerfield graduate Joe Liberman, a sophomore pitcher, had a 1.20 ERA through four starts.

Glenview native named rookie of the year

Glenbrook South graduate Jimmy Martinelli, a freshman on the New York University men's basketball team, was named University Athletic Association rookie of the year. Martinelli, a 6-foot-6 forward who started every game, led NYU in rebounds with 8.2 per game in addition to scoring 8.9 points per game. He led all freshmen in the conference in both scoring and rebounding.

Arlington Heights native Natalie Curtis, a senior goalkeeper on the Monmouth College women's water polo team, was selected as the Collegiate Water Polo Association's Division III defensive player of the week. Curtis, a Hersey graduate, set a single-game school record by recording 17 saves in an 8-7 win over Connecticut College. Through March 26, she averaged 10 saves per contest, giving up 6.5 goals per game.

Monmouth College goalkeeper Natalie Curtis, a Hersey graduate, was selected as the Collegiate Water Polo Association's Division III defensive player of the week.

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