Community bonding
Niles police, residents participate in National Night Out. Page 4

NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Niles Police Department was one of an estimated thousands of law enforcement agencies that took part in this year's National Night Out held Aug. 1. The event aims to bring people in the community closer to the police officers, Niles police Commander Robert Tornabene said.

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Maryann Slavin learned how to infuse chocolate with garlic from a candy-making class she took years ago. Her sweet and savory chocolate pretzel rods and chocolate chip cookies will be among the creative dishes offered by chefs as an ode to garlic at this year's Highwood Garlic Fest. Inside

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**SHOUT OUT**

**Ricky Gooden, police volunteer**

Ricky Gooden, 35, is a special education paraprofessional at Niles North High School. An Evanston resident, he also volunteers time at the Skokie Police Department, which recently honored him with an award for his service.

Q: How long have you been volunteering with the Skokie Police Department?
A: I'd have to say it's been about three years. I work with the students in special ed and that was one of our work sites for job training. So we would have a student who would go there and shred papers and teach them job skills and I did the same. We both wind up shredding papers.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in Michigan City, Ind. I've been in the Chicago area for about 11 years. I came here primarily for work.

Q: Do you have any pets?
A: I have fish. That's all I've had.

Q: What is your favorite local restaurant?
A: I would say it's the Cheesecake Factory.

Q: What is your favorite movie?
A: "War for the Planet of the Apes" was pretty good.

Q: What's your favorite charity?
A: I give to my church, Maranatha Church in Chicago, and they give to other places like Africa and places like that where the help is needed.

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom?
A: Always look to serve before you look to receive.

Q: What is your favorite local restaurant?
A: I would say it has to be the Cheesecake Factory.

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?
A: I like fishing. I just went fishing last weekend in Wisconsin. I used to try to fish every month but I'm not able to do that as much anymore.

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When Lauricka developed sinus issues as a result of chemo for lymphoma, she turned to her colleagues at Loyola Medicine. Even though she's a nurse, she had questions and concerns. Her care team answered all of her questions, helped manage her prescriptions and performed the advanced interventional sinus surgery she needed. Thanks to the expertise and compassion of her Loyola Medicine team, Lauricka's now exactly where she wants to be—cheering from the sidelines at her daughter's volleyball game.

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Niles police and residents enjoy a ‘Night Out’ together

Event brings police, community together peacefully

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

A group of police officers with flashlights walking down a darkened street is usually a cause for concern. But that was not the case in Niles last week as dozens of officers and residents took to the streets as part of the nationwide National Night Out community-building campaign.

"The way it impacts our community is it definitely brings people closer to the officers," Niles police Cmdr. Robert Tornabene said about the Aug. 1 event.

National Night Out was created by the National Association of Town Watch, a nonprofit organization dedicated to "the development and promotion of various crime prevention programs including neighborhood watch groups, law enforcement agencies, state and regional crime prevention associations, businesses, civic groups and individuals devoted to safer communities," according to information NATW distributes announcing the night out.

The event is held annually in municipalities across the country on the first Tuesday in August as a way to "promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live," according to the organization's website.

NATW reports that National Night Out now involves more than 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out in Niles featured events like a water balloon toss, free food, a chance to meet the department's police dog and see him in action, a distracted and impaired driving course and a dunk tank, as well as other events, the commander noted.

He said the initiative gives people a chance to interact with police in a relaxed — and fun — environment.

"They can talk to them (police officers) one-on-one in a non-criminal situation. It's more just people talking to people and developing those relationships," Tornabene said.

Other nearby towns that participated in the event include Evanston, Skokie and Morton Grove.

"It was great," said Cmdr. Joe Dugan, with the Evanston Police Department.

"We had a lot of participation." He said the department held various events around the city including a walk on a section of Howard Street, barbecues, a movie shown at Wicks Park and events at the Evanston Public Library, just to name a few.

"The high point is just being able to go out and get together with the police and community members and show some unity against crime, spent time in a positive atmosphere with everybody," Dugan said.

In Morton Grove, about 750 people participated in National Night Out and took part in various events, including a climbing wall, pony rides, inflatable bounce houses, face painting, martial arts demonstrations and more, said Morton Grove police Cmdr. Paul Yaras.

He said residents were also given free hotdogs, pizza, ice cream and tacos donated by local businesses.

"It's just amazing the amount of support we got not only from our residents but also our businesses," Yaras said. "We are getting truly a grouping of people from our community. We get to see them, and they get to see us. It's very laid back. It gives people a nice thing to do on a weekday night. It gets them out. It gets their kids out. It's a nice activity for everybody."

That's a big motivating factor behind the event, according to NATW on the National Night Out website.

"National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances," the website states.

Dugan said the latter is a plus for police departments.

"Anytime we can get out and engage the public in a non-law enforcement scenario is good for improving community relations, building bridges and getting to know each other," Dugan said. "Each year it gets better. We get more people coming out."

Brian L. Cox is a freelancer.
2 men sought for armed robbery of Evanston resident

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Evanston police are looking for two men suspected of armed robbery Aug. 3, after allegedly holding up a resident outside his garage, cutting him and stealing cash from the man, police announced in a news release. Police were called to the 300 block of Custer around 11:25 a.m. Aug. 3, according to the release.

A man, identified only as a 36-year-old resident, was leaving his garage when the two men approached him and asked if a particular individual lived at the address, according to the release.

When the man said he did not know who the men were referring to, they allegedly grabbed him and began trying to take items out of his pockets, the release states.

When he resisted, the man was cut several times on the forearms and once on the back of the neck, police said in the release. The man told police one of the suspects was armed with a knife.

The suspects took about $2,400 in cash from the man's pocket and fled south on foot into the west alley of Custer Avenue, according to the release.

The suspects are described as being African-American males between the age of 30 and 40.

Chicago man charged with robbing woman of Lollapalooza tickets

Staff report

A Chicago man is facing theft charges after police said he agreed on Facebook to buy Lollapalooza tickets from one woman, but instead stole them from her in Niles, resold them on the social media site to a juvenile and then robbed that child of the tickets too, Niles police announced in a news release Aug. 4.

Rhaquen M. Freeman, 19, of the 5000 block of Division Street in Chicago, is charged with felony theft after he was identified as the thief in the two separate incidents.

On July 31, a 26-year-old woman from Highland Park agreed to meet up to sell a man, now identified as Freeman, four tickets to the popular music festival running Aug. 3-6 in Grant Park, according to the news release.

The woman told police the tickets were valued at $1,340, the release indicates.

When the two of them met in the 7700 block of Nordica Street in Niles, the woman started to explain to Freeman how to use the electronic bracelet — wristband used for admission — when he allegedly snatched them from her hand and ran to a nearby vehicle that was waiting for him, the release states.

The woman jumped in her own vehicle and briefly pursued the one Freeman was in, all while calling Niles police and providing his license plate information, according to the release.

The release states that police were not able that day to catch up with the vehicle Freeman was in. But Niles police said they got Freeman's name from Facebook messages he had previously sent to the woman regarding the sale.

Then, about an hour after that alleged theft incident, police said a Facebook account believed to be Freeman's offered four tickets to Lollapalooza for sale.

And Aug. 1 just before 10 p.m., a juvenile agreed to meet Freeman to purchase the tickets. They met, as with the woman previously, in the 7700 block of Nordica, according to the release.

Police said Freeman snatched the tickets after the sale, and fled. The sale was valued at $700, according to the release.

In this incident, police said in the release, the juvenile's mother declined to make a criminal complaint.

Freeman was eventually arrested Aug. 3, and Niles police said they conferred with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office on the charges.

Freeman was released from Cook County Jail Aug. 4 on a recognizance bond, according to Sophia Ansari, a spokeswoman for the Cook County Sheriff's Department.

Freeman is due back in court Aug. 22 in Skokie.
Competition celebrates athletes of all abilities

"Wheels vs. Wheels" held at NSYMCA

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

More than 200 people attended the second annual "Wheels vs. Wheels" evening event at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook last week.

Athletes at the July 25 event featured Northwestern University football Wildcats team players, wheelchair athletes from the Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association, cyclists from the Journey of Hope cross-country team and youth football players from the North Shore Youth Football (Griffins) Club.

"This event showcases how people can overcome their disabilities and live their lives to the fullest if they have the right support system, attitude and access to resources and information," said North Suburban YMCA President and CEO Howard Schultz of Highland Park.

"The Y is dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities to maximize their potential in whatever way they desire. There are no limits," Schultz said.

Not a charity fundraiser, the free community event welcomed all to help instill understanding and celebration of athletes of many abilities via the use of sport wheelchairs.

"We believe in inclusivity, and events like this bring awareness and encouragement to our families with disabilities or special needs," said Kim Nyren, NSYMCA director of community investment.

"We truly hope this event becomes a long-standing tradition at the NSYMCA because we are very proud of what it represents," Nyren said.

GLASA, based in Lake Forest, has programming in Lake County, southern Wisconsin and northern Cook County for its athletes.

"GLASA's motto is to let no one sit on the sidelines," said Cherie Hrusovsky of Lake Forest, GLASA development director.

"GLASA is extremely honored to be here and we want to show that just because you have a disability, doesn't mean that you can't accomplish or play a sport or do whatever you want to do," Hrusovsky said.

Journey of Hope cross-country cyclists participated in the Tuesday event as part of their eighth annual friendship visit to the NSYMCA.

The seasonal Journey of Hope cross-country ride is sponsored by The Ability Experience, a philanthropic organization of the Pi Kappa Phi national fraternity. Journey of Hope and The Ability Experience are based in Charlotte, N.C.

"The goal of this trip and what we're doing here is to just spread the message of acceptance and understanding of everyone's abilities," said Daniel Hansbury of Denton, Texas, Journey of Hope project manager.

"It's a great opportunity for the boys (Griffins) to see and experience something that's difficult," she said, of the challenge of handling a football while maneuvering a wheelchair.

"It's amazing," Fitzgerald said. "Amazing."

On the gym sidelines, Tommy Doles of Grand Rapids, Mich., a right guard offensive lineman with the Northwestern football team, expressed appreciation for GLASA wheelchair athletes.

"They're a good team, we gave it all we had and we still came up short," Doles said with a smile.

"They maneuver well, they play as a team and they're competitors, first and foremost," Doles said. "We have so much respect for them."

Overheard on the way out by a Wildcats football player: "Man, that was hard."

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Shadur to step down after 37 years on federal bench

Jurist, 93, noted for fairness, knowledge of law

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Over 37 years, U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur has gained recognition as the academic of Chicago's federal court, widely respected for his intellect, fairness and work ethic.

He was known to arrive early on weekdays and work most weekends, conducting legal research and writing opinions.

But on Tuesday, the court announced that Shadur, now 93, would be stepping down effective Sept. 1 because of complications from recent surgery.

Chief U.S. District Judge Ruben Castillo said Shadur, who indicated he had never really thought about retiring before his surgery.

Nominated to the bench in 1980 by then-President Jimmy Carter, Shadur has become a bona fide legend at the downtown federal courthouse.

In the nearly four decades since, Shadur has written more than 11,000 court opinions, Castillo noted, "many of which directly impacted the rights of thousands of individuals."

"No other member of our court can match this stunning body of written work," he said in a statement announcing the retirement.

Castillo also praised Shadur for his "truly encyclopedic" knowledge of the law and his "boundless" intellectual curiosity.

And on the home front, Shadur scored success as well, married to his wife, Eleanor, for more than 70 years and counting.

Shadur was born in St. Paul, Minn., and graduated from the University of Chicago at 18 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics. He received his law degree from the University of Chicago after serving in the Navy during World War II.

Before joining the bench, Shadur spent what would be a career for many attorneys in private practice.

Shadur's route to the bench began with a call "out of the blue" from then-U.S. Sen. Charles Percy, who wanted to know whether Shadur would consider joining the federal court of appeals. Shadur agreed but didn't get the appointment. After a couple more false starts, then-U.S. Sen. Adlai Stevenson recommended him for the district court.

"It's not something I sought out," he said.

In fact, Shadur said, he was making about twice as much money in private practice but decided to join the bench because "I thought it was something you could contribute to society on."

Known for his professorial style, Shadur often peppered his courtroom remarks with quotes from literary, legal and historical figures, sometimes even seemingly offbeat sources.

Some of the more widely known proceedings Shadur presided over include a pivotal Chicago school desegregation case in the early 1980s; the criminal trial stemming from the 1984 near-collapse of Continental Bank; a long-running lawsuit over severe overcrowding at Cook County Jail; the first potential death penalty case in federal court in Chicago; and a case in which he ruled in 1995 that horseman Richard Bailey conspired to kill missing candy heir Helen Vorhees Brach.

Shadur also used strong language to describe allegations of torture by Chicago police officers in the 1990s, making him among the first federal judges to explicitly acknowledge abuses.

He spent a quarter-century as a senior judge, meaning he could have pared back his workload substantially long ago but kept working a full case load.

"It's a wonderful job," Shadur said. "It's the last refuge of the generalist. It's essentially as close as the Renaissance ideal as any job for a lawyer."

Elaborating on the point, Shadur said it's "the idea of being a person who is in a position to evaluate problems, to bring an understanding to them, to resolve things in a fair way, is really what ought to be everyone's concern."
Officials estimate $10K cost for repairs

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

The Chicago Botanic Garden anticipates spending about $10,000 to repair a series of solar panels damaged by errant golf shots coming from the neighboring Glencoe Golf Club, according to garden officials. "Golf balls are coming over and damaging our solar panels at a high rate," said Beth Dunn, the garden's director of government affairs, at the June meeting of the village's sustainability task force.

