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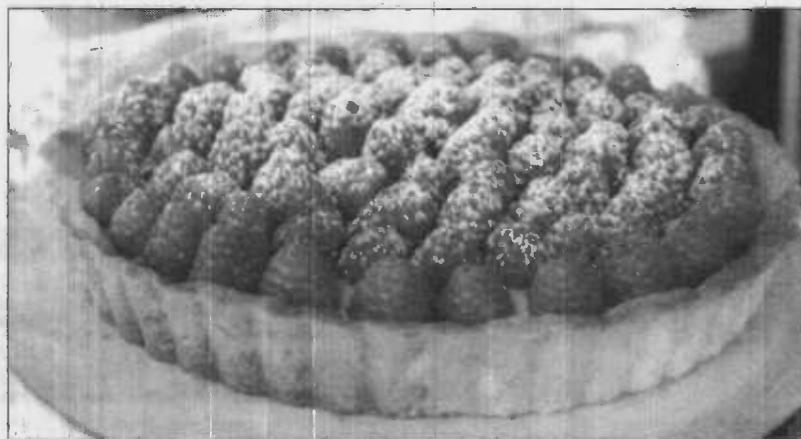
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U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Illinois, speaks at Oakton Community College in Skokie April 18 about "Politics and Sustainability" as part of the college's Earth Week.

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Melissa Elsmo doesn't have much of a sweet tooth, but even she finds it hard to resist the crisp crumb and rich custard filling of her traditional fruit tart. Raspberries are shown here, but the recipe works with whatever fruit you have on hand. [Inside](#)



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Tafari Beckford, basketball 'All-American'

Oakton Community College freshman basketball standout Tafari Beckford was named this month National Junior College Athletic Association All-American as a member of the second team. The 21-year-old Skokie resident and Niles North High School alum plays guard on the community college team. His coach said that the combination of his 6-foot-5 size, skill, athleticism and mental toughness make Beckford a "nightmare" for the opposition.

Q: How long have you been playing basketball, and how did you become interested in the sport?

A: I've been playing basketball since the age of 8. I became interested in the sport because I love the pace of the game and the non stop action it's a game that never stops it's always a chance to get

better and love every-thing about it.

Q: What does it mean to you to be named All-American as a member of the second team?

A: To me getting second team all American just means that's I have to work harder to get first team lol ... But on a serious note it means a lot I've worked hard this season and my teammates trust me to lead them and play my best and that what I try to do and it shows by getting this award that I put the work in.

Q: What are your aspirations?

A: Everyone's goal is to make it to the NBA. But my goal is to make it as far as I can playing the game of basketball but if that doesn't work out I would love to coach/ teach. I study sports management and minor in sec-

ondary Ed. Hopefully being able to coach and teach at a high school level or higher.

Q: Which NBA team would you look forward to signing with?

A: To be honest I would love to play for any team in the NBA but if I had to choose it would definitely be the Chicago Bulls.

Q: How do you motivate yourself and your teammates?

A: I motivate myself by thinking about the obstacles that I had to face and the people that have counted me out. I motivate my team by telling them every game we go into we're the underdogs no one thinks anything of us so we have to go out and show people what we can do TOGETHER.

Q: Who is your fave athlete and why?

A: I'm a huge fan of



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Tafari Beckford

Derrick Rose, even though he's been through so many injuries and obstacles he had to face he never stops nor complains he's a warrior and people fail to realize how tough he really is.

Q: Who's going to win the NBA championship for this season?

A: That's a tough but I think the Golden State Warriors might take it this year.

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Northwestern suspends SAE fraternity

School orders campus house to be vacated

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
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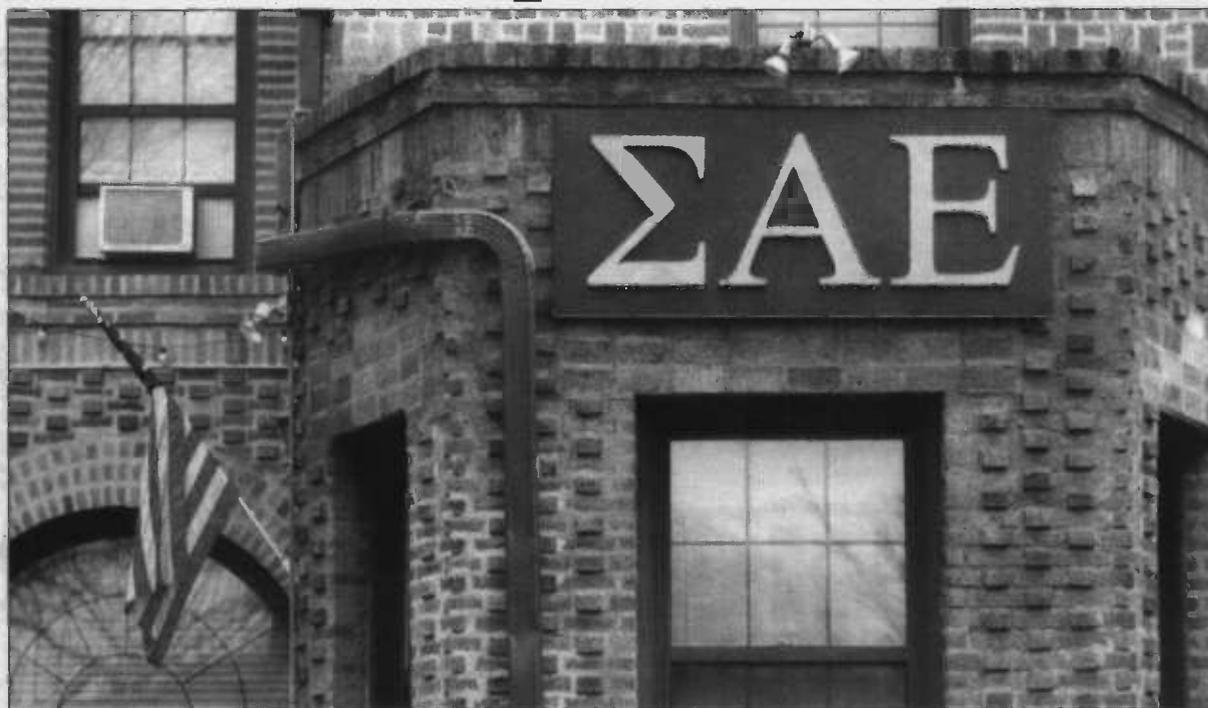
Northwestern University's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has been suspended from campus and members must move out of the Sheridan Road frat house by May 6, after members violated terms of their disciplinary probation, university officials confirmed April 24.

"Northwestern is suspending SAE," said Northwestern spokesman Bob Rowley. "The organization knowingly violated its disciplinary probation earlier this year by repeatedly hosting parties and providing alcohol to minors."

The decision was made at a meeting of university officials earlier this month, Rowley said, which "included testimony from fraternity leadership."

He said he didn't know why the university didn't publicly announce the sanctions following the meeting.

SAE will be suspended from Northwestern until



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The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house at Northwestern University in Evanston is seen Feb. 7.

Sept. 1, 2018, Rowley said.

The fraternity's national headquarters is in Evanston and representatives were not available for comment April 24.

The NU decision comes less than a month after Loyola University in Chicago suspended its SAE chapter for three years fol-

lowing reports of alleged hazing.

The sanctions against the NU chapter also come less than one year after officials at University of Wisconsin at Madison suspended their SAE chapter for about six months following allegations of racist, anti-Semitic and anti-gay behavior.

Northwestern's SAE chapter was first placed on probation in fall 2016 for serving alcohol to minors, Rowley said. Under those disciplinary terms, which stretched into the 2017 calendar year, the fraternity was not to host social events.

However, "with blatant

disregard of the terms of that probation, SAE planned and hosted social events with alcohol in January 2017," Rowley said.

In February, Northwestern sent out an all-campus alert that four women allegedly were drugged and, of those, two possibly sexually assaulted at a Jan. 21 party

at the SAE house. While university officials ultimately decided not to pursue disciplinary action for the alleged drugging or assaults, they and fraternity leadership launched separate investigations into other potential violations, university officials previously said.

Rowley declined to comment April 24 on whether the January party mentioned in the drugging and assault allegations was the same party at which minors were served alcohol.

Fraternity leaders have until April 28 to appeal the suspension, Rowley said.

The appeal can be based only "on new evidence or procedural errors, or proof the outcome didn't reflect predominant evidence."

The university will help all SAE members living in the house to find new accommodations before the May 6 deadline, Rowley said.

"The safety and well-being of Northwestern students is our first priority," Rowley said. "We will continue to enforce the university code to the greatest extent possible."

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Niles, CEDA renew free services for the needy

6-year agreement is extended for one more year

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

The Niles Village Board recently approved authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the village and a nonprofit community services agency that will continue to provide free on-site services for residents experiencing financial hardships.

In essence, the memorandum of understanding

continues a long-standing agreement between the parties, officials said.

According to Niles Family Services Director Tony Hollenback, the agreement with the Community and Economic Development Association offers help for residents who struggle to pay their utility bills or for car repairs, dental care and other such necessary costs.

"These services are provided for free to Niles Family Service clients and residents," Hollenback said in his report to the board. He said the agency, referred to as CEDA, has been provid-

ing the services for the past six years, but the memorandum of understanding must be renewed each year.

According to CEDA officials, the agency's mission is to work in partnership with communities "to empower families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life."

Trustees approved the memorandum of understanding at the March 28 meeting.

A private community action agency, CEDA provides community and economic development programs and

direct social services that address the needs of low-income residents and communities in Cook County, according to its website.

Under the memorandum of understanding, CEDA's services will include assessing and providing free Community Block Grant Program services to eligible individuals and families; providing direct client assistance to eligible individuals and families; providing informational literature, pamphlets and brochures to educate people about the program; and making internal referrals and to other

organizations that offer additional programs and services that assist with short-term and long-term solutions to address individual and family needs.

The agreement also stipulates that Niles will provide the space, standard office furnishings and utilities for services.

"There shall be no rent or other incurred cost to CEDA for the facility space provided by (Niles)," according to the agreement. "Consideration for this (memorandum of understanding) is the mutual benefit to CEDA and (Niles) of a

partnership between the parties to advance the mutual goals and objectives of community services and economic opportunities in the area."

Under terms of the memorandum of understanding, the agreement is in place Jan. 3 through Dec. 31 of this year.

Like in previous years, the agreement stipulates that the parties have the option of renewing the memorandum of understanding before the expiration date.

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Northwestern University health services officials report that several gastroenteritis cases reported April 8 have been confirmed as the highly contagious norovirus.

NU officials: Virus hits campus, several sickened

Highly contagious stomach illness strikes on campus

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

At least 10 Northwestern University students are suspected of contracting norovirus earlier this month, and university officials are warning students to practice good hygiene and notify health authorities if they fall ill.

"Northwestern Health Services first became aware of cases of gastroenteritis-like symptoms on April 8," Northwestern officials said in an email. "Over the course of the next several days, 10 students with similar symptoms sought medical attention at Health Services. The symptoms of the illness were found to be consistent with a relatively short-lived illness."

According to a statement on the university's health service website, the illness was reported by residents in several campus housing and Greek life residences. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Test results from April 13 confirmed the bug as norovirus, officials said.

Norovirus is a highly contagious stomach virus, according to information on the Illinois Department of Public Health website.

"At least half of all food-borne outbreaks of gastroenteritis can be attributed to noroviruses," according to IDPH.

The virus is spread mostly from fecal matter when a person who has it does not properly wash his or her hands after toileting and before handling food — that, subsequently, is not fully cooked, according to the state public health agency.

"Heating foods to cooking temperatures kills these

viruses," according to the IDPH website.

Norovirus was responsible for sickening hundreds of students at St. Charles East High School in St. Charles in January, according to Tribune reports. The school was forced to shut down for two days.

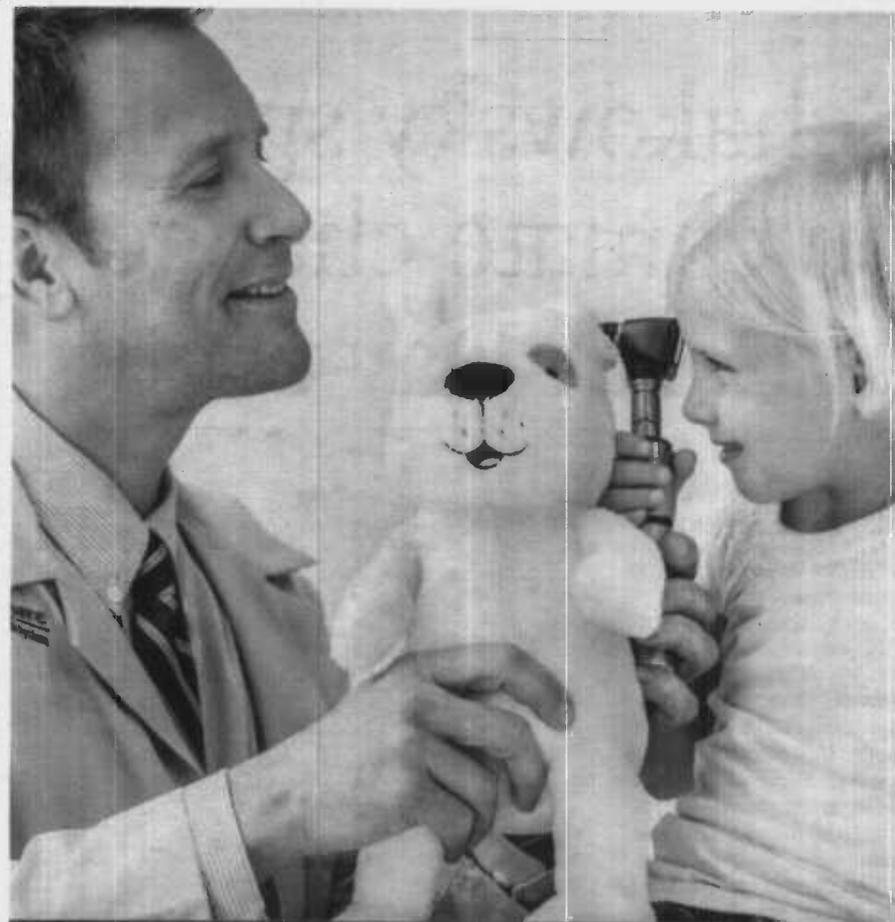
Evanston City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz said the university worked with the city to determine and contain the illness.

"These things happen, communicable diseases in close quarters, folks 18 to 22 years old. It happens far more often than you think," Bobkiewicz said.

University officials said they believe the outbreak is under control.

"The spread of the virus appears to have been contained, though Health Services continues to monitor the situation," officials said.

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Schakowsky speaks on climate change at Earth Day event

Complains colleagues don't take issue seriously

By MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

It might have been a perfect spring day outside Oakton Community College in Skokie April 18, but inside, U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Illinois, talked about what "a dangerous time (it is) for us and for the planet."

The 10-term representative, whose 9th District includes Evanston, Lincolnwood, Skokie and portions of Morton Grove, spoke to nearly 100 students, faculty members and others as part of the community college's observance of Earth Week.

Her talk, titled "Politics and Sustainability," was among the myriad events at Oakton's Skokie and Des Plaines campuses scheduled last week.

"I think one of the major crises that we face, if not the major crisis, is the danger of global warming, the danger to the planet," she told the crowd.

Schakowsky is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and pointed to global droughts, countries where starvation is pervasive, disease outbreaks, devastating storms and other phenomena as evidence.

Further, according to Schakowsky, the United States is responsible for more than one-quarter of the global carbon dioxide omission in the world.

"We have a tremendous responsibility, but, also, as hopefully a leader of the world ... we would take a leadership position," she said.



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"This is not one of those issues where the scientific community is deeply divided."

— U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky

Schakowsky charged that healing the environment is not part of the Republican agenda, which is evidenced, she said, by key appointments in President Donald Trump's administration who have ties to the fossil fuel industry.

Trump was flanked by Scott Fruit, his Environmental Protection Agency administrator, and coal industry workers March 28 when he signed executive orders that reversed some policies his predecessor's administration put in place.

The orders initiated a

review of previous efforts to slow carbon emissions at coal-fired power plants. Trump also canceled the hold-off on new leases of federal lands, telling the coal workers they could soon be back to work.

"I'm going to lift the restrictions on American energy, and allow this wealth to pour into our communities," Trump said about his actions.

During his presidential campaigning, Trump called climate change a hoax.

Schakowsky said during her talk April 18 that there is



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Nearly 100 students, faculty members and others came to Oakton Community College in Skokie April 18 as part of OCC's Earth Week.



U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Illinois, meets a well-wisher April 18 before speaking about "Politics and Sustainability."

broadly accepted, "almost unanimous," climate science around climate change now and the key role of human activity in contributing to it.

"This is not one of those issues where the scientific community is deeply divided or there is tremendous disagreement," she said. "No, that is not the case. We can see it before our eyes."

Schakowsky said she re-introduced legislation to protect the quality of water against the impact of fracking. Other proposed legisla-

tion introduced by the congresswoman, she said, stipulates that the Environmental Protection Agency identify effective methods to mitigate the impact of prescription drugs or personal care products that go down the drain and into the water system.

During a brief question-and-answer session, some asked the congresswoman about the best way to fight back.

Schakowsky said she often reads letters from the floor of the House from her constituents to drive home

the impact of legislation in personal terms. She also provided the audience with the home address of Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin, which resulted in some laughter.

What happens on the streets can make a difference in Washington because legislators want to be re-elected more than anything else, Schakowsky said.

"Remember, when we fight, we win," she said.

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Schneider moderates climate change panel

BY LEE V. GAINES

Pioneer Press

More than 300 people gathered April 22 — Earth Day — at the Regenstein Center at the Chicago Botanic Garden for a panel on climate moderated by U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider (D-Deerfield).

Schneider said the panel was an opportunity to bring people together to discuss the issue and the “threat of the (Trump) administration’s denial of climate change, and putting in place policies and people implementing those policies who are taking us in the wrong direction.”

The panel included Tom Skilling, chief meteorologist for WGN-TV; Elisabeth Moyer, associate professor at the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago; Gregory Mueller, chief scientist and Negawatt Foundation vice president of science at the Chicago Botanic Garden; and Donald Wuebbles, professor of atmospheric science at the University of Illinois.

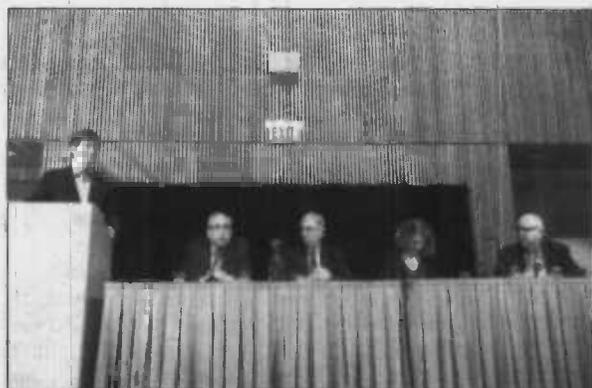
Panel members agreed that the use of fossil fuels is contributing to the warming of the planet, and harming everything from its oceans to the food supply.

Skilling said he previously didn’t believe in climate change, or that humans were directly causing it.

“When I used to hear the polar ice caps will melt, I said, boy, you have to prove that to me,” he said. “But it’s happening. The models have been successful.”

Mueller said the negative impact of global warming on the planet’s biodiversity causes plants and animals to be more stressed, more susceptible to disease and to encroachment from invasive species.

Wuebbles said the increase in the number of severe weather events and



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U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider moderates a climate change panel at the Chicago Botanic Garden on April 22, featuring Donald Wuebbles, from left, Gregory Mueller, Elisabeth Moyer and Tom Skilling.

their intensity is “tied directly to changes occurring in the climate system.”

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has kept track of billion-dollar weather events since the early 1980s, and the number of such events has increased notably in recent decades, he said.

“People who think climate change is somewhere in the future, it’s later, maybe it affects future generations — no, it’s here now, it’s only going to get worse,” Wuebbles said.

Panel members also noted the effects droughts have had on populations in the Middle East and Africa, the social tensions and strife caused by immigration as a result of droughts and changes to agriculture production caused by a warming planet.

“You can’t grow corn in Illinois anymore if temperatures get warmer ... agriculture to me is the single biggest concern,” Moyer said.

Despite the concerns posed by climate change, Skilling said there are opportunities for American workers to enter the renewable energy industry.

“We’re innovators,” he said. “Instead of buying

wind turbines from France or solar panels from China, we have to be making them in this country.”

Wuebbles, saying that “we can vote with our pocketbooks as well,” recommended using LED light bulbs, buying energy-efficient appliances and vehicles.

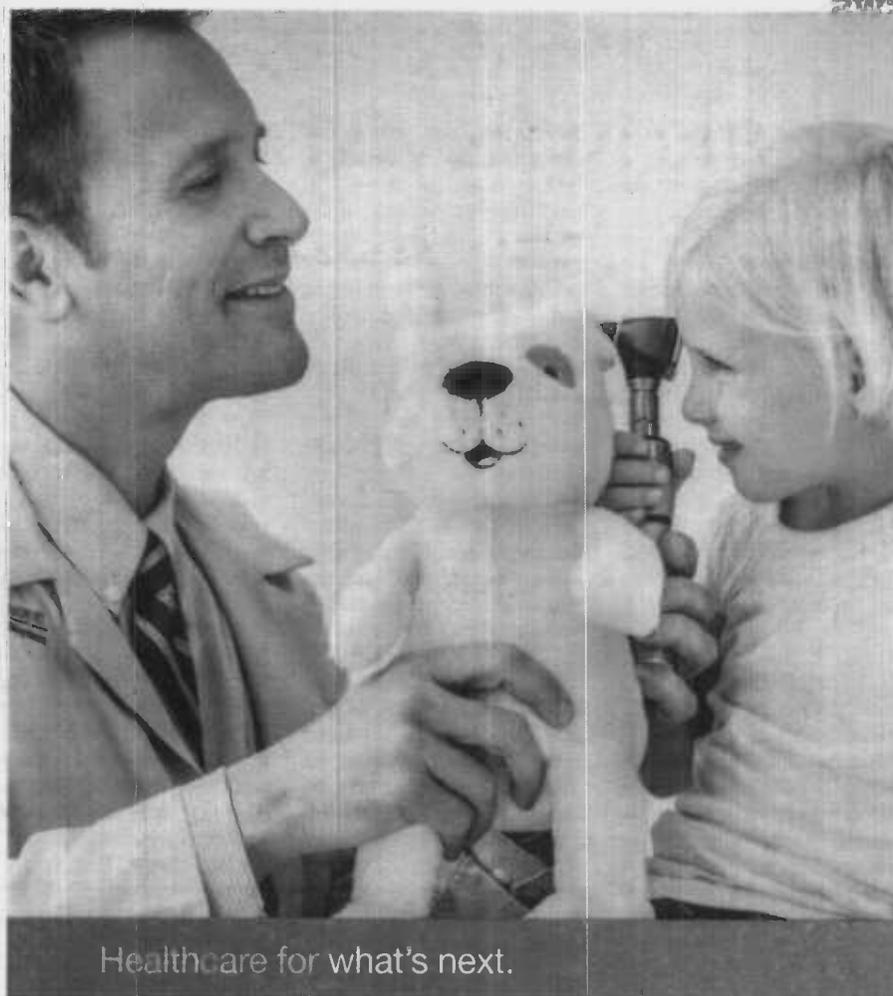
“Hopefully, eventually we can transition to renewables not just in energy use, but in transportation,” Wuebbles said.

Moyer suggested a carbon tax to incentivize the use of alternative fuels or transportation that relies less on fossil fuels. She said lowering another tax — for example, the payroll tax — could help garner bipartisan support.

“There are solutions. We can make use of energy that’s less harmful,” she said. “Other countries have demonstrated that, and it hasn’t broken anyone’s economy yet.”

Attendee Melanie Andes, of Vernon Hills, 61, said she’s encouraged by new developments in renewable energy technology, but is also “terrified at the speed at which degradation is happening.”

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■ Issac Tavizon, 25, of the 1600 block of North Keeler Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on March 26 after police said he was accused of stealing a \$379 drill kit from a retailer in the 900 block of Civic Center Drive. Tavizon was to appear in court April 26.

■ Edward Flory, 49, of Glenview, was charged with retail theft on April 4 after police said he was accused of stealing four ties valued at \$96 from a retailer in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center March 24. Flory was to appear in court April 26.

■ Clarissa Placko, 37, of the 6300 block of Touhy Avenue, was charged with battery on March 29 after a bus driver accused Placko of spitting at her, police said. The bus driver told police that Placko became angry after realizing

she was on the wrong bus and demanded to be let off the bus. When the driver told Placko she would do so at the next stop, Placko allegedly spit at the driver before exiting the bus at Milwaukee and Touhy avenues, police said. Placko was located on March 29 at her residence and taken into custody, according to police. Placko is scheduled to appear in court April 28.

■ Matthew Bien, 23, a resident of the 7300 block of North Waukegan Road, Niles, was charged with domestic battery and interference in calling 911 on March 26. Bien was scheduled to appear in court April 11.

■ Tanya Sarhad, 23, of the 5300 block of Madison Street, Skokie, was charged with domestic battery on March 25 after officers responded to a fight outside a bar in the 7300 block of Harlem Avenue, police said. Sarhad was scheduled to appear in court April 11.

■ George Zaya, 62, of the 8500 block of Betty Terrace, was charged with domestic battery on April 3 in connection with an alleged incident that occurred March 27, police said. Zaya was scheduled to appear in court April 18.

■ On March 24, police said a man allegedly attempted to fill a prescription for oxycodone at a pharmacy in the 5600 of Touhy Avenue using a prescription pad that had been reported stolen in Gurnee. Police were reportedly unable to locate the man who dropped off the fraudulent prescription.

■ A man told police on March 25 that he and his wife lost \$615 when they transferred money to a retailer in Dallas, Texas, believing they were purchasing a poodle through the Internet. The dog was not delivered and the man was told he needed to send another \$150 for shipping, police said. The man then reportedly contacted police.

Skokie police: 2 7-Eleven armed robberies occurred minutes apart

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Skokie police are investigating the possibility that the late night armed robberies of two 7-Eleven stores earlier this month — within minutes of each other — may have been committed by the same people.

"There are a lot of similarities between the two," Officer Eric Swaback said April 19. "It's definitely a possibility."

According to police, two men walked into the 7-Eleven in the 4800 block of Church Street April 8 around 2:30 a.m. and held it up.

The men, armed with a handgun, took approximately \$700 from the

clerk and fled, police said.

About 15 minutes later, police said, two men entered the 7-Eleven in the 8300 block of Skokie Boulevard and, armed with a handgun, took an unknown amount of cash and cigarettes, then fled.

The two stores are just over one mile apart.

In both incidents, the perpetrators were described as men between the ages of 18 and 22, wearing black hooded sweatshirts, black pants and black masks, and driving a dark colored SUV, police said.

There have been no arrests and there were not any injuries, police said, adding that investigators are continuing to review security video of

the crimes.

"Both of those incidents are still under investigation with our detective bureau," said Swaback.

Owners of each of the convenience stores could not be immediately reached for comment.

Swaback said Skokie police advise people to be on the lookout for anything that may appear off.

"Whether citizens or employees of a late night convenience store, remain vigilant and always be aware of your surroundings," he said. "If you see anything suspicious obviously call 911, and if it's an emergency call 911."

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Chicago Tribune

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Rauner starts 'learning tour' at Maine East

Students, teachers highlight unique learning for Governor's visit

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Home construction, the use of computers to design household objects, and a different approach to teaching math were a few of the unique educational offerings on display at Maine East High School during a visit from Gov. Bruce Rauner on April 19.

Rauner toured classrooms and chatted with students at the Park Ridge school during what the governor's office called the first stop on a "learning tour" of schools around the state. Additional school visits have not yet been announced.

Maine East was selected for a visit based on a video created by students Olivia Tran and Danny Tenezaca that was submitted to a contest the governor announced on his Facebook page. Tran, a member of the Principal's Student Leadership Team and a four-year broadcasting student, said she was selected by Principal Michael Pressler to produce the video, which highlights several of her school's unique educational programs. These programs were then viewed first-hand by Rauner during his tour.

