A new era

D219 school board gets new president; former one to be investigated. Page 6

In one of his last acts as president of the Niles Township High School District 219 school board May 2, Mark Sproat swears in new members, from left, Richard Evonitz and Naema Abraham, and re-elected member Joseph Nowik. Sproat remains a member of the school board, however.

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Khem Khoeun, parks commissioner-elect

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recently honored 12-year Skokie resident Khem Khoeun not only for her work with refugees and immigrants, but also for being one of the first Cambodia-American women elected to public office in the United States, according to a MWRD resolution. This month, Khoeun, mother to a 6- and 4-year-old, is scheduled to be sworn in as a Skokie Park District commissioner.

Q: What do you do for a living?
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Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?
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D219 school board gets new president

Former board president Sproat under investigation

BY MIKE ISAACS AND JAKUB RUDNIK
Pioneer Press

Beleaguered Niles Township High School District 219 school board member Mark Sproat was replaced as board president during a special meeting May 2, at which officials also announced that an investigation will be launched to look into accusations of power abuse and unethical conduct by him.

The meeting was called to seat the new school board members, two elected for the first time and one board member who was re-elected.

Before that took place, parents and other stakeholders spoke out against Sproat, accusing him of misusing his authority as school board leader.

"My preference is that you resign," said Terry Wallace, a school district parent. "I think you're doing a disservice to the community and giving our district a bad name."

The popular Niles West High School girls basketball coach who said he resigned in March because of unfair treatment by Sproat also spoke at the meeting.

Controversy erupted when coach Tony Konsewicz submitted his resignation, effective following the 2016-17 season.

He told the board before it changed members that he had endured "public humiliation" over the last 17 months. Rumors of an impending firing had been reported to him from different people, he said.

"It's rather embarrassing to hear people tell you you're going to be fired from something you really loved to do," Konsewicz said. "It also makes your job of coaching more difficult when your credibility is being publicly questioned.

In each case, this information originated from the same source."

Konsewicz said he acted "in a professional manner" throughout the ordeal and was hoping to avoid public embarrassment.

"The reason I resigned as basketball coach is due to continual harassment that has been instigated by Niles West classmate of the class of '84 Mark Sproat," he said.

In its last act, the now-former board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution commending to ethical conduct and authorizing an independent investigation into the complaints against Sproat.

In a statement the board prepared ahead of the special meeting, officials said the school board received five complaints about Sproat following the April 4 meeting.

At that packed meeting, parents and students came to Konsewicz's defense and lambasted Sproat.

No details were given about the nature of the complaints or who filed them.

However, School District 219 attorney Dana Fattore Crumley said they all allege ethical misconduct.

"The community's trust is essential to our success as elected leaders of our schools," said Crumley, reading from the statement. "The investigation will be conducted by an experienced, completely independent investigator who will work in a timely and thorough fashion to address each issue raised so that the board can take whatever steps necessary to bring this matter to resolution."

The adopted resolution states that Robert Swain of the Arlington Heights law firm Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn LLP is appointed special investigator.

"Mr. Swain shall be granted full access to all documents relevant to the complaints raised, including documents produced by complaintants and all documents in the school which are relevant to the complaints," the resolution states.

Crumley said the cost of the investigation had not yet been determined, but the district is seeking as quick a resolution as possible.

Sproat has denied wrongdoing and welcomed the inquisition, saying it would be "very thorough."

"And this way, we want every side to be heard, but we also want the facts to play out themselves," Sproat said.

"This is not about me, this is not about the coach, this is not about the situation or whatever it might be. This is about getting to the substance of the comments that were made and to put rest to or to justify the comments by facts," he said.

Sproat didn't speak directly to comments the former coach made about him at the meeting and would only say that Konsewicz had freedom of speech.

"I think with him coming up and speaking was him enforcing his rights, not just as a teacher, but as a citizen, and that's good," Sproat said.

Sproat continues his first term on the board, having been elected in 2015.

David Ko, who has been on the school board since 2013, was elected to be the new president.

Among Sproat's final acts as board president May 2 was to administer the oath to new board members Naema Abraham and Richard Evonitz and re-elected board member Joseph Nowik.

"To go from the board president to a board member, it's not a demotion. You're still a board member," said Sproat. "And realistically, there's one voice, you're one of seven voices. Whether you're the president or one of seven board members, they're all very important roles."

Jaku Rudojik is a freelancer.
Niles North High School was the site of a student walkout last month.

Student who posted BB gun, racial remark won't return

School officials quiet on identity or whether expelled

Staff Report

A Niles North High School student said to have posted a racist comment with a picture of a BB gun on social media will “no longer attend Niles North or any other D219 school,” Niles Township High School District 219 officials announced April 30 in a news release.

Niles North officials were notified April 25 that a student had posted the image and comment on Snapchat, and Skokie police were notified, according to the release.

School officials said Skokie police investigated the incident and determined that “the post did not pose a direct threat to the school,” the release states.

Several students walked out of the high school April 28 because of initial reports that the student was disciplined for the post with only a one-day suspension.

However, school district officials said in the news release that previous information around how the student was reprimanded was incorrect.

“It has been inaccurately reported that D219 disciplined the student with a one-day suspension,” officials said in the release. “In fact, the student was not in school most of the week, and the district was still investigating what disciplinary action was warranted.”

Szczepaniak said that officials had not been notified beforehand that students planned to walk out of their classrooms that afternoon.

But students returned to the school building right after the brief demonstration, he said.

The walkout came after NTHS District 219 had participated in the Skokiewide Stand Against Racism event.

It called for community members to stand at locations throughout the village to send a message that they favor inclusion and are against all forms of racism.

Similar events also took place in Evanston.

Students who staged the walkout “wanted to build on the momentum” from that event, school officials said.

Niles North High School, located in Skokie, is one of three that make up the school district. Officials said in the news release that students, parents and faculty have questioned whether it was safe to attend school.

“Our top priority is fostering and maintaining a positive, safe and nurturing environment,” officials said in the release.

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Bass takes helm as new mayor of Lincolnwood

Desire for change cited as reason for election victory

BY PIONEER PRESS
Staff report

New Lincolnwood Mayor Barry Bass was sworn-in and seated May 2, taking the reins of the village from Jerry Turry who was defeated in last month's election.

Federal District Court Judge Marvin Aspen administered the oath of office to Bass, who switched over from being a trustee to being the village's top elected leader.

"I can think of no greater honor than serving as mayor of my hometown," Bass said election night.

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

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

"This campaign has never been about me," Bass wrote.

"Together, we built a coalition that spanned every community — a diverse body of residents committed to building a stronger, safer community."

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

"The bottom line is that after 12 years, the residents felt they did not have a voice," Bass said.

"They wanted a change. They wanted a safer and stronger Lincolnwood."

Bass has promised to give residents a greater voice and said he wants to spur economic development and draw younger families to Lincolnwood.

Along with Bass, reelected Trustee Ronald Cope, and Georjean Hlepas and Jean Ikezoe-Halevi — both elected trustee for the first time, were all seated May 2.

Beryl Herman, who ran unopposed as the incumbent village clerk, was also sworn-in.

Craig Klatzco, who ran as an incumbent trustee for reelection, was shut out in the four-candidate race for three seats.

Ikezoe-Halevi won the third seat by only 15 votes, according to election information from the Cook County clerk's office.

Turry's wife, Nancy, was on hand for the last Village Board meeting her husband would preside over.

She joined village officials in revealing a portrait of her husband that will hang on the wall at the Lincolnwood Village Hall.

Turry had been vying for a fourth term, but instead was voted out as mayor after serving the village in that role for the last 12 years.

He captured only 43 percent of the vote last month, to Bass' 57 percent, according to Cook County clerk's office election results.

"You tend to do a lot of second guessing," Turry said following news of the defeat.

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

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

"I had 22 years on the Village Board, 10 as a trustee and 12 as the mayor," Turry said.

"If you're an incumbent, the general populace ... says 'throw the bastards out. You stayed too long.' So I was subject to that."

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

"I didn't get my people out there," he said.

"I think my supporters thought I was going to win."
Man identified as NU football player charged with possession

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

A Northwestern University football player was arrested early April 30 on felony drug charges, Evanston police announced in a news release.

Xavier Washington, 20, of the 1600 block of Ridge Avenue, was arrested after Evanston police officers responded to a call of a disturbance at a home in the 1900 block of Foster Street, according to the release.

Officers arrived to find one person allegedly involved in the disturbance had left the home on foot, according to the release.

The individual was identified as Washington.

Police said they tracked him down near Simpson Street and Brown Avenue and discovered that he had what turned out to be 0.5 grams of cocaine, according to the release.

Washington was charged with felony unlawful possession of a controlled substance, according to the release.

Police said no other arrests were made related to the initial disturbance call.

Washington, an NU senior from Cedar Hill, Texas, plays defensive end for the Wildcats, according to the team roster on the university's website.

Northwestern has suspended Washington indefinitely, and the university is also looking into the incident, according to a Tribune report.

A spokesman with the Cook County Sheriff's Office said on May 4 that Washington is free on a $10,000 personal recognizance bond.

2 boys arrested following attempted gas station robbery, police chase into Chicago

Staff report

Skokie police said local charges are pending against two juveniles arrested by state police May 3 following a police chase that started in the north suburb after an attempted robbery in a stolen vehicle.

Around 10:30 p.m. May 3, Skokie police responded to a call about a suspicious incident at a Shell gas station in the 9600 block of Crawford Avenue, Skokie police announced in a news release May 4.

The cashier on duty at the time told police that a silver-colored SUV pulled into the gas station and two males — now identified as juveniles — got out, according to the release.

Police said the cashier reported that the boys covered their faces with their shirts and tried to come into the gas station.

But the doors to the inside were locked due to the late hour, according to the release. So they got back into the vehicle and left.

Police said.

At that point, according to the release, the cashier called police.

Police ran a check of the license plate which revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Chicago, authorities said.

"The vehicle involved was reported to CPD (Chicago Police Department) as stolen in an aggravated vehicular hijacking," said state police spokesman Matt Boerwinkle.

About 45 minutes later, police said, detectives found the vehicle parked behind a different gas station near Old Orchard Road and Lawler Avenue.

The occupants of the vehicle noticed the detectives, and the vehicle driver drove off from the area, ran a red light and got on the Edens Expressway, the release states.

Skokie police pursued the vehicle and tried to stop the driver as the vehicle traveled northbound on the Edens Expressway, police said. But police lost sight of the vehicle and notified area law enforcement of the incident.

Wilmette and Illinois State police joined the pursuit, according to the news release.

"An ISP trooper observed the vehicle traveling (southbound on Interstate) 94 at Cicero Avenue and a pursuit ensued," said Boerwinkle.

The motorist got off at Oglen Avenue and evaded police on city streets, according to a Tribune report.

The driver crashed into a tree in the 800 block of North Sangamon Street in the Goose Island neighborhood, Chicago police said.

Two of the boys then ran, and officers chased them.

One was arrested near Sangamon and Fry Street and the other was found on train tracks near Oglen and Chestnut Street, according to state police.

As of early morning May 4, officers were still searching for a third person involved in the incident.
The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY
- T.J. Wilson, 21, of the 3900 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, was charged with attempted robbery on April 18. A woman told police she was inside the restroom of a store in the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue when she was confronted by a man, who pushed her into a stall. Police said the woman reported that she began screaming and dropped her purse, at which time the man ran out of the restroom. According to police, patrons and employees of the business held Wilson as he tried to run out of the store.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
- Jonathan Weiser, 65, of the 9200 block of Fairway Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with criminal damage to property on April 28. According to police, Weiser was identified as the person suspected of spray-painting profanities on three cars that were parked outside a retailer in the 8600 block of Dempster Street April 22.

ORDER OF PROTECTION
- Kim Flores, 46, of the 4600 block of North Sayre, Harwood Heights, was charged with violating an order of protection on April 21, police said.

THEFT
- A 15-year-old Des Plaines girl was charged with retail theft and obstruction on April 21. According to police, the teen was accused of taking clothing valued at $27 from a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center and refusing to provide officers with accurate information about the identity of her parents. She was referred to juvenile court.

BURGLARY
- Noe Chavez, 30, of the 9200 block of Sally Lane, Schiller Park, was charged with retail theft on April 23 after police said he stole $36 worth of clothing and other items from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road.

DUI
- Anthony Ardito, 25, of the 8200 block of Merrill Street, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on April 21. According to police, Ardito was found slumped over the wheel of his pickup truck, which was parked in the 9300 block of Lincoln Avenue at 11:30 p.m. Inside the car, police said plastic bags containing 104 morphine sulfate pills, 15 hydrocodone pills and 10 hydroxepam pills were recovered. Ardito was also charged with a drug offense, police said.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
- A woman told police on April 18 that a man sent her a picture of his genitals after he met her on an online garage sale site. Police said the woman did not want to sign complaints against the man, but wanted him to leave her alone.

On April 20, a woman told police that the driver of a silver car was exposing himself when he stopped and asked her for directions in a parking lot in the 9100 block of Golf Road. When the woman said she was calling police, the man reportedly drove away.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION
- A 61-year-old man was ticketed with public intoxication on April 21 after police said someone reported he was passed out in the 8700 block of Sunset Road. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

THEFT
- A woman told police her purse was stolen after she was approached by a woman in a parking lot in the 8500 block of Golf Road while she was placing items inside the trunk of her car on April 18. The suspect had asked for directions.

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Study puts focus on District 64’s communication efforts

‘Keep it simple, and repeat the heck out of it,’ analyst says

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

When community members think about Park Ridge-Niles District 64 schools, they envision a community-oriented, multigenerational school district providing a high-quality educational experience for students that costs residents a lot in tax dollars, according to the results of recent communications analysis.

Earlier this year the district hired Patron Insight, a Kansas-based company focused on communication, stakeholder research and strategic planning for schools, at a cost of $15,000 to determine the effectiveness of the district’s outreach and communication efforts, particularly with regard to community members without children enrolled in the district.

“District 64 is frequently in touch with families of our students as well as staff members, but is far more limited in how we can directly reach community members at large,” Superintendent Laurie Heinz and the public information coordinator for the district, Bernadette Tramm, wrote in an April 24 memo to the district’s Board of Education.

Ken DeSieghardt, CEO and partner at Patron Insight, presented preliminary results of the company’s findings at a school board meeting April 24. The evaluation, which began March 27 and lasted for roughly a month, included four focus groups with taxpayers residing in the district without children in its schools, online surveys, phone interviews with 15 “opinion leaders” from the community and individual interviews with board members, district administrators and school principals, in addition to 400 telephone surveys of non-parent residents.

More than 1,200 people provided feedback as part of the evaluation, according to DeSieghardt. He said the company also analyzed outbound communications flowing from the district to residents.

Four consistent themes emerged from interviews and surveys of all the district’s stakeholders, he said. The first was community, meaning “parents are engaged, supportive and a sense of community is encouraged at the administration and building levels, according to DeSieghardt.

The second was family, he said, “A lot of folks talked about the multigenerational community — people who live here, many went (to school) here, people move out and come back so their kids can go here,” DeSieghardt said.

“Folks said households in this community are very motivated to have their kids succeed and also put their kids in the best position to succeed,” he added.

Community members also believe students who graduate from District 64 schools are prepared for high school, DeSieghardt said.

“We heard that over and over and over again,” he said. Staff at the schools are also perceived by them as working hard.

High taxes and a focus on the amount of tax revenue the district receives also emerged as a common topic of conversation, he said.

“We had one person in the focus group who pointed out that percentage of her tax bill went to the school district and she just said it matter of fact,” he said. DeSieghardt said there’s also a “variety of information out there” about teacher and administrator salaries in addition to uncertainty about financial decision-making processes.

The district’s outgoing communications content, however, demonstrates consistency, purpose, quality and transparency, he said.

