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## Garden dedication

Yield from Skokie church's garden to be donated to Niles Township Food Pantry. Page 6



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St. Timothy's Lutheran Church pastor Daniel Morris dedicated a new community garden May 16 on the church grounds in Skokie with the help of children from Cradles, Cribs and Crayons child care center.

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## Joshua Montgomery-Patt, earned MSU scholarship

Niles North High School graduating senior and Skokie resident Joshua Montgomery-Patt will be going to Michigan State University this fall on a full scholarship. Montgomery-Patt will be a member of the Honors College at Michigan State University, according to university officials. He was selected from more than 1,100 of the top high school seniors who applied to Michigan State and took an intensive general knowledge exam in the winter, officials said.

**Q: Where did you grow up?**

A: I was born in Chicago, but I've lived in Skokie ever since I was 2.

**Q: Do you have any pets?**

A: I have two cats named Luke and Leia.

**Q: What book are you currently reading and what book would you like to read next?**

A: I am currently reading "The Price of Civilization," by Jeffrey D. Sachs. I want to get around to reading "The Signal and the Noise"



Joshua Montgomery-Patt

by Nate Silver.

**Q: First job?**

A: My first job was working as an executive assistant at The Decalogue Society of Lawyers, the Chicago Jewish bar association.

**Q: As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

A: When I was a kid, I wanted to become president someday. I have always loved politics and history, and I spent hours reading from my dad's presidential atlas and memorizing the presidents forwards and backwards.

**Q: Is there a movie you'd recommend?**

A: I'd recommend "Slumdog Millionaire." I am a trivia nerd, and a movie that is centered around trivia is just really interesting to me.

**Q: Favorite charity?**

A: I personally support Felines & Canines, the pet shelter that my family adopted our cats from.

**Q: Any words of wisdom?**

A: Always prepare for the best and expect the worst in life. That way, you'll never be surprised when something bad happens and you can always be pleasantly surprised when something good happens.

**Q: What song best sums up Skokie for you?**

A: Paramore's "Ain't It Fun" is definitely the song that I associate the most with Skokie. I started getting much more involved in the Skokie community after I transferred from a small private school to Niles North, and "Ain't It Fun," a song about what it is like to move from a small bubble to the real world, exemplifies that experience.

**Q: Favorite local restaurant?**

A: I have always loved The Bagel. My family used to go there for family birthday parties, and even now I sometimes stop by there during my lunch period to buy latkes.

**Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?**

A: When I was a kid, I used to write what-if stories about how history would have changed if key events had happened differently.

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# Garden's yield to be donated to food pantry

St. Timothy's produce to help relieve area hunger

By MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

One by one, children took turns May 16 shoveling soil before they helped plant tomatoes in the new garden at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.

The tomatoes, and other vegetables planted alongside them, will eventually be donated to the Niles Township Food Pantry, which serves those in need, church leaders said.

The dedication of the garden, which includes a 4-foot-by-12-foot bed and two 12-foot-by-8-foot beds, was attended by children from the Cradles, Cribs and Crayons child care facility, which shares the same building as the church.

"We have more than enough to share," St. Timothy's Pastor Daniel Morris told children gathered around him. "There are a lot of people who don't have all these things — who don't have tomatoes, that don't have cucumbers."

The unseasonably hot day was ideal for planting and growing, which leaders said will occur regularly at the garden. Morris said the church would like the garden not only to help feed the hungry, but to grow into a gathering spot.

Joanne Haerberlin, council president of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, said the idea of the garden fits with the church's mission.

"Our mission statement is sharing the bread of life," Haerberlin said. "That could have multiple meanings. It could mean food, it could mean spiritual health, and the garden is all of that."

Haerberlin said once the council decided on a garden, it conducted research including a visit to the Talking Farm urban garden on Howard Street. The group received valuable advice, she said, and put the



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Children from the Cradles, Cribs and Crayons child care center in Skokie help plant tomatoes during the dedication of a new community garden May 16 at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.

plan into motion.

Morris said he learned that a teacher at Cradles, Cribs and Crayons had installed a small garden at the site a few years back as a hands-on learning tool. The pastor approached the child care center's leaders with the idea of creating a larger community garden.

Ronna and Ely Cooper, who have run the child care center for 23 years, said the children will play a role in caring for and maintaining the garden.

"About three years ago, we planted a little garden out there to help kids get an understanding of a garden," Ely Cooper said. "So this is a great idea, and it will teach children about helping the poor and understanding how things grow."

During the summer, Cooper said, children will water the garden as new vegetables are added to the beds.

In addition to the Niles Township Food Pantry, which township officials said serves 5,500 people every month, the church has a "sack lunch team," preparing food for those in need.

Vegetables from the garden will also be contributed to this cause, church leaders said.

Niles Township includes the villages of Skokie, Niles, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Golf and Glenview, and the food pantry serves each of these towns, according to information on the township's website.

"The need is growing

exponentially," said Niles Township Food Pantry Manager Tony Araque.

He said the pantry serves more than 10 times as many people as it did when he started working there in 2008.

"The effect that the donations that we get here from the residents of the township is really helpful," Araque said. "We buy food at subsidized prices, but we can only spend so much on food. So we have to rely on donations. With the community helping, it really eases the burden of how much money we need to spend on the more expensive stuff like milk and meat that we can't get donated."

Morris completed the May 16 dedication by leading a prayer.



Ely Cooper of Cradles, Cribs and Crayons helps children dig dirt for a community garden May 16.

"Bless this garden today as we dedicate it," he said. "May it be a place where scarcity turns into abundance, where friendship grows and where the hungry are fed."

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A nonprofit group, Sacred Learning NFP, is currently building a mosque in Lincolnwood at 3900 W. Devon Ave. Officials say the mosque should be ready for use by the end of the year.

## New mosque expected to be built, opened in Lincolnwood

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

A new mosque scheduled to be built and open by the end of the year will be the first one to be located in Lincolnwood, officials say.

The Islamic non-profit Sacred Learning NFP is on schedule to bring the house of worship to 3900 W. Devon Avenue, the former home of the popular long-standing Myron and Phil's steak house.

"We couldn't be happier with the way things are going," Sacred Learning NFP Executive Vice President Sayeed Shariff said. "We've been around for 16 years, but have never had our own home. This is a great opportunity and everyone has been very gracious."

According to project plans approved by the Lincolnwood Village Board in 2015, the building will include a worship space with prayer mats that will double as a classroom as well as office space and a lecture area, the site plan shows.

Shariff said the mosque will occupy about 16,000

square feet when it opens.

Officials did not disclose how much the mosque will cost to build or how construction would be financed.

The new mosque and religious education center will host prayer and educational services to accommodate at least 400 followers, according to village documents on the project.

The site now contains a large fenced-in dirt pile with construction equipment nearby. Shariff said Sacred Learning had been hoping the construction schedule would benefit from the relatively mild winter, but it turned cold at the end of the season, slowing progress down a bit.

"We still expect to be completed by the end of the year," he said. "We're hoping to be open before the year ends."

Omar Haiassan said his parents live in Lincolnwood and he looks forward to seeing a mosque opening in the village.

"It will be a great addition to the community and make this (village) more

diverse," he said.

Three years ago, Sacred Learning purchased the property after a kitchen fire led to the Myron and Phil's closing down, village officials said.

The property already had most of the proper zoning to house a religious center, but trustees approved some final zoning variations to pave way for the project, they said. The project also got the go-ahead from the Illinois Department of Transportation, since Devon is a state road.

Neighboring villages in Skokie and Morton Grove also have existing mosques.

According to its website, Sacred Learning is an Illinois registered nonprofit educational organization "dedicated to the tradition of attaining Islamic knowledge and enhancing spiritual development."

Shariff said that up until this time, the organization has used space at other mosques for programs and activities.

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# Probe urged in river search for teen

Jurisdiction at issue as multiple agencies searched Des Plaines River

BY ALEX V. HERNANDEZ  
Pioneer Press

Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin is asking for an independent investigation into how a search for a Villa Park teenager, who jumped into the Des Plaines River, was handled by various law enforcement agencies.

The body of Cameron Sanders, 16, was recovered May 18, five days after he jumped off Rainbow Bridge in Melrose Park into the river. The body was found near the bridge, which is behind the Lincoln College of Technology.

"It should not take this long to find an individual's body, and it was found just 150 yards from the bridge that he jumped off of," Boykin said at a May 20 news conference at Austin Town Hall, 5610 W. Lake St., Chicago. "This incident may be a glaring example of having too many different law enforcement agencies responding, with nobody in charge. It's too many Indians and no chief, right?"

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart announced on May 15 that his agency had taken over the investigation. Dart said May 18 that the total search effort included 200 officers from the Cook County sheriff's office and various employees from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Chicago Police Department's dive team, the Cook County Forest Preserve police, Brookfield and Lyons fire departments, and members of the state's Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, which is a group of fire and emergency medical services operation teams.

"I think it's important that those agencies, those officers, act with sensitivity



ALEX V. HERNANDEZ/PIONEER PRESS

U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, from left, Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin and 20th Ward Committeeman Kevin Bailey attend a news conference May 20 at Austin Town Hall, 5610 W. Lake St.

towards the family," said Boykin. He said Sanders' mother talked to him "about a number of people being insensitive, and I was concerned about that. I'm also concerned about the jurisdiction issues that plagued the beginning of the recovery."

During the news conference, Boykin wondered aloud whether forest preserve police were necessary, since the county already has sheriff's police and said Cook County Inspector General Pat Blanchard has agreed to his request for an investigation into how the search was handled. Boykin said he's concerned because he said it didn't seem that there was an initial effort to recover Sanders' body in a timely fashion.

"This area is in unincorporated Cook County, and it's my understanding that the forest preserve police department, along with Melrose Park police, were the initial respondents,"

**"This incident may be a glaring example of having too many different law enforcement agencies responding. It's too many Indians and no chief, right?"**

—Richard Boykin, Cook County Commissioner

Boykin said. "Quite frankly, I'm asking (Blanchard) to look into the forest preserve police department and their role in the response to this."

Boykin also says he's reached out to Illinois State Police to review the search efforts.

Reached by phone May 20, Lambrini Lukidis, communications director for the Cook County Forest Preserve, said the right of way for Rainbow Bridge belongs to Canadian National Railway and the river underneath falls under the jurisdiction of Illinois State Police. Because of this, the forest preserve police had been technically an assisting agency during the search, Lukidis said.

"The forest preserve responded to the call on May 13: We were contacted first, and we immediately started contacting other agencies," she said.

Officers from the Cook County Forest Preserve continued to search the area, even after Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart took over the search effort, Lukidis said.

"Our search included watercraft, scuba divers and cadaver dogs. Our officers dedicated at least 400 man hours to the initial search," Lukidis said.

As for Boykin's remarks about whether the Cook County Forest Preserve police are even necessary, Lukidis said the comments

aren't "germane to the conversation" about how the search effort for Sanders' body was handled.

"The forest preserve is a unique area of 70,000 acres — that's 11 percent of the county's footprint, and our officers are trained specifically to investigate this type of area," Lukidis said. "We have a lot of visitors to our preserves, and so we have about 100 uniformed officers who cover a lot of the area."

U.S. Rep. Danny Davis was also at the May 20 news conference. Davis said he was in the process of reaching out to Canadian National Railway to see how the area can be made less accessible to the public.

"We're going to ask the (Canadian National Railway) to take a good look at this area and see whether or not they can erect some kind of barrier that would prevent or inhibit kids from using (Rainbow Bridge) as a play area," he said.

Davis said the federal government regulates interstate commerce, and while he could try to use legislation to force the railroad company do something about public safety at the bridge, he'd rather start by asking about it when he meets with representatives from the company sometime next week.

Patrick Waldron, a spokesman for Canadian National, stated in an email May 20 that the incident "is a terrible tragedy."

"(Canadian National Railway) has been working with the Cook County sheriff's office and other agencies to discuss issues of trespassing on the bridge," Waldron said in the email. "This incident is a tragic example of the dangers of trespassing on railroad tracks, structures or equipment. We encourage anyone who sees such activity to report it to police."

The Cook County sheriff's office issued a statement via email, saying "the sheriff is very concerned with the apparent delays in launching a comprehensive search for Cameron

"The sheriff himself was on a boat up and down the river all day May 16 and 17), and several hundred staff from our office were searching until he was found," the statement read. "It's imperative that jurisdictional issues not impede recovery efforts as the delay only caused more anguish to a grieving family."

Attempts to reach the Cook County inspector general's office were unsuccessful.

Alex V. Hernandez is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press. Lee V. Gaines contributed.

# Old Orchard homicide probe ongoing and 'active'

Man, 34, found shot to death in parking garage

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

Authorities said the investigation continues into the shooting death of a 34-year-old man whose body was found May 20 inside a parking garage stairwell at the Westfield Old Orchard mall in Skokie.

Eric P. Cybak was found just after 1:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of the parking structure, at the mall at 4967 Old Orchard Center, police said.

Skokie police Chief Tony Scarpelli said May 22 his department would not release more details at this time.

The chief said the investigation is still in the early stages.

Scarpelli said several extra police personnel have been assigned to work with the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force, which is also helping to investigate.

"They're diligently following up on all leads," the chief said.

Skokie police also declined to say whether they had any suspect or person of interest in the death, which authorities have ruled a homicide.

The garage where Cybak was found is located on the west side of the shopping center.

According to police, a mall employee found Cybak unresponsive and bleeding from the head and called 911.

Skokie police Officer Eric Swaback said police and emergency medical crews arrived on the scene and found he was dead.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office listed Cybak's address as being in Northbrook although an earlier Skokie police news release indicated he was from Chicago.

Someone answering a Northbrook phone number listed for a relative of the victim declined, on behalf of the family, to comment on May 22.

The medical examiner's office said preliminary autopsy results show the death was the result of several gunshot wounds, but information on how many times the victim was shot or where the wounds were located has not been released.

Skokie police said the killing was not a random act and the shopping center was not specifically targeted for the attack.

Westfield Old Orchard management did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Police called the investigation "active" and asked for any information or knowledge from the public regarding the shooting.

The Skokie Police Department can be reached at (847) 982-5900. The 24-hour Skokie Crime Tip Hotline is (847) 933-8477. Text-A-Tip is also available 24 hours a day by texting "Skokie" and the tip to 847411.

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## Glenview board approves non-motorized boating

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA  
Pioneer Press

Boating on Lake Glenview will begin May 27 after the Glenview board of trustees approved an agreement with the Glenview Park District to allow non-motorized boating on the lake.

The board approved the agreement in a 4-2 vote May 16. It had to approve the agreement because the village owns 60 acres of Gallery Park, where Lake Glenview is located, until 2022, said Jeff Brady, the village's director of planning.

Trustee Scott Britton voted against the agreement, citing safety and environmental concerns. Brit-

ton also said he opposed it because the final Park District Board of Commissioners vote on an ordinance to allow non-motorized boating on Lake Glenview last month was not unanimous.

"If it had been unanimous within the park district board, I'd probably go along with it, but since there was one commissioner who didn't seem to think it was a great idea I don't either," he said.

Trustee Deborah Karton, who voted against the agreement, said she is concerned about the "enforcement mechanisms" for boating rules since park district staff won't be monitoring the lake.

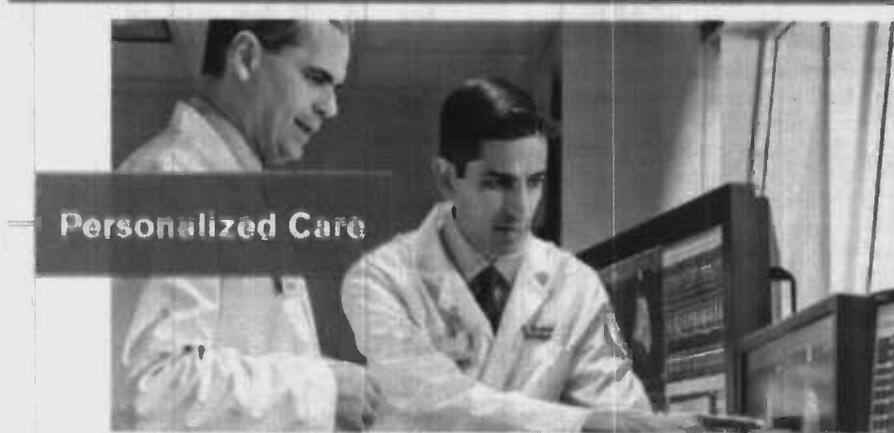
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tendent of Leisure Services Elsa Fischer, who attended the board meeting, said the park district will post signs around the lake listing the rules and a "means for people to contact the park district if they see people not following the rules."

The park district isn't open 24 hours a day, but people who see someone breaking the rules can call the district and leave a message to report the problem, Fischer said.

Residents must purchase a boating permit before bringing their canoes, rowboats and kayaks to the lake, park district spokeswoman Melissa Brand said.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

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**UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON**

■ Narquise Morris-Holyfield, 22, of the 7900 block of South Shore Drive, Chicago, was charged with unlawful use of a weapon on May 10, police said. According to police, Morris-Holyfield, a convicted felon, was illegally in possession of a handgun. Police reportedly made contact with Morris-Holyfield while responding to a dispute involving a car repossession in the 6300 block of Howard Street.

**THEFT**

■ Fernando Heredia-Reyes, 26, of the 500 block of Custer Avenue, Evanston, was charged with retail theft on May 12 after police said he stole alcohol from a store in the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue.

**DUI**

■ Yatzaira Nava, 29, of the 1000 block of North Avers Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence on May 6 after police said she was stopped for driving without headlights.

■ Debora Chacon, 26, of the 5900 block of

West Berenice, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle on May 11, police said.

**PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

■ A Chicago woman was ticketed on the afternoon of May 8 after police said she left her 2-year-old child alone and asleep in a car in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

■ A 27-year-old Chicago woman was charged with public intoxication on May 10 at a facility in the 809 block of Civic Center.

**DISPUTE**

■ Police responded to a restaurant in the 7000 block of Dempster Street on May 8 after an employee allegedly threatened another worker and the two got involved in a "pushing match." No charges were filed.

**THEFT**

■ A resident of the 9700 block of Huber Lane reportedly lost \$800 in a ruse entry scam May 6. Police said the money was taken from the woman's purse after a man came to her home to talk about performing work on a fence.

■ A 2007 Toyota was reported stolen May 11 from a parking lot in the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said the car was parked unlocked and had the keys inside.

# Fire at Advocate Lutheran forces closure of cafeteria

## Contained to mechanical room in basement, officials suspect electrical problem

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

Kitchen operations at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge were interrupted by a fire inside a basement mechanical room May 15, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Tonya Lucchetti-Hudson, director of public affairs for Advocate Health Care, said fire forced the closure of the hospital cafeteria, resulting in "boxed lunches" for all patients.

The cafeteria will remain closed "until the kitchen is fully functional," Lucchetti-Hudson said.

The fire originated in a mechanical room in the basement of the south building of the hospital at 1775 W. Dempster St., also referred to as the surgery building, the Park Ridge Fire

Department said. It was contained to that room, Lucchetti-Hudson said.

Fire Chief Jeff Sorensen said sprinklers appeared to have extinguished the fire by the time firefighters arrived.

A statement from the Fire Department said maintenance staff, investigating an activated fire alarm, discovered the mechanical room full of smoke. A preliminary investigation indicated the cause of the fire might have been electrical, the Fire Department said.

"There was an issue with the main power feed coming into the surgery building," Lucchetti-Hudson said when asked about the cause. "The issue and damage is still being assessed."

Several Commonwealth Edison trucks could be seen at the hospital following the fire. Some medical procedures were "delayed, rescheduled, or moved to other areas of the hospital" due to the fire, she said.

No patients were evacuated.

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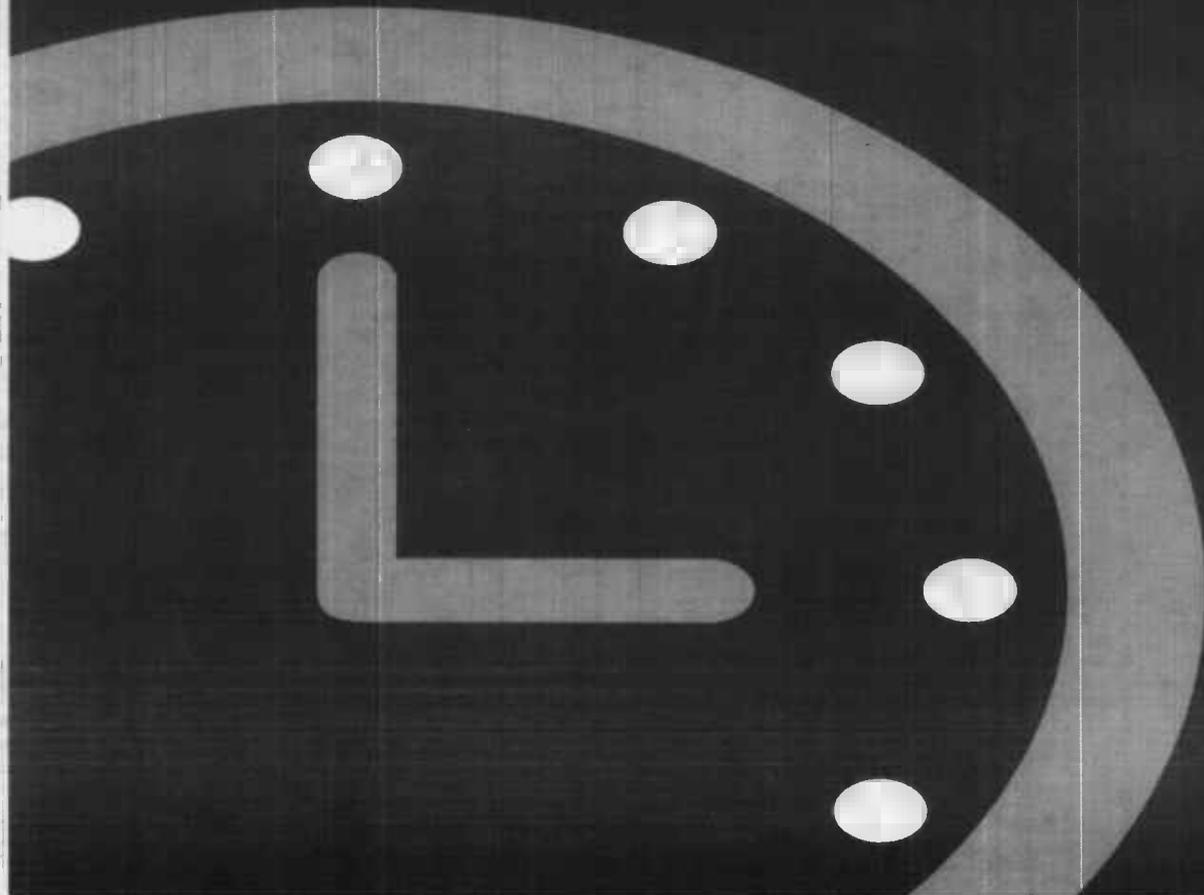
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# Maine East High School celebrates class of 2017

Featured student speaker one of three to receive perfect U.S. history score

Maine East High School's class of 2017 took the stage in Rosemont on May 21, with 429 students from the Park Ridge school receiving diplomas.

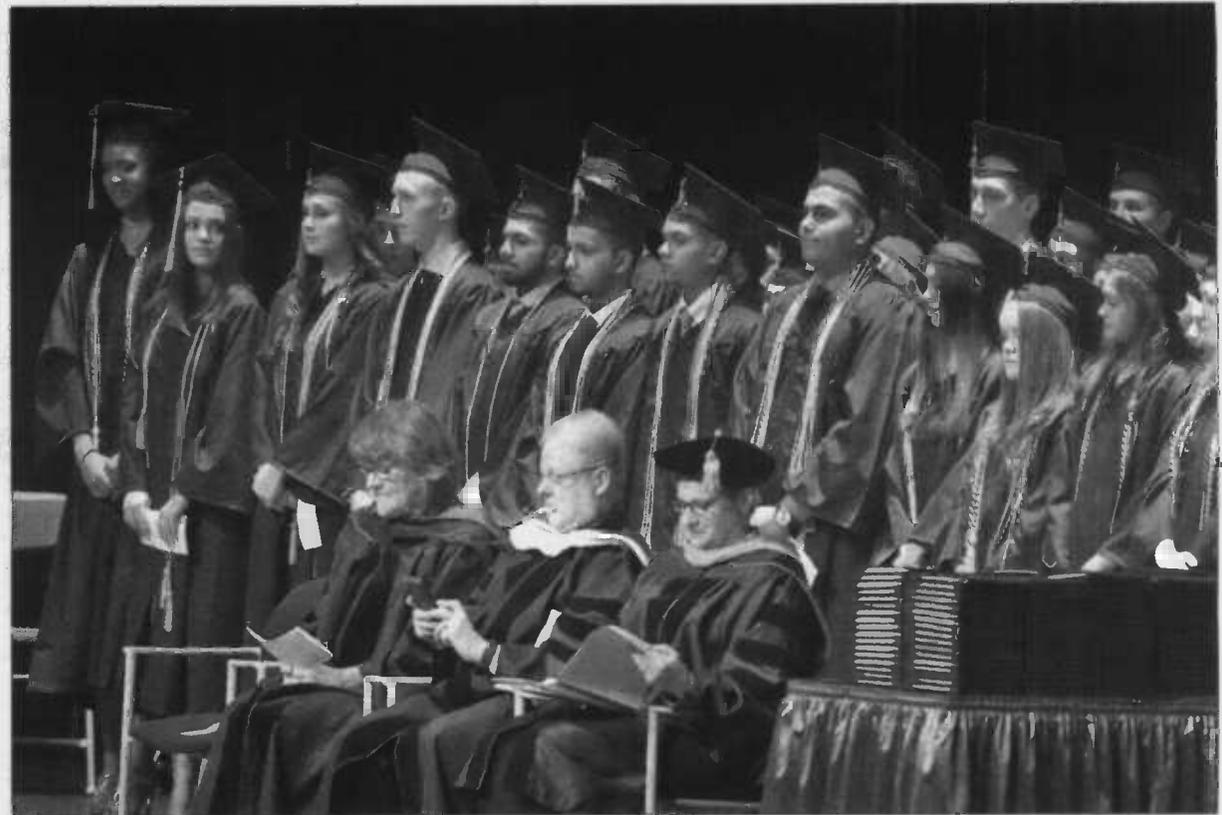
The commencement ceremony, the school district's 115th, was held at the Rosemont Theatre, with senior class President Tamik Usefyan Darbroudi introducing the graduates.