"It was a nice reward for our hard work," Tran said of the governor's visit, which she also videotaped. "It was good for him to see how great our school is."

During the hour-long visit, Rauner stopped by an algebra class taught by Alaina Vasta that features "flipped learning" or using class time for assignments that once would have been homework. At home, the students watch an instructional video about the subject matter and then practice what they learned in class, Vasta explained in the video that was submitted to the governor.

Rauner also visited the career and technical educa-

tion lab, where students are learning robotics, civil engineering, architecture, mechanical engineering, and computer-generated manufacturing, before heading across the hall to the ge-construction classroom, where students are building the frame of a house for Habitat for Humanity, which will ultimately be located in Des Plaines.

"We pride ourselves in using industrial-level tooling and industrial-level machines," explained teacher Tom Kaiser. "They're not your typical desktop machines a school might have. These are right out of the industry. We want to give our kids the hands-on tools and the machines that they're going to see on the job."

John Basnick, a student of Maine East's computer integrated manufacturing class, told the governor about how he creates 3D images on a computer and then uses a machine that turns them into actual objects, while student Alex Andriopoulos talked about the model of a Methodist Campground cabin she designed and built for use by Oakton Community College.

Rauner also visited the school-based health center, which offers general health screenings, physicals and counseling services. He ended the morning cheering "go Blue Demons" and talking to a room of advanced-placement government students and students who are currently involved in job internships.

It was here where Rauner spoke of the need for a balanced state budget long-term and more jobs in Illinois.

"We haven't been creating enough careers for you or your friends," the governor told the group.

Principal Michael Pressler said it was "highly fitting" that Maine East was



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Gov. Bruce Rauner listens to Cassidy Hicks explain what is being printed on his visit to Maine East High School on April 19.

the first stop on Rauner's learning tour.

"It's a really good example of a school that has been an outstanding school for decades, but is also doing some really innovative, cutting-edge things that are not the norm in most schools today," Pressler said.

Superintendent Ken Wallace said the governor had an opportunity to see "why Maine East and District 207 are at the forefront of what high school education should look like to serve our students the very best in the 21st century."

"I'm glad he was here and got to see a model that really highlights the compelling work our teachers and students are doing," Wallace said.



With an interest in venture capitalism, Danish Nawab listens to advice from Gov. Bruce Rauner during his "learning tour" visit to Maine East High School.

Towns introduce gardens/apiary on Earth Day

BY CHUCK FIELDMAN
Pioneer Press

The Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary in Clarendon Hills appropriately had its groundbreaking April 22, which happened to be Earth Day, and attracted about 125 visitors.

"Once completed, the gardens will provide a new place in our communities to promote education programs about natural and organic gardening methods and our environment," said Dan Ungerleider, Clarendon Hills' community development director.

A joint effort of Clarendon Hills and Westmont,

the gardens and apiary is located at 1 N. Richmond Ave. on what was an unused 0.15-acre public road right of way between the Clarendon Hills public works facility and the Downers Grove Township highway garage.

Ungerleider said the gardens are designed to include a hobbyist apiary surrounded by native vegetable, wildflower, butterfly and rain gardens. The apiary will include four standard beehives and one observational beehive, which can be opened for viewing.

"Each of the elements will include a plaque with basic information and supporting website references



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Dan Ungerleider gives a tour to Joe Sadowski of Darien during the Earth Day groundbreaking for the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary.

describing the purpose of the elements and other relative educational information," Ungerleider said, noting that it will be a 2-3 year process before the gardens are fully up and running.

He said the facility would

promote access to resources, community ownership of process and product, localization, empowerment and collaboration, healthy eating, and organic and environmentally sound gardening and landscaping

practices.

"The very idea of sharing the beauty and usefulness of nature with the whole community will put us in the right spirit to truly understand, appreciate and give back to the world around us

as well," Pranav Srividhya, a Westmont seventh-grader, said during opening remarks at the groundbreaking.

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Lincolnwood event brings moms and sons out to fire station

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Dozens of kids like 5-year-old Matthew Williams had a ball last week nibbling on pizza and listening with their moms or other caretakers as Lincolnwood fire station personnel called out bingo numbers — and of course let kiddos explore parts of the firehouse.

"I am very excited. Matthew is also very excited," said Michelle Kapusta, Matthew's mother. "It's just fun to learn about the community and have the kids to talk to the firemen."

The Lincolnwood Elementary School kindergarten also helped to spin the bingo cage, all during the village's third annual Mother-Son Bingo event April 20.

Organizers said there were an estimated 60 registrants — including boys age 4 through 12 — for the sold-out event held at the Lincolnwood Fire Station on Lincoln Avenue. The youngsters could attend with their own mom or other adult caregiver.

"We started getting numerous requests for mom-son events and one of our co-workers came up with the idea to do bingo at the firehouse," said Linda Vering, community outreach and marketing coordinator with the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation department.

She believes that having it at the fire station makes the event popular, she said.

"They (children) get to get up close and personal with their heroes," Vering said.

In fact, several of the boys, including Williams, said they want to be a firefighter when they grow up.

The mother-son teams

paid \$20 per pair — depending on village residency — for the 90-minute dinner event that also included prizes, sweets and lemonade.

Fire personnel announced bingo numbers and welcomed families. Children could try on such fire gear as helmets, with the assistance of professionals.

"I think it's awesome to see the mothers interact with their sons," said Lincolnwood Fire Department Battalion Chief Bryan Pierce. "It's always nice to open our doors here, especially to the public."

The firefighters were all smiles too.

"We're very happy to share our space," said firefighter/paramedic Dan Traeder. "This is one of the things that we love to do. ... It's an honor for us to do it."

While the Lincolnwood park district and the fire department collaborated to host the bingo event, Vering acknowledged Physicians Immediate Care as a sponsor.

The health care provider had a table with giveaways such as tubes of lip balm and more.

"I think it's a great event," said Yvette Mojica, brand ambassador for Physicians Immediate Care, a walk-in urgent care clinic affiliated with Presence Health with more than 40 locations. "We're happy to support the community."

For resident Keri Vietti, spending time with her boys — Connor, 7, and Liam, 5 — was a chance to have some exclusive mom time with them.

"It's very good," Vietti said, complimenting event organizers. "My daughter is home with my husband so everyone is getting a little alone time today."



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Lincolnwood resident Keri Vietti and her 5-year-old son, Liam, call out "bingo" at the Mother-Son Bingo event April 20 at the Lincolnwood Fire Station.



Matthew Williams, 5, of Lincolnwood, tries on fire gear and gets a high-five from Lincolnwood Fire Department Battalion Chief Bryan Pierce.

Myra Foutris accompanied her 7-year-old son Yianni.

"This is our third time," Foutris said. "We look for-

ward to this every year. ... We love bingo!"

Karie Angell Luc is a freelancer.



Lincolnwood resident Keri Vietti, left, is inside a wardrobe location at the Lincolnwood Fire Station as Firefighter/Paramedic Brad Wasiele, background left, explains the equipment.

Dozens rally for librarian in Evanston Library work dispute

Woman is only African American librarian at library

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Dozens of supporters lined the hall outside the room where Evanston librarian Lesley Williams had a disciplinary hearing April 20, rallying on her behalf and decrying the workplace allegations she's facing.

"I'm thrilled so many people are interested," said Williams, 55, who has

worked at Evanston Public Library for 21 years.

"People who work with me, who are familiar with my work, are shocked that something that sounds like normal work stuff would be subject to this level of scrutiny."

Williams, head of adult services at the library, said she is on paid administrative leave, ordered by library administrators as they consider disciplinary action in response to what has been called a "personal matter."

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Rev. Michael Nabors, of the Second Baptist Church in Evanston and president of the NAACP Evanston Branch, along with others, rallied April 20 in support of Evanston Public Library adult services librarian Lesley Williams at the Civic Center in Evanston. She is facing workplace disciplinary action.

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Police: Student possibly target of shooting plot

BY MIKE ISAACS
 Pioneer Press

A McCracken Middle School student who believed she was possibly the target of a planned school shooting by two other students reported the incident to school personnel, which led to the pair's arrest April 19, according to Skokie police.

Police said 13- and 14-year-old boys, both Skokie residents, have been referred to the Juvenile Justice Bureau of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office — which will determine what charges, if any, will be filed, police said.

The students are no longer in police custody, authorities said.

Skokie police said detectives have determined no "viable threat" to the school community exists.

"No known access to firearms and no weapons were recovered in this incident," said Skokie police Chief Tony Scarpelli.

In fact, the chief said, it was determined the students didn't have the ability to acquire any.

Other students suspected of knowing about the plan were interviewed. They were determined to have no criminal connection to the incident, Scarpelli said.

Based on the report the school gave to police, Sgt.

John Moersfelder said, police took the incident as an actual threat.

Neither police nor school officials disclosed more about the incident, including how the student came to believe she was targeted.

In a follow-up news release April 20, police said "the role of social media in this incident remains under investigation."

"It's not uncommon for us to learn that there were social media communications in incidents like this. So it's germane to the investigation to see whether there is content or no content exists," Scarpelli said. "It's such a serious matter, you're not going to leave any stones unturned."

McCracken, with its approximately 340 students, is one of three schools that make up Skokie School District 73.5.

School district Superintendent Kate Donegan did not return calls seeking comment.

Parents acknowledged receiving an email notification from school officials about the incident.

"I'm glad they notified us," said Rahmil Magsino, who was at McCracken April 20 to pick up his 4th-grade son. The boy attends a nearby elementary school, but was at the middle school for an after-school play.

"There's not much else we can do," Magsino said.

In 2014, McCracken closed for a couple of days because of a series of Instagram social media threats that were posted and shared among 6th-graders.

Moersfelder said that after investigating that incident, police determined it was a social media prank.

"I think we released information about that incident after it was said and done that it was a hoax," he said.

Police are regarding this case differently, he said.

"We don't have that same indication at this time. We're checking to see if it's an avenue we should pursue in this investigation," Moersfelder said.

The police chief said the students could have been "very serious" about their plan or they could have been playing a joke.

"We don't differentiate," Scarpelli said. "We're going to take it seriously. If there's a threat like this, there's no margin for error. We take it seriously, and we're going to investigate it to the fullest extent."

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Road work continues on Harts Road

Staff Report

Harts Road from Milwaukee Avenue to Croname Road is currently being resurfaced, and work is expected to be completed by late spring, officials said.

Niles officials said the state project is being over-

seen by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The completion date is scheduled for June 5, officials said.

Daytime lane closures continue to be part of the project, according to Niles officials.

Officials said the inter-

section at Gross Point Road and Touhy Avenue is omitted from the project because of upcoming planned intersection improvement at that location.

Niles officials are advising motorists to leave extra travel time when driving this route.

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While she said she could not go into specific details about the issue, Williams said she is accused of "gross incompetence, insubordination and not contributing to a healthy work environment."

"There's disagreement on how I handled problems with two programs," Williams said, and some issues with "interpersonal communication."

Library Director Karen Danczak Lyons did not respond to requests for comment.

Evanston City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz said city staff, including library workers, could not talk about the allegations because they are considered a confidential personnel matter.

The disciplinary hearing was held at the Civic Center in Evanston, and Williams' supporters were there carrying signs, hugging her and

"Ms. Williams has consistently provided programming that counters the traditional mainstream library offerings and intentionally includes most diverse subsets of the community. Her work has made a positive academic, social, and cultural impact upon ... Evanston."

— Letter from OPAL, the Organization for Positive Action and Leadership

offering her reassurances that they stood by her.

"We stand with Lesley," several of the placards read.

Williams said the community support is born out of, in part, the fact that she is the only African American librarian in a city where African American residents make up 20 percent of the population.

The library employs 23 librarians — 18 full-time and five part-time — and serves an estimated 600,000 patrons annually among its three branches, according to the EPL website.

"A lot of African Americans have felt they are not

represented at the library," Williams said.

"They have adopted me as one of their own who really represents them."

Williams said her work as a librarian includes making sure children's books represent readers of color and recommending programs that might interest a more diverse audience, among other efforts.

The librarian said she expects a decision from the disciplinary hearing some time this week.

Possible actions against her could range from a verbal reprimand to a multi-day suspension, she

said.

A diverse swath of supporters turned out April 20 for Williams' sake, including members of several church organizations, people from various racial and ethnic groups, and participants and leaders of community organizations, including the local chapter of the NAACP.

Members of the Evanston group OPAL, the Organization for Positive Action and Leadership, wrote a letter to library board President Michael Tannen asking that Williams' allegations be dismissed.

"Ms. Williams has consistently provided program-

ming that counters the traditional mainstream library offerings and intentionally includes most diverse subsets of the community. Her work has made a positive academic, social, and cultural impact upon the City of Evanston," the letter read.

"Over the years, Ms. Williams has fought to increase the minimal listings of offerings among both the African American and Latino collections. We have supported her past efforts, because it decreases the marginalization of our community and promotes a better Evanston," the letter read.

It was signed by OPAL President Roger Williams (no relation to Lesley Williams).

Other supporters praised Williams' "leadership," her "representation for the black community" and for being "a fierce advocate for equitable distribution of library resources," according

to a collective community organization statement.

The supporters included Rev. Michael Nabors, senior pastor at Second Baptist Church of Evanston and president of the Evanston/North Shore NAACP, and Dilnaz Waraich, board member at Open Communities at the Muslim Community Center of Morton Grove, among other friends and allies, according to the statement.

"Second Baptist Church Evanston and the Evanston/North Shore NAACP, along with many other groups, support Lesley Williams as a tireless advocate for social justice, human rights and civil rights," Nabors said, in the statement. "We stand with her because she is a member of the Evanston family. Justice demands that people of goodwill stand for justice."

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Strength and support at Breathe Deep event

In what has become an annual North Shore tradition, area residents turned out en masse April 23 to support LUNgevity at the Breathe Deep North Shore walk and fun run.

The event is one of dozens of walks taking place nationwide to benefit the lung cancer nonprofit that funds research and support efforts.

More than \$200,000 was raised at the event that takes place at Deerfield High School.

The effort was started in 2012 by Deerfield resident Sue Bersh after her best friend died from lung cancer.

This year's co-chairs were Lisa and George Spathis of Highland Park.

— Staff report



Tom Gotz, of Elmhurst, left, makes bubbles during the Breathe Deep North Shore Run/Walk.

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Tracy Murphy of Island Lake talks about her mother's passing after battling cancer for 14 years when doctors told her she wouldn't live over a year.



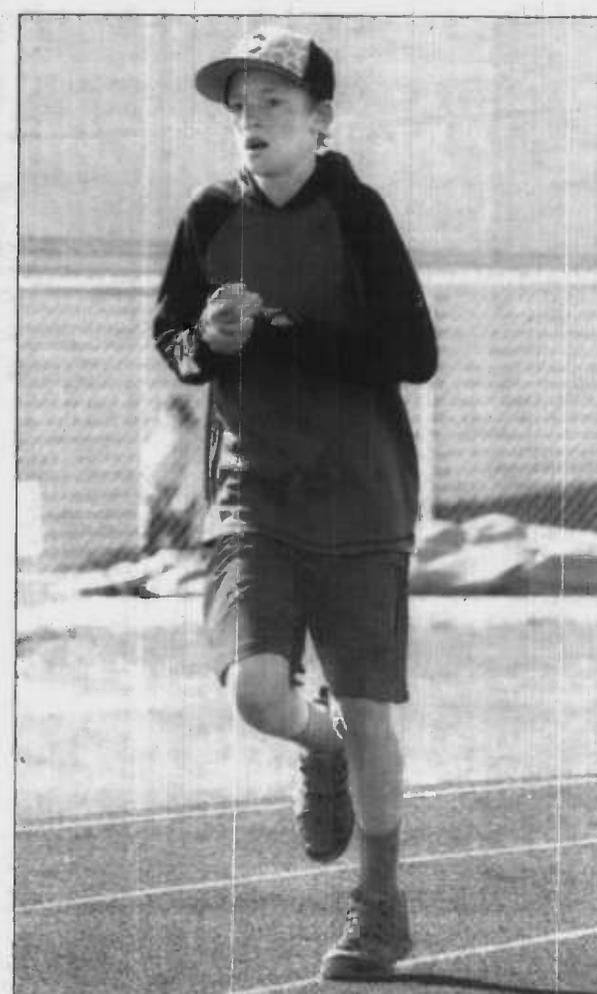
Thousands came out to support the annual Breathe Deep North Shore Run/Walk on April 23 at Deerfield High School.



Melanie Pascal of Highland Park dances with balloons during Breathe Deep North Shore.



The balloon launch is a central moment during Breathe Deep North Shore.



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Easter challenges where faith can take us



RANDY BLASER

I had an English professor who once lectured that if you took a timeline of events that charted both Christmas and Easter, and you then took that timeline and turned it sideways so you could view it lengthwise from beginning to end, you would see Christmas and Easter line up as basically the same event.

I forget the novel we were studying at the time, but I have long remembered the sight of her standing before the class with her hands spread apart, marking Christmas with one hand and Easter with the other, then turning them as if she was looking down the barrel of a gun, to view those holy pages along the same plane.

Yes, a group of us looked at each other with an expression of "What is she talking about?" And I've wondered about it nearly every Easter ever since. Not so much at Christmas, which is wrapped up in so much excitement and

decorating and entertaining and parties that there is little time to think of a deeper meaning.

But Easter gives you time to reflect. And after all these years, at Easter Mass this year, the priest talked about Christmas and Easter existing on similar planes, just as my old English prof lectured so many years ago.

With one, there was a birth, you see, which put an end to struggle and pain and hopelessness. And with the other, there is a death, which gives way to new life and an end to struggle and pain and hopelessness.

Over time, I've come to enjoy the Easter story much more than the Nativity.

My mom used to say that Christmas was for kids. She meant the wonder and excitement and the presents. But she was right in more ways than that. Christmas, the incarnation of the creator of the universe, is a story best believed by children, like Santa and the Easter bunny or the gods of myth.

But the Easter story is different. It's meant for grown ups. It's rated PG.

Think about it. It's a



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Students carry a cross during a Stations of the Cross service at Nazareth Academy in La Grange during Holy Week.

pretty violent story filled with betrayal, denial, brutal bloody beatings and the wrongful death of an innocent in the most awful manner devised by man.

What could drive such cruelty as a crucifixion? I mean, when the Romans put someone on the cross,

they weren't messing around. They killed you, dead. No doubt about it. With a lot of pain and suffering thrown in before actual death for good measure.

And if that's all there was to the story, just another cruel Roman execution

of a Jewish nobody in the god-forsaken isolated desert of ancient Palestine, what would it even matter?

It wouldn't, now would it? Even if the dead guy had been a wonder worker in life, he would soon be forgotten.

But that wasn't the end-

Over time, I've come to enjoy the Easter story much more than the Nativity.

of the story. His followers claimed one more wonder — resurrection.

If God could become human, then it naturally follows that the same God-man could be killed.

But no one, in the history of humanity, ever came back to life.

And that's the question we are left to ponder as we approach the Christian season known as Pentecost. How did we get here and where are we going?

If you look down the length of the history of humanity, you see the answers to those questions line up in the similar events that we celebrate as Christmas and Easter. We came from an incarnation and we are all going to Calvary, that's for sure. But the resurrection part is where only faith can take us.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Talking about monikers with What's His Name



PAUL SASSONE

Francis. That's my middle name. And I've always hated it. True, it was my father's and grandfather's first name, so I should be proud to bear it.

But Francis also was the

name of a talking mule in a series of movies in the 1950s.

You can imagine what a bunch of grade schoolers said when they taunted that you were named after a talking mule.

What kid wouldn't have been mortified to be named Francis?

But what is a common name today?

Last I saw, the top names people are giving their kids is Noah, Liam

and Mason for boys and Emma, Olivia and Sophia for girls.

Quite a stretch from John and Mary.

But, those lists are wrong.

It is my experience that the most common name in the United States is: What's His Name? or What's Her Name?

Just the other day I was talking to a friend on the phone and asked, "How's What's His Name doing?"

That same day I asked someone else (whose name also was What's His Name) if What's His Name (no relation) was feeling better.

Then there was this guy — What's His Name — who asked me if I were going to write something on a certain subject.

So, I called, oh, What's Her Name to get some information on that topic.

She said I really needed to talk to What's His Name. So I got back on the

phone and told What's His Name that What's Her Name said only What's His Name could answer my question.

Strange, isn't it, that I never noticed before how many people have the same name.

I guess one becomes more observant as one gets older.

And while we are on the topic of names, I thought it would be interesting to look up popular animal

names.

Francis was not among them.

But the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals listed these as popular: Max, Sam, Lady, Bear and Smoky.

This will not be welcome news to my cat, um, you know, What's Her Name.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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An airport worker walks through the United Airlines terminal April 18 at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

United Airlines misstep opens larger dialogue on air travel



PAT LENHOFF

United, you have great timing. Just when I go on record recently proclaiming you my favorite airline while taking you to task over LeggingGate, you add insult to injury by doing something that makes the leggings debate look like child's play.

By now, everyone knows of United's huge blunder. A paying passenger was dragged off an overbooked flight by aggressive security officials. The man suffered a broken nose and concussion and had teeth knocked out. The 69-year-old doctor dared to lay claim to his seat rather than make room to accommodate United employees who needed to get to the flight's destination in Louisville. So much for friendly skies.

I doubt you'll find anyone who would call flying fun these days, unless you're seated in first class perhaps. Since the vast majority of us are in the cattle car section known as economy, we know what it is like to be lined up and

shoehorned into place. We are told not to gather around the lavatories, despite health experts' recommendations that movement during a flight is crucial in preventing life-threatening deep vein thrombosis. A small drink has replaced the full meals of the past.

You know what? We have, for the most part, adjusted as a flying public. Our lowered expectations mean we just want the basics. The new priorities are just to get us to where we're headed on time and at a fare not too outrageously priced while we sit in an uncomfortable, but not tortuous, seat.

In addition, fares are fully paid in advance, sometimes months in advance. Meaning that almost no seat, even empty ones, are revenue-losers. Airlines have our cash in hand long before our boarding call.

In exchange, it doesn't seem too much to ask that we get what we paid in advance for. A booked seat on a plane of our choice, in a specific time frame and to the destination we have chosen is all we ask. Only weather or acts beyond control should be exceptions.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, rules have changed dramatically

and airlines do have a hard job to ascertain potential threats in the airport, on the tarmac and in the air. It's safe to say that screaming and carrying on as an attempt to hold on to your seat in these new days of air travel is likely not the best ways to handle yourself, even if you're right in principle.

The larger picture here is the airlines' love of over-booking flights. There hasn't been one time in the more than 30 years we've done yearly Las Vegas convention trips that volunteers aren't asked to vacate seats due to over-booking.

Think of all the extra revenue airlines have advance access to with so many flights oversold. Add in change fees for any no-shows who re-book later, plus the fact that those seats were basically sold twice, and I think the congressmen who are talking legislation about this newly highlighted practice are definitely justified.

Flying should benefit passenger and airline alike, but it sure doesn't feel that way. Something needs to change.

Pat Lenhoff is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

There are still Good Samaritans

I don't usually answer the doorbell when I'm not expecting anyone, especially on weekend mornings. I really don't like telling earnest-looking people holding clipboards or boxes of food-stuffs that I'm very busy or asking them to come back later, not really meaning it.

But a recent Saturday morning, while catching up on some work at my desk, I got up to answer the door. When I saw a man standing there I didn't recognize, I didn't pull my usual, "Oh, they must want me to sign a petition!" move and slowly back away from the door. Instead, I opened it and was so glad I did.

As it turns out, it was a nice gentleman named Paul, who really did me a solid favor by finding my debit card in an ATM machine in Western Springs, where I had absent-mindedly left it an hour or so before that. He recognized my name from this newspaper (take that, Internet-only news!) and asked a mutual friend if she knew where he could return it. She lives down the street from me, and pointed



LYNN PETRAK
Home on LaGrange

him in my direction.

He and I chatted for a while and I hope he wasn't taken aback when I gave him a hug. I may not have a bunch of money in my bank account, but I was grateful that he was kind enough to find and return my card.

That wasn't the only Good Samaritan I have encountered lately. Not long ago, I took my freshman son out for his very first time behind the wheel. (You can probably tell where this story is going by that sentence alone.)

My son made the rookie but still totally terrifying mistake of mixing up the gas and brake when pulling into a parking spot, and the van rammed up and over a curb and onto a parkway. When I took over the wheel and backed the car gently

back down to the parking lot, something came loose from below the front bumper, rendering the car immobile.

There aren't a lot of people in a forest preserve parking lot at 8 a.m. on a rainy Sunday, but we found the perfect Good Samaritan there, who ambled over to the car and inspected the damage.

He went back to his vehicle and pulled out a coat hanger (!), which he used to lift up the piece of plastic that had been knocked loose and hook it into the grill. He wished us well as I profusely thanked him for his serendipitous assistance.

I can't thank both men enough for coming to my aid and reminding me that the Good Samaritan story isn't as much of a relic as it may seem. The lesson for me, and hopefully for my son, is to be mindful and watchful, and be that kind of help to someone else in need.

That, and it's a good idea to carry an extra coat hanger in the car.

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The dirt on Plant Nites

Make-your-own terrarium events mix creativity and cocktails

By SAMANTHA NELSON

Pioneer Press

Twice each month, a side room at Fox & Hound in Arlington Heights gets decked out with bright green tablecloths covered with troughs of dirt, buckets of rocks and water spritzers. The roughly 40 seats sell out more than a month in advance as friends and family come together to share some cocktails, beer and snacks and build their own terrariums.

Michael Scarpelli opens the event with a toast, asking everyone to "promise to relax and have fun." He's been the Chicago owner of Plant Nite since August 2016, running about four events each week at bars and restaurants throughout the area including Anyway's Pub and Gulliver's Pizza and Pub, both in Oakbrook Terrace; North Shore Distillery in Libertyville; Chuck's Southern Comfort Cafe in Darien; and Riverview Tavern and Glascotts Saloon, both in Chicago.

Throughout the night, Scarpelli provides general instructions on how to pack in dirt, plant succulents, cover them with stones to trap in moisture and then customize the terrarium with decorative moss, multi-colored pebbles, pinwheels, and toy lizards and dinosaurs. He also visits tables offering individual tips, making sure everyone has the materials they need and checking out the different ways people have designed their terrariums, whether it's a very natural look or one where the plants are accented by hot pink and turquoise hues and rocks with music lyrics written on them.

"I push people to make them their own since at the end of the night, they're bringing them home," he said.

Scarpelli got his start with Plant Nite's sibling company, Paint Nite,

which runs social events where participants are guided through creating a painting while they have drinks. Plant Nite launched in 2015 and now operates in 55 cities around the country.

"We saw the demand for people looking for something new and different to do," said Plant Nite public relations manager Courtney Osgood. "People who attend Paint Nite attend multiple times and we know that there's a need for more creativity in people's lives, so we started exploring other event concepts that could fit into our current business model."

Many of Scarpelli's venues host both Paint Nite and Plant Nite events and plenty of attendees have tried both.

"The feedback that I've gotten from people is that they find Plant Nite less stressful," he said. "There are less steps to follow. It's not a classroom; it's a party. They want some time to hang out and enjoy each other's company while they do something creative."

Camille Lee of Addison had been to painting events before she attended Plant Nite at Fox & Hound and said that she found her Plant Nite creation more useful.

"I love creating something that is alive and yet beautiful," she said. "I've done the painting and it was a fun event, but when I got home it's not like I was going to hang the artwork up. This was a lot more practical."

Chicagoan Courtney Potempa also said she felt productive attending Plant Nite with her sister Ashley Barra of Schaumburg.

"It's just something different to do rather than sitting at a bar drinking," she said. "I'm drinking and being creative."

Mary Beth Michaels and Carla Stein of Buffalo Grove both like gardening and art projects and attended a Plant Nite class to



PLANT NITE CHICAGO PHOTOS

North Shore Distillery in Green Oaks is a monthly host of Plant Nite terrarium-making events.



At Plant Nite events, participants can build terrariums over drinks.

share their passions.

"We decided instead of exchanging holiday gifts we would do fun things together," Michaels said. "We like being creative."