Dunn said the balls have been hitting the panels at the nursery of the Kris Jarantoski campus (named after a garden executive who retired earlier in 2017) that opened in August 2015. Dunn said in a subsequent interview that since the August 2015 opening through March of this year, 30 of the 160 solar panels at the Jarantoski campus have been damaged by the golf balls, with an estimated repair cost of about $300 per panel, plus labor.

"It is more of a concern of someone being hit," Dunn said at the sustainability task force meeting. "The golf balls are coming from the 16th tee of the golf club, which is operated by the village of Glencoe. Golf Club General Manager Stella Nanos said there have been discussions with the garden officials about the issue to try and figure out a way to address the problem. "We had a meeting last year to discuss the issue at the garden's request," Nanos said.

Nanos said when the plans for the nursery were initially presented, village officials expressed concern. "At the time, there was nothing there, so there was not a concern about something leaving the golf course."

But garden spokeswoman Gloria Ciaccio said in an email nothing was discussed in advance with the village. "We let them know that was not a great location because there would be errant shots," Nanos said. "It is more of a concern of someone being hit," Dunn said.

"At the time, there was nothing there, so there was not a concern about something leaving the golf course."

But garden spokeswoman Gloria Ciaccio said in an email nothing was discussed in advance with the village.

Ciaccio added there are no plans to install netting at this point to prevent further occurrences. There is no other netting in place at the golf club and garden officials do not have a cost estimate for netting. It was not clear when the repairs to the panels would be made.

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Nonprofit providers say state little help

‘Challenges ahead’ despite state finally having a budget

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Some social service agency officials have said that the state having a budget — after more than two years — will not resolve serious funding issues and concerns about long-term viability.

"When we think about now having a state budget, it doesn't necessarily mean our ship has come in and everything is now great," said Ann Fisher Raney, CEO of the Skokie-based mental health services provider Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center. "We've come through a period of so much ambiguity and confusion, and making decisions has been really challenging. There still will be challenges ahead."

Illinois got a budget in July after going 736 days without one.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed the Democrat-backed spending plan that included an income tax increase, but the Legislature voted successfully July 6 to override his veto.

How the spending plan will affect non-profits remains to be seen, according to some officials of those organizations — which are usually health or social service providers.

The agencies will still have to grapple with significant funding challenges with or without a state budget, they said.

Turning Point, a nonprofit outpatient mental health center serving Skokie, Morton Grove, Niles, Lincolnwood and Evanston, has maintained programs over the last couple of years even though times have been difficult, according to the organization's chief financial officer, Martha Hahn.

"We've been determined to innovate and find initiatives that we can begin to do that create more financial stability because they are more in our control," she said.

Still, not having a state budget, she said, "digs away at the confidence in which social service agencies like Turning Point plan.

"A state budget gives us more ground to stand on in order to move forward, and more confidence to take some risks to develop new ways to serve the people we're supposed to serve," Hahn said.

Over the last two years, Turning Point grants totaling about $571,000 from the state were eliminated, Hahn said. But it's difficult to know whether that funding would have been included had there been a budget during those years, she said.

About $30,000 of that funding — one of the grants — was restored for fiscal year 2017 and will be handed out again in fiscal year 2018, according to Hahn. A larger grant covering psychiatric services will not be restored, she said.

Still, Turning Point recently announced new psychiatric services available to clients ages 18 and over once they are established in agency outpatient services, Raney said.

Although the state budget did not factor into the start-up of these services, Illinois having a spending plan in general is important, Raney said.

"The way I interpret the significance of having a state budget is that it gives us a stronger obligation for the state to fulfill its promise to fund its promises to us," Raney said. "The tax increase means that resources will be available to people, even though the state was a stronger obligation for the state to fulfill payments to us, according to the report."

Unlike Turning Point, CJE SeniorLife, which serves the elderly in Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie, said it was restored a program earlier this year.

For eligible older adults, CJE once provided personal care services at home through a subsidized program for low-income seniors administered by the Illinois Department on Aging. The services included assistance with bathing, grooming, dressing, erands, light housekeeping, meal preparation and respite, officials said.

"This was an extremely heart-wrenching decision for our board and senior leadership team," CJE SeniorLife President and CEO Mark Weiner said when the decision to cut the program was made.

CJE officials have not announced plans to restore the program even with the state's adoption of an appropriations plan. Those who were using the program were transitioned to other providers at the time, according to the Illinois Department on Aging.

CJE officials said that since July 2016, the nonprofit had been reimbursed less than 40 percent of what it was owed by the state.

State under-funding continues to challenge all social service providers, advocates lament.

Every year, non-profits apply to Skokie for Community Development Block Grant funding that is provided by the federal government but distributed by the village. Although the program is intended mostly for brick-and-mortar projects, village officials said agencies in recent years have asked for more general programming grants because of state cuts.

"The need is great, some would say gargantuan," said Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. "The resources are limited."

This year, the village had to eliminate $80,000 from public service activity requests that social service agencies made.

Officials approve plan for bike safety

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Niles trustees recently approved two proposals to spend a total of about $80,000 on improvements to village streets for bicyclists.

The first proposal presented at the July 25 Village Board meeting included a contract with Primera Engineering to design "pedestrian warning lights and bicycle safety improvements" on the Amling Memorial Bicycle Trail for a cost of $37,314.23, according reports presented to trustees.

The lights would be located on Cleveland Avenue at the intersections with Waukegan Road and Caldwell Avenue, village spokesman Mitch Johnson said in an email.

The second included spending $47,249.73 to install "sharrows" on a portion of the Amling route, according to the report. Sharrows are markings to let drivers know that bicyclists can take the full lane.

The sharrows are expected to be drawn along Cleveland and Monroe Street between Milwaukee and Caldwell avenues, Johnson said, and along Olander Avenue between Monroe Road and Red Oak Street.

That contract was awarded to Precision Pavement Marking Inc., according to the report.

Village Board members voted in favor of the projects with no opposition and little discussion.

Trustee Dean Strzemiecki was absent.

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Niles hires PR firm to promote newly-acquired Leaning Tower

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

The village of Niles has hired a marketing firm to manage communications regarding the town's recently acquired Leaning Tower landmark.

The Niles Village Board on July 25 approved a $10,000 contract with DiMeo Partners to market and promote the Leaning Tower.

The deal comes as the village takes ownership of the tower from the Leaning Tower YMCA of Metro Chicago and finishes about $650,000 worth of improvements, said Ross Klicker, economic development director for the village.

"It's a big project. It's something we really need to get out to the world," said Klicker.

In June, a lawsuit was filed against the Leaning Tower YMCA by a family of a 61-year-old Evanston man found at the bottom of the pool, the suit alleging the lifeguards were "negligent and should have known that he was in distress and underwater."

The lawsuit was filed in Cook County Circuit Court on June 8 and alleges that two lifeguards "failed to observe (the man) underwater when he was in full view" for five minutes and "failed to provide immediate assistance," among other claims.

The Leaning Tower is an icon in Niles.

Officials there say the village doesn't have enough staff to devote someone to marketing the Leaning Tower, which is why trustees voted to hire an outside firm to do so.

Klicker said DiMeo Partners should have the resources to highlight little-known stories and history about the tower as the public gets to know its newest acquisition.

"We really want to promote this," Klicker said.

The contract was approved on a 4-0 vote, with Trustee Joe LoVerde recusing himself because DiMeo worked on his campaign for office, and Trustee Dean Strzelecki was absent.

Arlington Heights police arrest 4 for sex trafficking

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA
Pioneer Press

Arlington Heights police recently arrested four men who later were charged with trying to buy sex, as part of a large sex trafficking sting that netted more than 1,000 arrests across 17 states, authorities said.

Arlington Heights police conducted the local sting July 20 at a motel in the area of Arlington Heights Road and Algonquin Road, said Deputy Police Chief Mike Hernandez.

The four men arrested and later charged with solicitation of a sexual act include Cary Wicker, 22, of Arlington Heights; Ulzii Ganbat, 35, of Northbrook; Jaymin Patel, 26, of Hoffman Estates; and Alejandro Navenzhes, 35, of Buffalo Grove.

The local arrests were a part of the National Johns Suppression Initiative (NJSI), which was conducted between June 28 and July 31, and included 37 police agencies across 17 states, authorities said.

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The recent operation also involved the U.S. Department of Homeland Security working with police from the Cook County Sheriff's office to shut down three brothels.

In addition, the Lake County Sheriff's office arrested 19 people who have been charged with trying to buy sex, police said.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart started the NJSI operations in 2011 "to bring attention to the exploitative nature of the sex trafficking industry and reduce the demand for purchased sex that serves to perpetuate a cycle of violence, mental illness and drug addiction for victims."

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Longtime Skokie business might relocate

Cites village's vote on higher wage

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Some small-business owners say the Skokie Village Board's vote last month to have the village go along with Cook County's minimum wage increase and sick leave ordinances will cripple them because of an unequal playing field.

Randy Miles, owner of the Village Inn restaurant in downtown Skokie, said he doesn't believe his restaurant at 8050 Lincoln Ave. will survive another six months, as a result of the new laws.

"It has become close to impossible to sustain the Village Inn with the bombardment of taxes, fees and regulation that have just crept into my business world," Miles said. "Let it be known that the Village Inn is looking to move to one of our surrounding communities that get it."

For county municipalities whose elected leaders did not vote to opt out, the minimum hourly wage in those towns increased July 1 from $8.25 to $10.

The county ordinance calls for the minimum wage to go up to $11 per hour July 1, 2018, $12 an hour July 1, 2019 and to $13 per hour July 1, 2020.

Another county ordinance that went into effect July 1 also guarantees sick time for employees. Under the new law, some workers accrue paid sick time off.

Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and Niles voted to opt out of the new rules, while Evanston and Skokie adopted the minimum wage increase and mandated sick leave.

Skokie Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Howard Meyer initially said the chamber supported the county ordinances, but changed position after hearing from its members and recognizing that a number of municipalities were opting out, he said.

"I don't think any of us are against the living wage," said Rick Moskovitz, owner of A Plus Pest Control in Skokie. "But I don't think it's plausible because so many communities around it have opted out. That means if you have the ordinance here, you're at a disadvantage. It will hurt my business."

Rob Paddock, owner of Evanston Subaru in Skokie, said he might have to cut employee hours down the road because of the new laws. Before the vote, he said he would reconsider his sponsorships for many Skokie events and activities should the village not opt out, but afterward, he said he has no immediate plans to do so.

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Bartman's World Series ring shows class

Randy Blaser

As everyone knows, Cubs fans are the greatest self-described greatest baseball fans in the world. Just ask them.

That's why one of the greatest ironies in all the world of baseball occurred in 2003, when the Cubs were just five outs away from winning the National League pennant and a trip to the World Series, only to have that opportunity dashed by one of their so-called greatest fans.

At least that's how the story went down. It's a falsehood, of course. But a fan was unfairly blamed for a team's collapse. That's how the legend of Steve Bartman went down.

If you recall, it was the top of the eighth inning with one out in the sixth game of the National League Championship Series at Wrigley Field between the Cubs and the Marlins with the Cubs leading 3-0. Just five more outs and the Cubs would win the pennant.

That's when Marlins second baseman Luis Castillo hit a pop fly down the left field line into foul territory. It drifted toward that odd part of the seats, near the bullpen angles along the foul line and where the wall gets higher deeper into left field.

The foul drifted above a fan in the front row named Steve Bartman. He instinctively reached for the ball, as any great fan would. But so did Cubs left-fielder Moises Alou. Neither caught the ball, although Bartman had the better chance.

Despite the near impossibility of Alou making the catch, (I've never seen such a catch at that particular part of Wrigley Field, but I've only been watching Cubs games since Jack Brickhouse days), Alou threw a temper-tantrum and ranted about fan interference.

So did fans near Bartman, who eventually had to be escorted out of Wrigley for his own protection.

It was a shameful episode for Cubs fans, and after the game for manager Dusty Baker, who jumped on the blame-the-fan bandwagon for the Cubs loss. He did so despite the following failures:

- The manager's own failure to leave the dugout and calm his team after Alou's tantrum.
- The manager's failure to visit star pitcher Mark Prior and assess his frame of mind after that play or his physical status to finish the inning. In hindsight, Prior should’ve been removed, but Baker made no attempt to determine what was going on.
- Shortstop Alex Gonzalez' failure to field a routine ground ball, a grounder that any proficient high school shortstop could handle, and turn it into an inning-ending double play with the Cubs still leading 3-1.

Instead, everyone was safe, the rally continued and the Cubs lost the game 8-3.

They lost the pennant the next night.

Since then, something happened. The Cubs were purchased by a local family, and the guy who is the face of ownership — Tom Ricketts, (he could easily be a Bartman-type guy, don't you think, sitting in the outfield with his Cubs hat listening to the game on the radio with earbuds), is not only competent but also, as it turns out, kind.

Last week he gave Bartman a World Series ring in hopes that he, and all Cubs fans, can put that incident behind them now that the Cubs are World Champions.

After all, fans don't make errors. And ballplayers, from the day they take the field as kids, are taught baseball is a really hard game and to be successful you have to shake off mistakes, the strikeouts in key situations and the misplays in the field. If you can't, you lose.

The 2003 Cubs were a good team, but they couldn't shake off a mis-played foul ball. To blame Steve Bartman for the avalanche of bad baseball that ensued shows the 2003 Cubs weren't champions.

I don't know if the Cubs can repeat this year — repeating as pennant winners let alone World Series champs is really hard — but after Ricketts gave Bartman the ring last week, I hope they do.

What the Cubs organization did with Bartman is what winners do. I may forever be a White Sox fan, but this year I'll still say, "Go Cubs."

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Seems like we'll all be robots sooner or later

Paul Sassone


Need something else to worry over? How about robots?

