Oakton students take part in rally supporting DACA. Page 4

Several Oakton Community College students gather for a rally in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, held on Sept. 6 at the Des Plaines campus. The Trump administration announced last week that DACA would be rescinded.

Blend watermelon for agua fresca

Whipping up a fresh watermelon in a blender is a fast and satisfying way to make a melon submit to your will, Melissa Elsmo writes. She shares her recipe for agua fresca, which can be enjoyed as is or mixed with a sparkling wine or as a base for a vodka cocktail. Inside

Best of fall theater

Chris Jones names his picks for 10 of the best plays for the season. Page 19

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Columnist Paul Sassone argues that like the Men's Movement of the 1990s, what we're experiencing today, nativism and pro-Confederacy, namely, are fake movements and will not last. Page 15

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Oakton students rally in support of DACA

Some hold signs saying 'Just as American as You'

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

For Gustavo Torres, the ability to get a job means the opportunity to get an education.

The promise of a work permit, despite his undocumented status, is why, Torres said, he enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

"This is how we make our money to pay for school," the Oakton Community College student said of being able to legally work in the United States. "If we don't have jobs, we're not going to be able to have an education."

Torres, who was born in Mexico but has lived in the U.S. with his family since the age of 4, was one of a dozen Oakton students who took part in a rally supporting DACA on Sept. 6 at the Des Plaines campus.

The open mic-style rally, held in front of the student cafeteria, featured representatives of the college's Association to Nourish and Develop the Advancement of Latinos in Education (ANDALE), the Student Government Association and Student Judicial Board, as well as faculty and students who spoke on behalf of their classmates and immigrants throughout the country enrolled in DACA.

Some held hand-written signs that read "Just as American as You" and "Our Dreams Can't Wait."

The Trump administration announced last week that DACA - enacted in 2012 by then-President Barack Obama to give undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. as minors deferred action from deportation and eligibility to obtain a work permit - would be rescinded.

In announcing the administration's decision, Attorney General Jeff Sessions called the DACA program unconstitutional, but offered a partial delay to send the matter to Congress to address.

On Sept. 5, President Donald Trump wrote on Twitter, "Congress now has 6 months to legalize DACA (something the Obama Administration was unable to do), if they can't, I will revisit this issue!"

At Oakton, Chayanne Trejo, chairman of the college's Student Judicial Board, said he hoped the rally helped bring awareness of the DACA issue to his fellow students.

"My goal was just to support my friends, some of whom are undocumented," Trejo said. "I just wanted to be there for them because they have every right to get an education and the right to be a citizen. I hope I can reach out to at least one or two people and let them know what is happening. Some people are just so stuck on their phones that they aren't in touch with reality. And reality is really setting in."

Stafan Dante Espelho-Ramirez, the child of South American immigrants, said he, as an American citizen, can live "without fear of being deported simply because as a child I may have been born somewhere else."

"To me, there's no way these people aren't Americans themselves," he said of DACA enrollees. "They live the same way I do and have the same values I have, and they just wish to make the future better."

Larry Marks, a psychology and global studies lecturer at Oakton, spoke of being the descendant of immigrants who came to the U.S. fleeing persecution in Russia.

Marks said he looks to immigrant families as "the future strength of America," and sees their children growing up "to be the doctors, and the lawyers and the great scientists, even if (their parents) don't speak English."

"We depend on immigrants to maintain our own strength," Marks told the speakers and a crowd of about 30 other students who gathered nearby. "I view all of you as part of that ongoing process. It's what saved my family, it's what saved America since we started, and in you and your families, I see our future."

Julett Patrick, assistant vice president for students affairs and dean of access, equity and diversity, said Oakton's Des Plaines campus will soon be launching a "center for campus inclusion and diversity."

Among the center's services will be resources for DACA students, including agencies and individuals they can contact for questions and help regarding their status and their education, Patrick said.

"There will be speakers and materials they can use so they can understand exactly what they need to do, given the climate today," she said.

According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Illinois has the nation's fourth-largest DACA population, with at least 42,976 people having been approved since March 31.

Chicago Tribune reporter Vikki Ortiz Healy contributed.

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Police: Evanston man charged with robbing a Skokie bank

An Evanston man was ordered held on federal charges of bank robbery Sept. 8, after he allegedly held up a PNC Bank branch in Skokie and was caught shortly after shopping at a nearby Walmart, according to the criminal complaint filed Sept. 7, a man now identified as Jerry J. Williams, 42, of Evanston was arrested by Skokie police after authorizing a warrant for his arrest.

The teller was not sure exactly how much the teller gave the robber, according to the criminal complaint, but was sure that the alleged thief was given two $100 bills along with other smaller bill denominations.

It was later determined that Williams was allegedly given $285 from the hold up, according to the FBI's affidavit.

Williams was seen on surveillance video fleeing the bank, headed toward a Walmart that shares the same large parking lot as the bank, according to the criminal complaint. He went into a bathroom at the store and changed clothes. Skokie police detectives found the clothing in a trash can, the criminal complaint states.

"The note stated, 'This is a robbery give me 1000 in large bills pronto,'" Hogberg said in the affidavit.

The FBI special agent said his criminal complaint was based on conferring with the Skokie Police Department, including two detectives who investigated the robbery and reviewed surveillance video of the incident.

Hogberg said in the affidavit that Williams previously pleaded guilty to a June 7, 2006, bank robbery and was sentenced to 151 months in prison and supervised release.

Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management dean to step down

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management is on the hunt for a new dean.

Sally Blount, who has held the post since 2010, plans to step down at the end of this school year, she announced Wednesday in a video uploaded to YouTube.

“Were at an exciting inflection point,” Blount said in the video. “It’s an ideal moment for a new leader to be selected and to take the reins.”

When she came on board, Blount launched a plan called Envision Kellogg, aimed at raising $350 million, according to the school’s website. The plan involved repositioning Kellogg’s brand, redefining management education and opening the school’s new Global Hub in Evanston, which came online in March.

Now that seven-year plan is complete.

“I still pinch myself every time I walk in the Global Hub, our new home,” Blount said in the video.

Next summer marks 30 years since Blount started at Kellogg as a pregnant graduate student, she said. She’s spent half of her life since then as a business school dean.

Blount, 56, was the first woman to lead a top business school, according to Northwestern’s website. After earning her master’s degree and doctorate at Kellogg, she became a faculty member at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, where she stayed for about a decade. She also served as dean of New York University’s Stern Undergraduate College of Business.

Provost Jonathan Holloway plans to oversee an international search for her successor, according to the university’s website.

After a yearlong sabbatical, Blount plans to return to Kellogg and her post as the Nemmers professor of management and organizations.

“I’ve long dreamed of taking a sabbatical year to travel and to write,” she said in the video. “As my daughter once said to me long ago, ‘This is what the person I want to become would do.’”
Proposed hotel faces strong opposition

Hyatt Place plans six-story location on Cicero Avenue

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood residents opposed to a proposed six-story hotel for Cicero Avenue near the Edens Expressway will have to wait longer before they learn the recommendation of the village's Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Plan Commission agreed at its Sept. 6 meeting to continue the matter until October but not before more than 15 residents spoke out against the project, and several commissioners also made critical comments or raised concerns.

The Plan Commission's eventual recommendation will go before the Lincolnwood Village Board, which has a final vote. Chairman Mark Yohanna said. Two commissioners -- Steven Jakubowski and Henry Novoseisky -- voted against putting the proposal down that night.

In order for a six-story Hyatt Place hotel at 7250 N. Cicero Ave. to move forward, the applicant needs three special-use permits and seven variations, according to Steve McNellis, Lincolnwood's community development director.

The property, which has been home most recently to an office building, is near residential streets Chase Avenue to the north and Jarlath Avenue to the south as well as Cicero to the east, McNellis said.

"The current office building on the site has parking along the sides of the building and the proposal...is for four sides for parking," McNellis said.

Under the proposal, the Hyatt Place would occupy 1.48 acres of property that currently contains an existing two-story building formerly used for the office building.

"The village's comprehensive plan, updated in 2016, designates the future land use for this property as 'regional commercial,'" McNellis said in a report to the commission. "Hotels are a use specifically noted in the plan as appropriate in this land use designation.

But none of the residents who spoke out, signed petitions or sent letters to village officials said they find a hotel appropriate for their neighborhood.

About 80 residents packed village hall for the hearing.

"The clauses in the ordinance are there for a reason: to protect," said Julie Younan, a Jarlath Avenue resident. "I'm begging you to put yourselves in our shoes. Put yourselves in our shoes and I guarantee you would not want to be living with a hotel being there all the time."

Residents voiced a litany of complaints regarding the proposal including building height, potential traffic, noise, safety, property values and more.

"The proposed hotel does not belong in our neighborhood at all," said Carol Krikorian. "There are numerous things about the project that are problematic and due to the nature of a hotel and how the hotel operates, there is no way at all to make this a workable project."

The hotel would contain 112 rooms and operate 24 hours a day seven days a week, said Mark LoCascio, a real estate investor representing applicant DML Properties.

LoCascio said the team has worked with the village for a while on the project, but he noted that since then, the mayor and three trustees on the village board have changed.

Under the project, the property would have to be rezoned from an office district to a general business zoning district. Special use permits would have to be issued pertaining to allowing hotel use in the district, permitting off-street parking in the corner and side yards of the lot, and allowing a business within 150 feet of a residential-zoned property to operate between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Among the multiple variations being requested is one for the height of the building, which well exceeds the 38 feet or three stories allowed in the village, village officials say.

Other variation requests deal with off-street parking for a hotel of this size, landscaping in off-street parking areas, and signage --including prohibition of illuminated freestanding signs within 75 feet of a residential-zoned district.

LoCascio touted the hotel would also include a proposed small restaurant from coming to the restaurant.

Commissioners asked pointed questions about a proposed small restaurant for the hotel that LoCascio said could be used mostly by hotel guests. But in a detailed line of questioning, commissioners asked what would prohibit outsiders from coming to the restaurant.

Under the proposal, the hotel would also include a 1,900 square foot room that LoCascio said could be used for conferences. Commissioners questioned whether such a room could also be used for wedding receptions, banquets and other events, drawing more people and traffic into the area.

Commissioner Don Sampen raised issues with the many variations requested, maintaining that such requests are intended only for projects facing hardships.

"I don't think you have a hardship," he said. "It's all self-imposed. It's all, 'well, we don't make money unless we do these things.' I don't view that as a hardship."

Sampen said that if the neighbors were in favor of the project, the commission could be more relaxed about the variations, but that is not the case.

"I think you have a big burden to overcome to win my vote," he said.

The commission advised the applicant to reconsider the plan before next month's continued hearing to see if revisions can be made.
Amphora home decor store will leave Park Ridge, reopen in Niles

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A Park Ridge entrepreneur says a booming business and lack of building space are reasons behind her move to new quarters outside the city.

Debi Spellman's Amphora Home Accents is slated to reopen this fall at Oak Mill Mall, at the corner of Oakton Street and Milwaukee Avenue, in Niles. Spellman, who aims to be back up and running by mid-October, announced the closure of her Uptown Park Ridge location on social media Sept. 6.

"I did not do this lightly," she told the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate. "I sat for a very long time to consider this. I live in Park Ridge and want to do business in Park Ridge, but it was very difficult to do that."