“It’s very clear that the outbound content is driven by a strategy that it’s looking for engagement, it wants folks to participate in a conversation and to provide feedback, use multiple venues to get that message out,” he said.

The overarching takeaway from the findings, DeSieghardt said, is to connect with residents by “looking at each possible story opportunity” and the “story we’re really telling here and how we can make it relate to individuals who maybe don’t have children in the district.”

Board President Anthony Borrelli asked if it was a matter of disseminating more specific information or “at least information that can connect individually to people.”

DeSieghardt said it’s about telling success stories and tying those stories back to whatever subject you’re trying to build awareness around, whether that’s the district’s effectiveness in how and why it chose to make a particular financial decision.

Repetition “almost to the point of nauseam” is also key, he said.

“Keep it simple, and repeat the heck out of it,” DeSieghardt said. “That’s how you get people to say, ‘Oh, they’re doing some cool things!’ ”

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

Residents press D64 on plans to use cash bonds to fund projects

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

An April 24 public hearing on plans by Park Ridge-Niles District 64 to issue more than $207 million worth of cash bonds drew comments from several residents worried about the effect of the bonds on their tax bills.

School officials have said on numerous occasions that the non-referendum bonds are a vital component of a funding framework to pay for roughly $30 million worth of capital projects.

Officials said the district will use more than $9 million in debt certificates — a funding mechanism that does not add any expense to residents’ tax bills — and about $3.5 million from the district’s cash reserves to pay for capital projects through 2019. The debt certificates will not add to tax bills and will be repaid through the district’s operating fund, school officials have said.

The bonds, however, will affect tax bills, and officials said it’s difficult, at this point, to know what that impact will look like.

Much of the planned construction work includes health and safety repairs that must be completed within five years per state mandate, according to school officials. In addition to the work that’s needed to keep buildings warm, dry and up to code, officials have also identified capital projects they deem a priority, including the installation of secure vestibules in all buildings.

Administrators said they expect the bond to issue $10 million or less in bonds in the spring of 2019. Luann Kolstad, chief school business official, said the board has three years from the date of the April 24 public hearing to issue the bonds.

Though officials now have the authority to issue more than $207 million, she said the board may choose to issue less than that depending on the cost and scope of the work. The board will also need to approve each project individually, she said.

Maura Collins, a Park Ridge resident who spoke at the April 24 public hearing, said she was dismayed to learn that taxpayers would not have a chance to vote on the issuance via a referendum.

“I think the taxpayers should have some input if it’s going to impact individual taxpayers, which seems to be the case,” she said.

Board President Anthony Borrelli said having the public hearing does not mean the board will issue the bonds immediately.

“Why do you have to constantly spend more than you take in? I don’t see any reduction. Every year, you go up,” he said.

Board member Bob Johnson said the district raised the property tax levy only by 0.8 and 0.7 percent in the last two years because state law limits the amount school districts can increase property taxes to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less. Bonds are levied separately on tax bills, and the rate is determined by the county, not the district, officials said.

Johnson said the district has chosen not to issue bonds at this time and to instead use cash reserves and debt certificates to alleviate the burden on taxpayers.

Kolstad said the district has already retired the Emerson bonds, and the Field bonds will be paid off in the next couple of years. Borrelli said residents will be paying less for the bonds issued in 2019 than they were for the Emerson and Field bonds.

Peter Karas, a Park Ridge resident, asked board mem-
Lincolnwood police: Reports of a shooting at a local mall were false

Staff report

Lincolnwood police said reports last week about a shooting at the Lincolnwood Town Center mall have turned out to be false.

The fake incident was posted May 3 over the Internet, police said.

Police received “several phone call inquiries” from concerned community members about the reported incident, according to a Lincolnwood police news release issued that same day.

“No such incident has occurred and the police department is making a concerted effort to reassure the public that this is a spurious report with no factual basis,” police said in the statement.

Police said social media outlets were being contacted “to have any and all such incorrect posts removed immediately.”

Police did not say when the false information was posted on the Internet.

Lincolnwood police did not immediately respond to a request for additional information about the incident.

Lincolnwood police said reports of a shooting at Lincolnwood Town Center mall turned out to be false.

Lincolnwood police said in a news release that reports of a shooting at Lincolnwood after they were arrested in Chicago, Lincolnwood police announced in a news release.

Both juveniles, who will be petitioned to juvenile court for the alleged crimes, might be part of “a criminal group that may be responsible for over 60 residential burglaries in the area, which includes Lincolnwood,” police said.

According to police, one burglary occurred Nov. 21, 2016 in the 6600 block of Monticello Avenue. Police said jewelry valued at $12,000 was stolen and three rooms searched.

Evidence was collected and sent to the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory for analysis, according to police.

In response to this burglary, detectives reviewed cases with other law enforcement agencies and recovered a similar burglary pattern impacting Lincolnwood and surrounding jurisdictions as part of a multijurisdictional task force,” police said in the release.

Another residential burglary Nov. 29, 2016 in the 3800 block of West Loyola Avenue resulted in two adult males and two youths being charged, police said.

The main door of a home was forced open and many rooms were searched, police said. According to police, jewelry valued at $20,000 was stolen and later recovered.

Police said the similar nature of the two burglaries caused them to request a fingerprint comparison for both cases.

The results, police said, identified the two youths as the offenders in both.

Investigators are working with other jurisdictions to identify additional crimes the suspects may be responsible for, police said.

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Dr. Tulio Rodriguez, Advocate Health Care

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Dr. Patrick Stiff, Loyola University Medical Center

Physicians Panel: Ask the Experts - 11:40 am (During Lunch)

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Left fielder lifts spirits on trip to Lutheran General

Representatives of the Chicago Cubs were in Park Ridge May 3 visiting sick children and young adults and making a financial contribution to Advocate Health Care.

On the morning of May 3, Cubs left fielder Matt Szczur met with patients at Advocate Children's Hospital, posing for photographs and signing autographs.

That afternoon, Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts was on hand at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Caldwell Breast Center to present a $22,500 check to be used for underserved patients in need of Advocate Health Care's mammography screening and breast health services, the hospital said.

The donation preceded the Cubs' "Pink Out" game honoring survivors of breast cancer.

According to Advocate, the $22,500 was raised through auction sales of pink Cubs jerseys and other items from past Pink Out games.

- Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press

Chicago Cubs player Matt Szczur meets with 16-year-old Jonas Sodi
ni, above, of Chicago. Twenty-year-old Jesus Munoz, left, of Park Ridge; and 14-year-old Darren Long, far left, of McHenry at Advocate Children's Hospital in Park Ridge on May 3.

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Park Ridge aldermen reconfirm Airbnb ban

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

With one new alderman voting, the Park Ridge City Council on May 1 reconfirmed its earlier stance that short-term home and room rentals should remain prohibited in Park Ridge.

The council voted 6-0 against a formal motion to allow short-term rentals in multifamily districts. The recommendation came from the Planning and Zoning Commission and was voted down during a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 24 as well.

Adding her vote to the matter was 3rd Ward Ald. Gail Wilkening, who was sworn into office that night.

A Park Ridge couple, who had hosted paying guests through the website Airbnb until being told two years ago that the practice is not allowed under the city’s zoning laws, had urged the city to allow short-term rentals and paid home sharing. But elected officials last month opted not to make the rentals a permitted use in the city or pass regulations for them.

Because rentals advertised through sites like Airbnb, HomeAway and others are not specifically addressed in the city’s zoning ordinance, they are not allowed, city officials have said. Cease-and-desist letters were reportedly sent to several homeowners who were advertising rooms and homes for short-term rentals.

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The logo of online lodging service Airbnb is displayed on a computer screen in Paris. The Park Ridge City Council on May 1 reconfirmed its earlier stance that short-term home and room rentals should remain prohibited in Park Ridge. The proposal had also been voted down the week before during a Committee of the Whole meeting.
Illinois sees 1 million more tourists in 2016

State also reports U.S. visitors stay in town a bit longer

BY JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

More than 1 million additional visitors from around the country traveled to Illinois last year compared with 2015, and they spent more time here, according to new state tourism figures.

Illinois Tourism Director Cory Jobe is expected to cite: About 110 million domestic tourists visited Illinois last year, an increase of more than 1 million.

The vast majority of visitors — 83 percent — came for leisure as opposed to business.

The average stay lasted about 3 percent longer than the previous year. That figure outpaced national growth, which saw stays increase 2.4 percent, according to the Illinois Office of Tourism.

During the past decade, the number of U.S. travelers coming to Illinois has gone up by 19 million, officials said.

The latest round of tourism numbers only reflects domestic visitors; international figures are expected in June.

Tourism officials attributed some of the overall growth to the recent “Illinois Made” marketing campaign that highlights artisans and other creators around the state. That campaign launched last July.

The second half of 2016 saw a 2.1 percent uptick in domestic visitors, compared with a 0.6 percent decline during the first half of the year.

The state recently invested $800,000 to create ads for its broader campaign, “Up for Amazing,” and is spending $15 million to advertise the message both here and abroad.
Trauma Day provides a message of safety

Students taught to be more aware

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Organizers for the 18th annual Trauma Day event welcomed about 200 high school students on May 5 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. May is Trauma Awareness Month.

“Our whole purpose (of Trauma Day) is to try to impress upon the kids that it’s all about choices and trying to make good choices and to avoid unintended results from making poor choices,” said Kathy Tanouye, trauma services manager at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

The hospital’s Level 1 Trauma Center staff and other health care professionals and providers hosted the event. Reminders, such as not texting while driving, were shared as students heard testimony about repercussions of serious injuries.

“We’re trying to talk to them about safety and awareness,” Tanouye said. Approximately 70 percent of students, mainly sophomores, were from Maine East High School in Park Ridge. The rest were Barrington High School students who also started their day in the hospital’s Olsen Auditorium before going to activity stations around the hospital.

Ali Sabet, 15, of Glenview, a Maine East sophomore, said he was looking forward to what he would see as his group started its round of activity stations.

“It’s good to know, so that I know to not make bad choices and to think about my choices next time,” Sabet said.

“It’s cool to see what they (health care workers) do,” said Sunny Patel, 16, of Des Plaines and a Maine East sophomore.

About the lesson, it’s “mostly about the choices you make and what happens if you make bad choices,” Patel said. “Always make good choices.”

Advocate Lutheran sees more than 1,000 seriously injured patients each year, and many of these injuries are the result of motor vehicle crashes. Hands-on activities were designed to encourage students to avoid driving while impaired.

Students had the opportunity to meet a trauma survivor who suffered a brain injury after he lost control of his vehicle and hit a parked car. The patient was flown to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital by the Flight for Life helicopter, and it took seven months before he could return home.

At Trauma Day, students also could go on the helipad to see the Flight for Life helicopter.

“I thought it was pretty amazing to look at,” said Jennifer Rodriguez, 15, of Niles, a Maine East sophomore. “I feel like it’s a big job for them, taking care of the people and actually flying to do the job.”

Walking the line for a sobriety test was also a lesson.

Mateusz Wilk, 16, of Niles and a Maine East sophomore, acknowledged first responders.

“I think it’s a lot of courage and bravery,” Wilk said. “People rely on you so it’s a big weight on your shoulders.”

Advocate Lutheran’s Level 1 Trauma Center is responsible for coordinating trauma care across the EMS Region 9, made up of Cook, McHenry and Kane counties, and including parts of Lake and Kendall counties.

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Thousands turn out for Derby Day

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

As part of opening weekend at Arlington International Racecourse, some of the 20,000 who came out for the annual Kentucky Derby Day on May 6 put aside their mint juleps to take part in the hat contest.

To mark the Kentucky Derby each year, the racecourse in Arlington Heights invites residents from throughout the area to compete and see who can win the title of having the most festive hat.

More than 100 people competed in the annual contest. Many made hats by hand with bright colors and feathers to make them stand out, while judges decided who was creative enough to place in the competition.

First place went to Erin O'Grady, of Arlington Heights, who wore a tangerine topped dress and a hat to match with monarch butterflies. She credited her friends and an art teacher with helping with the design.

"It feels fantastic," O'Grady said of her win. "I love tangerine. I thought it would be a standout."

For the day-long Kentucky Derby Day, which featured numerous activities, more than 20,000 people attended the event, officials with the racecourse said.

Children danced to live music and ate hot dogs while adults placed bets on the races. Some soon-to-be-brides celebrated bachelorette parties.

Low tables set out on the lawn held grapes, cheese and glittery centerpieces. Mint juleps were hot sellers on a cool day, organizers said, served in keepsake derby glasses.

"It's a perfect day for a race," said Judy Kudia, of Plainfield. "It's a perfect day for wearing a pink hat."

Howard Sudberry, senior director of marketing and communications at Arlington International Racecourse, said the annual hat contest usually makes for a fun competition involving customers on opening weekend at the racecourse.

"At Arlington, this is the biggest Kentucky Derby party outside of Churchill Downs," he said.

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Schools shouldn't give up on cursive lessons just yet

One of the proudest moments of my early academic career was the day I learned to write my name - in cursive. I practiced writing my name for days, working to perfect the capital 'R' and the lowercase 'r' exactly the way I was taught. It was an important step on my way to adulthood.

But cursive handwriting is going the way of the rotary telephone - an ancient relic of modern communication. Because cursive writing is no longer in common use, some schools have dropped the idea of teaching it to their young charges. I think this is a mistake.

And so does the Illinois House of Representatives, which passed a bill recently that would require cursive handwriting be taught in all Illinois public schools.

The reason for requiring cursive seems feeble - so young people can read historical documents, so they can sign their name and so they can read notes from their parents and grandparents. But in this age of texting and keyboarding, I think it is necessary.

There is a better reason to teach cursive in our schools and it is this: An educated person knows how to pick up a pen and write someone a personal note or letter in their own handwriting.

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Cursive is an antiquated idea, a throwback to a former era. It conveys information, but also a certain care and concern for the recipient. Through cursive, you can add emotion and flair, items so needed in this modern day and age, and so much more fulfilling to the nurturing of relationships. They say President George H.W. Bush rode handwritten notes to the presidency.

Yes, sometimes it comes in handy to read historical documents. A hot hobby right now is genealogy. As more and more historical documents come online for regular people to research their ancestors, it will be important to be able to read cursive. You want to understand grandma's birth certificate or great-grandpa's particulars on a ship's passenger list.

You also definitely need to be able to write your name to sign legal documents. And it's helpful if that signature is legible.

That's a problem for two-thirds of my kids. The one that went through Catholic school has very nice handwriting, reminiscent of the examples of the nuns who taught me. But the other two? Forget it.

They went through a good suburban public school and their handwriting is the worst I've ever seen. I sometimes wonder if the notes they leave me are in English. I sometimes ask my wife to translate: The boys either took the dog for a walk or got a new dog that can talk.

And when it comes to signing their names on birthday cards? Let me just say if I ever forget their names, I'm in big trouble.

So yes, I think cursive should be taught in schools.

It might not really be necessary, but it is one of those extra things that makes life worth living.

Besides, if Russia knocks us out with their secret electro-magnetic pulse or North Korea nukes us first, it will be us fogies who know cursive that will salvage what's left of civilization.

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Do something nice for your biggest fan - Mom - on Mother's Day

Paul Sassone

I've been scribbling in newspapers for four decades. That's a lot of news stories, feature stories, sports stories, reviews, editorials and columns. No one could have read it all. No one would want to.

Wait. I take that back. There is one person who read it all.

You want to guess who that person was? My mother, of course.

Until her death, my mother read whatever I wrote. And she liked it, all of it. Even I couldn't say that.

If I was trying to be humorous, she thought I was hilarious. If I was trying to be serious, she would say I made her cry. My mother was proud of me.

I was her son, so whatever I did she thought was great.

My mother had the good fortune to have four extraordinary children. All you had to do was ask. And in her unbiased opinion, she would tell you how one of her sons was a great actor; another son a great sports writer, her daughter a great teacher and me, a great whatever I am.