Over the years, robots — automation — have eliminated millions of manufacturing jobs. And we are being warned that jobs such as cashier, truck driver, waiter could also fall victim to automation within the foreseeable future.

That's millions of jobs. That's millions of people without anything to do for a living.

And the likelihood of a robot takeover just received new impetus.

Maybe you heard about the Wisconsin firm that is implanting microchips into some of its employees. The microchips are inserted under the skin of an employee's right hand between the thumb and forefinger.

The chip allows employees to open doors and buy cans of soda from pop machines with the wave of a hand.

Though having the microchip inserted is purely voluntary, it does raise many legal, privacy and ethical questions.

And while these are serious issues, what aroused my interest was something else.

Until now, robots, automated devices, required a human agency. Someone has to turn them on, direct what they do. They were instruments of humans.

But, by implanting microchips into humans, no instrumentality is required. Humans have become the instrument itself.

It's like, say as an analogy, we humans used to use a screwdriver. Now, with microchips in us, we have become the screwdriver.

We don't need a key to open a door at work. We are the key.

The question is: How far can we go with this process?

What microchips can be implanted into humans before we can do all tasks, until we become robots ourselves? What makes a human a human? What makes a robot a robot?

It seems that we now are approaching robotization from two directions: automation and a kind of microchipped human evolution.

All of which leads me to ask how much longer will humans be the dominant species — if robots can be referred to as a species? It may not be long before the only full human beings on earth may be only the highest forms of humans.

Like, oh, say, newspaper columnists.

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Surviving, even thriving, without internet access

Lynn Petrar
Home on LaGrange

Life is a series of stops and starts. Kind of like writing this week's column.

Unlike the surrounding scenery, Wi-Fi isn't the best in Up North amid the woods and on the lakefront. I had to drive into the nearest town just to send this column to my editor.

At the risk of sounding trite (not anything new here), being off line, away from my freelance and part-time work and from online entertainment and social media, has made me more connected to my family and our surroundings.

For much of this trip, I've lived like it was pre-1904, before the advent of dial-up internet, much less the use of smartphones.

We're eating dinner together, without anyone flinching when they hear a telltale ding of an incoming text.

We don't know what the hourly weather is, because we don't have access to current radar, so we look outside and figure we can probably go for a kayak ride before the rain comes.

We can take pictures of our vacation, as we did when I had a film camera growing up, but we can't immediately share them, unless we hit a nice Wi-Fi pocket.

There was a moment of near panic on a weekend, though, when I finished a novel and didn't have anything else to do. There was a TV and PlayStation in the house, but I didn't feel like figuring out how to use the remote.

What do I do now?

Three of my four kids were in a corner working on a puzzle, which is semi-astonishing in this day and age. Another was upstairs, reading a book next to my husband, who was also reading.

While everyone griped a bit about not being able to be on their phones, no one had a meltdown and they found something else to do.

It took me a bit longer, mostly because I don't have never liked doing puzzles and am not big on being idle. So I got up and walked outside to the dock, looking up at a swath of stars. In the stillness, I thought about how this was the first summer vacation not spent at my parents' cottage, which my dad sold last year after 45 years in the family.

Not one to cry in front of other people and without the ability to get distracted by Facebook or news stories on my phone, I felt some tears finally coming on at the loss of my usual summer view and experience.

Suddenly, a light shone from darkness. My 19-year-old son approached, holding up his phone with the flashlight function. "What are you doing out here?" he asked.

I cursed the phone technology that I had never had before. While my eyes before could sense my sadness, "Just sitting," I answered, in my best Mom voice.

So we sat, together but remote. It was sentimental, it was delightful and it's something I'll remember. Next week, I'll miss it tremendously when my phone is back in my hand and at the ready.
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'Bill Graham' at the Holocaust Museum

By Steve Johnson
Chicago Tribune

Having a rock music exhibition in a Holocaust museum does not seem like the most natural fit. But "Bill Graham and the Rock and Roll Revolution," newly opened at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, is not your standard museum rock show.

Graham, the flamboyant concert promoter who arose with the seminal music scene in San Francisco in the late 1960s, was basically the Zelig of what we now think of as classic rock. From the Grateful Dead to the Who to the Rolling Stones, you can pretty much bet that Graham worked closely with them.

Pretty much everybody who followed rock music in his lifetime knew of Graham: He was the small-print guy atop the posters proclaiming "Bill Graham Presents." He ran the legendary Fillmore and Fillmore East. And he took on tough-guy film roles in "The Cotton Club" and others.

In Don McLean's classic song "American Pie," Graham was "the man there" who "said the music wouldn't play."

But what few knew was that Graham was a Holocaust survivor. And it's that story told at the exhibition's outset, of a Jewish German boy put into the care of others for his own safety by the mother he would never see again, that elevates this exhibition even beyond the extraordinary collection of rock artifacts. This is the story of a malnourished 10-year-old who came here in 1941 as Wolfgang Grajonca and who left life in 1991 — in a tragic, but very rock 'n' roll, death.

As a kid, Graham was one of the One Thousand Children, the mostly Jewish European children who made it to North America, leaving behind parents who, by and large, were killed in the Holocaust. As an adult, he would become the promoter behind many of the 1980s surplus of all-star benefit concerts.

"It's like the right time found the right guy, and vice versa," said David Graham, 48, the promoter's eldest son, who was, with younger brother Alex, in Skokie for the exhibit's opening.

A big part of the reason the exhibition connects with viewers is the memorabilia from the sons like the photo of Bill, looking very straight, standing before a crowd with a mime troupe member in blackface; the Fillmore West basketball jersey with the team logo of Graham giving the finger; the cowbell Graham played with Santana at Woodstock — almost all say, "Collection of David and Alex Graham."

Another reason the exhibition works is its humble roots. The precursor to it was first mounted in 2011 in a San Francisco lobby near the Fillmore by the Bill Graham Memorial Foundation as "sort of a love letter to Bill," said Bonnie Simmons, a longtime friend and employee who is now the foundation's executive director.

The director of Los Angeles' Skirball Cultural Center, a Jewish museum, flew up to see it in the days before it closed. He recognized the resonance of the story, and the Skirball organized "Bill Graham and the Rock and Roll Revolution."

The Illinois Holocaust Museum is its fourth stop, and it heads next to Cleveland, to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Show segments cover Graham's early life, coming to America, and his rise in the San Francisco scene. There are also segments on each of the key acts he worked with — including Santana, the Who, the Airplane, the Allman Brothers Band, the Stones.

It is tempting to end on the Townsend quote that opens the show: "Bill Graham howled. He talked. He shouted. He arranged. He laughed. He threatened. He barked ... (He drew) us into his evolving world or rock show-business revolution, with the authority of a leading Boy Scout: bossy and generous at once."

It is tempting, too, to end on Graham's own ending. He died in 1991, on a helicopter flight through a storm, heading back home to San Francisco from a nearby concert.

But perhaps most fitting for this show is to note the 1985 firebombing of Graham's San Francisco office, which followed the ad he took out requesting that President Ronald Reagan not attend a military cemetery in Bitburg, Germany, out of respect for those affected by the Holocaust.

A couple of weeks later, Graham was in France, where he had met with Bob Geldof about staging the Live Aid concert, and was told by an operator, "Bill Graham burned down last night." Lost in the blaze were a large proportion of the artifacts Graham had saved from his connections with the developing days of the rock concert business.

Looking through "Bill Graham and the Rock and Roll Revolution," it's hard to imagine what might be missing. But it's also tantalizing to think about.

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Taste of Elmwood Park back with food, music and rides

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

A variety of menu selections from two dozen local restaurants, performances by more than a dozen musical groups, plus carnival rides, games and arts and crafts projects make the Taste of Elmwood Park the place to be from Aug. 10-13. "We have a lot of returning vendors and we have four new vendors this year," said Jim Parenti, a special events coordinator for the Village of Elmwood Park.

Food vendors this year include Armands, Baciami, Biancatella's Catering, Elmcrest Banquets, Casa Cubano, Caputo's Fresh Markets, Caruso's, Clavio's Eatery, Donat Concessions/Fit to be Fried and Frankie G's. Also on hand will be Jim & Pete's, Johnny's Italian Beef, Maria's Mexican Restaurant, Massa Cafe Italiano, Miller's Ale House, New Star, Rosebud Restaurants, Russell's Barbeque, Seph's Sweets, Sicilian Bakery, Spizzico Pizza & Pasta, Strawberry Slushies, Taqueria El Toro, Vito's Old Italian and Zero Ottantuno.

Hungry visitors can purchase everything from a pizza slice to beef empanada, Italian sausage sandwich, garlic Parmesan chicken, fried mac and cheese, baked clams, tacos or burgers, plus many more options. Among the menu items guaranteed to satisfy those with a sweet tooth are plantains, homemade Italian ice, tiramisu, fried dough, brownies, lemon bars, cookies and slushies.

"One of the new features this year is The Taste Lounge, which is sponsored by Tito's Vodka," Parenti said. "We will have a cocktail bar in there. There will be a DJ in there on Fridays and Saturdays after the main act is off. We'll also have wood-fired pizza available inside the lounge." Friday's DJs, starting at 9 p.m., will be Pumpin Pete and Tony Slammin Keas; Saturday's DJs are Gino DeBuccio and Amazing Angelo Pesce.

The musical selection is also designed to satisfy every taste. On Aug. 10, Caliente will perform R&B with a Latin Groove (6-7:45 p.m.), followed by Feudin Hillbillys playing country hits (8-9:30 p.m.). The acoustic Beatles group Kaleidoscope Eyes leads off the Aug. 11 entertainment (6-7:45 p.m.) followed by The Boy Band Night, performing music of 'N Sync, Backstreet Boys and others (8:30-10:30 p.m.).

Four performances are scheduled for Aug. 12 and 13. On the 12th, Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones performs music of Elvis, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison (2:30-3:45 p.m.), followed by Cowboy Juke Box's modern country (4:30-6 p.m.), '60s through '90s music from Stagger (6:45-8:15 p.m.) and party band Libido Funk Circus (9-10:30 p.m.). The Chicago Skyliners 15-piece big band leads the Aug. 13 lineup (12:15 p.m.), followed by the blue-eyed soul of Generation (3-4:30 p.m.), Dirty Dan's Cool Rockin' Daddies (5:15-7 p.m.) and 7th Heaven, a festival band (7:45-9:30 p.m.).

"The entire town looks forward to the Taste every year," Parenti said. "It's grown to be a fantastic event. It's an Elmwood Park tradition that's been going on for over 30 years."

SHOW

From Mongolia to Skokie

Contortionist's son soars in one of season's biggest hits

BY CATIE SULLIVAN
Pioneer Press

When the monstrous whale Moby Dick engulfs the stage in Lookingglass Theatre's thrilling staging of Herman Melville's seafaring classic, Skokie's Javen Ulambayar is swallowed into the belly of the beast.

The actor/circus artist's journey from Mongolia to the northern suburbs — and a plum role in director David Catlin's haunting, ferociously physical adaptation of "Moby Dick" — is an epic as impressive as the voyage of Captain Ahab's ship, the Pequod.

The son of a world-renowned contortionist, Ulambayar didn't speak a word of English when he and his mother arrived in Skokie in 2005. Nor did he have any training in the aerial acrobatics and other circus skills he deploys as a member of the "Moby Dick" ensemble. Now, Ulambayar is building a resume as a as a world-class performer while teaching young people how to fly at Evanston's Actors Gymnasium.

"I never really did circus arts until I came to the U.S.," says Ulambayar, "although my mother was a contortionist, so I grew up around it." Ulambayar's mother is Oyunchimeg "Yadamjargal" Yadamjargal, one of Mongolia's most decorated contortionists.

It was his mother's top-tier artistry that brought Ulambayar to the Midwest. When Ulambayar was still a teenager, Yadamjargal offered a spot at Minnesota's prestigious Circus Juventas. Yadamjargal took the gig on the condition that her son be allowed to accompany her. It took another five years for Ulambayar to apply for naturalization — he became a U.S. citizen in 2010.

At Circus Juventas, he learned how to do aerial gymnastics while dangling from bolts of silk or rope straps; he honed high-flying tumbling passes launched from spring-loaded teeterboards; he became adept at scampering up and down Chinese poles; and he spent hours flying on trapezes.

"I had already graduated from high school in Mongolia," he said, "but because of the language barrier and the fact that the U.S. school system is very different than Mongolia's, it made sense for me to spend some time catching up." The initial catching up was at Niles North High School. Before they made their way to Minnesota, Ulambayar and his mother landed in Skokie, where Ulambayar's older brother had previously settled.

"I think," says Ulambayar, "that there are more Mongolians in Skokie than anywhere else in the U.S."

He attended Niles North in 2005, ultimately getting his high school diploma in 2007 from the Minnesota school he attended while his mother was at Juventas.

At 19, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota where he earned a bachelor's in kinesiology.

Ulambayar's initial audition on Chinese poles for the Lookingglass show "Cascalbe" didn't result in booking a show, but it caught the attention of Actors Gymnasium founder Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi, who later encouraged him to try out for "Moby Dick." Ulambayar succeeded.

"At the final callbacks, we were devising this drowning scene," he said. "They told me to climb a set of crossbars as high and fast as I could. I'm pretty sure when I got to the top I started yelling 'There she blows!'"
Plight of millennial women

Recession-weary job market and student debt stall careers and drive poverty
Making a stink

By Veronica Hinke
Pioneer Press

A post on the city of Highwood website reads: “The city will stink like garlic for the whole day” — and everybody is thrilled about it. That’s because it’s time for Garlic Fest, taking place 4:30-9 p.m. Wednesday in Everts Park, 130 Highwood Ave., in downtown Highwood.

From professional chefs to amateur fans, garlic lovers from all over will come together for a few hours to honor the beloved stinking rose.