Spellman, a close-out buyer who opened the home decor store at 143 Vine Ave. in March, said she quickly outgrew the 500-square-foot storefront because of the demand for her merchandise, which also included furniture.

"T-shirts we could have managed, but sofas? No," Spellman said with a laugh.

She said she had planned as early as April to expand into the vacant, neighboring commercial space, which was once part of Bob's Bike Shop, but saw no activity from the building's owner to clean and prepare it.

"I just couldn't wait any longer," Spellman said. "(My business) grew so quickly that I couldn't keep things coming in fast enough. Sometimes you have to move on. You have to do what you need to do."

One half of the former bicycle shop is now Vine Street Design, a custom cabinet business, while the other half, next door to Amphora, is vacant. In 2016, a hair salon was proposed for the space.

A building representative with whom Spellman said she had discussed her desire to expand could not be reached for comment.

Amphora's new location in Niles consists of about 3,200 square feet and a loading dock, which will better accommodate deliveries, Spellman said. It will also allow for storage of items, so more can be purchased at one time, she indicated.

Shoppers will continue to find artwork, lamps, mirrors, pillows, rugs and an assortment of other home decor, as well as the opportunity to order custom-made furnishings, Spellman said.

Spellman was one half of the team that ran Amphora Home Furnishings on Northwest Highway in Uptown from 2007 to 2013. That business began at 137 N. Northwest Highway before moving to the larger corner location in the new Shops of Uptown in 2009.

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Rent was not an issue in her decision to relocate, Spellman said, though she did say she believes high commercial rent because of high property taxes in Park Ridge can make it difficult for many small businesses.

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COLOR RECONSTRUCTION FROM NEWS WEEKLY

Amphora Home Accents, 143 Vine Ave., is relocating to the Oak Mill Mall in Niles.
Police: Family's donation will pay for body armor for canine Ace

Staff Report

Ace, a K-9 police dog and star of the Niles Police Department's newly-formed police canine unit, will receive on the job protection that he never had before, Niles police announced.

The protection, which will come from body armor for the dog, was made possible by a donation from the Friesen family of Niles — Darcy and her two children, Josephine and George.

According to police, Darcy Friesen is a former graduate of the Niles Police Department's citizens police academies run by the Chicago office of the FBI and the Niles Police Department. Her two children, Josephine and George, had the "great idea" to raise funds to assist a police K-9 in getting body armor, according to police.

The FBI suggested a local law enforcement agency might benefit and forwarded the Friesen's information to the FBI's National Academy Association. That group is made up of law enforcement executives from local metropolitan area law enforcement agencies, police said.

Niles Police Deputy Chief Vincenzo Genualdi, a board member of the National Academy Association, said he contacted Friesen and told her about the the Niles department's newly-formed canine unit.

During June, July and August, Friesen and her two children raised $775 through lemonade stand and baked goods sales, according to police.

Glenview State Bank, where Darcy Friesen is employed, added $225, allowing the Friesens to reach their goal of $1025.

Police said the body armor, which is bullet resistant and stab resistant, will be purchased for $833. The remaining $192 will be used to buy equipment to assist Ace and his handler in their duties, police said.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

TRESPASS
- Carol D. Johnson, 57, of the 1600 block of North Laramie, Chicago, was charged with criminal trespass on Aug. 25, police said. According to police, Johnson had been asked numerous times to leave the building at 999 Civic Center Drive, which houses the Niles Senior Center, Niles Fitness Center and Niles Family Services. Johnson is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 2.

BATTERY
- Brenda Garcia-Arriaga, 36, of the 7900 block of Caldwell Avenue, Chicago, was charged with domestic battery on Aug. 30, police said. Garcia-Arriaga is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 19.

THEFT
- Stacy Dale, 28, of the 2300 block of West Addison Street, Chicago, was charged with retail theft and battery on Aug. 25, police said. According to police, the women were accused of stealing $212 worth of clothing from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. When a loss prevention agent attempted to stop them, Woods-Robinson allegedly struck the agent in the face several times, police said. Dale and Woods-Robinson are each scheduled to appear in court Oct. 10.

DRUG POSSESSION
- Alejandro Macedo, 23, of the 5200 block of George Street, Chicago, was charged with possession of marijuana on Aug. 31 after police said 56 grams of suspected marijuana was found inside his car during a K-9 search. According to police, Macedo's car was stopped as part of a "traffic enforcement zone" in the 6700 block of Milwaukeee Avenue. Macedo is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 10.

DUI
- Tyler D. Anders, 18, of the 2900 block of North Acacia Court, Buffalo Grove, was charged with driving under the influence, illegal transportation of open alcohol and driving off the road on Aug. 26, police said. According to police, Anders was involved in a single car crash near the intersection of Shermer Road and Dempster Street. Anders is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 13.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
- Police responded to the 7600 block of Dempster Street on the afternoon of Aug. 27 for a report of a 41-year-old man running around the road with his shirt off. Police said the man denied drinking alcohol or taking drugs. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge and ticketed for the cost of emergency services, police said.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION
- A man was ticketed for public intoxication Aug. 28 after police said he was found on the 8600 block of Golf Road. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General.

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Skokie Yeshiva lends hand in Houston

Students fly to Texas to aid Harvey victims

BY MIKE ISAACS

Pioneer Press

Under normal circumstances, high school seniors at Fasman Yeshiva High School in Skokie would have been found in classrooms last week getting into the groove of a new academic year.

Instead, nearly two dozen seniors and others associated with the Skokie school stepped away from the classroom for a couple of “unforgettable days,” as one student called them, to join the relief efforts in Houston.

The group left Sept. 6 and returned two days later, flying out of O’Hare Airport. They said they were glad they went even if they were a little bleary-eyed from all their work.

Rabbi Shmuel Schuman, CEO of Hebrew Theological College of which the high school is one division, said the school includes eight students from Houston as well as alumni from there.

“With those connections and the magnitude of the destruction, there was a sense of not wanting to be observers,” he said. “We wanted to be players.”

By the time Hurricane Harvey struck southeast Texas, including Houston, Aug. 25, it had been officially downgraded to a tropical storm. Still, it left in its wake record rainfalls that led to massive flooding, causing people to flee from their homes. Some who didn’t leave, initially, later had to be rescued.

Even if the Skokie visitors knew about storm Harvey’s devastation beforehand, being in Houston provided a whole new level of understanding, they said.

“When I saw what happened — when I actually saw the destruction with my own eyes — I was actually shocked,” said Jonathan Kosowsky, a senior from Dallas. “My immediate reaction was ‘what can I do to help these people and get their lives on track?’”

The students at Skokie Yeshiva, the name Fasman Yeshiva High School is commonly called, said the sight of damaged houses with destroyed belongings out front — houses after house, street after street — will never be forgotten.

In one house Kosowsky worked at, he said a woman lost many of her belongings including an irreplaceable set of pictures.

“It was a whole collection of photo albums just destroyed,” he said. “I don’t have it in my heart to say how sad that was because they were photos with her grandmother when she was a child and with her siblings.”

Eli Adelerstein, 17, another Skokie Yeshiva senior from Dallas, said the owner of one house he worked at was still in denial.

“We came in with our demolition tools because the house was filled with mold, but he was still trying to salvage the house,” Adelerstein said.

The Skokie crew wasn’t sure whether to break it to him that things couldn’t be saved or just try to make him feel better, he said.

“People were emotionally stressed out as you could imagine,” Adelerstein said. “Some of what we had to do is not just help people with physical labor but emotionally — just being there for them.”

Senior Yedidyah Rosenwasser, 16, said some of the sights were surreal.

“Basically every single house had six inches of water,” he said. “Basically every house had to have some grout taken out. Everybody’s carpet was tak-
Witness recounts youth's slaying

Friend of Evanston victim, 14, takes stand in 2012 shooting trial

BY BRIAN L. COX AND LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Carl Singletary “knew something was brewing” when members of rival gangs got into a fight at a party in Evanston, and he and a group of friends decided it was time to leave.

But as they walked through town, someone wearing a hoodie approached on foot, yelling, and started shooting. Singletary took off running as he heard bullets whiz by and then heard one of his friends yell, “Dae Dae is down!”

Dae Dae was a nickname for Dajae Coleman, who was 14 when he was killed that September night five years ago — a crime that shocked the community.

Now 21, Singletary took the stand Sept. 6 at the murder trial of the man accusing of murdering Dajae, Wesley Woodson.

Woodson lived steps from where the shooting took place, and authorities allege he killed Dajae in a case of “mistaken retaliation” for the fight that occurred at the party earlier that night, which injured Woodson’s cousin.

Now 25 and held in jail for five years while he awaited trial, Woodson has denied his involvement, and his lawyers say there’s no physical evidence tying him to the crime. The murder weapon was never recovered.

After Dajae was gunned down, Singletary testified, he ran to a nearby house for help. He described how he picked Woodson out of a group of photos of possible suspects that night, and also picked out Woodson from a lineup after asking investigators to hear Woodson speak.

On cross-examination, though, defense attorney Steven Randy Rueckert emphasized that Singletary had told police he was only 40 percent sure he got it right when he picked Woodson out of the array.

The defense has also sought to cast doubt on the eyewitness testimony that appears to be central to Cook County prosecutors’ case. They have noted that it was dark out, about 10:30 p.m., and that the perpetrator’s identity was also obscured by his hood.

Woodson’s attorneys said in opening statements that they would show he was at home when the shooting occurred steps away.

Prosecutors also played video taken from an Evanston Township High School surveillance camera that caught the group of teens, including Dajae and Singletary, as they passed by moments before the shooting. The footage, which had no audio, shows the group walking by and then suddenly taking off running.

Authorities said members of the group reported hearing gunfire, prompting them to run off. A couple of blocks later they quit running, thinking the danger had passed, only to be approached by the man who opened fire.

Brian L. Cox and Lee V. Gaines are freelance reporters.

Public guardian leaving county post

BY DAVID JACKSON
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Public Guardian Robert Harris announced Sept. 8 he is stepping down from his post to take a circuit court judgeship later this month.

An outspoken critic of Illinois’ troubled state child welfare agency, Harris was a constant presence in legislative hearings — and in juvenile court, where his office acts as attorney and guardian for roughly 6,000 wards.

The office also is tasked with protecting elderly and disabled adults from abuse and financial exploitation, and has recovered more than $40 million in stolen assets, Harris said in testimony at a 2015 congressional hearing.

“This is tinged with some sadness because I am leaving folks I love. I loved the people I worked with and the people under my guardianship,” Harris told the Tribune of his decision.

But he said he is excited for the next chapter in his career. “What I love about the law is the public service aspect of it,” he said.

Harris began working as a staff attorney in the public guardian’s office in 1991 and was appointed guardian in 2004.

His replacement will be chosen by Chief Judge Timothy Evans, Harris said. Evans also will oversee Harris’ first court assignment after he is sworn in as a judge on Sept. 21.
Suburbs warned about ‘zombie’ coyotes

Residents told to stay away from what appear to be neglected dogs

BY KATE THAYER
AND GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

Reported sightings in the suburbs of sick-looking canines could be so-called zombie coyotes.

The wild animals are believed to be suffering from a contagious disease called sarcoptic mange, and the ghoulish nickname comes from the condition's effects on behavior and appearance, including fur loss and skin problems.

Sightings have popped up in northwest and southwest portions of Cook County, said Chris Anchor, senior wildlife biologist for the Forest Preserves of Cook County, who studies coyotes as part of the Urban Coyote Research program and whose team has come across ailing coyotes.