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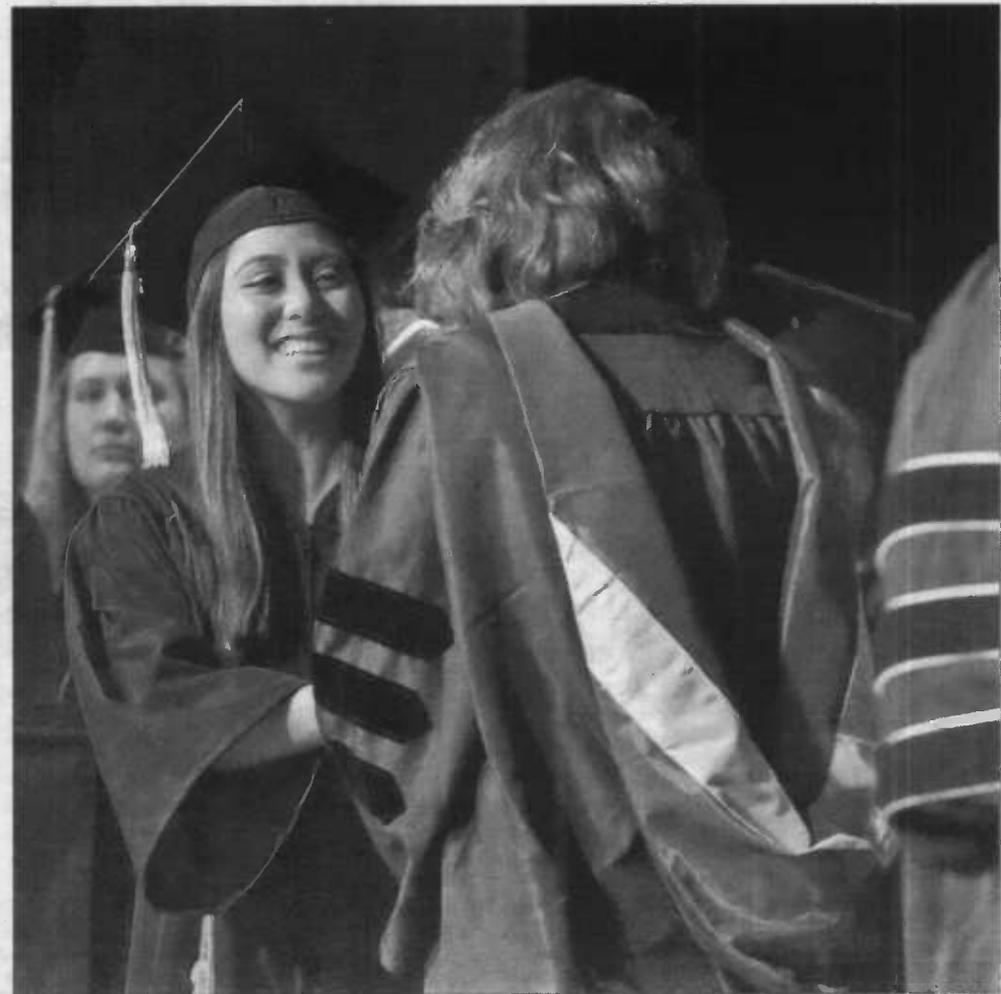
speaker was Hannah Flood, of Park Ridge, who made news this year when she became one of just three students in the world to receive a perfect score on the advanced placement U.S. history exam.

— Jennifer Johnson, *Pioneer Press*

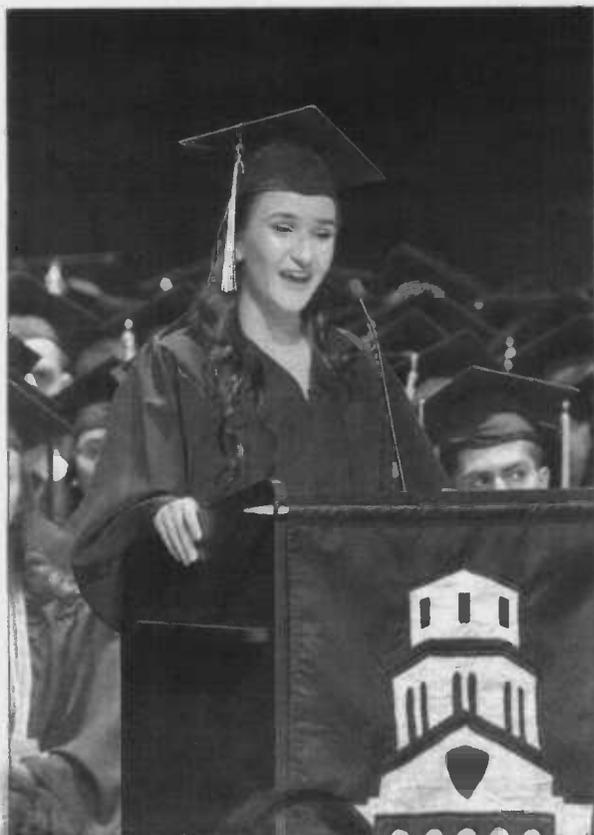
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**Above:** Members of the graduating class of 2017 take the stage during Maine East's commencement ceremony at the Rosemont Theatre.



**Left:** Tanla Gonzalez receives her diploma during Maine East's commencement ceremony.



**Far left:** Senior class President Tamik Usefyan Darbroudi addresses the crowd at the Rosemont Theatre.

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PHOTOS

# Obama's birthday could be holiday in Illinois

87-0 house vote sends proposal to Gov. Rauner

BY HALEY BEMILLER  
Chicago Tribune

Former President Barack Obama's birthday would become a commemorative holiday in Illinois under a proposal that state lawmakers voted to send to Gov. Bruce Rauner.

The plan would designate Aug. 4 as Barack Obama Day. It makes note of his tenure as a state lawmaker and U.S. senator and says he "dedicated his life to protecting the rights of Americans and building bridges across communities."

"I have a personal belief of giving people their flowers while they're still alive and they can smell them," said state Rep. Marcus Evans, a Chicago Democrat and House sponsor of the bill. "And our president is here. He's vibrant. He's going to remain active in society, so let's honor him."

An 87-0 House vote on May 19 means the plan to honor the Democratic president now heads to Republican Rauner's desk.

Previously, the House had rejected a measure to make Obama's birthday an official state holiday, meaning state facilities and schools would close. Republicans contended that Illinois couldn't afford the expenses incurred from

state holidays given its current financial crisis. Rauner's budget office estimated state holidays cost \$3.2 million in personnel expenses, with another \$16 million in lost productivity.

But on May 19, House Republicans threw their support behind an honorary day, which wouldn't keep people out of work.

"He's the first African-American president. He deserves this honor," said Rep. Steve Andersson, R-Geneva.

Rauner also had opposed an official state holiday, but he said in February that there should be "a day of acknowledgment and celebration" for Obama.

The bill approved May 19 is one of several efforts



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Former President Barack Obama addresses an audience after being presented with the 2017 Profile in Courage award on May 7.

this session to honor the former president and his influence in Illinois. One proposal would label the stretch of Interstate 55

from the Tri-State Tollway to East St. Louis the "Barack Obama Presidential Expressway." A separate plan would dub the Tri-

State the "President Barack Obama Tollway." Those measures haven't been voted on by the full House or Senate.

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# Ravinia's plans fuel neighbors' worries

BY KAREN BERKOWITZ  
Pioneer Press

Ravinia Festival's plans to expand the dining pavilion and construct the Ravinia Music Box Experience Center are raising the ire of neighbors who see the additions as part of a trend toward more development and less park on the 36-acre concert site.

"Ravinia is a seasonal, outdoor concert park, and for 90 days they have concerts and we all enjoy them," said neighbor Brett Tolpin.

In recent years, Ravinia has been moving toward more indoor spaces as a way to extend the season and allow more events year-round, he observed.

"The impact of longer, bigger, louder, taller is what's freaking us out," Tolpin told the city of Highland Park's Plan and Design Commission May 16.

"You guys are the only buffer, really, between keeping Ravinia as the (park-like venue) we have all come to enjoy and appreciate and that blends with our lifestyles ... and having Rosemont Horizon in our backyards," Tolpin said.

Ravinia Festival is asking Highland Park for a substantial amendment to its 2006 planned development agreement to construct a new music experience center adjacent to the dining pavilion.

The new building, to be built on what is currently an asphalt tent pad, would include a 65-seat indoor theater where audiences would be immersed in a special-effects show illustrating the emotional and inspirational power of music, according to Ravinia's description of the project. The center would include interactive exhibits and gallery space.

Ravinia also is planning to add an open-air veranda to the food services building to meet a demand for al fresco dining, particularly



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A view of the proposed Ravinia Festival dining pavilion, veranda and Music Box Experience Center as would be seen from the north lawn.

among the younger audiences that Ravinia is trying to attract. The two structures would be connected by a walkway on the second floor.

Welz Kauffman, Ravinia's president and CEO, said concertgoers often arrive three or four hours early for a non-classical concert and are looking for something to do.

"They talk to their friends, they look at the sculptures, they go to the gift shop and they still have three hours," Kauffman said.

The hope is they'll spend some of that time visiting the experience center and leave with a deeper appreciation for music in all of its forms, he noted. The Ravinia Music Box Experience

Center also would be available to school groups.

According to Ravinia, the music experience center would be located 190 feet from Ravinia's northern boundary at Lambert Tree Road, where some of the objecting homeowners reside.

"Right now this is looking more like an office park to me, rather than what it used to be with beautiful trees," said Mary Curran, a Dell Lane resident.

Curran and others questioned the plans for colored, lighted signs on the buildings, as well as lighted rings around columns in the outdoor social area of the experience center. The lighted rings would change colors.

"It looks like a disco," Commissioner Elaine Waxman said after a Ravinia representative provided a demonstration.

As part of its petition, Ravinia also is asking the city to relax restrictions on the number of off-season donor events and the hours of the day that trucks may arrive with deliveries during the concert season.

Ravinia also is asking the city to eliminate restrictions on the amount of property that may be covered by buildings, structures and all impervious surfaces combined. Currently, buildings and structures may not cover more than 7 percent of the property. All impervious surfaces, including pavement, may not exceed 22 percent.

The festival association is asking the city to delete those limits and instead review Ravinia's improvements using the same stormwater management requirements applied to other developments in the city. The city requires a developer to incorporate additional stormwater detention when the amount of hard or impervious surface is increased above certain thresholds.

For the proposed project, city engineers have found that a stormwater detention pool recently added at Ravinia is sufficient to handle the runoff off created by the new buildings.

Neighbor Lawrence Dunlap said the city will be relinquishing any control over Ravinia's future devel-

opment if it goes along with Ravinia's request to delete the percentage limits.

"A planned development agreement is literally a contract between the city and the property owner and is supposed to provide both with surety about what will take place in the future," said Debra Rade, who lives adjacent to the festival grounds. "Let's remember we are looking at 36 acres of untaxed prime real estate," she added. "If Ravinia wants an amendment to the (agreement), perhaps it is time to conduct a full review on that property of what should be taxed."

The Plan and Design Commission continued the public hearing to June 20.

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## Evanston police: Northwestern student robbed, groped in off-campus apartment

BY BRIAN L. COX  
Pioneer Press

Evanston police were investigating a report of an attempted sexual assault and robbery May 16 of a Northwestern University student in the elevator of a Ridge Avenue apartment building, authorities announced in a news release.

Police said that around 9:37 p.m., the 24-year-old female student saw a man knocking on the entrance door to the building and since she thought he lived there, she let him into the building. She then got on the building elevator and the man followed her, according to the news release.

According to police, once in the elevator, the man began to grope the student and attempted to reach under her clothing.

Police said she screamed for help and at that time the man battered her and threw her to the floor of the elevator.

When the elevator door opened, the man fled on foot with the woman's wallet and cellular phone, according to the release.

The woman sustained scrapes on her legs from the incident, but refused medical treatment, said police.

Northwestern University officials said the woman is a graduate student there.

An alert was posted on the university's website regarding the incident and NU officials said that campus police were also assisting in the investigation.

"The Northwestern University Police Department advises all community members to be alert when traveling on or off campus,

especially at night," the university alert reads.

Officials also reminded students about campus shuttle services and other transportation available nightly.

The alleged suspect is described as, 25-30-years-old, 6-feet to 6-feet-4-inches tall, weighing 190-230 pounds, wearing a dark long sleeve shirt, dark pants and carrying a backpack.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Evanston Police Department detective division at 847-866-5040. Information can also be provided anonymously by utilizing Text-A-Tip by texting CRIMES (274637) and entering EPD-TIP in the message line, followed by the information, the release states.

Brian L. Cox is a freelancer.

## Man guilty of sexually assaulting woman, 97, in apartment break-in

BY GEORGE HOUDE  
Chicago Tribune

A Mount Prospect man has been convicted of breaking into an apartment at an assisted living complex and sexually assaulting and beating a 97-year-old woman.

Frank Mendez, 53, was found guilty May 18 of home invasion and aggravated criminal sexual assault of an elderly person.

Authorities said Mendez used a knife to cut through a window screen and enter a first-floor apartment at Church Creek Senior Living facility in Arlington Heights. He confronted the woman, who had been asleep, and assaulted her, striking her in the face and neck before fleeing when a security officer began knocking on the apartment

door, prosecutors said.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Ed Maloney told the jury that in Mendez's haste to escape during the 2015 attack, he left behind his shoes and the knife. Mendez's DNA was found on the victim's neck and arm and a bloody palm print that matched Mendez was found near the window, Maloney said.

"Frank Mendez took away her dignity that she had earned after 97 years," Maloney told the jury. "He took away her safety."

The woman died of natural causes four months after the attack, but not before testifying at a preliminary hearing that the intruder struck her repeatedly while she fought back. Her statements were introduced as evidence at Mendez's trial.

Mendez's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Joe Gump, acknowledged Mendez broke into the apartment, but maintained he "had no interest in harming her." Gump said the evidence did not show Mendez raped the woman.

According to witness testimony, the woman suffered severe bruises and cuts.

The security guard testified that he entered the woman's room on the night of Aug. 20, 2015, after her medical alert sensor had gone off. He found her unclothed and said she told him she had been raped.

A sketch from an earlier incident led to the arrest of Mendez about a month later, Maloney said.

George Houde is a freelance reporter.



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The tennis court at Lawler Park in Skokie, seen here May 16, is soon to be removed and pickleball and futsal will be added to the park.

# Lawler Park's tennis venue to be removed

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

Tennis is out, pickleball and futsal are in at Skokie's Lawler Park on the north-west end of the village.

Supervisor of Parks Michael Rea said that the lone tennis court at the large park across from Westfield Old Orchard mall was getting minimal use. Staff believed it was time to bring in something new, he said, and these activities have proved to be popular at other parks.

"These are different activities than what we've had, but they're popular anywhere they've been put in," he said. "We're excited to have them coming here permanently."

The Skokie Park Board approved May 16 awarding the bid for reconfiguring Lawler Park to Continental Construction for \$156,000 — within the park district's project budget, officials said.

Rea said work on the park at 10040 Laverne Ave. will probably begin in June and take about a month.

The fenced-in tennis court at Lawler will become home to four pickleball courts, Rea said.

According to information

on the USA Pickleball Association website, the sport combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

It's played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-size court. The sport uses a paddle and a special ball with holes.

According to association's website, more than 15,000 indoor and outdoor pickleball courts are in the United States with at least one location in all 50 states.

Lance Bryson, who said he lives near the park, said he has played pickleball in Florida a few times.

"It's fun," he said. "I don't know for sure how it will be received here, but it's been crowded whenever I've played, and it's got to be more popular than tennis in this park. No one uses that court."

According to the Chicago Futsal Academy, futsal is an indoor soccer game with five players to a side.

"Futsal is beginning to take the country by storm and more and more soccer players, coaches, clubs and associations discover the unique and positive qualities of futsal," according to the Chicago Futsal Academy website.

Rea said the futsal venue will be fenced-in in Lawler Park and he expects that it will get heavy use.

The park district is not holding a public hearing over the changes as it does for more extensive park renovations.

One reason, Rea said, is that the tennis court is hardly ever used.

The park district did an informal survey in 2015 and monitored the court for a month during what should have been a prime tennis time.

In total, he said, staff found three people using the court the entire time. The park district still has 39 tennis courts throughout the village including a brand new one at nearby Emerson Park, Rea said.

While park district officials say Skokie has never had a permanent home for pickleball and futsal before, the former is not totally new to the village.

Temporary pickleball courts have been set up over tennis courts with a court overlay and pickleball has been played indoors at the Weber Center, Rea said.

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# Dempster and Potter ranked top intersection for accidents

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

The Park Ridge Police Department has released its ranking of city intersections by crash rate, and the names at the top of the list are not unfamiliar.

According to police, Dempster Street and Potter Road, followed by Dempster Street and Luther Lane, had the highest number of vehicle crashes reported in 2016. Following in third place was Touhy and Greenwood avenues.

Last year, there were 45 reported crashes at Dempster and Potter, 34 at Dempster and Luther and 31 at Touhy and Greenwood, the department said.

Of those crashes, four resulted in injuries, according to Deputy Police Chief Duane Mellema.

The other top crash intersections in 2016, as

ranked by the Police Department, are

■ Busse Highway and Oakton Street, 26 crashes.

■ Greenwood and Oakton, 25 crashes.

■ Dee and Touhy, 25 crashes.

■ Oakton and Northwest Highway, 24 crashes.

■ Oakton and Dee, 23 crashes.

■ Devon and Cumberland avenues, 18 crashes.

■ Greenwood and Busse, 18 crashes.

In total, the 10 intersections on the department's list experienced 268 reported vehicle crashes in 2016, 14 resulting in injuries.

"The majority of these crashes are the result of driver error," the Police Department said in a statement released last week. These errors included following too closely, failing to slow down to avoid a crash,

failure to yield the right of way and improper lane use, according to police.

The last time the department released a list of top crash intersections was in 2014, when data from 2013 was provided.

That year, Dempster and Potter was at the top of the list, with 55 reported crashes. Dempster and Luther ranked fourth, though that intersection has also been at the top of past rankings.

Mellema agreed that high traffic volume continues to play a role in vehicular crashes along Dempster.

"It's a major arterial road with a lot of volume daily," he said, explaining that in addition to Interstate 294 access — both on and off ramps exist on Dempster at the Park Ridge-Des Plaines border — the road is a major state route and runs through several suburbs.

The intersection of

Dempster and Luther is at the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital campus, another area teeming with cars and pedestrians daily.

In 2016, there were 4,278 crashes reported throughout the city of Park Ridge, a 0.8 percent increase over the previous year, according to the Police Department's annual report.

Mellema said the crash data collected is used to determine where to deploy officers.

"The No. 1 (intersection), Dempster and Potter, I'd want to see more enforcement activity up there," Mellema said.

The list also serves to make drivers more aware, so they will take precautions and be more alert when traveling through these intersections, he said.

In 2014, the City Council considered having a red-light enforcement camera



JENNIFER JOHNSON/PIONEER PRESS

Westbound Dempster Street at Potter Road in Park Ridge is shown on May 15.

installed on westbound Dempster at Potter, but later voted down the measure. The camera was recommended by RedSpeed, the company that had analyzed the intersection. RedSpeed did not recommend a camera for Dempster and Luther, with a representative acknowledging it would not

make "financial sense."

There is currently a red-light enforcement camera on westbound Oakton Street at Northwest Highway. That intersection ranked seventh for number of crashes reported in 2016.

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# Smaller crowd but still grand celebration

## Festival goes on despite weather

Staff report

Rain put a damper May 20 on opening day of this year's Festival of Cultures in Skokie, but didn't totally wash out the signature community event that pays tribute to the village's diversity of racial, cultural and ethnic groups, organizers said.

Last year an estimated 27,000 people attended the two-day event, but with the inclement weather May 20, turnout was just about 12,000 for the weekend, said Skokie Park District spokesman Jim Bottorff.

But the rain only lasted a short while, he said, and the rest of the festival went on as scheduled.

The Festival of Cultures celebrates the village's large ethnically diverse population, and took place May 20 and 21 in Oakton Park.

"Skokie is a tremendously diverse community, with more than 90 languages spoken in residents' homes," said festival Chairman Jon Marquardt. "The Skokie Festival of Cultures serves to unite the people of the village for an entire weekend, allowing them to celebrate one another's customs and cultural backgrounds in a fun and colorful setting."

The festival also included an international beer tasting area (for a fee), a children's area featuring hands-on exhibits and the "Passport to the World" official guide packed with a schedule of the many ethnic performances, educational information and a festival map.

The festival is staged each year by the Skokie Park District with support from the village of Skokie and the Skokie Public Library. And over a dozen corporate sponsors contribute as well as the Illinois Arts Council, according to festival organizers.

The festival emerged



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Members of the Soorya Dance School wave goodbye to others after their May 20 appearance was canceled due to weather at the Festival of Cultures at Oakton Park in Skokie.

from a Skokie ethnic diversity project called VOICES (Valuing Our Image Concerning Ethnicity in Skokie), according to festival history.

The project was intended to promote a better understanding between Skokie residents of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.

The first festival in 1991 included only 14 cultures — well below half the number of participating cultures today.

Armenia, Assyria, Croatia, Cuba, Iraq, Ireland, Thailand and Tibet were among the ones represented this year.



Umbrellas were needed May 20 at the start of the first day of the Festival of Cultures at Oakton Park in Skokie.



In the Azerbaijan tent, Akif Mammadli prepares for a tea ceremony at the Festival of Cultures.

# What Memorial Day means in Maywood



PAUL SASSONE

**Bataan Day, like Memorial Day, honors Americans who sacrificed for their country.**

Wouldn't it be great if Memorial Day didn't exist?

Wait, wait ... That's not what I meant.

What I wanted to say was that it would be great if there were no need for Memorial Day, if no American men and women were ever killed in war.

But that has not been and is not likely to be.

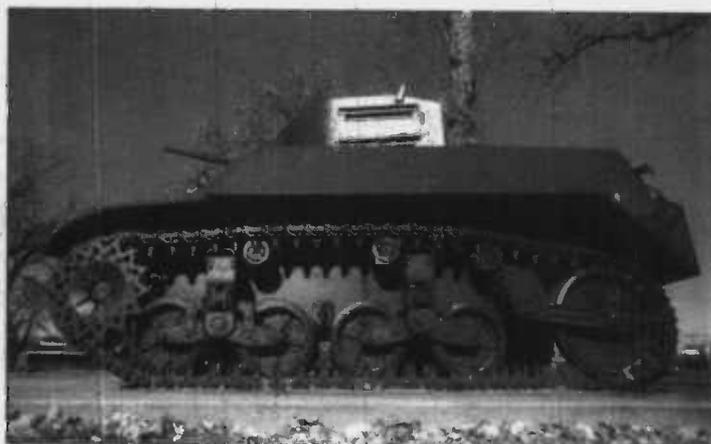
That melancholy fact was impressed on me from early in my life.

I grew up in the suburb of Maywood. I spent — or mis-spent — a lot of my childhood watching movies in the lovely Lido Theater.

Most Saturdays would find me there, wide-eyed and watching Tony Curtis swordfight his way to his rightful inheritance, or Burt Lancaster gunning bad guys at the O.K. Corral.

In one way, the Lido Theater was unique. Along one wall of the lobby and set off by red velvet-like ropes was an enormous photo of the men of the 192nd Tank Battalion all lined up in rows.

Nearly 100 members of the Maywood National Guard were part of the 192nd, which was taken prisoner by the Japanese on Bataan in the Philippines on April 9, 1942.



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Pictured in November 2010, a tank and cannon form part of a World War II memorial in Maywood that honors National Guard members stationed in Maywood who were involved in the Bataan Death March.

The Japanese treated their prisoners with extreme brutality as they were marched to prison camps and to slave labor in Japan. Of the 89 men of Company B, only

43 would return.

Japan apologized for the Death March in 2009.

But since the day of surrender in 1942, Bataan, and the May-

wood-area men who suffered and died there, became a special event for everyone in town — kids, too.

Each Year in September, Bataan Day had been marked in Maywood with a parade, speeches and music. The first Bataan Day in 1942 drew more than 100,000 spectators.

So, while Maywood kids may have had the usual difficulty remembering Civil War dates and battles, we all knew about Bataan and by extension Memorial Day. Both days honored Americans who sacrificed for their country.

Over the years, Bataan and even World War II have receded into history. Time always takes its toll.

But though Bataan Day is much smaller, it still is marked on the second Sunday in September at the Veterans Memorial in Maywood Park in Maywood.

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# Great lines from commencement speeches of the past



RANDY BLASER

present them here. Take them for what they are worth.

The author Ray Bradbury is the great native son of Waukegan, and in 2000 he gave the commencement address at Caltech. He told the graduates: "You make a list this afternoon, of the people who don't believe in you, and you call them tonight, and tell them to go to hell!"

He also advised them to make a list of the people who believe in them and to gather those people around them and "then you move on into the future."

I am not a big fan of the operating systems created by Bill Gates, but I admire that he has given away millions in philanthropic efforts all over the world. In 2007 at Harvard, he told the graduates: "Don't let complexity stop you. Be activists. Take on the big inequities. It will be one of the great experiences of your lives."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower had advice for the future of education in America when he addressed the 1955 class of Penn State. He warned of providing a liberal education for some students and a practical education

for others, the idea of intellect vs. industrial arts.

"What we desperately need is an integrated liberal, practical education for the same person — for every American youth who can possibly obtain its blessings," Eisenhower said. "Hand and head and heart were made to work together. They must work together. They should be educated together."

Did Ike foresee a time when we had too much of one and not enough of the other?

Students at Chicago State University in 1975 signed a petition inviting President Gerald Ford to their graduation. He was so impressed he came. He talked about their hard work and achievement.

"The dignity of the individual is based ultimately on a sense of pride," Ford said. "It does not come from government programs that take over the individual's life and reduce the person to a case file and a claim number. Real aid to the individual is aid that helps the individual to help himself or herself."

As we know, today's students have been told for years that they

are special. Every child gets a trophy.

But J.K. Rowling had wise advice for the Harvard graduates of 2008: "It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all — in which case, you fail by default."

The poet Robert Pinsky in 1999 at Stanford said graduation was a ritual that celebrated two obligations of any great people — caring for the young ones and honoring the wisdom of the old ones, including the wisdom of the dead.

"The tribe or community or nation that fails at either of these missions brings woe and destruction on itself," Pinsky said. "Today, the graduates pass symbolically from being the objects of the first concern, young ones who have been nurtured, to bearing the responsibilities of the second, those who are supposed to care for the young and who will preserve and extend the wisdom of the dead."

I'd like to end with the talk Julia Keller, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter of the Chicago

Tribune, gave at Dominican University in 2010. She talked about her favorite novel, Willa Cather's "The Song of the Lark," where a young girl moves to Chicago with dreams of becoming an opera star. "Will she make it?" her teacher is asked. It depends on the ideas she lives with, the teacher responds.

Then Keller says: "Think of it. Not what happens to her, not love affairs or good career breaks, but what she thinks about. It's really an extraordinary notion, and it is so exquisitely relevant to all of you here today.

"You are going forth into the world with a diploma, with a host of wonderful memories of your time on this lovely campus — and with ideas. The ones you have chosen to take with you on your journey. Those ideas are your compass. Your GPS navigational system. Your MapQuest instructions."

Good luck, graduates of 2017. You are young and have great promise before you. But remember the wisdom of the old ones.

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Graduation days are upon us, the time when the wise and the accomplished stand before the graduates and hand down to them the special wisdom and advice they have gathered over the years.

I remember little of the commencement addresses I've heard, with the exception of one. "Drink life to the lees," the speaker said. I don't remember who it was, but I know he was quoting the great poet Alfred Tennyson and advising the graduates to go for it, take in all life has to offer, don't let any opportunity pass you by or any fear hold you back.

Good advice.

For the graduates of 2017, I've taken it upon myself to research some of the great commencement speeches ever given, and to gather some of the more meaningful quotes from those speeches and

# What I learned about applying makeup, texting while at a stoplight

The other day, I was at a really long stoplight near my house.