My point is that mothers are proud of their children.

I bet your mother is proud of you.

Whether you are a truck driver, a lawyer or sales clerk, your mother knows for certain you are the best truck driver, lawyer or sales clerk in the world.

In your life other people might admire you. But no one will give you the unqualified admiration your mother did. A mother's love is unique.

When you have a mother you always know where to go for advice. She always gives it.

When you have a mother you always know there is someone who loves you, no matter what.

Mother's Day will be here soon.

It's the day set aside for us to let our mothers know how much we love them back. Of course we appreciate our mothers every day. But it's appropriate to treat her royally on this day.

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While you still can, do something very, very nice for Mom on Mother's Day.

She'll love you even if you didn't make the day special for her.

But that's only one more reason to do more.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.
Mothers rule the day

Pat Lenhoff

This Sunday, as we celebrate mothers, it’s natural to reflect on how mothers rule the day. Mothers are often the ones who guide us through life's challenges, providing both guidance and support. They are the ones who teach us the values of hard work, persistence, and determination, and who instill in us the importance of family and community.

Mothers are the keepers of the home, the ones who make sure that everything is in order, from meals to clothes to household chores. They are the ones who ensure that we are well taken care of, and who are always there to lend a listening ear or a comforting embrace.

Mothers are the ones who know us best, who understand our quirks and idiosyncrasies, and who are always there to support us, no matter what. They are the ones who instill in us the importance of compassion and empathy, and who teach us to be good friends and good citizens.

Mothers are the ones who inspire us to be the best version of ourselves, who encourage us to pursue our dreams, and who are always there to cheer us on. They are the ones who teach us to be kind, to be compassionate, and to be good to our fellow human beings.

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Amy Davis/Baltimore Sun

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate mothers and their never-ending mothering.

The case of the missing mailbox flag

Dan Moran

The federal government is after me. If this is my last message to the outside world, tell my wife and children that I lived my life without regret.

This crisis began last week with a note placed in my curbside mailbox — a note that was nearly lost in the pile of utility bills that should be handled in a paperless fashion and in some cases already are supposed to be handled as such.

This note began with a statement as cold as a rainstorm in March: “Your Mailbox Needs Attention.”

I felt a chill down my spine.

“Postal regulations require customers to provide and erect at their own expense rural mail boxes which meet official standards,” the note added. “A recent inspection revealed the following faults.”

Listed below that statement on this PS Form 4056 (February 1991) were 19 different descriptions of possible faults, including regulations about height and distance from the road.

There were clinical, bureaucratic statements about various states of unsuitability, including “your box is not waterproof,” “your box should be painted to prevent rusting,” and, perhaps my favorite, “your box is not an approved box,” which almost had a lyrical quality to it.

My specific violation? “The signal flag needs attention.” Handwritten below this, in a space reserved for “Other Faults,” was an elaboration: “Flag missing please replace!”

An exclamation point and everything. You can imagine my shame.

You also can imagine my fear. The words of Sean Connery as Jimmy Malone in “The Untouchables” filled my head: “You’re muckin’ with the G, here, pal, and you’re going to hang higher than Haman unless you cooperate.”

A great quote, and one that had filmgoers everywhere educating themselves on Haman. He was, of course, the main antagonist in the Bible’s Book of Esther, and he was hanged on a 50-foot gallows he himself had prepared for Mordecai (the preceding information was brought to you by Wikipedia).

Anyway, I was as shocked as anyone to learn that my mailbox flag was missing. My lack of familiarity with this situation can be traced to the fact that this is 2017, and the next time I use an outgoing-mail flag will be the first.

I also was relieved to discover that, unlike espionage or genocide, having a faulty mailbox flag is not a capital offense under federal law. However, the final statement on the friendly warning noted that I have until May 8 to correct the fault — and “after this date, delivery service may be suspended until the faults are corrected.”

Wait just a hot minute here. Why should I cooperate? Do I really need a service? For the U.S. Postal Service at this point in our history?

Do I need the endless piles of coupons that go unused and weekly mailers from grocery stores where I never shop and pre-approved offers from credit cards I don’t need?

In a world of email and texts and social media, why do I need a service that mostly floods my kitchen table with unopened envelopes? You know what I mean — collection notices for medical bills and reminders of license plates that are about to expire and urgent letters from the high school discipline office.

OK, so maybe the Postal Service fills a need or two.

But where on Earth am I supposed to find a little flag that will fit my mailbox?

If I can’t do so by the date in question, I plan to throw myself on the mercy of the judicial system and hope for clemency.

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Blockbuster season begins
A look at 30 major upcoming films

BY RAFER GUZMAN

What do Wonder Woman, Spider-Man, King Arthur and the Mummy have in common? They're all coming soon to a theater near you — and that's more, they're hoping to launch their own franchises for the future.

As always, summer means plenty of sequels as well as comedies and horror movies. There will also be a wealth of such kid-friendly fare as "Cars 3," "Despicable Me 3" and the very first "Captain Underpants" movie.

Here are 30 big summer releases coming your way.

MAY 12
- "Smurfs: The Lost Village" — Goldie Hawn and Amy Schumer play a mother and daughter who are kidnapped during a Latin American vacation.

MAY 19
- "Alien: Covenant" — In Ridley Scott's sequel to "Prometheus," itself a prequel to "Alien," a spaceship arrives at a planet that is not as pleasant as it looks.
- "Everything, Everything" — A girl confined to a hermetically sealed house falls for the boy next door. With Amandla Stenberg and Nick Robinson.

MAY 25
- "Baywatch" — Lifeguard Mitch Buchannon (Dwayne Johnson) and his new colleague (Zac Efron) must stop a local crime ring. Based on series.
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" — Johnny Depp returns as Captain Jack Sparrow in the fifth "Pirates" movie.

MAY 26
- "Despicable Me 3" — Steve Carell returns as the voice of supervillain Gru — and his cooler brother, Dru — in this animated sequel. The villain is a former child star obsessed with the 1980s.
- "The House" — Desperate to raise money for their daughter's college fund, the parents (Will Ferrell and Amy Poehler) start an illegal home casino.

JUNE 2
- "Wonder Woman" — Gal Gadot gets her first starring role as Diana, princess of the Amazons. It's the first major-studio superhero film directed by a woman, Patty Jenkins. With Chris Pine and Robin Wright.
- "Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie" — The madcap children's books hit the big screen in this animated comedy.

JUNE 9
- "It Comes at Night" — A horror film about an isolated family battling an unnatural force. With Joel Edgerton and Carmen Ejogo.
- "The Mummy" — The process of turning Universal Pictures' classic monster movies into a new franchise begins here. Starring Tom Cruise and Russell Crowe.

JUNE 16
- "Cars 3" — Owen Wilson returns as the voice of Pixar hot-rod Lightning McQueen, this time facing a new and much faster generation of competitors.
- "Rough Night" — Five women reunite for a bachelorette party and accidentally kill a male stripper. Starring Scarlett Johansson, Kate McKinnon, Jillian Bell, Ilana Glazer and Zoe Kravitz.

JUNE 23
- "Transformers: The Last Night" — The fifth film in the blockbuster series stars Mark Wahlberg as amateur inventor Cade Yeager, who must discover why the Transformers keep returning to Earth.
- "The Beguiled" — A wounded Civil War soldier (Colin Farrell) turns a Southern girls' boarding school into a hothouse of sexual tension. Director Sofia Coppola ("Lost in Translation") reworks a 1970 oddity that starred Clint Eastwood, with Nicole Kidman and Elle Fanning.

JUNE 28
- "Baby Driver" — An expert getaway driver with the unlikely name Baby, With Kevin Spacey, Lily James, Jon Hamm and Jamie Foxx.
- "Atomic Blonde" — A sexy secret agent (Charlize Theron) goes on a mission into spy-infested Berlin.

JULY 7
- "Spider-Man: Homecoming" — Not an origin story, it seems, but this Marvel-Sony collaboration will be a major test for British actor Tom Holland in the title role, with Michael Keaton as the villain Vulture.
- "Patti Cake$" — Jeremy Irons' festival hit focuses on a plus-size white girl from New Jersey (Danielle Macdonald) who wants to be a gangsta rapper.

JULY 14
- "War for the Planet of the Apes" — The third film in the series brings back Andy Serkis as the alpha-simian Caesar, who leads a war of vengeance against mankind. With Woody Harrelson, Steve Zahn and Judy Greer.

JULY 21
- "Dunkirk" — Director Christopher Nolan ("The Dark Knight") tells the story of Allied forces trapped on a beach in northern France during World War II. With Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy and Kenneth Branagh.
- "Girls Trip" — Four friends (Regina Hall, Jada Pinkett Smith, Tiffany Haddish, Queen Latifah) take a journey to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival.

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AUG. 4
- "The Dark Tower" — Steven King's popular fantasy-Western stars Idris Elba as gunslinger Roland Deschain and Matthew McConaughey as the dreaded Man in Black.

AUG. 18
- "The Hitman's Bodyguard" — Ryan Reynolds plays the bodyguard and Samuel L. Jackson is the hit man in this R-rated buddy-comedy.

AUG. 25
- "Tulip Fever" — In 17th-century Netherlands, an artist (Dane DeHaan) and a married wealthy woman (Alicia Vikander) attempt to build a future together by investing all they have in the high-risk tulip market.
Farmers market season is swinging into gear.

**Events**

Spring into action: a look at area farmers markets

**By Pioneer Press Staff Report**

Farmers market season has arrived! Numerous markets have started selling wares, and more will pop up around the city and suburbs. Below are the opening dates, hours and locations for selected Chicago and suburban farmers markets.

**Suburban Markets**

Listed alphabetically.

**Evanston Downtown**
- **Evanston Farmers Market**: University Place and Oak Avenue, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 4; **West End Market**: Evanston High School parking lot, Church Street and Dodge Avenue, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays (dates to be determined); **Ridgeville Market**: Ridge Avenue and South Boulevard, 3:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 7-Oct 18; **McGaw YMCA Market**: 1000 Grove St., 7 a.m.-1 p.m. (dates to be determined).

**Glencoe Summer Farmers Market**: Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, July 15 and 16.

**Morton Grove**: 6210 Dempster St., 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, June 3-Oct 14.

**Mount Prospect**: Metra lot Northwest Highway and Main Street (Route 83), 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, June 4-Oct 15.

**Park Ridge**: 15 Prairie Ave., 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 27-Oct 28.

**Skokie**: 5127 Oakton St., 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sundays, June 11-Nov 5.

**Wilmette French Market**: Downtown Metra parking lot, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 4.

**Chicago Markets**

Listed by days of the week. Go to chicagofarmersmarkets.us.

**Mondays**
- **Loyola University Chicago Farmers Market**: 6525 N. Hiawatha Ave., June 17 to Sept. 30; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tuesdays**
- **Federal Plaza Farmers Market**: Adams Street and Dearborn Parkway; May 16 to Oct. 26; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Lincoln Square Farmers Market**: 2301 W. Dempster St., 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, June 3-Oct 14; no market July 1.

**Wednesdays**
- **Andersonville Farmers Market**: 1500 W. Berwyn Ave., through Oct 18, 3-8 p.m., 3-7 p.m. in September and October.
- **Green City Market** at the Park at Wrigley**: 3637 N. Clark St.; June 15 to Oct 18; 4-8 p.m.

**Thursdays**
- **Daley Plaza Market**: 50 W. Washington St.; May 11 to Oct 26; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Eli's Cheesecake Farm Stand and Fresh Market**: 6701 W. Forest Preserve Drive, June 15 to Aug 24; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Saturdays**
- **Green City Market at the Park at Wrigley**: 3637 N. Clark St.; June 15 to Oct 26, 4-8 p.m.
- **Edgebrook Neighborhood Farmers Market**: 6525 N. Hiawatha Ave., June 4 to Oct 29; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Is our soul mate out there?

Many believe so, but experts question dreamy notion Page 2
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Lisa and Ron Elkins met in college, have been married for 18 years and work together at the same company.

Lisa Richardson knew the minute she met Ron Elkins during a middle-of-the-night coffee break in college that she'd spend the rest of her life with him. She was 18, and he was 20.

Today, the two Illinois architects, who have been married for 18 years, work just 5 feet away from each other.

Lisa Elkins, 42, said she's not sure if she believes in the idea of a soul mate, but says that she and Ron, 43, are as close to soul mates as you can get.

"I think you can make things work with different people, but I think there's a really special connection that makes one significantly more right than anyone else," she said.

An overwhelming majority of Americans believe in the idea of soul mates. Psychologists and relationship experts, however, dispute the idea of a soul mate, saying that multiple people can match each other romantically.

This can have a positive or negative interpretation.

For instance, if you could love multiple people, it may be easier to back out of a bad relationship. But at the same time, it also can offer an excuse to have an affair.

"The idea of a soul mate often results in a sense of security: If they are my soul mate, then I am theirs, and they could never leave me since they can't find another soul mate," said Ramani Durvasula, a professor of psychology at California State University in Los Angeles. "It's likely a false sense of security, but a sense of security nonetheless."

The soul mate idea is also a fairly romantic notion, says relationship expert Gary Lewandowski Jr.

"In reality, there are likely several people with whom any one individual could be compatible," said Lewandowski, a professor and chairman in the psychology department at Monmouth University in New Jersey. "We see evidence of this when people have multiple high-quality relationships over time."

A 2016 survey conducted by online dating site Match.com found that men fall in love just over three times in their lives, while the average woman falls in love a little more than twice in her life, a stat that appears to dispute the idea that "you're the only one for me."

"This belief that there's only one person for you, the soul mate idea, comes out of our farming past, when you had to marry young and you had to stay married for life. You couldn't take half the farm with you," said Helen Fisher, author of "Anatomy of Love" and a senior research fellow at the Kinsey Institute.

Part of the reason why love interests change over a lifetime is because people change and partners might grow apart.

"The person who was perfect for you at that period in your life may not be perfect anymore."

"People mature, they change, they grow up, they acquire new interests, they live in new places," Fisher said. "During the course of your life, you could fall in love with a lot of people.

And you may not fall out of love with a person before feeling in love with another. Loving two people simultaneously doesn't fit with society's current norms or expectations about love, but it happens.

There's a growing body of research suggesting that polyamory — loving more than one person at a time — is more common than we once thought, Lewandowski said.

"It really depends on whether loving more than one person at a time is your ideal," he said.

The more committed you are to your partner, the more likely you are to devalue other potential partners. For example, you may be able to resist falling for another person by finding things wrong with him or her that make them appear to be less desirable.

"There are a lot of things we do mentally to make our partner fit our ideals and keep ourselves committed," Lewandowski said. "That commitment then helps us avoid paying attention to other potentially viable partners."

Affairs do happen, however, but most of the time, even if you think you're in love with your spouse and with the other person, the feeling of love is actually different for each, Durvasula said.

There are different forms of love. There is companionate, long-term love that may be less romantic or passionate, and there is passionate love, which is often more exciting, consumptive and exhausting, Durvasula said.

"It's quite possible that a person could be in a long-term, companionate relationship with a person they love and also then love a new, passionate lover, and feel genuine love for both," she said.

But for most people, the emotional bandwidth required to love one person romantically delimits their ability to maintain that feeling with multiple people.

"There is a sort of tunneling quality to being in romantic love, which often closes us off to maintaining that emotional state with multiple people simultaneously," Durvasula said.

If someone is prone to falling in love while already in a partnership, it may be time for them to do some heavy self-reflection, as it may speak to numerous psychological and relationship issues.

"A passionate friendship may put a swing in your step, but if you want your marriage to last, you can bring that swing home and invest that energy back into your marriage, or view it as a wake-up call, and perhaps it's time to consider letting go of your marriage or committed partnership," Durvasula said.