And the Hanover Park Police Department issued an alert last week, advising people and pets to stay away from the animals.

The department said on its Facebook page that it received several reports from citizens “concerned about what appear to be malnourished or neglected stray dogs. These are NOT lost pets, but are in fact coyotes.”

The alert reported that sarcoptic mange is on the rise in urban coyote populations, and the condition is what can eventually have the animals "looking like a sort of a zombie dog.”

Despite the mange’s macabre effects, the condition is rarely life-threatening, including in unusual cases where it spreads to household pets through direct contact with a coyote, Anchor said. Pets can be treated with medication from a veterinarian and typically make a full recovery, he said.

One risk for infected wildlife is that the loss of fur can prevent animals from generating enough body heat, Anchor said. But even when coyotes are infected in colder months, many are “smart enough” to seek shelter in places like backyard compost heaps or find other ways to stay warm, he said.

Rebecca Dmytryk of Wildlife Emergency Services, a volunteer service in central California that has tracked coyotes sick with sarcoptic mange in that region, said the condition is probably spreading through coyote populations because they’re social animals with family units.

The infection can also affect the animals’ vision, prompting them to look for food in daylight hours, according to the Hanover Park police post.

The disease does not make the animal more violent, Anchor said.

Still, while coyotes aren’t normally aggressive and typically avoid humans, experts discourage residents from trying to attract the animals and advise people not to leave food out and to secure outdoor garbage cans.

Otherwise, Anchor said, “that barrier (between the animals and people) will break down.”

Stephanie Touzalin, a naturalist with the DuPage County Forest Preserve District’s Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn, said pets would have to come into physical contact to be infected with mange from a wild animal.

A pet won’t be infected simply because of a diseased animal passing through a yard.

Touzalin also said fall is a time of year when many young animals are leaving their home territories, which makes sightings more common. The disease typically shows up every few years and spreads across coyote populations, Anchor said.

Mark Romano, a wildlife control specialist, said he has seen more mange in the last four or five years.

The culprit is overpopulation, he said. Although there are strategies to combat this, they are expensive, and most municipal agencies don’t have the money for it.

Instead, Romano advised residents to call authorities or a private trapper to deal with problem wildlife encounters.

“Don’t try to handle a problem yourself, because you don’t know what the animal is going to do,” he said. “You never know how a wild animal will interact with a human being. You can never predict it.”
Officer to be stationed at two District 64 schools

BY Lee V. Gaines
Pioneer Press

Uniformed school resource officers will be stationed part-time at Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge and Emerson Middle School in Niles beginning in mid-September.

The Park Ridge-Niles District 64 Board of Education voted unanimously at a meeting Aug. 28 to approve the new school resource officer program – characterized by school officials as a pilot program – at each middle school.

According to a memo from staff to district officials, a dedicated school resource officer from the Niles Police Department will be assigned to Emerson for four hours per day for two and a half days per week.

At Lincoln, a core group of Park Ridge police officers will rotate in and out of the middle school for four hours per day up to two days per week because the department “is currently down officers and cannot dedicate an officer to Lincoln on a daily basis,” according to the memo.

On days when an officer is not assigned to the Park Ridge middle school, a beat officer “will engage in a directed protocol visit at the school,” according to the memo.

If the pilot program works well, the memo stated the Park Ridge Police Department will work to ensure that a dedicated police officer will be assigned to Lincoln for the following school year.

The cost of assigning officers to both middle schools for the current school year totals $32,959; the fee for the Niles police officer breaks down to $46.02 per hour, and the fee for the officers at Lincoln is roughly $65 per hour, according to the memo. The district’s chief school business officer, Luann Kolstad, said funds were available to cover the added expense. She said the cost of hiring school resource officers would not have a significant impact on the district’s budget.

District administrators first proposed the idea to place a school resource officer at each middle school at a board meeting held July 17.

Board approval of the school resource officer pilot program comes after two boys, a Maine South High School student and a Lincoln Middle School student, were accused by police July 10 of threatening in social media posts to use a gun at Maine South during summer school. Last week, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office officials said prosecutors would not pursue charges against the boys.

District 64 officials have said the introduction of the resource officer pilot program was not related to the social media threat.

The duties of a school resource officer entail being a teacher and a counselor to students while also serving as resource to staff at the school, said Niles police Cmdr. Robert Tornabene. He said school resource officers deal primarily with bullying issues and internet safety.

“Very few times does it involve being a law enforcement officer acting in a policing capacity,” Tornabene said.

Board member Tom Sotos asked whether school resource officers would be obligated to arrest a student who, for example, might drop a bag containing drugs in the school hallway and the officer witnesses it.

“The school resource officer is like a staff member at the school. That’s their primary job. Their job is not to arrest someone for having something at school,” Tornabene said.

He said any disciplinary issue would first be addressed by the building principal or assistant principal. District 64 Superintendent Laurie Heinz said school officials have notified police in the past regarding incidents that have taken place at school, but those issues are always addressed by building administrators first before they reach the police departments.

Both Tornabene and Park Ridge police Chief Frank Kaminski said school resource officers would serve at the direction of the middle school administration while on duty at their respective schools.

Kaminski said the benefits of a school resource officer “are pretty obvious.”

Globally speaking, he said, policing “has faced some challenges,” and he added that school resource officers are a way to “build these relationships and the trust that has been destroyed over the years” between youth and the police.

He said it will also provide students with a better understanding of the role police serve in the community.

“In my 24 years of experience, working in schools for 20 of them, there’s only positives that come out of it,” Tornabene said.

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Men already run everything. What did they need a movement for? To be more dominant and domineering?

Let this movement take hold and before long, men would be smoking cigars in the house! While walking around in their underwear and refusing to help with the chores. And Lord knows what color combinations they would wear when going out.

In vain, men did protest that the Men's Movement was not anti-woman, just pro-men.

Most every group of humans has their own movement. Men need a movement, the argument went. Men are fragile. They are forced to like sports. They are not allowed to weep. They have to be able to fix stuff and deal with auto mechanics. Men must run things and shoulder the blame when it all goes to hell. And men have to die sooner than women.

Men are society's victims. And thus, they needed a movement to heal and get in touch with their deepest being. Once in touch with their deepest selves, they would become more authentic and thus able to better form relationships.

But then the Men's Movement made a big mistake.

How were men to get in touch with their deepest being?

By beating drums and dancing.

Women have been trying to get men to dance for ages. But this would be different. This would be manly dancing.

But men don't want to dance. And once men realized dancing was required, well, so long Men's Movement.

So it is with fad movements. Real movements last. For instance, there still is a Women's Movement because there are real issues involved.

But the fake movements such as we are passing through right now — nativism, pro-Confederacy — are just that: fakes.

They too will pass.

I hope.

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Do dogs realize their luck at being rescued?

The only issue with Penny was with other dogs. We were never sure if she wanted to play or just tear the life out of them. There were a couple bite incidents, oddly with the same dog.

We chalked it up to trauma from her past. We knew she had been tied up. The shelter staff told us they had to cut off the choke chain embedded in her neck.

We were never sure what kind of dog Penny was. We knew there was German shepherd in there, but what else? Some said chow, others said yellow lab. We settled on golden retriever.

My dad always said that the dog had been hurt before, that he could see it in her eyes. Maybe so. I just know she was a good dog, and seemed to be ever grateful for the rescue.

Then we got Tyler, a redbone coonhound. He's a good dog. Too. Stubborn, just like a hound, but willing to learn.

We got him as a 2-year-old. All they knew about him at the shelter is he came from Oklahoma. He has a scar on his side, which the vet said probably came from getting caught on a fence or a stick. He probably spent his life tied up outside and a good day was when he had a stick to play with.

It's hard to tell about this dog's history. He was very shy at first. He'd stay in the spot for weeks, never venturing into any other room.

He wanted nothing to do with the dog crate or any other enclosures.

But he's grown out of being timid. He seems happy and loyal, and I'm convinced he knows he's been rescued and is the luckiest dog in the world.

If you look around the web, that great source of all that is right and true, you'll find tons of videos out there of dogs reacting to being adopted, or so they claim. The reaction is pure elation.

That wasn't the case with Tyler. His reaction was pure terror at going for a car ride.

Still the videos are out there.

And dog lovers all over the internet seem to agree that dogs know they are being rescued.

I'd like to believe it, but I've been wary of my tendency toward anthropomorphism since that class in college.

More than likely, dogs that get rescued, like any dog in similar circumstances, are just happy to be in a good home, happy to be part of a pack where they feel secure, safe and fed. They know their place in the pack order and that's a comforting thing to dog.

It's about letting the dog be a dog. That's about all they need.

Now I don't have all that much experience in the dog rescue department. We've only adopted two dogs. So I ask you, my faithful readers, what has your experience been? Do you think dogs know they've been rescued?

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist.
Time for NFL to huddle up and enact more rules

Eric Scott

Summer is over! Retail stores are dead because of Amazon! Taylor Swift's new album is totally weird! Those are a few of the quick prognostications that I've heard the “Debbie Downers” and self-appointed doomsday forecasters spout off about lately.

But there's another shocker floating around that might have caught you off guard: Football is going away because it's not safe! Not so fast.

You've probably heard plenty about chronic traumatic encephalopathy, commonly referred to as CTE, which is the brain condition diagnosed in dozens of now deceased former NFL players who suffered from repeated hits to their heads.

Will Smith starred in a movie about it, and the NFL finally addressed CTE concerns with new rules, including mandatory concussion symptom protocol checks for players during games.

But recent news about CTE being found in 110 out of 111 brains of deceased former NFL players seems to have rung alarm bells with parents of young future quarterbacks and linebackers. Youth football is feeling blindsided.

In August, the Park District of Highland Park announced it was scrapping its youth tackle football program because not enough players had signed up. A program that once peaked with around 150 players a few years ago saw enrollment plummet this year with only 11 signing up.

Word around the 'burbs also is spreading about

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Dallas Cowboys tight end Rico Gathers touches his helmet after a collision with strong safety Kavon Frazier during practice.

some high schools having to recruit students to fill out rosters in order to field teams for fall seasons.

Yes, it's all very concerning if you're a youth football parent, player or just a fan. But the reality is the business and game of football aren't going anywhere. Blockbuster college football TV spectacles on Saturdays and NFL Sunday network showcases aren't being preempted for poker matches and bowling tournaments anytime soon.

In fact, as football sees more of its future athletes pass on playing, those at the sport's highest levels need to take advantage of this situation.

Ten years ago, many would have laughed if you said doctors in box seats overhead would have the ability to call an NFL referee on the field and have the power to remove any player from the game at any time for concussion protocol testing.

The molasses-slow NFL finally enacted some rules to safeguard the health of its players, but it needs to move much faster to preserve its base of youth players, such as enacting more safety rules now and allowing time for them to flow down to all levels of the game.

For example, when might we see a snap count cap for football players? Set an across the board snap limit for all players — like maybe 30 snaps a half, and even fewer for college, high school and youth football players.

If MLB pitchers can expect to be taken out of the game after hurling 100 throws to prevent their arms from turning into jello, why not limit snaps for football players to avoid repeated helmet contact? This would create more opportunities for more players to play more often, as well.