Maryann Slavin, a resident of Highland Park and owner of Maryann’s Sweet Treats & Edible Art, has participated in Garlic Fest, off and on, for many years. She’s the one who makes darling cake pops decorated like smiling garlic bulbs.

“The cake pops aren’t infused with garlic,” Slavin said. “But everyone loves them, so I am bringing them again this year.” She’s also bringing her crowd-pleasing roasted garlic chocolate chip cookies. Slavin learned how to infuse chocolate with garlic from the instructor of a Wilton candy-making class she took years ago. She started making everything from garlic-infused chocolate pretzel rods to candies flavored with garlic after she roasts them in the oven. “I just love any challenge that comes my way,” she said.

Steve Geffen is excited about a garlic dill perch appetizer with Japanese black rice. He and Chef Jesus Castaneda developed the recipe, and they’ll bring it to Garlic Fest.

Most of the regular menu items from the Geffen family-owned The Lucky Fish and The Mean Weiner in Highwood will also be available at Garlic Fest. The garlic dill perch will be available at The Lucky Fish as an occasional special on the menu.

This will be La Plancha Loca’s debut year in Garlic Fest. Jorge Blancas and his family have operated the restaurant in Highland Park for just two years.

“I just love garlic on anything,” Blancas said. His lemon garlic chicken will star during Garlic Fest. The outside of the chicken is crispy golden brown while the inside is tender and juicy and full of flavor from an overnight marinade.

To top it all off with some heat, Blancas will bring his family’s garlic pineapple habanero salsa. It’s his grandmother’s recipe. “It has a citrusy smell and flavor in the background that perfectly combines with the heat from habanero and the flavor of the garlic,” he said.

The Garrity family, owners of The Toadstool Pub in Highwood, will be at Garlic Fest with their Garlic bloody Mary with garlic candied bacon. “It’s a recipe my husband, Tom, has perfected over 26 years of bartending,” Stephanie Garrity said.

And if you like a good Bloody Mary, there will be plenty of those, too. The team from The Humble Pub in Highwood will participate in Garlic Fest for the first time, and they’re bringing the pub’s signature Garlic Bloody Mary. “It’s bold and smooth,” Owner TJ Alexander said.

Don’t let the fear of garlic breath scare you off — there are remedies for the most dedicated garlic taster. A University of Ohio food study confirmed that those well-worn old-fashioned remedies — like sipping a bit of green tea or lemon juice or eating a fresh apple slice right after indulging in garlic — really do work.

— Maryann Slavin of Maryann’s Sweet Treats & Edible Art

Chefs prepare for Highwood Garlic Fest

Roasted Garlic Chocolate Chip Cookies

1. large garlic bulb
2. ½ cup hazelnut oil (for roasting garlic)
3. 1½ sticks of butter
4. 2 extra large eggs
5. 2 teaspoons vanilla
6. ½ cup dark brown sugar
7. 1 cup sugar
8. ½ cup whole wheat flour
9. 1½ cups unbleached flour
10. 1 cup of rolled oats
11. 1¼ teaspoon baking powder
12. ½ teaspoon cocoa
13. 1½ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Break the garlic bulb and remove most of the skins. Place garlic in foil with 3-5 drops of oil. Bake garlic in oven until softened (30-45 minutes). Remove garlic from oven, and let cool. When cool, squeeze garlic from the remaining skins that surround it. In a food processor, combine garlic and oil with butter, eggs and vanilla until mixture is blended into a smooth paste.

2. In a separate bowl, mix remaining dry ingredients well. Mix together well. Add chocolate chips. Mix everything together well. Drop dough by round tablespoon on parchment paper on a cookie sheet, about two inches apart.

3. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake cookies in oven for 10 to 12 minutes, until golden brown. Let cool.

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Garlic Dill Perch

1. pinch dried dill
2. pinch salt
3. pinch chopped garlic
4. dash lemon juice
5. 1 t. tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
6-8 filets of fresh perch

Put desired amounts of dry ingredients in a medium-sized bowl, and mix together evenly and thoroughly.

2. With stove on medium, put oil in pan to warm. Place desired amount of perch in a bowl and sprinkle desired amounts of dry ingredients mixture (dill, salt, garlic) all over fish.

3. Place the perch in the heated pan on the stovetop over medium heat, and pour a little lemon juice over the fish.

4. Flip the perch once and cook until the fish is flaky. When finished, place fish on plate and sprinkle with a little garlic as a finisher.

— Chef Jesus Castaneda
Plight of millennial women
Recursion-weary job market and student debt stall careers and drive poverty

By Allison Bowen
Chicago Tribune

When Courtney Winfrey, 30, graduated in 2009, she knew she might not get a dream job right away.

Still, she hoped for more than what became her best offer after applying and interviewing during a recession: an unrelated sales job without benefits. But she accepted and was determined to work her way up. The same for the next job, and the next.

Winfrey, who has since found a fulfilling job as a university recruiter, is one of many millennial women working their way through jobs after college graduation. A new report by the Population Reference Bureau found that many millennial women's careers are stalled.

Unlike generations before them, millennial women are not experiencing an improvement in well-being, according to the report. They face persistent poverty, and although they are more likely to have college degrees, that isn't translating to high-paying jobs. The report noted that the poverty rate rose 37 percent between Generation X and millennials, a statistic that surprised even researchers.

"When we started, frankly, we expected to see progress," said Beth Jarosz, senior research associate with the bureau and co-author of the report. But entering adulthood during a serious and prolonged recession, she said, "clearly has had an effect on earnings and on poverty for a whole generation." Although the report referenced national data, stats she pulled for the Tribune reflected similar trends in Chicago.

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Men, too, have dealt with effects of the recession and student debt after graduation. The reference bureau's report does not compare women's well-being to men's, instead comparing millennial women only to women from earlier generations. But experts all noted that when millennial women enter the workforce, they encounter a stubborn wage gap and sexism.

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Women are severely underrepresented in high-paying jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Minority women are particularly underrepresented among STEM workers - in 2015, African-American women made up 7 percent of the population of ages 25 to 34, but just 2 percent of high-earning STEM workers. Latinas were 10 percent of that population but just 2 percent of those high earners.

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"As a millennial, I'm all about, make your own path," she said.
MY PET WORLD

You can help your dog cope with separation anxiety

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Q: We recently adopted a 2-year-old male dog from a rescue shelter. He is a Pomeranian/Fox Terrier mix and was neutered and housebroken when we got him. Five people live in our home, and he has become a very loving, happy and content member of the family. The problem is, when left home alone, he barks, howls, damages shoes left on the floor, gets into the trash and sometimes poops in the house. When family members come home, he is so happy he will bark and jump up and down, especially with my wife. The rescue shelter told us he was crate trained, but we are hesitant to put him in it when he is being left alone. Can you explain his behavior and offer any suggestions? — Norman Hershek, Coopersburg, Pa.

A: Your happy-go-lucky dog is suffering from separation anxiety. It's sort of like a human panic attack, except people don't destroy the house and dogs do. It happens when a dog's family leaves the house and becomes anxious for his family's return. He will pant, pace, whine, bark, get into the trash, destroy things and defecate in the home, just as you describe.

There are things you can do to help him.

Because separation anxiety usually occurs within the first 30 minutes of someone leaving, give your dog something to do during that time. Fill up a Kong toy with wet food and freeze it. First, give it to your dog while you are still at home. The next day, give it to him about 10 minutes before you leave the house. (Never give it to him as you are leaving the house.) Don't make a big deal about leaving.

Just grab your keys, walk out the door, and drive around the block. Walk back into the house 10 minutes later. Say "hi," and walk past your dog. Don't gush over him or give into any enthusiastic greeting. In fact, don't greet him until he is calm. He will likely go back to his food treat, which is what we want him to do.

Add five minutes to this activity every day until you are away from home for up 60 minutes with no damage to the home. This training should reassure him that it's OK for you to be gone and keep his mind busy when you are away. If your dog needs more help during this training period, use plug-in pheromones in the home or ask a vet about anti-anxiety medications.

You mention the crate, and that is certainly an option. My dogs have all been crate-trained; it's a great management tool. But dogs who suffer from separation anxiety can also hurt themselves in a crate. So, if you decide to try the crate, test out the crate with the same training techniques used above, so you can be sure he's not destroying the crate or hurting himself when you leave the house.

Finally, we often train our dogs to "sit" and "stay," but very few of us train our dogs to "relax." This means not calling your dog or waking him up when he is in another room — content without you. Reward him with a treat when he is relaxed, and pay him little attention when he is too enthusiastic in his greeting. It sounds counterintuitive, but it really does help reduce anxiety when you are gone.

Q: I have a 10-year-old Ragdoll cat. She is very sweet, but since I am a light sleeper, she keeps me up most of the night with her incessant meowing. I don't recall how long this has been going on, but I don't think she has any health issues. Do you have any insights as to why she may do this and if there is any way to put an end to it? — Lori Rosner, Williston Park, N.Y.

A: Felines meow at their owners for different reasons. She could be hungry (give her a little food before bedtime), want attention (play with her before bedtime) or like to hear her voice (again, play with her before bedtime). If she is not spayed, she may be meowing because she is in heat.

But because of her age, it sounds like she has a health problem. Kidney and thyroid diseases can cause a cat to meow incessantly. Cats often hide illnesses until it's too late, so take her to the vet, and if she is healthy, she may just need a little extra food and play before bedtime.

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Copper landline service’s end concerning

As a result of my July 5 column, “AT&T receives approval to end copper landline service. What’s next for customers?” I received several follow-up questions from readers.

These I forwarded to AT&T spokesperson Eric Robinson. The questions and Robinson's replies appear below.

Q: Will I have to get a new home phone if I no longer have a copper landline?

In all likelihood, no. Virtually all phones that work with copper landlines also work with VoIP and Wireless Home Phone from AT&T.

Q: Will I be able to keep my long-standing phone number after the switch to VoIP or cellular service for my home phone?

Yes.

Q: Will wireless or VoIP home phone service be compatible with the telephones I currently have to deal with my hearing issues or will I have to junk my phones and buy new ones?

Interconnected VoIP services, such as AT&T Digital Voice, are required by the FCC to be compatible with all FCC compliant hearing aid-compatible equipment. Devices that fall under the FCC guidelines will work with AT&T Digital Voice (aka U-verse Voice) service.

AT&T Wireless Home Phone also works with many phones that amplify speech. The phones that the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation has on display at its centers – Clarity Alto Plus, Geemarc Ampli550, Clarity XLC34, Panasonic 430B and Panasonic 450 – work with AT&T Wireless Home Phone service.

Q: Does the elimination of copper landlines also impact business landlines?

There will not be an “elimination” of copper landlines. Voice service for residential and business customers will instead be provided using VoIP or wireless voice options. (Ninety percent of AT&T traditional landline households have already moved to this.) The new Illinois law helps plan for the eventual transition to only modern landline and wireless options. While the timetable for that transition is undetermined, it could take a number of years.

Q: An AT&T representative told me that ill and disabled people will be able to keep their landline phones through AT&T. Is this true?

Traditional landline phone service from AT&T is not going away anytime soon. Illinois is the 20th state to enact a modern communications law, and AT&T still sells and provides traditional landline service to customers in all of those states. We value our customers, and want to keep them. That is why AT&T is upgrading the technology for home phone service. The new Illinois law helps plan for the eventual transition to only modern landline and wireless service.

Q: Will my fax machine be usable if I switch to VoIP or wireless phone service?

Most commonly used fax machines work on VoIP lines. These are issues the federal government is expected to address in the transition approval process.

Q: Will our alarm system work once copper landline service is gone?

Yes. In cases where a current alarm system does not immediately work with VoIP or wireless, adapters are available.

Q: What will the monthly cost be for VoIP or cellular home phone service? I am currently on a $20/month Consumer Choice plan. Will I have to pay more?

The current Wireless Home Phone plan from AT&T is $20 per month AND it includes unlimited nationwide calling.

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Is Trump ruining book sales?

Publishing ebbs and flows — but there are better things to worry about

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

There are rumblings among publishers and other inhabitants of the book world that a certain public figure who seems to enjoy making news via his Twitter megaphone is putting a damper on book sales.

Writing in the New Republic, Morgan Jenkins put the question directly, “Is Trump Ruining Book Sales?” Jenkins wonders if the Trump presidency is “mass entertainment with which it is difficult to compete, with Senate hearings and official testimonies becoming must-see TV.”

There is perhaps some evidence for this. MSNBC has its highest ratings ever, beating both Fox and CNN in prime time for the first time in its history. Maybe we’re all too tuned in to the daily White House soap opera.

However, as Jenkins points out, George Orwell seems to have a fresh relevancy, and Margaret Atwood’s “The Handmaid’s Tale” has returned to prominence for reasons other than just its television adaptation.

I am more than willing to think all manner of bad thoughts about the current (part-time, when he's not at one of his resort properties) resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, but I am not prepared, nor do I think it is useful, to blame him for a publishing slump.

For sure, Donald Trump seems to consume more than his share of cultural oxygen, and I urge absolute vigilance to push back against his continual eroding of political and civil norms, but there's so much real damage he's doing that we don't need to go looking for more.

Sometimes publishing just goes through a bit of a blockbuster dry spell, but next thing you know a “Girl on the Train” shows up and sells approximately a gazillion copies over the next several years. When the “History of Magic” books from the “Harry Potter” universe are published in October, we won’t be talking about sales slumps anymore.

And while it’s possible that books conceived, written and published in a more innocent time are not speaking precisely to the world we now inhabit, soon enough writers will do what they do: respond to what’s going on around us and try to reflect it back in interesting ways.