This light is always so long, I swear, I can see the dandelions grow and turn to fluff. So, instead of just staring at the light like usual, I decided to think of ways to use my time more wisely.

Maybe, I could put the car in park, grab a bottle of fabulous nail polish from my purse and polish my nails, I thought. I bet I could actually get a whole hand polished, put the car back into drive and still have at least a minute to spare. Definitely time well spent!

Once at my destination, as I was actually polishing my nails, I was telling a friend about my fun, stoplight spa idea and I must say, she was a bit horrified. "Is that even legal?" she asked.

"Oh, my gosh!" I thought. Did a major rule follower like me almost break the law in my own daydream?

On the outside, I was like, "Oh, I'm sure it's fine." But on the inside, I was seriously panicking and could barely swallow. I think a little trickle of sweat even appeared on my forehead.

Later, I was the passenger in a car with a few friends, and the driver proceeded to answer a text while stopped at a busy intersection.

"I think it's illegal to do that," I said.

"But I'm not driving while texting," the friend said. "I would never ever text and drive."



SUSAN DUBIN

Our whole group then debated whether texting at a stoplight, even if it was done quickly, was legal, illegal or kind-of legal. Surprisingly, no one was 100 percent sure.

I decided to call up the Buffalo Grove Police Department to find out some answers and spoke with Sgt. Michelle Kondrat, who is in charge of the traffic unit.

Although I "forgot" to ask Kondrat about the legalities of polishing one's nails in the car, I did ask her about people I see applying mascara while driving or stopped at a stoplight.

"There is no Illinois vehicle code prohibiting that," Kondrat said.

"Things like dogs, makeup, kids, etc., can be a distraction to drivers, but there is not a law prohibiting it."

And what about texting or emailing while at a stoplight?

"The law says it's illegal to use any type of handheld device, including texting, dialing a phone, emailing and searching the internet while driving or stopped at a stoplight," Kondrat said. "However, if you are parked along the shoulder of a roadway, or if you are stopped in traffic for a train or roadblock, and you put your vehicle in neutral or park, it's

legal. Traffic needs to be stopped and you need to be in park."

The exception, Kondrat said, is if a driver needs to call 911.

"Obviously, a headset, or Bluetooth, is best, but as long as you are on the line with a dispatcher, it's OK. It's also OK to plug in your phone or grab your phone from your bag."

And what about navigation systems?

"The law allows you to use navigational systems integrated into your vehicle system," Kondrat said. "Most times, the phones are on the dashboard or away from your hands, so it's OK to use. And some are voice activated. The law doesn't specify for that but in order to be 100 percent safe and not put yourself at risk for a ticket, pull off to the side of the road or shoulder before putting in an address, or put in the address before driving your vehicle."

Anything else?

"The main thing to understand is as long as you are in drive, the device cannot be used for function," Kondrat said.

Although we all know not to text and drive, I think many people are not exactly sure about how particular laws apply at stoplights. I certainly appreciated Kondrat's words of wisdom. See you on the road!

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Flags mark every grave for Memorial Day at Lincoln National Cemetery on May 30, 2016.

## Memorial Day is a time to slow down and reflect



PAT LENHOFF

It's finally time to kick off summer 2017.

Before we get too engrossed in swimming, camping and ice cream eating, we need to bow our heads and observe a moment of respect for the real reason we celebrate Memorial Day: our lost service members.

We remember the ones who served with high hopes that they could not only make a positive difference wherever they were stationed, but also that they would come home safely and intact — both physically and emotionally.

Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen and the dreaded knock on the door symbolizes in one visual the anguishing news many families receive. No one serves our country expecting to be lost in battle; we'd have no military to speak of if that were the rampant belief.

However, it is a reality

that every service member faces from the moment they enter their branch of the military until their honorable discharge.

And yet, every day many citizens sign up to do just that. They head out into parts unknown with the conviction that they are a small cog in a big wheel that can bring stability and improve the most troubled parts of the globe. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't, but that never stops the believers that commit a portion of their lives to working toward a greater good. It's the ultimate example of selflessness.

That's why red, white and blue are the colors of the day and the flags will fly high Memorial Day weekend. It's why towns across the country will be overflowing with uniformed service people of every age, gender and background as we recognize those who never made it back home.

Whether they are laid to rest in their hometowns, or on a strange battlefield in a different part of the world, they are honored and remembered always, but particularly this weekend.

I admit to having a di-

lemma every time I travel or find myself crossing paths with someone in a military uniform. On the one hand, I'd like to express my gratitude for their service to our country. On the other, I'm never sure if that would be an intrusion, or even if the person is actually in the military since camo gear is so universally worn these days.

Mostly, the moment passes so quickly that I'm still wondering what to do when the person is long beyond my reach. I always resolve to respond differently next time, yet still I hesitate.

That's why holidays like Memorial Day and Veterans Day allow all of us to publicly show gratitude for the sacrifices made over the course of America's history. So, before pouring the lemonade and firing up the grill, make sure to say some kind of blessing for our lost heroes. They are a large part of why we are lucky enough to enjoy the freedoms heaped upon us every day.

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# Fun in the sun

Your guide to the 2017  
summer festival season

BY DEBORAH HOPPE  
Pioneer Press

It's that time of year again — time to enjoy some sun, fine art, music or maybe even a cool antique car with the arrival of summer festival season.

**Main Street Craft Beer Festival**, 1-9 p.m. May 28, on Main Street from Prospect Avenue to Fairview. Hosted by Beer on the Wall and Harp and Fiddle, the fest will feature beer from 30 breweries, food vendors, live music and a kids zone. Admission is free. Cost is \$10 per three, 4-ounce beer samples. Breweries include Alarmist, Empirical, Finch, Forbidden Root Botanic Beers, Goose Island Beer Co., Half Acre, Lagunitas, Lake Effect, Marz Community, Metropolitan, Perennial, Pipeworks, Revolution, Right Bee



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The Big Greek Food Fest of Niles returns July 14-16.

Cider, Sketchbook, Solemn Oath, Surly, Temperance, Three Floyds, Une Annee and Virtue Cider. Visit [www.wehavegreatbeer.com/events](http://www.wehavegreatbeer.com/events).

**Cruisin' Park Ridge**, 6-9 p.m. June 2, July 7, Aug. 4 and Sept. 1 in the Park Ridge Library Parking Lot, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Car show featuring live music, food and beverages. Free admission. Visit

[www.parkridgechamber.org](http://www.parkridgechamber.org).

**6 Corners BBQ Fest**, noon-10 p.m. June 10-11, 4000-4080 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. The festival features live music, BBQ-style food from a variety of restaurants, artists, live music, merchants and a kids area. Free admission; \$5 gate donation benefits the Six Corners Association. Visit [www.sixcorners.com/events](http://www.sixcorners.com/events).

**Sizzle Into Summer**, 5-10 p.m. June 17, Harrer Park, 6250 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Enjoy live music, inflatables, food, a beer tent, a climbing wall and strolling entertainment. Visit [www.mortongroveparks.com](http://www.mortongroveparks.com).

**Custer Fair**, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 17-18, at 600 Main St., Evanston. A neighborhood tradition celebrating its 45th anniversary, this

two-day event showcases more than 300 local and regional artists. There will be more than 30 food vendors and three entertainment stages. Visit [www.Custerfair.com](http://www.Custerfair.com).

**Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 1-2 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000

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# Living

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Maya Marrero, 4, who has autism, enjoys the Autism Eats Chicago event with her mother, Yanla Marrero, and brother Edgar Rivera.

BRIAN JACKSON/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## A fun meal with a purpose

For families with autistic kids, Autism Eats is a chance to dine out without stress and stares Page 14

## SUBURBAN COOKS



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

Making dinner is a family affair in the Burke home. Ryan, clockwise from left, Sean, Deanna, Charlotte and Luke roll meatballs.

# Having triplets taught this home cook early food survival skills

By Judy Buchenot  
Naperville-Sun

When Naperville resident Deanna Burke had the first ultrasound for her first baby, it was a life-changing day for the mom-to-be. The technician told her, "Surprise! You have an instant family," Burke recalled. "I thought that meant I was having twins. But then I found out I was having triplets. I was going from zero to three."

When Sean, Luke and Charlotte arrived, "it was overwhelming," she said. "But you play the hand you are dealt. I figured out a system and I stuck with it." She quickly learned that if one baby woke up hungry, another would soon be waking. "So when one woke up, I fed him — and then woke the others and fed them. They all got fed at the same time."

Without family nearby, Burke relied on friends for additional help. She connected with another mom with older triplets who was willing to come and give Burke a break several times a week. Although she happily took suggestions from others, she had to come up with her own mothering skills to get by. When the babies were old enough to sit in high chairs, she lined them up to feed

them. "At first, I thought I should have three bowls and three spoons — one for each. But then I realized that was too much work. I started to use one bowl, one spoon and it was 'here's a bite, here's a bite, here's a bite.'"

Burke kept the babies on a regular schedule that she also followed. "I had my pajamas on and went to bed at 8 when they did. Otherwise, I would have not gotten any sleep."

The triplets are now 10 and have a 7-year-old brother, Ryan. Although they were born together, Burke said the triplets do not share the same personalities. "Charlotte is playful. Sean is serious, and Luke is very sweet and loves to make people happy."

Not only do they have different personalities, they have different interests and tastes.

"I make a schedule for each week," Burke said, pointing to a sheet of paper hanging in her kitchen. The detailed schedule has baseball games, swim practices and other activities outlined by day. "I try to put down what we are having for dinner, too."

Burke is able to squeeze in a part-time

job now that the children are older. "I work for Rodan+Fields, a skin care company. I am able to do most everything online, which is perfect," she said.

Burke enjoys cooking but is often pressed for time. She relies on slow-cooker meals and recipes that can be fixed ahead of time. She has found several items like macaroni and cheese that can be prepared in the morning, held in the refrigerator all day and quickly popped into the oven for dinner. Another family favorite is stromboli sandwiches.

And meatballs. The children like to get involved in shaping the meatballs, which can be frozen for later meals. Burke bakes the meatballs instead of pan-frying them. For each pound of ground beef or turkey, she adds an egg and 1/3 cup of seasoned bread crumbs. A quick mix in the bowl and the meatballs are ready to shape. She lines them up the about 2 inches apart in a glass dish coated with olive oil and bakes them at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. She then turns them and lets them cook another five minutes. "They can be served with any sauce, rice or pasta," she said. "You can also use extra seasoning or different flavors of seasoned breadcrumbs."

## Stromboli Sandwiches

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon oregano
- 6 French rolls
- 1/4 cup soft butter
- Paprika
- 6 slices mozzarella cheese

1. Brown ground beef and drain. Add barbecue sauce, ketchup, onion, Parmesan cheese, garlic powder and oregano. Simmer for 20 minutes. Split French rolls in half. Spread cut sides with butter. Sprinkle lightly with paprika. Divide meat evenly between six rolls, spreading mixture on bottom half of each roll. Top meat with one slice of mozzarella on each roll. Put on roll top and wrap each sandwich in foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Can be made ahead and frozen for a quick meal.

## Baked Macaroni and Cheese

- 8 ounces elbow macaroni
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions and drain. Set aside. In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Stir in flour and mix to form a paste. Gradually add milk, whisking to keep mixture smooth.

2. Turn up heat to medium. Cook while stirring until mixture thickens. Add salt and pepper. Add onion and and 1 3/4 cup of the cheese. Cook and stir until cheese is melted. Mix cheese mixture into cooked pasta. Grease a 2 quart casserole. Pour mixture into casserole. Top with breadcrumbs and remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Can be assembled ahead except for final topping of cheese and bread crumbs. Refrigerate until ready to bake. Add breadcrumbs and reserved cheese right before baking.



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

A grilled burger with pimento cheese spread, candied bacon and bread and butter pickle slices.

# Time to fire up the grill

Pimento cheese, candied bacon make this a Memorial Day-worthy burger

Last weekend, I pulled together a bevy of simple, no-cook snacks for a few friends. I assembled a shrimp cocktail, whipped up a few deviled eggs, poached and chilled some asparagus, and laid out a trio of simple dips including a homemade pimento cheese.

It was a lovely day outside, so I organized my easy breezy appetizers on the deck.

And then it happened.

My neighbors fired up their grill and moments later my yard smelled insanely delicious.

My neighbors frequently host festive (and yummy) family cookouts, but this particular puff of smoke danced over the fence and brought with it the first savory scent of grilling meat and spices of the season; suddenly my chilly shrimp and asparagus seemed



MELISSA ELSMO  
Out of Mel's Kitchen

more than a little lackluster.

The very next day I opted to fire up my own grill in hopes of quelling my now undeniable craving for some true summer flavor.

I had a bunch of pimento cheese left, and I decided the spicy cheese spread would serve as a fantastic topping for a glorious and indulgent cheeseburger.

Crafting a good burger is an exercise in balancing fatty meat, a starchy bun and notes of salty

and sweet flavors in the garnishes. Sure this can be accomplished with the classic combo of ketchup, mustard, onion and pickle, but I like to shake things up in the burger world.

Thanks to that pimento cheese I had the salty (and ooey-goey) aspect of my burger covered and opted to add a strip of candied bacon and a couple of bread and butter pickle slices as additional topping to bring some sweet flavors to my cheeseburger.

Believe me, the smell of these bad-boy burgers sizzling on a hot grill is bound to make your neighbors long for a dinner invitation; thankfully this recipe made enough to feed a few extra folks. Savoring this pimento cheese burger on a sunny evening in my backyard was worth every cook-out calorie.

## Grilled Pimento Cheese Burgers with Candied Bacon

- 2 pounds ground chuck
- Kosher salt and coarse black pepper
- 1 heaping cup of homemade pimento cheese (recipe follows)
- 1/3 cup BBQ sauce (I use Sweet Baby Ray's)
- 6 strips candied bacon (recipe follows)
- Bread and butter pickle slices
- Baby spinach or lettuce leaves
- 6 seeded hamburger buns

1. Prepare a charcoal grill and allow the coals to cook down until they are ashy, but there is still a fiery glow among the coals (about 30 minutes from the time of lighting the grill, but let your eyes guide you more than the clock). While the fire cooks down, divide the ground chuck into 6 equal portions. Working quickly, shape the meat into six 3/4-inch thick burgers; the more you handle the meat the tougher your burger will be. Season the burgers on both sides with kosher salt and coarse black pepper. Grill the burgers for 3 minutes on the first side. Flip the burgers and cook for an additional 3 minutes. Move the burgers to a cooler area of the grill and top each burger with 1/6 of the pimento cheese. Cover the grill and leave there until the cheese is melty and gooey — about 2-3 minutes.

2. Place a burger on a bun and garnish with BBQ sauce, 1 strip of candied bacon (broken in half), two slices of bread and butter pickles and a few spinach leaves. Serve at once.

### PIMENTO CHEESE

- 1 pound (about 4 cups) sharp cheddar cheese, freshly grated
- 1 large red pepper, roasted, peeled and diced or 1 4-ounce jar of pimentos, drained
- 3 scallions, sliced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 ounces cream cheese (just a nice hunk)
- 1/4 cup (plus up to 2 tablespoons) mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Coarse black pepper to taste

1. Place all the ingredients into the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or use an electric hand mixer. Beat the ingredients until well combined and the mixture resembles a proper spread adding up to 2 additional tablespoons of mayonnaise as desired. Refrigerate pimento cheese in an airtight container for up to two weeks. Use pimento cheese as a spread for crackers, in a grilled cheese sandwich, or as a topping for grilled burgers.

### CANDIED BACON

- 6 strips of best-quality, extra-thick bacon
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon coarse black pepper

1. Line a small rimmed baking sheet with foil and place a rack on top of the foil. Arrange the bacon strips on the rack and place the pan in a cold oven. Turn the oven on to 350 degrees. Once the oven is heated to temperature, flip the bacon and allow it to cook for 10-15 minutes. Meanwhile, mix the syrup, brown sugar and pepper in a small bowl. Brush the bacon on the top side with 1/2 of the syrup mixture and return to the oven for 10 minutes. Remove the bacon from the oven, flip it over and brush with the remaining syrup mixture. Return the bacon to the oven and continue to bake until sugars are caramelized and bacon is crisp — about 10 more minutes. Set bacon aside until ready to assemble burgers.

## PETS/ANIMALS

## MY PET WORLD

# How cat got feline leukemia baffles one family

By Cathy M. Rosenthal  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q:** My husband and I went to a no-kill shelter to adopt a cat after I became disabled and had to retire early. I adopted a beautiful Lynx point Siamese who had been brought to the shelter 14 months prior as an orphan. He immediately jumped on my lap, rubbed his face all over mine and didn't mind my mobility scooter one bit. His vet records showed he was up-to date on vaccines and tested negative for feline leukemia. I took him to my vet, and he again tested negative for the disease. He was the only cat in the house.

Seven months later, he didn't feel well, so we took him to the vet. To our shock, he was diagnosed with feline leukemia. He was my therapy fur kid. Two and a half years later, he passed away.

**Can a mother cat pass the disease to her offspring? I struggle daily as to how this happened.**

— Rebecca Boston, Madera, Calif.

**A:** I am so sorry for your loss; it's difficult to lose a feline companion at such a young age.

An infected mother cat can pass this disease onto her kittens through her milk, but your cat may have been exposed to the disease at the shelter.

As to why your cat tested negative, though, I had to dig a little deeper. According to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, there is something called regressive infection, which occurs in about 10 percent of feline leukemia cases where a cat can mount "an immune response sufficient to eliminate the virus from the bloodstream, but not robust enough to completely eliminate FeLV DNA



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from the body." Apparently, the virus can "be reactivated sometime in the future." That may be why it didn't show up in those initial tests.

Ask your veterinarian if he or she thinks this is what happened with your cat, since it stayed inside and had no other exposure to felines after coming home with you.

**Q:** I would appreciate it if you continue to write about rabbits, as I use to have outdoor and indoor (litter-box trained) rabbits. Also, I would like to read about birds, etc., besides just dogs and cats.

— Joanna, Smithtown, N.Y.

**A:** This column is generated by letters, so if people write to me with stories, questions or tips about other animals, I am happy to fulfill your request. Let me know if you have any rabbit stuff to share. In the meantime, here is a letter about ... squirrels.

**Q:** I have recently put out a bird feeder for a family of cardinals that visit. I first put the feeder in a tree until I caught a squirrel batting the feeder to knock out the seed. I then moved the feeder to a free-standing post in the yard thinking that feeder would be out of the squirrel's reach. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that the

squirrel climbed the pole. Please advise if there is anything I can do to prevent the squirrel from attacking the feeder.  
— Ed Berman, Oceanside, N.Y.

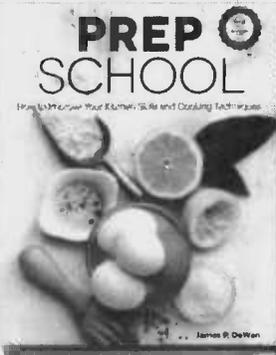
**A:** Squirrels are quite acrobatic and can jump about 8 to 10 feet horizontally and can hook their back toes around poles as they maneuver around bird feeders. So the first bit of advice is to keep the bird feeder at least 10 feet away from tree limbs, trees, electrical wires, rooftops, etc.

As for the pole, there are squirrel-proof bird feeders with mesh caging around the seed/suet areas and pyramid-shape domes (baffles) above and below the seed cage to keep squirrels from reaching the seed should they climb up or slide down the pole. If you don't want a new feeder, you might be able to fashion a baffle for your current feeder by looking at pictures of squirrel-proof feeders online.

But a Kentucky woman may have found an innovative and humane solution. Last year, Jan Siems Catron became an internet sensation when she put a slinky over the top of a bird feeder pole and produced a video to show what happened next. When the squirrel climbed the pole, he had to grab the slinky to continue, which expanded and returned him to the ground each time. After a day's worth of attempts, he stopped trying to climb the pole.

If you want to feed your squirrels, place the food at an elevated level, like the top of a fence post. Most wild animals don't feel safe eating while exposed on open ground.

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# Lawyer fees run amok during divorce proceedings

I received an email containing a consumer issue of a slightly different ilk — that of divorce lawyer fees. Kathleen from Glenview contacted me to share her struggle settling a bill with her divorce lawyer. In the letter, which ultimately was submitted to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, Kathleen addressed several invoicing issues she felt were excessive and possibly unlawful.

Following payment of a \$7,500 retainer, Kathleen's attorney fees ballooned to over \$87,000 for an investigation into whether she should continue to receive alimony from her ex-husband. The ex-husband's claim was ultimately denied, but only after a yearlong investigation. As the bills accumulated, Kathleen told her attorney the fees were reaching a point where she could no longer pay and requested mediation or a decision by the court. She was advised that she should remove money from her retirement account to pay the firm's fees. This would be temporary, she was told, because the attorney was confident the fees would be recovered from Kathleen's ex-husband in the final decision.

Kathleen's letter also stated the attorney told her she was adding cushion to her bills to protect against reduced or negotiated final fees, and the difference would not be invoiced to Kathleen. When the judge denied the ex-husband's claim and ruled he must

pay two-thirds of Kathleen's legal fees, she was satisfied the payments to her attorney were covered — until she received a \$15,000 bill. Kathleen said her attorney submitted an incomplete bill to the court, received the judge's ruling, had Kathleen sign a financial release, then added \$15,000 to the final invoice.

For guidance on Kathleen's situation, I reached out to Lorraine Murphy, executive director of The Lilac Tree, a nonprofit organization in Evanston dedicated to educating and supporting women through the divorce process. Murphy put me in touch with Jay Frank, a Lilac Tree board member and chairman of the family law practice at Aronberg Goldgehn in Chicago.



CATHY CUNNINGHAM  
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After reading Kathleen's letter, Frank agreed that submitting a letter of complaint to the ARDC was a step worth taking. He also said that if there was evidence of a \$15,000 fee having been added to her bill following court submission, she would have grounds to

file a malpractice suit — which she did.

Frank also had proactive advice for anyone hiring a divorce (or other) lawyer:

- Always start by interviewing more than one attorney.
- Select an attorney who specializes in your case and check his/her credentials via the following websites: [LeadingLawyers.com](http://LeadingLawyers.com), [SuperLawyers.com](http://SuperLawyers.com), [AAML.org](http://AAML.org) (American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers).
- You have the right to have your contract reviewed. If anything in the attorney agreement makes you uncomfortable, take it to another lawyer for review.
- Once you've settled on an attorney, do they return your calls, send you docu-

ments, provide candid insights and advise you of next steps? If not, don't feel funny about terminating your relationship and finding new counsel. All documents will transition to the new lawyer and any remaining retainer will be returned.

• Stay out of court if you can. According to Frank, good lawyers charge \$400-\$500 per hour, and divorce lawyers charge more for court time than office time. Two seasoned lawyers can typically hash out a settlement without the time and cost associated with a trial.

• No one knows the case like you. To save on hourly charges, you can gather documents and highlight important information for your attorney.

• Thoroughly review each invoice. If something looks out of the ordinary, be sure to question it.

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# Why I've kept my baby's sex a secret

As world pushes pink or blue, we embrace neutrality

By Lauren Chval  
Chicago Tribune

Keeping my baby's gender to myself throughout the entire pregnancy first occurred to me in Pottery Barn Kids. It was, as Pottery Barn tends to be, well-manicured in ways the world outside could never hope to be.

The store was split down the middle, half for girls, half for boys. On the left were gauzy princess canopies, sweet miniature kitchen sets and play makeup vanities.

On the right were "Star Wars" bedding sets, wooden tool benches and tiny toy firetrucks. I didn't know the sex of my baby yet, but the store was nudging me to choose a side.

As a kid, I was always bad at picking a side. My mom, a girl with five brothers, always dressed me in blue. Too into dresses to be a tomboy but too comfortable among the boys to be considered girly, I surely baffled those determined to put me into a gender box.

So it had occurred to me long ago that I'd refrain from putting any sort of gendered expectation on my son or daughter. After all, inclinations toward athletics or academics or the arts have nothing to do with being male or female. But it began to occur to me that perhaps I hadn't considered just how difficult it would be to combat pressure from outside sources.

I didn't waver in my determination that my pregnancy would not be about gendering my baby. I didn't want a baby shower in shades of blue or pink. I didn't want to open up floral headbands or little



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Parents don't always reveal their unborn baby's sex, even when they know it. They might not welcome gender-based assumptions about the baby.

sailor outfits. We've painted our nursery green and registered for a lot of white and gray items, and that's been that.

Except not quite. Not a day goes by that I don't almost slip up with someone.

You may be thinking, "Why not just be surprised when the baby is born?" It's a good question, and one that I fielded from family and friends once we revealed that we would be keeping the baby's gender to ourselves until birth. If gender neutrality is so important to me, why did I find out at all?

The answer, quite simply, is that I'm a planner. As tightly wound as I may

seem about this gender thing, I'm not so stubborn that I can't admit there are differences in raising girls and boys. My mom says boys are harder to potty train because they don't mind sitting in their own waste, for one.

But I've also found myself thinking far into the future. Which conversations will my husband and I have to have with our baby? If he's a boy, we'll need to have frank talks about affirmative consent, both for his protection and the protection of the women he interacts with. If she's a girl, we'll have to teach her how to keep herself in safe situations without instilling the idea

that potential sexual violence could ever be her fault.

In perhaps my most hormonal moment of this pregnancy, I was waiting on the examination table in the doctor's office. My husband was with me, and we didn't know the sex yet. I admitted, getting a little teary, that I felt afraid of having a girl.

I was scared of the inevitable day when she would call me to tell me someone called her "the C-word" on the internet for voicing her opinion (an experience that I still remember quite clearly). Or looking at her, smart and ambitious, and knowing that some day a less qualified man might

beat her out for an opportunity. Being the mother of a girl would mean having to acknowledge that some day, when I wasn't with her, a stranger on the street would call out about her body, and she'd feel unsafe. And there's nothing I can do to stop it.

My husband, patient saint that he is, gave me a hug and told me that if we had a daughter, we would raise her to be strong enough to not only handle these things but also to effect change in this world. And if we have a son, we would raise him to be strong enough to do the same, albeit through different conversations.

And for me, that was the

point of finding out the gender. Not so that we could daydream about Little League or ballet classes, but so that we could begin to have open conversations about the kind of person we wanted to raise, a goal that inevitably would be affected by his or her sex.

In the meantime, since we're shopping at Pottery Barn, I hope my sons will enjoy playing chef in the kitchen and my daughters will take to hammering away at their tool bench. It's a big, complicated world out here; the more they know, the better.