Baseball has starting pitchers, middle relievers and closers — with all three often appearing on the mound in the same game. Are we at the point where football adopts a starting quarterback, a separate red zone quarterback specializing in plays within 20 yards of the goal line and a power-arm closer quarterback to engineer miracle fourth quarter comebacks?

Instead of playing offensive and defensive linemen most every play, could teams have players who are expected to go into the game for relief instead of just being ready in case of an on-field injury?

This is the time for football officials at all levels to think way outside the box, and quickly come up with new rules and modern ways to safeguard player health and preserve their sport — not to mention their business.

If they don't, slowly but surely, the nation's most highly rated televised sport will change for the worse and with fewer talented players, a growing stigma of lifelong football-related head injuries and a precipitously damaged reputation.

Even the NFL can't afford that.

Eric Scott is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.
College move-in day sparks motherly warnings

"Don't put a fork in the microwave."

My boy grinned at his father and let out an almost imperceptible sigh. He understands me well enough to know that I say things like this as we're unpacking things in his dorm room.

He's a man, actually, now entering his third year in college. But I'm still flitting around, as I swore I would never, ever do when I sighed at my own mother a good 30 years ago.

As the clock winds down on drop-off day, I'm yammering on about metal in the microwave, about not walking around with a bottle of beer in his pocket lest he trips and falls and cuts his femoral artery and about how he should really wear a helmet if he's going on one of those bike treks he likes to do around the lake near campus.

His brother is leaving in a week, not for a rural campus like this son, but for an urban campus that brings out my other unsolicited warnings. He'll hear how about he shouldn't go on the El train after midnight, how he should check and make sure it really is an Uber driver picking him up and how he should always have some Benadryl and antiseptic on hand, just in case.

Oh, and if for some reason North Korea threatens the mainland U.S. with a nuclear warhead, he needs to get out of the city as fast as he can. (That might be a stretch, but when you read as many news analysis late at night like I tend to do, it's not beyond the realm of feasible fear.)

I think of things like I'm a mother, after all, and on top of that, a lifelong worrier. This. All. The. Time.

I'm a mother, after all, and on top of that, a lifelong worrier. I worried about my mother, a chain smoker, when I was a kid, and I worried about my children pretty much from the first moment I became a mom.

When the kids were younger, I actually wrote a book about my concerns, which range from mild apprehension to near-panic, like the times they wandered out of my sight line at Target when they were preschoolers or when they weren't home yet at 3:45 a.m. on a Saturday night, after their first summer of college on a night out with friends.

The book isn't published yet. I'm too busy worrying about the boys' student loans to get around to writing anything that doesn't contribute to their tuition fund, but I like to think that it will be some day.

"Look, Grandma, there's your book!" my future grandchild might say while I'm clutching her hand at a bookstore.

"Careful, don't walk away too far," I'll tell her. "And watch out for that paperweight on the table over there. It might fall off and break your toe!"

For now, I still have two children at home, who anticipate my worries before I even voice them. They know I'll bug them to text me when they get there, to look both ways three times before crossing La Grange Road or to not go alone to the washroom at a mall or movie theater.

There's a fine line between worrying and nagging, which I constantly try to navigate. Sometimes I'm successful, sometimes I'm not. But at least they'll grow up knowing not to put a knife in the toaster — and maybe, hopefully, knowing I loved them more than anything.

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Fall Theater Top 10

‘Minutes’ to ‘Margaritaville,’ too many titles for this list

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Where does Margaret Atwood meet Jimmy Buffett and Tracy Letts cast glances at “Five Guys Named Moe”? The fall season of Chicago theater, of course. With a nod also to director Ivo van Hove and his stunning “A View from the Bridge” at the Goodman and excitement for Gary Griffin’s Victory Gardens staging of the fabulous “Fun Home,” here are 10 especially exciting prospects for your autumnal theater-going. Enjoy. And know that this list could have been three times as long.

“Alias Grace”
Margaret Atwood fans are snapping up tickets to this world premiere adaptation of an upstairs-downstairs murder mystery by the beloved Canadian writer. Jennifer Blackmer’s new stage adaptation of this 19th century-set story, now in previews, represents a coup for Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, a tiny theater on Chicago’s North Side. A televised version of this story by the author of “The Handmaid’s Tale” also is on the way. But first, you can see it live.


“Escape to Margaritaville”
Parrotheads from across the Midwest have November on their calendars — not for some post-hurricane Florida escape but for a Jimmy Buffett jukebox musical in Chicago. This new show, staggering its way toward a Broadway production in 2018, weaves the great party man’s plethora of classics into a fresh and typically bacchanal spectacle, a la “Mamma Mia!”

Afonso de Sousa is directing. Nov. 9 to Dec. 2 at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com

“Five Guys Named Moe”
This musical celebration of the work of the songwriting, saxophonist and all-round innovator Louis Jordan originated in Britain in 1990 and was a solid hit in the years that followed before mostly disappearing from view. Ron O’J Parson, a director known for his exuberance and style, revives the title at Court Theatre, Huzzah. The show contains such hits as “Let the Good Times Roll” and “Caldonia” and celebrates an artist who paved the way for rock ‘n’ roll.

Through Oct. 8 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave; 773-733-4472 and www-courttheatre.org

“The Minutes”
Those who have read Tracy Letts’ latest play, which is already headed up for Broadway, say that it is a searing indictment of the Trumpian political landscape as seen through the filter of a small-town council meeting. The piece is stocked with ensemble members such as Kevin Anderson, Sally Murphy and William Petersen, all under the direction of Anna D. Shapiro, the Steppenwolf artistic director and the woman who staged “August: Osage County.” This is likely to be the toughest ticket of the fall, so buy now or don’t say you weren’t warned.

Nov. 9 to Dec. 31 at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St.; 312-335-1650 and www.stephenwolf.org

“The Rembrandt”
If you’ve ever imagined a museum guard going rogue and touching the works of art, you’ll likely be on board with this new play by Jessica Dickey, creator of “The Amish Project.” Along with Francis Guinan, it heralds the return to Steppenwolf of the veteran and much-loved ensemble member, John Mahoney. Sept. 7 to Nov. 5 at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St.; 312-335-1650 and www.stephenwolf.org

“School of Rock”
Andrew Lloyd Webber surrounded himself with kids for his latest musical, an adaptation of the 2003 Richard Linklater movie starring Jack Black, and the decision seemed to energize and renew him. On Broadway, “School of Rock” was a blast for the whole family and a celebration of the power and possibility of arts education. This is the first national tour.

Nov. 1-19 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com

“The Toad Knew”
The new venue known as The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare opens with an international artist, James Thierrée, known for his theatrical prowess, emotional storytelling and his pedigree as the grandson of Charlie Chaplin. This latest piece, in town for five nights only and, given the possibility of the venue, a marquee event of the fall, is a surreal collage filled with acrobats, quirky machines, clowning, visual trickery and bizarre original music.

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Northlight stages ‘Georgia McBride,’ a farce with heart

BY MYRNA PETLICK
Pioneer Press

Nate Santana switches from a tight white sequined jumpsuit to high heels and gown in “The Legend of Georgia McBride.” The actor plays Casey, an Elvis impersonator without an audience who finds a new career when a drag show comes to the Texas bar where he works in Northlight Theatre’s Chicago premiere of the show.

Santana said that his Elvis costume, “Kind of mirrors the drag persona, which I think is a point the playwright is trying to make.”

The actor has never impersonated Elvis or dressed in drag before.

“There are a lot of firsts for me in this show,” he said. To prepare for the Elvis portion of his role, Santana watched a number of YouTube videos. For his character’s other persona, Santana said, “We had a couple of ‘drag camps’ where I got to work with our choreographer and on my personal walk. What I found is how active the muscles in my body have to be to be graceful and flowing.”

Nate Santana and Sean Blake star in “The Legend of Georgia McBride.”

‘The Legend of Georgia McBride’
When: Sept. 14-Oct. 22
Where: Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
Tickets: $30-$57 previews (Sept. 14-21); $30-$81 regular run; $15 students
Information: 847-673-6300; www.northlight.org

There’s a lot more to direct this show because, “It’s a celebration and such a good time,” she said. “I think right now with everything going on in the world with politics, there’s a feeling that’s needed right now, and that’s joy. To be able to give our patrons something that really lifts you up and allows you to maybe take a different perspective on a group of people that you didn’t know a lot about was for me one of the key ingredients. You laugh and laugh and laugh throughout the entire play.”

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PEOPLE

What locals in the arts are up to this September

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Here's a look at the latest news about suburban authors, actors, artists, musicians and more.

A long story: Well, at least the title is long! Judy Lea Steele of Evanston plays Geena in Route 66 Theatre Company's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Gynecologic Oncology Unit at Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Center of New York City" by Halley Feiffer. Steele has performed at Raven Theatre, Citadel Theatre, City Lit Theatre, Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre, Bailiwick Chicago, Porchlight Music Theatre and Northlight Theatre, among others. "Funny" runs through Sept. 23 at Den Theatre. For tickets, see www.route66theatre.org.

Can see right through this one: A mishap in her father's lab turns a woman into "The Invisible Scarlet O'Neil" in the Babes with Blades Theatre Company's production of Barbara Lho- ta's play based on a 1940s comic strip. Appearing in the world premiere at the Factory Theater through Oct. 14 are Evanston native Margaux Fournier and Highland Park resident Lynne Baker. See www.babeswithblades.org.

No napping: The raucous musical tale of "The Drowsy Chaperone" will be performed by MadKap Productions at the Skokie Theatre through Oct. 7. Cast members include Debby Shellard of Glenview as Mrs. Totten-dale, Mark Anderson of Northbrook as Underling and Lake Forest resident Bob Sanders as Feldzieg. The show was created as a 1998 wedding present for Wumetka native Janet Van de Graaf and her fiancee Bob Martin. For tickets, see www.skokietheatre.org.

The right "Place": Barrington native Jeff Galfer's "Jeff's Place," written with Sky Soleil and Andrew Fleischer, was chosen as one of 52 original television and digital projects to be presented for industry decision-makers and TV fans at the 13th Annual New York Television Festival, Oct. 23-28. "Jeff's Place," an Angry King Productions' show creates "a strange new world of lessons, sharing and parallel realities," according to the authors. For details, see www.nytvf.com.
Couples cope together

How spousal navigation challenges and transitions can determine whether the marriage will thrive or flounder.
It’s always a good time to have cake

Love of baking passed down from mom to daughter

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

There are many ways we resemble our mothers, from having the same smile to being the same height. Then there are the other traits that are passed along, like sharing a love of cooking and baking for the family.

Naperville resident Kim Neppl recalls watching her mom whip up meals for her eight children on the family cotton farm in Missouri. “She was wonderful in the kitchen. We all just sort of stood back and watched,” Neppl said. “I think my favorite meal that she made was fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and homemade biscuits. She also made a homemade chocolate cake with a frosting that was more like fudge. Everyone asked her to bring that cake to events.”

Getting a recipe from her mom was challenging because most of the time she cooked from experience without any written instructions. But by watching her mom and writing things down, Neppl managed to compile a spiral notebook filled with her mom’s specialties.

“When she passed away, I wrote up the recipes that I had and then collected some from other family members and made everyone a recipe book filled with her recipes to give as gifts on the first Christmas after she passed away,” Neppl said.

Baking is a passion that Neppl, 56, shared with her mom. “When I was about 13, my oldest sister bought me a set of cake decorating tips and a decorating book for Christmas. I think I started using them the very next day.”