Danielle Braff is a freelancer.
Eat What You Want Day
a time to indulge whims

Considering yesterday was national Liver and Onion Day, I'm pretty relieved to know today, May 11, is the official Eat What You Want food holiday! It's not that I have anything against liver; I love a good Jewish chopped chicken liver spread and I adore a little liver in my Thanksgiving stuffing, but good ole liver and onions never made it into my regular dinner recipe rotation. Thankfully the less structured foodie holiday we're celebrating today allows me to get creative in the kitchen.

I opened my refrigerator and scanned its contents and reminded myself over-and-over, “I can eat anything I want.” I snagged several eggs and put them on to boil. For a split second I thought I was going to whip up a few deviled eggs, but opted instead to steep them, Chinese-style, in an aggressively spiced mixture of tea and soy sauce. Not only are the tea and spiced steeped eggs flavorful they are quite beautifully marbled after a soak in their bath.

From there I grabbed some bacon because in my world bacon and eggs are a much more attractive pair than liver and onions. I crisped it up in a pan and cooked in a muddling of the tea-egg broth to bring some bold flavors to the bacon. I decided to toss the chopped eggs and seasoned bacon on top of some steamed broccoli. I figured “eating whatever I want” entitled me to do something a little dastardly to an otherwise healthy vegetable. So to round the whole dish out I mixed up a quick Sriracha-honey sauce to bring some heat to the plate.

The creation, based on my whims of the day, was totally delicious. The whole dish would be lovely served over some brown rice if you wanted to make a couple servings, but I was happy to go without. Celebrate your own food desires today or take a page out of my book of wants and serve up my broccoli with bacon and eggs. After all, you can eat whatever you want today!

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**Broccoli with Bacon & Eggs**

(Makes 4 servings)

For the bacon crumble:
- 6 strips of bacon, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon of the reserved tea egg broth

For the honey Sriracha drizzle:
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Sriracha (more or less to taste)
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Pinch of salt

For the broccoli:
- 3-4 broccoli crowns, cut into florets
- Pinch of salt

To serve:
- 1 cup reserved tea egg broth
- Chopped tea and spice eggs
- Black sesame seeds and sliced scallions

1. To prepare the bacon crumble: Season the bacon with the pepper and fry it over medium high heat until crispy and cooked through — about 8 minutes. Drain the grease from the pan, return to the heat and add the tablespoon of reserved brine. Cook, stirring constantly, until the pan is dry (about 1 minute) and transfer the cooked bacon to a plate lined with paper towels until ready to serve.

2. To prepare the honey Sriracha drizzle: Combine the mayonnaise, Sriracha, honey, garlic and salt in a small bowl. Mix well and set aside. Sauce can be mixed a day ahead and refrigerated until ready for use.

3. To prepare the broccoli: Fit a pan with a steamer and enough water to come up the sides of the pan, but remain below the steamer holes. Bring the water to a boil, add the broccoli to steamer, cover and cook for 4 minutes or until florets are tender. Season with salt.

4. To serve: Place 1/4 cup of reserved tea-egg broth in the bottom of each of 4 large bowls. Top the broth with the hot broccoli and drizzle each portion with 1/4 of the honey Sriracha sauce. Divide the bacon crumble evenly over each portion and top with chopped tea eggs, black sesame and scallions.

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**Tea and Spice Steeped Eggs**

- 4 eggs (plus water to cover)
- 3 cups water
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 3 bags of black tea
- 2 star anise
- 2 cloves

1. Put the eggs in a pot and cover with water by 2 inches and bring to a boil. Boil the eggs for 8 minutes, drain and rinse under cold water until cool to the touch. Crack the egg shells all over by gently tapping with the back of a spoon.

2. Place the cracked eggs (unpeeled) into a saucepan. Cover the eggs with 3 cups of water and the soy sauce. Toss in the tea bags, anise, cloves, sugar, salt, cinnamon, cumin and chili flakes. Bring the mixture to a boil, cover, reduce heat to low and allow to simmer for about 30 minutes.

3. Uncover and allow the eggs to cool to room temperature in the broth. Eggs can be stored in their shells in the broth for up to 24 hours. Peel before eating or using in recipes and reserve the broth.

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How to correct — or reward — a dog’s digging habit

By Cathy M. Rosenthal

Q: I adopted a lab/pug mix from a local shelter, and we just love her. Unfortunately, she’s a digger. She is digging out our tree and lilac roots, which she pulls out and chews up. I’m hoping it might be a vitamin deficiency that we can fix with nutrition, otherwise any suggestions? I have put her poop in the holes, and she has put her poop in the holes, and dragged her to the holes after the fact and told her no. I have heard mouse traps work, but that seems mean. I have a dog door to the backyard, so I don’t have complete control of when she’s going outside. I also have a Shih Tzu, so I don’t want to block them from going outside altogether. — Jayne Miller, Aurora, IL

A: While supervising your dog and catching her in the act is the best way to correct unwanted behaviors, there are some things you can do to discourage or reward behavior, like using a metal garden fence or building a pit to prevent digging. While catching your dog in the act is the best way to correct unwanted behaviors, there are some things you can do to discourage or reward behavior, like using a metal garden fence or building a pit to prevent digging. If she loves to dig, however, she may just find another place in the yard to have fun. That’s why I think it might be easier to reward her habit by making her a digging pit — a 3-by-6 foot sandbox where you can hide toys and treats that she can uncover and discover every day.

To train her to use it, let her see you bury a few hot dog pieces in the sand, then use show and tell to teach her how to “dig in the box.” When she uncovers a treat, give her another treat as a reward. If she knows there are buried treats, she will likely stop digging elsewhere and focus her energies on her new “treat” pit.

Q: We had two cats who were litter mates and adopted as kittens. One of the two cats disappeared and hasn’t returned. The other is still mourning his lost brother. Is there anything we can do to comfort him or help him get over missing his brother? Would a new kitten help? — Mundy Rado, Lawrenceville, GA

A: I am glad you recognize the loss of his companion. It could take days, weeks and sometimes even months before he adjusts to life without his best friend.

While getting a kitten to be his new friend is a good idea, don’t rush into adopting just yet. Sometimes, if a pet doesn’t have time to mourn, and another pet comes along too soon, they tolerate each other, but they don’t become good friends. Also, people tend to shower attention on the new pet and unintentionally ignore the grieving pet, which can make the grieving pet feel worse.

Instead, give your cat lots of attention for a few weeks to build a new relationship between the two of you and reassure him of his place in the home. When you finally bring a new kitten home, give your older cat more attention for the first few weeks. It’s sort of like making an older brother or sister feel special when a new baby comes home. Like a baby, your new kitten won’t have any expectations of you yet. So, love on your older cat more during the transition period to help him feel secure and motivated to accept the new kitten in the home.

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I recently took advantage of a free offering from the Citizens Utility Board that could easily wind up saving me over $1,000 a year in electric, gas and phone bills. This was a one-on-one analysis of all three of my home utility bills conducted by a knowledgeable CUB field representative at my local library. In this column, I will attempt to share as much as I can about what I learned, but there was so much useful information, I highly recommend consumers sign up for a free CUB utility bill clinic themselves. For upcoming events, go to CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

I sat down with Matt Harvey, CUB outreach field coordinator, who reviewed my bills, identified savings and made energy efficiency recommendations specific to my usage.

- **Home phone:** Upon looking at my AT&T home phone bill, Harvey made several significant recommendations.
  
  He advised I switch to the Consumer's Choice Basic local calling plan as I am paying for a lot of extra features I don't use. The total charge for Consumer’s Choice Basic is around $20 a month. I was cautioned that Consumer’s Choice is an offering AT&T is not promoting so I may be told it’s not available when I call. I should be persistent, however. The package still is in AT&T’s tariffs and the company is required by Illinois law to provide it.

  He then suggested I sign up for long distance service through Pioneer Telephone, which bills on a per-call basis at a rate of three to four cents a minute. If no long distance calls are made, no bill is received. This would drop my long distance bill to around $12 a month.

  He also recommended removing Line-Backer, a protection plan that covers repairs to in-house wires and jacks at a cost of $8 a month, or $96 a year. Per Harvey, (and my own experience) this is a service most never use.

- **Natural gas:** Similar to AT&T’s Line-Backer coverage, Harvey suggested I eliminate Gas Line Comfort-Guard from my Nicor bill — a cost of $4.95 a month. This monthly add-on covers the cost of any gas line repairs that might be needed in my home. However, over the course of the 14 years I've been paying for it, I've spent over $80, never had an issue and could likely cover the cost of any repair out-of-pocket for less.

- **Electricity:** Harvey shared with me a number of savings plans offered by ComEd. There’s really something for everyone, as long as consumers are willing and able to be a bit flexible with their energy usage (and they have a smart meter). Information on all is available at ComEd.com.

  Harvey additionally told me that switching to an alternative gas or electricity supplier almost always is a bad deal. In a recent study conducted by CUB, 94 percent of all alternative energy providers offered pricing that was more expensive than the standard suppliers.

- **Home energy assessment:** Here was a little gem of a find: Harvey showed me on every ComEd, Nicor and People's Gas bill, there is a line item called “[Energy] Efficiency Program.” This charge of around $2 a month entitles consumers to a free home energy assessment coordinated by ComEd in partnership with Nicor and Peoples Gas. In addition to receiving a personalized report at the conclusion of the assessment, customers also receive — completely free of charge — CFL and LED bulbs for every fixture in their home, advanced power strips, programmable thermostats, faucet aerators, low-flow shower heads and hot water pipe insulation. Consumers can call 1-855-433-2700 for information or to schedule an appointment.

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Behind the scenes of comedy

'Letterman,' 'Seinfeldia,' 'Daily Show' continue long-standing tradition of looking backstage

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

Roger Ailes, the recently deposed Fox News founder, almost became the producer of David Letterman's NBC morning show that preceded Letterman's breakthrough "Late Night" program. This is according to "Letterman: The Last Giant of Late Night" by New York Times reporter and columnist, Jason Zinoman.

Can you imagine the alternative history if Ailes had taken the job? If instead of building the conservative news behemoth, he'd overseen years of Top 10 lists and Stupid Pet Tricks?

I'm thinking we'd all be a bit better off, honestly.

I can't get enough of books like "Letterman" that mine the hidden gems of these cultural touchstones. The inside stories of what could've been, what almost never was and what was really happening always seem to fascinate me.

The oral history is probably the best format for the choicest inside tidbits, and "Live from New York: The Complete, Uncensored History of Saturday Night Live" recounts tales of the show, its stars and its famous guest stars.

The history of 1990s sitcom "Seinfeld" is told in "Seinfeldia: How a Show About Nothing Changed Everything." While suffused with Martin's wit, the primary purpose is to explore the route that took Martin from a kid doing magic in his bedroom to performing stand-up to stadiums full of people. There are both philosophical and moral underpinnings to a routine where a man sticks an arrow through his head to the laughter of others, and Martin explicates this in clear and beautiful prose.

"Seinfeldia: How a Show About Nothing Changed Everything" is similar to "Letterman" in its melding of history, biography and trivia. Author and Chicago-area native Jennifer Keishin Armstrong, who previously did a similar job on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" in her book "Mary and Lou and Rhoda and Ted," delivers an array of juicy tidbits. Elaine's terrible dance? It's modeled on that of "Saturday Night Live" creator Lorne Michaels.

And for the truly hardcore, we turn to Kliph Nesteroff's "The Comedians: Drunks, Thieves, Scoundrels, and the History of American Comedy." Like all the good history books, Nesteroff's approach is personal, opinionated, surprising and sometimes frustrating. Nesteroff loves his subject — one could say to a fault — but to my experience, that fault is a virtue.

Nesteroff's book opens the door to exploring different eras and strains of American comedy in greater detail. The book is both definitive and incomplete, because how could it be otherwise? The story of American comedy is being written and rewritten on a daily basis.

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May Day: A few days late

ACROSS
1 Prefix meaning "beyond"
2 Pronunciation of "break"
3 Surname of a "broad"
4 "Dead end" for Timid
5 "Vandalized" for Eraser
6 "Staple" for "pitch"
7 "In your face" for Shtetl
8 "Squash"
9 "Ditto"

DOWN
1 "Drum" or "pound"
2 "Rogues" for "faces"
3 "Seasoning" for "pitch"
4 "Last" for "revolve"
5 "Drum" or "pitch"
6 "Drum"
7 "Drum"
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9 "Drum"
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD, IL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Lincolnwood Village Hall at 600 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois, there will be held a public hearing on the proposed redevelopment plan and project for the "Redevelopment Plan and Project," the designation of the project area, the "Redevelopment Plan and Project Area" (the "Redevelopment Plan and Project Area"); the North Lincoln Redevelopment Area consists of the property located generally as described below: The North Lincoln Redevelopment Area consists of the following property: the property generally located at the northwestern, southeasterly and northsoutherly boundaries of the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Shore Road in the Village of Lincolnwood.

There will be considered at the hearing comments on whether to approve the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the North Lincoln Redevelopment Area and the proposed increment financing therefor. The proposed Redevelopment Plan and Project is on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk at Lincolnwood, Illinois, 60712. The Public Hearing and Project is also available on the Village's website at http://www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan and Project, the Village proposes to reduce or eliminate those conditions that continue to qualify the North Lincoln Redevelopment Area as a " tgt] area, as broad as possible, and to have the project areas defined in the Tax Increment Allocations Redevelopment Area Act. The project area is in the Tax Increment Allocations Redevelopment Area Act and is defined generally as described below.
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54 Hopping insect
55 Rooster's mate
56 Bird of prey
60 Make laugh
64 Enthusiastic
66 Seoul's nation
68 Trick
69 Actress
Dickinson
70 Eras
71 New York team
72 Requirements
73 Hornet's home

Solutions

1 _ one's feet; move slowly
2 Tiny bit
3 No ifs, ands or
4 Wall or Easy
5 St. Joan of _
6 _ Wetsy; baby boomer's doll
7 Take out
8 Paper towel brand
9 Former mates
10 Granola grain
11 Place to leave one's car
12 Attempts
13 Mold's origin
18 Donkeys
22 If I _ a
24 Move furtively
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Last week's crosswords

"CHARACTER BUILDING"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

R(on) PAUL: POLITICAL CHOICES:
When the government spends more than it collects in revenues, it has three choices: It can raise taxes, print money, or borrow money. While these actions may benefit politicians, all are bad for Americans.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

HONCHO THWART SICKLE
ADJUST ORNERY IMPLO
The car wash employee was smitten with his new coworker and instantly —

TOOK A SHINE
TO HER

interactive puzzles and games
A job description for the position of mom

I've had several different careers over the course of my professional life. Most jobs were challenging and enjoyable, some were easy and fun, a couple paid a lot but were unfulfilling, and one job I had was unbearable.

But the best job I've ever had is the job of being a mom. It is by far the most valued position I've ever held. That said, motherhood is definitely the most challenging of any job on the market and it involves the most work.

In honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, I decided to write a job description for the position of mom.

**Job title:** Mom

**Job description:** Care for, discipline, teach, raise, guide and nurture children. During the first few years, you will almost never be apart from the child. You will feed, bathe, change the child, do his or her laundry and dishes and keep the home tidy. If the baby is awake at night or needs changed, you will be required to assist. You also must be able to drive children to doctor appointments. As the child grows, the job entails driving the kid to and from school and other activities, including but not limited to music, art, drama and sports activities. You also will be required to plan and execute birthday parties, help with homework, teach him or her how to drive, wait up for him or her to come home, implement consequences for irresponsible behavior when applicable and offer emotional support for friendship and romance dramas that will most likely occur. The mom also must be willing to be a role model, keeping in mind at all times that everything said and done is having an impact that will greatly affect how the kid turns out as an adult. The job entails leading by example every minute of every day.

**Job hours and pay:** The mom job is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with no sick days and limited vacation days. Also, this job does not pay monetarily. The job entails the opposite—you pay for everything from birth through college and possibly after.