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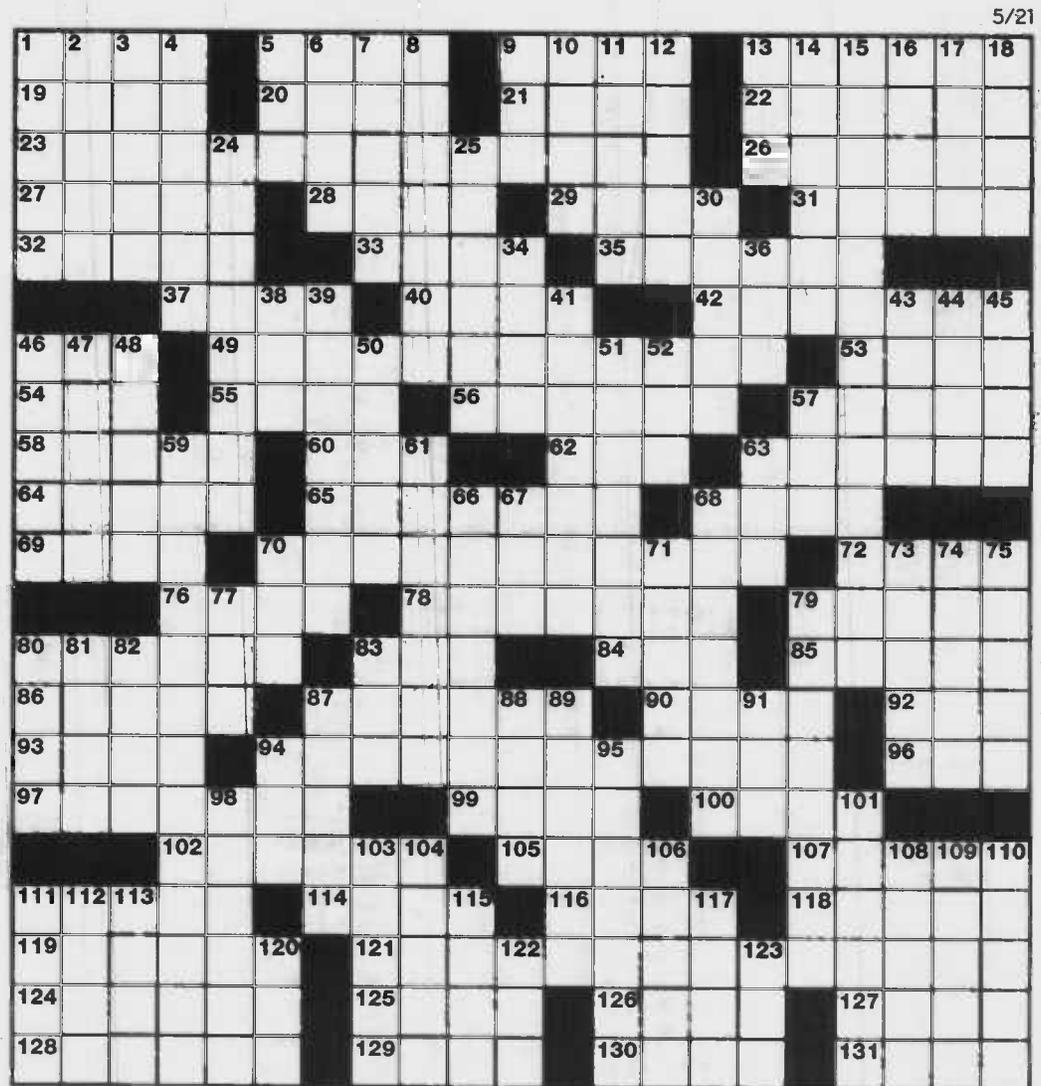
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- 1 Scandinavian capital  
5 Aussie reptile  
9 Some early PCs  
13 Accept gladly  
19 Film excerpt  
20 Sedan, for one  
21 *The Daily Show* host  
22 Cause of some wild weather  
23 State song of Kansas  
26 Serenade  
27 Improve by editing  
28 Half of dodeca-  
29 You love: Lat.  
31 Marks, as some boxes  
32 Roping event  
33 Familiar sound  
35 United Steelworkers' affiliation  
37 Mild oath  
40 Lasting mark  
42 Winter hat extension  
46 Boxer's delivery  
49 "Fresh and local" produce descriptor  
53 Sleek, for short  
54 Not oneself  
55 Prefix meaning "flow"  
56 Overhaul  
57 --garde  
58 Jeweler's magnifier  
60 Absorb, with "up"  
62 Exchanges from 98 Down  
63 Puts out some Z's  
64 Yonder  
65 Solid and sturdy, as some counters  
68 Omen

### Down

- 69 Country singer Evans  
70 Oriole cousins  
72 Quarterback's setback  
76 Eddie Bauer competitor  
78 New hire, often  
79 "Nifty!"  
80 Drapery, essentially  
83 Janet Yellen's deg.  
84 Recipe amt.  
85 Three-legged stand  
86 Provide gear for  
87 Moray, for instance  
90 *Beetle Bailey* dog  
92 Have something  
93 "I'd be glad to"  
94 Kiowa or Comanche  
96 Glide downhill  
97 Classified ad listing  
99 Previously stated  
100 Cranky one  
102 Least forthcoming  
105 Scanned bars  
107 Tavern tribute  
111 *60 Minutes* reporter  
114 Infield cover  
116 Curt affirmation  
118 Center of worship  
119 Angelic, in a way  
121 Cannons on wheels  
124 Cast figures  
125 Different  
126 Scan, as bars  
127 Shakespearean schemer  
128 During which, in Devon  
129 Hole for coins  
130 IRS 123 Down  
131 Marvel superheroes

- 2 Replay speed, for short  
3 Treated, as acidic soil  
4 Bet first  
5 Recycling candidate  
6 First-year Cooperstown inductee  
7 Different  
8 Get on peacefully  
9 One-million link  
10 -- fides (credentials)  
11 Lava source  
12 Grain bundle  
13 French article  
14 Magic potion  
15 Second Green Gables novel  
16 Barnyard beasts  
17 Prefix for body  
18 Any of the Simpsons  
24 Unscented  
25 Hard feelings  
30 Minimal-power computer mode  
34 Willing to try  
36 Possibly pedigreed pet  
38 Contented sound  
39 In braids  
41 Wonton kin  
43 William Piper contemporary  
44 "Rule, Britannia!" composer  
45 Galley gear  
46 Casts aside  
47 Lei giver's greeting  
48 Closer to 81 Down  
50 Dough or bread  
51 Widespread  
52 Trans-Canada Hwy. measures



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- 57 Director Lee  
59 Wright's architectural style  
61 Noodles with tofu  
63 Family nickname  
66. Formerly possessive dairy brand  
67 Erstwhile Atlantic crosser  
68 Serious questioner  
70 Casual footwear  
71 Overhaul, as a lawn  
73 Green refuges  
74 Grilling candidate  
75 Conductor Georg Nada  
77 Nada  
79 Born yesterday  
80 Celebratory suffix  
81 Pastel shade  
82 Small town  
83 Paella morsel  
87 Part of a wintry mix  
88 Genesis twin  
89 Transparent, as ponds  
91 Road repair material  
94 Work at  
95 Sweet drinks  
98 Some of the earliest Web browsers  
101 Bungle, with "up"  
103 Storage units of a sort  
104 Warble  
106 Racing-form listings  
108 Top players  
109 Boot-camp driller  
110 Check for fit  
111 Henry Higgins creator  
112 RPM gauge  
113 Certain singers  
115 Cuban coin  
117 Getz of jazz  
120 March-to-November hrs.  
122 Authorize  
123 Proofs of age

## Quote-Acrossic

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

## Clues

## Words

A. He threw to Winslow and Joiner 130 110 87 64 159 3 44 25

B. Burt Lancaster's 'Crimson Pirate' co-star 9 123 19  
161 59 151 111 38 89

C. Frivolous 67 115 147 31 94 138 54 41 165

D. Myanmar's main stream 12 108 73 42 139 86 153 132 2

E. Scorer for newborns 75 30 13 152 48

F. The Derby site: 2 wds. 140 92 166 128 1 68 39 103 55 84

G. Original Beatles drummer 149 131 88 18 74 66 93 49

H. Figure skating legend 11 91 101 156 34

I. Yella fella: 2 wds. 28 148 76 78 171 51

10 95 126 60 16

J. The Road to Wealth author 163 127 81 27 116

K. Jordan queen 146 107 80 22

L. Uighur capital 21 141 120 70 167 53 112

M. Asa Candler bought his creation 4 50 62 133 72 121 29 113 99

N. Never-failing 150 118 160 17 52 6 79 122 96

O. Retailer gimmicks 83 102 143 135 117 23 57

P. Just your average hamlet 47 157 77 37 32 129 105

Q. Stray 24 35 5 134 56 162 40

R. Rub out 168 106 97 7 85 142

S. Pip 14 69 58 155 104 33 100 82 125

T. Epitome 61 46 71 119 8 98

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U. They're used in tennis and football 15 136 114 65 45 26 154 169

V. Red cheese 164 124 145 170 90 36 20 63 43

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## Illustrious Italians

BY CHARLES PRESTON

## Across

- 1 Type of tax
- 5 Chastises
- 10 Salad
- 14 Bread spread
- 15 Heaven
- 16 Insect stage
- 17 Hit hard
- 18 Footloose fellow
- 19 Maple tree genus
- 20 Chinese river
- 21 Uncultured
- 22 Ascending
- 24 Quartz variety
- 26 Soothing
- 27 Martial art
- 29 Wasteland tract
- 30 Hardwood
- 33 Confuse
- 34 Style
- 35 Great general
- 36 Hebrew prophet
- 37 Infective agent
- 38 Champion jumper
- 39 Invitation
- 40 Greek letters
- 41 Things stored
- 42 \_\_\_ standstill

- 43 Soviet sea
- 44 Crude
- 45 Corrupt
- 47 Orchestra instrument
- 48 Came up
- 50 Valley
- 51 Hand or sand
- 54 Desire
- 55 Extinguish
- 57 Paris priest
- 58 Formerly
- 59 Wetlands tree
- 60 Streamlet
- 61 Animal abode
- 62 Threadbare
- 63 Diamond immortal

## Down

- 1 Elegant
- 2 Earthen jar
- 3 Illustrious Italian
- 4 Record
- 5 Early English king
- 6 Habitation
- 7 Alaskan locale
- 8 Stowe's Little \_\_\_
- 9 Painstaking
- 10 Bring forth

- 11 Illustrious Italian
- 12 Copycat
- 13 City section
- 21 Be worthy of
- 23 Reduce
- 25 Dames
- 26 Not genuine
- 27 Islam shrine
- 28 Confess
- 29 Righteous
- 31 Evil glances
- 32 Gettysburg general
- 34 Essential
- 37 Open galleries
- 38 Young farm animal
- 40 Author Grey
- 41 Difficulty
- 44 Vegetable
- 46 Acid salt
- 47 Enclosed
- 48 GI offense
- 49 Frog genus
- 50 \_\_\_ ranches
- 52 In a competent way
- 53 Thickens
- 56 Cordoba cheer
- 57 Weapon

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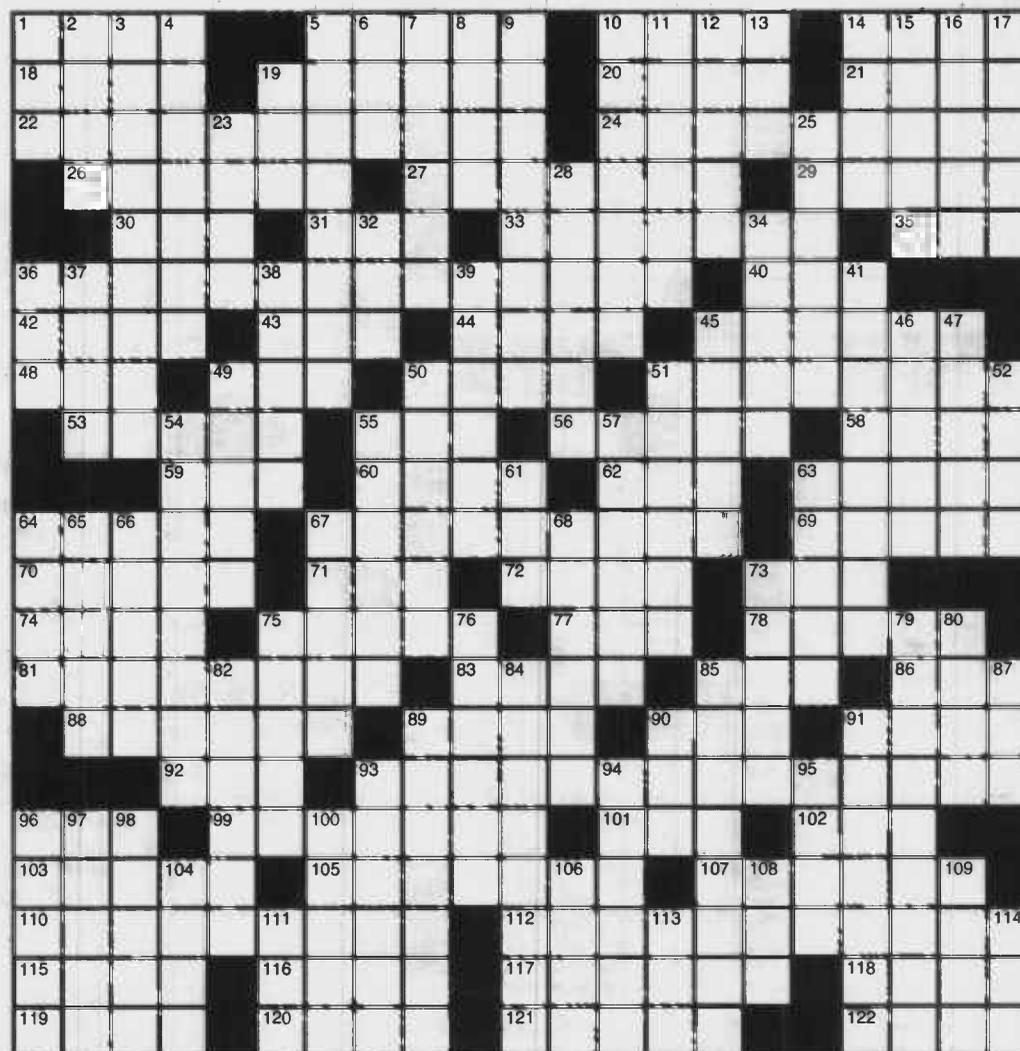
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# Holy Moly!

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- Across**
- 1 Library attention-getter  
5 Secretly kept in the message loop, for short  
10 Prior president who swore in two subsequent presidents  
14 Spicy  
18 Trick  
19 NutraSweet developer  
20 Donor drive target  
21 Penne — vodka  
22 Check for doneness?  
24 Drama written in code?  
26 Tylenol result, ideally  
27 Juice-and-fish-broth product  
29 Weather Channel concern  
30 Brown on a shelf  
31 USC, for one  
33 Like most cheeseburgers  
35 Teeny tiny  
36 President's daily delivery?  
40 Poppycock  
42 IMF division?: Abbr.  
43 Vintage vehicle  
44 It helps you focus  
45 Bronco's bailiwick  
48 "The Simpsons" disco devotee  
49 Chew the fat  
50 Wish were here  
51 North Pole yoga need?  
53 Universe of Energy locale  
55 Cell dweller  
56 Having a kick  
58 Preventative power  
59 Foam finger number  
60 "That hurts!"  
62 The end of its name is also its natl. airline  
63 Scout rider  
64 Yoga position  
67 Iditarod trainee?  
69 Mayflower notable  
70 Waits for an agent, maybe  
71 The — Store  
72 Minor tiff  
73 It's only make-believe  
74 "That's clear"
- 75 Plants of immortality, to ancient Egyptians  
77 God in the Vatican  
78 SeaWorld performer  
81 Ace accountant  
83 Lab gel  
85 Grafton's "— for Burglar"  
86 Usually single-stranded molecule  
88 Twists, e.g.  
89 Scheme  
90 Had the most points  
91 Short cut  
92 Sun. speech  
93 Cat's tail, maybe?  
96 Sharp criticism  
99 Rulers in a line  
101 You can't live without it  
102 Tolkien monster  
103 Taste enhanced by shrimp paste  
105 Make more than  
107 Joined forces  
110 Spy with a sweet tooth?  
112 Burrower servicing borrowers?  
115 Sea once home to 1,100-plus islands  
116 Dell operator  
117 Chews the scenery  
118 Milan moolah  
119 Bear's advice  
120 Pharmacy pickups  
121 Big Pharma dept.  
122 Aligned, with "in"
- Down**
- 1 Sharable doc format  
2 Court figure  
3 "C'mon, let's go!"  
4 Like revealing memoirs  
5 Hearty comfort food  
6 Short filmmaker?  
7 Exhibit with a baby  
8 Its logo contains Hebrew letters  
9 Separates  
10 Wrapped Mexican fare  
11 Many  
12 Public outcry  
13 Corp. symbols  
14 Mesmerized  
15 Give the green light  
16 Limerick neighbor  
17 "I did it!"  
19 Pronoun for a skiff  
23 Salon treatment  
25 Accompanist?  
28 Common town ctr.  
32 John of "Star Trek" (2009)
- 34 Twist in a tale  
36 Wrong at the start?  
37 Certain entrance fee  
38 Speak  
39 Assure  
41 John of "Hairspray" (2007)  
45 Shrewd  
46 Change, as a will  
47 Foamy eye-opener  
49 First name in virology  
50 Mop tamer  
51 Acknowledge the general  
52 Tom or Jerry  
54 Denounces  
55 "Off" is often printed on one  
57 Live-in nanny  
61 LaserJet printers  
63 Dash gauges  
64 Words after make or take  
65 "That's a shame"  
66 Siri's Amazon counterpart  
67 Grand Canyon rentals  
68 Computer download  
73 Lines for an audience  
75 Big name in labels  
76 Acknowledge the general  
79 One who may cease to exist when underappreciated?  
80 USC part: Abbr.  
82 Nailed the test  
84 Filmy fabric  
85 Backstabbed  
87 Jungle chest-beater  
89 Movie promoters  
90 Floral ring  
91 Progress  
93 Treated very roughly  
94 Yoplait competitor  
95 Cuba libre ingredient  
96 Biblical backstabber.  
97 Love, Italian-style  
98 Yawn-inducing  
100 Loop in a cattle drive  
104 Think (over)  
106 Arco de Constantino locale  
108 Versatile NFL defenders  
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111 Tight-lipped  
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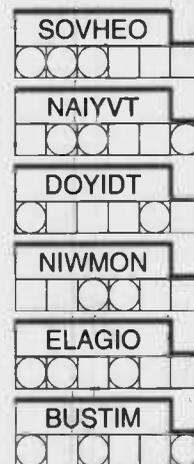


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## Jumble

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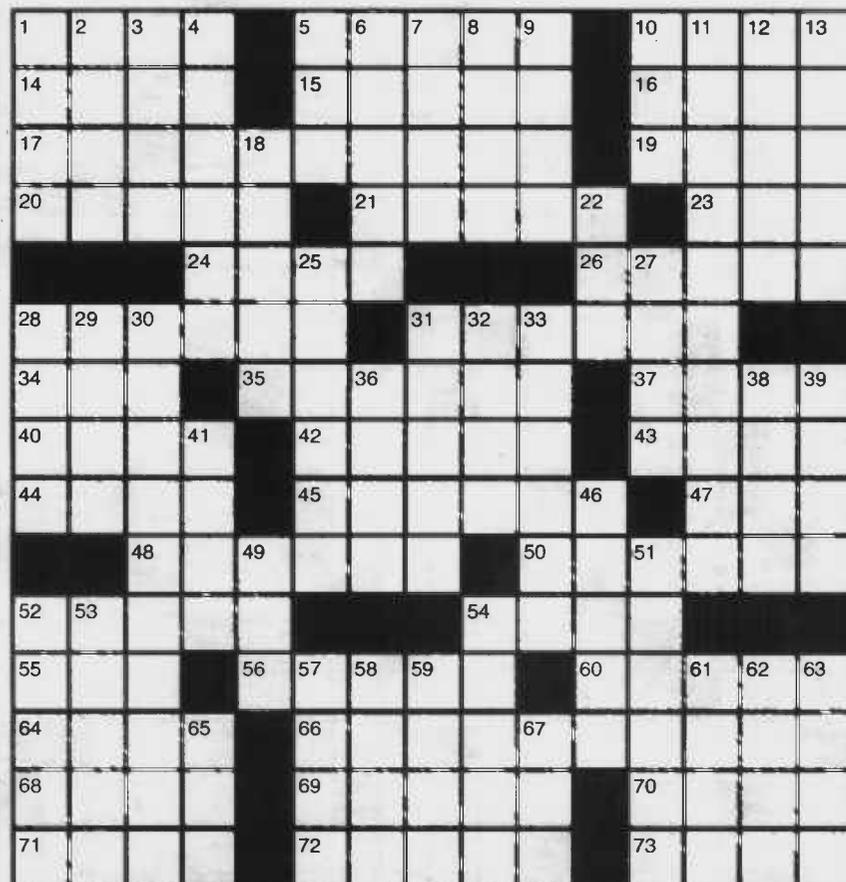
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# Crossword



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- ACROSS**
- E's followers
  - Wild felines
  - Fit snugly together
  - Press clothing
  - Rental car agency
  - Bump \_\_; meet unexpectedly
  - Enormous
  - Store away
  - Intelligent
  - Wash away soapsuds
  - Actor Linden
  - Greek letter
  - Overwhelming defeats
  - Baby's bed
  - Pottery fragments
  - Affirmative
  - Soup-serving implements
  - Lubricates
  - Talk back
  - Secures a boat
  - Banister
  - Threesome
  - \_\_ de corps; camaraderie
  - Do the slalom, for example
  - Shovels
  - Group of seven
- DOWN**
- Desert fruits
  - Tiny weight
  - Israeli dance
  - Ms. Bergman
  - Skillet
  - Prefix for violet or sound
  - Hawaiian island
  - \_\_ for All Seasons"
  - Male offspring
  - Prefix for place or diagnose
  - Spirited fan
  - Brown ermine
  - Wolf cries
  - Ring-shaped island
  - Slip up

## Solutions



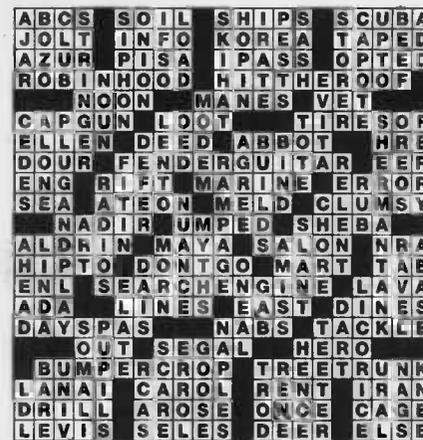
- up; joined forces
- 1st extra inning
- Donkey
- Captain Hook, for one
- Plank
- Ms. Oakley
- "Thanks, Pierre!"
- Arrive
- Very eager
- Give for a time
- TV's "Queen for "
- Easy stride
- Flabbergasted
- Melancholy
- Notice



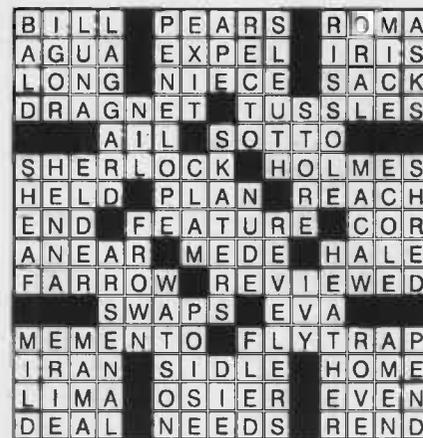
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## Last week's crosswords

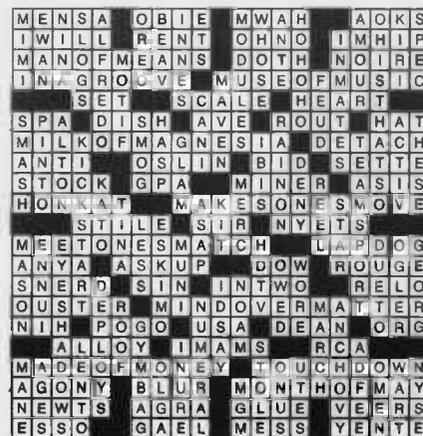
### "COMPONENT PARTS"



### "Gumshoe"



### "For Mom"



## Last week's Quote-Acrossic

(Kenneth) BROWER: THE EDUCATED FOOL: Einstein couldn't make change; the bus drivers of Princeton had to pick out his nickels and quarters for him. We dimmer bulbs love to seize on tales like this, comforted by the notion of the educated fool.

## Last week's Sudoku

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

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Did his wife think he'd be able to reach the green more than 300 yards away? —

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## 7 tips for welcoming your millennial back to the nest

College graduation is a huge milestone, not just for students but for parents, too. Think about it: For the past four years your child has worked very hard for his or her degree but could not have done it without your love, your support and of course, your money.

But what happens after the graduation party is over, when the cake is eaten, the cap and gown go into storage and all of a sudden you are no longer an empty-nester, since your kid just moved back home? If I just described your situation, you are not alone. According to the Pew Research Center, living with a parent is the most common young adult living arrangement for the first time on record. In 2014, just over 32 percent of millennials were living in their parents' homes.

So what are some steps you can take to get your child off of the basement couch and into the workforce? For advice, I reached out to North Shore-based Mara Heichman, whose life-coaching practice, Discover Your Potential, specializes in high school and college students, recent college grads and young adults.

Heichman said there are a few reasons why many students end up without a job and unsure of what to do next after graduation. These include choosing a major early in their college years and then realizing they aren't interested in working in that field, or feeling afraid to interview for jobs they're not sure they will like.

"Some kids feel like, 'Once I decide on this job, I'm stuck,' but what they don't realize is that most people have many, many jobs and careers in their lifetime," said Heichman, who has been a certified professional coach for a year and a half and has spent the past 22 years coaching burn survivors as a volunteer for the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

According to Heichman, moving back home after college can be a stressful time not just for parents, but for the kid, too, as they are hearing "a lot of noise."

"They have noise from parents, noise from society and noise from their friends, all asking, 'What's next?' and offering advice," said Heichman. "They need to tune out all that noise and listen to their inner voice, really focusing on what they love to do, what would make them happy, what they would enjoy and things they think they would be successful doing."

Here are Heichman's seven tips for parents trying to help their college grads land on their feet and out the door:



**JACKIE PILOSSOPH**  
Love Essentially

1. Avoid nagging. The nagging we are doing as parents is the same thing the kid's inner voice is saying. So, all that does is make things worse, leaving them with self-doubt and more anxiety.

2. Be a cheerleader.

Recent college grads without jobs need encouragement. They need their parents to be coaches, helping them set and stick to goals, such as the number of jobs applied for that week, the number of interviews and the number of contacts made in the job search.

3. Remember that every kid is different. Find out what motivates and drives him or her. Some kids are much harder on themselves than others and need their parents to tell them not to put so much pressure on themselves. Others need to be pushed and need more structure.

4. Try not to judge. Take the word "why" out of your vocabulary. In other words, don't ask, "Why would you want to take that job?" That is forming a judgment. Instead, ask, "What about that job do you think would make you happy?"

5. Offer validation. If your kid says, "I'm so nervous for my interview," don't respond by saying, "Why would you be nervous?" You know you are going to do great." Instead, respond by saying "I understand. That can be stressful." Stop there. Don't add, "BUT you'll be fine. All that does is invalidate your validation. If your child says "I didn't get the job," respond with "I understand how disappointed you must feel." Remember, they are feeling bad about themselves, so as upset as you are, your kid feels worse.