Plant Nite isn't the only business helping people add some creativity to their night out by building terrariums. Evanston's Cultivate Urban Rainforest & Gallery has been running BYOB terrarium making classes since it opened 18 months ago.

"We've had whole families come in together to do the class," said owner Louise Rosenberg. "We actually had a wedding party. These guys were getting married and they wanted to have terrariums for centerpieces. I said it would be cheaper for you guys and really fun stress relief before the party if everyone made the terrariums."

Patrons often grab a bottle from Cultivate's next-door neighbor,

The Wine Goddess, and then take a tour of the store for inspiration. Rosenberg provides an overview, teaches attendees how to use various tools and provides all the materials. She also helps people pick out plants and accompanying moss and ferns.

"I teach what plants work well together and thrive in the container they want to put them in," Rosenberg said. "Most people are not happy when they lose plants."

Scarpelli is considering adding Plant Nite Chicago events focused on herb gardens for spring, but said his events are currently focused on succulents because they're unlikely to die even if their owners forget to water them for extended periods of time.

"They're really low maintenance, no experience required," he said. "I always joke with people that they're easily neglected."

For more information on Plant Nite, go to www.plantnite.com and for information on classes at Cultivate Urban Rainforest, go to www.cultivateurbanrainforest.com.

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EXHIBIT

Rolling Stones artifacts pack nostalgic punch at Navy Pier

By **STEVE JOHNSON**
 Chicago Tribune

The Rolling Stones appearing on Navy Pier sounds like a latter-day Stones move: the one-time bad boys of Brit rock, drug criminals across multiple continents, the anti-Beatles, casting their lot with a carnival-midway tourist destination for the sake of another big payday.

But while it is tempting to see “Exhibitionism,” the rich trove of Stones artifacts filling a mansion’s worth of space on the Pier’s east end, as yet another maneuver to cash in on a career whose creative heyday is years past, the reality is more complex and the show itself is much more winning than that.

“Exhibitionism,” which will be up through July 28, is not just another place to buy a \$30 T-shirt on Navy Pier. It is more, too, than a standard-issue celebration of a storied career. From the six-string that guitarist Keith Richards painted in psychedelic colors while on acid to the assortment of Satan-by-way-of-the-runway outfits singer Mick Jagger wore while performing “Sympathy for the Devil,” “Exhibitionism” tries to connect Stones fans with the nitty-gritty of being a living, breathing, ridiculously successful rock ‘n’ roll band.

If, along the way, you happen to be floored by a reel-to-reel tape box containing what the handwritten label says is the master recording of “Beast of Burden,” so much the better. If Richards’ 1963 touring diary reminds you that at one point, Keith, Mick, Brian Jones, Bill Wyman and Charlie Watts were just another set of blokes grinding it out across England as a blues cover band, well, that’s



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A detail of the apartment in London, England, shared by the Rolling Stones band members, is part of an exhibit on the group at Navy Pier.

‘Exhibitionism’

When: Through July 30

Where: Festival Hall, Navy Pier

Tickets: Timed entry, \$25 to \$35 (adult)

Information: www.stonesexhibitionism.com

where the magic lies.

The value in this — as opposed to another great-hits football-stadium concert tour — lies in the intimacy. It’s Mick talking about songwriting or opining, in a wall quote, that the fashion and the attitude — the aura — count almost as much as the music. It is an early publicity photo of the lads dressed in matching houndstooth suits, Watts already looking the older gentleman.

It’s when the exhibit steps back into the Stones’ early days that it makes its most human connections. You see a re-creation of the apartment Mick, Keith and Brian, and sometimes Charlie, occupied in London’s Chelsea neighborhood in 1963. It is all dirty dishes, cigarette butts, empty beer bottles and

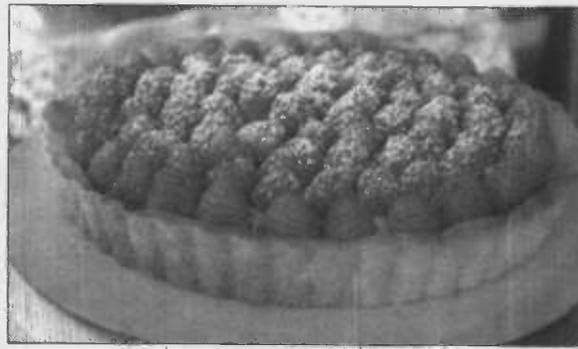
records by the band’s mentors, the likes of Chuck Berry and Chicago bluesman Willie Dixon.

The next room, “Meet the Band,” covers the birth of the Stones. Richards’ diary notes that, in January 1963, the band earned 42 pounds. But then the band gets bigger, in a seeming flash, and then even bigger than that. Screams of fans drown out their attempts to play live shows. Each of the galleries is effective in its own right. Especially potent are sections with the guitars of Richards and later addition Ronnie Wood and their reflections on each instrument, a mix-your-own-Stones-tune headphone station and a nifty re-creation of what it’s like backstage at a big arena show.

If you want more Stones music, you can load it up on your own player. If you want to spend an afternoon breathing in the aroma of this groundbreaking band, and of what rock music was like at the highest levels in its defining era, “Exhibitionism” will deliver — what’s the word again? — satisfaction.

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worth the
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Chris Natman
and Susan
Rosentreter at
their workplace,
Fountainhead.
The pair are
happy to be
"work spouses."

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I take you to be my work spouse

Super-close platonic relationships on rise, study finds. Psychologists say the phenomenon is usually a good thing Page 14

SUBURBAN COOKS

Fresh, simple ingredients pack big flavor

Mexican chef serves authentic food from truck

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

Cinco de Mayo is a big day for Eduardo Oliver but not only because of his Mexican heritage.

"Everyone wants Mexican food that day," Oliver said. He is happy to fill that demand with both his Aurora restaurant, the Taco Grill and Salsa Bar, and his food truck. This year his food truck will be part of the second annual Food Truck Festival during downtown Aurora's First Fridays event on May 5.

Oliver, who lives in Naperville, worked at his brother's Westmont restaurant for 15 years before opening his own restaurant. "I first thought I would just have a food truck," he said. "But then this location was available so I did both."

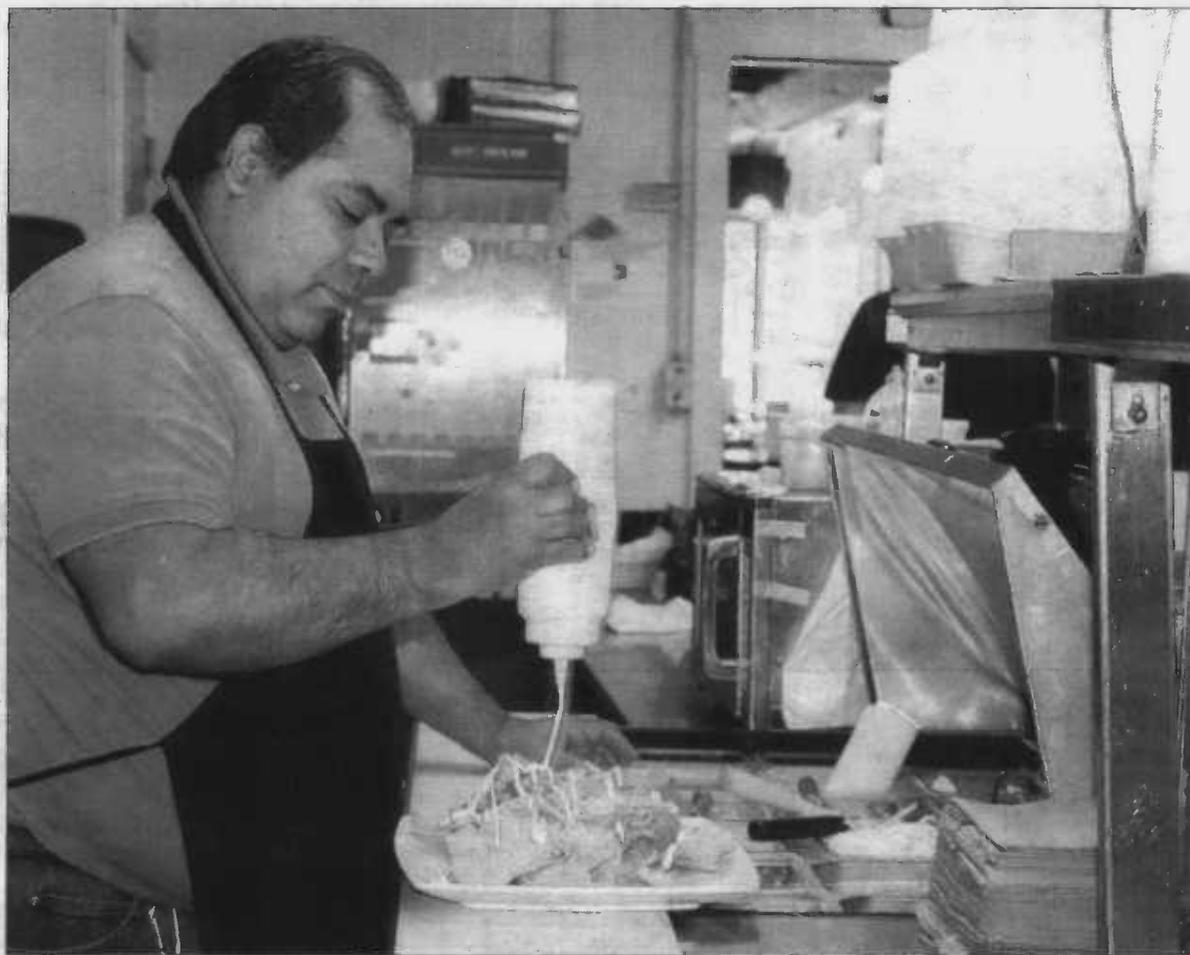
He said having a full restaurant kitchen where advance preparation can take place and supplies can be properly stored made it easier to operate the food truck. His biggest seller from the food truck is "nachos and more nachos. People like a lot of nachos."

He said that when many Americans think of Mexican food, they are usually thinking of Tex-Mex.

"It is different from what is Mexican food but that is OK. We do both."

There are subtle differences including the amount and type of cheese and the choice of meats and seasonings.

One thing that often surprises customers who come to his restaurant is his salsa bar. "I have up to 15 different salsas on the bar at a time," he said. Although many may think of salsa as being mainly red tomatoes with seasoning, there are actually many varieties and



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

Chef Eduardo Oliver dishes up a serving of nachos, one of his best sellers on his food truck.

temperatures of salsa, the Spanish term for sauce. Oliver notes that is not only the seasonings and ingredients that change the flavor but also the method of preparation.

"When I cook the ingredients on the grill, it is a different flavor than if I cook it on the stove," he said.

One feature that distinguishes Oliver's cooking as being authentic Mexican is his use of pork. Traditional Mexican dishes usually feature more pork and chicken and less beef.

One of his restaurant's signature dishes is tortas, which are often called a Mexican sandwich. Oliver has a supplier who provides him with a specialty bread that looks similar to

French bread. He freshly bakes the bread to order for each sandwich. There are several options for pork fillings plus a chicken or steak option.

"Then we add the beans, avocado, onions, tomatoes, and mayonnaise," Oliver said. He also makes a Hawaiian torta which features roast pork topped with pineapple, ham, beans, avocado, tomatoes and cheese.

Another unique dish Oliver makes is an alambre, an interesting mix of steak, green peppers, onions, ham and bacon topped with melted cheese. It is served with tortillas on the side.

Oliver said that whenever he wants an idea for something different to try, he calls his mother in Mexi-

Eduardo's Culinary Cue

Yellow onions have a stronger flavor where white onions are milder. When you want the flavor to be stronger like in salsa, use yellow onions. When you want the flavor to blend more as in guacamole, use white onions.

Food Truck Festival

What: Food Truck Festival during First Fridays in downtown Aurora. Several food trucks will gather on Benton Street and serve from 5 until 10 p.m. Live music celebrating Cinco de Mayo from 6 to 10 p.m. at Millennium Plaza on Stolp Avenue featuring Sonos de Mexico Ensemble at 6 p.m. and James Sanders' Conjunto Latin Jazz at 8 p.m. Downtown museums will be open for visitors. Art and live music at various venues from 6 p.m. until midnight.

When: May 5 beginning at 5 p.m.

Where: Downtown Aurora

More information: www.auroradowntown.org

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"My mom is a very good cook. She always is able to give me some good ideas,"

he said with a proud smile.

Oliver shared a few dishes that are simple treats for Cinco de Mayo.

Creamy Red Salsa

- 1/2 pound red pepper's
- 3 medium red tomatoes
- 3 medium yellow onions
- 5 ounces garlic
- Vegetable oil

1. Take the stem off the red peppers. Remove the tomato stems and cut tomatoes in half. Peel onions and cut in half. Peel garlic. Heat about three tablespoons of oil in a medium frying pan. Add peppers, tomatoes, onions and garlic.

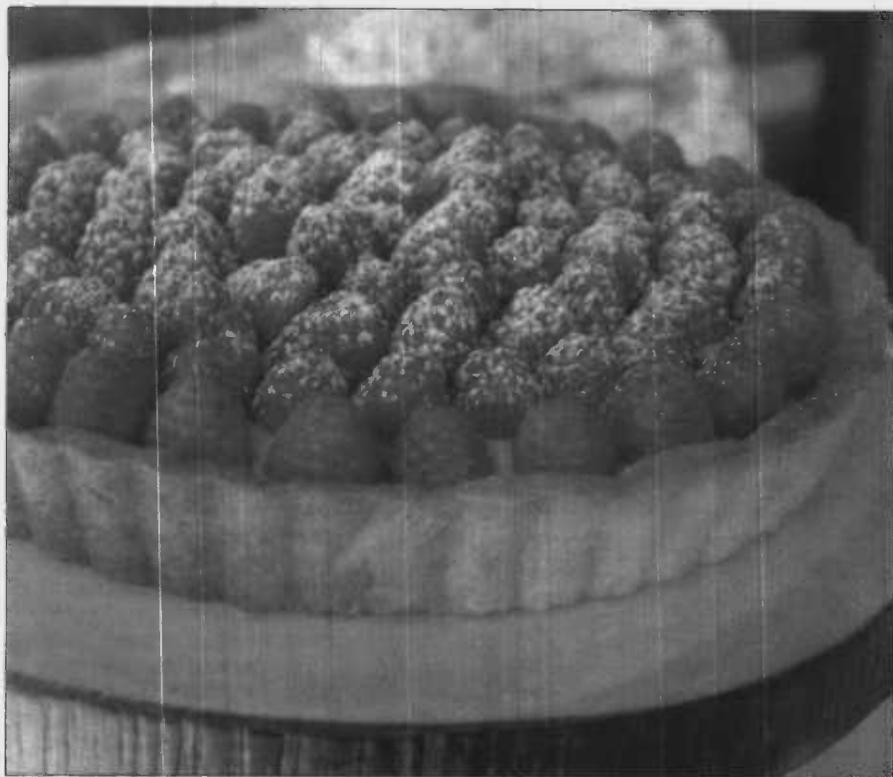
2. Stir and fry until tomatoes lose their shape and all ingredients are soft. Mix well until creamy. Salsa is then ready to serve.

Guacamole

- 2 ripe avocados
- 1 tomato
- 1/2 of a medium white onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1-2 limes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1. The key to good guacamole is the ripeness of the avocado. Test avocados by pressing lightly. The avocado should be soft but not mushy. Peel avocado and remove the pit. Place avocado in a bowl. Finely chop the tomato and onion and add to mixture. Add chopped cilantro.

2. Squeeze in the juice of one lime and add salt. Mash mixture in the bowl until it reaches your desired consistency. If mixture needs to be kept out for a long period of time, add a little more lime juice to keep mixture from turning brown.



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

Raspberry tart with brown sugar pastry cream.

Homemade fruit tarts take time, but well worth the effort



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

Most folks know I'm not the kind of person who makes or eats dessert on a regular basis, but I have been known to turn out a pretty dessert or two on a special occasion. Thanks to my stint in culinary school I've learned bunches about crowd-pleasing, fancy-pants desserts. During my years in school, I whipped up chocolatey-layered opera cake, torched a sweet creme brulee, and mass

produced mini-pavlovas all in the name of keeping up my GPA. I muddled my way through making Italian meringue, French but-tercream, and chocolate ganache, but I never caught the fever for making des-serts.

That being said, I have a major soft spot (or maybe I should say sweet spot) when it comes to making and eating a classic fresh fruit tart. I learned how to make a version of this pretty confection in school, served it as the final course at one of my first dinner parties and always find myself craving a slice of fruit tart when the weather starts to warm up in the spring.

It can be time consuming

to make a proper tart, but it's well worth the effort to make one from scratch. Traditional pie dough is made from white sugar and cold butter, but the pate brisee dough used in this tart calls for softened butter and powdered sugar. The shift in ingredients yields a shatteringly crisp crust and offers a perfect foil for a decadent brown sugar custard filling. I chose to celebrate a beautiful batch of raspberries when I garnish my most recent tart, but you should feel free to top your tart with whatever assortment of fruits and berries strikes your fancy.

Trust me, your friends and family will appreciate the fruits of your labor.

Raspberry Tart with Brown Sugar Pastry Cream

FOR THE BROWN SUGAR PASTRY CREAM:

- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Combine the brown sugar, flour and cornstarch in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whip attachment (or use a hand mixer). Whip the ingredients at medium speed until well combined. Add the egg yolks and salt and whip on high speed until the mixture is light and fluffy. Heat the milk in a saucepan over medium high heat until very hot. Add 1/4 cup of the hot milk to the egg yolk mixture and whisk constantly to combine. Whisk in another 1/4 cup of the hot milk into the yolk mixture followed by another 1/2 cup of the hot milk.

2. Add the warmed egg yolk and milk mixture to the remaining hot milk in the pan and place it over medium heat. Whisk the mixture constantly until it nearly boils and becomes very thick — about 7-8 minutes. Stir in the vanilla extract, whisk until smooth, and pour the pastry cream into a clean glass bowl. Place a piece of plastic wrap directly on the surface of the cream and refrigerate overnight.

FOR THE PATE BRISEE CRUST:

- 7 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 egg, separated
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- 1 tablespoon whole milk

1. Place the butter in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment and beat on medium speed for 1 minute. Add the powdered sugar and beat until well mixed. Add the egg yolk, flour and salt and beat on medium speed until a crumbly dough forms. Add the milk with the machine running to help the dough come together. Coat your hands with flour and gather the dough into a ball. Press it into a flat disk, wrap in plastic and refrigerate at least 2 hours (or overnight).

2. When ready to assemble the tart, remove the dough from the refrigerator and roll out into a 1/4-inch thick round on a floured board. The circle of dough should extend 1 1/2 inches beyond the size of a 9-inch tart pan with a removable bottom. Use the rolling pin to help you transfer the crust to the center of the pan. Gently press the dough into the pan, folding the edges in to make sturdy sides. Remove any excess dough by rolling pin over the top of the pan and use it to repair any cracks. Refrigerate the tart shell for 30 minutes.

3. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Prick the bottom of the tart shell with the tines of a fork in several places. Line the tart shell with parchment or foil and fill with pie-weights or dried beans. Blind bake the crust for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and take out the pie weights and parchment. Return the crust to the oven for 10 minutes until golden brown. Remove the crust from the oven, beat the reserved egg white until foamy, and brush it over the bottom and sides of the hot tart shell; the heat from the shell will cook the egg whites and seal the crust. Allow the crust to cool completely before filling.

FOR THE RASPBERRY TART:

- 1 prepared pate brisee crust
- 1 recipe brown sugar pastry cream
- 12 ounces fresh raspberries (blackberries, blueberries or strawberries can be substituted)
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar

1. Pour the pastry cream into the prepared tart shell and smooth to an even thickness. Arrange the raspberries in concentric circles on top of the pastry cream. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Dust with powdered sugar just before cutting into wedges. Makes 8-10 servings.

MY PET WORLD

Helping your dogs with a cross-country move

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My husband and I are moving to Nevada. We have two dogs who will be making the cross-country trip with us. One will be fine, but our Westie (West Highland Terrier) concerns us. He's not a fan of being in the car. Do you have any advice for how to make this a stress-free experience for him and all of us? — Diane Rosen, Glenview, IL

Thank you for moving with your dogs. I can't tell you the heartbreak I have witnessed working at animal shelters through the years from the depressed faces of dogs and cats left behind forever because their families were moving. Pets should always move with their families, and I am glad you are thinking of ways to make the trip easier for your dogs.

I have moved 19 times with my dogs and cats in tow, and the good news is, it's much easier today to move with a pet than it was 20 years ago. In addition to finding accommodations along the way that accept pets, there are also more things than ever to calm anxious pets during long car trips.

Going from your house to the vet's office is going to be different than a long-distance road trip. You will likely have blankets, crates, or dog beds for their comfort and maybe a few toys for their entertainment. So, start pre-conditioning your dog by introducing those



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Fresh air helps dogs with nausea caused by a long car ride, so crack open the windows a little throughout the trip and plan several stops where the dogs can spend 10 to 15 minutes out of the car.

things into the car now while making short trips to fun places around town, like a dog park or pet store. Increase the length of these car rides over a few weeks' time to see if your Westie adjusts.

Also, consider getting your Westie a pressure wrap, like an Anxiety Wrap or ThunderShirt, for car trips, which can make him feel calmer and more secure.

If he still isn't enjoying these short trips, then he may be suffering from some motion sickness. There are natural "calming" and "travel" over-the-counter supplements for dogs; I give my dog a "calming chew treat" before every

visit to the vet to take the edge off. While these may not have enough staying power for a long road trip, they might help.

If your Westie still doesn't improve, then talk to your veterinarian about an anti-anxiety medicine that also addresses nausea. Try the medication during short car rides and monitor how long it lasts so you can plan your long-distance trip accordingly. The goal is for your Westie to rest and sleep during most of the trip.

Also, feed your dog a little less on the morning before travel, and at least an hour before getting on the road, to reduce nausea. Fresh

air helps nausea, so crack open the car windows a little throughout the trip and plan several stops where the dogs can spend 10 to 15 minutes out of the car.

Q: Rosie, my 9-year-old Scotie (Scottish Terrier), has been trying to hide her dry dog food with the cloth mat, which is under the bowl. She also puts some food in her kitchen bed, which is near the bowl. She does eventually eat it all. I've been feeding her the same dry food for many years. I tried a new food, but she doesn't seem to like anything I've tried. Help!

— Lenore Ilberg, Sea Cliff, NY

A: It's not uncommon for dogs to hide food, toys and bones to keep them safe to enjoy later. While it's a normal dog behavior, because it's a new behavior for Rosie, there may be a new reason she's doing it.

If Rosie didn't like her food or had a medical issue, she would most likely reject her food altogether. If something changed in her environment, she might be uncomfortable eating near her bowl and so take the food elsewhere to finish.

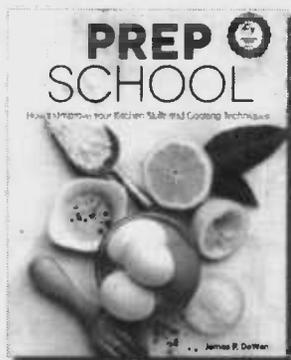
But you said she is a senior pet, and she hides her food under the mat and her kitchen bed, both of which are near her bowl.

I am thinking that as a senior pet, she may not need as much food as she used to and is choosing to hide the leftovers for later rather than leaving the food exposed in her bowl. Try decreasing her portions for a few days and feeding her smaller meals throughout the day to see if this stops this behavior.

New behaviors can't always be understood right away, so if this suggestion doesn't work, get back to me with more clues.

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Some progress in ongoing construction issues

Below is the latest installment in my ongoing coverage of construction issues experienced by some residents of D.R. Horton's Naperville Carillon Club senior living community.

Regular readers of this column will know that Joanne has had concerns with her home since moving in almost a year ago. (Her 1-year warranty expires April 29.) In one of her most recent updates, Joanne informed me that D.R. Horton refused to replace or reimburse her for her home's drafty and, in some cases, leaking windows. She received a letter from Horton:

"The energy testing company and the supplier and manufacturer determined that the windows are performing per the manufacturer's specifications and no seals were broken ... Based on the information herein, the windows do not need to be replaced and compensation is not necessary. We trust this provides the reassurance you are seeking with regard to the quality and performance of your windows."

On a more positive note, I also heard from Carillon resident Kim who told me she received a check "from D.R. Horton for

\$451.50, which is the amount that (D.R. Horton warranty manager) Tom Tuhy and I agreed upon to settle my complaints. While this is only half of what I spent for repairs, and does not include any of the cost of my garage-door opener, I am satisfied that at least my concerns were somewhat recognized and validated by the company."

Following these communications, I emailed D.R. Horton warranty manager Tom Tuhy and Horton spokesperson Marissa Awtry to follow up on Joanne's outstanding punch list and to inquire why Horton was unwilling to replace Joanne's windows or reimburse her for this cost.

- I also inquired into the status of three other Carillon Club residents' complaints:
- Warren's out-of-pocket replacement of all 19 of his home's windows following the failure to address them via his warranty.
 - Dominic's chipped and improperly installed wood floors.
 - Shirley's drafty windows, poor-quality



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

wood floors and improperly pitched sidewalk.

In response to my inquiry, Awtry replied, "We are in communication with each of these homeowners and are actively working to address their concerns. Customer satisfaction is important to D.R. Horton,

and while we have many happy homeowners in Carillon Club, we will continue to work toward a resolution with those mentioned below."

Joanne then reported that "Horton just called and asked me what I would settle for regarding the windows. I said \$15,000. I will keep you posted." Also, "(the HVAC company) is coming to reroute the furnace air intake on April 20."

She additionally told me the concrete/foundation contractor said her basement windows had been improperly installed and a foundation crack had been identified. Both problems were being addressed.

Said Shirley: "Tom Tuhy was here on April 6. He said there is no recourse for my

floor ... I am supposedly waiting for an independent agency to check my windows to determine whether they are tight ... Regarding my sidewalks, I've been told some time in the near future perhaps my two sidewalk squares will be replaced. I don't have anything resolved as of yet; it's all still in the promise stage, so we'll see." Dominic said, "We haven't heard from anybody on our floors."

Replied Warren, "D.R. Horton has not contacted me since the last phone call from Tom Tuhy that I reported (February 10)."

So at this juncture it looks like there is a partial resolution for Kim, several pending resolutions for Joanne, a wait-and-see situation for Shirley and Dominic and Warren have not been recently contacted.

When I inquired of Awtry regarding the disconnect, and asked if Joanne would receive \$15,000 to replace her windows, I received no reply.

Send your questions and complaints to HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com.

Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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Mother Earth's grim future

Recent fiction novels such as 'New York 2140' and 'American War' offer perspective, if not comfort, on effects of climate change

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

April is Earth Month; Saturday was Earth Day. In theory, these are meant to be celebrations of the big blue ball that is our home.

But it seems to be more of a mournful time for the Earth. Those of us who are concerned about the future can take our pick of climate canaries in the proverbial coal mine. Is it the cleaving of country-sized blocks from the Arctic ice shelf? Or temperatures in the high 60s for three February days in Chicago?

My own personal obsession is the Great Barrier Reef, which is experiencing a "shocking" bleaching event for the second year in a row. I wonder at what point the bleaching ceases to shock.

Of course, there are many works of fiction we can turn to for perspective, if not exactly comfort.

Two recent releases, "New York 2140" by Kim Stanley Robinson and "American War" by Omar El Akkad, are set in a future America where climate change has made the landscape significantly less habitable for humans.

"American War" is premised on a "Second Civil War," starting uncomfortably soon in 2074 and fought over the federal government's banning of fossil fuels in an effort to ameliorate the effects of sea level rise. Florida has nearly disappeared, and the nation's capital has moved to Columbus, Ohio. The "Free Southern States" go to war over their right to burn oil.

Robinson's "New York 2140" is set in a city that has canals rather than avenues, with the wealthy moving to high ground in 300-story towers. While climate change is the symptom that drives the conflict, Robinson (like El Akkad) shows that it is capitalism of the kind covered in Naomi Klein's "The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism" that is the underlying illness at the root of the crisis. Margaret Atwood's "MaddAddam Trilogy," which starts with "Oryx and Crake," offers a similar thesis, a world undone by our desire to "consume" as insatiable agents of commerce.