**Job requirements:** All applicants must have skills in housekeeping, cooking and nursing. Experience in assembling complicated toys and creating unique art projects is a plus. The job also requires immense patience and humility, especially since there will be no evaluations or feedback regarding your performance, with the exception of negative comments from the child from time to time. Additionally, applicants should be skilled in communication so they can offer support and guidance to the child, teaching right from wrong, as well as how to respect, appreciate and treat others. Lastly, the job requires unending energy, as there is very little or no downtime in this position.

Not needing a lot of sleep is a plus.

So, why would anyone want to be a mom? The benefits.

**Job benefits:** The sight of your baby will be so breathtakingly beautiful that you will take dozens of pictures every day, which you will show to anyone who is willing to look. You will laugh every day of your life, either because of something your child says or does, or because of the joy kids bring to your soul. Falling in love with your child will make you want to have more children, and many of you will. You will take your kids to really fun places and watch their expressions the first time they ride the merry-go-round, ride a pony or play in the snow.

You will appreciate every ounce of love your children give back to you, starting from when they learn to express their feelings through adulthood, when they tell you, “Mom, you're my best friend.”

And even though the job so often seems thankless, you will see things in your kids that will make you proud, like a really good report card, a thoughtful art project or the way they treated a bullied classmate at school. It will make all your hard work and dedication feel worth it.

Perhaps the most significant benefit of being a mom comes in realizing that through raising remarkable people, you have somehow made a difference in bettering the world.

But lastly, don't forget about the benefit of fun. Your kids will keep you young, light-hearted and fearless to the many worries life tends to bring.

I remember as a young mother fretting over my kids at times, and when I would call my parents they would always end the conversation by saying, “Enjoy them.” That is the best advice anyone can give to a mom. Why? Because each child is a unique and precious gift, meant to be savored each day, as you collect cherished moments that turn into treasured memories.

Happy Mother's Day, moms. You are beautiful, giving, loving and very much appreciated.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.
Comparing surgical procedures to clear carotid artery plaque

By Dr. Robert Ashley

Dear Doctor: My cardiovascular surgeon tells me medicine has mostly abandoned shunt and stent placements as a solution to carotid artery plaques. Instead, doctors are returning to the older "Roto-Rooter" procedure because patient outcomes have proven less problematic. What's your take on this?

Dear Reader: Let's start with an anatomy lesson. The common carotid arteries are major suppliers of blood to the brain. You have two of them, and you can feel their pulse at the side of your neck, lateral to your Adam's apple (thyroid cartilage). They split in the neck to become the external and internal carotid arteries, which supply blood to the majority of the brain.

Turbulent blood flow at the location of these splits contributes to the formation of plaque within the internal carotid arteries, as do other factors like high blood pressure, diabetes and smoking. This plaque can rupture and cause closure of the artery or a portion of the plaque can break off and lodge in a smaller artery. In either circumstance, a stroke occurs — leading to a significant loss of neurological function. Thus, if the internal carotid artery is significantly closed with plaque, it is necessary to clear the plaque.

What you describe as a Roto-Rooter procedure is called an endarterectomy. A surgeon performs an endarterectomy via an incision in the neck. Taking care to maintain blood flow to that side of the brain, he or she clamps the internal carotid artery, makes an incision in the artery and locates the plaque. The surgeon then frees the plaque from the lining of the artery and removes it before closing the blood vessel and placing a patch on the artery to prevent complications. Obviously, the procedure is not without its risks. The death rate from endarterectomy varies between 0.5 and 5 percent. Also, the rate of having a stroke during the procedure ranges between 0.25 and 3 percent and depends on how severe the plaque is and the skill and experience of the surgeon.

Carotid artery stenting is a different type of procedure in which the surgeon places a catheter into a major artery (usually the femoral artery in the groin), then moves it via wire up to the internal carotid artery. The surgeon then dilates the artery (if necessary) and lodges the stent into its lining. On the surface, stenting may sound less dangerous, but studies have not found this to be the case. A 2012 analysis of 16 studies found that, in the 30 days after the procedure, stenting had a higher rate of combined death and stroke (8.2 percent) compared to endarterectomy (5 percent). A separate study also linked stenting to more minor strokes.

But note that the difference in death and major stroke was not seen among patients younger than 70 years of age. And other studies have shown that, over time frames of 4.2 and 10 years, the rates of major strokes and death show less of a benefit with the carotid endarterectomy versus stenting.

Still, as of now, research suggests that the carotid endarterectomy clearly is the better procedure, especially if you're older than 70.

Stenting remains a good alternative, and with newer carotid stenting techniques in development, the choices for individuals will continue to evolve.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Enteric-coated aspirin no guarantee of safety

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Q: My husband collapsed, unconscious, due to severe internal bleeding. He'd been taking two full-strength aspirin tablets as needed on the advice of his doctor. I was trying to protect his stomach, so I bought him enteric-coated aspirin. That just took the damage further down the digestive tract. He received two pints of blood upon his arrival in the emergency room.

I will never let him take enteric-coated aspirin again. It's a wonderful drug, but like all drugs, it carries risks.

A: Doctors have long worried that aspirin might cause stomach or duodenal ulcers. Even low-dose aspirin is capable of irritating the digestive tract, resulting in a bleeding ulcer. In recent years, gastroenterologists have found that aspirin also can damage the small intestine (Journal of Gastroenterology, April 2015). Enteric-coated aspirin might be riskier in this regard than ordinary buffered aspirin.

Q: I was told to take my Synthroid before breakfast. Some of my favorite healthy breakfast choices have a lot of fiber. I read that fiber can interfere with Synthroid absorption. When I discovered that coffee also was prohibited for at least an hour after taking the pill, that did it. No more morning Synthroid for me. Why don't doctors know these things?

A: That is a good question. The Food and Drug Administration includes a warning about fiber reducing levothyroxine (Synthroid) absorption in its prescribing information available to every doctor.

Coffee and soybeans can reduce significantly the amount of levothyroxine that is absorbed, while vitamin C increases absorption (Clinical Therapeutics, February 2017). Many people have concluded, just as you did, that no coffee in the morning is a nonstarter. Instead, they take their Synthroid in the evening.

Q: I have been taking Zyprexa for several years now and have accumulated about 60 pounds in excess weight. I am on a very low dose. Is it safe to stop this medication?

A: Olanzapine (Zyprexa) and other antipsychotic drugs have been linked to metabolic changes: reduced insulin sensitivity, higher blood-sugar levels and increases in LDL cholesterol and triglycerides. Weight gain also is a serious complication. Do not stop Zyprexa suddenly or without medical supervision. Discontinuation may lead to sweating, nausea and vomiting. You may have to gradually reduce the dose over weeks or months in careful coordination with your doctor.

Q: I read in a health newsletter a few years ago that over-the-counter NasalCrom would help allergies. My husband had runny nose and nasal congestion for years. After using NasalCrom, his allergy disappeared. A: NasalCrom is different from all other allergy medications. It contains cromolyn, which stabilizes the mast cells in the nose responsible for allergy symptoms. It may require several weeks to take full effect.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
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Rehabilitate garden soil for better results

By Maureen Gilmer
Tribune News Service

Are your raised beds in jeopardy? Is the potting soil worn out after last summer's intensive vegetable gardening? Did you plan to rejuvenate that microbial world before you replant? Maybe the fertility was gobbled up by last year's crops. Maybe you need some rocket fuel to kick-start the nutrient levels so your plants explode into growth.

Here's how to quickly rehabilitate your raised beds so they become instantly enriched with the organic stuff plants need. The problem with dry organic fertilizers is their components take quite a while to break down. Until they do, your plants languish, lagging in their performance because they need food now, and so do the microbes that help them grow.

A good strategy for small box gardens and raised beds is a no-till and almost no-work approach. No-till keeps existing microbes underground and protected to maximize populations. This is particularly true for mycorrhizae, fungi beneficial to plants that have a webby body destroyed by cultivation. Tilling doesn't kill the fungi. It just knocks it back to interrupt the immediate benefits too.

Whenever you mix a fertilizer into water, it is said to be "in solution." That means its nutrition is mobile. Water is a carrier of nutrients of all kinds to bring them into the root zone for easy uptake. As the fertilizer-enriched drench filters down into the soil, it adds nutrients to depths well below the surface. This provides incentive for young vegetables to root deeply from the start.

Dry fertilizers have always been dangerous because you work them into the soil, then water it all in so the particles gradually dissolve or disintegrate. If materials aren't thoroughly mixed into soil or when too little water is used, breakdown slows. Such problems are often the result of dry fertilizers used indiscriminately with drip irrigated plants.

West Coast hydroponic growers and drip-irrigated market farms drove big demands for liquid organic fertilizers. They are used in fertilizer injector systems that add a steady delivery of nutrient-rich concentrate every time the water flows. In recent years, hydroponics has produced many new brands and crops available at garden centers or online. Look for liquid products under Dr. Earth, Espoma, Peaceful Valley Farm Supply, Eleanor's, Botanicare and Biobizz. Virtually all these fertilizers can be utilized for this kick-start planting method. Try any listed as organic, such as fish emulsion. Mix the concentrates of your fertilizers in a 5-gallon plastic bucket. Pour on immediately while everything is in suspension, or it will settle out prematurely for irregular results.

Simple 4-step rehab

1. Scratch the top inch of the soil surface to break up crust- ing that repels moisture. It also opens the surface so moisture can move freely through, carrying nutrients deeper down. Pull all weeds.

2. Thoroughly drench the soil surface with your nutrient solution. Follow that with a slow and thorough saturation of the entire soil mass so no dry pockets remain.

3. Add potting soil to bring your bed soil surface up to a proper elevation. Potting soil gradually decreases in volume over time, so this is inevitable shrinkage that compromises the depth of your root zone. Use quality potting soil as a seed bed to help seeds remain moist and quick to germinate.

4. Use compost as your surface mulch to maintain soil moisture. Once you plant and seedlings come up, the compost can be layered around them gently as heat rises. Mulch reduces this evaporative potential, keeping plants and roots from yo-yo moisture levels.

If you're short on time and energy, this liquid method of getting your garden up and running is the solution. The real beauty is once you discover solutions, you can brew up a new batch any time you want to give those beds more zest later in the season.

Maureen Gilmer is a freelancer.
Contemporary home in Park Ridge: $929,000

ADDRESS: 1120 Washington Ave. in Park Ridge
ASKING PRICE: $929,000
Listed on May 4, 2017
This four-bedroom house in Park Ridge has a 2-story foyer to greet visitors. Custom hardwood floors with cherry inlay highlight an open first floor, where the formal living room opens into a spacious dining room. The chef’s kitchen has an eat-in area that opens into the family room, which has a fireplace. The master suite on the second floor has two walk-in closets and a spa-like bathroom with heated floors. The finished basement includes an office, a full bathroom and a rec-room with a second fireplace. Additional features of the home include a mud room, a central vacuum system, a sprinkler system, an intercom and security system, a new central air and heat system and plenty of storage space.
Agent: Rano Khudayberdieva of Redfin, 847-379-1521

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How Amy Amdur became queen of the art festivals

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

If you've attended an art festival in the Chicago area, there's a good chance it was run by Amy Amdur.

Amdur's name has become synonymous with some of the city's and suburbs' largest art festivals. She took the first step toward her business, Amdur Productions, in 1984 when she created the Port Clinton Art Festival. Then the Highland Park native and Northwestern graduate spent 15 years developing art fests as a side business without pay until deciding to devote herself to it full-time.

Amdur's 2017 season began in April with the Chicago Art and Design Show on Navy Pier, and she has plenty of shows ahead, including the Barrington Art Festival May 27-28, the Chicago Botanic Gardens Art Festival July 1-2, the Evanston Art & Big Fork Festival Aug. 18-20 and the Port Clinton Art Festival Aug. 26-27. We caught up with Amdur for a chat about how she nurtured her festival business.

Q: On spring days when the sun is out and it's obvious that your busiest season is on the way, do you ever feel panic?

A: (Laughs) I know what you mean but, actually, no, I don't. I'm one of those lucky people in the world who loves what I do. Not to say that I don't take a deep breath, because I know how much work is coming. But I really love the festivals and I find them incredibly rewarding on a personal level. Also, I'm very fortunate to have a great staff.

Q: The story goes that your career producing art festivals began in 1984 when you suggested the Port Clinton Art Festival to your father, real estate developer Steven Amdur, when he was looking for ways to promote the new Port Clinton Square shopping center.

A: That's true. The idea of the development was to revitalize Highland Park. So, I said during a meeting, "Aren't we going to have some sort of grand opening, to bring people in?" And everyone in the meeting just turned to me and said, "You handle it." I actually created a number of things including Music at the Plaza, working with Ravinia, and a Taste of Highland Park. But I couldn't figure out how to get people to go out of the main plaza and into all the twists and turns of the south plaza. And then I thought, "Well, that's what an art festival does." We started that year with 40 artists and the public loved it and the artists sold and it grew and grew and grew over time.

Q: After creating the Port Clinton Art Festival, you continued developing festivals as a side job?

A: That's correct. I nurtured the art festivals while continuing with other full-time jobs. I worked seven days a week and put those hours in. I'd come home from my dayjob and work until midnight or a.m. on the festivals. And for the first 15 years, I didn't take a penny for that work. It was only when my daughter Hannah, who's 19 now, was born that I said I can't do it all. So, at that point I made running festivals my full-time job.

Q: How many festivals are you producing now?

A: That's a good question. (Laughs.) We have 28 on the calendar and another two that aren't officially confirmed yet, but I'll say 30. We're also launching www.artzipper.com, which is an online art commerce site. It's in beta, but it's open now as a way for people to shop art festivals from their phones or their desktops.
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Kelly Stokes of the Salt Creek Ballet will read a story to kids, then teach a dance that tells the story during a special program on May 22 at Skokie Public Library.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn to tell stories with dance at Skokie Library

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

A creature's true nature will be revealed during "Dance Along With the Ugly Duckling," from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. May 22 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

Kelly Stokes, community engagement coordinator of Salt Creek Ballet, will present the drop-in program for ages 3-6.

"I'll be dressed in a 'Swan Lake' tutu. We read 'The Ugly Duckling' story," she said, "and then we learn a little dance and do it to the music of 'Swan Lake.' We're trying to connect literature to movement—brought to life through dance."

Youngsters will learn some beginning ballet movements, like first position, plie and curtsy to the "Baby Swan Dance" from "Swan Lake" to dance for their parents or with them.

"It's not a very technically proficient dance, but they have a blast doing it," Stokes said.

If time permits, Stokes will show the youngsters costumes and props, and answer questions. Each child will receive three coloring sheets to take home.

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

Help the cause

Pamela Sue Fox, owner of Wilmette-based Studio North Academy of the Performing Arts, took a vote, and it was unanimous. All the performers in the May 20 Spring Fling Repertoire wanted the proceeds donated to UNICEF.

Sixty dancers, 2nd-graders through 12th-graders, will perform, 2-3:30 p.m. at Haven Middle School, 2417 Prairie Ave., Evanston. Tickets are $12.

For details, call 847-251-7627 or go to www.studionorthacademy.com.

Stage struck

Buster Moon's only chance to restore his theater is to produce the world's greatest singing competition, so the koala goes for it in "Sing." The 2016, PG-rated kids flick will be shown 4-5:35 p.m. May 19 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

Call 847-965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org.

Role reversal

Children will discover how farm animals are cared for during Veterinarian for a Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 13 at Historic Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview. There will be demonstrations and hands-on activity stations to teach about animal handling, animal husbandry, anatomy and basic medical care.

Admission is $5; free for kids under 2.

For details, call 847-657-1506 or see www.glenviewparks.org.