Because as unfamiliar as this world may seem to those of us distressed by the first months of the Trump administration, he is not an alien who suddenly appeared out of the ether. Trump is truly Made in America, a nation often seduced by grifters. He is more like Mephistopheles, who appears to Faust not to tempt the innocent but because the devil knows Faust is already guilty.

Through that lens, Trump is something of a test of our collective and individual characters. For sure, I have failed some of these tests, spending too much time obsessing about what he’s going to do next, railing impotently at the latest outrage on social media. But when I do this, I’m inviting Mephistopheles to come whisper in my ear, to erode the good parts of myself I’m managing to hold on to.

Reading is no more vital to me now than it was prior to Trump because it’s always been an important part of how I navigate the world. When books already rate a 10 out of 10, you can’t go higher, unless you’re Spinal Tap, I suppose.

And if it feels like Trump is making your life a misery, remember that Mephistopheles, for all his potency, recognizes that he is already in hell, with no chance of redemption. One day, we will escape Trump, but he’ll never escape himself.

John Warner is the author of “Tough Day for the Army.”

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

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

1. “The Marsh King’s Daughter” by Karen Dionne
2. “The Man from Beijing” by Henning Mankell
4. “The Trespasser” by Tana French
5. “Cloud Atlas” by David Mitchell

— Quynh T. Annandale, Va.

I think Don DeLillo’s “Libra” will make for an interesting read for Quynh.

1. “How Propaganda Works” by Jason Stanley
2. “Razor Girl” by Carl Hiaasen
3. “The Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead
5. “The Master and Margarita” by Mikhail Bulgakov

— Mike F., Chicago

Carl Hiaasen is good medicine if you’re feeling down about the world. The corrupt always come to justice, often in humiliating ways. Hiaasen writes “Florida noir,” so I think Mike might enjoy Daniel Woodrell’s “country noir” — specifically one of Woodrell’s lighter books, “Tomato Red.”

1. “The Discreet Hero” by Mario Vargas Llosa
3. “Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage: Stories” by Alice Munro
4. “The Swimming Pool Library” by Alan Hollinghurst
5. “The Story of Edgar Sawtelle” by David Wroblewski

— Pat F., Lemont

I’m hoping that I have the chance to introduce Pat to Robertson Davies and his Cornish Trilogy, which starts with “The Rebel Angels.”

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BY CHARLES PRESTON

ACROSS

1. Lefts and rights
2. 45. Run easily
3. Sings jazzy
4. Opposite of ans.
5. Composers — Satie
6. Ancient Greek dialect
7. Coffeemakers
8. Decamp
9. Racetrack officials
10. Majestically
11. Merchandise article
12. Alien
13. Timely
14. In and of itself
15. Light sources
16. Ignited
17. Rat-: machine gun sound
18. Orchestra instruments, for short
19. Lemur of India
20. Distaff-siders
21. Bird's egg expert
22. Jilt
23. Competent
24. Certain lights
25. Where Eke Crater is
26. Sets
27. Surmise
28. Stage sceneries
29. New York landmark
30. Do a yard job
31. Jot down
32. Takes it easy
33. Russian river
34. Current
35. Two-wheeler
36. Swerve
37. Deprecatory title of old
38. Campus cuties
39. Slime
40. Strong drink
41. Where the Saguenay flows
42. Russian river
43. Jealousy
44. Compass pt.
45. Bogus

DOWN

1. Aircraft
2. Smell
3. Two-wheeler
4. Swerve
5. Deprecatory title of old
6. Campus cuties
7. Blyth and Sothern
8. Muscle spasm
9. Strong drink
10. Where the Saguenay flows
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Something's Fishy

BY CLIVE PROBERT
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across
1  Einstein equation word
5  Urge to attack, with "on"
9  They may be tied around saddle horns
15  Lhasa
19  Start of a plan
20  Workplace regulator: Abbr.
21  Carpet installer's step one
22  Surgeon general
23  First name in game shows
24  "SpaghettiOs!": Campbell's slogan
25  It may call for an R rating
26  "Me, blab to flatfish? No way!"
30  Memo starter
31  Spelling song
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33  Relief, spelled out?
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Down
1  "La Bohème" soprano
2  Yemen's Gulf of _
3  Dried-up
4  Astute
5  They may be anonymous
6  Beauty/Hoffman flop
7  Half a tot's train?
8  Humorist Mort
9  Go wild
10  Occupied
11  Passion
12  Work hard
13  Like a dress back from the tailor
14  Crafty
15  Alphabetically first dog in the AKC's Working Group
16  Grand Prix, e.g.
17  Stinker
18  Choose
19  _-penguin
20  Flight maintenance word
21  _-Aid
22  Gorge, near
23  _-Renta
24  Polar bear
25  Star-making dog
26  "_, SpaghettiOs!":
27  "Me, blab to flatfish? No way!"
28  Left-handed
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PARTUB
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GELUNF
DOHSAW

Sudoku
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 3 4

Print your answer in the circles below

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12 tips for women waiting for that perfect diamond ring

From the time we are little girls, women are shown through fairy tales that happy endings almost always involve a prince rescuing us. The stories of Cinderella and Snow White are perfect examples of how a man "fixed" their bad situations by sweeping them off their feet to go live in a castle and be loved and adored unconditionally. Even modern movies like "Pretty Woman," "Valentine's Day" and "Sex & The City" are guilty of leaving us with that perfectly wrapped up ending where everyone is blissfully in love.

While there is no bigger fan of a love story with a happy ending than me, I think fairy tales, romance novels and romantic comedy movies can cause women — especially young women, to have unrealistically high standards and expectations that men living on earth (not in a movie or children's book) can't possibly fulfill. As a result, women who are looking for love can become frustrated, disappointed and impatient when Prince Charming doesn't show up and make all of life's problems disappear with one magical kiss.

The idea for this column came from a reader who writes:

I am a 25-year-old single woman living in Chicago. I have been dating my boyfriend for 10 months, and he's made a couple of comments lately that lead me to believe he might not want to get married. I feel like if I stay with him, I might be wasting time. I don't want another year to go by and still not be engaged. Any advice?

Seriously? That was my gut reaction. The tone of her email felt kind of desperate and impersonal. In other words, does she really love this man or is she just seeking a cute guy in a tux to get down on one knee and pop the question?

On the other hand, I'm not going to judge her because honestly, she reminds me of myself at that age — focused on locking in a husband ASAP. Why? Two reasons. One: who actually likes dating? And two: every girl under the age of 30 has this nagging fear that she might end up alone and unmarried at 45, and living in a studio apartment with three cats.

I do understand that if a woman thinks she wants a family down the road, it could be worrisome for her to think that she might never meet someone who will give that to her. But, there is something many young women fail to recognize. It's something that older, divorced women completely comprehend. It might sound strange, but it's true: falling in love and getting married are two totally different things. In other words, unfortunately, they don't always go hand in hand.

We've all heard the saying, "love is blind," but I think many young women in love are just blind, period. They dream about the ring and the dress and the band and the cake instead of having gratitude and appreciation every day for priceless things like tender kisses, warm hugs, unforgettable laughs, passionate lovemaking, trusting talks and each memory — good and bad, that they are making together every single day.

I don't want this to seem like I'm saying young people don't understand love. They do, but in a very different way than those who are older and who have most likely experienced heartbreak. Young people in love seem to be in a hurry, whereas older people take things more slowly and let love grow authentically.

Here are 12 pieces of advice for young women who want to get married:

1. Instead of feeling lucky you have him, think about the reasons he is lucky to have you.
2. Like is different than love. Often, it is more important than love.
3. Have confidence and faith in yourself and in God that love will come to you.
4. Believe that you are worthy of a great love and of someone who adores you.
5. Ask yourself: "If he never proposes, do I still want to be his girlfriend?" If the answer is no, you are with the wrong person.
6. Don't let your relationship overshadow your career, your family, your friends, your hobbies and your passions. This is the time to do what you love.
7. Trust your gut. When you see red flags, pay attention.
8. It doesn't matter if all your friends are getting married. That is the wrong reason to do it.
9. Ask yourself if you trust him, not just with other women, but with decisions that might impact your life together.
10. Ask yourself if he respects you. If it's no, you need to run. Fast. If you don't know, then the answer is probably no.
11. Trust what your family and friends think of him. They are on your side.
12. You truly should feel blissful when he kisses you. If you don't, you might want to rethink this relationship.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist for Chicago Tribune Media Group.
**Pulsating sounds in head may be pulsatile tinnitus**

By Dr. Robert Ashley

Dear Doctor: A few months ago, I started to hear pulsating sounds in my head. I finally came to realize it was my blood pulsing. The sound is always there, but really only noticeable when I'm in bed or sitting quietly. Is it anything to worry about? Will it ever go away?

Dear Reader: What you're describing sounds like the symptoms of pulsatile tinnitus. Tinnitus is normally perceived as a ringing, buzzing or whistling sound in the ear. Pulsatile tinnitus, however, is a pulsing sound synchronous to the heartbeat. It occurs in less than 10 percent of people who have tinnitus. I have had patients, and a family member, with pulsatile tinnitus, so I understand how intrusive and irritating the sounds can be, especially when one lies down at night. Usually, this type of tinnitus is heard in just one ear.

The biggest issue with pulsatile tinnitus is finding the source. Often the pulsing sensation is caused by malformations between the arterial system and the venous system and the ensuing turbulent blood flow that occurs when blood moves from a high-pressure system, the artery, to a low-pressure system, the vein.

Pulsatile tinnitus can also occur when the temporal bone transmits the sound of a nearby artery - or from more serious conditions, such as when a nearby artery suffers an aneurysm, when a carotid artery narrows, or when a person develops a paraganglioma (a tumor that can occur in the neck and in the head). Often, these tumors are located near blood vessels and have a good blood supply, leading to turbulent blood flow that is audible not only to the person but also sometimes the doctor. Elevated pressure in the brain and anemia can play a role in pulsatile tinnitus as well.

Due to concerns about aneurysms, malformations, narrowing of the carotid artery and paragangliomas, it is important to try to identify the cause of the pulsatile tinnitus. Diagnostic testing can detect an underlying cause in 70 percent of patients. To get to a diagnosis, your doctor will need to take a thorough history and do a focused examination. Radiologic tests then may be necessary to find the cause. An MRI of the brain with MR angiography can differentiate between aneurysms and brain tumors. A CT scan with angiography can also identify vascular lesions and tumors, but not as well as an MRI. One differentiating benefit with a CT scan is that it can identify bony lesions near the ear that would lead to pulsatile tinnitus.

So, I wouldn't ignore the sounds you're hearing. You should make an appointment with your primary care doctor or an ear, nose and throat doctor to evaluate the cause of your symptoms. They may recommend imaging to try to identify the cause, as well as treatment for some of the conditions related to pulsatile tinnitus. Then, finally, you may find relief from this irritating symptom.

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

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

**Finding a sleep aid that keeps working all night**

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Q: My husband has tried many sleep aids over the years, but they don't keep him asleep. He falls asleep in just minutes but wakes up about four or five hours later and cannot get back to sleep.

He takes trazodone, and it doesn't help. Neither have Ambien, Lunesta or melatonin.

He is active during the day. He tried counseling but dropped out and refuses to go back. Do you have any ideas that might help?

A: There are two prescription medications that are supposed to help with this problem. One is Intermezzo (zolpidem). It contains the same active ingredient as Ambien, but it is a sublingual tablet (under the tongue) that goes to work much more quickly. This is appropriate only if there are at least four more hours before it's time to get up. If he has to get up in two or three hours, he may have morning grogginess and might not be able to drive safely. It also may cause nausea or headache.

Silenor (doxepin) is for the treatment of insomnia characterized by difficulty with sleep maintenance. The advantage was in describing your husband's problem. This antidepressant medicine also can cause next-day drowsiness, nausea or a rise in blood pressure. Unlike Intermezzo, which is taken if and when the patient wakes up, Silenor is taken a half-hour before bedtime. He will need to discuss either of these with his doctor.

Q: Is it safe to take baking soda and water three times a day? For years I had acid reflux and heartburn and took pills for relief. Gradually, the pills stopped working. I had surgery to repair a hiatal hernia. That relieved the acid reflux, but I still have heartburn.

The baking soda helped somewhat, but I read that it is not good for people with high blood pressure. Are there any other remedies for heartburn?

A: Baking soda in water (1/2 teaspoon in 4 ounces) is a traditional heartburn remedy that works quite well. It is pretty high in sodium, though, with 616 mg in each 1/2 teaspoon. If you used this remedy three times a day, the sodium would add up to 1,848 mg. That could be enough to raise blood pressure and explains why you should not use it for more than two weeks.

There are other simple remedies that you might find helpful against heartburn. Try chewing gum after your meal. One clinical trial found that Orbit gum is effective for these symptoms. Another found that an after-dinner walk reduced heartburn. Another possible approach is an herbal tea of anise, lemon balm, chamomile or ginger. Ginger ale or candied ginger also can help.

Q: We are a family of 10: my husband, myself, five girls and three boys. Last summer, one of our girls caught lice at camp. I started treating all the kids right away with over-the-counter treatments. Nothing seemed to work.

After a couple of months, I took them to the doctor, who prescribed a stronger treatment; we tried that several times. Again, to no avail. Home remedies weren't any better. It has been almost a year of struggle.

We tried Cetaphil Gentle Skin Cleanser. It took me five hours to coat and dry all 10 heads. I have washed five heads of hair so far today, and I did not see a single living louse. I am hopeful this will finally work.

A: The Cetaphil treatment for lice was described as 95 percent effective (Pediatrics, September 2004). Leave it on overnight and shampoo it off in the morning. This suffocates the lice. It doesn't kill the nits, though, so the treatment must be repeated twice at one-week intervals.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
Bring glory of the garden to your table

For a festive feel, let dinner guests feast eyes on greenery

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press

Tablescapeing is an art form that brings nature into the dining room, providing a feast for the eyes. You can cut your own garden flowers and greenery to make a centerpiece for your table — and then keep on getting creative.