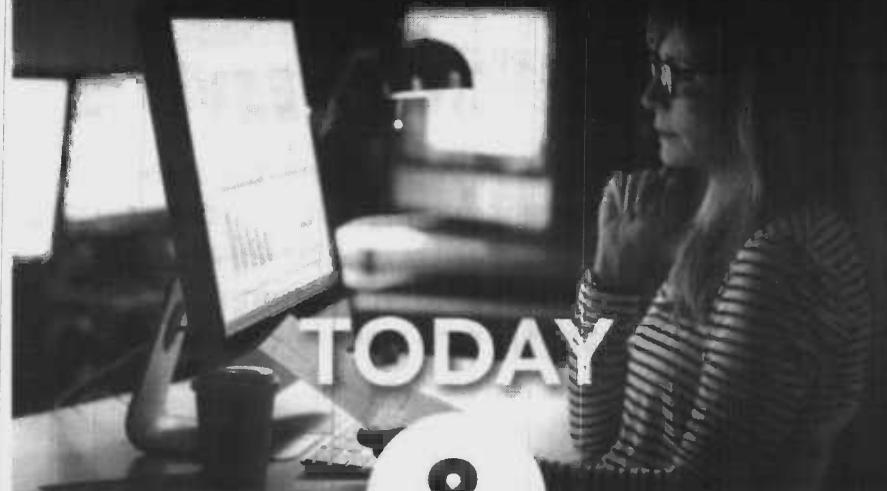
6. Regroup after setbacks. Ask what you can do to support them in finding a job. Maybe suggest a job coach or an interviewing skills class.

7. Give them unconditional love and support.

Try to remember that eventually your college grad will find employment, move out and become more independent. So, enjoy the time you have with them at home. Take them into your routine a little bit, work out together, cook together, watch movies together. I'm not there yet, but I would look at this time as an opportunity to bond before they move out again, leaving you with that same, sad, empty-nester feeling.

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## HEALTH

## ASK THE DOCTORS

# Kava's risks outweigh any potential benefits

By Dr. Robert Ashley  
Ask the Doctors

**Dear Doctor: What are the benefits and risks of taking kava?**

Dear Reader: The kava shrub originates from the South Pacific, where Pacific Islanders used it to promote psychological and physical relaxation for medicinal and ceremonial purposes.

Within traditional cultures, the root of the plant is crushed, ground and then combined with a mixture of water and coconut milk to make it drinkable.

In the naturopathic boom of the 1990s, kava was touted as a safe alternative to other medications used for anxiety.

Today, kava is a popular supplement for anxiety, and various brands can be found in any health food store.

The root of the kava plant contains 18 different phytochemicals, or plant-based compounds, known as kavalactones. These compounds alter the conduction of nerve signals, decrease excitatory neurotransmitters, increase the ability of the amino acid GABA to bind its receptors, inhibit the enzyme monoamine oxidase, and reduce uptake of the neurotransmitters noradrenaline and dopamine.

All of this is a technical way of saying: Kava can help reduce anxiety.

A 2003 review of 11 randomized controlled trials with a total of 645 patients assessed kava supplements' ability to treat anxiety.

The studies used varying levels of the kavalactones, from 60 to 280 milligrams. These doses are significantly higher than

**A study of 31 people in Hawaii who were regular kava drinkers showed a significantly greater elevation of two liver enzymes compared with people who were not kava drinkers.**

what Pacific Islanders traditionally used. The studies varied from one to 25 weeks.

Ten of the 11 studies showed a decrease in anxiety compared with placebo. These benefits appeared to be comparable to the effect of tranquilizers such as benzodiazepines and the anxiety drug buspirone.

Side effects included nausea, stomach aches, drowsiness and headaches. No liver toxicity was reported, but then, no liver tests were performed.

Note that kava has been banned in the United Kingdom and within Europe because of liver toxicity. More than 100 cases of liver toxicity related to the use of kava have been identified, some leading to liver transplant and others leading to death.

There are many reasons for liver damage. For one, kava depletes glutathione, a chief antioxidant, within the liver. It also inhibits enzymes involved in the metabolism of many drugs. Many of the cases of liver toxicity were seen in people who had prior liver disease or used alcohol in addition to kava.

You may think kava is safe if you don't have liver disease or are not taking medications metabolized by the liver, but that might not be the case.

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compared with people who were not kava drinkers.

There is some evidence that kava that is prepared with water is less harmful to the liver than suspensions prepared in acetone or ethanol.

Studies have shown that consumption of kava supplements leads to a slower reaction time and an impairment of motor skills.

However, there has been no proof of any decline in cognitive function.

Also, because it inhibits multiple enzymes and has psychoactive properties, kava likely should not be taken with anti-depressants.

In summary, kava may help relieve anxiety in the short term.

However, because of the severe side effects at its current doses, I would be hesitant to use it for the short term and recommend not using it in the long-term. Cognitive behavioral therapy has greater long-lasting benefits.

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

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## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Home is the best place to check blood pressure

By Joe Graedon  
and Teresa Graedon  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: When I was 18, I went to join the Army Reserve. I was in great physical condition, but when they took my blood pressure, it was 200/70. I was told to go straight to my doctor. The blood-pressure pill he prescribed made me feel like a zombie.**

**I bought a home blood-pressure monitor; my pressure was 130/70 when I took it. I recently purchased a digital blood-pressure unit, and I log my pressure regularly. Thirty-five years later, I still have white-coat hypertension. Last week my blood pressure was 200/90 in the doctor's office and 125/80 at home.**

**A:** Yours is a classic case of white-coat hypertension. Most experts believe that home blood-pressure readings (especially 24-hour monitoring) are better at determining the actual risk from elevated blood pressure (Current Opinion in Cardiology, online March 16, 2017).

We discuss white-coat hypertension, proper blood-pressure measurement and ways to get high blood pressure under control with and without drugs in our "Guide to Blood Pressure Treatment." Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (70 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedon's People's Pharmacy, No. B-67, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).

**Q: I was prescribed pregabalin (Lyrica) for**



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Experts think home blood-pressure readings are better at determining the risk from elevated blood pressure.

**fibromyalgia. It did not relieve my pain. Worse, it made me narcoleptic. I was walking down the hallway carrying a basket of folded laundry to a bedroom and bam! I was asleep and dreaming while in motion.**

**I shook myself awake, alarmed at what had happened. There was no forewarning other than feeling a bit tired.**

**I told the doctor that Lyrica had not worked and about the side effects it caused.**

**I find all too often that even otherwise great doctors seem to rely on information from drug reps.**

**A:** The prescribing information for Lyrica lists "sleep disorder" as a rare side effect. There is no explicit reference to narcolepsy in the medical literature. A sudden sleep attack during the day could be dangerous.

**Q: My cardiologist prescribed Repatha. This drug lowered my LDL cholesterol significantly, but I cannot keep taking it because of its cost.**

**My insurance will cover Repatha, but I have a copay of \$488 per month. I've tried every statin on the market and have experienced bad**

**reactions to every single one of them. What can I do now?**

**A:** Evolocumab (Repatha) is a new way to lower bad LDL cholesterol dramatically. A study in the New England Journal of Medicine (online, March 17) demonstrated that this injected medication reduced the risk of a heart attack or stroke when added to a statin.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved Repatha for use only in conjunction with other cholesterol-lowering drugs. We suspect, however, that many physicians are prescribing it for people like you, who cannot tolerate statins.

Repatha has a list price of around \$14,000 per year.

The manufacturer, Amgen, offers financial assistance to patients who find the copay on their insurance unaffordable. If you go to [www.repatha.com](http://www.repatha.com), you could sign up for the program. It would require you to pay the first \$5 on your monthly copay, and the program would pay up to \$5,500 a year.

*In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).*

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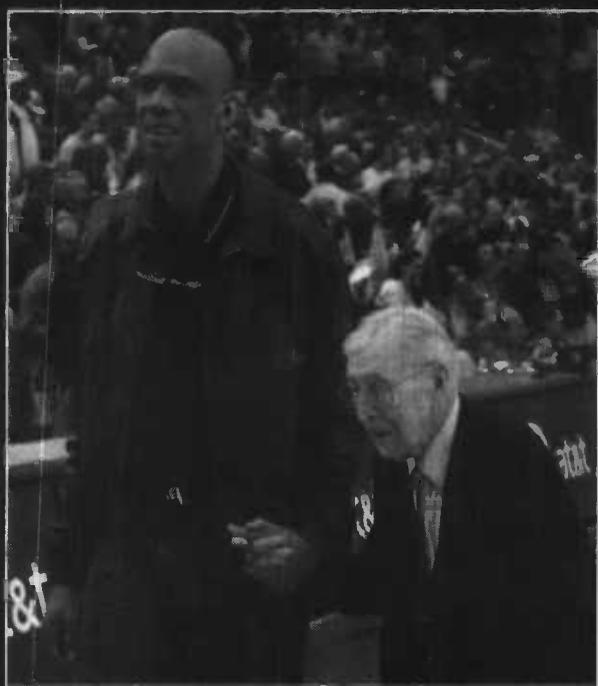
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# A fun meal with a purpose

For families with autistic kids, Autism Eats is a chance to dine out without stress and stares

By Nara Schoenberg  
Chicago Tribune

The scene at Fireside restaurant on Chicago's North Side is pleasant and peaceful, with children playing, conversation humming and the smell of bacon rising from the buffet table. But make no mistake, this is no ordinary weekend brunch. A 12-year-old boy communicates his desire for more bacon with grunts. A 5-year-old tries to eat a green crayon and squeals indignantly when he is thwarted.

A tall, well-dressed teenager walks up behind his grandmother while she is talking and very gently presses his nose against the back of her right arm.

He breathes in deeply several times, strokes her arm tenderly and then wordlessly moves on to her other arm, where he does the same thing again.

"Grandma love," his grandmother says, beaming.

At Chicago's second Autism Eats event, many of the young guests have what is called autism spectrum disorder, a developmental disability that affects communication, social interaction and behavior. Eating out can be a hassle, with kids flapping their arms, chattering nonsense words, throwing tantrums when they have to wait for their food or just getting up to wander around immediately after eating. People stare; the kids get frustrated; parents and siblings blush.

Autism Eats, created by Boston parents Delphine and Lenard Zohn in 2015, provides a creative solution: Parents rent out private rooms in supportive restaurants and eat buffet-style



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Jalen Allen, 14, who has Asperger's syndrome, attends Autism Eats Chicago, which brings together families with autistic children to share a meal.

meals, which cut down on waiting and the attendant frustration. Autism Eats has since spread to 11 states; Chicago's first event was in March.

"It's relaxed. You can sit anywhere. No one judges," said Chicago participant Vania Marrero, who enjoyed the most recent event with her daughter, Makayla, 4, who has mild autism and a fascination with dinosaurs; her son Jaylen Rivera, 12, who is autistic and nonverbal; and her son Edgar Rivera, 17, who does not have autism.

"We're in a comfortable place here. I tell my husband, 'I feel like we're all one family,'" Marrero said.

More than 70 people attended the first Chicago event; the second was smaller by design, with about 30 people. Chicago organizer Shannon Dunworth said she hopes that

120 people will show up for the third event in June.

Dunworth's husband, David, learned about Autism Eats on social media. He told Shannon, and they were immediately drawn to the concept. His 14-year-old son, Aidan, who is autistic and nonverbal, doesn't like waiting when he goes out to eat, and sometimes, in order to relax, he makes loud chattering sounds.

That isn't such a big issue now. "You get to the point when you have an older kid with autism, where you don't really care what people think anymore," Shannon says. David takes Aidan everywhere, and if there's an issue, he handles it. But Shannon thought Autism Eats would be a great help to newer parents, who are often still adjusting to public reactions.

At Fireside, a smiling mother quickly becomes

emotional when the conversation turns to "all the explaining." When your kid doesn't respond to a new friend who wants to play in the sandbox or withdraws from another young child's embrace or doesn't accept the "gift" of a dandelion, you have to explain, parents say. When your kid makes unusual sounds or gestures, you explain. When your kid is scared of the slide, you explain.

At the end of the day, you're wiped out by all the explaining, the mother says, her eyes filling with tears: "It gets exhausting."

While parents bond, children and teens roam the wooden walkways at the perimeter of the room, an enclosed patio with high ceilings and red brick walls.

There is some grunting and squealing, but no one is really loud, and no one runs particularly fast. The over-

all impression is not of chaos but of movement. These kids like to move.

Jaylen Rivera walks at a moderate pace, an iPad in hand, occasionally making a sound such as "Ahh!" or "Mmm!" or smiling at a family member. When he wants more food, he goes over to the buffet and points: "Eh!" His brother, Edgar, helps him with the mac and cheese. "Eh!" Jaylen says, and Edgar gets him bacon as well.

"Me and Jaylen, we share a bedroom, so we're together 24/7," Edgar says, smiling. At this point, he says, he understands his brother's communication pretty effortlessly.

Jalen Allen, 14, of Maywood, sits quietly as his mother, Candace Bell, chats with me. Then, quite suddenly, his face lights up behind his heavy glasses. "You gonna put me on the

front page?" Not on the front page, maybe, but certainly in the newspaper, I tell him. Jalen introduces himself: He's an artist, an actor, an entrepreneur and a skydiver.

He and his mom chuckle when I ask, "Really? A skydiver?" It turns out he has been to one of those indoor skydiving centers that offer simulated experiences. Articulate and quick-witted, Jalen launches into a series of questions, some patterned on the questions I asked his mom ("How old are you?"), others more creative: "If you had a million dollars — no, a billion dollars — what would you do with it?"

His mom says they're still adjusting to a recent diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome, a milder form of autism associated with intense interests and social challenges.

Some of the most active participants at the event are the Dunworths: Aidan isn't much of a brunch person and isn't attending, but Shannon acts as hostess, and David dresses up in a Batman costume, a big hit with the younger kids, who stop, stare and hesitate, then generally respond to David's request for a high-five.

Aidan's 11-year-old brother, Shane, who does not have autism, is here, too, helping out, chatting and just observing the spectacle.

"It's a really good experience seeing so many families like mine interacting in a restaurant without being scared and being told to quiet down," he says as the event is winding down.

"I thought it would be a great time, and it was."

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# Take stock of your tomato plants

Devise strategy to deal with sweltering heat.

By Barbara Damrosch  
The Washington Post

Tomatoes are the divas of the vegetable patch: luscious, celebrated and notoriously hard to please. If it's too chilly, they'll sulk. If it's too hot, they'll throw a tantrum, scattering their blossoms and refusing to perform.

Gardeners everywhere know that planting tomatoes prematurely in spring is a mistake. They will just sit there until the soil warms up. New transplants put in later will soon catch up and even overtake them.

The opposite problem — searing temperatures later on — is more complicated, and though hot, humid weather is weeks away, now is the time to prepare for the plants' summer needs.

The tomato, as you'd expect from its tropical origin, is a warm-weather creature. Although leaf crops such as lettuce, spinach and kale are most productive when it's cool, tomatoes need plenty of warmth and sun to ripen those juicy red orbs.

But when temperatures rise into the 90s and above, and stay there for a stretch of time, several bad things happen. The plants become stressed, desperately trying to pump water and nutrients through their systems as moisture evaporates from their leaves. Days of hot sun can cause sunscald, a disorder that produces whitish patches on the fruits and invites disease. The pollen in the plants' small yellow flowers is ruined as well. Unable to make fruit, they fall to the ground.

Because I grow vegetables in a cool maritime climate, I've had this prob-



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Tomatoes become stressed when temperatures rise into the 90s and above, and stay there for a stretch of time. To ease the damaging effects, water thoroughly early in the morning or use shade cloth until the heat wave passes.

lem only once, when my tomatoes were in a greenhouse, and someone unplugged the automatic venting system to plug in a radio. The temperature rose to 110, and as a result the plants struggled, even after they were able to grow new flowers.

Without such mishaps, tomato growers do use greenhouses successfully, even in hot regions. Thanks to roof vents, shade cloth

and evaporative cooling systems, a well-equipped greenhouse can offer shelter from the heat of high summer.

For a home gardener with no greenhouse, there are still ways to cope with summer heat. Siting the garden in a spot that gets dappled afternoon shade from nearby trees will help a lot. Even a row of tall sunflowers might do the trick. Or you might erect a

simple frame from wooden poles or metal pipe, to support sheets of black shade cloth with a 50 percent light transmission. The stakes, cages, fences or trellis you use to support the vines could have shade cloth draped over them until the heat wave passes. Just roll it up and keep it handy until needed.

Watering deeply and evenly will reduce heat stress. This would be true

for any summer crop, but it will also help prevent cracking of the fruits and blossom end rot. Both can result from inconsistent irrigation.

A mulch will shade the soil, keep moisture in and keep pathogens in the soil from splashing onto the leaves. Drip irrigation is best, but if you use sprinklers, water at the beginning of the day so that moisture on the foliage evapo-

rates promptly, another protection against disease.

How you prune tomatoes matters too. Training them vertically, with a single stem, is often done to expose the fruits to sunlight for good ripening. (It also makes the vines more manageable.) With this method, any suckers that form in the forks where fruiting branches join the stem are pinched out. If you expect extra-hot weather, though, you'd want to pinch higher up on the sucker to leave one pair of leaves to help shade the fruits.

Sometimes it gets so hot that the tomatoes never fully ripen. In that case, pick them when they're not quite full colored and finish the ripening indoors.

There are heat-resistant varieties you can try. Grow a few and see whether you like them enough to replace your favorites. But you can also choose to grow determinates, a broad category that includes any variety that ripens a bountiful crop and then stops, unlike the indeterminate varieties that put out long, continuously producing vines.

Determinates can be either supported or left to sprawl on the ground. In both cases, they're easier to cover with shade cloth (or shade with sunflowers).

Simplest of all, there's the two-crop solution: an early crop before it gets too hot and a later crop after the serious heat has passed.

Make the second crop a determinate variety, maybe one of the paste types that are so good for canning, freezing or drying. Plan for it to bear when the heat is scheduled to back off. Abundant fruits will appear just as it's getting time to put them up for winter eating, along with cabbage, collards and other delights of the cold season.

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Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. (Members preview: 4 p.m.-8 p.m. June 30). Botanic-themed and botanic-made artworks by almost 100 juried artists are displayed against the breathtaking backgrounds of magnificent gardens. Free admission; regular parking fees apply. Visit [www.ChicagoBotanicGarden.org/artfestival](http://www.ChicagoBotanicGarden.org/artfestival).

**Morton Grove Days**, July 1-4, American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Hours are 4-11 p.m. July 1, 2-11 p.m. July 2, 2-11 p.m. July 3 and 2:30-11 p.m. July 4. The event includes carnival rides and games, food, a beer garden, live entertainment, children's activities, 4th of July Parade and a 4th of July Fireworks Show. See [www.mortongrove-days.org/events](http://www.mortongrove-days.org/events).

**Island in the City Festival**, July 6-9, Norridge Community Park, 4631 N. Overhill. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday, 1-11 p.m. Saturday and 1-10 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. The event features live entertainment, food vendors and carnival rides. Music acts include

Avenge 7X; 7th Heaven, Stacy Mitchhart, Infinity, Hinge, The Sugar Country, Who's Next, Eliminator, Whiskey's Gone Band, Hannah Anders, August Ray and Matz Brothers. Visit [www.islandinthecity.com](http://www.islandinthecity.com).

**Irish American Heritage Festival**, July 7-9 on the grounds of the Irish Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. Hours: 6 p.m.-midnight Friday; noon-midnight Saturday and Sunday; 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and breakfast. Tickets are \$10 in advance if purchased by the end of the day on July 5 and \$15 thereafter. Children 12 and under are free. The fest live music, Irish and American food and drink, vendors, step dancers, children's activities and contests for adults and children and cultural exhibits and programs. Performers include Gaelic Storm, We Banjo 3, Scythian, Makem and Spain, Tupelo, Michael McDermott, the Young Folk, Runa, Bua, the Chaney Brothers and Trinity Irish Dancers. Fest parking is free and a free shuttle runs all weekend to a remote lot at Wilson and Lamont. Visit [www.irish-american.org](http://www.irish-american.org).

**Hungarian Gulyas Festival**, July 8-9, Norridge United Hungarian Church of Christ, 8260 W. Foster Ave., Norridge. Featured at the festival is a large sampling of the Hungarian kitchen which includes the bottomless goulash pot, mititei, crepes, kurtoskalscs (rolled sweet dough) and langos (elephant ears), as well as traditional Hungarian music and contemporary tunes, folkloric dances, arts and crafts, Hungarian crafts, and a children's activity center. Join the competition in the Gulyas Cook-Off. Tickets are \$20 a day, \$30 for two days, and \$5 for children 6-12, available at the door. Visit [www.gulyasfestival.com](http://www.gulyasfestival.com).

**North Shore Art Market**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 8-9 at Westfield Old Orchard Mall, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Features works by more than 100 juried artists in a variety of mediums, Art Bingo for kids, live music and local food. Free admission and parking. Visit [www.amdurproductions.com](http://www.amdurproductions.com).

**Taste of Park Ridge**, July 13-15, along Summit Avenue between Prospect and Touhy avenues. Hours are

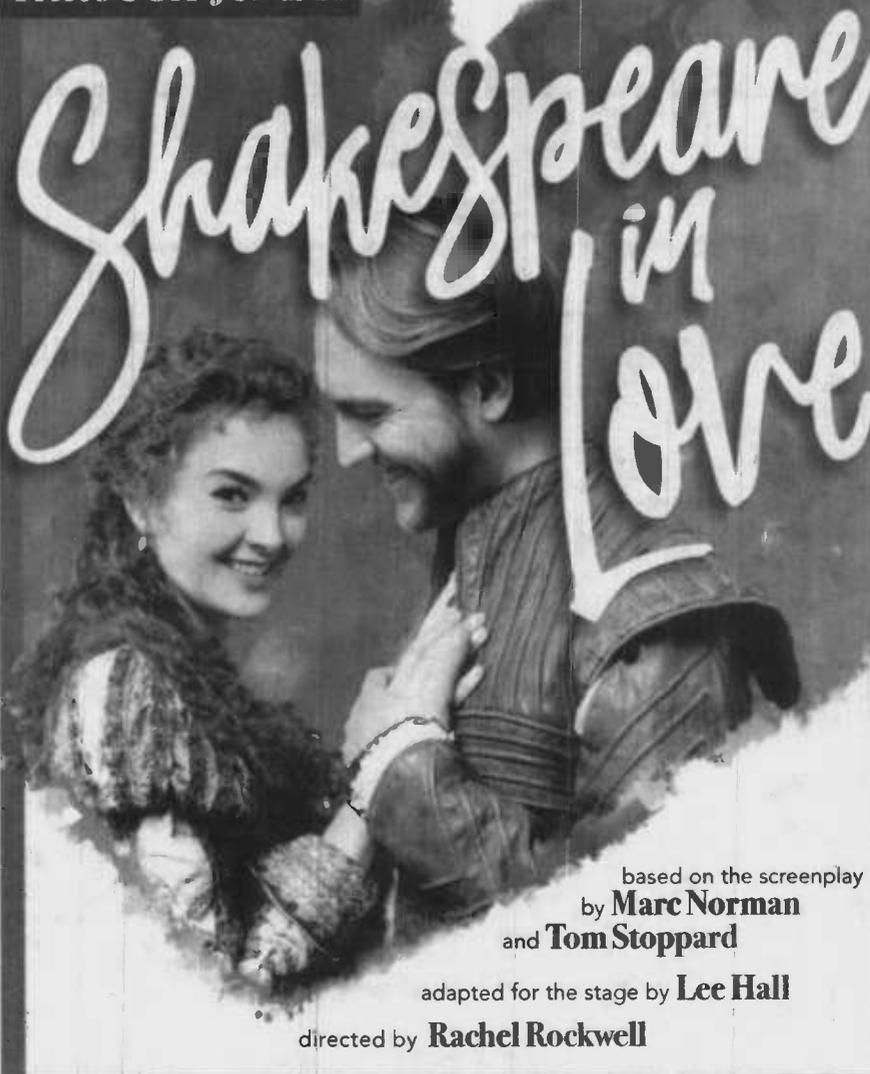
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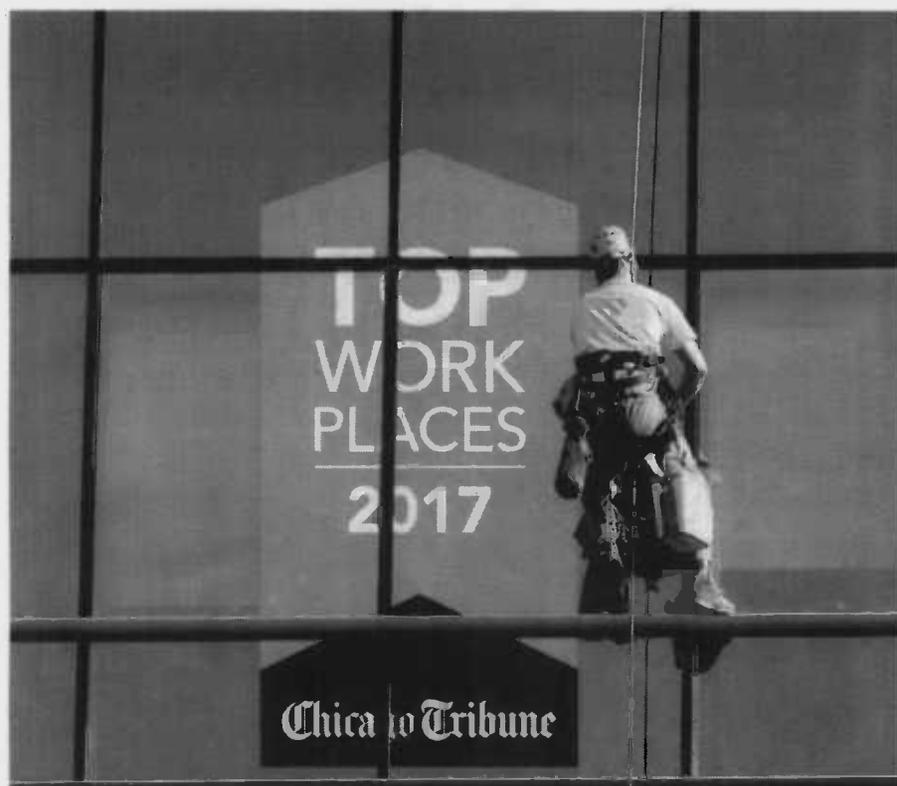
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**Festivals, from Page 23**

11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. July 13, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. July 14 and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. July 15. Music acts include Kashmir (Led Zeppelin tribute band), R. Gang, 7th Heaven, Ginger Road and 16 Candles. Daily free Family Fun Zone events in Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland Ave., include: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Park District Arts & Crafts: Hands on Kid's Activities; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Canopies on Courtland and Blood Drive on Butler Place; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Family Fun Zone presented by Park Ridge Indian Scouts; 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Music in the Park (by D.J. Ronski); 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Nagurski Kiddie Rides. Visit [www.tasteof-parkridge.com](http://www.tasteof-parkridge.com).

**Big Greek Food Fest of Niles**, July 14-16 on the grounds of Holy Taxiarchai and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 Caldwell Ave., Niles. Hours are 5 p.m.-midnight Friday, 3 p.m.-midnight Saturday and Sunday. Featuring authentic Greek food and pastries, children's activities, live music, a Greek taverna, festival dancers and cooking classes. Free admission (free will donation welcome). Free parking, shuttle bus from area parking lots available. Visit [www.biggrekfoodfestof-niles.org](http://www.biggrekfoodfestof-niles.org).