Learn to care

A training course in "How to Raise a Mom" is offered in Jean Reagan's new children's book. Your kids should enjoy learning the details during a Mother's Day Storytime, 11 a.m. May 13 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. There will also be related activities. For details, call 847-676-2230 or see www.barnesandnoble.com.
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Date: March 24
Attended: 650+
Raised: $190,000
Website: pawschicago.org

Charity Game Raises $4,500 for Lurie Hospital

Dr. Scott Clay, District 63 superintendent, and Linda Ryan, Niles Library Board president, were on hand for District 63's Charity Basketball Game on April 21, which was sponsored in part by the Niles Public Library District. The event raised $4,500, which was donated to the cancer research program at Ann and Robert Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Go to www.luriechildrens.org.

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Home is nestled on a tree-lined and quiet cul-de-sac. Light and bright floor plan, finished basement, private backyard. Sunken living room has crown molding. Formal dining room has hardwood floors. Family room has French doors leading to patio and features a brick fireplace, built-ins. Eat-in kitchen features bayed eating area, white cabinet pantry and black appliances. Main level laundry/mud room. Master has updated bathroom. Three more bedrooms with large closets.

Address: 926 Wilshire Drive
Price: $559,000
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $12,640
Agent: Leslie McDonnell/RE/MAX Suburban

WINNETKA

Newly renovated home offers an entertainment-sized living room with fireplace, sun-filled family room, dining room with built-ins and a newer kitchen. Lower-level with recreation, exercise and work spaces. Hardwood floors throughout. First floor master option or a space for an office. Extra bonus space over the garage for a studio. New fixtures, carpet, paint, landscaping. Fenced yard.

Address: 792 Foxdale Ave
Price: $639,000
Schools: New Trier High School
Taxes: $12,271
Agent: Barbara Shields/Properties

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Custom home is well maintained. Recent upgrades including new furnace, garage door and gutters. Foyer has hardwood floors. Home is on a quiet cul-de-sac. Four-season room with cathedral ceilings, heated floor and three full glass walks plus French doors opening to spacious kitchen. Master bath has new skylight, whirlpool tub, two walk-in closets and separate shower. Fenced yard with lush landscaping.

Address: 4001 Proctor Circle
Price: $514,900
Schools: Buffalo Grove High School
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Almost 3,000 square feet of living space above grade. Four-bedroom and 3.5-bath brick and cedar home has lots of room. The kitchen was designed with family and friends in mind. Vaulted ceilings provide open feel. The main floor includes a living room, separate dining room, wet bar, half bath, den with wood burning fireplace and family room. Four bedrooms, two with en-suite baths, on upper level.

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A series of ebony wood mirrors adds drama in this living room.

10 ways to use mirrors to make interiors shine

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

Some consider mirrors to be a secret weapon in the world of design. While reflective surfaces can be just as powerful as artwork and, in some cases, a more appealing design option — many homeowners may feel confused or overwhelmed when it comes to decorating with mirrors.

Here are some useful tips:

1. Consider using mirrors in a series. You need not limit yourself to a single mirror on a wall. Consider using two or three to help elongate a space.

2. Try round mirrors instead of square or rectangular shapes.

3. Use mirrors above sideboards and entertainment units. They will help reflect other areas of the living space.

4. If you have a room that is small or has no or few windows, rely on one big mirror or a series or mirrors to brighten the area.

5. Try rimless mirrors to create clean lines.

6. Place a mirror above a bed, rather than typical artwork.

7. Experiment with finishes. While metallic such as silver and gold are most popular, try mixing in frames that are wooden or painted.

8. Explore the ornate. Rococo, or heavily decorated, mirrors work in traditional interiors but can also add a touch of glam in nearly any space.

9. Try thin mirrors. In some cases, bigger may not always be bigger. Slim mirrors can look sleek and attractive, especially in modern spaces.

10. Expand your definition of artwork; add visual interest with a wall of mirrors. An elaborate display of mirrors may be just as powerful as traditional art.
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**HOME REMEDIES**

**Want a glass shower door? Answer these 3 questions**

**By Ed Del Grande**

Tribune News Service

Q: We use a shower curtain. I really want to replace the curtain with an out-of-the-box glass door. But I need some guidance before we start looking. Can you please give me some glass shower door installation options?

A: Here are three basic questions and a bonus tip to keep in mind when thinking about installing a standard glass shower door.

- **Will you need a tub and shower door or a shower-only door to fit your present setup?** Know what kind of door to look for.
- **Would you like a metal frame door or a frameless door?** With a metal frame door, you can choose the trim finish, like brass or chrome, to match your bathroom. A frameless door has exposed glass edges for a more contemporary look.
- **What kind of glass do you want?** Clear glass can help small bathrooms feel a little more open, while frosted glass offers a little more privacy.

Finally, there are quick-install doors out there that require no drilling, so installation of your glass shower door doesn’t have to be a pain.

Q: I am looking for a new kitchen faucet, and all my friends are telling me to get the pull-out spray style because standard spout faucets are old-fashioned. I enjoy my present kitchen faucet. And my friends are telling me to get the pull-out spray style because standard spout faucets are old-fashioned.

A: From what I have seen, when it comes to plumbing fixtures you never can tell what is outdated. As long as a plumbing fixture does its job in an efficient way, it could be in or out, depending on current design trends. But plumbing fixtures are not really outdated for good in most cases.

I believe this is the case with standard spout kitchen faucets. Like you mentioned, many people enjoy the look and the operation of a standard spout kitchen faucet with a remote spray head over the pull-out or pull-down models. With this in mind, faucet-makers have made updates to keep standard spout faucets trendy.

Some changes are sleek one-handle designs with high-arch swinging spouts, state-of-the-art ceramic disk valves and water-saving aerators. Bottom line: Standard spout kitchen faucets are far from being a washed-up plumbing fixture.

Master contractor/plumber Ed Del Grande is the author of "Ed Del Grande’s House Call."
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Jazz and Blues Salon — Joe Policastro: If you have questions about retirement and health insurance options, the CJE SeniorLife resource specialists can provide counseling. This program is for adults ages 60 and over, their families and caregivers. Counseling includes topics such as selecting appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs and identifying supportive resources. To make an appointment, call Kathy Gaedtig at CJE SeniorLife at 773-508-1054.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

GBN Spring Jazz Band Concert: Enjoy the sounds of the Glenbrook North Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab bands under the direction of Rich Chapman and Andrew Zweibel. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sheedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6400

“The King and I”: The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic is based on a true story of a British widow who taught the children of the kingdom of (then) Siam in the years before the American Civil War. Learn her true story about how an obscure memoir was turned into a classic musical. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfeld Road, Northfield, $12 members, $15 non-members, 847-784-6030

Park Ridge Garden Club meeting: This is a hands-on container workshop, where participants receive five 4-inch annuals and should bring potting materials. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Lorraine at 847-567-7436. 7 p.m. Thursday, Centennial Activity Center — Park Ridge Park District, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $25 non-members, must RSVP, 847-567-7436

Park Ridge Toastmasters Meeting: This is the Park Ridge Toastmasters Bi-Weekly meeting. All are welcome to join for impromptu speaking, prepared speeches, jokes and more. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-225-5128

Winnetka Congregational Church Rummage Sale: This is sponsored by the Winnetka Congregational Church Woman's Society to raise funds for 40 and more Chicagoland charities. The sale has 31 departments featuring furniture, children's clothing, housewares, books, designer wear, sporting goods and more. Visit the website for more information. 7 a.m. Thursday, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka, free, 847-446-0537

Friday, May 12

Live at Studios: Jeru: Joe Policastro created a group following the model of Gerry Mulligan's original quartet, called Jeru. This ensemble performs and is recorded for Chicago Jazz Live on WDCB. Be part of the audience for Art Davis on trumpet, Ted Hogarth on bar sax, Joe Policastro on bass and Mike Avery on drums. A cash bar and light snacks will be provided. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. 8 p.m. Friday, Studio 1, 1938 Dempster St., Evanston, $18-$22, 847-328-6683

Evanston Garden Fair: The Evanston Garden Fair, sponsored by the Lincolnwood Garden Club of Evanston and the City of Evanston, is held in Independence Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Featuring annuals, perennials, container gardens, hanging baskets and much more. Master gardeners are on hand to answer plant and landscaping questions. Proceeds from the fair are used to support civic landscape and beautification projects throughout Evanston. 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Independence Park, 2000 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-533-2326

“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 the audience breathless and helpless with laughter. 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St, Evanston, $10-$25, 847-424-0089

“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, Saturday and Sunday, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St, Evanston, $20 for adults, $15 for children, students and seniors, 847-328-2795

Drop-In Chess Club for up to Grade 8: Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Video Game Nights — For Teens: Just drop in to hang out with your friends and play video games on big screens using the library’s game systems and collections. Check out the new PS4 game system and games. Pizza will be donated by Viccino’s Pizza. 5 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Low Vision Fair: Held at the Glenview Senior Center, the 10th annual Low Vision Fair will feature a keynote speaker talking about general eye health, glaucoma screening and diabetic retinopathy screening. Also at the fair will be assistive technology vendors, representatives from supportive service agencies and vision screenings. The fair is co-sponsored by the North Suburban Library Low Vision Consortium. For details, contact the Glenview Library Outreach Librarian at 847-729-7500, ext. 2612. 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-965-4220

MGFL After Dark: Lynne Jordan Trio: Chicago blues singer Lynne Jordan presents an evening of various musical themes and a bit of storytelling. Ballads, blues, a little disco, a little contemporary, this show has something for all musical tastes. 7 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Emerson Middle School Variety Show: This 19th annual student variety show, “Emerson’s Got Talent,” is sponsored by the PTO. It showcases talented acts performed by sixth, seventh and eighth graders. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the performance starts at 7 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room. Tickets are sold at the door. There will be raffle tickets for sale. 7 p.m. Friday, Emerson Middle School, 8101 N. Cumberland Ave., Niles, $5 at the door, 312-836-5757

Gentle Yoga: Due to high demand, two yoga sessions are now offered. Space in each session is limited to the first 50 people. Yoga instructor Olga Rudjak leads a series of yoga sessions for improved physical strength, relaxation and mental clarity. Exercises are done in a chair or standing on the floor. 9:30 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Fun With Spanish Storytime! This program is for all ages to explore the Spanish language with songs, stories, rhymes and movement. Bilingual storytime is designed to provide English speakers with a brain building dose of Spanish. 10 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224
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Share The Warmth: Volunteers are wanted. Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men are also welcome) to prepare fleece blankets for chemotherapy patients. Add a crocheted edge to fleece and send free blankets to new adult chemotherapy patients. A basic crochet stitch can be taught if needed. Bring a lunch. Attendees often gather until 2 or 3 p.m. Donations are welcome to the nonprofit organization. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

The Poet of the Piano: Through listening and lecture, explore the life and music of Polish composer and virtuoso pianist Frederic Chopin. This Romantic master's poetic genius was based on a thorough understanding of the instrument coupled with professional technique that was without equal in his generation. 10 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member; $25 non-member, 847-784-6030

Dance Forward 2017: Dance Forward 2017 is Foster Dance Company's sixth annual Spring Concert. It features performances by Foster Dance Company, Classical Ballet Company and Foster Dance Crew. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Regina Dominican High School, 701 Locust Road, Wilmette, $20 adult; $15 student, 847-864-1877

Saturday, May 13

Des Plaines Chautauqua Arts Festival: Artists from local art groups, as well as from on- and communities, are participating in the art fair on the grounds of the scenic campground, which was established in 1867. 10 a.m. Saturday, Historic Methodist Campground, 1900 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, free, 847-824-4596

Zen Buddhism Spring Arts Festival: Displays of fine art and Asian antiquities, poetry open-mic, four mini-workshops, tea and snacks will be part of the Zen Buddhist arts to see and experience. Noon Saturday, Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

Glenview Community Church 75th Anniversary Concert: The church presents "All That Has Life and Breath, Sing to the Lord" conducted by Guillermo Muñoz Küber. The concert includes a performance of Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise) by Felix Mendelssohn for chorus, organ and orchestra featuring the church's 45 voice Chancel Choir and friends, and Sonata (Symphony) for Organ No. 1 in D minor, Op. 42 by ALEXA Guilmant, with organist Gary Wendt. 7 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

Vintage Market at The Grove: In partnership with Glenview's Vintage Nest boutique, spend the day shopping for vintage and up-cycled treasures. There will be more than 50 vintage vendors, live music and food trucks. 9 a.m. Saturday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, $5 advance online; $8 day of, 847-299-6096

Plant Sale: A variety of flowering pots, baskets, herbs and native plants are available for purchase. The event is co-sponsored by the Grove Heritage Association and the Glenview Park District. Proceeds benefit The Grove. For more information, call 9 a.m. Saturday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

Vet for a Day: Learn how veterinarians look after pets, wildlife and livestock through discussions, demonstrations and hands-on opportunities. All ages are welcome. Admission is $5. Children under 2 are admitted free. For more information, call 10 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, $5, 847-724-5670

Trail Walk: Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals and those who are interested in nature. Prairie walks focus on plants, native animals and prairie wetlands. For more information, call 11 a.m. Saturday, Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie/The Tyner Center, 2400 Compass Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Restoration Work Day: Help the restoration team remove invasive plants to make way for native prairie grasses. Seasonal activities include brush cutting, weed removal and seed collection. Bring work gloves if you have them. Work parties may be canceled in case of inclement weather. For more information, call 9 a.m. Saturday, Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie/The Tyner Center, 2400 Compass Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

New Golfer Day: New Golfer Day is one day with two time slots: Juniors (ages 9-16) gather from 2 to 3 p.m.; adults (ages 17 and up) gather from 3 to 4 p.m. Join golf teaching professional Michael Stone for a complimentary short game clinic focusing on chipping and putting. To reserve a spot, call 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-0250

Lincolnwood Family Spring Fest: Join Liberty for great Spring Fun including a free reptile exhibit featuring snakes, turtles and lizards. Experience music performed by The Dreamtree Shakers from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Also enjoy glitter tattoos, face painting, a balloon artist and more. 10 a.m. Saturday, Liberty Bank, 6666 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Crafting For Charity: The Crafting for Charity group works on knitted cat toys for the local organization, Wright-Way Rescue. The group also makes blankets to be sent to wounded soldiers for Operation First Response. Bring yarn, needles and/or hooks. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Second Saturday Breakfast Bingo: Kids and families are welcome to enjoy some breakfast treats as everyone plays bingo. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-665-1234

Art Smart (For Families): Start this Saturday with art. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Mother's Day Market: Food trucks will be located on the upper level parking near Lord & Taylor and Neiman Marcus. The market is located at the lower level Lord & Taylor court. Food truck vendors include Da Lobsta, Rogue Curbside Kitchen, Cupcakes for Courage, El Patron, Mobile Coco's Tacos, Ms. Tittle's Cupcakes, Carnivale and Grumpy Gauchos. Retail vendors include XO Marshmallows, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Sur La Table, Aveda and Venus Mini Day Spa. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Court, 1217 Northbrook Court, Northbrook, free, 847-498-8161

27th annual Arts and Crafts Adventure: Artists and Crafts artists from far and near will sell Hodges Park with work they created during this juried event. Art In Action is included in the show with some exhibitors working/demonstrating at their booths at various times during the show. Look for exhibitors located on the grass alongside sidewalks which wind around and through the park across from Park Ridge City Hall. 9 a.m. Saturday, Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-498-4748

Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast: The Park Ridge Morning Kiwanians dedicate their time and talents to raising funds and providing hands-on support to local nonprofits in order to improve the world one child and one community at a time. Support local charities by enjoying a pancake breakfast. 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1800 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, $7 for adults, $4 for children 12 and under, 312-927-3724

Strut For Strays: Hundreds of paws and feet will hit the ground walking (or running) for the 2.5-mile event. Grand Marshal Christian Stolte (from NBC's "Chicago Fire") will be on hand to get the Strut started. 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Evanston Subaru, 3340 Oakton St., Skokie, $35 (minimum pledge); $40 (on event day), 847-869-5700