"Adding nature to your table will enliven your guests' experience as they take their place for a meal," said Tobey Nelson, owner of Tobey Nelson Events and Design in Clinton, Wash. "A table that is embellished with beautiful natural elements can turn a pleasant dinner into a special occasion."

"Add a few stems of lovely greenery such as ferns or hosta to smaller vases along or around the table," she suggested. "Place a sprig of an herb such as rosemary or a blossom on a napkin or plate to bring your tablescape alive."

Maybe you have small pots of succulents or herbs on your patio? Incorporate them too, Nelson said.

"Sometimes a creative idea for the garden works nicely on a table setting too. Think sweet little teacups planted with succulents, or small terra cotta pots with little herb plants," she said. "These work well to beautify your table and make cute patio decorations through the summer — or great little gifts for your guests."

No need to relegate cutting flowers to their own patch in the garden, she continued.

"Weave them into your landscape. Plant a few cosmos between shrubs," she said. "Peonies, a popular garden plant, are great as cut flowers, and their foliage is beautiful in a vase. Lots of vines are great in arrangements."

Tablescapeing with plants from your own garden adds a personal touch to the dining experience.

"A lot of times you can personalize by using native flowers that emphasize the area in which you live," said Kaleb Norman James, who owns a wedding and floral design company in Kirkland, Wash. "Or something that a bride and groom can display at their wedding dinner that they're proud of — flowers that tie in to who they are, where they've been or what they've done."

Even the smallest details count.

"I love to look into the elements that may be overlooked," James said. Rarely does he use a plain white napkin, for instance: "Look for color or patterns or some type of decorative element like a flower."

Tablescapeing is more than a floral centerpiece, he said. "It's tying in a lot of different pieces. The flatware, glassware, linens, table numbers and place cards that fit a theme."

"Try to add some additional custom things on top of that," James said. "Fruit or something depicting the season. Little trays with grapes flowing onto the table. Or berries in silver compotes or bowls."

In winter, add candles, geodes and crystals for a glamorous touch, he said.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAMPAIGN DIVISION
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure, the property described herein will be sold at public auction by the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, at the office of the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, 200 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606, on the 10th day of September, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., to the highest and best bidder, who shall pay to the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, the full amount of the judgment, including costs and fees, and all lawful bidding requirements. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 58-2 of the Real Estate Violations Act, 365 ILCS 58, all notices of sale and the sale shall be published as required by law. Said property is located in the Town of Oak Park, in the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, and is more particularly described as follows:

The real estate is a two-story residential building with a single family dwelling, as more particularly described in the first page of the property description attached.

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Fun is in the air at the annual Botanic Garden Kite Festival

BY MYRNA PETLICKI Pioneer Press

Colorful kites will fill the sky about the Chicago Botanic Garden's Evening Island, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, during the Annual Kite Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 12 and 13. The Chicago Fire Kite Team and Kite Society of Wisconsin & Illinois will demonstrate stunts to music. There will also be children's kite-making workshops, a parade of kiters and a grand launch. Lunch options, beverages and ice cream will be sold.

For details, call 847-835-5440 or see www.chicagobotanic.org.

Your vote counts

The animals that call River Trail Nature Center home are competing for your vote in the Peoples' Choice Awards. Bring the kids to the nature center at 3120 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, to cast your ballots, 1:30 p.m. Aug. 13. After the voting, the winner will be introduced and a naturalist will present an educational program about that animal for all ages. The drop-in event is free.

Call 847-724-5670 or see www.glenviewparks.org.

Ruff morning

Bring your family's best friend to Bark in the Park, 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 12 at Prairie View Community Center Park, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Your canine can try an obstacle course, swim in one of the dog pools, and compete in a Costume Contest and a Best Trick Contest.

The Niles Police Department K-9 unit will put on demonstrations from 10:30-11 a.m. The first 100 dogs will receive a goodie bag.

For details, call 847-965-1200 or see www.mortongroveparks.com.

Revere is here!

There's a new book in town. “Rosie Revere, Engineer” is the latest children's book displayed in Little Bear Garden at Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, for a StoryWalk. You and your children can walk, skip or bike along as you read each page of the hilarious book that celebrates imagination, creative thinkers and those people who encourage them.

Call 847-724-5670 or see www.glenviewparks.org.
'Artistry of Wine' raises $89,000

Event: 16th Annual Artistry of Wine
Benefiting: Foundation Fighting Blindness and research to prevent and reverse blindness
Location: Highland Park Country Club
Date: June 22
Attended: 242
Raised: $89,000
Website: www.blindness.org

Skokie Dancers To Teach Rhumba Class

Flora and Martin Steigman of Skokie will dance and teach the rhumba 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 as part of the Cultural Dance Series hosted by the Men's Club of of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster, Skokie. The evening's first hour will be free-style dancing of the '50s through the '70s. The second hour will feature the Steigmans teaching the styled body movements of rhumba, and the third hour will be more free dancing. Snacks and beverages included in admission of $15 per person in advance or $20 at the door. For information, call 847-675-4141 or see www.ehnt.org.

Comedian Robert Klein will give one intimate standup comedy performance at 8 p.m. Aug. 12 at the North Shore Center. Tickets are $32 to $48 and available at www.NorthShoreCenter.org or by calling 847-673-6300.

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**COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE HOMES IN YOUR AREA**

**MORTON GROVE**
Fully remodeled brick ranch home with four bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Newer kitchen and baths, newly finished basement with modern family room, bar and extra bedroom. Outdoor kitchen and bar, patio, gas fireplace and large back yard. Two-car detached garage and side drive. A block away from high school. Newer roof, windows and mechanics.

Address: 8917 Marion Ave.
Price: $358,000
Schools: Niles North High School
Taxes: $4,824
Agent: Waldemar Smolinski/Century 21 McMullen Real Estate

**LIBERTYVILLE**
Three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home in Regency Woods. Office and loft that could be converted into extra bedroom. Two-story ceilings. Island kitchen overlooking family room with fireplace. Master suite with dual vanities, soaking tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Three-car garage with brick exterior. Aluminum siding. Patio outside.

Address: 4442 W. Gavin Lane
Price: $389,900
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $17,453
Agent: Eric Egeland/RE/MAX Suburban

**GRAYS LAKE**
Five-bed, three-bathroom home within walking distance of Central Park and Village Center. Large island kitchen, living and dining rooms, lower-level family room with gas log fireplace, utility room that walks out to a large two-car garage, and a fenced-in backyard with tool shed. Storage space in two-car garage and attic. Vinyl siding.

Address: 652 Stuart St
Price: $204,999
Schools: Grayslake Central High School
Taxes: $9,376
Agent: Anne Burke/Charles Rutenberg Realty

**PALATINE**
Four-bed, 2.5-bath home in Reseda subdivision. Updated kitchen featuring maple cabinets and granite countertops opens to family room with wood-burning fireplace. Great room addition leads to a landscaped backyard with patio and fire-pit. Finished basement for extra space that could be used for recreation or office. Attached garage and parking space in driveway.

Address: 517 E. Monterey Road
Price: $375,000
Schools: Palatine High School
Taxes: $8,077
Agent: Cindy Eich/Tarabein Inc.

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Thursday, Aug. 10

Evanston and Vicinity Biennial: Group Exhibition: The Evanston Art Center welcomes the public to this exhibition. It includes artists Robin Blegen, Riva Lehrer, Timothy McNulty, Ryan Thompson and Rafael E. Vera. Through Aug. 27, the Art Center will be exhibiting these five artists chosen by the Vicinity Biennial jurors. 9 a.m. daily, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-3500

NTL: “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead”: This is a National Theatre Live broadcast captured for the big screen from The Old Vic in London. Against the backdrop of “Hamlet,” two hapless minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, take center stage. As the pair of friends stumble their way in and out of the action of Shakespeare’s iconic drama, they become increasingly out of their depth as their version of the story unfolds. Daniel Radcliffe, Joshua McGuire and David Haig star in Tom Stoppard’s situation comedy. Tickets are: $20 general public, $16 NU Employee or $10 full-time student (under 30 with current ID). 7 p.m. Thursday, Ethel M. Barber Theatre at Northwestern University, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $10-$20, 847-491-7282

“My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy”: Brad Zimmerman’s hit comedy “My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy” is returning to Chicago for a five-week engagement July 6 through August 13. One-part standup, one-part theatrical, this is the story of one man’s struggle to fulfill his dream and ‘make it’ as a comedic actor in New York. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $46, 847-673-6300

“Annuities: The Good, the Bad and the Complicated”: Annuities differ greatly in their terms, costs, underwriting interests and potential benefits. Financial educator Karen Chan, CFP, helps attendees cut through the sales-speak to better understand the complex products as related to annuities. 7 p.m. Thursday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-6935

Music on Lincoln Summer Series: Morgan Fingleton: Singer/keyboards/organist Morgan Fingleton performs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. outside Cafe Aroma. Performances are sponsored by Hoffmann Commercial Real Estate in partnership with North Shore Music Institute and Mike Poupkou. 4 p.m. Thursday, Cafe Aroma, 749 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-441-4150

Friday, Aug. 11

“The God of Isaac”: Grippo Stage Company presents James Sherman’s semi-autobiographical account of a young American Jew searching for his identity. 8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, $39, 800-838-3006

Newspaper Construction Friday for Grades 4-8: The challenge: As a team, construct and build newspaper chairs. The goal: Create furniture strong enough to support the heaviest amount of books. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 4 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Lakeside Yoga for Free: This takes place on Fridays in August at the Park Center Patio Lawn. Participants enjoy the tranquility of a beautiful lakeside setting for an hour. Attendees bring their own yoga mat. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Free Movies in the Park: “Moana”: Grab a blanket and some snacks and enjoy a night out at the movies. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Herrar Park and Pool, 6250 W Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-1200

Music on Lincoln Summer Series: Louie Zagoras: Singer/guitarist Louie Zagoras performs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Performances are sponsored by Hoffmann Commercial Real Estate in partnership with North Shore Music Institute and Mike Poupkou. 4 p.m. Friday, Cafe Aroma, 749 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-441-4150

Saturday, Aug. 12

We Want To Have Fun, Too: Special Needs Social Dance: A weekly program of social dancing geared to the Special Needs community featuring live, acoustic world music by the Evanston-based band Jutta and the Hi-Dukes. All skill levels are invited to do fun traditional dances from many cultures. This is partially supported by a grant from the Evanston Arts Council. 11 a.m. Saturday, Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, $5 admit, Aides enter free, 847-864-1022

Glenview Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

The Sane Abandoned live at Grandpa’s Place: This new show for all ages featuring an alternative rock band composed of Charlie Laughlin (Northbrook) on guitar/vocals and Gary
Zucker (Glenview) on drums. 8 p.m. Saturday, Grandpa's Place, 1868 Prairie St., Glenview, free

Hoedown ~ Square Dancing 101: Do-si-do and Allemande Left with the help of the Glenview Squares dancers and callers. No experience is needed, no special outfits are required and no partner is expected. This is co-sponsored by the Glenview Park District. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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. Bring pencils and a calculator. Register by Aug. 11. Note: Students should choose the test they wish to take when registering. Tests begin promptly at noon. Noon Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Family Night Golf: These family golf nights begin at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 27. Groups of up to six players can play for the flat fee of just $30, cart not included. Some restrictions apply. For more information, visit the website or call. 5 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 West Lake Ave., Glenview, free, 847-657-1637

Crafting for Charity: Crafters let their imaginations go wild, as they design and create twiddlemuffs. These are knitted or crocheted muff-style items made of materials such as ribbons, large buttons or textured fabrics and attached for patients with dementia to twiddle with in their hands. Participants bring your needles and/or hooks and novices are welcome. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Morton Grove Farmers' Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Farmers' Market, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436.