It's tempting to consider the use of climate emergencies as fiction fodder a recent trend, but in 1962's "The Drowned World," J.G. Ballard imagined the year 2145 without ice caps. London becomes a jungle where man is no longer the alpha predator.



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A rendering of the Statue of Liberty after a hypothetical rising of sea levels, as Kim Stanley Robinson's "New York 2140" and J.G. Ballard's "The Drowned World" imagined.

An heir to Ballard's work is perhaps Jeff VanderMeer's "Southern Reach" trilogy covering a series of expositions to Area X, a place where nature has been left to its own devices and is, to put it mildly, unfriendly to the intrusion of a series of manned expeditions. In both Ballard and VanderMeer's books, we see a hostile landscape, nature as beyond the control of man, but the 50 years between them demonstrate how the stakes have changed. Ballard's novel is a classic man versus nature adventure. VanderMeer's reads like a story of nature's revenge, where the roles are reversed.

While all the books above are powerful, I cannot say they are pleasant reading experiences if one is worried about climate change.

Not a novel, but still a work of imagination, Alan Weisman's "The World Without Us" engenders a different feeling. Weisman's book imagines an Earth where we are simply absent, gone before we have had a chance to do more damage.

The resulting speculations show a world of great resilience and beauty. Like in Robinson's novel, Manhattan is under water, but the diversity of what follows is incredible. Ultimately, Weisman aims to show that if we act immediately, we can preserve a place for ourselves on Earth, but one can't help but realize that the Earth itself is, indeed, better off without us.

John Warner is the author of "Tough Day for the Army." Follow him @biblioracle.

Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you've read.

1. "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
 2. "Dark Money" by Jane Mayer
 3. "All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation" by Rebecca Traister
 4. "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen
 5. "It Can't Happen Here" by Sinclair Lewis
- Denise P., Columbus, Ohio

I see an urge to read books that may help Denise grapple with the world we find ourselves in. My hope is that Mary Roach's "Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War" fits her desires — and entertains.

1. "All the Birds in the Sky" by Charlie Jane Anders
 2. "Too Like the Lightning" by Ada Palmer
 3. "Seven Surrenders" by Ada Palmer
 4. "The Couple Next Door" by Shari Lapena
 5. "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware
- Cindy T., Chicago

Cindy should enjoy a work of psychological suspense and mystery, with the bonus of a Chicago setting: "The Black Hour" by Lori Rader-Day

1. "The Idiot" by Elif Batuman
 2. "All Grown Up" by Jami Attenberg
 3. "The Rules Do Not Apply" by Arlet Levy
 4. "I Am Having So Much Fun Here Without You" by Courtney Maum
 5. "The Shipping News" by Annie Proulx
- Andi P., Taos, N.M.

"Eleen" by Ottessa Moshfegh has the right kind of guts and spirit to appeal to Andi.

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THE SOONER YOU KNOW: Oklahoma-born notables

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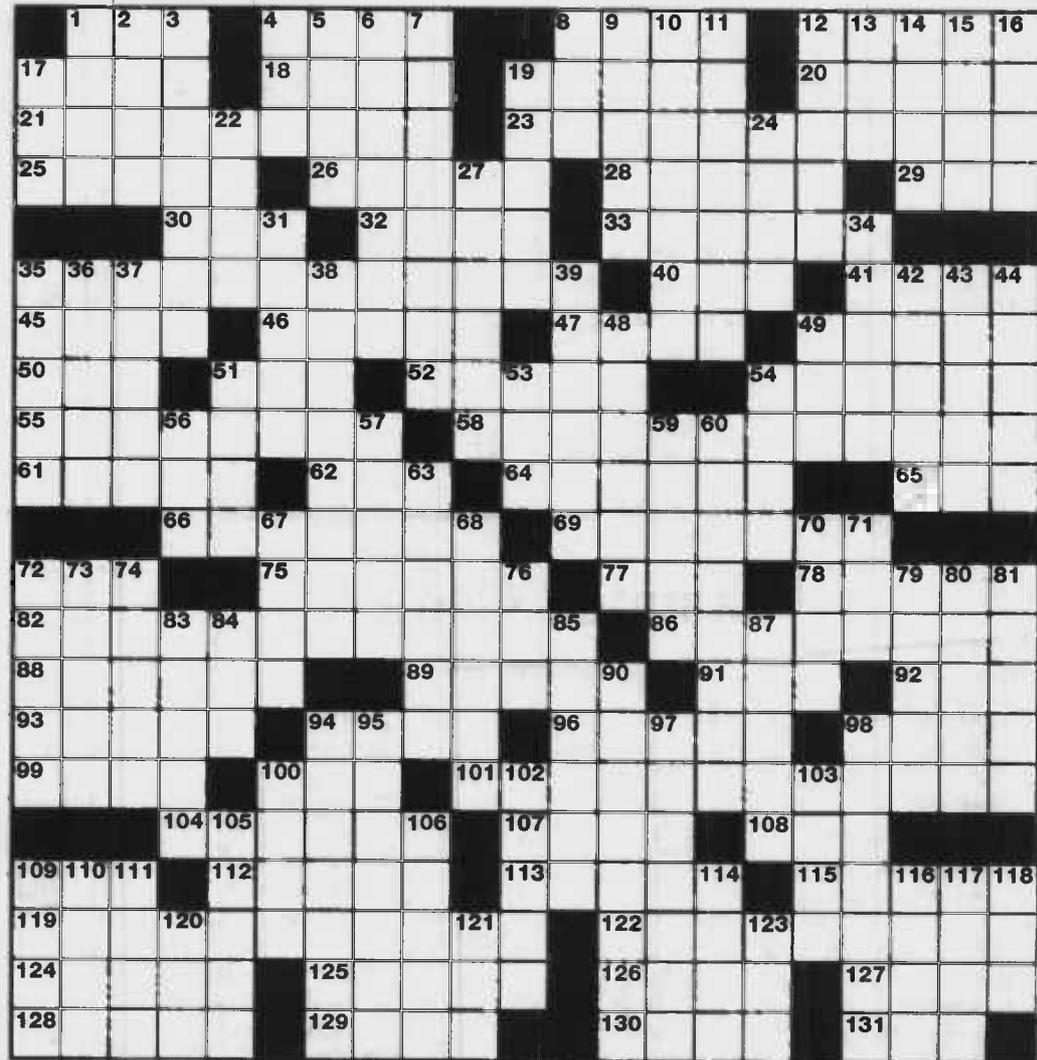
Across

- 1 *The Simpsons* shop owner
4 Four Corners state
8 Remini of *The King of Queens*
12 Constrict
17 Muffin flavor
18 Trivial
19 City west of Montgomery
20 Diva's gig
21 *Da Vinci Code* director
23 Iraq invasion commander
25 How some ales are served
26 "Get your mitts off me!"
28 Logically sound
29 Most populous NATO member
30 Hunters' org.
32 Naval commando
33 Govt. interest-paying investments
35 "This Land Is Your Land" songwriter
40 Contingencies
41 Surrender, so to speak
45 Quaint lodgings
46 Possible 51 Down cause
47 At the drop of —
49 Affected emotionally
50 Born: Fr.
51 Minor misstatement
52 Literary category
54 Nixes
55 Mexican saloons
58 Country music superstar
61 Church official
62 Capture
64 Olympian forger

- 65 Hi-speed Internet service
66 Oil company, often
69 Two-part state
72 Hosp. tubes
75 Newest American Leaguers
77 Qt. fractions
78 Casino call
82 New York Yankees great
86 Escalator alternative
88 Pied-— (second home)
89 "Work — for yourself"
91 Intention
92 Word before show or sheet
93 Extreme enthusiasm
94 Family diagram
96 Christians of Egypt
98 Prefix meaning "soil"
99 Stage scenery
100 Fannie —
101 *Invisible Man* author
104 Pitchfork parts
107 South American capital
108 Occupational suffix
109 Center starter
112 Absorb a loss
113 "— you!" ("Make my day!")
115 Players for runners
119 Country music superstar
122 Retail chain founder
124 Maui greeting
125 In the dark
126 Hefty volume
127 It means "air"
128 Star in Cygnus
129 Teachers' deg.
130 Caviar source
131 "—-hoo!"

Down

- 1 Elvis — Presley
2 Huff and puff
3 Releases, in melodramas
4 Ore diggers' org.
5 Shade close to aqua
6 Keeps from spreading
7 Wonderland croquet ball
8 Novelist Tolstoy
9 Horror film series addr.
10 Hydrogen/nitrogen compound
11 Barn area
12 Throng
13 UV index monitor
14 Outdoor blackboard info
15 Rankles
16 *The Martian* agency
17 Homie
19 Smirnoff rival
22 Nashville venue, for short
24 Is aptly sized
27 Acquire, as awards
31 Request for repetition
34 Composer Joplin
35 Flinch
36 300+-lb. NBA great
37 Nonstop
38 Study of cities
39 Tiny headphone
42 Don't go to
43 Turns suddenly
44 Henry Ford II's dad
48 Get well
49 Leaders of patriarchies
51 Combustion
53 L. Mead locale
54 Start of an ancient boast



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- 56 TelePromp—
57 Year-end temp job
59 Exams for would-be drs.
60 Fullerton campus
63 Name on 2016 bumper stickers
67 Kellerman of whodunits
68 Sussex scoundrel
70 Wooden wedge
71 Erstwhile space station
72 Mosque officials

- 73 Brief bios
74 Unseen trail
76 —-mo camera
79 Nest material
80 Grand-scale
81 Keep ar— (monitor)
83 Crunchy, in brand names
84 Distinctive period
85 "Father of Geometry"
87 Two-sided store section

- 90 Sailboat rigging supporters
94 Something thrown in anger
95 Sales districts
97 Ancient kilt-wearing ruler
98 Song's broadcast exposure
100 Old Testament kingdom
102 In-crowd
103 Sci-fi princess
105 Get-well process

- 106 Made off with
109 "By Jove!"
110 Blanched
111 Nutrient in spinach
114 Hermione in the Potter films
116 Bulldog of the comics
117 Major—
118 —-Caps (cinema candy)
120 *Der, auf Englisch*
121 Be jocular
123 Merge

Quote-Acrossic

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

Clues

Words

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| A. Burroughs 'subversive' classic: 2 wds. | 155 115 55 168 41 134 104 65 14 2 |
| B. Perry Mason's goal | 39 102 130 143 52 82 160 15 74 |
| C. Puts zing into | 73 61 111 10 87 94 157 50 |
| D. G&S hit about fairies | 105 69 40 20 91 57 164 141 |
| E. Speeder | 99 56 84 45 12 118 162 150 |
| F. Puts up | 98 81 156 24 125 142 |
| G. Nuts and bolts | 86 106 42 165 123 9 78 53 136 151 |
| H. Loopy | 3 63 137 153 167 71 92 |
| I. Loong time? | 8 109 72 44 117 |
| J. Ants in pants | 107 35 103 96 22 83 163 139 49 127 |

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| K. Loud orator: hyph. | 108 88 51 19 4 158 68 145 119 27 |
| L. Networked device locator: 2 wds. | 25 144 154 59 124 70 112 95 7 |
| M. Zero chance: 2 wds. | 161 47 64 131 28 6 |
| N. Regular folks: 2 wds. | 148 75 90 36 138 126 48 1 114 11 |
| O. Cover-up: 2 wds. | 30 146 121 89 110 5 37 |
| P. Alderaan family name | 66 140 152 13 120 33 |
| Q. Think back | 159 101 85 132 116 32 170 135 76 |
| R. Smarts | 129 43 169 93 149 18 58 31 79 |
| S. Katrina-devastated district: 2 wds. | 113 16 26 62 77 34 97 166 128 |
| T. Lightning McQueen's voice | 17 60 122 147 |
| U. Askew, kooky | 67 133 54 21 100 |

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43	R	44	I	45	E			46	T	47	M	48	N	49	J	50	C		
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Numbers Game

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- Root beer brand
- Lectures
- Enrich
- Et ___: and others
- Poetry muse
- Century plant
- Holly
- Gunpowder ingredient
- Tunnel
- Asian boat
- Double-crosser
- Pitcher
- Stupefy
- Mosque tower
- Dangerous
- Ornamental
- Seine tributary
- Promise
- French river
- Stacked
- Weight allowance
- One, in Paris
- Nautical chaps
- Defeats
- Type of store
- Advanced age

- Crisp cookie
- Makes lace
- Unfair
- Mistakes
- Track-meet event
- Girl's name
- Expel
- Printery stock
- Egyptian
- Josip Broz
- Hardy heroine
- Triangle sides
- Short distance

Down

- Platform
- Actress Nazimova
- Per ___
- Coventry coin
- Vaccination pioneer
- Jackie's second husband
- Scottish inventor
- Meat dishes
- People of ancient Latium
- Astringent
- Flowing garment
- Game animal

- Pompous
- Absent
- Song
- Send money
- One of fifty
- Something put in
- Narratives
- Nautical command
- ___-iners
- Farm animals
- Afternoon hour
- Adjust anew
- Knightly defender
- Playing cards
- Short skirt
- Fraternity letter
- Evaluate
- Servants
- Jeopardy
- Overlook
- Athletic team
- Fraternal order
- Cross out
- Apparel item
- Beatrice d' ___
- Organ part
- Strong ale

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Labor Disputes

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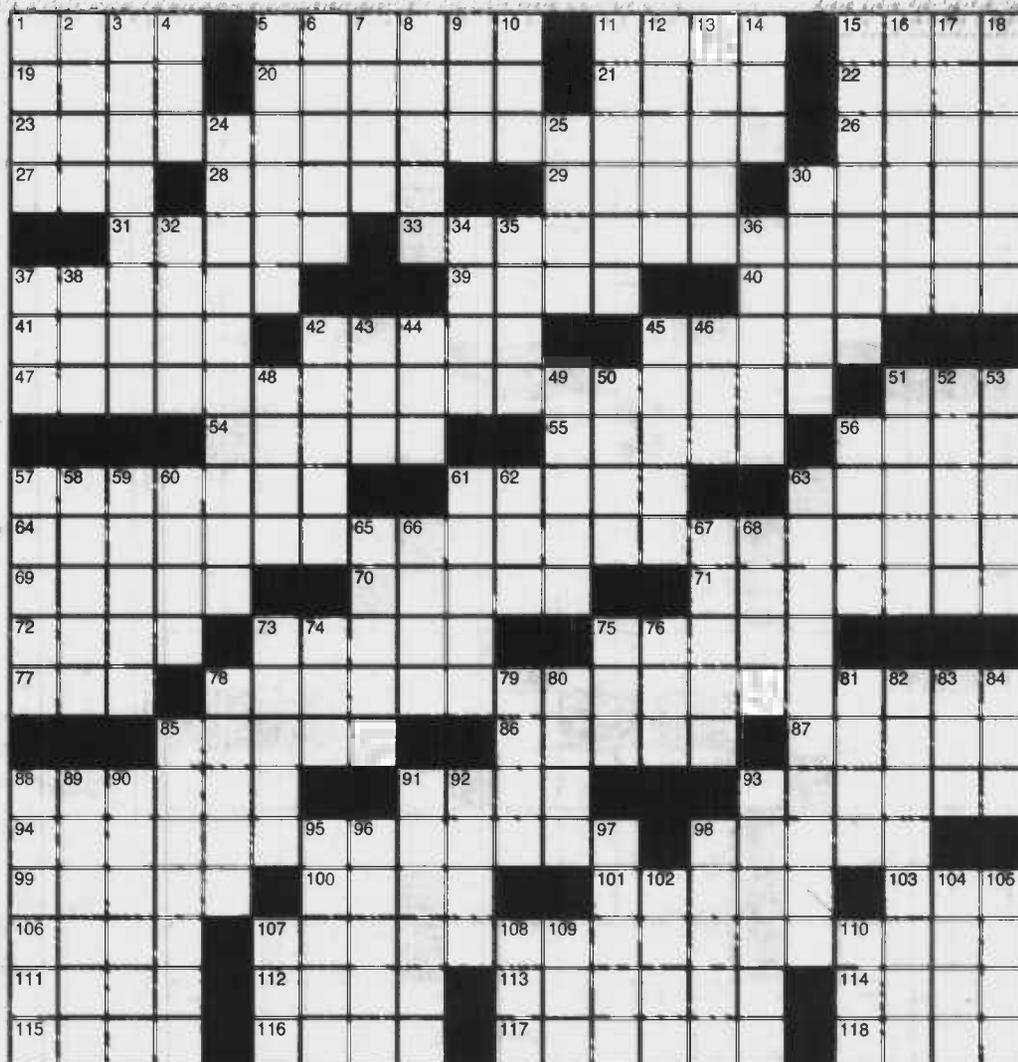
Across

- 1 "Yowza!"
 5 Virtuous
 11 Numéro avant six
 15 — speak
 19 "Amarantine"
 Grammy winner
 20 Stopped
 21 Diamond family name
 22 Nile menace
 23 During contract talks, a marching band —
 26 All ears
 27 — story
 28 One awarding stars, perhaps
 29 Peter Fonda title role
 30 Nimble
 31 Thomas associate
 33 During contract talks, a cruise ship's crew —
 37 Woody and others
 39 Caribou, e.g.
 40 Ducks
 41 Fragrant shrub
 42 Panache
 45 Shuts up, with "down"
 47 During contract talks, a postal union —
 51 Beach letters
 54 Bouncing babies?
 55 Plot twist
 56 Part of BC: Abbr.
 57 Yogurt topping
 61 Dental problem
 63 Unlucky gambler's wishful words
 64 During contract talks, a veterinarians' association —
 69 Get ready to surf
 70 Not just happen once
 71 Crude
 72 City north of Des Moines
 73 Mythical hunter
 75 "Canst thou not minister to — diseased": Macbeth
 77 One-handed Norse god
 78 During contract talks, a divers' group —
 85 Paris divider
 86 Wash off
 87 Spelunkers' haunts
 88 Drops off

- 91 Pierre's st.
 93 Most artful
 94 During contract talks, an opera company —
 98 Winner of the first two Super Bowl MVPs
 99 Runs through a sieve
 100 Instrument with a flared bell
 101 Part of a cast
 103 Avril follower
 106 On
 107 During contract talks, a fighters' club —
 111 Jazzman Saunders
 112 Clog or pump
 113 Common soccer score
 114 Memorable times
 115 Vortex
 116 Oenophile's adjective
 117 Fritters away
 118 Squat

Down

- 1 Zoey's role in "New Girl"
 2 Prefix with dermal
 3 Gives the once-over
 4 Nuke
 5 Breaks the rules
 6 Didn't get a say
 7 Lotion additive
 8 — und Drang
 9 Annual Vietnamese celebration
 10 Pre-1868 Tokyo
 11 Square dance figure
 12 Admission of deceit
 13 Large chamber group
 14 N.Y. neighbor
 15 Copyists of yore
 16 Webster, notably
 17 One of the original Monopoly tokens still in use
 18 Large chamber groups
 24 Robin Hood foe
 25 — box
 30 Bank insurance?
 32 Jacob's first wife
 34 Inactive
 35 Spotted
 36 — hour
 37 Peak seen from Grindelwald
 38 Greater N.Y. school
 42 Lift
 43 Your of yore
 44 Last word of Joyce's "Ulysses"
 45 Ruses
 46 Physics particle
 48 Numbskull
 49 Anglican priest
 50 Latin 101 word
 51 "Me too!"
 52 Power connections
 53 Blood relative?
 56 Starfleet VIP
 57 Key above F
 58 Spacious
 59 Boring bit
 60 Private nonprofits: Abbr.
 61 After-dinner drink
 62 Old French coin
 63 "Isn't that something!"
 65 Steamed
 66 Number-picker's game
 67 Stomach
 68 Squat
 73 Jefferson, theologically
 74 B&B, e.g.
 75 Philip of "Kung Fu"
 76 Enero, por ejemplo
 78 Lawn invaders
 79 Monastic titles
 80 "Kon-—"
 81 Good "pocket" holding in Hold'em
 82 Eternally
 83 Video game letters
 84 Summer hrs.
 85 In a precipitous fashion
 88 Many a chalet
 89 Set, as a trap
 90 Pact
 91 Bandit chaser of film
 92 1983-'84 #1 hit "Say Say Say," say
 93 Potbellies
 95 Ruckus
 96 Modern read
 97 Zoo sights
 98 — Age
 102 Coagulate
 104 Miles away
 105 "That being the case ..."
 107 General of culinary fame
 108 Reporter's query
 109 Disney doe
 110 "— who?"

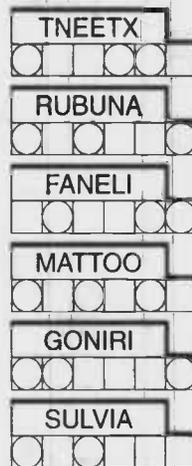


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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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Sudoku

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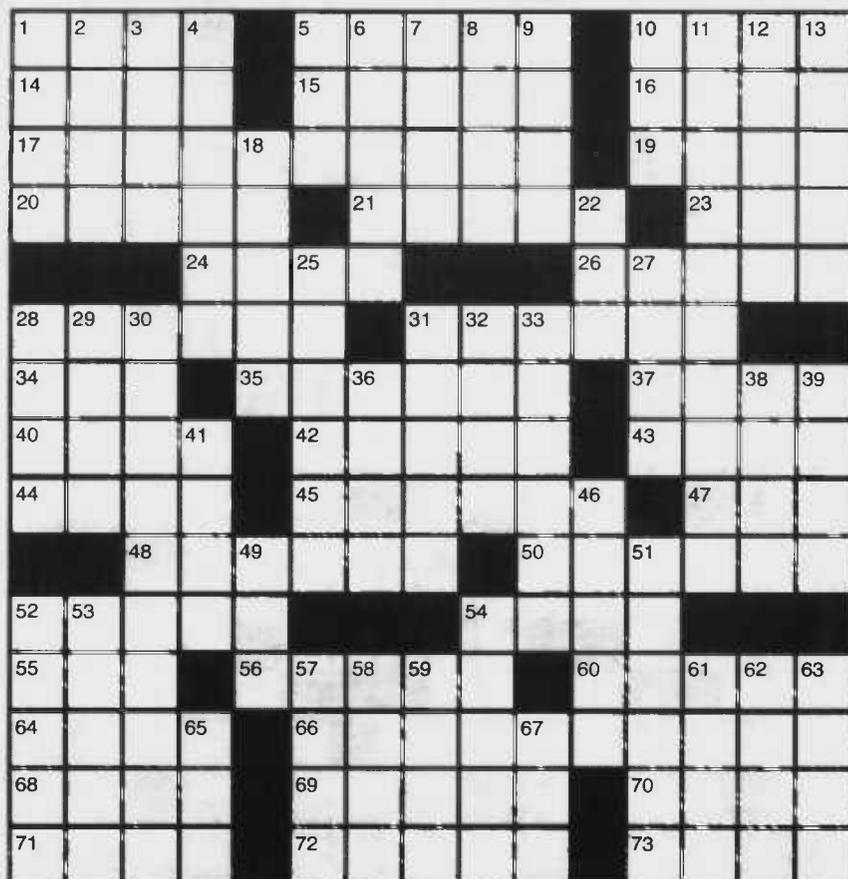
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Hooting birds
5 Domineering
10 Quarrel
14 Pull along; drag
15 Do penance
16 Curved beam overhead
17 Perceptive
19 Carryall bag
20 "A rose by any name..."
21 Bird of prey
23 Little child
24 Burn slightly
26 ___ barrel; in a helpless position
28 Used a sieve
31 Fine brandy
34 "You ___ what you eat"
35 "___ Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
37 Athlete's foot symptom
40 May honorees
42 Revolving part in an engine
43 Falana or Glaudini
44 Make a tiny cut
45 Catch in a snare
47 Bacardi bottle contents

DOWN

- 1 Columbus, ___
2 Desire
3 Luxurious
4 Most devious
5 "Phooey!"
6 Furry swimmer
7 Divan
8 ___ as a bug in a rug
9 Holler
10 Took a load off
11 Guardians
12 Cast member
13 Fraternity letter
18 Inexperienced
22 Very long time

- 48 Seasickness
50 Throws
52 Twirls
54 Smile broadly
55 Brooch
56 Clear the slate
60 Shade of pink
64 ___-back; relaxed
66 La Scala, for one
68 5 ___ 20 is 4
69 Find out
70 Extended family group
71 Stocking stuffers
72 Child's school composition
73 Female birds

Solutions



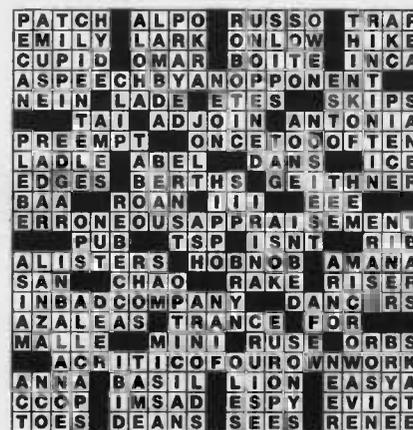
- 25 Worships
27 Colorado resort
28 Donaldson and Waterston
29 Press clothing
30 Womanliness
31 Terra-___; clay for patio pots
32 Smell
33 Revolve wildly
36 Fibula or femur
38 Helpful hint
39 Show-offs
41 Bridge
46 Hunt illegally
49 Utilize
51 Kiss
52 Rift; division
53 Spinet or grand
54 Baseball's Yogi
57 Acting part
58 Imitates
59 Yellow, Black, Red and Dead
61 Reign
62 Strong ___ ox
63 Part of the eye
65 Uno, ___, tres...
67 ___ day now; pretty soon



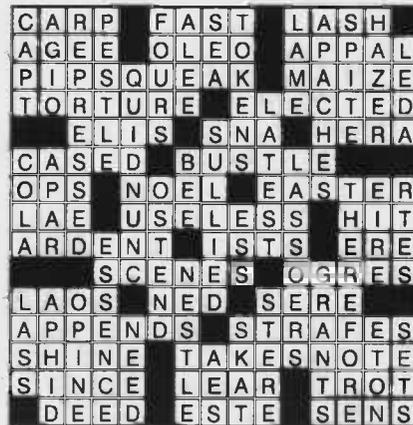
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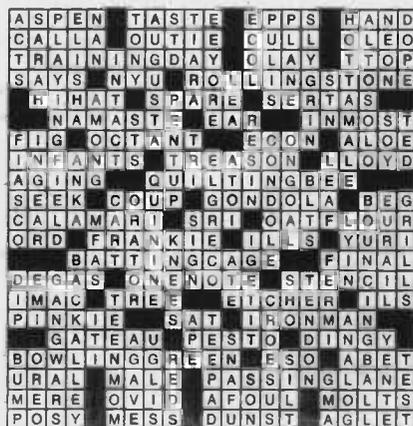
"CURMUDGEONLY QUOTES"



"Personas"



"Action Figures"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Joseph) EPSTEIN: LINEBACKER FOOD:
I cannot imagine the Chicago Bears
linebacker Brian Urlacher whispering at
halftime to a teammate that he has a
reservation that night at a restaurant
where they serve the most divine
salade nicolse.

Last week's Sudoku

2	9	4	3	6	1	8	7	5
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6	5	1	2	3	4	7	8	9
8	4	2	5	9	7	3	1	6
9	7	3	1	8	6	5	2	4
3	2	9	6	7	5	1	4	8
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This week's Jumble

EXTENT FINALE ORIGIN
AUBURN TOMATO VISUAL

Horses at this farm were happy
and got along well, thanks in part
to it being a —

STABLE
ENVIRONMENT



Cross-trainers offer relationship advice

Some people enjoy a leisurely Saturday morning sleeping in, drinking coffee and reading the paper. That used to be me until about six weeks ago, when I began doing a cross-training class at 8 a.m. on Saturdays.



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

"Leisurely" is the last word I'd use when it comes to cross-training, an intense, fast-paced, one-hour class that leaves me feeling like I just ran a marathon. Also known as circuit-training, it consists of roughly 25 different exercise stations, with 1 minute taken per rotation.

"The multitude of different exercises involve every single muscle group, which means complete conditioning for the body," said fitness instructor Goran Mladenovic, the owner of Premier Fitness in Glenview. He said the goals of cross-training are to improve overall fitness, build strength and flexibility, prevent injury by correcting muscular imbalances and avoid workout burnout and boredom.