Sisterhood Shabbat at Skokie Synagogue: A special Shabbat is hosted by the synagogue's Sisterhood. This event is free and open to members of the community. The Sisterhood members take on all roles in everything that needs to be done at this Saturday morning service. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4800 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-1441

I & M Canal Rambling Trip: Walk the historic I&M Canal towpath trail beside the Illinois River in Will and Grundy counties and visit Channahon and Gebhard Woods State Parks and see aquatic and lock and lock tenders' houses from the 1800s. This is a 4-mile walk at a leisurely pace for ages 18 and older. 8:35 a.m. Saturday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $28 skokie resident, $35 nonresident, 847-677-7001

Spring Storytelling Campfire: This is for ages 4 and up to experience the oldest form of entertainment by campfire and starlight. Professional storyteller Mark Kater will share springtime stories from around the world. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, free, 847-677-7001

Children's Storytelling Event: Enjoy a storytelling experience about children's book "Dancing With Tex: The Remarkable Friendship To Save The Whooping Cranes." Author Lynn Sanders provides an opportunity for families and children about the true friendship between a man and bird that helped the Whooping Cranes survive extinction. Be prepared to dance. Free refreshments, door prize and surprise treats for Turn to Calendar, Next Page
at the corner of Lake and Michigan avenues. 8 a.m. Sunday, Gillson Park, Lake and Michigan avenues, Wilmette, free, 847-256-9656

Down Dog & Denim — Vinyasa Flow: Join each Sunday for a free hour-long vinyasa flow yoga class. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Down Dog & Denim, 908 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free

Monday, May 15

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

Learn to Be a Shark: Come to the North Shore's only co-working space and entrepreneur incubator. Vespertine speakers Ryan Kole and Jim Vaughan explain how to invest in early stage companies, including investor networks and new venture companies. 6:30 p.m. Monday, Callan Building, 1939 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-414-7342

Knitting Roundtable for Adults: Ronnie Run, an expert knitter, shares the story of how she learned to knit and how to solve knitting challenges. Bring current projects and needles. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend, Breathe: Kids ages 4 to 8 can learn yoga poses and breathing techniques and feel relaxed and energized afterward. No previous experience needed. Bring a large bath towel or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes. Parents need to stay in the room with children through second grade. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Remarkable Mushrooms of the Northwoods: Join Britt Bumgardner, the founder of the mushroom hunting club, and writer and editor-in-chief of the mycology journal, “Fungi,” in his presentation about Mushrooms of the Northwoods. 7:30 p.m. Monday, The Niles Historical and Cultural Center, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, free, 847-832-8255

Northbrook’s Heritage Trees: A panel of experts will discuss the value of the trees in your own backyard and how to protect them for the future. Panelists include Northbrook Village forester Terry Cleckock, tree arborist Paul Hollingsworth, bird expert Tim Joyce and landscape architect Camille Stauber. 7 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

A True Social Activist: Jane Addams: Social work pioneer, author, organizer and Nobel Prize winner, Jane Addams is best remembered for founding Hull House in Chicago. Hull House was a settlement house that addressed the needs of Chicago's poverty-stricken families. Addams' life is traced by Joyce from her well-to-do upbringing in Cedarville, Ill., to her work as an activist for world peace. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 members, $13 non-members, 847-784-6030

Politics in Chicago from Depression to the Recession: Politics in Chicago has always been a give and take of the varied interests of the city's many ethnic groups. Richard Reeder, who worked in the administrations of three different mayors, will analyze how ethnicity influenced the governance of Chicago over a span of 80 years. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 members, $25 non-members, 847-784-6030

Daryl Hall & John Oates, Tears for fears: 7 p.m. Monday, Allstate Arena, 6200 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $35-$149, 847-635-6601

Canoeing for Kids: This program is for ages 8 to 11. After a basic instructional course on canoeing safety and skills, the group will paddle around the Emily Oaks pond with two children per canoe. Two-trained adult staff provide supervision and instructions. All canoe equipment is provided, including life jackets. 4 p.m. Monday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummell St., Skokie, $12 Skokie residents, $15 non-residents, 847-677-7001

Music Scholarship Competition Winners Concert: The Evanston Music Club and the North Shore Musicians Club award five scholarships to students enrolled at universities on the north side of Chicago and near suburbs. The five winners will present a concert at the Skokie Public Library, and the public is invited. 1 p.m. Monday, Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oasis Ln., Skokie, free, 847-679-5313

Tuesday, May 16

Brain-Aware Learning and Facilitation: Join this panel of experts for a lively exchange of perspectives and practical ideas to maximize learning and widen one's repertoire of facilitation strategies. Panelists and co-authors Catherine Marienau and Kathleen Taylor sign copies of their book (available for purchase at the time of registration). This event also serves as a preview for the full-day workshop, Using Brain-Aware Approaches for Optimal Learning. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fountain Blue Banquets and Conference Center, 2300 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, free, 872-228-7476

National Theatre Live: “Amadeus”: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a rowdy young prodigy, arrives in Vienna, the music capital of the world, determined to make a splash. A weary but still genial, court composer Antonio Salieri (played by Lucian Msamati “Game of Thrones”) has the power to promote his talent or destroy his name. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Josephine Louis Theater at Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $10-$20, 847-491-4819

Smile and Rhyme at Helen’s — Ages 2 and up with an Adult: Just drop in to hear Miss Fran, as she shares stories, rhymes and songs in the cafe. Stay for a snack and to chat after the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenealy Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Presentation: Tom Hanks Ordinary Guy ... Extraordinaire: Learn what has shaped Tom Hanks into an award-winning actor, producer and director who is far from being an ordinary guy. Professor Emeritus of Communications Bob Burton presents scenes from many of his best films, interviews and more. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Phone and iPad Photography: Registration is required for this hands-on workshop. Learn how to take, edit and share photos with your iPhone or iPad. Registration is limited to six. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

The Space Within: Inside Great Chicago Buildings: Author Patrick Cannon conducts a visual presentation of the interiors of great Chicago buildings, all eras and types. He and his book have been featured on “Chicago Tonight” and The Morning Shift on WBEZ. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Dinner and Bingo at Northbrook Community Synagogue: Northbrook Community Synagogue's Women's Havurah holds an end-of-the-year dinner and bingo event with prizes. Women attending may invite family and friends. RSVP by calling the synagogue. 6:30 p.m.
**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. Tuesday, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge, $25, 847-692-6767

**Faith, Hope and Recovery Free Support Group:** Faith, Hope and Recovery, a nonprofit, provides monthly spiritual support for all affected by mental health conditions. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Winnetka Presbyterian Church, 1255 Willow Road, Winnetka, free, 847-302-6017

**Wednesday, May 17**

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

**Knitting Studio and Workshop:** Each Wednesday afternoon, knitting instructor Mary Stackmann provides personalized instruction, answers questions about knitting and helps knitters start on a new project. Bring supplies or a project in progress. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6030

**Sex in the City: Naughty Ladies in 19th Century Paris:** Images of “naughty ladies” were omnipresent throughout Second Empire and Third Republic Paris. The difficult realities of women on the streets of Paris as depicted in paintings and literature of this period will be examined in a tasteful manner worthy of this rich artistic tradition. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 members, $15 nonmembers, 847-784-6030

**Impact of Jewish Culture on Theater and Performance:** Jews drew upon their culture to make an immense contribution to the shape and creation of American theatre and performance. 1 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 members, $15 nonmembers, 847-784-6030

**Barry Manilow:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $19.75+, 847-635-6601

Have an event to submit? Go to chicagotribune.com/calendar
“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 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. Blackmailing witch Cipher (Charlize Theron) forces Dom (Vin Diesel) 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. I wonder if the massive global fan base wouldn’t mind getting this franchise back to basics after this excess. — Michael Phillips

“How to Be a Latin Lover” ★★½
PG-13, 1:55, comedy
An A-lister in his native Mexico, Eugenio Derbez has yet to break into the American mainstream. “How to Be a Latin Lover” may be the film that finally introduces him to a wider audience. When aging gold digger Maximo (Derbez) is dumped by his octogenarian sugar mama (Renee Taylor), he’s forced to move in with his sister (Salma Hayek) and her son (Raphael Alejandro). Broke and jobless, he tries to find a way to seduce his next meal ticket while showing his nephew how to romance his young crush (Mckenna Grace). The comedy could have — and should have — been 25 minutes shorter, but how else would they have packed in all the stars? — Kimber Myers, Los Angeles Times

“The Circle” ★★
PG-13, 1:50, suspense/thriller
Dystopian tech drama “The Circle” capitalizes on the exploding role of technology in our lives. It’s a noble, if failed, effort because, ultimately, the film is all buzzwords and no substance. The story follows Mae (Emma Watson), who lands her dream job at tech giant The Circle, which is behind the social networking site TruYou. The biggest problem is that the film doesn’t know what it’s trying to say. Is the destruction of privacy good or evil? How does transparency operate differently for individuals, corporations and governments? Can the internet mob be channeled into a force for good? “The Circle” floats all these ideas, then lets them drop with a thud. — Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service

“The Boss Baby” ★★½
PG, 1:37, animated
“The Boss Baby” derives its premise from the notion that when new babies arrive, 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 Maria Frazee’s children’s book, with a baby outfitted in a suit, and that’s been transported to the screen with Alec Baldwin voicing the titular boss. 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. — K.W.

“Beauty and the Beast” ★★
PG, 2:10, musical
This chaotic, pushy 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. Dan Stevens as the Beast, the transformed prince working on a rose-petaled deadline to become human again, locates moments of pathos that stick. — M.R.

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Barry L. Deardorff, 81, of North Manchester, Indiana, died peacefully on Friday, April 28, 2017, at Timbercrest Health Care Center in North Manchester. He was born on April 24, 1936, in Hartville, Ohio, to Harry and Gladys (Kinsley) Deardorff of Hartville, where they were proprietors of the Deardorff Restaurant.
Barry graduated from Uninatown (Ohio) High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1958 from Manchester College in North Manchester. On August 17, 1956, he married Arlene Wolf of Hartville, whom he had met as a teenager when they attended youth activities in neighboring Ohio churches. Barry earned his Master of Divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary in Chicago.
After exploring a possible role in ministry, Barry decided instead to enter the field of secondary education and enrolled in an accelerated program at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, earning a Master of Arts degree. In 1963 he accepted a teaching position at Niles North High School in Skokie, Illinois, teaching English courses for thirty-one years. He was named “Teacher of the Year” in 1993 by the student body. He and Arlene retired from teaching in 1994.
Barry was always a music-maker, taking piano lessons as a boy, playing drums in his high school band and piano for choral groups, and serving as timpanist for the Manchester Symphony Orchestra during college. He later developed a keen interest in theater organ, not only attending many theater organ concerts but also becoming a skilled theater organist himself. He owned a large theater organ and also a Hammond organ, both highlights of the popular annual Deardorff Christmas party, with Barry playing a variety of Christmas music accompanied by multiple lighting effects.
The Deardorffs were active in the Church of the Brethren throughout their lives. As members of the Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Illinois, Barry served as volunteer organist for seventeen years. They also attended many of the national conferences of their denomination, with Barry serving as conference organist in Kansas City in 2000. Throughout their marriage the Deardorffs traveled extensively, particularly enjoying annual visits, along with good friend Richard Livingston, to Lake O’Hara Lodge in the Canadian Rockies to hike and to the island of Kauai in Hawaii to savor its natural beauty. They enjoyed many trips abroad guided by David and Becky Waas. In 2008 Barry and Arlene moved from Glenview, Illinois, to the Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester and became members of the Manchester Church of the Brethren. Barry’s home theater organ was donated to Timbercrest, where he continued to present occasional concerts.
He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Arlene of North Manchester; brother, Darrell (Sondra) Deardorff of Elgin, Illinois; two nephews, Duane (Darla Kay) Deardorff of Durham, North Carolina, and Dana (Vicki) Deardorff of Lexington, Massachusetts, as well as three grandnephews and a grandniece. A celebration of the life of Barry Deardorff will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East Street, North Manchester.
Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester, Indiana.
Memorial gifts may be made to the Timbercrest Senior Living Community or the Barry and Arlene Wolf Deardorff Scholarship fund at Manchester University.
The memorial guestbook for Barry can be signed online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.
The war against distractions

Shame is needed weapon, says professor who popularized concept of designated driver

BY FREDRICK KUNKLE
The Washington Post

Jay Winsten thinks it's time we use the secret weapon that reduced drunken-driving fatalities in the United States to reduce the problem of distracted driving.

It's called shame.

Winsten knows what he's talking about. The Harvard University scholar helped popularize the concept of the designated driver in the United States three decades ago. His campaign filtered the message through TV shows and pop culture to shift public attitudes.

But Winsten, who is associate dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, also believes that the looming fight against distracted driving will be more difficult.

For one thing, most people only drink on occasion, and only some get behind the wheel after becoming impaired, he said.

But almost everybody has a smartphone these days, and too many of them can't put their phones down while driving. "It's a very selfish behavior," Winsten says. "It's basically saying, 'I think I'll get away with it, and I'm prepared to take that risk with somebody else's life because I want to reply to a text right now, or I want to make a phone call.'"

Distracted driving is "a very selfish behavior," Harvard University professor Jay Winsten says. "It's basically saying, 'I think I'll get away with it, and I'm prepared to take that risk with somebody else's life because I want to reply to a text right now, or I want to make a phone call.'"

Q: How does your project on distracted driving differ from your work on drunken driving? A: When we got started in the late '80s, early '90s with the designated driver campaign, there were three TV networks, and Fox wasn't a factor yet. And if you had three friends, one on each network, you could hope to reach 75 percent of the American public in prime time on any given evening.

But today, with not only the extreme media fragmentation but the very, very short attention span the public has, the big challenge in dealing with the distracted driving problem is this challenge of sustainability.

Even if you break through with a creative idea like the ice bucket challenge, which generates five weeks' worth of attention, five weeks only gets you so far. What about the other 47 weeks of the year and the year after that?

Q: What about all the laws prohibiting distracted driving? A: All sorts of laws in place have been ineffective because they're really, really tough to enforce.

Q: Do you think the federal government should take a stronger role, perhaps by requiring technology that prevents drivers from using their smartphones? A: There won't be a public demand for that. The general public, by and large, are distracted drivers. Until there's a stigma attached with that behavior, and until there's a shift in social norms, there won't be political support to back up a regulation like that. The societal change has to come first.

Q: What other barriers exist to change? A: Drunk driving, except for severe problem drinkers, is an epidemic on U.S. roadways: distracted driving. He is consulting with Massachusetts and federal authorities on strategies to combat the problem.

Q: Paradoxically, you say the risk of causing a distracted-driving crash is low enough that people can beat the odds for a while, and yet that only makes it harder to fight. Is that correct? A: Most of the time you get away with it. And each time you get away with it, that reinforces your belief that you can handle it, and it makes it tougher to break through and get people to change.

Young people tell pollsters, "I'm an above-average driver" -- they're all above average -- and that "I'm great at multitasking." They also say in polls that they're anxious about getting hurt in a crash, in a distracted-driving crash, and that it's highly likely to be caused by the other driver, not themselves.

Q: When you talk about the need to build a communications campaign that creates that stigma, what do you mean? A: Candace Lightner, the founder of MADD in 1980 when she lost her daughter to a drunk-driving crash, almost single-handedly placed the issue on the media and public policy agendas through the creative use of controversy. So the community mobilization, and even the name and the involvement of mothers and fathers who had lost a child to a drunk-driving crash, generated a tremendous amount of media attention.

I think media was key in shaping public attitudes and perceptions. Within five years of its establishment in 1980, Mothers Against Drunk Driving had created 500 local affiliates that were mounting sit-ins at statehouses to demand tougher laws. None of that exists around distracted driving.