She baked all sorts of cakes and established herself as a dessert expert. “In the South, where I am from, you can eat cake any time,” Neppl said with a smile.

She remembers that when her daughter was young and had a bad day, the two would team up and have dessert for lunch to sweeten life’s troubles. She affirms her dessert devotion is affirmed with a sign in her kitchen that proclaims, “Life is short. Eat dessert first.”

Neppl makes all her baked goods from scratch, including a carrot cake that her daughter adores. “She wanted to have carrot cake every year on her birthday,” Neppl said.

In recent years, Neppl has joined the cupcake craze and enjoys making interesting combinations. “I recently made a lemon on cake with blueberries in it that was really good. I swirled on some buttercream frosting and put a blueberry on top,” she said. “Another combination that is good is vanilla cupcakes with almond frosting. For St. Paddy’s Day, I did a chocolate Bailey’s Irish Cream cupcake with a buttercream frosting that had Bailey’s in it. I piped a little shamrock on top of each one.”

The St. Patrick’s Day cupcakes were for a Naperville Newcomers and Neighbors event. Although she has lived in Naperville for more than 20 years, she recently joined the group. “I became an empty nester who was looking for things to do and there were so many options with Naperville Newcomers and Neighbors. I have gone to bunco, potluck dinners, a dinner dance. They really have something for everyone to try. Each newsletter has four pages of activities to choose from. They have a coffee in October, which is a good way to find out about the different activities.”

Neppl sometimes fills cupcake orders for friends and has found that the silicone cupcake pans work very well. “I put the silicone pan on a baking sheet to hold it steady. The cupcakes really come out nicely from the silicone pans. I was skeptical at first but now I use them all of the time for cupcakes, corn muffins and individual quiches or frittatas. I was sure to get ones that are BPA-free.”

When the holidays roll around in December, Neppl spends many hours in the kitchen making a variety of cookies and candies. “I make toffee, chocolate-covered cherries and chocolate-covered nuts. I like the dark chocolate and found that Trader Joe’s dark chocolate works really well for candy,” she said.

Although she likes desserts with complex flavors, she admits that sometimes a simple dessert such as a honey bun cake brings just the right amount of sweetness and comfort to life. She shares her recipe for carrot cake that requires a little bit of work to make as well as her simple but delicious recipe for honey bun cake.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance reporter for the Naperville Sun.

Carrot Cake

Makes 16 servings.

3 cups flour
3 cups sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
4 1/2 cups finely shredded carrots
1 cup cooking oil
6 eggs

FROSTING
9 ounces cream cheese
1/4 cup butter
3 teaspoons vanilla
6 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/3 cup chopped pecan

1. Line with parchment paper and grease and lightly flour three 9-by-1 1/2-inch round baking pans. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon. Add carrots, oil and eggs. Beat at low speed with an electric mixer until combined, then beat at medium speed an additional two minutes.

2. Pour batter into the prepared pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into the center comes out clean. Allow cakes to rest on wire racks for 10 minutes. Remove from pans. Cool thoroughly on wire racks.

3. To make frosting, beat together cream cheese, butter, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Carefully add half of the powdered sugar, beating well. Gradually beat in enough of the remaining powdered sugar to reach spreading consistency. Frost cake and decorate with chopped pecans.
"I am not even kidding you, Mel, I am in the middle of a watermelon crime scene!"

Needless to say, my curiosity was piqued when I received that text last week from my dear friend Amy. A watermelon crime scene? I couldn't imagine what the heck she was talking about.

And then her second text arrived. "A watermelon I bought a couple of days ago literally exploded on my kitchen counter!"

And then the pictures started coming through and they were not pretty. Her photos showed a large, oddly collapsed, thin-skinned watermelon laying on her kitchen counter with mushy, rosy-hued fruit flung all over the room. Sticky pink juice could be seen dripping down her cabinets and even filled the dog dishes on the floor.

While the pictures were shocking, they couldn't convey just how funky the whole scene smelled. As it turns out, watermelons can occasionally pick up a bacteria during the growing process and over time the resulting infection causes the fruit to ferment from the inside out. As the pressure builds inside the melon, the rind gives way with a loud kaboom and creates a geyser of fermented fruit juice.

Despite the fact she may have accidentally pioneered a recipe for "Hands Free Exploding Watermelon Kimchi," Amy lamented it would likely be a hot minute before she could enjoy a watermelon again after spending the afternoon cleaning rancid juice off her walls. I can't say I blame her, but I'd hate to see her give up on a tried and true summer treat all because of one misbehaving melon.

After this sort of culinary betrayal I'd urge anyone to overcome the situation by executing a controlled explosion of sorts — whipping up a fresh watermelon in a blender is a fast and satisfying way to make a melon submit to your will. The resulting agua fresca can be used as drink on its own, as a base for a sparkling wine cocktail or as a partner for a soothing vodka cocktail.

**Watermelon Agua Fresca**

You will have leftover agua fresca, but you can cut the recipe in half or keep it around for regular sipping for a couple of days.

- 5 cups of diced seedless watermelon
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3½ cups water
- The juice of 1 fresh lime (reserve the rind)
- ½ teaspoon of salt

1. Combine the watermelon, sugar, water, lime juice and salt in a blender. Blend until pureed. Strain the mixture through a mesh sieve, discard solids, and refrigerate the juice until cold; several hours or overnight.

2. Fill the shaker with ice and add the watermelon agua fresca. Cover and shake well for about 30 seconds. Strain the cocktail into an ice-filled rocks glass garnished with a mint sprig, nectarine slices and several blueberries.

**Controlled Explosion Cocktail**

Makes 1 cocktail.

- ½ reserved lime rind
- 2 fresh basil leaves
- 2 fresh mint leaves
- 2 ounces high-quality vodka
- 5 ounces prepared watermelon agua fresca (a generous 1/3 cup)
- mint sprigs (optional)
- nectarine slices (optional)
- blueberries (optional)

1. Place the half of the lime rind, basil and mint leaves in the bottom of a cocktail shaker and muddle gently with a wooden spoon or stainless steel muddler — your goal is to just bruise the leaves. Add the vodka to the shaker and press with the muddler once or twice more.

2. Fill the shaker with ice and add the watermelon agua fresca. Cover and shake well for about 30 seconds. Strain the cocktail into an ice-filled rocks glass garnished with a mint sprig, nectarine slices and several blueberries.

When life hands you exploding watermelon, make agua fresca
How foster families help pets and their families after disasters

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Q: We live in Wisconsin but would love to help hurricane victims with their pets. We have a 2-year-old white German Shepherd who is great with kids and other dogs. Please let us know how we can do this. — Paul and DeAnne O., Wisconsin

A: It's very nice of you to want to help hurricane victims with their pets. When people are forced to evacuate their homes, they want to take their pets with them, but human shelters don't always accept pets.

South Texas animal shelters learned these lessons after Hurricane Katrina and now line up foster families and establish temporary shelters to take care of people's pets while families are displaced from their homes.

Sadly, some people are so overwhelmed or are displaced for so long they end up giving up their pets at some point. After a disaster, however, foster families play a vital role in caring for these pets for longer, which is comforting to displaced families who don't want to have to lose their pets too.

While I am not sure how you see if they are helping the region.

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Q: My 4-year-old male orange tabby cat has a taste for weird stuff. He eats plants, but particularly loves pineapple leaves. If he gets out, he'll run to eat grass and whatever plant he can find. I can't keep live plants in the house. Even worse, he eats strings and fabric, including my bathing suit straps and the fringes on my oriental rugs. I'm worried he'll wind up with an intestinal blockage. He's on a urinary diet and is only supposed to eat his special food. Any ideas? — Linda L., Florida

A: Cats lick and chew and suck on items for a variety of reasons. Some cats may have been weaned too early; some may have a deficiency in their diet; and some may have an underlying health problem, like feline immunodeficiency virus. Some cats may even have developed an obsessive-compulsive behavior.

Eating a little grass is normal for most dogs and cats. Eating a lot of grass could indicate a health problem. Always rule out a health problem first before addressing something as a behavior issue.

If your cat has a clean bill of health, begin removing things your cat likes to eat from his environment.

For example, hang wet bathing suits on a shower rod and keep dry bathing suits in drawers. Get the pineapple plant out of reach. The leaves have low toxicity levels, and can cause digestive problems for your cat.

Next, spray items, like the oriental rug fringes, with either Bitter Apple — a proven product that keeps both dogs and cats away. If the scent doesn't thwart your cat, apply SmartCat Sticky Paws — available on a roll at pet stores — across the fringes until your cat kicks the fringe-licking habit.

Also, get rid of all potentially dangerous houseplants. Search online for the ASPCA's "Toxic and Non-Toxic Plant List for Cats" to see what's safe to have in your home. Then, place houseplants that aren't dangerous out of reach. You can also spray the product Bitter Apple directly onto the leaves of your houseplants to keep your cat away. Give your cat something to chew on by growing catnip or cat grass in a container in the home.

Finally, build in two 10-minute play sessions a day with your cat. Inside cats rarely get enough physical or mental stimulation and some develop obsessive behaviors, like licking and chewing strange things or even licking the hair off their belly, as a result. Keep your cat busy to reduce that anxiety-driven behavior.

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Help Squad,

I purchased a KitchenAid stove from Abt Electronics about 20 months ago with a five-year extended warranty. I began having issues with the stove 12 months into owning it. It has been serviced in excess of seven times. Each time I call with a problem, the following happens:

1. Abt schedules a repair person to come out. In all cases this takes at least a week.
2. The repair person arrives, but doesn’t have the necessary part; it must be ordered and a new appointment is needed.
3. The part comes in. Sometimes the part fixes the stove for a few weeks; other times it’s the wrong part, a new part is ordered and an additional appointment is needed.

Each time my stove breaks, it results in seven to 10 days with no oven. I have three kids. There is no cooking, and each service visit requires my husband or me to take a vacation day to be here. This is costing us time and money.

I have requested a replacement stove as this one seems to be a lemon, but Abt declines my requests and states: “You have a five-year warranty on parts; we will continue to fix this stove.”

Jen, Vernon Hills

For some professional insight, I reached out to two experts in consumer product warranties. Warrenville attorney Harry Bradley of H.C. Bradley LLC told me that the federal Magnuson-Moss Act protects consumers against defects in warranted consumer products, as long as the defect is identified within the original factory warranty period. He explained: “If the warranty is unable to correct the defects after a reasonable number of attempts — typically three — the consumer may seek damages up to four years from the original date of purchase. Damages are typically awarded for the cost of repair or diminished value per the Uniform Commercial Code.” He added that in some cases a replacement product or full refund is also possible.

Bradley emphasized that the time Jen’s demand for repairs would be critical to her ability to make a claim — i.e., if KitchenAid was made aware of Jen’s stove’s issues within the original 12-month warranty period, she could seek one of the above remedies after three attempts at repair.

Bradley clarified: “An extended warranty — an insurance product — does not grant the same rights to a consumer as the original factory warranty — a promise of performance. So if KitchenAid’s first notice was outside the original 12-month warranty period, Jen is technically limited to additional cost-free repair attempts with no option to obtain an additional remedy or refund.”

However, Anthony Giorgianni, associate finance editor at Consumer Reports, told me, “Companies know that if they have a problem with a customer and take care of it, they’ll often end up with a more loyal customer than if there was no problem to start with. ... If the stove is failing in some significant way that an ordinary person would find unreasonable, it’s worth starting with) customer service and, if that doesn’t work, going up the corporate food chain.”