An idea hit me midway through a class, in between the weighted step-up and jump-roping stations. I got to thinking, what if we did cross-training for our romantic relationships? I mean, don't we want to build strength, prevent injury and avoid burnout and boredom when it comes to a spouse?

Unfortunately (or fortunately), you can't cross-train a relationship by doing jump lunges. So, what are some exercises couples can do to stay romantically in shape?

I asked my fellow cross-training classmates — a mix of single, married and divorced men and women — to give one piece of relationship advice. Here are their 14 relationship tips.

1. Be able to say you're sorry. Men and women can both have a hard time with that. Saying "I'm sorry" acknowledges you made a mistake and hurt someone's feelings. It's a good way of calming a confrontational situation.

2. Being alone is better than being in a bad relationship. So one should not feel desperate to be in a relationship. If you're alone for awhile, it's not a negative statement about you.

3. Personality plays a huge role in attraction. Don't be afraid to approach someone because you have nothing to lose and the situation could completely turn around after they talk to you.

4. Don't go for someone who likes you for just your looks or other superficial

reasons. They should talk about you more than they talk about themselves. They should be asking you lots of questions and want to get to know you.

5. Make an effort to spend time alone with your spouse and go on dates without the kids. Take

vacations without the kids. Dating your spouse, no matter how long you've been together, will remind you of everything you feel for each other. It will help you reconnect and appreciate each other.

6. Make sure you balance your life and give time to your relationship with your significant other, your family members and your friends.

7. People change over time. Accept when your spouse is growing and/or changing. The person you married might be different after a few years. Embrace it instead of resisting it.

8. When you have an argument with your spouse, forgive and forget if it isn't a big deal. Don't let it sit with you.

9. If you have something on your mind that is bothering you, talk to your spouse about it in a nice way. Tell your spouse what disappointed you and what you need. But also say some positive things.

10. Listen. Get the other person's viewpoint and then you can respond appropriately as opposed to just talking over the person to get your point across.

11. Forgiveness is important. Sometimes you get hurt in a relationship and if you can't accept the apology, you hold it in and you start getting resentful.

12. Never stop communicating. Not expressing yourself will hurt the relationship in the long-term. Talking things out—no matter how difficult or uncomfortable, makes a relationship stronger.

13. Relationships are hard work. What you put into it is what you get out of it. Being in a romantic relationship is a lot of give and take on both sides.

14. The single most important thing for a healthy relationship is for the people involved to be themselves. There should be no secrets, hidden meanings or withheld ideas. If you are who you really are at all times and your significant other accepts you, the relationship is effortless.

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HEALTH

ASK THE DOCTORS

Large dose of vitamin B12 can provide quick burst of energy

By Dr. Robert Ashley
Ask the Doctors

Dear Doctor: I'm almost 90 years old and always tired. I took two capsules of 2,000 mcg vitamin B12 the other night, and felt stronger and not as tired. Is it safe?

Dear Reader: My first thought is that you might have B12 deficiency, caused either by inadequate intake or by inadequate absorption of B12. Animal products such as meat, dairy and eggs are the only sources of B12 in humans, and the recommended daily allowance is 2.4 micrograms per day. The average intake of an individual in the United States is approximately 3.4 micrograms per day, but if you follow a vegan diet, you obviously lack sources of B12. Thanks to evolution, one-half of your B12 intake is stored in your liver, and it takes many years for this to be depleted.

If your intake is sufficient, it may be your ability to absorb B12 that is compromised. This can occur if you have inflammation of your stomach lining or disorders of the small intestine, such as Crohn's disease. Antacids and proton pump inhibitors such as Prilosec, Protonix, Prevacid, Aciphex, Zantac and Pepcid also can lead to deficiency because they reduce the stomach acid necessary to release the B12 from food. Metformin, a drug used to treat Type 2 diabetes, can also decrease absorption of B12 in the small intestine in 10 percent to 30 percent of patients.

Lastly, age can be a risk factor for B12 deficiency. Multiple studies in this and in other countries have found deficiency in 10 percent to 24 percent of



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Age can be a risk factor for B12 deficiency. Studies have found deficiency in 10-24 percent of people 75 and older.

people 75 and older. The causes may be both inadequate intake and inadequate absorption. Significant B12 deficiency can lead to anemia, nerve damage and dementia.

But let us say that your B12 levels are normal. Is there any benefit to taking more, and is there any danger in doing so? Many of my patients, who are not B12 deficient, feel greater energy and improvement of their health with B12 injections. I am not certain why this happens, and it doesn't appear to have a lasting effect. It is possible that extra amounts of B12 can improve the metabolic function and allow the vitamin to be utilized better.

Water soluble vitamins, like B12, can be tolerated at higher doses without adverse effects upon the body, and the National Academy of Medicine has not established an upper limit of vitamin B12 intake. The dose of 2,000 micrograms of B12 is more than 800 times the recommended daily amount. So, on the face of it, this dose seems too high, but as you increase the amount in your diet, less of a percentage will be absorbed.

Before continuing the B12, I would recommend getting your levels tested with your doctor. If you show a deficiency, your doctor may want to investigate and gauge how much of the vitamin you might need.

If you are not deficient, I believe it is safe to take a supplement at a lower dose; you don't even have to take it every day because B12 is well-stored by the body. Further, if you want to ensure better absorption of B12, you can try preparations that can be absorbed under the tongue. The important thing is to investigate why this B12 dose had such an impact — and how you can safely replicate the effects.

Dr. Robert Ashley, is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o Media Relations, UCLA Health, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA, 90095. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Research says melatonin is a boon to bone density

By Joe Graedon and
Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: Not long ago, you referenced a 2016 study regarding melatonin use and risk of bone fracture. A quick Google search provided more carefully designed research articles that indicate melatonin can promote bone strength.

I hope what you wrote will not make people afraid of taking moderate doses of melatonin. I once used over-the-counter sleep drugs, but they gave me dry mouth, fuzzy thinking and impaired balance. I've been able to get the best sleep ever with a moderate dose of melatonin and a change in before-bedtime habits. In addition, I've also been able to include vigorous exercise in my daily routine.

A: Vigorous exercise is definitely a good way to help keep bones strong. You are right that there is some evidence that melatonin may improve bone density. A review of research found benefit for bones (International Journal of Molecular Sciences, May 2013).

More recently, results of a pilot study showed that a nightly supplement containing melatonin, strontium citrate, vitamin D-3 and vitamin K-2 significantly increased the density of back and hip bones (Aging, January 2017).

Q: I suffer from nerve pain (neuropathy) in my toes and feet. I am looking for a natural approach to dealing with this problem. Is there any research to suggest that turmeric could be helpful?

A: As far as we can tell, there are no clinical trials demonstrating that the



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A study showed that a supplement containing melatonin, strontium citrate, vitamin D-3 and vitamin K-2 significantly increased the density of back and hip bones.

active ingredient in turmeric, curcumin, can ease the pain of neuropathy. That said, there are theoretical reasons that this natural product might be helpful (Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Nov. 24, 2013).

There are some other possibilities worth discussing with your physician. First, make sure you are not deficient in any nutrients that could contribute to neuropathy. Then ask about benfotiamine. This synthetic version of thiamine has been used to treat diabetic neuropathy (Therapeutic Advances in Chronic Disease, January 2015).

If medical marijuana is legal in your state, it might be worth considering. Another option is cannabi-

diol. It is a derivative of marijuana but does not make people high.

Q: I recently read your book, "Spice Up Your Health: How Everyday Kitchen Herbs and Spices Can Lengthen and Strengthen Your Life." I used it to make thyme cough syrup for my husband when he had bronchitis. We were both pleased with the results.

A: Thyme is terrific. It has been appreciated since Roman times. In the 17th century, it was recognized as a helpful remedy for coughs.

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



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By Danielle Braff
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She's the first person you look for when you step into the office, and the last person you see before you leave. You often eat lunch with each other, and you take coffee breaks together every chance you get.

He knows everything about your kids and your spouse, and when you're out for post-work drinks, many assume that you're dating.

This is your work spouse: a co-worker with whom you have a super-close platonic relationship, modeled on a marriage. You support and bicker with each other at work about office and non-office issues.

Picture President George W. Bush and Condoleezza Rice, Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa, or NBC's co-anchors Savannah Guthrie and Matt Lauer. Guthrie even slipped up and referred to her husband, Mike Feldman, as Matt recently on the "Today" show.

Today, 70 percent of people in office jobs have or have had work spouses, according to a 2017 study by Office Pulse, which analyzes office professionals. This is up from 65 percent in 2010 and 32 percent in 2006.

They're becoming more prevalent because men and women are putting in more hours at the office. Americans work an average of 47 hours per week, which is 1½ hours more than they did a decade ago, according to Gallup. As a result, co-workers are depending on their work partners more than their real partners, said Chad McBride, professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies at Creighton University and co-author of a 2015 study on work spouses.

Those with them are happy they have them. Sixty-eight percent say this pseudo-marital relationship contributes to their happiness in the office.

Chris Chatman, co-manager at Fountainhead bar/restaurant in Chicago, said he's thrilled about the work spouse he's had for nearly

I take you to be my work spouse

Super-close platonic relationships on rise, study finds



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Susan Rosentreter and Chris Chatman are photographed March 30 at their workplace, The Fountainhead in Chicago, where Chris is the general manager and beer firector and his "work spouse" Susan is the bar manager and spirits director.

two years. He and Susan Rosentreter see each other about 50 to 60 hours a week.

"Susan is a whiskey broad, tough as nails, tattooed, and my real wife is very nurturing," Chatman said. "Most weeks, I see Susan more than I see my wife in terms of dedicated, conscious time."

Work spouses have become so prevalent in the office space that psychologists have cited them as being essential to a positive work experience.

According to the Office Pulse study, 29 percent of the work spouses said

they'd done something to make their work spouse look better at work, and 16 percent had done their co-worker's job.

But for the most part, a work spouse — like a real spouse — has served as another support system.

"A work spouse can be the support system someone needs to handle the stress that comes from heavy workloads, workplace politics and job instability," said Dion Metzger, psychiatrist and co-author of "The Modern Trophy Wife."

Rosentreter and Chatman said they see eye-to-eye on the policy issues at

work, and they jell even when it gets stressful at the bar.

"We understand each other," Rosentreter said.

And work spouses may understand aspects of office life that actual spouses don't fully comprehend, Metzger said. They frequently end up turning to each other rather than the spouse at home when they want to vent about their day.

When this happens, it's normal for the real spouse to feel jealous, even if there's nothing suspicious going on with the work spouse.

"Any time we feel that our partner is spending all

this time with someone, we don't feel great about it — it's a normal response," said Nikki Martinez, an Illinois-based psychologist. "They realize the role that this person plays."

Sometimes, they envy the qualities that the other person has — which the real spouse may be lacking.

Lauren Chatman said she loves her husband's work wife and appreciates that she helped him become a better husband. Chatman tended to let issues slide, while the work wife doesn't let anything go.

"She wags her finger at him and gives him the death

stare look that she gives her own husband," Chatman said. "He literally jokes that he gets it from two wives 24/7," Chatman said.

At the same time, she sometimes gets jealous.

"We got into a recent tiff about how he is funnier with her than with me," Chatman said of her husband, who spends all day with his work wife and then comes home and continues texting her.

He told Chatman, "She fixes my hair — you never do that — you just let me walk around looking like a dork."

McBride found that 20 percent of the real spouses were jealous of the work spouse, and the Office Pulse study found that 7 percent of work spouses have crossed the line into sexual relationships.

Even without a sexual relationship, there can be emotional infidelity if the relationship gets too personal or intimate.

You may be able to tell if you're crossing that line if you're doing something you know you wouldn't be happy with your spouse saying or doing if he or she were in a similar situation, Martinez said.

"If you feel like you're getting out of line, you should pull back little by little, not to where it's highly noticeable, but you need to get back in the zone where it's appropriate," Martinez said.

But overall, work spouses tend to stay in that appropriate zone, McBride said.

"Based on our data, work spouse relationships are strictly platonic," he said. "When work spouses are open and honest about their relationship with their actual spouses, it seems to go well for the most part."

Often, work spouses become friends with the actual spouse, and McBride said he's seen couples socialize outside of work and even going on vacations together.

Danielle Braff is a freelance writer.



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EVENT

LitWorks fest puts teens, YA authors together for a day

May 6 program was created by library staffer

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Six popular authors of books for teens will meet their fans and talk about their work at the eighth annual LitWorks Teen Book Fest. The May 6 event at Ridgewood High School in Norridge is co-sponsored by Ridgewood and the Eisenhower Public Library.

The event was created by Eisenhower's Teen Services Coordinator Penny Blubaugh and Ridgewood's Library Director Jennette Gonzalez.

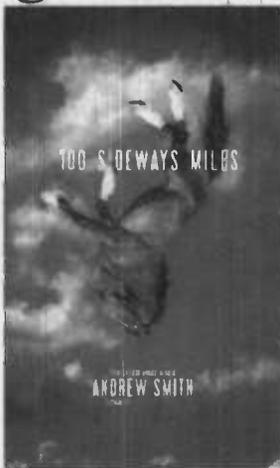
"One of the main reasons why we started this event is that we wanted to create a true community reading culture," Gonzalez said. "We wanted something that applied to not only our high-schoolers, but our partner schools as well."

The event also draws teens from Maine South High School in Park Ridge, the Chicago Public Schools and points beyond.

"We have kids coming up from mid-state. They rent a bus," Blubaugh said.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with check-in and snacks, followed by an open author panel from 10-11:30 a.m. After a free lunch, teens can attend three break-out sessions with the three authors of their choice. The event concludes with a 3:15 p.m. author autograph party. This year's author lineup includes Sharon Cameron, Matt Faulkner, Geoff Herbach, Stacey Kade, Paige Rawl and Andrew Smith.

There is also an early bird event from 9-9:45 a.m. at Eisenhower Public Library where teens can meet an author in a small



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LitWorks Teen Book Fest

When: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 6

Where: Ridgewood High School, 7500 W. Montrose, Norridge; Early bird event, 9-9:45 a.m. at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights

Admission: Free for teens, including morning snacks and lunch; \$5 for adults

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group setting.

In selecting the authors each year, "We basically look for ones that both Jennette and I like," Blubaugh said.

Cameron was selected because Blubaugh liked some of her books, which include "The Dark Unwinding" and "A Spark Unseen," and because she has a new book coming out this year.

Faulkner was invited to participate because they always like to include a graphic novelist.

"His story is based on his family," Blubaugh said. "It's a memoir about Japanese internment camps during World War II."

"Geoff Herbach writes sports books," Blubaugh said. "We always try to find something that might appeal to some of the guys. And some of them like sports books — not that the girls don't."

"Stacey Kade has a se-

ries called 'Ghosts in the Goth,' which I thought was absolutely brilliant," Blubaugh said. "And she has another series about a young woman who's being used as a genetic modification experiment and turned into a spy. That's pretty exciting."

Paige Rawl is the author of a memoir, "Positive."

"She was born HIV positive. She's a big advocate for anti-bullying and HIV awareness," Blubaugh said.

"Andrew Smith has won about a gazillion awards in teen lit," Blubaugh said.

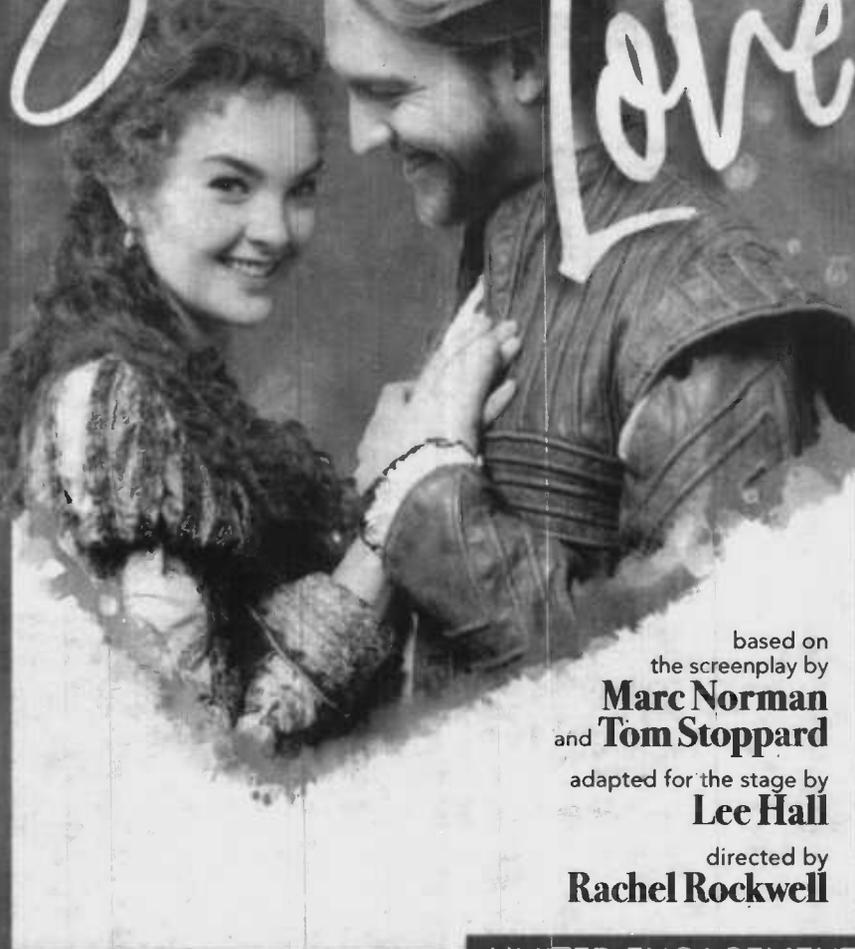
"Even though we have all this great technology, it doesn't replace the amazing experience that they have when they interact with authors and they interactive with literature," Gonzalez said. "Maybe I'm a little biased, but it's such an amazing day to see the teens get that excited about books and authors."

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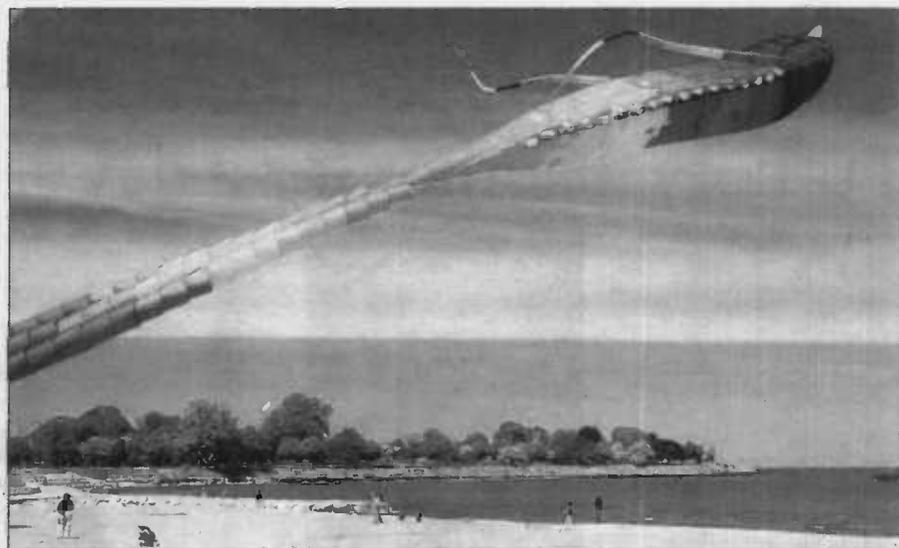
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ChicagoKite will demonstrate how to fly great, colorful kites like this on at the first Park Ridge Kite Fest set for May 7 in Hinkley Park.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Park Ridge Kite Fest promises high-flying fun

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

The skies above Hinkley Park will be filled with bursts of color when the Park District of Park Ridge holds its first annual Kite Fest, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 7 at 25 Busse Highway. You can make a kite, bring a store-bought kite or purchase one there.

Families are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch or purchase concessions at this event.

ChicagoKite will put on a kite-flying demonstration and offer some professional tips. There will also be inflatables for kids to explore and games to play.

Admission is free but there may be a small fee for some of the activities.

Kite flying has been cited as having numerous benefits. It's great exercise, gives you a chance to spend time in nature, can be an effective stress-reducer and, if you and your kids make the kite yourself, can be very creative.

Plus, if you fly a kite with your children, it's a great

bonding activity. For details, call 847-692-5127 or see www.prparks.org.

Get down!

Scarves, bean bags and ribbons are some of the props that kids ages 2-6, accompanied by a grown up, will use at a Library Boogie Dance Party, 10:30-11:15 a.m. May 1 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. You and your child will get a great workout at this high-energy drop-in class.

For details, call 847-673-7774 or see www.skokielibrary.info.

Whether you say dia or day

...your family will have fun at Dia de los Ninos, 2-3:30 p.m. April 29 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. There will be stories, songs, crafts and treats at this bilingual Children's Day/Book Day drop-in event that celebrates children and promotes reading.

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

Island retreat

All ages are invited to say, "Aloha, Lincolnwood!" 2-2:45 p.m. April 30. That's when the Na Kupuna Ukulele Club will present Hawaiian songs and dances, featuring ukulele players and hula dancers, at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

For details, call 847-677-5277 or see www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

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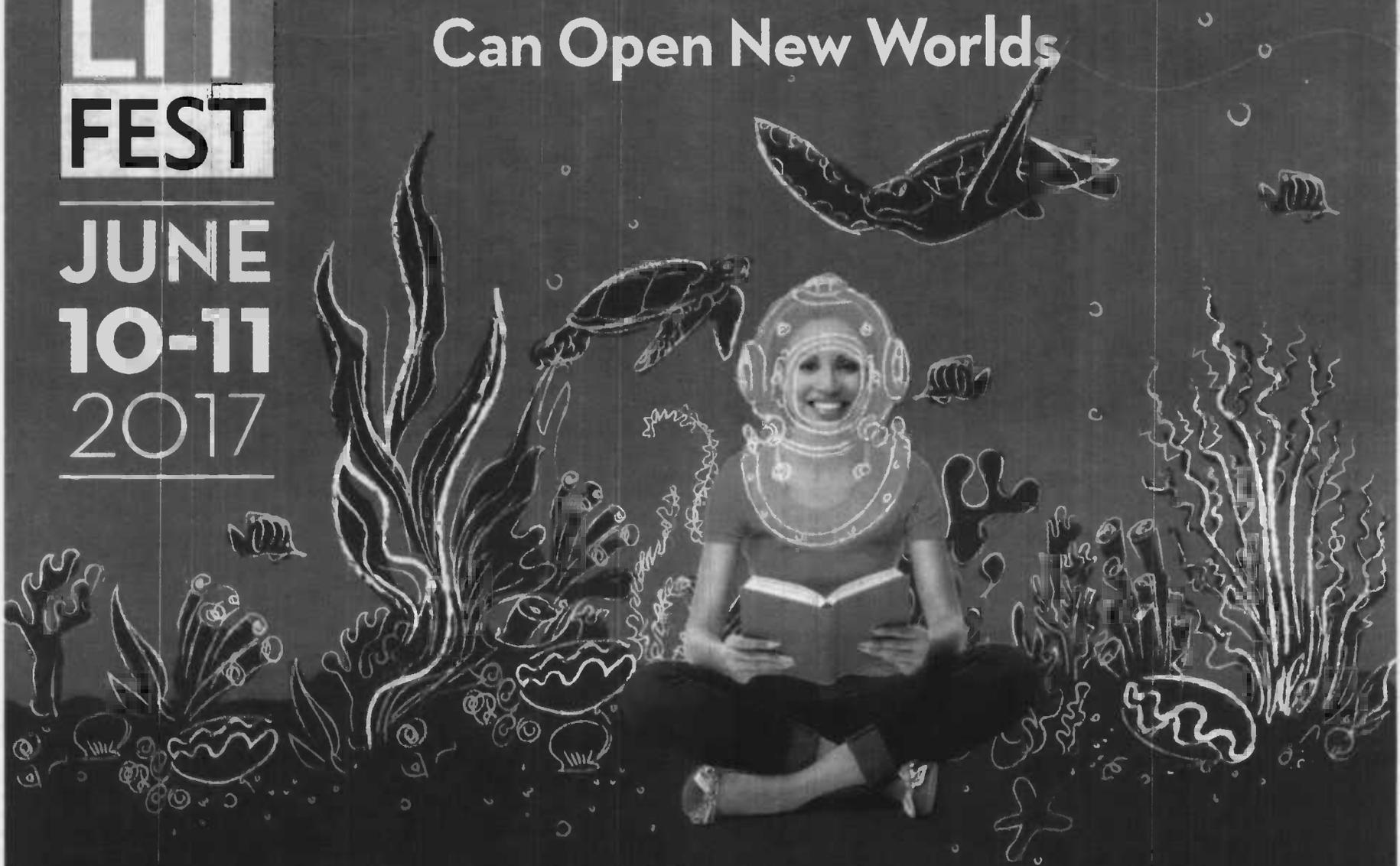
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Judy Keller from Park Ridge, LFAU Executive Board, left, and Marlyn Cason of Evanston, founding LFAU Board member



Adrienne Woodside of Park Ridge, from left, Stephanie Whitman, Diana Harris and Chris Helsing, all three of Evanston, are Woman's Club of Evanston Sewing Circle members working on the Dress a Girl Around the World Project.

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OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The internationally-acclaimed Oakton Six Piano Ensemble conducted by Skokie resident Glenna Sprague, will perform at 8 p.m. April 29, and at 3 p.m. April 30, at the Footlik Theater at Oakton Community College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines. Concerts will include "Habanera" by Moritz Moszkowski and "Oakton Toccata" by Robert Vandall and more. Ensemble members are: Sam Hozian of Chicago, Beatriz Levi of Skokie, Greg Lubarda of Des Plaines, Tanya Melamed of Chicago, Jason Nelson of Evanston and Marianne Pyster of Chicago. Tickets are \$19, \$16 for seniors/students, \$14 for groups and include a post-concert reception. Call 847-635-1900 or see www.oakton.edu/tickets.

OAKTON NOTEWORTHY FESTIVAL IS MAY 7-12



OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The annual Oakton Community College Noteworthy Festival, showcasing student and faculty performers, takes place May 7-12 at the Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Shows include: Guitar Recital, 2 p.m. May 7; String Ensemble, 8 p.m. May 8; Vocal Recital, 8 p.m. May 10; Choral Recital, 8 p.m. May 11; Jazz Invasion, 8 p.m. May 12. Pre-concert "Take Note Conversations" at 7:30 p.m. before the String Ensemble and Jazz Invasion concerts in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Tickets are \$5. Complete Info at www.oakton.edu/tickets or call 847-635-1900.

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Address: 319 Ravine Park Drive
Price: \$1,249,000
Schools: Lake Forest High School
Taxes: \$17,970
Agent: Brunhild Baass, Baird & Warner Highland Park



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Four-bedroom, 4.5-bath brick custom design built in 2003. Flowing floor plan, two-story foyer flanked by formal dining room and living room. Family room with wood-burning fireplace, gourmet kitchen, private office with French doors, garage. Near lakes, parks, schools and shopping.

Address: 12 Washitay Ave.
Price: \$550,000
Schools: Stevenson High School
Taxes: \$14,651.42
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PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Refinishing a concrete counter usually runs about \$2,000, a concrete firm owner said.

HOME REMEDIES

Want to refinish concrete counter? It's not cheap

By JEANNE HUBER
The Washington Post

Q: We installed attractive concrete countertops in our kitchen 18 years ago. I admit I did not properly care for them, believing that kitchen counters would not require care. Especially next to the sink, the surface is pitted, which is unsightly and unhygienic. I promise to do better. But is there someone or some way to refinish them?

A: Your countertops are the “pressed” concrete type, said Bill Kulish, owner of Kulish Design Co. in Springfield, Va. Pressed concrete countertops are formed in a mold, upside down, using a stiff concrete mix. When the countertop is removed from the mold and flipped over, relatively big air gaps show on the surface. These are then filled with a concrete slurry that’s typically tinted a different color from the main mix. In your countertop, these gap fillers created the yellow

accents.