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Bark in the Park: Celebrate all things canine with an obstacle course from 10 a.m.-noon, Nile Police Department K-9 demonstrations from 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m., an obstacle course from 10 a.m.-noon and a doggie swimming pool from 10 a.m.-noon. Contest for best trick and best costume will also be held around 11:15 a.m. Treats are available for purchase from Bentley's Dog Bakery. The first 100 dogs receive goodbye bags. 10 a.m. Saturday, Prairie View Park, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Second Saturday Breakfast Bingo: Kids and families are welcome to enjoy some breakfast treats as everyone plays bingo. Enjoy a kick start to one's weekend with a morning of family fun at the library. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 5630 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Monthly meeting of Essential Tremor Group of Northbrook: Individual people who have been diagnosed with essential tremor meet monthly to discuss issues connected to essential tremor. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-564-1777

Smartys Big Balloon Show: The Big Balloon Show is a one-of-a-kind vaudeville style stage production featuring magic, all-ages comedy, interactive storytelling and, of course, Smarty's award-winning, larger than life balloon props. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Park Ridge Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-212-9904

Vine St BBQ: Enjoy a friendly barbecue competition and enjoy burgers, tacos, cupcakes and more. Noon Saturday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

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. Saturday, 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, cheese, a variety of delicious baked goods, wonderful specialty foods and unique items. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Northfield Farmers' Market, 6 Happ Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4451

Music on Lincoln Summer Series — Flanigan and Pierson Duo: Jazz duo Olivia Flanigan and Dan Pierson perform from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. outside Good Grapes. Performances are sponsored by Hoffman Commercial Real Estate in partnership with North Shore Music Institute and Mike Poupko. 5 p.m. Saturday, Good Grapes, 821 Chestnut Court, Winnetka, free, 847-441-4150

Second Sunday Community Breakfast: Everyone is invited to join us for food, conversation, fun, eggs, casseroles, fruits and the baked goods you crave will be there. 9 a.m. Saturday, Saint Giles Episcopal Church, 3025 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-262-6622

Author Kenneth N. Green at Congregation Kol Emeth: The Sisterhood and Men's Club of Congregation Kol Emeth present author Kenneth N. Green who speaks about his book, "I'm From Division Street." He is bringing and personally signing copies of the books that are purchased. To attend, RSVP by calling the synagogue or sending an email to office@kolemethskokie.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Congregation Kol Emeth, 6200 West Touhy Ave., Skokie, free, 847-673-3370

Monday, Aug. 14

hoopla! MyMediaMail and Zinio Individual Appointments: Meet with trained library staff for a 45-minute, one-on-one session and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your mobile device. Visit or call the Reader Services Desk at 847-729-7500 Ext. 7600 for questions, to register and for appointment locations. A Glenview Library card is required. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 130 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Lockers Roundtable for Grades 6-8: Don't be basic — design and create locker accessories to display your individual style and help you stay organized. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 130 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Minecraft Monday: Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to register to try their hand at this monthly MineCraft Monday challenge! The group meets in the new computer training lab on the lower level. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Ballroom Dance Classes: A basic ballroom dance class starts at 6:45 p.m. and an intermediate class is at 7:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. Monday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, $10 per person per class, 847-757-2227

Open House to Learn about Hearing Loss Support Groups: This is an opportunity to observe or participate in two friendly support groups facilitated by Mary Blumer-Reed, LCSW, AM. At 10 a.m. is Speech Reading class to learn better hearing strategies and enhance listening skills, followed by 11 a.m. Sound Off to share hearing problems in confidence, exchange ideas, solutions and other ways to manage in this challenging world. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield
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Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6040

The Colors and Contrast of Colorado and New Mexico: An autumn journey through Colorado and northern New Mexico affirms the rich diversity of America the Beautiful. Explore the mountain lakes and passes, spectacular rock formations, the oldest house and church in the U.S., quaking aspen trees redefining the color yellow and more. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member, $13 non member, 847-784-6030

Balfour Declaration at 100: The Thrice Promised Land: In 1917, the British Empire declared its support for the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Yet other diplomatic agreements already promised the same land to the Arabs and to the Empire. Rabbi Chalom's presentation addresses how the small Zionist movement gained the backing of the world's largest empire, and how the Balfour Declaration is still impacting current events. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member, $13 non member, 847-784-6030

Chicago Tribune Career Fair: Network your way to a new career and distinguish yourself from competing candidates. Pack weeks of interviews into just four hours and get immediate answers to your questions about open positions and company hiring processes. Gain access to a variety of companies and make instant connections with key hiring decision makers. Register before the event for even more exposure. 11 a.m. Monday, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, free, 847-696-1234

Fiftieth Anniversary Concert featuring the Clergy Boys: Congregation Beth Shalom Northbrook's 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert features the Clergy Boys at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. All seats are reserved — ticket costs $36 main floor, $25 balcony. Order tickets online or at the box office or online at www.northshorecenter.org. Contact 847-498-4100 for more information.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Power Employment Workshop: Illinois WorkNet Center speakers share what's working and what's not in today's job market. They discuss setting smart goals to keep you on track, using social media to connect with active hiring managers, getting your resume through today's Applicant Tracking Systems and sharpening critical interview skills. Visit the website to register. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Ready to Enter Kindergarten: Get ready for the big day with teachers from Extraordinary Kids Enrichment Program. Soon-to-be-kindergarteners have the opportunity to explore science, math and art with interactive, hands-on activities. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Preserve the Harvest: Learn how to preserve fresh vegetables with Emily Pastor, food blogger and passionate cook. She discusses simple home preservation methods to help you turn fresh produce into creative, long-lasting nibbles. Attendees may stick around for samples of homemade preserves. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Career Counseling Appointments: Four 30-minute appointments are available to consult with a career expert. This would be for resume help and job search strategies for any stage of your career. Financial Planning Appointments are Tuesday, at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. for a one-hour consultation with a Certified Financial Planner. For both, call 847-729-7500 Ext. 7700 to register. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Advanced Excel 2010: Pivot Tables: Registration is limited to six and is required for this hands-on workshop to learn how to use PivotTables to summarize, manipulate and present data. The prerequisite: Do More with Excel 2010 workshop, or a thorough understanding of Excel 2010 required. 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 8410 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL on the Go: Catch library staff at the Morton Grove Metra Station for a chat about upcoming events at the library, books and e-books, movies, mobile devices and much more. Questions are answered about the library and you may register for a library card. 7 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Metra Station, 8501 Lehigh Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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Musician open mic: This is a half hour of high energy fun for little rockers. There is a combination of music, skaters, scarves and dancing. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-729-7500

Reading Group: The weekly reading group discusses Katherine Mansfield's short story "The Twin." The story is about a young girl who had to die the day before Christmas. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 7513 Willow Road, Winnetka, $5, 847-302-6017

The film "Evening" is rated PG-13. The story is about Ann Grant, who lays dying, when she remembers the story of her life and the people who loved her. The cast includes: Claire Danes and课堂教学者. "This is a half hour of high energy fun for little rockers. There is a combination of music, skaters, scarves and dancing. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-729-7500

Monthly Meeting of the Society of Active Single Seniors: SASS is an independently run, non-denominational club that offers a variety of social events including attending professional theater, music performances, parties and dining at various restaurants. Events are planned by the members. The meeting is held at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, located at the southwest corner of Sunset Ridge Road and Willow Road. New members are welcome and refreshments are served. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, free, 847-498-5231

Faith, Hope and Recovery Free Support Group: Free spiritual support program for all people affected by mental health conditions. This includes family and friends, colleagues and caregivers. Refresh your spirit by sharing your concerns. Learn skills that restore the soul. Receive compassion and support. In being together, we find companions for the journey. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Winnie's Presbyterian Church, 1255 Willow Road, Winnetka, free, 847-302-6017

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Live Music Wednesdays with the Josh Rupar Trio: Hear the music of Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other classics of the era played by the Josh Rupar Bebop trio. Reservations can be made online or by calling. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

Found's Salon Series 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

Musicians open mic: Kids open mic 6:30-7:30 p.m.; adults 7:30-11 p.m. Bring your instruments and bring your friends. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

Lego Club for Grades 3-6: This is a monthly free-build. Lego are provided for all Master Builders who supply their ideas. However, space is limited. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

EXCEL 2013 Intermediate: Do more with your spreadsheets. Learn several intermediate skills including tables and charts, conditional formatting, and absolute/relative cell references. Basic EXCEL skills are required, as is a Glenview Library card. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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 artists. Bring your own knitting supplies. 11 a.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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Comfortable with computer, keyboard is a requisite. Attendees need to bring their email account information and use that email address to sign up for a blog or simple website. Attendees need to learn to use this free tool for creating a website. Every Wednesday for a few hours of mind, body and spirit enrichment. Three, one-hour lectures/classes are hosted throughout the day, alongside their fitness class offerings at the Martin Lustbader Center. Lectures/classes run 9:30-10:30 a.m., 10:45-11:45 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. These are free for Martin Lustbader Center members; $10 per day non-member; $45 for 5 session punch card. 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook; free members; $10 non members, 224-406-9257

**Northbrook Farmers Market:** 7 a.m. Wednesday, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free

**The Holocaust in Film:** "The Boat is Full!": A rare look at the Holocaust from the Swiss point of view, this powerful drama touched a raw nerve when it was released in 1980. Unavailable for years, it took seven film labs three years to carefully restore the work, Oscar-nominated for Best Foreign Language Film in 1981. 1 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $13 non member, 847-764-6030

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

**Rosemont’s Big Break Vocal Competition:** Audience members who are ages 21 and older may vote to decide who wins the Big Break competition and the $10,000 grand prize. The nine-week competition includes weekly audience voting rounds at Joe’s Live every Wednesday at 7 p.m. A special Big Break finale event takes place Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. A special Big Break finale event takes place Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. on MB Financial Park’s great lawn. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Joe’s Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-261-0392.

**Night of Rhumba at Skokie Synagogue:** Experienced dancers, Skokie residents Flora and Martin Steigman, teach the rhumba at the next Cultural Dance Series, hosted by the Men’s Club of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. These instructors teach attendees the step by step dance patterns, says Ariel Adkins, Chairperson of the series. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, $15 per person; $20 at door, 847-675-4141

**Breaking Down Genealogical Brick Walls:** This is presented by genealogical researcher Susanne Hoffmann to help participants overcome obstacles and frustrations; tackle perceived brick walls and dead ends with insight to new solutions; and look at a variety of sources to solve these challenges. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 837-256-6935

**Storytime with Andy Rash:** This is a storytime with author and illustrator Andy Rash. Join Andy for stories, drawing, and a sing-along to the theme song from “Archie, the Daredevil Penguin.” His new book is “May I Have a Word?” 4 p.m. Wednesday, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 811 Elm St, Winnetka, free, 847-446-8880

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“Dunkirk” ★★★
PG-13, 1:47, drama
Christopher Nolan’s “Dunkirk” is a unique waterboarding of a film experience. Somewhere between 340,000 and 400,000 Allied soldiers were rescued from the titular coastal city. There are three interlocking stories. In “The Mole,” a soldier in British uniform (Fionn Whitehead) comes upon the beach as the Germans are closing in. The young man joins a desperate fray awaiting naval rescue, while Kenneth Branagh’s naval commander eyes the skies for the enemy. Story two, “The Sea,” features Mark Rylance as a sailor diving into the rescue effort, by way of a craft called Moonstone. Story three: “The Air,” where Tom Hardy leads as a Royal Air Force Spitfire pilot. — Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune

“The Emoji Movie” ★
PG, 1:26, animated
The truth is that “The Emoji Movie” is exactly what you expect. When malfunctioning “meh” emoji Gene starts a glitch in Alex’s phone, he goes from app to app, hoping to reprogram himself to only express one emotion, the way emojis should. But, of course, what makes him different, his “malfu nction,” is what makes him unique. Every step of the journey is to prevent Alex from restoring the phone to factory settings, destroying the world of Textopolis, where emojis live. Most laughs come from app recognition — it’d be the better choice to spend these 86 minutes outside or talking to another human being’s face. Because “The Emoji Movie” could not be more meh. — Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service

“Girls Trip” ★★★
R, 2:02, comedy
“Black-ish” writer Kenya Barris co-wrote the “Girls Trip” script, and that influence comes through in the friend group known as the “Flossy Posse.” Oprah-in-training Ryan (Regina Hall) has invited her crew along for a trip to New Orleans, where she’s giving a speech and launching her brand. Making up the Flossy Posse are Jada Pinkett Smith as worrywart mom Lisa, Queen Latifah as blogger Sasha and Tiffany Haddish, who breaks out as the wildly funny Dina. Ryan starts to come loose at the seams, especially when the posse discovers photos of her husband stepping out with a model. “Girls Night” reflects that in its ability to balance potty humor with empowerment. — K.W.

“Atomic Blonde” ★★ 1/2
R, 1:55, action
“Atomic Blonde” is a marriage of material and star. Charlize Theron is perfect as the titular blonde, MI-6 agent Lorraine Broughton, on a mission in the shadow of the falling Berlin Wall. She has been sent to Berlin to retrieve a microfilm with a list of foreign agents that was taken from the body of a dead British agent by the KGB operative who murdered him. She is to connect with British agent Percival (James McAvoy) and secure the list at all costs. “Atomic Blonde” is a film that’s all dressed up with just nowhere to go. — KW.

“Spider-Man: Homecoming” ★★★
PG-13, 2:13, action
Tom Holland once again slips into the suit to lead his own Spidey film; which starts with a callback to “Captain America: Civil War,” when Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) gave the high schooler a chance to tag in with the Avengers. And remember those aliens that destroyed New York in “The Avengers”? Their exotic and powerful detritus has been scooped up by a working class contractor, Toomes (Michael Keaton). Directed by Jon Watts, “Spider-Man: Homecoming” slots right into the Marvel Cinematic Universe. — K.W.
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Ford Bronco poised for a comeback

Discontinued SUV infamously tied to O.J. Simpson set to return in 2020

BY MARY CHAPMAN
Chicago Tribune

The connection seems almost mystical.

When O.J. Simpson was making Heisman moves at the University of Southern California, Ford Broncos were racing nearby in the Baja 1000. Following Simpson's infamous slow chase on national TV, the Bronco was discontinued. And now that the old running back is set to get out of jail Oct. 1, Ford is gearing up for an all-new Bronco.

“It's kind of funny that the Bronco and O.J. are being released at the same time,” said Thomas Broberg, editor and publisher of Bronco Driver magazine, noting that Simpson's 11-season NFL career and the Bronco's 11-year first generation were nearly concurrent.

For better or worse, the brands are inextricably bound. Some 95 million TV viewers — Super Bowl numbers — witnessed the Ford Bronco driven by his pal Al Cowling in Southern California.

Since its acquisition last summer, that Bronco has been a popular draw at the Alcatraz East Crime Museum in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The museum expects even more interest since once Simpson is freed this fall after serving nine years in the city on kidnapping and armed robbery charges related to sports memorabilia. A replica of the SUV will be installed at a planned pop-up Simpson museum in Los Angeles.

Simpson and Cowling owned matching Broncos; Simpson's was stripped by law enforcement for evidence in the criminal trial of his ex-wife's murder and no longer exists.

“The reality is the Bronco name is, and forevermore will be, associated with O.J.,” said Michael Bernacchi, a marketing professor at the University of Detroit Mercy. “Whether it's going to help or hurt Ford is hard to say.”