**Lincolnwood Fest**, July 20-23 at Proesel Park, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. The festival includes food, live music and entertainment, carnival rides, children's activities, classic car show, beer and wine garden, business expo and much more. Details, hours and cost TBA. Visit [www.lincolnwoodfest.com](http://www.lincolnwoodfest.com).

**Jeff Fest Arts and Music Festival**, hours TBD, Aug. 4-6, Jefferson Memorial Park, 4822 N. Long Ave. Annual festival features live music on two stages, food, arts and crafts and Kids Zone activities. Music acts include The Buckingham. Visit [www.jefferson-park.net](http://www.jefferson-park.net).



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An expanded Taste of Park Ridge takes place July 13-15.

**Edison Park Fest**, Aug. 18-20, in the area surrounding the Edison Park Metra Station, 6730 N. Olmsted, Chicago. The event includes food, a beer garden, carnival, beverages, dog show, craft fair, basketball clinic, bingo, live music, Family Stage activities and Kids' Play Area. Band schedule and map on website. Admission is free. Visit [www.edisonparkfest.org](http://www.edisonparkfest.org).

**Skokie's Backlot Bash**, Aug. 25-27, in a closed-off, two-block portion of Oakton Street, between Lincoln and Laramie avenues, adjacent to Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St. Hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday. Features hours of live music, a large carnival midway, a 5K Run, Kids' Half Mile Race, classic movies at the historic Skokie Theatre, a children's stage and kid's activities, a classic auto show, bingo, dunk tank, a beer tent, Sunday pancake breakfast, farmers market, food and much more. Main stage music acts include A Flock of Seagulls, Soul Asylum and Tributosaurus becomes R.E.M. Admission is free. Visit [www.backlotbash.com](http://www.backlotbash.com).

**Taste of Polonia Festival**, Sept. 1-4 at Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence, Chicago. Festival hours: 5-10:30 p.m. Friday, noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, noon-10 p.m.

Monday (Labor Day) Admission: before 5 p.m., \$5; after 5 p.m., \$10; kids 12 and under are free. Live music on 4 stages and 30 bands. The fest also includes cultural events, family events, carnival rides, folk dancing, Polish food and beer; casino, bingo, full bar, kids stage and fun zone. Visit [www.copernicuscenter.org](http://www.copernicuscenter.org).

**Des Plaines Fall Fest**, Sept. 15-17, Lake Park, 2200 Lee St., between Howard and Touhy Avenue, Des Plaines. Hours: 6-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, noon-7 p.m. Sunday. Features live musical entertainment, kid zone activities, arts and crafts, kids entertainment, pony rides, carnival rides, open air market, bag tournament, country fair tent, food, beer, wine garden, fishing derby, car show and more. Music lineup TBA. Free admission, free parking. Visit [www.fallfestdesplaines.com](http://www.fallfestdesplaines.com).

**Fall Arts & Crafts Adventure**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 16, Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. This 27th annual event features paintings and photography, artwear, handcrafted candles, glass arts, woodcrafts, jewelry in a variety of mediums and much more from artists and craft artists of American Society of Artists. Free admission. Visit [www.americansocietyof-artists.info](http://www.americansocietyof-artists.info).



PARK RIDGE PARK DISTRICT PHOTO

Families can learn about night time nature during the Backyard Campout at Wildwood Nature Center in Park Ridge June 9-10.

### FAMILY FRIENDLY

## Enjoy a night with nature at Park Ridge campout

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Gather your kids and your camping gear and head to Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge, for a Backyard Campout, 5 p.m. June 9-10 a.m. June 10.

The Backyard Campout is a family event that we run twice a year," said Nature Center Supervisor Jennifer Clauson. "Families come to the Nature Center and pitch their tents and then we help them cook dinner. We have fishing poles out for the kids. At night, we play a movie and eat dessert. Then they sleep in their tents under the stars. The next morning, they cook breakfast. After breakfast, they pack up their tents and head home."

Clauson said this is a great way to introduce children to camping. "It gives an experience of camping with a support system because I'm with them to help them if they have any questions and I bring all the food," Clauson said.

Residents pay \$10 per

person; nonresidents \$16. Registration is required. For details, call 847-692-5127 or see [www.prparks.org](http://www.prparks.org).

### Join the parade

Children ages eight and under are invited to ride a bicycle, tricycle, wagon or scooter in the Lincolnwood Memorial Day Parade, kicking off at 10:20 a.m. May 29 from Cicero and Pratt Aves. They must wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult. The parade will continue to Madeleine's Garden in Proesel Park for an 11 a.m. ceremony.

For details, call 847-677-9740 or see [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).

### Sylver shines

Singer, storyteller and ventriloquist Sandi Sylver will entertain kids and parents, 10:30-11:15 a.m. June 10 at the Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., The Glen, Glenview. Sylver's interactive presentations encourage the love of reading, imagination and

being a good person. Registration begins May 26. For details, see [www.theglentowncenter.com](http://www.theglentowncenter.com).

### Fancy feline footwork

A popular kitty learns some new steps in "Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie." Kids will hear that book by James and Kimberly Dean and do related activities during a special storytime, 11 a.m. May 27 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie.

For details, call 847-676-2230 or see [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

### Special non-delivery

A baby girl is raised by the title birds in "Storks" after her address tag is destroyed and they can't deliver her to her family. The PG-rated movie will be shown at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., 2-4 p.m. May 27. A snack will be served.

For details, call 847-663-1234 or see [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

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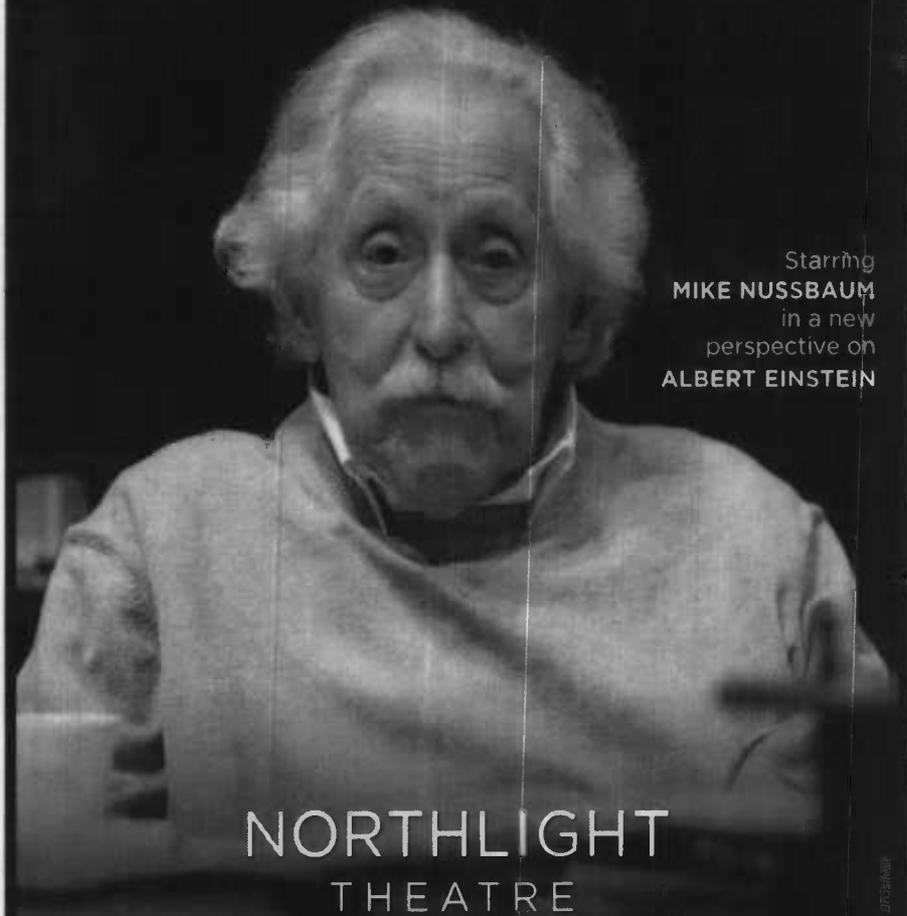
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## Cultural Arts Council works to enrich Park Ridge life

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

The arts are flourishing in Park Ridge thanks in part to the Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council. Since 1997, the organization has provided over \$100,000 in grants and scholarships to Park Ridge arts organizations and artists.

"I'm fundraising all the time, which is the most important part of the job," said Council President Diddy Blyth.

Blyth noted that acquiring funds is the group's biggest accomplishment.

"We don't have a product," she said. "Our product is the enrichment of our youth and our town."

They did, however, have what could be considered a product a few years ago when Blyth, who is a photographer, conceived the idea of creating a desktop calendar to give as a premium for donations.

"On the top of each calendar page was a picture of either a building or an accomplishment of a historic Park Ridge artist because we used to be an art colony," Blyth said.

She wrote a blurb about each of the images.

Since calendars are only usable for one year, they recycled those blurbs and images to create Artists in Park Ridge History notecards. Donate \$20 to the organization and you receive a package of eight notecards.

Another important function of the six-person council is deciding what organizations and individuals will receive the funds they collect. Their website has forms for applying for each of the council's four grant programs.

"We consider not only what they want to do and



PARK RIDGE CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL PHOTO

Eva Nicholson, Maine South senior, violin, Meadowmount School of Music, N.Y.; Kendall Rink, 9th grade, Maine South, drama, Edge of the Woods Theater, Chicago; Dani Rink, Maine South senior, dance, Spectacular Company Nationals Dance Competition; Emily Hansen, Maine South senior, voice, Boston University Summer Theater Intensive; Taylor Truckenbrod, 8th grade, Emerson Middle School, voice, Interlochen Arts Camp, Mich.; Courtney Miller, 7th grade, Carpenter School, drama, Spotlight Youth Theater

the worth to the town but how much we have in the budget," Blyth said.

The Youth Arts Summer Camp Scholarship awards either \$500 or 25 percent of the camp's tuition. This year's recipients, who received their awards at a May 13 event, were Eva Nicholson, Kendall Rink, Dani Rink, Emily Hansen, Taylor Truckenbrod and Courtney Miller. Nathan Munoz, who also received a grant, was unable to attend.

This was the third grant for Dani Rink, a 16-year-old Maine South High School junior, who received \$256 toward participation in the Spectacular Company Nationals Dance Competition.

Dani was selected for the Spectacular Company Nationals through a competition.

"We all come together for a week in Ohio and learn a bunch of dances, and then get costumed and get our makeup done," she said. "Then we put on a big Dance Spectacular show."

Winning the Park Ridge

Cultural Arts Council scholarships "means a lot," Dani said. "It assures me that I'm doing the right thing."

President Blyth is particularly proud of an initiative that she recently created, Art for the Homebound. In association with the Center of Concern, the council brings such arts activities to the homebound as lessons in painting with watercolors, writing memoirs, learning dance steps or having music therapy.

District 64 art teacher Sonja Dziecic and her husband Norm are both board members. She serves as secretary, is heavily involved with the grants and scholarships programs, and manages the website.

Dziecic is proud of how the organization has expanded its reach.

"We've added quite a bit of breadth to the kinds of organizations and age groups that we're trying to reach out to," she said.

More at [www.parkridgearts.org](http://www.parkridgearts.org).

## UNICEF celebrates 10 years of Hope Gala



LEE LITAS  
Social Studies

**The Event:** The 10th annual United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Hope gala drew more than 500 supporters to the Geraghty in Chicago on April 29.

Since 1946, UNICEF has helped to save more children's lives around the world by providing clean water, vaccinations, nutrition, fighting child trafficking and promoting children's safety and education. Ninety cents of every dollar UNICEF receives goes to its children's aid programs.

**Cause Célèbre:** "We are thrilled to see how this event has grown," said Rob Brown of Park Ridge, UNICEF Chicago board chairman and the first Hope Gala chairman, along with his wife and UNICEF committee member and co-chairman of UNICEF USA's Youth activists, Amy Brown.

"Right now there are several major crises going on in the world," explained Brown citing the famine in sub-Saharan Africa currently affecting South Sudan, Nigeria, Somalia and Yemen. Additionally, "The war-torn regions of the Middle East have created a refugee crisis that has rippled throughout the world so much of our focus right now is in those two



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Rob Brown of Park Ridge, from left, UNICEF Chicago board chairman and national board member, Amy Brown of Park Ridge, committee member and co-chairman of UNICEF USA Youth activists, and Theresa and Tom Villano of Park Ridge



John Luce of River Forest, event chairman and Midwest board member, and Caryl Stern of New York, president and CEO of UNICEF USA

areas," explained Brown.

As a trained pediatric psychologist, event chairman and Midwest board member, John Luce of River Forest was drawn to UNICEF because of its focus, "not just on education and poverty but also on child protection and emergency relief — all the things that I believe we should be focused on in terms of helping children get from very vulnerable

kids to self-sustaining and self-sufficient adults."

"Every child has the right to a childhood and in our global communities, your child born in Somalia might someday be your next-door neighbor so we need to love everyone," said Amy Brown.

**Bottom Line:** The event raised more than \$1 million for UNICEF. For more, go to [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org).

### Share your event

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**HIGHLAND PARK**

Located in Downtown Ravinia across from park and tennis courts. Home was remodeled in the last two years with updates including new kitchen with granite counters and stainless appliances. Living room has hardwood floor and wood-burning fireplace. Updated half bath. Second floor has three bedrooms. Full basement and one-car attached garage. AC, Furnace, hot water heater, windows and doors are all new. Tenant occupied-please give notice.

**Address:** 522 Burton Ave.  
**Price:** \$425,000  
**Schools:** Highland Park High School  
**Taxes:** \$8,492  
**Agent:** Karen Poteshman Skurie/Baird & Warner Highland Park



**BUFFALO GROVE**

Home in Highland Grove subdivision is recently remodeled and move-in ready. Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen with stainless appliances. Backyard has two-tier deck with entrances on both levels of the home. Master suite has walk-in closet. Finished basement has full bath, sauna and bar. Short walk from Tripp Elementary and four playgrounds.

**Address:** 5 W. Fox Hill Drive  
**Price:** \$479,900  
**Schools:** Stevenson High School  
**Taxes:** \$12,139  
**Agent:** Val Napadov/RE/MAX Villager



**SKOKIE**

Mid-century modern design home has 2-story addition from 2008. Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Family room features wet bar and opens onto patio. Dual HVAC system for maximum efficiency. Hardwood floors under carpet in living room and first-floor bedroom. Newer stainless steel appliances and new range hood in kitchen. Recent tuckpointing. Flood control in finished basement. Move-in ready.

**Address:** 5020 Wright Terrace  
**Price:** \$429,000  
**Schools:** Niles West High School  
**Taxes:** \$10,289  
**Agent:** Michael Click/Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff Realty Group



**LIBERTYVILLE**

Ranch-style home positioned on tree-lined cul-de-sac. Large windows, living and dining room combo opens to kitchen and family room. Three bedrooms share two bathrooms, with additional bedroom/office and full bathroom on lower level. Hardwood floors throughout the bedrooms. Two-car attached garage, screened gazebo, gardens surrounding home.

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2111 Larkdale Dr, Glenview	Brian Haman & Tamaraa Tarazi	Philip C Gersdorf	04-21-17	\$527,500
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2106 Shermer Rd, Glenview	Jeffrey S Leiser & Dolores M Leiser	Development Solutions Gin Llc	04-24-17	\$645,500
1912 Patriot Blvd, Glenview	Steven Ignarski & Laura Ignarski	Guilherme F Silva	04-21-17	\$675,000
2718 Summit Dr, Glenview	Tham Chaiket & Long Dang	Panagiotis Gountanis	04-24-17	\$700,000
2235 Cottonwood Dr, Glenview	Coriann C Bauer & Brian S Smith	Jeffrey Bottcher	04-21-17	\$935,500
920 Burns Ave, Lake Bluff	Jeff Urso	Chufu Wan	04-11-17	\$126,000
12583 Meadow Cir, Lake Bluff	Yuming Chen	Lianjie Chen	04-11-17	\$420,000
1174 Lexington Ln, Lake Zurich	John T Oconnell Iv & Kelli Oconnell	Janelle S Krennerch	04-11-17	\$266,000
745 Waterford Ct, Lake Zurich	Valerie Schultz	Matthew B Crawford	04-13-17	\$336,000
138 W Golf Rd, # C, Libertyville	Mark Okey	Lucas Guarnaccio	04-11-17	\$188,000
606 E Rockland Rd, Libertyville	Tiffany Campbell & Ashley D Campbell	Arvinder Singh	04-10-17	\$234,000
721 Ascot Ct, Libertyville	Zulay A Flores Gallardo & Luis A Davila Rodriguez	Jorge Gallardo	04-11-17	\$320,000
1207 Emerson Ln, Libertyville	Bernhard P Schatz & Carole J Schatz	Ccn Inc	04-13-17	\$340,000
5404 River Park Dr, Libertyville	Emily Marie Vestal & Sean Vestal	Brozenec Trust	04-11-17	\$530,000
8109 Boulder Ct, Long Grove	Brad Way & Holly Church	Luke W Sauter	04-10-17	\$456,000
6737 Estate Ln, Long Grove	Robert Deignan & Agatha Deignan	Riebandt Trust	04-10-17	\$460,000
6147 Lincoln Ave, # F, Morton Grove	Daesun Park	Janice E Glure	03-27-17	\$241,500
8937 Natoma Ave, Morton Grove	Zakaria M Rasheed & Zenah Alshamary	Mary Thomas Alunkal	03-28-17	\$328,000
8812 Orleole Ave, Morton Grove	Miguel A Garcia & Jeanne Emerald S Tanos	Deborah Kowalski Peteres	04-24-17	\$330,000
625 W Huntington Commons Rd, # 416, Mount Prospect	Hasan Grosie	John Valenti	04-21-17	\$86,000
14 S Mount Prospect Rd, Mount Prospect	Kimberly M Richards & Eric L Richards	Jane Ameer	03-28-17	\$260,000
319 S Main St, Mount Prospect	Anthony Dister & Lisa Dister	Bernard H Todesco	03-28-17	\$286,000
11 N Ridge Ave, Mount Prospect	Paul W Hoefert & Linda N Hoefert	Durand D Drumtra	04-24-17	\$298,000
214 S Louis St, Mount Prospect	Brian P Lebeau & Kari Lynn Lebeau	Scott E Tittle	04-21-17	\$349,000
314 S Hi Lusi Ave, Mount Prospect	Christopher B Nlevera & Carly O Nlevera	James Roberts	03-27-17	\$397,000
9128 W Terrace Dr, # 4L, Niles	Damian Korzeniewski	Vaicekoniene Trust	04-21-17	\$100,000
8150 W Greendale Ave, Niles	Terrence J Mcconville & Luann N Mcconville	Deborah A Healey	04-21-17	\$285,000
7035 W Seward St, Niles	Slobodanka Trkulja & Lubomir Trkulja	Vincent B Yarmoska	03-27-17	\$300,000
3070 Pheasant Creek Dr, # 301, Northbrook	Anna Nayman & Emma Tseltilin	Antonio G De Guzman	03-28-17	\$235,000
3758 Russett Ln, Northbrook	Bradley Delaney & Tina Malj	John C Fay	04-21-17	\$452,000
1931 Butternut Ln, Northbrook	Michael Greenspan & Laura Greenspan	Weekley Homes Llc	03-28-17	\$1,125,000
1 Renalssance Pl, # 316, Palatine	Kelly M Fagan	Anastasia Elkna	04-21-17	\$91,500
1941 N Hicks Rd, # 201, Palatine	Denis Keserovic	Jennifer Rinkor	03-27-17	\$130,000
1167 E Greenbriar Ln, Palatine	Johannes Reinhart Lombard	New Rentals Llc	03-28-17	\$130,000
1 Renaissance Pl, # 117, Palatine	Donald Hill & Yingjie Dong	Brett Ehlers	03-28-17	\$132,500
404 S Dee Rd, Park Ridge	Donald Metter & Janet Metter	Matteo Ladogario	03-27-17	\$255,000
634 Sylviawood Ave, Park Ridge	Anthony C Cimilluca	Hubert Ng	04-24-17	\$283,000
326 N Seminary Ave, Park Ridge	Lukas Trawleki & Alina Kostelny	Herald Q Metcalf	03-28-17	\$300,000
904 N Knight Ave, Park Ridge	Brett T Albright	William Truty	04-24-17	\$322,000
1044 N Cumberland Ave, Park Ridge	Serhly Polovanko & Natallia Polovanko	John R Sasser	03-28-17	\$365,000
828 East Ave, Park Ridge	Yelena Sokolova	Nationstar Mortgage Llc	04-21-17	\$390,000
1767 Park Ridge Pt, Park Ridge	Zlatan D Buyukliev & Pavlina G Byulbyuleva	Nancy A Kawakami	04-21-17	\$420,000
500 Belleplaine Ave, Park Ridge	Tohasz Kozlowski	Pernicario Trust	04-24-17	\$465,000

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## Thursday, May 25

**An Evening of Comedy and Music with Debbie Sue Goodman:** Skokie resident Debbie Sue performs "An Evening of Comedy and Music." Debbie Sue is a comedian and an author of the books "My Husband the Stranger," "Still Single" and "Still Dating." 7:30 p.m. Thursday, The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 224-616-3062

**Power Edge Employment Workshop:** Registration required. Employment coaches from Illinois WorkNet will discuss resumes and cover letters, online job applications, and interviewing to help you in your job search. For more information about Illinois WorkNet call 847-448-8647 or go to [www.illinoisworknet.com](http://www.illinoisworknet.com). 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Between the Lines: "All the Light We Cannot See":** This book discussion is held at two different times. No registration is required and new members are warmly welcome! Book synopsis: Set during World War II Europe, the story alternates parallel stories of Werner and Marie-Laure and the story as their paths cross. (NovelList Plus). 10 a.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

**Podcasting Meetup:** If you are interested in podcasting, whether you're an expert or an amateur, come join this podcasting discussion group. Meets the last Thursday of every month to share ideas and advice. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**CinemaSpeak Film Discussion:** Watch at home. Talk at the Library. Join this film discussion group as they talk about the film "Everything is Illuminated." 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, North-

brook, free, 847-272-6224

**"Relativity":** 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$30-\$81, 847-673-6300

**Introduction to Jewish Genealogy:** Discover what is unique about Jewish genealogy, what information to look for and how to get started. This is presented by Mike Karsen, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the author of the JewishGen website "Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland." 7 p.m. Thursday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-6935

## Friday, May 26

**"High School Musical":** When hoops star Troy and brainy Gabriella decide to audition for the Spring Musicale, they turn their world — and their high school — upside down! Facing resistance from all sides, they learn to follow their dreams by being true to themselves. An overnight sensation that rejuvenated the high school musical genre, this show features fun tunes, incredible dance moves and a message about friendship and not being afraid to challenge the status quo. 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, \$11-\$16, 847-516-2298

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

**Chicago Veterans Ruck March:** Last year over 1,200 veterans, family members and supporters, laced up their boots and strapped on their backpacks to Ruck 22 miles to honor and remember those who have been lost at home and on the battlefield. All money raised through fundraising is donated to Chicago Veterans, a non-profit organization. 8 a.m. Friday, Veterans Memorial Park, 299 Park Ave., Glencoe, donations are accepted, 312-450-3160

**The State of the State: Israel at 69:**

Take a step back from the daily headlines and join Moshe Pomerantz in looking at the big picture. What is the state of Israel at its 69th birthday? He takes a closer look at Israel's democratic processes, the state of its culture, progress in technology and science, the social fabric of Israeli society, and a review of the changes in the "neighborhood." 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 member; \$13 non-member, 847-784-6030

## Saturday, May 27

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

**Wagner Farm Sweets and Treats Preseason Hours:** Step back in time and cool off with sweet treats all summer long. There are hand-dipped cones, sundaes, floats and shakes made with Homer's Ice Cream. For more information, call. 11 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, various, 847-724-5670

**PSAT or SAT Practice Test — Grades 9-12:** C2 Education facilitates practice tests for either the PSAT or SAT. Gain experience with these tests, now a standard for Illinois college testing. Students may choose which test to take. Bring pencils and a calculator. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or by calling. Noon Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Roosevelt Pool Preseason Hours:** Hours are: 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday through Monday, May 27-29. Flick Pool and Roosevelt Pool will be open daily beginning June 11. For more information, call. 11:30 a.m. Saturday-Monday, Roosevelt Aquatic Center, 2239 Fir St., Glenview, various, 847-724-5670.

**Park Ridge Farmers Market:** This weekly Park Ridge Farmers Market features fresh produce, bread, meat and prepared goods. The market offers SNAP/LINK Double Match this year. For each dollar deducted from your Link card at the market, you receive up to \$20 in matching funds per customer per day. For example, if you deduct \$20

from your Link card, you receive 40 Link tokens (20+20). 7 a.m. Saturdays, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-212-9994

**Campfire Cookout:** This is a chance to make lunch over a campfire using a variety of outdoor cooking techniques. All food and equipment is provided for a three-course meal. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. There is no charge for children under 3 years, but fees apply per person. 11 a.m. Saturday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$10 Skokie resident, \$13 non-resident, 847-677-7001

**Nature Fun and Frolic — Saturdays:** This is for age 2 with a parent for weekly classes that introduce toddlers to different plants, animals and natural elements, while singing songs, playing games, reading books, and exploring nature in many different ways. Class takes place primarily outdoors, weather permitting. 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$84 Skokie resident, \$105 non-resident, 847-677-7001

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

**Northfield Farmers Market:** You will find fresh-picked fruits and vegetables, beautiful blooming plants, shrubs, cut flowers, cheeses, a variety of delicious baked goods, wonderful specialty foods and unique items. 7:30 a.m. Saturdays, Northfield Farmers' Market, 6 Happ Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4451

## Sunday, May 28

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

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

**Rockin' In the Park 2017:** MB Financial Park at Rosemont celebrates the summer season with the return of the "Rockin' in the Park" free weekly summer concert series. The event features the music of classic cover bands, food

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and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after every show. MB Financial Park celebrates the Fourth of July with an added concert July 4. 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. June 1, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

**Nature Warblers:** This is for ages 2-4 with a parent to learn about animals and the outdoors through music, movement and motion. Craft a musical instrument each week, and learn how to keep a beat. Classes are primarily outdoors, weather permitting. Classes run weekly. 10 a.m. Sundays, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$74 Skokie resident, \$93 non-resident, 847-677-7001

**Guided Bird Walks at Gillson Park every Sunday in May:** Join us to look for colorful warblers and other migrating birds that use the lakefront to rest and eat on their way north. Guided bird walks will begin at the corner of Lake and Michigan Avenues. 8 a.m. Sunday, Gillson Park, Lake Avenue & Michigan Avenue, Wilmette, free, 847-256-9656

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

## Monday, May 29

**Lincolnwood Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony:** The parade starts at the corner of Cicero and Pratt Avenues at approximately 10:20 a.m. and then travels east on Pratt Avenue ending in Proesel Park at Madeleine's Garden. Following the parade, a ceremony takes place in Madeleine's Garden at approximately 11 a.m. New to the parade this year, children ages 8 and under are invited to decorate their bikes and ride in the parade. 10:20 a.m. Monday, Start of Lincolnwood Memorial Day Parade, 6755 N Cicero Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-9740

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

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers:** This is a six-week educational series designed to provide you — the caregiver — with the tools you need to take care of yourself while caring for a loved one.