Tim Seay, owner of Decorative Concrete of Virginia, said his company does do this work. But it’s not cheap. Even if a kitchen has relatively little countertop space, refinishing the counters usually runs about \$2,000, Seay said. “It’s expensive because it’s a two- or three-trip deal,” he said.

It’s possible to resurface concrete without creating dust, by using water to turn the dust into a slurry. But spattering your kitchen with water and concrete slurry would make a mess. So, unless there is a way to remove the countertop and refinish it outside or in a shop, the crew would need to use dry grinders with vacuums. Even then, they would need to install plastic sheeting to confine any dust that the vacuum doesn’t trap. Your family probably wouldn’t be able to use the kitchen for several days.

The crew would start grinding with 50-grit abrasive, which is very coarse. Once they had ground

down the concrete to the bottom of the pits, they would then go over it four more times with finer and finer abrasives, ending with 400-grit. (The larger the grit number, the finer the abrasive.)

Sometimes, the surface is smooth enough after grinding that it is ready for a penetrating sealer, and it’s then good to go. But often the concrete has air gaps, which can be filled with a slurry of cement, pigment and a liquid similar to white glue, or with epoxy. The filler might need a day to cure, and then the crew could lightly sand it and apply the sealer.

Some refinishing jobs are even more complicated. For example, if a countertop has an epoxy coating — which Seay said yours does not appear to have, based on the picture you sent — his crew would need to strip it off with chemicals, which would add a day’s work to the job.

Jeanne Huber is a freelance writer.

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
121 S Vail Ave, # 204, Arlington Heights	Matthew D Marks	Michael Hartman	03-22-17	\$197,500
2214 S Goebbert Rd, # 476, Arlington Heights	Dimitra Perantinos	Kiri R Putz	02-06-17	\$265,000
716 W Lynnwood Ave, Arlington Heights	Valdis Ozollins & Shirley Ann Ozollins	Eric Fraut	03-22-17	\$285,000
3126 N Stratford Rd, Arlington Heights	Paul P Gal & Marta P Wlodarczyk	Esptein Trust	03-23-17	\$348,000
1818 E Canterbury Dr, Arlington Heights	Amy Boysen & Nicholas Simonetti	Catherine Elaine Santucci	03-23-17	\$366,000
1540 N Belmont Ave, Arlington Heights	Michael O Brown & Janelle L Brown	Providence Real Estate Group	03-22-17	\$419,000
1133 Courtland Dr, Buffalo Grove	Ferdinand Jameró & Roseanne T Jameró	Todd E Lorenz	03-24-17	\$61,000
158 Morningside Ln W, Buffalo Grove	Julio Escamilla & Jocelyn Acuna	Fannie Mae	03-15-17	\$169,900
875 Burgess Cir, Buffalo Grove	Srinivasan Jayaraman	Jimronski Properties Llc	03-16-17	\$230,000
273 Raupp Blvd, Buffalo Grove	Ryan T Eick	Jozef Penar	03-23-17	\$235,000
875 Saxon Pl, Buffalo Grove	Ray D Kyi & Amanda Kyi	Jacob Edelstein	03-22-17	\$295,000
1134 Harvard Ln, Buffalo Grove	Christopher M Miller	Alex Zweig	03-23-17	\$310,000
2432 Palazzo Ct, Buffalo Grove	Jerome A Mariasengole	Mtqlq Investors Lp	03-15-17	\$319,000
1099 Aspen Dr, Buffalo Grove	Ashley Guajardo Atlas & James St Paul	Mari P Moskowitz	03-15-17	\$325,000
911 Hollystone Ln, Buffalo Grove	Rishikesh A Rotiwar & Anita Rotiwar	Moshe Abir	03-17-17	\$365,000
433 Chicory Ln, Buffalo Grove	Mark Bain & Jelena Bain	Seth R Williams	03-15-17	\$370,000
311 Butternut Dr, Buffalo Grove	Itay Shalev & Myongsuk Choi	Arnold S Harris	03-15-17	\$680,000
624 Regency Dr, Deer Park	Robert A Mosquera & Stacey L Mosquera	Wang Zhang Estate	03-16-17	\$530,000
21020 N Rand Rd, Deer Park	John T Patrinos	Chang H Choi	03-15-17	\$1,000,000
1925 E Oakton St, # 2D, Des Plaines	Ahmet Ergun	Paul A Enger	03-22-17	\$88,000
1230 Brown St, # 3E, Des Plaines	Petar Kochanov & Gergana Kamenova	Bari 3 Llc	03-23-17	\$133,000
918 W Villa Dr, Des Plaines	Marian J Schoephoester	William H Mitchell	03-23-17	\$182,000
1154 Alfinl Dr, Des Plaines	Zachary J Busto	Bruce A Closs	03-22-17	\$235,000
2734 S Craig Dr, Des Plaines	Rodolfo Perez	A&m Properties Llc	03-22-17	\$268,000
410 S Western Ave, # 603, Des Plaines	Lisa L Tsuji	Sophie P Georges	03-22-17	\$279,000
1873 Cedar Ct, Des Plaines	William Hood & Cassandra Johnson	Bryan Yamakawa	03-22-17	\$309,500
480 Cornell Ave, Des Plaines	Matthew L Faulkner & April M Faulkner	John Strommen	03-23-17	\$320,000
850 Hinman Ave, # 1, Evanston	Seth K Thomas & Corinne Anderson	Erik Hovenkamp	03-22-17	\$97,000
719 Reba Pl, # 3N, Evanston	Dexter Zeiler & Alan Lubner	Peteris J Svalbe	03-22-17	\$130,000
2133 Central St, # 1, Evanston	Robert C Whelan	Levy & Levy Holdings Llc	03-23-17	\$143,000
747 Ridge Ave, # 100, Evanston	Laura Hamm	Steven J Caplz	03-22-17	\$151,000
1304 Ashland Ave, Evanston	German Flores & Simone Bonde	Mark Potosnak	03-22-17	\$330,000
9240 Avers Ave, Evanston	Amin Amrami & Jennifer Amrami	Phyllis Cable	03-22-17	\$467,500
1718 Madison St, Evanston	Christian A Rodriguez & Emily S Ringel	City Capital Holdings Llc3	03-22-17	\$725,000
1047 Forest Ave, Evanston	Brett V Gadsden & Natasha D Trethewey	Christopher J Browne	03-22-17	\$1,421,000
10373 Dearlove Rd, # 5B, Glenview	Natalia Kogan	Gregory P Babiak	03-23-17	\$113,500
1730 Executive Ln, Glenview	Marcin Danielewicz	Mb Financial Bank Na	03-23-17	\$327,000
230 Greenfield Dr, Glenview	Ajith Kirthisinghe & Marini Kirthisinghe	Carmen Briggs	03-22-17	\$330,000
1235 Pam Anne Dr, Glenview	Robert Riley & Tammy Riley	Judicial Sales Corp	03-22-17	\$352,000
2157 Coral Ln, Glenview	Wook Mon & Lisa Tran	Development Solutions Gln Llc	03-22-17	\$518,000
1235 Pam Anne Dr, Glenview	Joseph C Hurley	Bradley Jay Potter	03-22-17	\$530,000
2151 Coral Ln, Glenview	Jeremiah A Ferentz & Marie F Ferentz	Development Solutions Gln Llc	03-22-17	\$562,000
1061 Ironwood Ct, Glenview	Tyler Duff Reagan & Heloisa Querino Chehoud Reagan	Weekley Homes Llc	03-22-17	\$720,500
132 Huntington St, # 24 C, Lake Bluff	Lynda Dresher	Howard J Mary Kerr	03-16-17	\$192,000
720 W Kennedy Rd, Lake Forest	Marta B Przychocka	Kim Trust	03-24-17	\$125,000
240 Maple Ct, Lake Forest	Peter Butler & Elyse Butler	Mark R Taylor	03-24-17	\$450,000
1442 Edgewood Rd, Lake Forest	Nikolai Jankovich & Christine Jankovich	Charles N Loeffler	03-16-17	\$655,000
627 Surrise Rd, Lake Zurich	Kevin R Bauer & Kathleen M Bauer	Cynthia Kiyomi O Connor	03-15-17	\$285,000
21259 W Pepper Dr, Lake Zurich	Joel Klaas & Kristina Klaas	Neal Malow	03-16-17	\$372,000
23 Beech Dr, Lake Zurich	David R Aller & Kelley M Sohler	Paul Alan Splerkhout	03-15-17	\$597,000
141 Sunnyside Pl, Libertyville	Amy L Grossman & Larry A Grossman	Anne Marie Konic K Sampson	03-17-17	\$580,000

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152 Cooldge Ave, Libertyville	Michael G Metzger Jr & Gina D Metzger	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	03-16-17	\$755,000
4 Court Of Nantucket, Lincolnshire	Jeremy Roche & Sheri Roche	Charles D Hyams	03-24-17	\$135,000
815 Suffield Sq, Lincolnshire	Naeem Kittur	Steinman Trust	03-17-17	\$287,000
21 Kings Cross Dr, Lincolnshire	Saso Kitanovski & Denise Kitanovski	Royce R Bedward	03-15-17	\$561,000
8620 Waukegan Rd, # 405, Morton Grove	Dimitri Andriotis	Leslaw Kielb	03-23-17	\$181,000
5916 Carol Ave, Morton Grove	Sasan Ghannad	Judicial Sales Corp	03-23-17	\$234,000
7945 Foster St, Morton Grove	Michael Eluna Pena & Abigail Villanueva Pena	Kalmin Trust	03-22-17	\$360,000
1915 Whitechapel Dr, # 2D, Mount Prospect	Daniel W Krynski	Adrianna I Matuszewski	03-23-17	\$80,000
1407 N Sauk Ln, Mount Prospect	Kstadin I Landzhev & Severina N Georgieva	Cartus Financial Corp	03-22-17	\$285,000
404 N Eastwood Ave, Mount Prospect	Alexander J Beata & Hillary E Beata	Charles E Huettinger Jr	03-23-17	\$339,000
6807 N Milwaukee Ave, # 709, Niles	Joseph Ahmadi	Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee	03-23-17	\$146,500
7655 N Harlem Ave, Niles	Nasr Adam & Alaq Bakos	Matthew Iles	03-23-17	\$225,000
7334 W Breen St, Niles	Joseph E Thiel Jr	Monica Bacon	03-22-17	\$325,000
1771 Mission Hills Rd, Northbrook	Rick Freedman	Michael Okun	03-23-17	\$5,000
2005 Valencia Dr, # 311, Northbrook	Julia Skuke	Kyesun Ahn	03-23-17	\$159,000
3520 Merle Ln, Northbrook	Mahesh Sharma & Deepti Sharma	John J Durso	03-23-17	\$410,000
1660 Central Ave, Northbrook	Cyrilac John & Ancy John	Dimitris Lekkos	03-22-17	\$790,000
2490 Plum Grove Rd, Palatine	John Kladis & Emille Kladis	Pasadena Development Partners	03-23-17	\$72,000
930 E Tower Ct, # 8, Palatine	Alexey Ilyushov	Sonia N Zavolokoff	03-22-17	\$150,000
658 E Eisenhower Ave, Palatine	Robert Haas Jr & Cole Haas	Top Down Properties Llc	03-23-17	\$235,000
132 W Johnson St, # 403, Palatine	Luzviminda Puyot	Lise Wosneski	03-22-17	\$285,000
1063 N King Charles Ct, Palatine	Anthony Dockery & Winsome Dockery	Rdp Homes Llc	03-22-17	\$304,000
1052 W Elm St, Palatine	Stacey Hartstim & Leann V Kozilo	Melanie Schneider	03-22-17	\$342,000
435 W Wood St, # 301A, Palatine	Mary Ann Mayworm	Deborah M Lancaster	03-22-17	\$350,000
435 W Palatine Rd, Palatine	Saurabh Jain & Amy Jain	Kipling H Fisher	03-22-17	\$408,000
1243 W Whytecliff Rd, Palatine	Giuseppe Digiacinto & Patti Digiacinto	Sam Maglares	03-23-17	\$420,000
1230 W Claridge Ct, Palatine	Prashant Tomar & Sarika Goyal	Mehul R Patel	03-22-17	\$490,000
10 N Smith St, Palatine	Katheren A Krohn	Gary D Rockwell	03-23-17	\$655,000
1425 W Touhy Ave, # 202, Park Ridge	Jeffrey A Clarke	Robin Urbane	03-22-17	\$95,000
1016 N Knight Ave, Park Ridge	Kevin Lello & Patrizia Lello	Erik Daniel Baylis	03-23-17	\$255,000
2747 Dempster St, Park Ridge	Marguerite S Reese	Paramount Vision Llc	03-23-17	\$297,500
932 N Lincoln Ave, Park Ridge	Ka Kuen Leung & Lana Leung	Kb Homes Llc	03-23-17	\$450,000
23668 N Raleigh Dr, Prairie View	Charles N Wolavka & Cynthia L Verenski	Young Ryu	03-15-17	\$545,000
16 E Old Willow Rd, # 28G, Prospect Heights	Ludwik A Kulig	Stella L Marusin	03-23-17	\$13,000
12 Drake Ter, Prospect Heights	Bridgett Montijo & Kevin Montijo	Thomas P Glunz	03-23-17	\$400,000
495 Harrison Ct, Vernon Hills	Anupama Jale & Dayakar R Jale	Archie R Bridges	03-15-17	\$134,000
908 Ann Arbor Ln, # 22 G, Vernon Hills	Roberto L Tlopeco	Trisha Boussari	03-16-17	\$170,000
338 Alpine Springs Dr, Vernon Hills	Jeffrey Santiago & Rebeca E Cordero Rivera	Rg Ventures Llc	03-17-17	\$315,000
425 Benjamin Dr, # 404, Vernon Hills	Roy R Rozgo & Adele M Rozgo	Rivers Edge Of Vernon Hills	03-16-17	\$459,000
2008 Trevino Ter, Vernon Hills	Ricardo Ferreira Nieves Jr & Lorena Santos De Melo	Robert Mellinger	03-16-17	\$470,000
635 Gray Ct, Wheeling	Marius Dovidaitis	Midfirst Bank	03-23-17	\$91,000
610 Ironwood Ct, # A1, Wheeling	Peter Majchrzak & Magdalena Majchrzak	Alexander Freyman	03-22-17	\$179,000
715 Ridge Rd, # 4A, Wilmette	Catalina Arboleda Gonzalez & Nathan Abay Kebede	William M Hughes	03-23-17	\$232,000
922 Cherokee Rd, Wilmette	Matthew Cirenza & Caitlin Dahl	David E Schmidt	03-22-17	\$805,000
278 Scott Ave, Winnetka	Kolawole A Otitoju & Emma L Smith Otitoju	Havns Trust	03-22-17	\$2,185,000
702 Cumnor Ave, Barrington	Jason Conley	Gregg L Ehlers	03-17-17	\$316,000
21 Burning Oak Trl, Barrington	Juan P Bustos	William J Pondellicek Jr	02-07-17	\$385,000
224 Bellingham Dr, Barrington	Nafila B Mannan & Ziyada A Nazem	Reane J Marin	03-22-17	\$469,000
31 Aburdour Ct, Barrington	Deepak Mitra & Manisha Sahay	Dever Trust	03-16-17	\$940,000

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A new angle for interior design: Curves

BY LINDSEY M. ROBERTS
The Washington Post

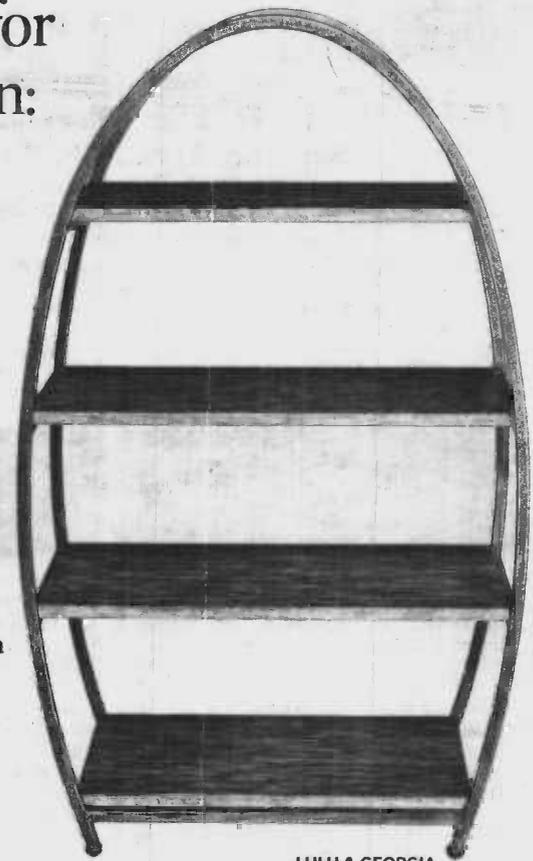
What was straight now curves. What was hard is now soft. There is a big shift happening in residential interiors to a look that is comfortable, livable and, most important, accessible. Are we seeing the death of modern design, something many regarded as cold and suitable only for kid-free minimalists? Probably not, but this trend is one that warms up the modern look.

You'll see it in friendly curves on side-table edges, headboards, mirrors, chairs and, especially, lighting. (John Amell, design manager for furniture company Sauder, says the trend toward rounder forms started in lighting.)

"People want almost a sanctuary space where they can decompress or chill out, and that goes to more pieces that have more rounded edges," says Lisa Puchalla of LilyMae Design in Washington, D.C. She notes that this is also a nod to classic design: "I think it's coming back around to having a space that's still sleek but also a little bit of that round feel, and maybe even more of a traditional feel."

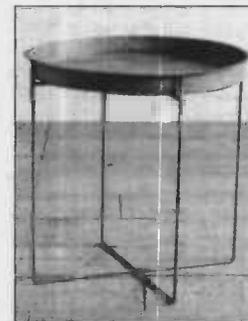
However you spin it, this trend is good news for everyone, giving us all permission to mix a little bit of this and a little bit of that, put our feet up and feel right at home.

Lindsey M. Roberts is a freelance writer.



LULU & GEORGIA

Need of a bookcase for a formal living room? Try the Arch Etagere, whose shape will add a comfortable curve (\$405, luluandgeorgia.com).



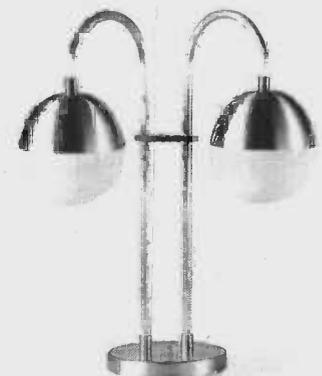
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Antiques & Collectibles: [Coins] Many Steel Pennies, 1929 S 100 bill, The federal reserve bank of Chicago, 2 dollar bill 19286 red stamp, 1 dollar silver certificates - (1957B, 1935E, 1957, 1935F, 1935C, 1935D), 1909 Indian Head Penny, Lincoln Wheat Penny, 1938 Indian Head Nickel, Jefferson Nickel, 1987 Silver Dollar in Case, 2 - State Quarter Maps - Full, [Bally Sharp Shoot Arcade Machine] B Scherpe & Co. Upright Piano, collectible coins and paper money. Wood Wheel barrow with iron wheel, John Deere 2 row Planter Steel Wheels, Buckboard Wagon, walk behind Bush Hog, 1 Bottom plow, walking plow, scrap iron, log chain, wood lathe, combo belt sander, wood chicken crate, set of hay forks, metal stool, fuel nozzles, advertising pieces, pulleys, butch block, hand crank stationary corn sheller, advertising tins, horse clock, dial phones, horse collars, large set of steer horns, deer antlers, deer mounts, buffalo skulls, pheasant, raccoon, Cedardell Farms Plano milk bottle, oil cans, glassware, spittoon, blacksmith tools, old carpenter tools, glass insulators, tin pop corn popper, primitives & collectibles, wore fan, bracket lamp, regulator wall clock, round oak table & chairs with 3 leaves, glass jar butter churn, graniteware, tin match holder, wood butter churn, large glass churn, 7up carry tray, old pop bottles, sausage press, wood crate, milk stations, cob basket, pine raise panel doors, 1800's wood shutters, 2 horse saddles, fire hose reel, large wind mill - fan blade head, horse harness and hames - many sets, 18 cubby wood chicken roost, wicker baby buggy, 6 wood wagon wheels, iron lawn furniture, milk cans, garden plow, wood rakes, sillage knives, motor mixer, steel wheel wagon, old porcelain stove, porcelain cook stove, eveners, horse harness gear, (5) 2-man saws, 2 wood buckboard seats, horse bits, shoe lathe, Edison poetry mimeograph, 2 old fuel cans with spouts, cream separator - floor model, reel mowers, freight scale - green, blade axes, tobacco tins, apple peelers, cherry pitter, shackles, wood pulleys, assortment of milk bottles, old pad locks, log roller, buck saws, wood seed planters, hay forks, ribbed fuel cans, kerosene heater, brass fire nozzles, cradle scythe, snow shoes, wood steel wheel barrow, wood skis, copper boiler, rope maker pitch forks, scales, crockery bowl, 2 door jelly cupboard, Galvanized wash tables, hanging iron scale, 3 door oak ice box, tine bath tub with 4 legs, Columbia phonograph, blacksmith forge & tools, (2) seated stone wheel pedal grinders, new Corn King stationary corn sheller, GE refrigerator, supreme green& cream granite stove, many license plates, large assortment of auto parts, lights and parts, horns, hub caps, carburetors, new old stock, old fuel cans, many exhaust pipes, antique auto parts, pedestal drill press, assortment of socket sets, wrenches, electric valve grinders, large vise, bench grinder, large assortment of hand tools, antique tools, SS commercial meat slicer, All American model. 119 meat band saw, prep table, tricycles, metal teeter-totter, Rely-O-Dyne Radio with horn, floor model radio - Atwater rent, 2 benches, Wind wood iron stove, Estate Glory No. 16 iron Stove, wood barrel churn, oak dresser, Duncan Phyle table, Neon Beer Lights, Railroad arm light, [Bottles] Milk Bottle Bireleys Hollywood Ca., Coke bottles, Rock Springs Black River Falls Wi. Milk Bottle, Brown Schlitz Bottle, Large Drey & Ball Jar, Altos 6-2 Seal Jar, Soda Success Bottle, Ink Bottle; Blue - Tuckahoe County School 1891, (2) Railroad Lanterns, [Signs] On the Farm Jacques - Corn & Alfalfa Seed sign, Acco Seed, Pioneer, Plant Bo-Jac Corn, Lacrosse Gro-Coated Brand Seed sign, milk box, Matson oil thermometer - Sandwich IL, wood level, Butter Churn paddle, metal ware, 2 glass oil lamps, Oak Dresser with mirror, gun cabinet, Walnut Twin Poster bed, Baby Bed, Train set, Battery Box Flash light, Pair of wooded wagon wheels, records, [Old Brass Items] US Bank, Rose Dish, 6 horses, 2 men on horses, cowboy boots, bank rocking horse, ships book ends, Buddha book end, [cut glass pcs], [Old Clocks] 4 Germany Coo Coo Clocks, Ship clock, mantle clock 31 day - Strausbourg, Elgin Pocket watched and assortment of others, Star Wars and Star Trek collector plates with certificate of authenticity, Dr. McCoy, Chekov, Sulu, Captain Kirk, Scotty, Spock, Beam Us Up Scotty, many antiques and Collectibles not listed, Many wood boxes and crates full!

Tools: DeWalt radial arm saw, lawn & garden tools, Wallace radial arm saw, weed eaters, Onan Generator. Delta Band saw, Delta scroll saw, overhead fuel tank, polytank for pickup.

Owner: The Estate of Dutch Hill

Note: Dutch passed away just short of 95 years old. His barns & home are full of collectibles dating back to the 1800's. Dutch lived on the farm just after the war for about 70 years.

This will be a great collectable auction! Please try to attend. Thank You!

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Thursday, April 27

Joy through Movement - T'al Chl Chlh Classes: Learn how to de-stress and energize your life and create the kind of balance you want and need in your life. A new eight-week course begins April 20 to June 8, 7-8:30 p.m. Holy Family Convent, 310 N. River Road, Des Plaines, \$80, 412-849-9117

Fuente Ovejuna: Lope de Vega's Spanish Golden Age drama illuminates protest movements of today. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, The Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz Center, 1449 Campus Drive, Evanston, \$20-\$25; \$6-10 (students with ID), 847-491-7282

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

Drinks with Your Elders, with Dave Romanelli: Ann Brown, practitioner at Heartwood and owner of Mystic Heart Healing, co-hosts: Drinks with Your Elders, by Dave Romanelli. You are invited to an event that embraces some of the fascinating elders in your community. Hear their stories and wisdom. Learn from their mistakes. Listen to their dreams for the future generations. Enjoy a glass of wine. Celebrate life. 7 p.m. Heartwood Center, 1818 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$23, 847-858-7576

MFA Lab: "Passion Play": Passion Play takes us behind the scenes of three communities attempting to stage the popular dramatization of the death and resurrection of Christ. From Queen Elizabeth's England to Hitler's Germany to Reagan's America, Ruhl takes us on a humorous, yet unsettling, journey filled with lust, faith and a lot of fish. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Hal and Martha Hyer-Wallis Theater, Northwestern University, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston, \$6-\$10, 847-491-4819

MFA Lab: "Three Sisters": Transplanted from their beloved Moscow to a provincial Russian town, three sisters: Olga, Masha and Irina, yearn for the city

of their childhood where they always imagined their dreams fulfilled. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Hal and Martha Hyer-Wallis Theater, Northwestern University, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston, \$6-\$10, 847-491-4819

Triple T: Thursday evenings is 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. Peckish Pig, 623 Howard St., Evanston, \$15, 847-491-6778

Skyline Piano Series: Sergel Babayan: Babayan's performance will be the opening event of the American Liszt Society's annual conference hosted this year by the Bienen School of Music and will feature works by Liszt and his contemporaries. 7:30 p.m. Mary Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 70 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$10-\$30, 847-467-4000

Arbor Day Tree Planting: The Village of Glencoe in cooperation with West School will plant a Baldcypress tree at the southwest corner of the school in honor of Arbor Day. This is an unusual species of tree that appears as an evergreen but is a deciduous conifer. 2 p.m. Glencoe West School, Forestway Drive and Willow Tree Lane, Glencoe, free

Tax-Free Investing: It's not what you make, it's what you keep. Yev Kozachuk, financial advisor with Edward Jones, provides an overview of tax-advantaged investments such as municipal bonds, IRAs, and life insurance. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Parkinson Wellness Recovery Brain-Body Training: Parkinson Wellness Recovery/PWR! is Parkinson-specific exercise, scientifically designed to target symptoms of PD. It includes boxing training for endurance, agility, and stability. The instructor is Drew Surinsky, is 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

Spring Garage Sale: Spring Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, April 27, and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, April 28, at The East Wing, 2400 Chestnut Ave. Select from gently used toys, books, holiday decorations, jewelry and clothing, and fill a bag for \$5 in our bargain room. 9 a.m. Thursday and Friday, The East Wing Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, Free admission, \$5 for a bargain room bag, various pricing for other items, 847-724-

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Bites and Brews: The Talk of the Town is the Taste of the Town. At this free-range celebration for guests to sample a huge variety of beers and the best food in the region and wine tasting—a perfect companion for more than 30 food offerings. Tickets are available online at the website. 5 p.m. The Glen Club, 2901 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, \$25 Chamber members; \$35 non-members, 847-724-0900

StoryWalk: The Grizzly Bear Who Lost His Grrrrr: Little Bear Garden at Gallery Park is the place to go on the Storybook Trail and find out where that Grrrrr! got off to. 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 Boulevard and Chestnut Avenue, 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. Registration is required and is for the entire series: March 30-May 25. 9:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Presentation: Identity Theft & Fraud: Registration Required Presentation: Identity Theft & Fraud. Learn how your financial and confidential information can be stolen and how you can protect it. 2 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

Tampico Foundation Gala: This is an evening of hope with live music, celeb-

rity appearances, and much more. Celebrating five years of giving back to the community. Tickets start at \$500 each, with sponsorship's available. 7 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, start \$500 each; sponsorship's available, 773-296-0190