Some 24 years after the last Bronco iteration, Ford will introduce a new version in 2020, the automaker confirmed this year. Few details are known, other than it will be similar in size to the Ford Ranger and will have bones from bodyside bones like the original. The last generation of the rough-and-rugged Bronco was based on the F-150 pickup truck. Introduced in 1966 to compete with small, four-wheel-drive SUVs, the Bronco's first go-around lasted 30 years.

There remains widespread, almost folkloric belief that Simpson, after that surreal, prime-time cop chase on Interstate 405 and his acquittal the following year in the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman, essentially did in the venerable brand.

In all likelihood, however, Ford already had decided to kill the Bronco, which was never a huge seller for the manufacturer.

Between 1991 and 1996, the model's share of Ford sales registered between 1.1 and 1.4 percent, according to Edmunds.com. Built primarily to battle Jeep CJ models and the International Harvester Scout, the brawny Bronco was hailed by enthusiasts as a true off-roader that was also fun.

“Bronco had a good run. I'm surprised it took this long to bring it back,” Broberg said.

But the industry was moving away from two-door, two-row SUVs and toward family-friendly, four-door, three-row vehicles like the Ford Expedition, which succeeded the Bronco. General Motors replaced the two-door Chevrolet Blazer with the four-door Tahoe.

“That style was on its way out before him,” said Jake Fisher, director of auto testing for Consumer Reports. “This vehicle, which probably won't be much like the old one and which never really sold well, could've been called anything. They're using the Bronco name for some reason, and that reason has to be the connection to O.J.”

Whether Simpson affects demand, he said, will somewhat depend on whether he's in the news in two years. It also depends on the extent to which prospective customers know of the erstwhile NFL Hall of Fame, B-movie actor and pitchman. The average age of midsize SUV buyers is between 45 and 54, according to Edmunds.com.

“Remember, when he gets out, they'll be replaying that chase and everything O.J.” Bernacchi said.

“All that will be back in the news more and more.”

While Simpson did help imprint the brand on the public's consciousness, consumers have short attention spans, said consumer psychologist Kit Yarrow. “I think any sort of tarnish will be emotional, and that doesn't last as long,” she said.

Still, images of him in a SUV around the time the new Bronco is unveiled could conjure negative associations, she said.

But, if anything, Bronco's connection to Simpson could promote sales.

“We're in an era today where it doesn't seem to matter whether attention is positive or negative. When you think about the things that people are willing to do to get press — look at social media and all the reality shows — attention is worth more than money,” Yarrow said.

Constance Prater, 46, of Grand Rapids, Mich., shares a Chevrolet Equinox with her husband. She said she doesn't like Simpson, but that if she liked the new Bronco and the price was right, she wouldn't hesitate.

“Unless it was white,” she said with a chuckle.

“That would probably be too much.”

Mary Chapman is a freelance writer.
Stop-start feature steams driver, who needs chill pill

Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: I just traded in a 2014 Chevy Cruze and leased a 2017 Malibu. I didn't realize that the vehicle was equipped with auto stop/start until after I took delivery. I am retired and drive maybe 50 miles per week in and around Fort Lauderdale, so the stop/start feature has really become annoying. Sitting at stoplights only to have the A/C shut down is just plain crazy. The dealer says there is no way to turn this feature off. Any thoughts on this?

—A.C., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A: Has the dealership salesman read the owner's manual? Have you read your owner's manual? If you want to prevent the engine from auto-stopping while the air conditioning is needed, press the A/C button twice to get out of the econ mode. Also, the automatic stop/start feature will not work if the transmission is in anything but drive. Shifting to park will keep the engine running.

Bob: Chill, dude.

Q: In regards to the older 2001 Buick having a hard-starting issue when warm, many GM cars have problems with the fuel pressure regulator leaking down. It can happen on cold or warm starts. A service tech can check the vacuum hose leading to the regulator, and if it shows signs of fuel or its odor, that is the starting problem. I have retired as a service tech for GM, and have seen countless regulators go bad. A good tech never throws parts on a car, hoping to correct it. Diagnosis takes time, as you will agree. Love your column!

—B.L., Tinley Park, Ill.

A: Thanks for writing. You are absolutely right about the fuel pressure regulator. Fuel leaks past the internal diaphragm, goes through the vacuum hose attached to the regulator, and in the engine's intake manifold. Diagnosis is super simple, as you pointed out.

Bob: Stick a red Solo cup works well. If this method is unsuccessful, we suggest contacting Heloise at www.heloise.com.

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Q&A: Niles West alumna, WNBA star Jewell Loyd

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Pioneer Press

Former Niles West and Notre Dame star guard Jewell Loyd is rapidly becoming one of the faces of the WNBA.

Now in her third year in the league, Loyd is one of the leaders on the Seattle Storm.

Through Monday she was averaging 17.4 points, 3.5 assists, 3.4 rebounds and 1.3 steals this season. Loyd recently discussed her past at Niles West, her career aspirations and becoming a close friend of former Los Angeles Lakers star guard Kobe Bryant with Pioneer Press freelance reporter Bob Narang.

Q: Tell me how you feel in your third year in the league? Do you feel more settled in?
A: I think I'm a bit more comfortable, more familiar with the system and the players. Definitely having Sue Bird on the floor has helped me and I'm definitely more efficient.

Q: Is there a certain aspect of your game that you worked on during the WNBA offseason?
A: I think knocking down the 3-pointer, that's something that I focused on, and being able to finish at the rim.

Q: What are your goals for this season?
A: Every game, I have goals for myself. The main goal is to get better every game, and do anything to help your team win.

Q: Can you describe reaching your goal of simply playing in the WNBA, and at the same time, being a face of the league?
A: This was always one of my goals. It's a great opportunity to do something like this, being around so many great players and I've embraced it.

Q: Have you adapted well to living in Seattle?
A: It's a great city, and we are here for the best time of the season in the summer.

Q: Does it rain a lot in the summer in Seattle?
A: That's just a myth. It's been nice and sunny since I've been here.

Q: Talk about your experience playing in China last season?
A: Niles West is a great high school. Those were definitely the best four years of my time. I love going back and seeing the coaches. It's funny because a lot of colleges don't have the facilities as (Niles West). I go back and use the facilities, weight room and the awesome trainers, it's top of the line stuff.

Q: What's your fondest memory of your high school experience?
A: Basketball-wise, seeing the whole high school support us at home games. High school was just awesome. We traveled well, and my family and the whole community was behind us. It was spectacular.

Q: When did you realize you were a next-level type of player?
A: I always played against older competition and always played the game because I loved it. I would watch games and go, "I can do that" and then going out and doing it.

Q: The Storm are slated to play at the Chicago Sky later this month. What does that mean to you?
A: I love coming back home to Chicago. I have my family, friends and my crew there. It's always a great feeling coming back.

Q: How's your off-the-court going? In particular, your own brand of clothing?
A: My brand is pretty cool and sweet, just a way to expand my connections as well. A lot of the money I make from that goes back into the community and giving back. It's good to branch out. I don't focus on it too much, but I love giving back. I'm blessed to be part of the Nike family.

Q: How much does your friendship with Kobe Bryant help you on the court?
A: We started practicing and becoming great friends. He's been a great mentor to me. Anytime I have questions, he definitely answers them right away. It's been a pretty cool process to know him, and learn.

Q: What have you learned from the mental side of basketball from Kobe?
A: Basketball is definitely a mental game. He did a really good job of staying focused and not (worrying) too much about the physicality. I tried to learn that and to stay focused throughout the whole season and overcoming slumps. He's done a really good job of helping me in that.

Q: Is it kind of weird you can text or call one of your idols?
A: I'm always been a fan of Kobe. I just started asking him questions (about basketball). It wasn't any fan (stuff). It's pretty cool. He's been a great guy and a great friend, and he continues to be.

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Team offers visually impaired chance to play hockey

BY STEVE REAVEN
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The Chicago Blackhawks Blind Hockey team's existence raises many questions, but one surpasses almost all others.

How? Skating, stickhandling, passing the puck and avoiding opposing players while blind seems improbable.

The squad, which was founded in 2015 as an offshoot of a Blackhawks special-needs team for people with developmental difficulties, comprises males and females who are either blind or visually impaired. Players range in age from 5-40.

"What they're doing is groundbreaking," said co-head coach Carla Pentimone, who was a member of the Wisconsin women's hockey team that won NCAA national titles in 2009 and 2011. "A lot of our players need help walking and maneuvering in everyday life, so it's inspiring to see their desire and fearlessness when they get out onto the ice."

Pentimone works in advertising for tronc, Pioneer Press' parent company. She's a Loyola graduate and played junior hockey for the Chicago Young Americans and Chicago Mission. Currently, she coaches girls hockey at New Trier.

Players have learned everything from how to put gear to how to communicate with one another on the ice.

Pentimone's ties to USA Hockey, the team's staff has devised several modifications to the game to assist the players.

The team, which played a team of military veterans injured in combat in a scrimmage on July 31 in Mount Prospect, uses an oversized puck that contains a noise maker. When the puck is struck by a stick and glides across the ice, it sounds a bit like something hitting a hollow tin can. That allows players to locate the puck and pinpoint which direction it is coming from.

"If the puck didn't make that sound, I'd be in trouble," said 14-year-old La Grange Park resident David Kopp, who has aniridia, which means he doesn't have an iris in either of his eyes.

The noise-emitting puck works well because blind or visually impaired people are accustomed to listening intensely to the sounds near them.

"I depend on my hearing a lot in everyday life, listening for friends' voices and listening for cars to cross the street," said team captain Salmaan Chaudhri, a 24-year-old Evanston resident.

"So my heightened sense of hearing really helps because even with the big puck, sometimes I can't see it."

Chaudhri suffers from retinitis pigmentosa, which causes degeneration of the retina.

To assist themselves on the ice, team members also learn how many strides it takes to skate across the width of the rink. For example, if a player starts on one board and knows it takes him 40 strides to get to the other side, he knows he's pretty close to the center of the ice after 20 strides.

It's also common for coaches calling out areas where the puck, teammates or opponents can be found and equating it with the numbers on the face of a clock. For example, a coach might say, "Puck is at 12 o'clock."

The team practices for 90 minutes every Saturday from mid-September until the first week in April at Center Ice of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. At practice, the players train on small portions of the rink. That cuts down on the amount of ice the players need to cover and makes it easier to hear the puck.

The team, which is sponsored by the Chicago Blackhawks and USA Hockey, also takes part in USA Hockey's Blind Ice Hockey Summit and Training Camp in October. This year's summit is in Pittsburgh.

Pentimone, who shares head coach responsibilities with Kevin Allison, has used USA Hockey's American Development Model when coaching the team.

The system breaks the fundamentals of hockey into the ABC's — agility, balance and coordination. If members of the Chicago Blackhawks Blind Hockey team can develop those three attributes, they can play hockey. Whether or not they can see.

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Blind hockey team a dream come true for Elmhurst's Millers

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

Matt and Luke Miller have long shared an affinity for hockey, but the brothers from Elmhurst had been limited to playing pond hockey at their church.

Now, they are mainstays on the Chicago Blackhawks Blind Hockey team and rely being teammates on a formal team for the first time.

It's an opportunity the Millers never expected.

"It was something I thought was possible, but it was a matter of someone taking the initiative to develop," said Matt Miller, 19, who leaves this month to begin his sophomore year at Michigan State.

Founded in late 2015 as an offshoot of a Blackhawks team for people with developmental difficulties, the squad is open to the visually impaired people with developmental difficulties, comprises males and females who are either blind or visually impaired.

"I never expected." said Matt Miller, 19, who leaves this month to begin his sophomore year at Michigan State.

Luke Miller, 16, played baseball and basketball several years ago before his eyesight worsened, but this is his brother's first foray into team sports.

"He wasn't really into sports when he was younger, so to be involved with his first experience on a team has been incredible," said Luke Miller, a junior at York.

Luke Miller struggles with depth perception, which affects his orientation on the ice and his mobility. Over time, he's learned how to position himself in space, in relation to both the flow of play and to other players.

Matt Miller, on the other hand, has to deal with his central field of vision being almost non-existent. So, even if he fixesates on the puck in one area of the ice, he often loses sight of it, only to re-gain its location seconds later.

"Any object that might move toward or past me hits one of those blind spots and the detail in what I see, even after a few feet, drops off," said Matt Miller, who is majoring in actuarial sciences.

That reality is one of the reasons he enjoyed playing goalie during pond hockey outings. That option isn't available with his current team, though, because the goalie position is reserved for those who are completely blind.

Other teammates also have found joy in being a part of the team.

"I would never have believed I would be playing on a hockey team. I still think I'm dreaming," Evanston resident and team captain Salmaan Chaudhri said. "I love every moment I'm on the ice."

A broken left leg suffered in a practice fall last year, followed by a three-month recovery, did nothing to dampen Chaudhri's enthusiasm for the team and the sport.

In fact, his immersion in the Chicago Blackhawks Blind Hockey team has culminated the amount of time he skis, which is another of his hobbies.

David Kopp, 14, had only tried skating once in his life previous to joining the team, so he initially endured a steep learning curve.

"On the first day of practice, I was falling over every 10-20 seconds," said Kopp, a La Grange Park resident who suffers from aniridia, which results in him not having an iris in either of his eyes.

"Even now, I still hope I don't run into anything. I have to make a lot of quick decisions because I see things at the last second and that makes it harder to catch a pass or go to where I should be on the ice."

Players aren't the only ones gratified by the squad. Jennie Jaidinger's 7-year-old son, Johann, was born with albinism, a genetic disorder that results in a lack of pigment in his eyes.

Playing on the team has allowed Johann to tap into his active, athletic side, and his mom has derived benefits as well.

"It's been a great way to meet other parents who we have something in common with," Jennie Jaidinger said.

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