1:30 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 7900 N Milwaukee Ave #2, Niles, free, 847-784-6041

**Hadley Teen Board Dog Wash:** The Teen Board of Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired is hosting a dog wash and bake sale fundraising event. Get your pup washed and then show him/her off at the Memorial Day Parade. Enjoy a treat from the bake sale while you wait. 9:30 a.m. Monday, Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 700 Elm St., Winnetka, \$10 small dogs; \$12 medium dogs; \$15 large dogs

## Tuesday, May 30

**Tuesday Morning Music:** Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances on Tuesday mornings in the McGinley Pavilion overlooking Evening Island. Music varies from string quartets to Native American flutes, and are focused toward an older crowd. After the concert, visitors can board a 25-minute narrated tour on the Bright Encounters Tour, a close-up view of the gardens on the main island, or the Grand Tram Tour, an overview of the Garden's history and highlights. Tram tickets may be purchased in the Heritage Garden or any ticket location. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

**Excel 2010 Basics:** This is for beginners to discover the Excel spreadsheet layout, data input, and basics for writing formulas. This is limited to 12 participants. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Glenview Children's Theatre Spring Play:** Both on the same day, but at 5:15 p.m., Broadway Juniors and 7:15 p.m., Broadway Stars at Park Center Lakeview Room. The Glenview Children's Theatre and Skyline Studios presents its Spring musical performance of "Music Man Jr." featuring Broadway Juniors and Stars students. Tickets are \$6 for each show and are available at the door 30 minutes prior to show time. 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$6, 847-724-5670

**Movies, Munchies and More — "The Great Gilly Hopkins":** This PG rated film is about 12 year old, wisecracking Gilly Hopkins, who finds herself shuffled from foster home to foster home. She ultimately meets a kindhearted woman whose endless loving care is all that Gilly needs. Cast includes Sophie Nelisse, Kathy Bates, Glenn Close. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public

Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Pajama Stories for Families:** Put on your coziest pajamas and join in for a half hour of stories and fun! 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Maker Meetup:** This is for makers/DIYers who want to share their project, skills, or just get some advice. Join in on the last Tuesday of every month to share your latest low- and hi-tech projects. Every month they'll do a very brief intro on a piece of technology or project, followed by at least one hour of time to meet and share. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**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 South Washington St., Park Ridge, \$25, 847-692-6767

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

## Wednesday, May 31

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

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

**Chess Club:** Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a begin-

ner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome at this weekly Chess Club! Chess sets and clocks provided. No registration is required. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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

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

**The Presidency of Bill Clinton:** It has been over 16 years since Bill Clinton left the White House. Professor Gary Midkiff examines Clinton's two terms as President - the good, the bad, and the ugly. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 member; \$25 non-member, 847-784-6030

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

## Thursday, June 1

**BookBites: Reading Social:** Just drop in to discuss "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George. The story is about Jean Perdu, the owner of the Literary Apothecary, a floating bookshop. This event is co-sponsored by the Niles Public Library. Visit [book.com/miles/glenview/bookbites](http://book.com/miles/glenview/bookbites) for details. 7 p.m. June 1, Hackney's Glenview, 1514 E. Lake Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-7171

**Sign up for Glenview Chamber's Summer Fest 2017:** Vendors or organizations throughout the region are welcome to sign up now. Spaces are

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allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, with the deadline for sign-ups on June 1. A limited number of spaces are available for the sale of food and beverages. The fest is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24. To register, go to the chamber site at [www.glenviewchamber.com](http://www.glenviewchamber.com). Click on Calendar, and go to June 24, where you'll find the Fest listed. Click on Fest. 9 a.m. June 1, Glenview Chamber of Commerce, 2222 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, see chamber site, 847-724-0900

**Morning Matinee Film – “Rules Don’t Apply”:** “Rules Don’t Apply” is a PG-13 rated film about the unconventional love story of an aspiring actress, her determined driver, and their boss, an eccentric billionaire named Howard Hughes. 10:30 a.m. June 1, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

**Introduction to Microsoft One-Drive:** Registration is required for this hands-on workshop. Learn about this free online cloud storage and how to access free versions of Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Registration limited to six. The prerequisite: Must be experienced and comfortable with computer, keyboard and mouse. 7 p.m. June 1, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Jazz Blues Salon Concert to feature Gerry Hundt:** Gerry Hundt is a wonderkind of a blues and old-timey music. Sprouting stringed instruments, rack attachments and foot devices while bursting into a set of hot ragtime blues Hundt is not to be missed. 7 p.m. June 1, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**From the Gilded Age to the Progressive Era in America:** The Gilded Age was marked by extraordinary technological advances. It led to the emergence of the titans, men like Carnegie, Rockefeller and Morgan. The darker side — the immense power of robber barons, the struggles of the working class and capital-labor violence — led in time to growing support for economic, social and political reform. The Progressive Era was born. 10 a.m. June 1, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$45 member; \$55 non-member, 847-784-6030

**“American in Paris” and “Bridges of Madison County”:** “An American in Paris” was one of the most popular musicals of all time. This story was hailed by Broadway critics as a brilliant production. “The Bridges of Madison County” had a short life on Broadway despite very positive reviews. This special show is coming to Chicago for a

limited engagement. 1 p.m. June 1, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 member; \$15 non-member, 847-784-6030

**Pinterest, Instagram and Snapchat:** Everyone loves sharing photos and videos, so it makes sense that Pinterest, Instagram, and Snapchat have become three of the most popular social networks. Find out what these social media sites are about and how to get started using them. 10 a.m. June 1, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 member; \$25 non-member, 847-784-6030

## Friday, June 2

**Drop-In Chess Club – up to grade 8:** Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 7 p.m. June 2, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Sammy Davis Jr. – The World’s Greatest Entertainer:** Dancer, singer, comedian, impressionist, musician and actor are just a few of the many talents Sammy Davis Jr. has performed with world class skill. Lecturer Hy Speck presents some of the greatest moments in Sammy’s 60-year career. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or by calling. 1 p.m. June 2, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Friday Film – “Hidden Figures”:** “Hidden Figures” is the PG-rated film about the true story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. 1 p.m. June 2, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

**Silver Screen Series: “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”:** The 1966 film “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” is about a burned-out professor and his volatile wife. They battle it out in front of, and eventually with, their unsuspecting, mild-mannered dinner guests. Cast includes Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton and is not rated. 2 p.m. June 2, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Shabbat B’Yachad and Dinner:** The dinner is at 6 p.m. and service is at 6:45 p.m. This is a family-friendly, interactive, high-energy service that includes singing, dancing, music-making, stories and time for parents and children to socialize at the dessert onege after the service. Cost for immediate family is \$25 (in-

cludes dinner, service is no charge). RSVP for dinner. 6 p.m. June 2, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$25 per family dinner, 847-498-5352

**Shabbat with a Twist:** Shabbat with a Twist takes place June 2 and 16 for families with children up to Pre-K. Join with the clergy for challah-making, stories, songs and other fun projects. The children twist their own challah with the dough provided and take it home to bake. Open to the community — free of charge. Call 847-498-5352 with questions. 11 a.m. June 2, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

**Movies, Theaters, Museums, and More: Let’s Talk:** Enjoy an informal monthly conversation about the arts and culture in and around Chicagoland. Share your interests, experience, and knowledge about what’s happening. And listen to what others have to say about theater, music, dance, museums and more. Vivian Mitchel moderates the discussion as you discuss the cultural scene in the Chicago area. 1 p.m. June 2, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6030

**The Creation of “My Fair Lady”:** Celebrate this universally beloved show, often called the greatest musical of all time, by following the long journey from its beginnings as Shaw’s 1912 play “Pygmalion” and then as a popular 1938 film. Learn how Lerner and Loewe managed to fashion this difficult material into such a stunning musical theatre triumph. 10 a.m. June 2, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 member; \$15 non-member, 847-784-6030

**The European Refugee Crisis: Problems and Prospects:** The influx of millions of refugees into various Western and Central European countries in the last two years has transformed the face of European politics. Peter Hudis examines the roots of this phenomenon, how it has altered the political situation and what prospects exist for integrating those fleeing war, oppression and poverty into European society. 1 p.m. June 2, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 member; \$13 non-member, 847-784-6030

**Skokie School District 73.5 Early Childhood Screening:** Elizabeth Meyer School offers free early childhood screening for eligibility in the preschool grant program. Only residents of Skokie School District 73.5 are eligible for this program and children must be screened either age three or four by Sept. 1, 2017. Appointment are required by calling to

schedule. 8:30 a.m. June 2, Elizabeth Meyer School, 8100 Tripp Ave., Skokie, free, 847-673-1223

## Saturday, June 3

**Polyglots Toastmasters meeting:** Polyglots is the only Toastmasters International Club in the United States that conducts its meetings in German. If you speak German or want to keep it fresh or improve it, visit this club. This is not a language school, but a place where you can speak and listen to German and, above all, have a good time with those at all levels and ages! 9:30 a.m. June 3, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

**Backyard Botanicals Sale with Native Plants:** This is an annual perennial sale with an expanded selection of native plants from Midwest Ground Covers and more. Take advantage of the tool sharpening service from 10 a.m.-noon. Sponsored by Evanston’s Highland Garden Club. Dollars raised support community projects. 9 a.m. June 3, Independence Park, 2000 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-677-6259

**Leonard Bernstein’s “Candide”:** This is for ages 12 and older. Take Voltaire’s timeless satire on the follies and foibles of the human race, add a score by Leonard Bernstein of “West Side Story” and “Wonderful Town” and you get “Candide” — a madcap circus of a show. Indulge in “Glitter and Be Gay,” “Make Our Garden Grow,” the famous Candide overture and other musical gems. Tickets start at \$34, half price for 25 and under. 8 p.m. June 3 and 2 p.m. June 4, Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston, \$34 and up; half price for 25 and under, 847-920-5354

**Hosta Leaf Display and Plant Sale:** The Northern Illinois Hosta Society or NIHS presents a display and plant sale. on two days. Growers will also have garden-ready plants for sale. NIHS Members provide an exhibit of perfect leaves from hundreds of different hosta varieties to acquaint the public with the diversity of America’s favorite perennial. While this event is open to the public, the Chicago Botanic Garden requires an entrance fee upon entry for non-CBG members. 10 a.m. June 3 and 10 a.m. June 4, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, entrance fee for non-CBG members, 847-835-5440

**Cold-Blooded Creatures: Live Animal Show:** Focusing on conservation and safety, reptile expert Jimi Nesci leads a thrilling expedition into the world of these often misunderstood animals. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register)

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ter or call. 1:30 p.m. June 3, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Wright-Way Rescue Kitten Shower:**

Join Wright-Way Rescue as they have many kittens and adult cats looking for forever homes. Help support their efforts to rescue and adopt out hundreds of cats and kittens in 2017. They have nearly 50 kittens in the nursery ready to meet guests. Visit their Amazon Wish List: <http://amzn.to/1EW7B3w/>. Donation requests: paper towels, unscented clumping cat litter, Royal Canin Baby Food, wet canned food, kitten milk replacement and dry kitten and cat foods. 11 a.m. June 3, Wright-Way Rescue, 5915 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-728-5434

**Louise Harrison: A Speaking Event:**

Registration is required and is open until Friday, June 2. Morton Grove residents have priority registration. Register by calling the Info Desk at 847-929-5101. In this interview-style event, Ms. Harrison, author of "My Kid Brother's Band," (a.k.a. the Beatles), goes through her brother's, her mother's and her own personal experience of the Beatles' rise to fame. 2 p.m. June 3, Morton Grove

Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Event:**

Sign up for the library's annual Summer Reading program and enjoy performances, crafts, and more. Jim Kendros performs "Rare Strings and Piano Keys" for adults and Jim Gill performs a special concert for families. 11 a.m. June 3, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**GBN Bands Concert in the Park:**

Come to the Village Green to enjoy a concert featuring Glenbrook North's bands and choirs. Bring your chairs or blankets and help support the Band Parents' Organization by buying snacks at our concession booth. 12:30 p.m. June 3, Village Green Park, 1320 Shermer Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6400

**Enrique Inglesias & Pitbull:**

7:30 p.m. June 3, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$112+, 847-635-6601

**Sunday, June 4**

**On the Town:** The Northshore Concert Band concludes its 61st season with the jazz influence of Leonard Bernstein's

"On the Town," complementing the folk tunes of H. Owen Reed's monumental "La Fiesta Mexicana." Don't miss this exhilarating celebration of the human spirit. 3 p.m. June 4, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$10-\$20, 847-432-2263

**Step It Up 5K:**

This is a fun-filled 5K or 1K family walk/run to benefit Hadassah Medical Organization's Melanoma Research and Treatment. Step It Up for Melanoma on June 4, because they've got you covered. Costs: \$36 adult; \$18 young adults, 13-17; free, children 12 and younger. 9 a.m. June 4, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$0-\$36, 847-205-1900.

**"Loving":**

The film "Loving," rated PG-13, celebrates the real-life courage and commitment of an interracial couple, who married and then spent the next nine years fighting for the right to live as a family in their hometown. Just drop in. 1:30 p.m. June 4, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Story Walk: "Rosie Revere, Engineer":**

Welcome back to the Storybook Trail in Little Bear Garden at Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd. Stroll, bounce,

hop, or better yet, bike along the path to read Andrea Beaty's "Rosie Revere, Engineer." This story is a celebration of imagination, creative thinkers, and the people who support them. 9 a.m. June 4, Little Bear Garden Park, Patriot Blvd & Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free

**New York Philharmonic: Show Boat In Concert:**

This performance, Lincoln Center Screening: New York Philharmonic: Show Boat in Concert, was recorded live and originally broadcast on Oct. 16, 2015 with Vanessa Williams, Julian Ovenden, Norm Lewis, Jane Alexander, Fred Willard and Lauren Worsham. 2 p.m. June 4, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Susan Merdinger: Solo Recital:**

Susan Merdinger performs Mozart's "Concerto No. 21" with a 19th century transcription of the orchestral part for string quintet by Ignaz Lachner, with members of the Highland Park Strings. 2 p.m. June 4, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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## MOVIES

### NOW PLAYING



#### "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" ★★ 1/2

PG-13, 2:18, action/adventure

A summer surprise back in 2014, "Guardians of the Galaxy" had, as they said in the old days, plenty of pep and, for once, a lot of jokes. For the sequel, James Gunn has returned as director and writer. Let's be honest: This one's a step down from the original. The testy banter between Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) and Gamora (Zoe Saldana) comes with a here-we-go-again quality. Also, that ending! The universe is about to be destroyed, again.

Two guys are beating the spit out of each other for minutes on end, again. I double-dare Gunn to get the third "Galaxy" picture down to the two-hour mark or less. — *Michael Phillips*



#### "Snatched" ★★

R, 1:37, comedy

"Snatched" is Amy Schumer's second big movie and co-stars Goldie Hawn in her first major screen role since "The Banger Sisters" 15 years ago. Mother. Daughter. Kidnapped by Ecuadorian ransom-seekers while on vacation. They get stuffed in a car trunk; they harpoon a bad guy; they dance; they learn to take it easy on each other. The film, more about victimhood than women running their own show, is funny here and there,

but in ways that make the bulk of the formulaic material all the more frustrating. — *M.P.*



#### "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword" ★ 1/2

PG-13, 2:06, action/adventure

Director Guy Ritchie's soccer hooligan edition of King Arthur stars Charlie Hunnam as the rightful heir to the throne stolen by Jude Law's ruthless Vortigern. Arthur yanks Excalibur out of the stone, but he's not ready for the murderous yet righteous force of it. He must grow into his destiny and the killing machine he hath pluck'd from its craggy resting place. Elsewhere in "King Arthur," there are enormous snakes, ridiculously oversized elephants and a general "Lord of the Rings"/"Game of Thrones" air of anything's possible.

The movie is a grim and stupid thing, from one of the world's most successful mediocre filmmakers. — *M.P.*



#### "The Fate of the Furious" ★★

PG-13, 2:16, action/adventure

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

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



#### "The Boss Baby" ★★ 1/2

PG, 1:37, animated

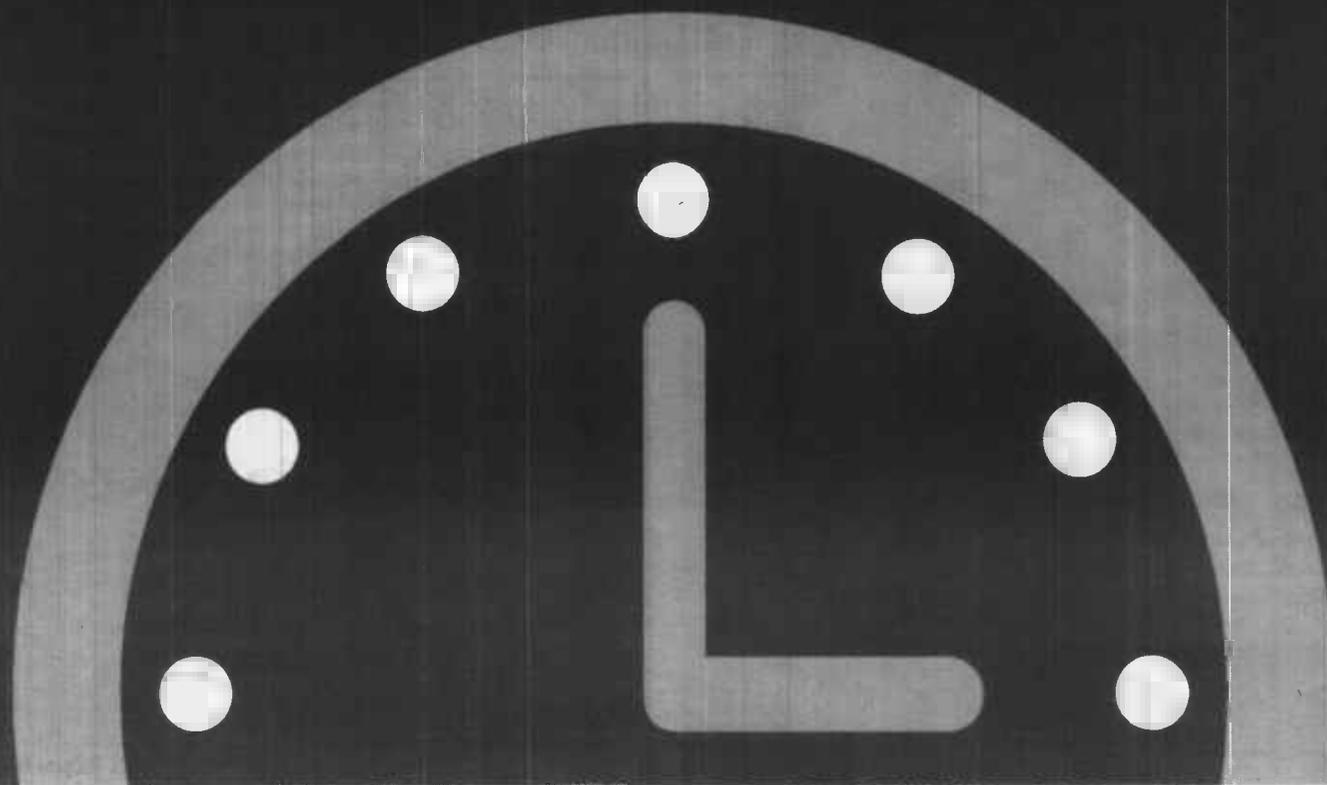
"The Boss Baby" derives its premise from the notion that when new babies arrive in the household, they render parents into slavishly devoted employees with their demands and fits. Babies are like bosses, but more satirically, bosses are like babies, right? That metaphor is explored in Maria Frazee's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

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# EV power for the people

Bolt could get mainstream to try electric

By **ROBERT DUFFER**  
Chicago Tribune

People called it cool, cute, quick. The most talked-about feature was the 10.2-inch touch screen; the most divisive the plastic black-on-white dashboard design.

But the comments that best summed up reactions to the evolutionary Chevy Bolt EV came from very different sources: an 11-year-old boy and a 75-year-old retiree.

"Global warming won't be such an issue if people drive these," the boy said.

"This is the car of the future right now," his grandfather said, separately. Then he floored it.

In this everyone agreed: The Bolt is fun to drive. It is also the most significant car on the market.

There are no gear shifts to interrupt its linear acceleration, enabling it to hit 60 mph in 6.5 smooth seconds, fast enough for a modest stomach drop.

The Bolt EV is not a sports car; the 17-inch wheels are too thin, and the suspension and steering too soft. It's not a Tesla, either, because it costs nearly a third less. With the \$7,500 federal tax credit for the new purchase of all-electric vehicles, for now, the Bolt EV starts \$5 under \$30,000.

It lasts long enough to overcome range anxiety, is much larger on the inside than its small footprint and employs the most advanced technology available at a price less than the average car. With the Bolt, EVs are no longer limited-use tree-hugging compromises. Like Tesla, it is simply a good car. But affordable.

But let's not skip over the fun part. The 60 kWh lith-



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The Chevy Bolt EV has a 238-mile range, yet costs less than the average car and employs the most advanced technology.

ium-ion battery pack provides 266 pound-feet of torque, in the same range as many affordable sports cars.

It's no sports car and it's not a Tesla. Even when Tesla later this year rolls out the Model 3, on which most consumers are expected to spend about \$50,000, the Bolt EV will stand on its own as an overall good car, regardless of power source. It's versatile like a hatch, nimble as a compact, roomy as a small crossover.

The Bolt EV looks and acts like a normal car except for one game-changing feature: It can go 238 miles between charges. That's enough for most round-trip commutes, even enough for many modest road trips. While GM doesn't have the supercharging infrastructure that enables coast-to-coast travel for Tesla owners, the highway charging infrastructure is growing.

Closer to home, most EV owners should opt to install a Level 2 charging station in their garage or building, which delivers 25 miles of

range per hour of charge. Chevrolet offers one for \$699 and will recommend area electricians for installation.

The kids enjoyed "filling up" the car by plugging in the Bolt EV in our standard garage 120-volt outlet (Level 1), which gets only 4 miles of range per hour of charge. The Bolt, by the way, draws as much current as a laptop when charging.

Here's the thing: It didn't matter. We didn't plug the car in for the first two nights, and after driving 45 miles starting from a 190-mile starting point, the Bolt EV still had 160 miles of range remaining.

What dark sorcery is this? Bad math? Was the gauge broken? Was there a glitch in the matrix?

No. We were driving in "L" mode and optimizing one-pedal driving. One-pedal driving enables the regenerative braking system. Shifting the "gear" selector, which Chevy calls "electronic precision shifter" because there are no

gears, from "D" to "L" means that it'll no longer coast like a normal car. Let off the accelerator in "L," and the car shrugs into a heavy sort of slow down, like other plug-in cars with this feature. The car will come to a stop on its own. So instead of coasting and burning up that kinetic energy with brakes, the regen system captures the energy and delivers it to the batteries.

There is a brake pedal, of course, to be used while playing your Journey cassette tape or, more seriously, in emergency situations. There is also a brake paddle on the underside of the steering wheel, same as in the Chevy Volt and Cadillac ELR, GM's plug-in hybrids. The paddle brake returns energy in the same manner as "L" mode, though the effect is less pronounced in speeds over 20 mph. For any hard braking, we used the foot brake. But coasting into most stops, even slowing down for a turn in "D" mode, we used the paddle.

The only time we didn't use the paddle brake was at highway speeds, though it's ideal in stop-and-go traffic. Chevy estimates that using the regen system, either in "L" mode or with the paddle brake, recaptures 5 to 7 percent of the energy used in stop-and-go commuting.

It took us about two minutes to understand how to use it, and a few drives to get the timing right without coming up short at a stoplight in "L" mode.

The next best feature in the Bolt EV is the clean display and spartan dash. The cabin also has great headroom and visibility, unlike the cramped feeling in most subcompact crossovers. The center console ends at the cup holders, then there is a gap — for handbags, electronics, whatever — before the center stack.

The centerpiece of the center stack is the 10.2-inch touch screen. The layout is logical, clear and easy to use. The highlighted energy flow button is a nice touch.

## 2017 Chevy Bolt EV

**Vehicle type:** Electric subcompact crossover

**Base price:** \$37,495 (Including \$875 destination, excluding \$7,500 federal tax credit)

**As tested:** \$39,295

**Range:** 238 miles

**Battery pack:** 60 kWh lithium ion

**Horsepower:** 200 hp

**Torque:** 266 pound-feet

**Parting shot:** Just try it.

Below the screen are large audio knobs and climate control buttons.

The battery design, which consists of five modules placed in the floor laterally between the front and rear seats, keeps the cabin open. The fourth and fifth modules are stacked on top of one another under the rear seats, so when the rear seats are folded flat, there is a 6-inch elevation in the middle of the cargo floor. We fit the usual weekend family stuff without a problem, however.

During my week with the Bolt, it grew on me. My opinions usually go in the opposite direction with cars. Even without the ecological statement it makes, the Bolt is a good car. It's fun to drive, versatile and user-friendly. It must be experienced, however, to understand how well it balances all of its advanced technology in such seamless operation.

With all automakers expanding their electrified portfolios, and the market overcoming range anxiety, the Bolt EV may be the deal of this century.

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## BOYS TENNIS SECTIONAL NOTES

## As expected, New Trier's Leutz qualifies for state

BY BRETT CHRISTIE  
Pioneer Press

Playing on a perennial boys tennis powerhouse often means waiting your turn. New Trier junior Peter Leutz embodies that concept.

Leutz was new to the varsity this season. He spent a good portion of the season playing doubles, but settled in as the team's No. 2 singles player behind junior Jeffrey Chen later in the season. Despite his relative inexperience, Leutz entered the Class AA Niles North Sectional determined to help continue the program's run of postseason success.

"We're expected to qualify," said Leutz, a Wilmette resident.

Leutz, playing as a 3/4 seed, advanced to the semifinals where he fell 6-4, 6-1 to Notre Dame's Nick Heb-

da, the top overall seed, on Saturday at North Shore Racquet Club in Northbrook. By reaching the semifinals, he qualified for state.

"It's pretty surreal," Leutz said. "You know, watching these guys (past New Trier teams) for the past couple years and seeing how successful they've been and now being able to take that role on the team, it's exciting."

New Trier coach Tad Eckert said Leutz's best quality as a player is his competitiveness, which reveals itself in long rallies. That was on display against Hebda.

"He's very determined and consistent," Eckert said. "He really makes his opponent beat him and unfortunately that's what happened (Saturday), but he doesn't ever beat himself

and that's a really great trait to have."

## Notre Dame

Notre Dame junior Nick Hebda entered the Class AA Niles North boys tennis sectional tournament undefeated, which led to him earning the top seed. Thus, securing a bid to state by finishing in the top four of the tournament felt like a foregone conclusion. However, it didn't make it any less sweet for Hebda when he did.

Despite his undeniable talent, Hebda had failed to qualify for state his first two years at Notre Dame.

"It's a really good feeling," said Hebda, a resident of Chicago's Jefferson Park community area. "Everything I've been doing, all the practice, to be able to see that your hard work is

finally paying off is great."

Hebda, who won the East Suburban Catholic title a week prior, rode his powerful serve to easy 6-0, 6-0 victories in the first two rounds before defeating New Trier's Peter Leutz 6-4, 6-1 in the semifinals.