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

Friday, April 28

Bach Week Festival: Dueling Divas: The opening concert of 2017 Bach Week Festival will feature the festival debuts of two North Shore-based classical singers of international stature. Soprano Josefien Stoppelenburg, of Wilmette, has sung at the Arizona Bach Festival, the Boulder Bach Festival and with the St. Louis Bach Society and Cincinnati Bach Ensemble. British-born, Canadian mezzo-soprano Susan Platts, of Evanston, is a favorite of revered German choral conductor Helmuth Rilling. 7:30 p.m. Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$35 general admission; \$20 seniors; \$10 students, 847-269-9050

Jesus Christ Superstar: Evanston Township High School presents the powerful rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, \$12, 847-424-7130

86th Annual Waa-Mu Show: Community Day offers musical theater workshops and accessible performance. The matinee includes sign language interpretation and modifications for students with autism, learning differences or other sensory needs. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston, \$10-\$30, 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., Evans-

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ton, \$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

Swing Into Spring: Your complimentary evening will include: cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, introductory classes in popular dances, student and staff performances, social dancing, and the chance for you to schedule your own personal lessons. Call us with any questions. 8 p.m. Arthur Murray Glenview, 1328 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-0627

Friday Night Meltdowns: This is a great night out for teens to join 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

Teen Advisory Board Meeting: A VolunTEEN Opportunity: This is for teens in grades 9-12 who would like to help plan programs, discuss books they love, and have fun brainstorming with their peers and Library staff. Share ideas at the TAB quarterly meetings. Service points are awarded for participation. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 5 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Maine Township Swing Into Spring: This spring senior expo is designed to link seniors who need services with vendors who provide them. The event features a wide variety of events and activities including state and regional agency information booths, product demonstrations, raffles, giveaways, and contests as well as entertainment. 9 a.m. Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles, free, 847-297-2510

Women In Business Networking Breakfast - Sales: This presentation is made by Nadine Haupt, Speaking But Not Making Sales? Five Critical Mistakes That Keep You From The Money... And How To Fix Them. If you struggle to attract your perfect clients no matter what you try, join Nadine Haupt and discover the simple strategies to make more money through speaking. 8:30 a.m. Park Ridge Chamber

of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$17; \$12 member, 847-825-3121

Saturday, April 29

Opening Your Psychic Channels with Linda Schiller-Hanna: This practical and immersive one-day workshop offers step-by-step tools and techniques to open your psychic channels. Experienced, top-rated clairvoyant, Linda Schiller-Hanna promises practical instruction in a fun and engaging style. Metromix readers save \$5 using code FE173568. 9 a.m. Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, \$94 general; \$74 members; 800-333-4499

Healthy Kids Day: Lattof YMCA is hosting a variety of family-friendly activities for the 26th annual Healthy Kids Day, the Y's national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. 10 a.m. Lattof YMCA, 300 Northwest Highway, Des Plaines, free, 847-296-3376

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

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, 847-475-1030

Money Smart Week: Life-Size Monopoly: It's Money Smart Week—celebrate with a life-sized round of capitalism's favorite board game. Register the whole family, call dibs on your favorite token, and see if you have what it takes to bankrupt your siblings. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. Noon, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Presentation: Reverse Mortgages: Registration Required Presentation: Reverse Mortgages. Find out how to use your home equity to help meet retirement needs with Larry Hanover, Illinois Licensed Real Estate CE Instructor. 10 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Walk 'N Talk: The Oregon Trail A New American Journey: This Walk 'N Talk group from the Morton Grove Public Library meets at Starbucks. Participants can pick up the book at the Check-out desk a month prior to the meet and registration is required. So, get on the trail, "The Oregon Trail," and talk about this humorous and informative take on the historic American trek. From Starbucks begin a walk and talk on the North Branch Trail. And this month only, every attendee receives a free portable mug to take on this walk 'N talk. 10 a.m. Starbucks, 6763 Dempster St, Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Healthy Kids Day: Leaning Tower YMCA is hosting a variety of family-friendly activities for the YMCA's 26th annual Healthy Kids Day, the Y's national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. 10 a.m. Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 W Touhy Ave., Niles, free, 847-410-5108

Hiking Trip to Warren Woods & Dunes: This trip to Michigan features trails at two nearby state parks: Warren Woods with its old growth beech/maple forest and array of spring wildflowers, and Warren Dunes State Park with three miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and 260-foot sand dunes. Plan to hike about five miles of moderate to challenging trails. Van transportation provided. Ages 18 and older. 7 a.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$32 (Skokie resident); \$40 (non-resident), 847-677-7001

Nature Fun and Frolic - Saturdays: 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. 9:30 a.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$84 Skokie resident, \$105 non-resident, 847-677-7001

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

Sunday, April 30

North Shore Harmonizers are "Feelin' Groovy": The North Shore Harmonizers will be "Feelin' Groovy" at their concert at 3 p.m. April 30. Celebrating 65 years of singing, this independent

women's a cappella barbershop chorus will perform a lively concert featuring rock, doo-wop, Broadway, traditional folk tunes, and many pop favorites. 3 p.m. Lake Street Church of Evanston, 607 Lake St., Evanston, \$20, ages 12 and under free, 847-454-7535

Live Jazz with Chad Willets Trio: On Sundays they have their full brunch menu with live jazz and the Chad Willets Trio from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Peckish Pig, 623 Howard St., Evanston, free, 847-491-6778

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

Knife Single Weapon Certification: This class is taught by Chuck Coyle to learn the oldest and most visceral weapon style. Attacks, defenses, footwork and performance skills unique to the performance of safe and effective theatrical knife play are covered. Participants have the opportunity to take the Society of American Fight Directors skills proficiency test. 10 a.m. Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$415, 847-328-2795

Works of Mercy In Our Daily Life: This is a lecture and discussion on the works of mercy as a school of discipleship, as modeled by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; holiness as the imitation of Christ. It is presented by Father Pawel Komperda of Incarnation Parish in Palos Heights, and Spiritual Director at University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, and the Bishop Abramowicz Formation Program. No pre-registration is needed. Noon, St. Catherine Laboure Parish, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

Chicago Master Singers Spring Concert: This performance features Anton Bruckner's Mass No. 2 in e minor and Psalms by Mendelssohn. 7 p.m. Techny Towers, 2001 Waukegan Road, Northbrook, \$15-\$48, 877-825-5267

Family Play Day: This is a self-guided afternoon of engaging nature play. Walk through the woods with your family, exploring and participating in fun activities along the way. Arrive at any time, and stay as long as you'd like. This is for all ages, but children must be accompanied by a registered adult. 1 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$1 per person, 847-677-7001

Nature Warblers: This is for ages 2-4 with a parent to learn about animals and the outdoors through music, movement and motion. Craft a musical instrument each week, and learn how to keep a

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beat. Classes are primarily outdoors, weather permitting. 10 a.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$74 Skokie resident, \$93 non-resident, 847-677-7001

Steven Grund: The Story of a Survivor: In remembrance of the Holocaust and to stand against growing anti-Semitism in our day, Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue presents Steven Grund: The Story of a Survivor of Lvov, Poland. Mr. Grund is among those Holocaust survivors whose stories are included in the Steven Spielberg Film and Video Archive. 6:45 p.m. Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue, 7800 Niles Ave., Skokie, free, 847-674-9146

Benefit Brass Concert: Benefit Brass is a group of 15 young professional brass players who present a one-hour concert to promote awareness of the Family Promise organization. The concert is free but an offering will be taken to benefit Family Promise. 3 p.m. Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hibbard Road, Wilmette, free, 847-446-4300

Kids' Class: Renaissance Superheroes: Kids aged 9 to 12 learn about the art and architecture of Michelangelo, Leonardo, Donatello, and Raphael -- four famous Renaissance artists (and namesakes of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles) -- as well as create their own masterpieces inspired by these artists' works. The workshop is taught by architect David Erck and educator Lauren Friedman. Class size is limited and advance registration is required by calling. 2 p.m. Wilmette Historical Museum, 609 Ridge Road, Wilmette, \$5 members; \$15 non-members, 847-853-7666.

Down Dog & Denim: Join us every Sunday for a free hourlong Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/down-dog-denim-tickets-31076517701. 10:30 a.m. Down Dog & Denim, 908 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free

Monday, May 1

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

Bookmark Design Contest Voting: During Children's Book Week, visit the Youth Services Desk to vote for your favorite patron-designed bookmark. The winning bookmark will be produced and distributed throughout the

summer. 9 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Page Turners - Book Discussion Group: Just drop in to discuss, "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen. The story follows a Viet Cong agent as he spies on a South Vietnamese army general and his compatriots, as they start a new life in 1975 Los Angeles. It is a blistering exploration of identity and America, a gripping espionage novel, and a powerful story of love and friendship. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Northbrook Community Choir Spring Concert: The Northbrook Community Choir presents a spring concert of uplifting, joyful music to brighten your day. 7:30 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Money Matters Discussion: The group meets on the first Monday of each month. 10 a.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Tuesday, May 2

Broadway to Hollywood: Evanston Encore Choral: The Encore Choral will perform a one-hour program of favorites from stage and screen, including works written by George and Ira Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, and other greats of Broadway and the American Songbook, as well as a few assorted musical treats. Encore Artistic Director Jonathan Miller conducts, with accompanist Amy Wurtz, who will perform Brahms Intermezzo in E minor, op.119, no. 2 for piano solo. 7 p.m. The Merion, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 630-441-5157

Let's Talk @ Lunch: At this drop-in program, participants can talk through the issue of racism, and practice honest conversation skills by looking at our own experiences in light of what we're learning about how racism affects us all. 1:30 p.m. YoFresh Yogurt Cafe, 635 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-864-8445

How to Grow Your Garden In the Shade with Native Plants: Red Stem

Native Landscapes owner, Monica Buckley, discusses the challenges of shade gardening and shares secrets on creating a successful woodland paradise with native plants. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Falling to Win: Business professionals learn how to turn mistakes and failures into positive opportunities for themselves and improve business performance. Dr. John Coumbe-Lilley shares research findings and real world cases from a wide range of industries in this lively, interactive discussion. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Apple Devices: A Beginner's Basic: If you suffer from "technophobia" and have an iPhone or iPad, get started by gaining familiarity and confidence with your device. Come learn about the functions and features, as well as how to set up your personal preferences for ease of use. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$29 member; \$35 non-member, 847-784-6030

Grief Share Support Group: This is for anyone who can use help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. It is nondenominational and features Biblical concepts for healing from grief. These sessions include a weekly DVD, small group discussion and workbook. 7 p.m. St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge, \$25, 847-692-6767

The Breakfast Club: Start your day right at The Breakfast Club! Network over breakfast at Lola's Diner, as this is hosted by Chamber Ambassador, Dave Donovan. 7:30 a.m. Lola's Diner, 920 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, \$12 member; \$15 fee, 847-825-3121

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

847-675-4141

Scouting Around for Homeschoolers: Explore the natural world, learn new skills, and have fun with friends this spring. Activities change weekly and include science topics and outdoor skills. A major portion of each class takes place outside. Classes run weekly. 1:15 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$99 Skokie resident, \$124 non-resident, 847-677-7001

Toodlebugs: This is for ages 3-year-old and younger with a parent. Through exploration and play in the natural world, your child, or Toodlebug, 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

Backyard Composting: This program is for ages 18 and older to learn different methods of composting, how to build or buy a compost bin, what materials can be composted, how to maintain odor-free compost, and how the finished product can enrich garden soils. 7 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$14 Skokie resident; \$18 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

Wednesday, May 3

Found's Salon Serles Featuring Nicholas Barron: Found Kitchen and Social House are featuring a new collective of interactive events dubbed the Salon Series. As a part of this series, Evanston's own Nicholas Barron is set to perform every Wednesday night. 8 p.m. Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10, 847-868-8945

Live Music Wednesdays with the Josh Rzepka Trio: Hear the music of Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other classics of the era played by the Josh Rzepka Bebop

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trio. Reservations can be made online or by calling. 6:30 p.m. Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

Works by Shulin Sun: From May 3 through May 29, the Art Center will be exhibiting Shulin Sun's paintings in a solo exhibition. Employing traditional Chinese painting methods alongside elements of contemporary American and European art, Shulin's paintings marry east and west. 9 a.m. Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free

Triple B: Wednesday nights the burger special is of epic proportions. A burger of your choice, a house-brewed draft beer and a shot of buck bourbon -- all for \$15. 4 p.m. Peckish Pig, 623 Howard St., Evanston, \$15, 847-491-6778

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

MGPL Writers Workshop: The MGPL Writers Workshop is for writers who want to share their works in progress and support other writers in drafting, revising, and finishing manuscripts, essays, poems, or any other type of writing. For questions, contact Chad at ccomello@mgpl.org. 7 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Drop-In Genealogy: Drop in for a 15-minute guided search of your family history. This takes place near the Library's Reference Desk from 3-5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. 3 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a beginner 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: Community Wednesdays begins Jan. 18, at Bernard Weinger JCC. We will host three, one-hour lectures/classes throughout the day, along with our fitness class

offerings at the Marvin Lustbader Center. 9:30 a.m. Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, \$10 per day for nonmember, 224-406-9257

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

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

Fire Building for Kids: This is for students ages 8-10 to learn fire safety guidelines and construct an A-frame campfire with firewood. After lighting and tending the fire, participants roast

marshmallows. Dress for the weather and avoid synthetic clothing and shoes. 4 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. The evening starts with a tasty dinner—sometimes chicken, sometimes pasta or pizza. 6:45 p.m. First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

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NOW PLAYING

**"The Fate of the Furious" ★★**

PG-13, 2:16, action/adventure

"The Fate of the Furious" illustrates the limits and hazards of multigenre blockbuster engineering. For an hour, director F. Gary Gray's pileup of gravity-free drag racing, supercool cyberterrorism, vehicular Ice Capades and World War III prevention program stays on the side of the good (or good enough) stupid. But the second hour gets to be a real drag, and not the racing kind. Dom (Vin Diesel) runs afoul of Cipher (Charlize Theron), the

blackmailing witch who forces Dom to turn against his gang. The climax feels approximately 50 years long, and it makes the audience long for a simple scene back in a garage somewhere. — *Michael Phillips*

**"The Boss Baby" ★★ 1/2**

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 clever. 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 remake of Disney's 1991 screen musical "Beauty and the Beast" 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. — *M.P.*

**"Smurfs: The Lost Village" ★ 1/2**

PG, 1:21, animated

"Smurfs: The Lost Village" has enough bright colors and slapstick humor to enchant its target audience. But anyone much taller than a Smurf may turn blue long before its 81 minutes are over. The plot of "The Lost Village" exposes its own lack of character development. Smurfette is shown embarking on a journey of self-discovery to figure out what, precisely, she's made for. The answer lies, sort of, in the Lost Village. When it comes to

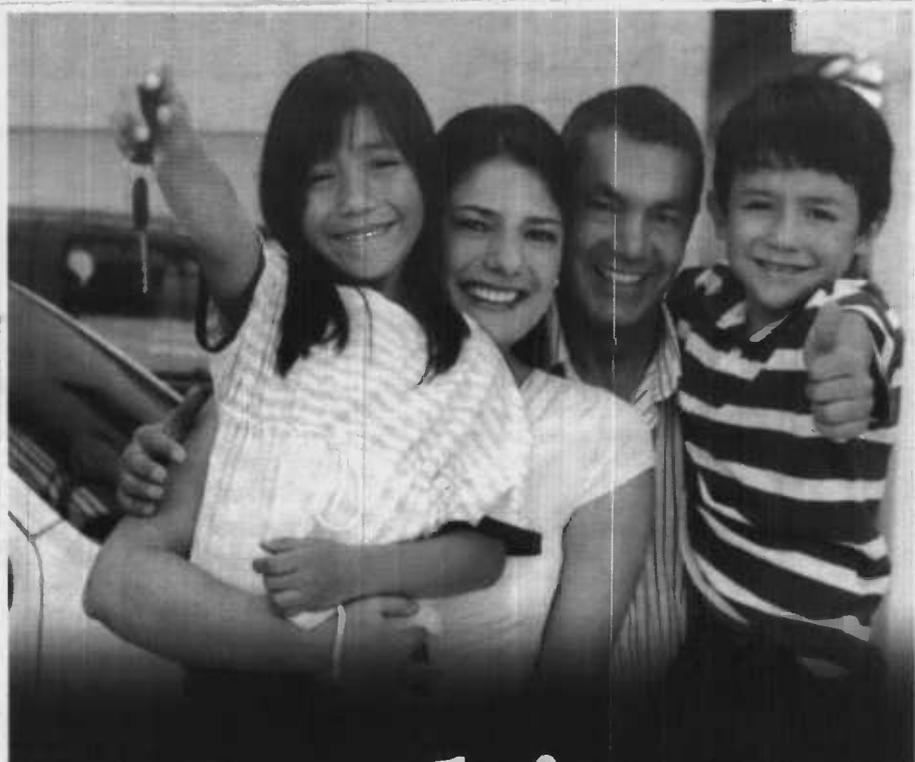
trippy children's entertainment, most people would be better off sticking with "Teletubbies." — *Pat Padua, Washington Post*

**"Going in Style" ★★ 1/2**

PG-13, 1:36, comedy

A pleasant hangout session for its stars, and those who love them, this remake of the 1979 comedy "Going in Style" allows its Golden Boys ensemble a measure of dignity alongside the slapstick, pathos and wish fulfillment: If that sounds like a qualified endorsement, you're reading me loud and clear. With their approximately \$45,000 annual pensions frozen and presumed lost, retirees Joe (Michael Caine), Willie (Morgan Freeman) and

Al (Alan Arkin) decide to go gangster and pull off their own heist. Director Zach Braff's remake is a lot pushier than the original, and more determinedly ingratiating. — *M.P.*



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Death Notices**Krage, Joseph J.**

Joseph J. Krage, 91, of Park Ridge formerly of Chicago. Dear son of the late Joseph and Helen; brother of the late Theodore (Elaine) Krajewski; uncle of Jerry (Helen) Krajewski and Dr. Jeff (Gail) Kraig; great uncle of Courtney (Angelo) Pileggi, Caroline Krajewski, Lindsey (Steven) Bembenista, Katie (Ben) Zulauf and Rose Krajewski; great great uncle of Zoe and Jack Pileggi and George and Janie Bembenista. Visitation at Mary Seat of Wisdom Church, 920 Granville Ave., Park Ridge, IL from 9:30 A.M. until time of Mass at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, April 29, 2017. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Arrangements by Ahlgrim Funeral Home. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Pinter, Rudolph William**

Rudolph (Rudy) William Pinter passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the age of 90. Rudy was born January 13, 1927 in Chicago, IL. He lived most of his life in Chicago and the surrounding area. As a child, he contracted polio, restricting him from military service during WWII, but went on to develop a career and become head of maintenance

for several schools in the Morton Grove School District in Illinois.

He is fondly remembered for his loving nature and easy smile. His devoted years of service to the schools and various clubs and organizations earned him many awards and accolades. On snowy mornings in the cold winters of the North Chicago suburbs, Rudy would always be found plowing the snow from parking lots and sidewalks to make sure the schools were ready for children. The students loved when he would leave notes on the chalkboards for them, and looked forward to seeing him in the afternoons as he helped out as crossing guard. Rudy and his wife, Dolores, retired to Peachtree City, GA in 1990 where he stayed active in the community. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Peachtree City Pioneers, and the Knights of Columbus.

Rudy was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores M. Pinter (Wuckert). He is survived by his sons, David Pinter and his wife, Charlene of Estero, FL; Randy Pinter and his wife, Lori of Senoia, GA; Rick Pinter and his wife, Dawn of Lake Zurich, IL; grandchildren, Kelly Pinter (Adam Gira), Dane Pinter, Ryan Pinter (Audra), Courtney Pinter, Meghann Yosten (Nick); and great-grandchildren Hanalei Gira, Dexter Gira, Hank Yosten, Ella Grace Yosten and Vincent Pinter. He loved all his family dearly.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 10:00am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Peachtree City. Private interment will immediately follow at Westminster Memorial Gardens in Peachtree City. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make donations to the Peachtree City Fire Department at 105 North Peachtree Parkway, Peachtree City, GA 30269 or to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 101 Walt Banks Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269.

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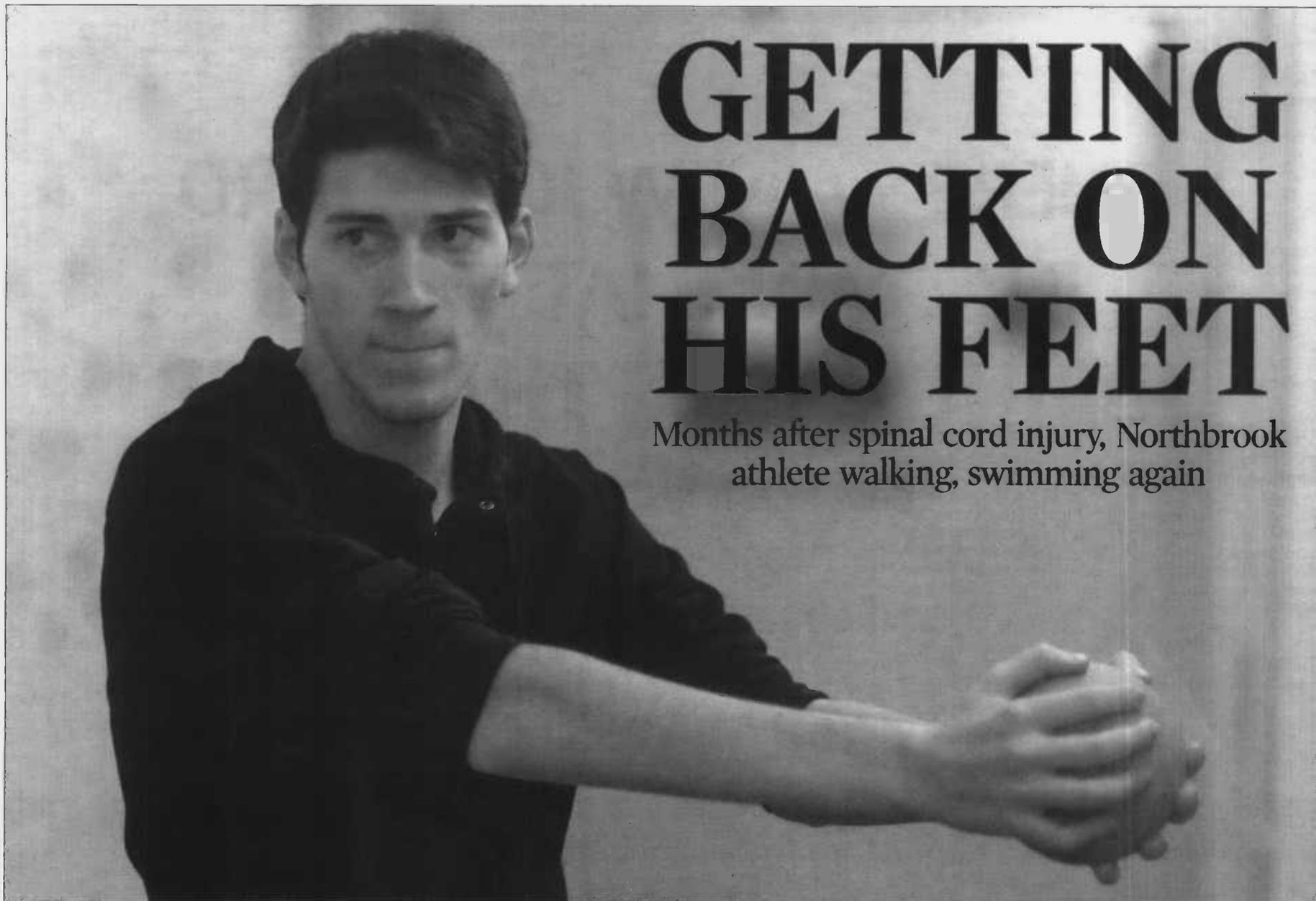
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GETTING BACK ON HIS FEET

Months after spinal cord injury, Northbrook athlete walking, swimming again

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Tural Erel works at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago on Jan. 12 in Northbrook. Erel was paralyzed from the neck down for two weeks, but he's walking again.

BY HEATHER RULE
Pioneer Press

Glenbrook North senior Tural Erel remembers his first thoughts in the emergency room last summer after a beach accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. First, he asked the doctor if he was going to be OK. Then he asked if he'd be able to compete for the Spartans boys swim team in December.

"I remember the doctor saying, 'I really don't think that you will,'" Erel said. "...

I looked at him and said, 'Do you think I'll be able to walk?' And he looked at me and (said), 'In all honesty, I'm not really sure.'"

Eight months later, Erel, of Northbrook, is walking again. His right side is a little weaker than his left, and every once in a while he gets spasms in his hands from nerve damage. His walking doesn't look much different from a normal walk, except he leans a bit more on his left leg, which is "barely noticeable at this point if you're walking at a regular pace," he said.

Initially when he was admitted to the hospital,

doctors told his parents he had less than a 5 percent chance of a full recovery. Damage to the spinal cord is usually permanent because it's the base of the nervous system, Erel said.

But Erel's recovery has been so successful that a date for a full recovery to be complete is a moving target, said his father, Turhan. "I really don't have any limitations for myself," the youth said. "The goal is to kind of get back to where I was before."

Tural Erel went to Gillson Beach in Wilmette to watch sunrise over Lake Michigan with some

friends on the last day of summer vacation in August. He drove there and said he was a little groggy since it was 5:30 a.m. He recalls that the beach sand and lake air were a bit cool, and a bunch of people were already there when he arrived. They were going to make pancakes in someone's car with a portable griddle. While they waited on the food, some members of the group ran into the water. Erel, a frequent beachgoer, already had his swimsuit on when he arrived. He decided to venture into the water, too.

As he did, he didn't think

anything of doing a dolphin (shallow) dive, since the water was thigh-high, he said. But he hit his head on a sandbank and realized he couldn't get up. He was face-down in the water, holding his breath. He's not sure how much time passed, but then he felt something hit his face, which he thought was probably seaweed. It turned out to be his arm. "That's when I knew for a fact that it was really bad," he said.

Erel was in the water for about 60 to 90 seconds before Glenbrook South senior Paul Choi and a few others pulled him out. Choi

recognized that Erel was injured and Glenbrook South senior Katie MacQuarrie, a Glenview Park District lifeguard, stabilized his neck and head, according to the Torch, the Glenbrook North student newspaper.

Erel's parents got the call about 6 a.m. that their son was in a beach accident and they headed to Evanston Hospital. When they saw him, he was scared. "I cannot feel my body," his mother, Sapho, recalled him saying. "Of course, the emotions are horrific," she added.

The youth had shattered

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his C5 vertebra, and the initial diagnosis from Dr. Ricky Wong "was just very dire," Turhan Erel said. The doctor told them instead of emergency surgery, he wanted to wait for the swelling to decrease; delaying surgery was risky, but so was operating right away with a chance to cause permanent damage.

It was a painful wait for the teen, who had high doses of steroids to reduce the inflammation. He woke up with panic attacks. "The best thing we could do is literally just touch him and comb his hair to calm him down," Turhan Erel said. "We had to improvise how to comfort our child."

Doctors waited four days before performing the surgery, in which the fractured bone was removed and the C4 and C6 vertebrae were fused together. Erel was paralyzed from the neck down for two weeks. The spinal cord was damaged but not severed. After surgery, Erel would feel tingling or sharp pain in his arms when he was touched. That gave them all hope, Sapho Erel said.

"Honestly, it's ... kind of just luck, I guess you could say," Erel said. "And I guess, a miracle, as my mom would say, that it wasn't totally damaged."

He was in the ICU at Evanston Hospital for about a week. Each night, there were 15 to 20 students there to support him, according to his parents. Some nights there were upward of 35 guests. Their support and positive attitudes helped his recovery, his father said. From there, Tural was transferred to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in downtown Chicago, where he stayed for inpatient care and therapy for nearly three months.