Q: You say that you'd like to build this new campaign on surveys showing people are increasingly fearful that the other guy is going to cause a serious crash because of distracted driving, and then use that to make people more attentive as drivers. Can you explain? A: Forty-five percent also say they tend to drive defensively, which suggests they may be receptive to messaging about protecting themselves from other drivers. The way to do that is to strengthen their defensive driving skills and to broaden that from defensive driving to attentive driving.

Attentive driving will help to protect you against threats posed by other drivers. So we're flipping it around.
Water leaks in cars often are as elusive as mermaids

BY MICHAEL WHITELEY
Chicago Tribune

Supercars are superfast and superexpensive. Historically, these unwieldy beasts were only unleashed from the most privileged garages on weekends. Yet Audi is pushing hair-raising thrills with an "everyday supercar" known as the R8.

The biggest selling point of the R8 is the thumping V10 engine. In a world of downsized and turbocharged engines, the sound emanating from the 610-horsepower, 5.2-liter V10 is nothing short of intoxicating. Due to Audi resisting the turbocharged norm, the V10 can scream all the way up until 8,700 rpm, enabling the latest shift of Audi's race engine - with Audi's race drive Quattro system, the R8 carves into the road like a driving race car, and one that wanted to kill you at the wheel and broke when the technician removed them, at a replacement cost of $60 per unit. They eventually dropped the price to $40 per unit. Is it normal for these units to freeze on the wheel and can I do anything to prevent this in the future?

-C.S., Coral Springs, Fla.

A: Water leaks can be as elusive as mermaids. Leaks into the front passenger area are often due to a poor seal at the windshield, especially if it is a replacement windshield. Another likely source is a clogged drain for your sunroof. Leaks sometimes develop at body seams that are not adequately sealed follow a collision repair. You may spend hours fishing for the flaws.

Q: I have a 2014 Mazda 3 with a 2.5-liter engine that calls for 4.8 quarts per change with the oil filter replacement. When I refill the engine with oil, it requires 5.2 quarts to get to the top of the dip stick. The dealer said it should only take 4.8. I am wondering if this is due to the fact that I drive it up on ramps, which tilts the engine to provide a more sufficient drain than the dealer's lift, which is flat? If so, I think I am getting a more sufficient oil change with the ramps!

-B.W., Downers Grove, Ill.

A: It is becoming standard practice to replace the seals and retaining nuts on TPMS sensors. It is cheap insurance against a potential future leak. Sensors also can become corroded to the point that they break during service. Corrosion usually happens when someone installs fancy aftermarket metal caps that develop a galvanic reaction, especially where salt is used to treat the roads. We like to replace the original metal valves and sensors with rubber ones that resemble the tried and true valves of the past. No fuss, no rust, no leaks.

Q: I have a 2004 Toyota Avalon that recently appears to be leaking water from somewhere. The floorboard on the driver's side is soaked, and I cannot tell where it is coming from. Any insight you can provide would greatly be appreciated!

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LOB CITY
Dons doubles team has unconventional approach

BY STEVE SADIN
Pioneer Press

Emmett O'Malley and Tommy Blatz were disappointed after getting cut from the Notre Dame baseball team as juniors last year, but the two friends didn't stay down for long.

O'Malley, a Lincolnwood resident, and Blatz, who is from Chicago, joined the Dons tennis team. Notre Dame coach Steve Jankowski said neither had held a tennis racket before last season began.

Blatz and O'Malley, who are 10-0 as Notre Dame's No. 2 doubles team, will lead Notre Dame (6-1) into the East Suburban Catholic tournament, which is Thursday and Saturday at Benet in Lisle.

The two have compiled a 21-3 career record over two seasons by employing an unconventional approach.

Nearly every shot O'Malley and Blatz hit is a lob. The soft, high shots are launched deep into their opponents' side of the court.

As soon as possible after the serve is played, Blatz retreats to the baseline and hits lobs. O'Malley gets to the net and waits for a shot he can put away.

"We keep hitting lobs until they hit it into the net or it comes to me at the net and I hit it as hard as I can," O'Malley said.

O'Malley said Jankowski taught them how to hit the ball and they started to develop a comfort level. O'Malley and Blatz developed their lob strategy as they learned the game.

"They are really so special a combo," said junior Nicholas Hebda, Notre Dame's No. 1 singles player. "Their chemistry is unbelievable. They drive their opponents crazy."

In part, the lob strategy developed as a defensive measure as Blatz and O'Malley needed to find a way to be competitive as they developed their ground strokes.

"It throws our opponents off," Blatz said. "They're all used to cross-court action."

Graduation this spring isn't expected to end the partnership on and off the court. O'Malley and Blatz plan to room together at Dayton and Blatz said they will likely play intramural tennis together. Blatz said they chose to live together in Ohio when they both decided to be business majors at Dayton.

After the two went to different elementary schools, Blatz said their friendship developed freshman year.

"We had some classes together," Blatz said. "We got to know each other better and became good friends."

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Hebda, who is undefeated, said he is seeking a league title. A Chicago resident, Hebda is ranked 12th in Illinois in the Class of 2018 by tennisrecruiting.net. Jankowski said Hebda has the best chance among the Dons of qualifying for state.

"He's hardly had any competition at all," Jankowski said. "He wins everything 6-1 or 6-2."

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Gregorio's attitude, effort get two thumbs-up

Maine East sophomore wins 400 at Central Suburban North meet

BY HEATHER RULE
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Kayla Gregorio is "without question" one of the most talented girls on the Maine East girls track and field team, according to Blue Demons coach Scott Schultes.

But Gregorio, a sophomore, is much more than just a fast runner. She also brings an infectious positive attitude. When Schultes asks her how she's doing or what's going on, her response is usually the same — a smile and two thumbs-up.

"It's her signature thing that kind of has rubbed off on some of the other girls on the team," Schultes said. "And it's rubbed off on me, too. I find myself doing it because it's just this infectious, positive thing."

Gregorio, a second-year varsity track team member from Niles who also runs cross country, runs the 400- and 800-meter events.

Already this season, she's dropped at least a second off her 400 time and she went from 2:30 to 2:25 in the 800. The time drops are "considerable," Schultes said.

Her positive attitude came in handy during a meet at New Trier on April 29. Gregorio was slated to run the 400 against some strong competition. She checked in for her race — the fourth heat, lane two — early on. Due to miscommunication, Gregorio ended up missing the race. After she checked in, the number of heats were condensed, Schultes said.

He said it would have been hard for him to contain the disappointment on his face if he was in Gregorio's place, but she was very composed, he said. Gregorio said she was sad, but she knew there would be more races to make up. She shrugged it off and ran a nice leg on the 4x400 relay team afterward, according to Schultes.

At the Central Suburban North meet at Maine West on May 4, she won the 400 with a personal-best 59.12, just under the state-qualifying time of 59.28. At the start of the season, it was her goal to beat the state mark.

"Exciting," she said. "I didn't expect to break it that day, so it was pretty cool."

Now, she just needs to do the same at the Class 3A Loyola Sectional meet Thursday in order to secure her spot at the state meet. She will also earn a berth with a first- or second-place finish at the section. It'll take the same work she's done all season, doing every track workout and making sure she's pushing herself to do her best, she said.

Gregorio finished fourth in the 400 last year at the Niles West Sectional, crossing the finish line in 1:00.94. The state-qualifying time was 59.29.

Gregorio said she doesn't consider herself a leader but is encouraging with teammates. She tries to be positive because it's hard to do a workout if you're not, she said.

"You don't do well if you're just negative all the time," Gregorio said. "And then it brings your entire team down if you're negative."

Schultes said Gregorio is "a young lady of few words" but has a strong work ethic, hardly ever misses a practice and just runs her best. These attributes also help raise the level of the other girls on the team, Schultes said.

"I think all the girls on the team get excited when they see Kayla run because she's really good and she gets after it," Schultes said.

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Niles West coach Konsewicz alleges unfair treatment by D219 board president

By Jakub Rudnik
Pioneer Press

Former Niles West girls basketball coach Tony Konsewicz broke his silence at the Niles Township High School District 219 board meeting on May 2, stating that he resigned as the Wolves coach after the 2016-17 season because he had been treated unfairly by Mark Sproat, the board president the past two years.

Konsewicz said he came forward only after a closed session of the District 219 board of education didn’t lead to a resolution.

A teacher in the Niles West physical welfare department, Konsewicz alleged during the May 2 board meeting that Sproat spread a rumor that he would be fired.

“Rumors of my firing as the head basketball coach had been reported to me by my director, several parents and even one of my own players,” Konsewicz said. “It is rather embarrassing to hear people tell you that you are going to be fired from something you really love to do. It also makes the challenging job of coaching even more difficult when your credibility is being publicly questioned.”

The District 219 board of education made a motion and adopted a resolution on May 2 to hire an investigator to look into the allegations against Sproat.

“The investigation will be conducted by an experienced, completely independent investigator who will work in a timely and thorough fashion to address each issue raised so that the board can take whatever steps necessary to bring this matter to resolution,” said Dana Fattore Crumley, a partner at Chicago-based law firm Franzek Radelet, the legal counsel to District 219.

Konsewicz joins a chorus of parents and student-athletes in the Niles West girls basketball program who have spoken out against Sproat, alleging that he used his position of power in attempts to influence the program.

The allegations go back to the beginning of the 2015-16 season, when Sproat’s daughter was a junior and listed on the varsity roster.

Parents of other students on the team said that during the season, Sproat complained to them about Konsewicz and made comments about the coach’s job security.

“He told my wife directly at a GBS (Glenbrook South) game in 2015-16 season (that Konsewicz should be fired),” Mike Galanopoulos said in a recent phone interview. “He walked up to my wife and said he had to go.”

Galanopoulos’ daughter was a freshman on the 2015-16 team.

Sproat said May 1 in a phone interview that the claims against him were not true.

“I am denying that any comments were ever made,” he said. “I have not spoken with the coach for over a year. Any incidents or issues that my kids have, my wife would be the one that would be talking with the teacher, whomever it might be, not me. Because I did not want people to think that I’d be using my position.”

Sproat said in a phone interview after the May 2 board meeting that he wanted the investigation to take place.

“I definitely do. The board does. The parents do. The coach does,” Sproat said. “We want this to be once and for all resolved and come to a conclusion of what had happened, what had transpired.”

David Ko was elected to succeed Sproat as board president on May 2. It is a one-year term. While Sproat is no longer president, his term on the school board is scheduled to run until 2019.

At the April 4 District 219 board of education meeting, Tina Crespo, the mother of a senior girls basketball player, said she also heard Sproat’s “nasty comments” made about Niles West coaches at Wolves games.

“These rants are especially prevalent when his daughter is not playing,” she said in a statement to the board.

Barb Pabst, a former Niles West and DePaul basketball star, has a daughter on the team and was coordinator of the program’s feeder teams. In a recent phone interview, Pabst said Sproat tried to use his position as school board president to take over coaching duties for his daughter’s summer league teams, something at which Sproat was ultimately unsuccessful.

Pabst said she also heard Sproat, while in the stands at games, criticize Konsewicz and other players.

“He sat next to me at a fall league game (in 2015), explained to me why freshmen shouldn’t be on the varsity team, as I’m watching my freshmen niece (Galanopoulos’ daughter) and my sophomore daughter, who’s a little bit on the small side,” Pabst said. “After he went through his whole routine of why freshmen shouldn’t be on the team ... I turned to him and said, ‘Well, my daughter played varsity as a freshman, and now my niece is playing as a freshman.’”

Niles West athletic director Kendall Griffin said he and his office have been contacted several times over the last two years about the allegations.

“I’ve been aware of concerns brought to me by parents, student-athletes, as well as staff in the department,” Griffin said by phone recently. “I’ve tried to work through and with building-level administration, district-level administration and parents and student-athletes.”

Sproat also said in a phone interview on April 26 that he has not used his position to benefit his children, though it can be difficult to separate his two roles.

“I’ve had a really fine balancing act between a parent and a board member,” he said.

Sproat said, however, that he did not want to disparage the Niles West basketball community.

“I really want to emphasize, I do not want to disrespect the coach, I do not want to disrespect the parents or the players, by any means, by making any statements that would be negative towards their feelings right now,” he said. “I respect them, I really do.”

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Sherman's work in offseason leads to dominant season

BY BRETT CHRISTIE
Pioneer Press

Tough losses have been a theme this season for the Niles North baseball team, which has made senior George Sherman extra important. Sherman, a 6-foot-3, 245-pound lefty who possesses a 1.25 ERA, is the ace of Niles North's staff.

"George has been our go-to guy on the mound," Niles North coach Ed Toledo said. "He gives us a quality start every time out. Whenever things don't go well, we look for him to stop whatever has been going wrong. We know he's going to go out there and limit the other team's offense."

While Sherman figured to be the team's best pitcher entering the season — he was also viewed as the ace of last year's team — he took what he said were necessary steps this offseason to become better. Despite his intimidating size on the mound, Sherman's fastball sat in the low 70s last season. And while he's a self-described finesse pitcher who relies on location and his offspeed stuff, he felt it prudent to add velocity on his fastball.

So, on the advice of Toledo, he adopted a long-toss program, throwing long distances, sometimes up to 300 feet, with nearly max effort. One of the benefits of the long-toss program, according to Toledo, is that it conditions the arm and builds strength and endurance while also improving throwing mechanics. Sherman and other pitchers used the grass football field behind the main stadium for the program three times a week in the fall.

Sherman said he also hit the weight room hard and added 10-15 pounds of muscle to his already well-built frame.

The results have followed. Sherman said his fastball has gained about 7 mph and he now sits around 80 mph. But he said location is still his strength.

"My approach on the mound is more hitting spots and stuff and just setting up batters," Sherman said. "Just locating the fastball and stuff like that and just keeping them off balance where they can't sit on any pitch and drive it to the gap or anything."

While extra velocity has been helpful, Sherman said his changeup has improved the most. This year he throws the pitch with a circle change grip, which has added a whole new dynamic.

To throw the pitch, Sherman's pointer finger and thumb touch and form a circle when he grips the ball. He has fiddled with the circle change in previous years, but could never consistently throw it for strikes, often burying it in the dirt.

"With extra practice this offseason, that changed," Sherman said. "The pitch is thrown from the same arm slot as his fastball to disguise it and it starts at the middle part of the plate before it sinks and tails away from a right-handed batter."

"That's one that really can be an out pitch, or can get someone set up for an out pitch," said Sherman, a Skokie resident. "I think (that) has been the most important addition this year for me."

Sherman added that by adding mph to his fastball, and creating a bigger difference in speed between his fastball and changeup, his changeup has become a swing-and-miss pitch.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Loyola graduate Schueler caps her Michigan lacrosse career

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Loyola graduate Anna Schueler, a senior midfielder on the Michigan women's lacrosse team, scored two goals and notched two assists in her final collegiate game, a loss to Penn State on April 30. Schueler started every game in the history of the Wolverines' program, which began its first varsity season in 2013-14. She finished her senior season with 23 goals — third-most on the team and 17 assists.

In addition to Schueler, the Wolverines' roster also includes New Trier graduate Grace Hemmer and Loyola graduate Megan Schulte.

Skoug extends on-base streak at TCU

Lybertyville graduate Evan Skoug, a junior catcher on the TCU baseball team, had reached base in 26 consecutive games as of May 1. In a series against Texas Tech from April 28 to 30, Skoug was 5-for-11. Skoug is fifth on the team with a .279 batting average and leads the Horned Frogs, ranked ninth in Division I through May 1, with nine home runs.

Lake Forest graduate Cal Coughlin, a freshman pitcher at TCU, has a 2.31 ERA in 13 relief appearances.

Frisbie having superb freshman season

Loyola graduate Riley Frisbie, a freshman first baseman on the Lake Forest College softball team, rode an eight-game hit streak in late April. In a 10-0 victory against Elmhurst on April 27, Kehoe was batting .328 with 22 RBIs and a team-high 10 doubles.

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