In qualifying for state he became the first Notre Dame player to do so under coach Steven Jankowski, who has been at the helm since 2001. Jankowski, a Notre Dame alumnus, said Hebda is already the best player in program history.

"Last year he had all the tools, but he didn't put everything together," Jankowski said. "He wasn't as aggressive and this year it's the complete opposite. If an opponent makes a mistake, he makes them pay for it and he's been punishing people this year."

## Niles North

When asked to define the strength of Niles North boys tennis junior Faraaz Hooda, coach Andy Klamm didn't hesitate.

"His effort, it is just maximum," Klamm said. "He's unbelievable in the way he competes."

Hooda's right cheek was visual evidence of that at the Central Suburban South tournament two weekends ago at Niles West. Playing in the third-place match, Hooda ferociously chased after a ball hit behind him in an attempt to keep the rally going and crashed into the fence, leaving a welt on his face.

"That's him in a nutshell," Klamm said.

Hooda rode that kind of inspired play to the quarterfinals of the Class AA Niles North Sectional on Satur-

day at North Shore Racquet Club, where he fell just short of qualifying for state, losing to Niles West senior Shawn Sabaricos 6-2, 6-2.

"It was a good season," said Hooda, a Skokie resident who finished the season 15-18. "I mean, the ending might not have been what I want, but I improved a lot."

Hooda, who fell in the same round last year, said he hopes to break through next season, but knows he needs to improve upon his forehand to do so. One quality, however, that can't be taught, he already possesses.

"My biggest strength is my persistence," Hooda said. "I never quit on any balls and I go after everything I can."

Brett Christie is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

## Sabaricos reaches state in second season of high school tennis

BY BRETT CHRISTIE  
Pioneer Press

As a 3/4 seed at the Class AA Niles North boys tennis sectional, Niles West senior Shawn Sabaricos was expected to reach the semifinals and qualify for state.

However, once Sabaricos did just that, the feat still seemed surprising given it's just his second season of high school tennis. Sabaricos transferred to Niles West last year from Northtown Academy, a charter school in Chicago, which didn't have a tennis program.

Thus, Sabaricos spent his freshman and sophomore years playing non-competitive tennis with friends and family on what he described as a somewhat infrequent basis.

"I was just hitting a bit here and there," said Sabaricos, a Skokie resident. "There wasn't really any competitive play because my membership kind of expired with the (United States Tennis Association)."

Niles West coach Andrew Suarez said when Sabaricos arrived his junior season his game was lacking in approach.

"He was going for all these hard shots and he would hit a couple, but that doesn't get you anywhere," Suarez said. "You get these kids that are a little more consistent and you can only hit those 90-percent shots one or two times. You can't win that way."

This season Sabaricos developed a more methodical approach that has been conducive to success as Niles

West's No. 1 singles player. He entered sectional with a 13-8 record and defeated Loyola senior Brendan Kelly 6-2, 6-2 and Niles North junior Faraaz Hooda 6-2, 6-2 to qualify for state before losing to New Trier junior Jeffrey Chen in the semifinals 6-1, 6-0.

"He's just matured," Suarez said of Sabaricos. "If you're able to grind, it just provides more consistency, you know, he's hitting the ball deep and just figuring out the balance of when to go for offense and defense he's figured out. It's good to see him mature as a player and a young adult."

Sabaricos said he developed a more consistent forehand and backhand this season, which certainly played a role in his improvement. What also likely

helped was having to face the No. 1 singles players from Central Suburban South foes Maine South, Glenbrook South and New Trier.

"He's playing against the top kids," Suarez said. "Those are his main losses, but they make you better."

Though he was coming off a loss to Chen, Sabaricos was all smiles on Saturday. He was cognizant of where he was two years ago and how he'll be playing in the state tournament, which starts Thursday and is hosted by Hersey.

"It's been an awesome experience and a fun ride," Sabaricos said. "I've really enjoyed this."

Brett Christie is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Niles West's Shawn Sabaricos hits a forehand at the Class AA Niles North boys tennis sectional on Friday at the North Shore Racquet Club in Northbrook.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD SECTIONAL NOTES

## Focusing on form helps Erjavac reach state

BY DAN SHALIN AND RICH MAYOR

Pioneer Press

Niles West senior Chris Erjavac said one of the keys to qualifying for the Class 3A boys track and field state meet in both hurdles events was his improved technique.

"When I go over a hurdle, I try to have perfect form, flawless form, to make me go as fast as I can over the hurdle," said Erjavac, who lives in Morton Grove and finished second in the 110-meter hurdles (15:07 seconds) and third in the 300 hurdles (qualifying-time of 39.66), and also reached state in the 4x400 relay (3:26.78).

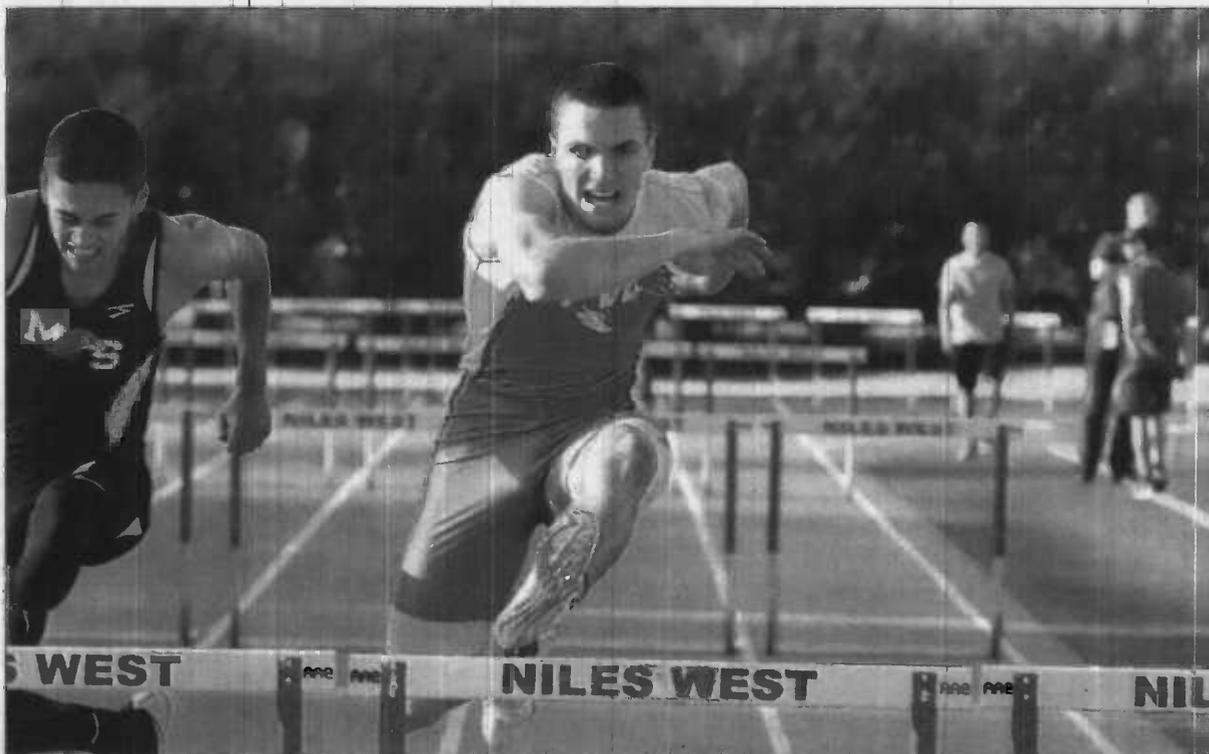
Erjavac said he has been able to perfect his hurdling technique thanks to Wolves hurdles coach Jorge Perez. A 2004 Niles West graduate, Perez still holds the program record in both hurdles events and said he holds his hurdlers to a high standard.

"Any guy who goes all four years with me has some patience, because I'm picky in the hurdles," Perez said. "You have to be flawless, but Erjavac is one who sticks with it and does everything right. Every day, he goes all out. He's one of my hardest workers in nine years (as a Niles West coach)."

In the 110 hurdles at the sectional, Erjavac finished four spots ahead of teammate Shawn Campbell, a junior. Erjavac said he has spent the year trying to help Campbell improve, so the latter will be ready for a breakout senior season next spring.

Erjavac said his early development was aided by the presence of Michael Malina, a 2015 graduate.

"(In practice and races) I try to always be ahead (of Campbell), so he has some footsteps to follow and a goal to reach," Erjavac said. "Two years ago, I had (Mal-



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Niles West's Chris Erjavac competes in the 300-meter hurdles at the Class 3A Niles West boys track and field sectional on May 18.

ina). He was a great runner and I looked up to him."

## Niles North

Niles North sophomore Kian Rizarrri said the heavy wind that swept in late on May 18 may have prevented the Vikings' 4x400-meter relay team from breaking the school's sophomore record at the Class 3A Niles West Sectional.

An all-sophomore group featuring Rizarrri, Amir Oaing, Khush Patel and Jay B. Patel ran a 3:40.57 (10th). The record is 3:37. However, Rizarrri said he is excited about the future of the relay.

"Next year, we are going to come back strong. I'm confident with my team and I'm pretty sure we're going to (be in the mix) to qualify for state," said Rizarrri, who lives in Skokie.

Though the Vikings didn't have any state qualifiers, first-year coach Mark Egofske said there is plenty of young talent in the pro-

gram. He singled out Rizarrri, who also was part of the 4x800 relay team that finished fourth (8:14.18) at the sectional. The group also featured senior Jay T. Patel, junior Sirak Teclai and senior Jordan Francis.

"What a year (Rizarrri) has had," Egofske said. "He's the type of kid who, if he's behind two or three kids, by the end of the race, he'll be ahead. He's been like that all year. He's only (5-foot-4), but when he runs against kids who are 6-foot, it doesn't matter, he's going to run them down. He's a competitor and he doesn't like to lose."

## Maine East

Competing in the freshman/sophomore division at the Central Suburban North meet, Maine East sophomore Svet Milchev won the high jump, long jump and triple jump and set personal records in all three.

Less than a week later,

Milchev faced a much more daunting challenge, the Class 3A Niles West Sectional. Milchev finished 25th in the long jump (17-10 3/4) and 18th in the triple jump (37-10) on May 18.

"He had a bit of an off day, but he didn't really lose at conference," Maine coach Chris Peters said. "I didn't know if he'd be able to match that, and he wasn't quite able to. But he had a nice day, nothing spectacular."

Milchev was not the only Blue Demons underclassmen to have a strong sectional meet.

Freshman Josue Parra finished eighth in the 400 meters (52.20 seconds) and sophomore Hector Lopez finished 25th in the 1,600 (4:54.06).

Both were personal records.

"I talked to (my team beforehand) about being competitors," Peters said. "You're going to be in a position in a meet like this,

when you're in a heat with other guys who are at your level. Get in there and compete. If they do that — and this is for our best guys, too — if they work hard and compete, everything is going to work out."

Senior Jacob Danyal qualified for state in the pole vault by clearing 13-7, which was good for fourth place. He is scheduled to be joined at state by fellow Maine East senior Mustafa Becoja, who advanced in the high jump by clearing 6-3. He took fifth.

## Notre Dame

Notre Dame senior Braulio Alvarez finished in eighth place in the 800 meters at the Class 3A Niles West Sectional on May 18, notching a personal-record time of 2 minutes, 2.49 seconds in the event. His dedication and drive to finish his high school career on a personal high was not lost on the team, according to

Dons coach Mike Jankowski.

"These young kids wouldn't have done as well as they did without a kid like him leading the group. No way," Jankowski said. "He's done an amazing job. He's fantastic with the kids. And being one of two seniors, to just take ownership of that and become a tremendous leader, that's been a really great thing for our team."

"He's invaluable. Couldn't be prouder of him, couldn't be happier he was on our team. Just an amazing kid."

While no Dons qualified for state, several Notre Dame athletes had strong showings.

Sophomore CJ Henley (11.29, 100), junior Jake Martin (11.92, 100), freshman Julian Schurr (24.42, 200), junior Jeremy Ermilio (4:52.52, 1,600) and freshman Joe Salemme (18.01, 110 hurdles) all set personal-best marks at Niles West.

"The kids are very excited about the future, too. They see potential on the horizon," Jankowski said. "They're competing. Placing sixth (as Henley did in the 100), for example, that wasn't good enough. They want to do well, and know they can."

## Ridgewood

Rebels senior Alex Rice was the lone Ridgewood athlete to advance to the Class 2A boys track and field state meet. He qualified in two events, the long jump and triple jump, at the Lisle Sectional on Friday. He advanced by placing second in the long jump (22-1/4) and in the triple jump his distance of 42-11 3/4 met the state standard.

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## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD STATE NOTES

# Ridgewood's Ignacik places third at state track meet

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In her third trip to the Class 2A girls track and field state meet, Ridgewood junior Vicky Ignacik proved once again that she's one of the top hurdlers in the state.

Ignacik, a Norridge resident, finished in third place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.71 seconds on Saturday at Eastern Illinois. As a sophomore she finished sixth in the state, and freshman year she qualified, but didn't race due to illness. Ignacik credited assistant coach Beth Hanes for helping her make adjustments prior to the finals.

"The day before finals me and my coach went over some things that I could improve on, last-second things, like snapping my lead leg," Ignacik said. "So I did that during (finals), so I got a better time."

In the prelims, Ignacik finished second in her heat in 14.87.

Though Ignacik has qualified for the state meet three times in the 100 hurdles, this was her first time running the 300 hurdles in Charleston. She took on the event for the first time this season at Hanes' urging. She finished eighth (46.71) in the finals after running a 45.78 in prelims. She said she learned from running the event against the state's best, and plans to work on conditioning this offseason to improve.

"Since I did 100 hurdles sophomore year during state, I knew how the race was going to go," she said. "But I didn't know how the 300 race was going to go. But I'm still really proud of myself for getting into finals and the place that I got, when I just started doing the event this year."

## New Trier

Since entering Wilmette Junior High as seventh graders in 2011, Kate Holly, Grace Fagan and Caroline Fix have run together on the same track team.

They competed on the same team for the final time at the Class

3A girls track and field state meet on Saturday at Eastern Illinois in Charleston.

Holly, along with freshman Bridget Forbes, junior Savannah Noethlich and sophomore Marne Sullivan, ran on the New Trier 4x400-meter relay team, which placed ninth in 4 minutes, 1.89 seconds. And Fagan, along with Noethlich, sophomore Caroline Trukenbrod and Sullivan, was part of the 4x800 relay. The Trevians took seventh (9:21.92).

Fix placed ninth in the 1,600 with a time of 5:06.39.

"It was the last hurrah for the seniors and to go out with them on such a high note is really special," said Fagan, who resides in Wilmette.

The two relays and Fix earned all-state honors and accounted for all five of New Trier's team points. The Trevians finished in a tie for 52nd place.

"If you ask any athlete who finished ninth, they'd have preferred eighth. To have seven kids be all-state, we're thrilled about that," Trevians coach Bob Spagnoli said.

Due to injuries, the Trevians made lineup changes in the 4x800, 4x400 and 4x200 relays. Noethlich replaced senior Molly Schmidt in the 4x800, freshman Forbes replaced Schmidt in the 4x400 and freshman McKenna Fox subbed for junior Grace McManus in the 4x200.

Fagan plans to run next year at Tufts (Mass.) while Holly intends to compete at Middlebury (Vt.) College. Both Division III schools are part of the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

"We hope to see each other (in college)," Fagan said.

## Loyola

Believing the competition would get out fast in the 800-meter finals at the Class 3A girls track and field state meet on Saturday, Loyola senior Margot Dooley had a plan for the final lap.

"I wanted to break away and for the final 200 or 150 (meters) go as fast as I could," said Dooley, who

resides in Evanston.

Dooley admits she didn't get out as quickly as she wanted. That left her with too much ground to make up to ultimately win the race. She still placed third with a time of 2 minutes, 16.03 seconds.

Dooley, who plans to run at the Alabama next year, leaves Loyola with an all-state medal and three appearances at the state meet (2015, 2016, 2017) in a total of three events (800, 4x400 and 4x800 relays).

"I thought it was so much fun. It was a great atmosphere and a great crowd," Dooley said.

## Niles West

Nicole Cho needed to clear 11-0 to advance to the pole vault finals at the Class 3A girls track and field state meet.

She fell short in her first two tries on Friday. But on the third, she cleared the height.

"Nicole gathered herself, kept her composure, and got (11-0)," Niles West coach Mark Medland said.

Cho cleared 11-3 to place seventh and earn all-state honors the following day.

"She's one of those athletes I wish I had 30 more of her," Medland said.

Another Niles West senior pole vaulter, Karina Marin, did not advance out of prelims.

Competing in the wheelchair division, sophomore Danielle DiMaria placed second in the 100 meters (25.09 seconds) and third in the 200 (1:00.66) and 400 (1:49.93).

## Notes

Neither Maine East sophomore Kayla Gregorio (400 meters) nor Niles North sophomore Rosalie Xavier (100) advanced to the Class 3A finals.

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New Trier's Savannah Noethlich runs in the 4x800-meter relay finals at the Class 3A state meet on Saturday in Charleston.

## COLLEGE NOTES

# Stevenson graduate named conference player of the year

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Stevenson graduate **Lindsay Schwartz**, a sophomore on the Whitman College women's lacrosse team, was named Northwest Conference player of the year. This season she set new program records for goals, points, ground balls, draw controls and caused turnovers. Schwartz also tallied five game-winning goals and scored in every single game during the spring. In addition, Schwartz was named to the Division III West Region first team by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.

## Burnside, Grant shine on the diamond

Libertyville graduate **Ian Grant**, a pitcher on the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology baseball team, led his team in innings pitched and strikeouts as a junior. Grant also had the lowest ERA (4.07) among the team's starting pitchers. Teammate **David Burnside**, a Glenbrook North graduate, was named to the all-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference first team. Burnside, a sophomore outfielder, led his team in home runs, RBIs, batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

## Langlie named scholar athlete

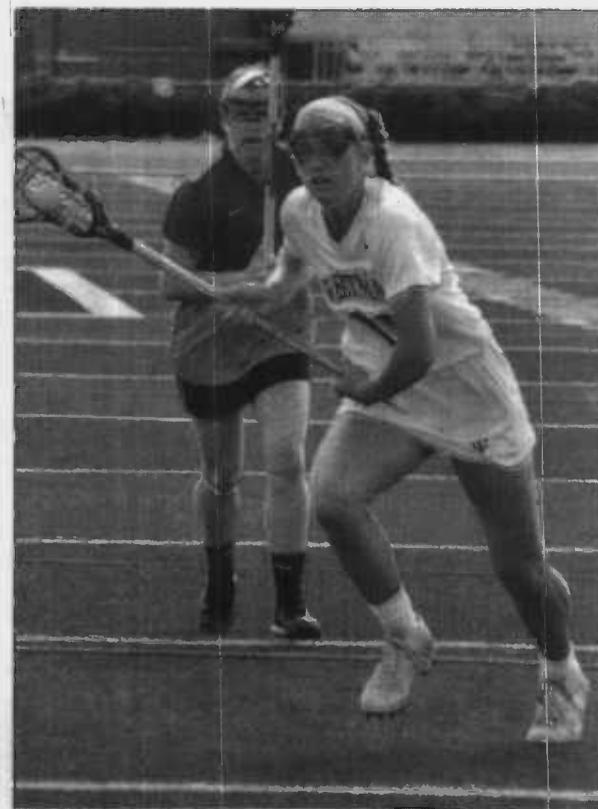
Three local pitchers are getting a taste of postseason baseball with the Wisconsin-Whitewater baseball team, which won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament on May 13. Mundelein graduate **Matt Langlie**, a senior on the team, received the conference's scholar athlete award on May 17. Lyons graduate **Sam Heilenbach** and Glenbrook North graduate **Danny Ahern** are also on the team, which earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament and hosted the Midwest Regional.

## Evanston grad caps lacrosse career

Evanston graduate **Maggie Krause**, a senior attacker on the Illinois Wesleyan women's lacrosse team, was named to the all-Great Lakes Region second team. Krause led the Titans with 70 points and will graduate as the program's leader in points, goals and assists.

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Stevenson graduate Lindsay Schwartz was named Northwest Conference women's lacrosse player of the year.

# Braheny tabbed to lead Niles West girls basketball team

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Perhaps nobody is more qualified to judge Kyle Braheny's readiness to be the new Niles West girls basketball coach than Bob Williams.

Williams was the Niles West boys basketball coach the past eight years, and Braheny was on his staff for seven of them, serving as a varsity assistant for two of years, and the sophomore coach for five. Williams also was Braheny's coach at Schaumburg. And Williams said he saw Braheny playing basketball as early as third grade at camps and other events.

"I'm really excited for Niles West High School because Kyle's a really promising young talent as a coach," said Williams, who retired after the 2016-17 season. "His strength is in

developing relationships with people. He's just a very positive person. He's got a tremendous work ethic. ... He's got great basketball knowledge and experience. He really, deep down in his character, he wants to help people do better, and that really shows in his daily interactions with students."

Braheny, who was approved at the Niles Township High School District 219 board meeting on May 9, takes over for Tony Konsewicz, who had been the head coach for the past 10 seasons. Konsewicz resigned after the 2016-17 season, alleging unfair treatment from then-District 219 board president Mark Sproat.

After graduating from Schaumburg in 2005, Braheny attended Iowa, where he served as the men's basketball manager. For the first two years, he worked

under coach Steve Alford, now the coach at UCLA. After Alford left for New Mexico, Braheny learned from coach Todd Lickliter, who's now a scout with the Boston Celtics. It was during his sophomore year that Braheny realized he wanted to go into education and coach basketball for his career.

"I'm very happy for Kyle to get this head coaching position at Niles West," Alford said in a statement. "He worked very hard for our program while at Iowa as a student manager, and I'm sure he'll do an outstanding job."

Braheny said he took aspects of Alford, Lickliter and Williams' coaching styles, and is a hybrid of the three.

"I'm a coach that's passionate, I'm a coach that cares about the players, cares about them on and off

the court," Braheny said. "I want to see them succeed on the court and off. If they get anything from me, I want them to learn those life lessons, like working hard, putting the work in and really seeing those results. I want to be remembered as that. But I'm also, I want to be a coach that's always learning, I'm never satisfied with myself."

Braheny reached out to Konsewicz when the job was listed, and Konsewicz was one of the first to contact Braheny when his hiring was announced.

"I really wanted him to understand I'm not bitter, that I stepped down, I'm not bitter that he's taking over," Konsewicz said. "It's nice that there's some familiarity, and I know who's taking over. And just knowing his character, I felt really comfortable."

After spending years to

gether in the Niles West basketball programs, Konsewicz said he expects Braheny to be the right fit for the team.

"You could see the enthusiasm he has, he really loves the game of basketball," Konsewicz said. "You can see he works really well with the kids. Just the opportunity of your first head coaching gig, and having knowledge and learning from Bob Williams, is definitely a plus for him."

Braheny, a 30-year-old Arlington Heights resident, takes over a team that is much like himself — young and energetic. And though that team has gone through a tumultuous offseason, the players are excited about their new coach.

"When coach K resigned, a lot of us were extremely stressed out and thinking, 'Oh, what's going to happen. How are we going to do

this? We don't have any guidance, any leadership," sophomore starting point guard Samantha Galanopoulos said. "But when we found out Braheny got the job, the five of us that were in the room (sitting in during interviews) were thrilled that he got it because we wanted him so bad."

One of the first things Braheny did after being announced as coach was organize a meeting to formally introduce himself to the Niles West players and parents.

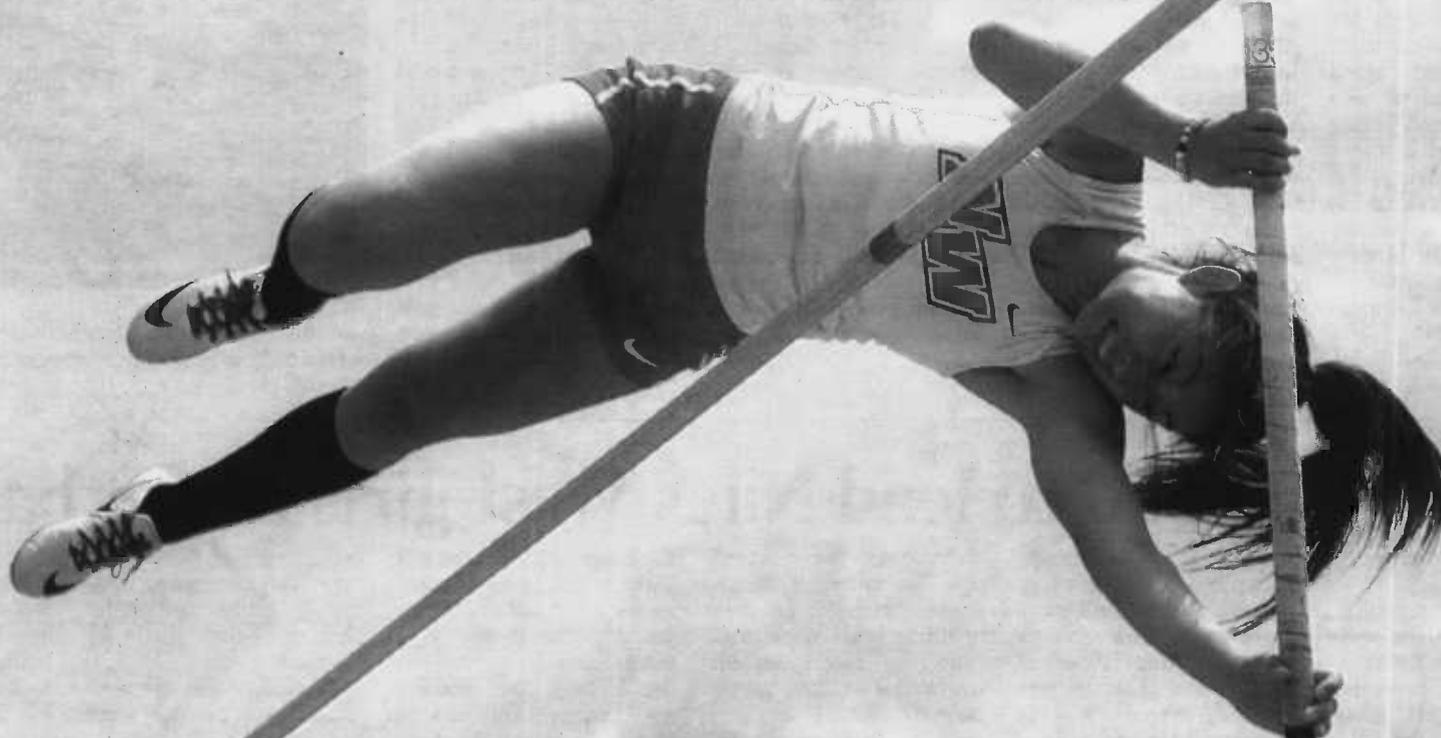
"I'm excited for this opportunity, I'm excited to see where these girls can go, I'm just excited to be on the court with them," Braheny said.

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# SOARING HIGH

Area athletes shine at girls track and field state meet. *Inside*



Niles West's Nicole Cho attempts a vault during the Class 3A girls track and field state meet on Saturday.

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