On a typical day, he'd go through therapy from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. He'd get a nap and have dinner with his mom, who stayed with him most nights. His father and sister, Zeynep, visited, too, spending two hours on the

How to help

Insurance covered a majority of Tural Erel's medical costs, but there are still bills coming in from his stay at the rehab facility, according to Tural Erel. For those that would like to support Tural Erel, there's a GoFundMe page for him called Tural's Year of Healing. Tural Erel's parents said their family couldn't have endured their son's injury without the support of the community and are very thankful to everyone who assisted. "This isn't something a family on its own or a person on his own can achieve," Turhan Erel said.

road just to see him for even 30 minutes. Sapho Erel works in downtown Chicago, so she stopped by on her lunch breaks to see her son. They went out to Michigan Avenue and even to the Cheesecake Factory in the John Hancock Center.

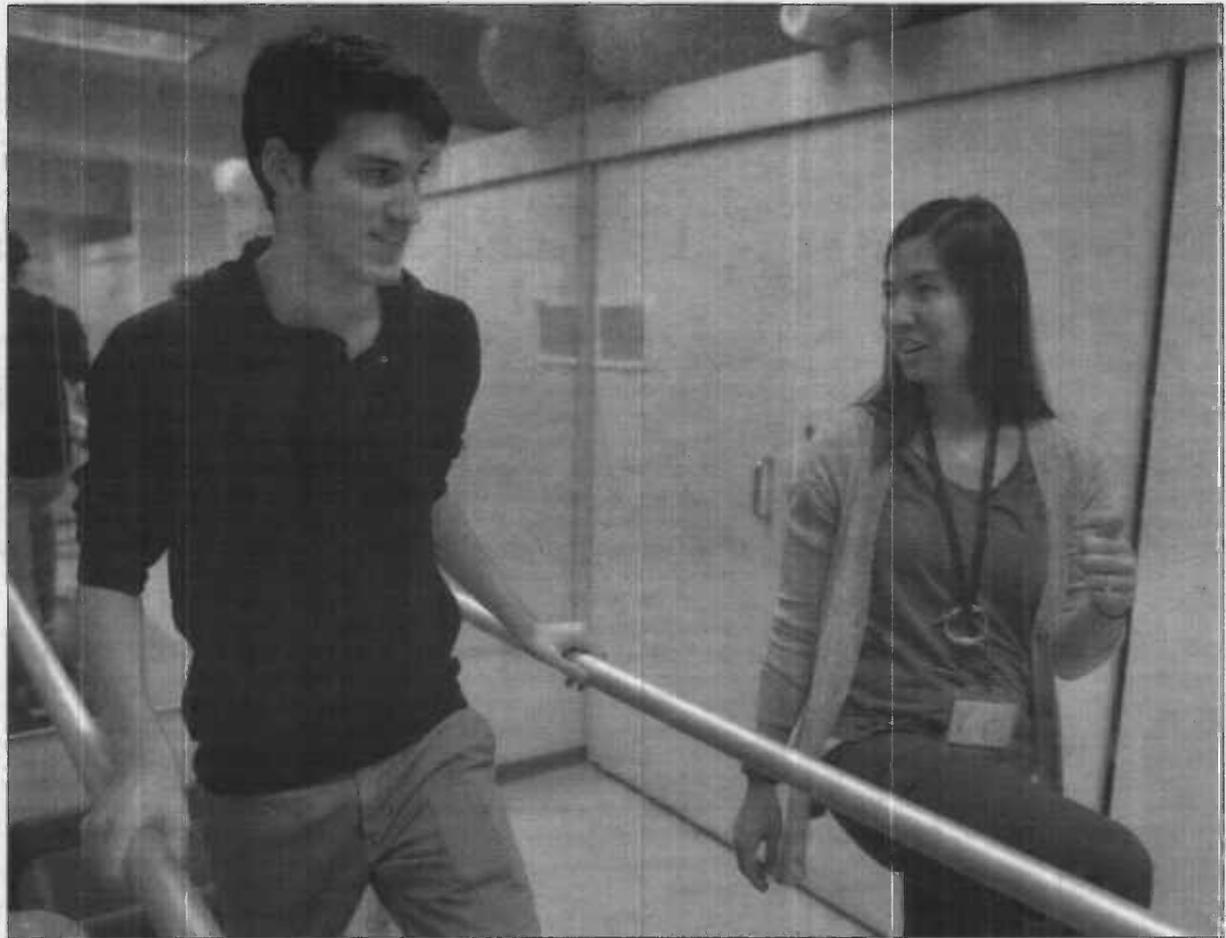
Slowly, he started getting feeling and motion back in the lower parts of his body. He had to re-learn how to use his body.

He was in a wheelchair for his stay in rehab, so needing to be pushed around everywhere he went was certainly one of the harder parts for him, Erel said.

Erel's parents and Glenbrook North boys swimming coach Kirk Ziemke believe a lot of things contributed to his recovery, like all the support from family and friends and the fact that he was already in great physical shape. Erel knew from swimming that he had to keep pushing himself harder to continue his improvement.

His youth also helped his body heal quickly, Erel said. "It's really insane how the spinal cord has been able to heal. Honestly the only thing that would really get me any better was time. You have to let the body heal."

Erel has treated recovery like he treated swimming, according to Ziemke, who visited weekly. "He's been focused. He's been optimistic. He's been determined,"



Tural Erel works with physical therapist Brittany Franklin at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago on Jan. 12 in Northbrook.

the coach said. "In August, he couldn't move ... now, before the first of the year, he was up and standing around a pool deck."

Erel was still "100 percent" part of the team this past season and at the forefront of the Spartans' minds, Ziemke said. On the back of their team T-shirts was a silhouette of Erel celebrating a 50-yard freestyle swim during the 2015-16 season.

Erel swam on Glenbrook North's JV squad as a freshman and sophomore before moving up to varsity as a junior. He was a sprinter, shining in the 50 and 100 free. Erel made "some crazy drops" in time last season, he said, going from 23.61 seconds to 22.2 seconds in the 50, and then dropping from 54 to 49.6 in the 100.

A good goal for a swimmer is to drop 2 seconds per 100 yards each year, according to Ziemke. Erel was close to a 5-second drop. Those huge time drops are a direct result of the work he put in, Ziemke said.

"We over me" was a team motto that Erel embodied, according to Ziemke. As a junior, he had a chance to make the state-bound 200 free relay team. He lost the swim-off, congratulated his victorious teammate who clinched the spot and showed no negative reaction.

Erel worked out all summer, swimming with his club, Glenbrook Aquatics, to prepare for his senior season. He balanced that schedule with summer school in June, then he worked as a pool attendant at a private pool on the days he didn't have school.

Then, his accident happened. "So that kind of put a dent in things, but it's no big deal," Erel said. "Well, it is a big deal, but it's not something I'm really worried about right now."

Erel returned home Nov. 22. It was an unreal feeling to have him there, his mother said. Before his release, the Erel family was trained on how to take care

of a young adult in a wheelchair. "Put it this way: It was the end to a nightmare," Turhan Erel said. "We're still to this day just looking at him, and we are shocked."

The youth still attends outpatient therapy three days a week, down from five days. He's working on getting stronger, improving his balance, making his walking more fluid and more recently he's focused on running and jumping. His right side is still not as coordinated as his left, so he works on fine motor skills.

He first returned to school for just two classes, political science and English. He's back full time this semester and is expected to graduate on time.

Erel also made it out to watch a few swim practices and meets in January. He and his Glenbrook North teammates hoped he could race on senior night, Feb. 3, and after a long process with paperwork, Erel received clearance to swim. He had about four days of

practice in the pool before the duel against Highland Park.

The bleachers were packed that night as Erel prepared to swim the 50 free. He started the race in the water rather than on a starting block as normal. He finished in 1:04.46 — "undoubtedly slow," he said — but he still beat any expectations he had for himself. He thought he'd swim a 1:15 or 1:20. "It was just unreal to swim that night."

His mother tried to record the race on her phone but couldn't because her hands were shaking. "There was not a dry eye on those stands," his father said.

"I've seen a lot of great swims," Coach Ziemke said. "I've seen American records broken. ... I've seen Olympians racing. And that's the most amazing swim that I've ever seen."

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In spite of modest results, Flores serves as a leader

BY RICH MAYOR
Pioneer Press

While Maine East junior Bobby Flores finished 30th out of 31 gymnasts in the all-around at Conant's Ed Raymond Invite and his best finish in an individual event was a tie for 46th, he is the unquestioned leader of the Blue Demons.

"In terms of leadership, it's coming from a guy that's scoring the lowest on most events," Maine East boys gymnastics coach Neil Adamson said. "And while that may be true, it doesn't matter. He's the team captain. He's the first one in the gym every day, he's taking charge, getting the team ready to go. He's the only one on the team that's a third-year gymnast, so that sort of experience comes with that confidence."

"The kids look up to him, even the seniors. They listen when he talks."

Flores, a Des Plaines resident, has participated in both cheerleading and gymnastics each of his three years at Maine East. It wasn't his plan when he entered the school, but he said he, "just ended up trying out for cheer, and I liked it." When it was suggested that he join the gymnastics team, because it also demands participants be as precise as possible when performing, he went out for that as well.

Adamson said he's found cheerleaders are often leaders, given the energy, effort and charisma taken to be a cheerleader. That made Flores predisposed to lead the boys gymnastics team. Paired with Flores' work ethic and experience, he was an easy choice for team captain, according to

Adamson.

Flores views brothers Brian and Aaron Ngo as the bright spots for Maine East.

Brian Ngo played volleyball his first two years in high school, and joined Aaron Ngo on the gymnastics team last season. Brian Ngo, a senior, finished 26th in the all-around (35.400) and tied for 23rd in the vault (8.200) at Conant on April 13. Aaron Ngo, a sophomore, was 22nd in the all-around (37.200) and tied for 30th (7.60) on parallel bars at the same meet.

"Especially seeing where they started from — they're both just on their second year right now — and thinking about that, it's amazing how quickly they adjust and the scores they're hitting already," Flores said. "Especially Aaron, at the rate he's learning and picking up tricks, he's definitely going to go somewhere, go far in gymnastics."

As a leader, Flores said he's responsible for helping keep the team organized and helping teammates achieve their personal goals. The Blue Demons are also working toward a team goal, a score of 123.5, which was laid out by Adamson. Through April 20, Maine East's best team score was 113.3.

"(Flores) knows, as coaches, what we expect," Adamson said. "And he tries to hold both himself and his teammates to that standard. He's someone that the younger kids look up to in general, even if they're not necessarily looking at his performances."

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LEHIGH SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS

Fenwick graduate Justin White set multiple school records during his senior swimming season at Lehigh.

COLLEGE NOTES

York grad Herrera contributes for North Central track

BY SAM BRIEF
Pioneer Press

York graduate **Zach Herrera** has had a busy senior year for the North Central College cross country and track teams. At the Benedictine University Eagle Invitational on April 14 and 15, Herrera placed third with a personal-best time of 8:53.05 in the men's 3,000-meter run. Earlier, during the indoor College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin meet in February, Herrera ran a time of 8:43.30 in the 3,000 meters for North Central, whose men's track team was ranked third in Division III as of April 19.

Herrera was also a part of North Central's Division III national championship-winning cross country team in November.

White caps standout swim career at Lehigh

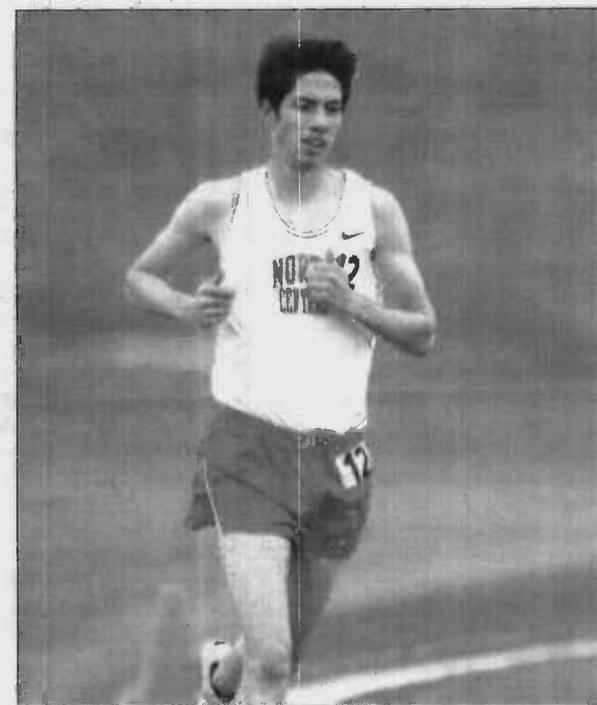
Fenwick graduate **Justin White** set multiple school records during his senior season with the Lehigh

swimming team. During the Patriot League Championships in February, White won the men's 100-meter freestyle with a time of 44.06, beating out an eight-year school record. He finished with the fourth-highest point total in the men's individual standings at the championships. White, a River Forest native, later was named most valuable swimmer on the Lehigh men's team.

Fenwick graduate and Hinsdale native **Zach Tieke** and New Trier graduate **Daniel Brooks** also compete on the Lehigh men's swimming team.

Lake Forest grad receives Dartmouth honor

Jack Traynor, a Lake Forest graduate and sophomore linebacker on the Dartmouth football team, was named as this year's recipient of the Doten Award. According to the team, the award is given to "the member of the sophomore class who made a



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York graduate Zach Herrera is a senior distance runner on the North Central College track and field team.

significant contribution to the success of the team." This past season, Traynor tallied 41 tackles, tied for sixth on the team, including seven-tackle performances against both Harvard and Towson.

Spillane stays at Western Michigan

Fenwick graduate **Robert Spillane** announced he will remain at Western Michigan for his senior

football season. The Oak Park native previously had announced his intention to transfer following the departure of head coach P.J. Fleck, who left for Minnesota in January. Spillane, a linebacker, was named to the All-MAC second team for his junior season in which he helped lead the Broncos to a 13-1 record.

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Niles North gymnast Arcus embraces his family's sport

By RICH MAYOR
Pioneer Press

While both of his parents coach gymnastics, Ben Arcus never got into the sport while he was growing up.

As best he can remember, the most arduous gymnastics work he did was in kiddie classes around the time he was in preschool. The hope was the classes would help with his coordination.

He played both baseball and football up until the winter of his sophomore year, when he tried the family sport for the first time.

"I really enjoyed the challenges that it brought to me and because of my best friend, Adrian Tos, was a gymnast at Niles North already," Arcus said via text. "Adrian really brought me into the North gym for the first time during high school. I really just fell in love with the atmosphere of the guys at North."

As soon as he started, Arcus was hooked.

"I didn't fall in love with it as a kid, I always thought of baseball and football players as the cool guys," Arcus said. "I never really thought of gymnastics as something I should do, but now that I'm doing it, it's incredible to me how hard it really is, how much time it actually takes to get the results you want.

"It was more challenging than anything I'd ever done. There's so much to learn. There are millions of tricks to try. There's always stuff to invent, always stuff to improve on. Nothing is ever perfect."

His father, Dan Arcus, was a Niles North assistant for eight years under current coach Rick Meyer, and is now the assistant director at the Viking Gymnastics club in New Trier, and twice earned Division II All-American honors on the still rings at Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

His mother, Susan Arcus, is currently the head girls gymnastics coach at Niles West. She graduated from Niles North, then competed at Northern Illinois.

Because of his parents, Ben Arcus said his mindset is different than other gymnasts he's competing against. The important thing, he's told, is to keep improving, keep bouncing back. It's a maxim he put into action in recent weeks.

At Conant's Ed Raymond Invite on April 13, Ben Arcus struggled. He finished in 16th place in the all-around (41.900), ninth on parallel bars (8.70), 19th on vault (8.400), tied for 20th on the floor exercise (8.50) and tied for 21st on the still rings (7.70).

Ben Arcus said he felt tired after the week of practice leading up to the Conant meet, but once it

concluded, he immediately turned the page.

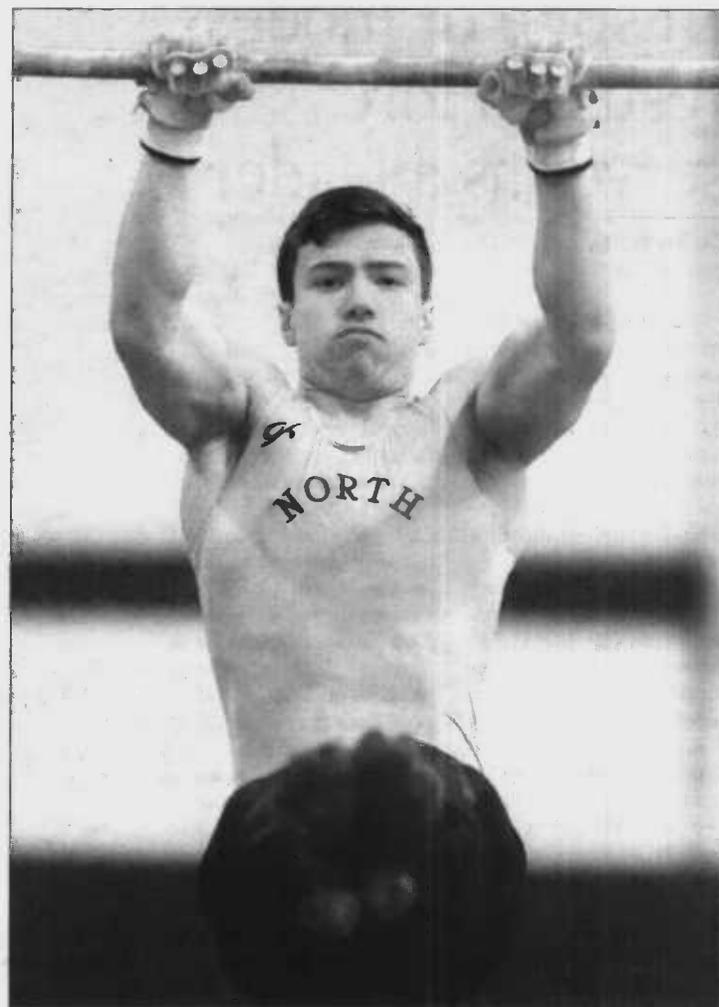
"My body probably isn't used to doing this year-round as some others are, so my consistency is very spotty this year, and I know that," Ben Arcus said. "I'm trying to prepare my body not only for later this year, but next year, too. And maybe past that."

Meyer, who was been the Niles North coach since 2008, has been friendly with the Arcus family for over a decade. He, like Ben Arcus' parents, was shocked to hear Ben Arcus wanted to come out for the Niles North team.

He notes specifically that Ben Arcus, as an inexperienced gymnast, isn't entirely aware of his body positioning, and how to make tricks a bit easier on himself. Just understanding what his body is capable of doing is integral for Ben Arcus' development, Meyer said.

But this season is far from over. Both Ben Arcus and Meyer hope he can qualify for state in May in rings, parallel bars and vault. Meyer notes that if they can tighten up Ben Arcus' weaker events — pommel horse and high bar — that he could potentially qualify for state in the all-around.

That remains, at least for this year, the main goal. But Ben Arcus' talent is growing rapidly, with some help from home.



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Niles North's Ben Arcus competes on the horizontal bar at the Ed Raymond Invite on April 13 at Conant in Hoffman Estates.

"Honestly, we don't feel an incredible sense of urgency with him, since he's a junior," Meyer said. "We're going to let him grow, lead him along the way and help

him improve as much as possible going into next year."

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Patel leads new-look Niles West gymnastics team

By RICH MAYOR
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The Niles West boys gymnastics team, the defending state champion, was looking for a bridge to the future.

Niles West won the team title by 0.35 points over Glenbard West last year, and Dalai Jamiyankhuu won the all-around title. But between Jamiyankhuu, Liam Berg, David Thai, Mitchell Byron and Dumitru Mutul, the Wolves lost everyone who scored at the state meet.

Siraj Patel has been that bridge. He competed in five events last

year as what Wolves coach Adrian Batista called a "pad score" — logged in case one of the primary gymnasts falls or puts up a poor number. Patel, now a senior, has grabbed a leadership role this year.

"Coming back this season, it was a huge momentum change," Patel said. "We lost 12 seniors from a team everyone knew was going to contend for state right from the beginning. We're almost starting from scratch, which is a huge shift in mindset."

Patel helped lead Niles West to a ninth-place finish at Conant's Ed Raymond Invite, a 15-team meet, on April 13. Patel finished tied for

16th on horizontal bar (7.20), tied for 28th on still rings (7.30) and tied for 30th on parallel bars (7.60).

Early in the season, Patel sustained a high-ankle sprain. A few weeks later, he sprained the other ankle. As a result, he's dropped both the floor exercise and vault from his routine. And while Batista expects Patel to miss those events at the sectional meet on May 3, he hasn't ruled him out.

"He's someone that has stepped up, as a gymnast and a leader," said Batista, who also led the Wolves to a third-place state finish in 2015. "Someone who never got down,

knowing that the team wasn't going to be as strong as we were the past two years. He still hasn't given up. Still in the gym every day, sweating, working hard while dealing with two ankle injuries.

"He's who the younger guys look to and say, 'Wow, he's been injured twice already this season, and he's still on the equipment.' He's not shrugging it off."

Patel plans to attend Illinois in the fall. He'll start in the general studies program and hopes to transfer into a computer science-related major.

But before that time comes, he continues to help the next wave of

Niles West varsity gymnasts — "We have a killer sophomore class and an unbeaten freshman team," Batista said — prepare for the future.

"In a year like this, Siraj saw it and said, 'You know, it's not going to be last year, but let's go out there and make the best of it,'" Batista said. "I think he's never once brought up last year. He thinks of this as a team for him to lead, and we're going to be successful to the best of our abilities."

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Niles West displays patience in literal walk-off win

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Through the first half of the Niles West baseball team's season, Wolves coach Gary Gustafson said he's been pleased with his team's patient approach at the plate. The Wolves' plate discipline was on full display when they played host to crosstown rival Niles North on April 20 in Skokie.

Niles West quite literally walked off against Niles North when senior Michael Gunartt watched junior Seth Israel's 3-2 offering miss outside. That brought senior Bryan Maldonado home from third to complete a come-from-behind 8-7 victory in Central Suburban South play.

Gunartt drew the Wolves' fifth consecutive base on balls in the seventh inning. And all five free passes came with two outs. Niles West netted 10 walks in the game.

"That was the one thing that we were doing. We were trying to be patient and that was our approach going in," Gustafson said. "We just needed to get a couple base runners and we did."

With two outs and Niles West (12-5, 4-1) trailing 7-6, Wolves senior Greg Leftakes began the rally against Niles North junior Riley Steffens with a long plate appearance that ended with a walk. Steffens, who went 6 2/3 innings for the Vikings, was pulled in favor of Israel. Maldonado then worked a walk against Israel to put two men on. Freshman leadoff hitter Jack Lochner drew another walk to load the bases.

Israel, who was fighting his command, faced junior Brandon Kaihara next. On Israel's 2-1 offering to Kaihara, the ball got past senior catcher Joshua Schoenberg, which brought Leftakes home from third to tie the game. With runners on second and third, Kaihara fought the urge to be overzealous and took the next



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The Niles West baseball team's bench clears to congratulate Bryan Maldonado (1) after he scored the winning run on a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the seventh inning on April 20 in Skokie. Niles West, the host team, beat Niles North 8-7.

pitch for ball four.

"We all dream of that as a kid, being in that situation with a chance to walk it off," said Kaihara, a Lincolnwood resident. "But I was just up there looking for a strike, because he was throwing straight balls and I just didn't find my pitch to drive, so I took the walk."

Up next was Gunartt, the team's best hitter, who fol-

lowed the lead of his teammates and earned the unconventional walk-off. Gunartt admitted afterward that it was not easy to keep the bat on his shoulder in that situation. He added that his experience played a vital role in his ability to deliver in the pressure-packed spot.

"It's very difficult, but I've been in that situation

before, so I knew how to be. I was pretty composed," said Gunartt, a Skokie resident and Triton recruit. "I wasn't too jumpy. It's my fourth year on varsity so I wanted to step up there and that's what happened."

Eight of the nine Niles West batters reached base at least once by a walk or a hit-by-pitch against Niles North (9-5, 1-4). Of the

Wolves' 12 total walks and hit batters, 10 came after the second inning when they were in a 6-1 hole against the Vikings.

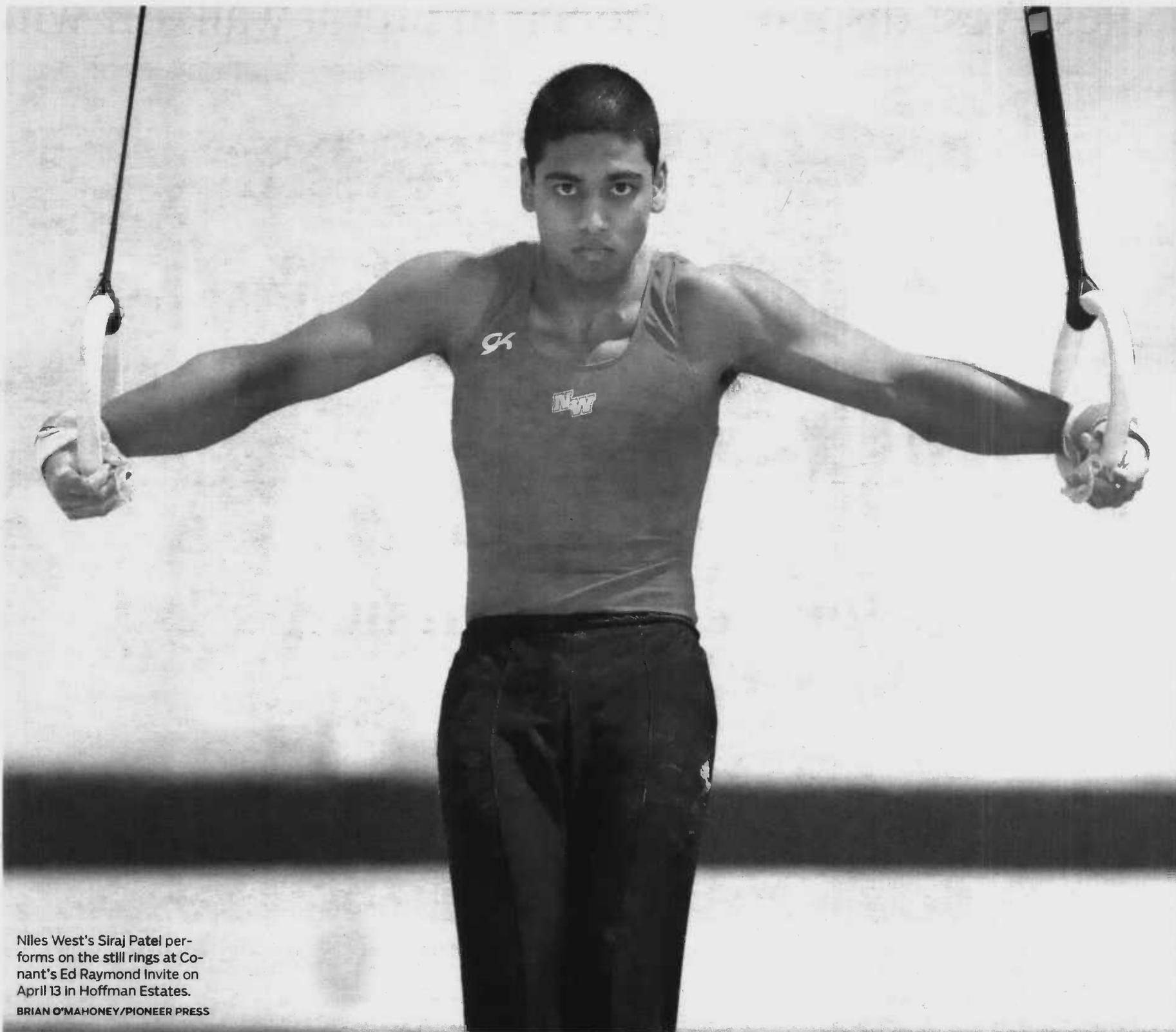
The result was Niles West's third consecutive come-from-behind victory. It topped Highland Park in walk-off fashion on April 17 and rallied in the seventh at Niles North on April 18.

"This is my first year that

we've had three wins like that," Gunartt said. "I just think this team is a fighting team. We fight through the end, never give up and keep fighting and we just somehow pull it out. Just fighters."

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SPORTS

Niles West's Siraj Patel performs on the still rings at Conant's Ed Raymond Invite on April 13 in Hoffman Estates.

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