As Jen has struggled for 20 months with her stove’s issues, I contacted an upper link in the Abt food chain on her behalf.

In response to my inquiry, Abt spokeswoman Brandy Moreau investigated Jen’s complaint and then emailed me to say: “We reached out to Jen to apologize and we have offered her an even exchange for a new KitchenAid or credit of full purchase price applied to a different stove of her choosing. Abt apologizes this did not happen earlier, as we agree the amount of time spent trying to repair this unit was unreasonable, and should have been noticed sooner. We always strive to repair a customer’s purchase in a timely fashion and do it right the first time.”

Said Jen: “I’m incredibly grateful for your assistance in resolving this! Please know, you made my week!”

Send your questions to HelpSquad@pioneerval.com.

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'Moby-Dick'? It's not worth it. 'Ulysses'? Skip it.

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

This is going to sound strange coming from someone who's usually in the book-recommending business, but this week I'm going to tell you the books you don't have to read if you don't want to, no matter how much you think you're "supposed to." I'm talking about the "classics." For some reason, when people find out that I write and have taught English and writing, they sometimes feel an urge to confess the books they haven't read, often with a tinge of guilt, as though I would judge them harshly for it. I do not. Here's a confession. I have not read "War & Peace." I haven't read a single word of D.H. Lawrence. I haven't read "Ulysses." I'm going to tell you not to read it. I have read the novel as part of a course in graduate school led by an expert scholar, surrounded by classmates with whom I could discuss the book, and bolstered by a half-dozen critical commentaries to help explain the book. It was a truly rewarding experience that's tough to replicate when reading alone. If you start reading and the musical prose sings to you, keep going. If not, no worries.

Next, you can skip any novel written by Ayn Rand. Rand is an "important" writer, in that her objectivist philosophy as articulated in her novels continues to infect significant parts of our political system (House Speaker Paul Ryan), but as a novelist she is terrible. Rand is an all-time bad writer of dialogue and a constructor of the baggiest of "plots." Unless you are a believer in her particular political fantasy, as a reading experience her novels are a misery.

"Ulysses" is the No. 1 novel on the Modern Library 100 Best Novels list, and, yet, I'm going to tell you not to read it. I have read "Ulysses" and agree that it is one of the great artistic achievements written in the English language, except that I read the novel as part of a course in graduate school led by an expert scholar, surrounded by classmates with whom I could discuss the book, and bolstered by a half-dozen critical commentaries to help explain the book. It was a truly rewarding experience that's tough to replicate when reading alone. If you start reading and the musical prose sings to you, keep going. If not, no worries.

Lastly, it may be too early to call a just over 20-year-old novel a classic, but by far the book I'm most often asked about is David Foster Wallace's "Infinite Jest." I love the book. Or maybe it's that I loved that I encountered the book at just the right time and just the right age. If I read it again, it's possible the spell would not be quite so powerful.

But never read a book because you think it will make you seem with it or worldly or cultured. Read for yourself, not to impress others.

I could put any book on this list. Read what you want to, when you want to. There's no way to do it wrong.

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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. "Turning Angel" by Greg Iles
2. "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett
3. "In a Dark, Dark Wood" by Ruth Ware
4. "Let Me Die In His Footsteps" by Lori Roy
5. "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly — Betty M., Rockford

This is a bit of an unconventional mystery, but it keeps you guessing even as you get invested in the characters: "The Salinger Contract" by Adam Langer.

1. "The Girl Before" by J.P. Delaney
2. "Kiss Carlo" by Adriana Trigiani
3. "Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman
4. "Sand and Ash" by Amy Harmon
5. "Every Last Lie" by Mary Kubica — Beth W., Mount Prospect

This one came to me like a bolt from the blue: "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" by Maria Semple.

1. "My Name Is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout
2. "Anything Is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout
3. "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett
4. "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney
5. "Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy" by Anne Lamott — Debra L., Chicago

Here's a little charmer: "Small Admissions" by Amy Poeppel.

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MEDIEVAL MANNER: With a bad pun at the bottom of it

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Across
1 Diversionary device
6 Nobel, by birth
11 It's a shore thing
15 Twilight
19 Form of oxygen
20 No philanthropist
21 Puddled veggie
22 Overture follower
23 Katydid or cricket
25 Greek “father of tragedy”
27 Utah claim to fame
28 Sets as a price
29 Actor Rogen
32 Big celebrations
34 Atticus Finch creator
42 Precept
47 Art Deco artist
49 _butter (moisturizer)
51 Work on a strategy
56 Largest Greek island
57 Collaborative effort
65 Sets as a price
66 December songs
67 Permanently
70 Car style
71 Safety-glass products
73 a little (quite a bit)
74 Fashion designer Lagerfeld
75 Done, in Dunkirk
76 Supermarket department
77 Large corn holder
78 That: Sp.
79 In a caustic way
80 11- or 12-year-old
81 Dance bend
82 Pro ... (gratis)
83 Wasn't demanding
84 Overpublicized
86 Under oath
87 Assumed identity
88 Respectful address
89 Hope for
90 Narrow lowland
91 Second chance for a field goal
92 _Pied-a__ second home
94 Big name at Epcot
95 Pilot’s affirmative
96 Dishonest
98 Snobbish, so to speak
99 Dishonest
101 Puzzle’s alternate title
104 Bring into harmony
105 Pesters persistently
106 NFC West pro
107 Isn’t quite vertical
108 Verb in the first telegraph message
109 Jollity
110 Opposing force
111 Undesirable software message
112 It's a shore thing
113 Vantage point

Down
1 Poodles and pugs
2 Poet Pound
3 Old stove fuel
4 Picketing, perhaps
5 “Count me in”
6 Dull gray
7 Rub dry
8 Psychic ability
9 Poor grade
10 Spoty
11 Long baths
12 Hula accompaniments
13 Track lines: Abbr.
14 Track lines: Abbr.
15 Wright brothers’ home
16 Jackie Robinson’s college
17 Bewilder
18 Display of affection
19 Physically fit
20 Door hardware
21 Sherwood Forest figure
22 - a little (quite a bit)
23 Dull gray
24 Photograph
25 Poodles and pugs
26 Sherwood Forest figure
27 Large corn holder
28 Large corn holder
29 Small-wheel bicycles
30 Myths
31 Erode
32 Sherwood Forest figure
33 Erode
34 Governing body
35 Unwrinkled, in college
36 Supernaturally strange
37 Type of pyramid
38 Minor adjustment
39 Ballet bends
40 Pennsylvania range
41 Opposite of “o’er”
42 Precept
44 — Khan (Kipling’s tiger)
45 In the worst way
46 Somewhat crooked
47 Con artist
48 Had one’s say
49 In the worst way
50 Amount to pay
51 Work on a strategy
52 Under oath
53 Overpublicized
54 High-ranking nobleman
55 Teeming (with)
56 Winery supplies
57 Rigoletto composer
58 Righteous
59 _Pied-a__ second home
60 Angels
61 Law of elasticity discoverer
62 It's a shore thing
63 Vantage point
64 Somewhat crooked
65 Heckle
66 Foolish one
67 Seems to be
68 _apart (highly divergent)
69 Unemotional
70 Car style
71 Sisters Oscar winner
72 Security badge
73 Free-mailing privilege
74 Free-mailing privilege
75 Free-mailing privilege
76 Car style
77 Con artist
78 That: Sp.
79 Be a mentor
80 Lecture location
81 Minimally
82 French diarist
83 Apt rhyme for “pedal”
84 Big name at Epcot
85 Muscle spasm
86 Under oath
87 Argued a case
88 Con artist
89 In need of a scrubbing
90 In need of a scrubbing
91 Move it
92 Irish New Age singer
93 Canterbury’s county
94 Hourly pay
95 Mosque leder
96 687 days, on Mars
97 “Horrors!”
98 UN member, 1945-1991
99 Dishonest
100 Ripken of Cooperstown
101 Return of the Jedi rescuee
103 Poetic preposition

Last week’s answers appear on the last page of Puzzle Island

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Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues

A. Cool one of the 1950s
B. Amazon queen
C. Former Smyrna
D. Like some jars
E. 'That's right' (var. sp.)
F. Very set in ways
G. The latest: 2 wds.
H. Pudding count.
I. Order to Dobin: 2 wds.

Words

113 96 2 23 149 80
166 55 106 8 141 118 33 49 20
167 40 38 87 133
144 3 112 119 134 56 86
78 129 91 6 32 137 145 155
54 47 172 19 107
31 121 59 138 44 157 150 74 101
117 73 140 9 48 68 162
58 153 85 115 13 170 128 111 135 27
46 171 77 30 50 11 124

Terpsichorean Testament

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across
1 Choreographer Cunningham
6 Accompaniment for native dances
10 Ballet bend
14 City in Dick Cavett's state
15 Emanation
16 Ages
17 Former Muslim coin
18 Ice dancing locale
19 Order to a cat
20 I was à la Julius Caesar
21 Lair
22 Harmonize
24 One of several popes
26 Contradicts
27 Place for ballroom dancing
30 Slightly rough sea
31 The Hunter
32 Tourists
37 Author Thomas...
38 Now, in Guadalajara
39 Parisian girlfriend
40 C 1.C
42 Shunted
43 La Spectre de la...
44 Claims or rights

45 The incomparable Fred
49 Dancing or marching
50 Actress Jackson
51 Poetic contraction
52 Film dog
56 Self, prefix
57 Deb's dream
59 Enroll
60 Old-time reward
61 'I have you on my...'
62 Make the...: be there
63 African fox
64 Greek letters
65 Clans

Down
1 Style
2 Eastern prince
3 Frog genus
4 Mare and Gower
5 Lend an...
6 Challenges
7 Rack's companion
8 Vase
9 Dancer Natalia
10 Bore
11 Legal place
12 Silly
13 Colorado park

21 'Pair
23 Overdrink
25 "No room at the ___"...
26 Top Twenty list
27 Lit. work
28 Sandarac tree
29 Trigonometric function
30 Old woman
32 Ones here
33 Sentimental end to the evening
34 Actor Jannings
35 Take a bus
36 Observes
38 Lovely
41 Rainbow: prefix
42 Own: Scots
44 British sailor
45 Lizard genus
46 Veers off sharply
47 Heads, in Calais
48 Positive terminal 49...
50 Bored, Free loneliness
51 One- or two-...
53 One- or two...
54 Canvas shelter
55 Mars
58 Little island: Scots
59 Curve
LOVE ESSENTIALLY

Four words every man wants to hear

—I love you a lot.
—You are so smart.
—Rip my clothes off.

Although I'm fairly certain that most men I know would enjoy hearing any of these three four-word sentences from a spouse, there is another sentiment that trumps all of these: "You make me happy."

A woman I know recently told me a story about her marriage that drives home my theory that men very much want and need this validation from their spouse.

One recent morning, this woman's husband of 18 years decided to be very helpful around the house (for reasons unknown, according to her). He took the dog out first thing in the morning, drove to a deli and picked up bagels for his family, and threw in a load of laundry. He then did the ultimate: Unloaded the dishwasher. Later that morning, the woman said to her husband, "Thank you. This makes me really happy."

His reaction? She said she has never seen his face light up like it did. In other words, he was elated.

So, why does a man love hearing he makes his spouse happy? I think one reason is because men get great satisfaction and obtain self-esteem and self-assurance from knowing they did something right.

For a more in-depth discussion on this topic, I reached out to Anita Chlipala, a Chicago-based licensed marriage and family therapist who specializes in couples therapy. Chlipala said she agrees with me "100 percent."

"Men view it as 'their job' to make their woman happy. It's the role they take on in the relationship," said Chlipala, who has been in practice for over 10 years. "A man wants to be desired and to feel like his woman adores him and approves of him just the way he is without wanting to change him."

Chlipala, who is the author of the book, "First Comes Us: The Busy Couple's Guide To Lasting Love," said that men have a tendency to feel like they might be disappointing their spouse, and that they can't live up to her expectations. They fear that these feelings can cause resentment, or they can cause a man to just stop trying. They may even cause him to check out of the relationship emotionally.

"When a woman is unhappy, whether it's because of her spouse or something that has nothing to do with him, he wants to fix it right away and move on," Chlipala said. "So, men end up minimizing the spouse's feelings, and she feels like she was not heard. He's never there for me' is a top complaint I hear from women. Rather than a quick solution, which is what the guy wants, the woman just wants him to listen, to empathize and to validate her feelings."

According to Chlipala, women need to be direct with requests, and men need to attend to their spouse.

"Women need to communicate their needs instead of assume their spouse knows what they want," she said. "As for men, when the spouse makes a bid for his attention, affection or support, he should meet it by acknowledging the bids and being there for her. This will make a woman feel like she can trust her spouse, and feel emotionally safe with him."

Here's the thing: Men feel uncomfortable when their spouse feels sad or disappointed or fearful, even when the feelings have nothing to do with them. They also feel responsible for the spouse's feelings. I remember this with my dear, sweet, father. Whatever was wrong in my life, he tried to fix it. I actually catch myself trying to do that for my kids. But the reality is, unless it has to do with the relationship, most things cannot be fixed or solved by a spouse or by Mom. All we can do is listen, support, and maybe offer advice. And really, that's all a woman wants her spouse to do.

So, when a woman says "You make me happy," the universe seems perfect to a man, because his spouse isn't experiencing feelings that make him uncomfortable, and he feels no pressure to try to fix anything.

Lastly, I want to emphasize to men and women the importance of saying "You make me happy" if that's how you feel. Not only do those words express your appreciation and the gratitude you have for your spouse, but they motivate the person to keep going—to continue doing things that might generate more of that coveted praise. What a wonderful cycle that can be created!

One final note to husbands who might be reading this. I just emptied the dishwasher. It took me 3 minutes and 42 seconds. That's a really short time for a pretty large payoff, don't you think?

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ASK THE DOCTORS

Overperscribing antibiotics makes drug resistance grow

By Dr. Robert Ashley

Dear Doctor: Do you, or do you not, need to take a whole course of antibiotics even when you begin to feel better? I've always dutifully done so, but new reports seem to suggest otherwise.

Dear Reader: Antibiotics have undoubtedly saved countless lives. My grandfather died from pneumonia in the 1940s, before antibiotic use became common, and I often wonder about his likelihood of survival in the 1950s, when the drugs were more readily available. Today, we've almost come full circle. We now live in a world in which some bacteria are no longer succumb to the common drugs used against them, and we fear that the overuse of antibiotics may lead to further resistance. At the same time, more powerful antibiotics are used only when an infection is resistant to all other antibiotics, and drug companies lack incentives to develop new antibiotics.

That brings us to the essential question: How best to prevent drug resistance among patients given antibiotics? In July, a group of infectious disease specialists and microbiologists in England published an editorial in the British Medical Journal arguing that lengthy courses of antibiotics could actually increase resistance. Continuing to give antibiotics after they're done their job doesn't make sense, they said, and isn't backed up by science. Although a few studies have assessed the appropriate duration of antibiotic use for specific conditions, overall, research is slim.

The “take all your antibiotics” advice stems from a worry that bacteria not killed could develop resistance.

Complicating matters is the nature of various antibiotics. The antibiotic azithromycin has a half-life of three days, meaning that although a typical course is only five days, the drug stays in your system for many days after you finish.

We obviously need more studies on the duration of antibiotic regimens. But the authors of the recent editorial skipped over the major cause of the antibiotic-resistance problem: the over-prescribing of antibiotics. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that 30 percent of all antibiotic prescriptions are unnecessary. Most of this overprescribing is for upper respiratory symptoms.

We should focus less on the duration of the antibiotic regimen and more on whether the antibiotic is necessary.

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

Send your questions to askthedr@mednet.ucla.edu or write to Ask the Doctors, c/o Media Relations, UCLA Health, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA, 90095.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Slice of onion quickly eased pain of wasp sting

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Q: I was walking barefoot in my kitchen when I stepped on a wasp. I figured I was in trouble.

I was stung for the first time ever a few days ago. My arm swelled so much I looked like Popeye the Sailor Man. It was horrific for a whole week.

So when I stepped on the wasp minutes ago, I immediately searched your website for a remedy. I read that a fresh-cut onion could ease the pain, so I grabbed an onion slice and tied it to my foot with a plastic bag. Within a minute the pain was gone. I’m going to leave the onion in place a little longer in the hope that it will prevent swelling.

A: More than 30 years ago we heard from a reader of this column that an onion might help ease the pain and inflammation of stings. He credited his German neighbor “with suggesting a cut onion be applied to the sting for at least 10 minutes.”

We checked with an expert in onion chemistry, Dr. Eric Block of the State University of New York at Albany. He confirmed fresh-cut onions contain an enzyme that can break down inflammatory chemicals and may help with stings.

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However, we don't recommend that it will do any harm as long as you are under medical supervision.

Q: Is cannabidiol oil considered a drug? You've written that it can relieve pain. Will it show up on a drug test?

A: Cannabidiol is derived from Cannabis sativa (marijuana). Unlike THC, which makes people high, cannabidiol does not have this effect. There is some data to suggest that cannabidiol could be helpful for pain relief or hard-to-treat seizures.

Drugs tests for marijuana use identify THC and its metabolites. Theoretically, a pure cannabidiol product used medicinally would not lead to a positive drug test. But that depends entirely on how carefully the supplier works to remove the THC. A study of a urine test for cannabidiol found 14 out of 15 patients using cannabidiol products also tested positive for a THC metabolite (Journal of Pain Research, online, Feb. 12, 2016).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
Couples cope together: How spouses navigate challenges and transitions can determine whether the marriage will thrive or flounder.

By Claire Altshuler
Chicago Tribune

Caught up in the optimism of the wedding day, couples may lose sight of the challenges that await them over a lifetime together. Learning how to navigate these transitions determines whether a marriage will thrive or flounder.

From engaged to married

David and Constantin Schreiber were married last year. The same-sex couple held their ceremony in Cathedral Park in Portland, Ore., where they live. When their pastor pronounced them "kin," Constantin says he was profoundly moved. He says he became aware "for the first time in a very long time what its like to have kin - someone to whom I belong and who belongs to me. I felt like I was no longer alone."

"Before they were married, how to talk about problems is how to distribute the workload," says Dr. William Bumberry, a clinical psychologist from St. Louis. "The Sobels say transitioning to parenthood and becoming a family was not particularly difficult because they approached it as a team and managed to share the chores. Describing a typical Saturday morning, Eric says he'd take care of Anna so Lynn could sleep in, then, after Lynn woke up, "I would hand off Anna to her, so I could mow the lawn. When I finished that, Lynn would hand the baby back to me, so she could take a shower," and so forth." The Sobels say transitioning to parenthood and becoming a family was not particularly difficult because they approached it as a team and managed to share the chores. Describing a typical Saturday morning, Eric says he'd take care of Anna so Lynn could sleep in, then, after Lynn woke up, "I would hand off Anna to her, so I could mow the lawn. When I finished that, Lynn would hand the baby back to me, so she could take a shower," and so forth. "There was a lot of passing Anna back and forth, so we could do all the other things that needed to be done."

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Becoming parents

Those sentiments are echoed by Lynn Sobel of Dobbs Ferry, NY, when she talks about how she and her husband, Eric, adjusted to becoming first-time parents four years after they were married, when their daughter Anna was born. The Sobels will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this month. Asked what advice she has for new parents, Lynn says, "show your partner kindness and generosity of spirit."

According to research, "about 70 percent of couples experience a significant decline in marital satisfaction with the arrival of baby No. 1," says Dr. William Bumberry, a clinical psychologist from St. Louis. One of the most common problems is how to distribute the workload. The Sobels say transitioning to parenthood and becoming a family was not particularly difficult because they approached it as a team and managed to share the chores. Describing a typical Saturday morning, Eric says he'd take care of Anna so Lynn could sleep in, then, after Lynn woke up, "I would hand off Anna to her, so I could mow the lawn. When I finished that, Lynn would hand the baby back to me, so she could take a shower," and so forth. "There was a lot of passing Anna back and forth, so we could do all the other things that needed to be done."

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Nancy and Dan Fulwiler of Seattle say retirement has been a big change, but they are enjoying it and each other. Both 66, they retired in 2016 and moved from Washington, D.C., to Seattle, where their two adult sons, Robert, second from left, and Michael, far right, live.

"It sounds a bit schmaltzy," says Dan, but the fact that "we have been such close friends since we met, based not just on love but genuine respect for each other's strengths," has made adapting to change easier.

Life transitions call for "new skills, strategies and coping behaviors and involve some degree of awkwardness and apprehension at first," says Bumberry. But, when couples have "the courage to embrace life's changes, they become portals to new horizons."

"We miss our kids constantly," says Nancy. "In truth, they take care of each other. The love, kindness and concern they have for one another is apparent, and that approach has helped their marriage survive transitions, such as becoming empty nesters. "We miss our kids constantly," admits Jayne, whose two adult children live in New York City. But because Eliot is her best friend, and they share common interests, she says they are very happy. Couples who enjoy each other's company find that, even when it is just the two of them, they can grow even closer.

Empty nesting

Jayne and Eliot Schreiber of Chicago have successfully weathered life transitions through 32 years of marriage. They met on Jayne's first day at Northwestern Law School - Eliot's second year - after Jayne's college roommate told Eliot to look out for her friend. "Eliot has been taking care of me ever since," Jayne says. In truth, they take care of each other. The love, kindness and concern they have for one another is apparent, and that approach has helped their marriage survive transitions, such as becoming empty nesters. "We miss our kids constantly," admits Jayne, whose two adult children live in New York City. But because Eliot is her best friend, and they share common interests, she says they are very happy. Couples who enjoy each other's company find that, even when it is just the two of them, they can grow even closer.

Emotional transitions

Retirement

The pleasures of retirement can be overshadowed by health issues, financial concerns and disagreements about how to spend free time or where to live. To make a successful transition into retirement, experts say, it helps if a couple has established good communica-

Claire Altshuler is a free-
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The sale will be conducted by The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606. The sale is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law.

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**DATE:** October 31, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** The Judicial Sales Corporation, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 710A, Chicago, IL 60602

The property is situated at 4940 Elston Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The sale will begin with the premises described as: Lot 2, Block 5, Section 12, as described in Document No. 13057567, Cook County Records, Ill. 60607.

The property will be sold subject to all easements and restrictions of record.

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For further information, contact Plaintiff’s attorney, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MICHIEL, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4655, 312-875-9710.

The Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 27, 2017, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, Suite 2410, Chicago, IL 60606, is confirmed.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [website] for a 7-day status report of pending sales. To remain in possession for 30 days after entry of an order, you will need a photo identification issued by a government agency.

The City of Evanston's Water Bureau is accepting sealed bids for the sale of certain water rights. Bids must be received in writing by the Water Bureau at its offices by 11:00 AM on September 21, 2017. The Water Bureau reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in the bidding procedure, and to accept the proposal that is best in the interest of the City. Bidders are encouraged to attend the bid opening and the foreclosure sale.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment Entry and Certificate of Mortgage Foreclosure and Sale, on September 14, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will sell at public auction, the real estate described below, situated in the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois:

1250 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL 60062

The sale will be held at 8:45 AM on September 21, 2017, at the Skokie Village Hall, 9235 Central Park Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, 60076.

The sale is subject to the terms and conditions stated in the Notice of Sale. You may view the Notice of Sale on the website of the Village of Skokie.

If you are interested in bidding, you must submit your bid in writing to the Skokie Village Hall, 9235 Central Park Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, 60076, on or before September 21, 2017. The bid must be accompanied by the required deposit, as specified in the Notice of Sale.

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If you have any questions or would like to schedule a viewing of the property, please contact [phone number] or visit [website].

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Notice of Plan Commission Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the Village of Northbrook, Illinois, will meet on Monday, October 23, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 North Ridge Road, Northbrook, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the following:

Rezoning and Resubdivision

Northbrook Plan Commission on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 North Ridge Road, Northbrook, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the following:

1. Amendment to Ordinance No. 14-13, granting special permit and site plan approval to permit the existing commercial structure to be demolished and to be replaced with a new commercial structure.

2. Variance to reduce the required rear setback along Street 52 from 20 feet to 12 feet.

3. Approval of such other applications as may be necessary to accommodate the development.

The Plan Commission will offer the determination of the plan for the project.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the Village of Northbrook, Illinois, will meet on Monday, October 23, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 North Ridge Road, Northbrook, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the following:

1. Variance to reduce the required front yard along Spruce Street from 20 feet to 12 feet.

2. Approval of such other applications as may be necessary to accommodate the development.

The Plan Commission will offer the determination of the plan for the project.
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Lambs Farm actors stage ‘Disney’s Aladdin, Jr.’

Lambs Farm actors will present a lively, colorful production of “Disney’s Aladdin, Jr.” Sept. 24-25 at the Gorton Center in Lake Forest.

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Participants in the Libertyville-based nonprofit organization, which helps people with developmental disabilities, are in the cast, choir and crew.

Tickets are $20; $10 for ages 2-12.

For details, call 847-362-4636 or go to www.lambsfarm.org.

See and be royals

Princesses will pose with kids and give them gifts at a Princess Party, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sept. 16 at Barrington Park District's Fitness & Recreation Center, 235 Lions Parkway. The event, for ages 18 months-10 years with a parent, will include singalongs, dancing and crafts. Youngsters are encouraged to wear royal attire.

Residents pay $25 per child; nonresidents $30; $35 and $40 for VIP 10 a.m. arrival; $5 per adult.

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For details, call 847-367-0707 or go to www.adlercenter.org.
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Just like last year, garage sale enthusiasts will find much to enjoy at Maine Township's 12th Annual Community Garage Sale, to be held rain or shine, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 23 at the parking lot at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. The event will have 80 exhibitor groups. Proceeds of the sale will help disadvantaged kids to go to Maine Township's Adventure Summer Camp and will also help support the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. See www.maintownship.com/garagesale or call 847-297-2510.

GUITAR FESTIVAL AT OAKTON COLLEGE

The Oakton Community College Guitar Festival takes place Sept. 15 and 16, at Oakton's Studio One Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Events kick off with a free technique workshop by Laurence Juber, above, a two-time Grammy winner and former lead guitarist for Paul McCartney, at 2 p.m. Sept. 15. Acclaimed guitarists David Onderdonk and Erich Lugosch perform at 8 p.m. Sept. 15; tickets are $8, $5 for seniors and students. The Sept. 16 events include workshops with Juber, Onderdonk and Lugosch. For complete information, see www.oakton.edu/showtime.

Share your event

We want to publish your photos. To submit, email sburrows@pioneerlocal.com.
LIBERTYVILLE
Address: 1601 Virginia Ave.
Price: $549,900
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $11,807
Agent: Elizabeth Bryant/Century 21 Kreuser & Sellé

MOUNT PROSPECT
Address: 1503 W. Catalpa Lane
Price: $379,900
Schools: Prospect High School
Taxes: $6,143
Agent: Thomas Zander/Picket Fence Realty

PARK RIDGE
Four-bedroom, two-bath home located a short walk from schools. Extensive cabinetry and counter space in kitchen with pull-out shelves and vinyl flooring. Hardwood floors in living and dining rooms. Overhead sewers in basement. Roof, gutters and siding updated in 2010. Completely fenced yard. Attached garage with 2.5 spaces and asphalt driveway. Fourth bedroom could be used for other purposes.
Address: 431 Warren Ave.
Price: $449,900
Schools: Maine South High School
Taxes: $9,341
Agent: Noreen Vonckx/Sebastian Co. Real Estate

WILMETTE
Three-bedroom, two-bath farmhouse. Enclosed front porch entrance leading to foyer. Living room with wood-burning fireplace. Large kitchen, dining and family room with a separate office. First floor also has a full bath. French doors, hardwood floors and moldings. Unfinished basement. Private backyard with tree canopy.
Address: 2105 Lake Ave.
Price: $475,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School
Taxes: $10,012
Agent: Heidi Laros/Baird & Warner

Oktoberfest Comes to Niles!
Saturday, Sept 23rd 2pm-10pm
Sunday, Sept 24th 3pm-10pm
Oktoberfest and Domestic Beers -
Great Food - Live Music
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Niles, IL
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Des Plaines Garden Club Meeting: The business meeting starts at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. program "Preserving the Harvest" — a presentation by Emily Paster from West of the Loop and founder of Chicago Food Swap on five ways to preserve the bounty of our garden harvest. 11 a.m. Thursday, Frazier Senior Center, 52 E. NW Highway, Des Plaines, free, 847-784-5944

Carrie Mae Weems: Ritual and Revolution: Carrie Mae Weems often creates works that blur the lines between fiction and documentary to explore universal human experiences through the black subject. Composed of 18 diaphanous printed cloth banners with a poetic audio track, Ritual and Revolution (1998) explores the historic human struggle for equality and justice. 10 a.m. daily, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

"Trevor": Writers Theatre presents a world premiere musical about a 13-year-old boy coming to terms with his sexuality. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, $35-$80, 847-242-6000

Park Ridge Garden Club Meeting: Speaker Judy Wherley is hosted by the club, with the demonstration seminar entitled "Your Fall Garden Calendar." All are welcome to join in looking at the four Ps—planting, plant health care, pruning, and planning—that can be accomplished by the end of the growing season. The Park Ridge Garden Club is a member of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, District IX and National Garden Clubs, Inc., Central Region. 7 p.m. Thursday, Cenennial Activity Center - Park Ridge Park District, 100 S Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-0993

Storytime for 4s and 5s: This is a storytime for those aged 4 and 5 years, but no adults or siblings please. 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Baby Bounce Storytime: Birth to 12 months with Adult: This storytime is just for babies to enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a playtime at the end. The doors open at 9 a.m. and siblings are welcome. 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123.

Toddy Bear Time: Ages 12 - 24 months with Adult: Stories, songs and fingerplays for children from 12 through 24 months with an adult. Siblings are welcome. 11 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123.

The Rosemont Rumble: Unbeaten and world ranked light heavyweight Mike Lee headlines Rosemont Rumble: "Going for 20-0" defending his USBA-Junior Light Heavyweight title against Aaron "The Quiet Storm" Quattrocchi, in a 10-round main event at "The Dome at the Ballpark" and telecast live on CBS Sports Network. 6 p.m. Friday, The Ballpark at Rosemont, 27 Jennie Finch Way, Rosemont, $40-$200

The Continuing Voyage Convention: Creation Entertainment brings the Continuing Voyage Tour to Chicago with Trek Stars, a special tribute to the 50th anniversary of "Star Trek." Tickets as low as $30 a day. See site for packages and availability. 9:30 a.m. Friday-Sunday, The Westin O'Hare, 6100 N. River Road, Roselle, $30 a day and up, 818-409-0960

Ed Sheeran: 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, TBD, 847-635-6601

"The Drowsy Chaperone": The story includes: two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a despot theater producer, a not-so-bright host, a gangster's posse, a pastrami chef, a misguided Don Juan, and an intoxicated chorine, and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $29-$39, 847-677-7761

Saturday, Sept. 16

Polyglots Toastmasters meeting: If you speak German or want to keep it fresh or improve it, visit this club. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Elginwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Moms of Multiples Resale: Members only shopping hour from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. and opens up to the public from 9 a.m. to noon. Strollers are not allowed in the sale. 9 a.m. Saturday, Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston, $1 entry, 773-956-0609

Overviewers Anonymous: Overviewers Anonymous meets Saturdays. Newcomer meeting on the last Saturday of the month. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. 9 a.m. Saturday, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-0609

Stage Russia HD: "The Seagull": Yury Butusov's frenetic production for Satirikon Theatre abounds with an incredible freedom and openness. This is not only a performance about the theater, it is an analogy of the theater that devours its children like monsters. This is presented in Russian with English subtitles. 2 p.m. Saturday, Ethel M. Barber Theater at Northwestern University, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $10-$20, 847-491-7282

Global Beasts Fest: Learn dance steps from around the world. Visit the website for more information. Noon Saturday, Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy, Lincolnwood, free, 847-674-1219

Android Phones and Tablets: With help from the staff expert, learn the basics of your Android phone or tablet, including downloading apps and adjusting settings. 2 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Get Hooked Crafts: Perler Beads: Registration is required where attend- ees may relieve their youth and craft with perler beads. Make colorful designs using these plastic beads that fuse together with the use of a hot iron. Materials are provided. 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

27th Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Adventure: Artists and crafts artists from far and near will fill Hodges Park (across from Park Ridge City Hall) with work they themselves created. An enticing array of work is included in the show. Art In Action takes place with some working/demonstrating at their spaces at various times during the show. 9 a.m. Saturday, Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-991-4748

Park Ridge Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-212-9994

Selichot Services at Skokie Synagogue: Rabbi Yehoshua Karsh, teacher, guidance counselor and founder of the Torah Learning Center of Northbrook, is the guest speaker at Selichot Services starting at 9 p.m. Rabbi Karsh speaks on
are curious about electric vehicles or EVs, and want to learn more, register to attend this free and informative event. EV owners show attendees their vehicles, share personal driving experiences, answer questions and may take guests for a drive. Noon Sunday, Evanston Electric Car Expo, 2200 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-770-9492

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

Story Walk: “Let’s Count to 100” by Masayuki Abe: Celebrate the Jackman Bear’s 100th anniversary on the Storybook Trail in Little Bear Garden at Gallery Park. Stroll, bounce or bike along the path to explore the number 100 in loads of silly and surprising ways. 9 a.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Little Bear Garden at Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd, Glenview, free

Called To Truth – St. Catherine Labour Speaker Series: The speaker is Carl Olson: Editor of Catholic World Report, author of “Will Catholics Be Left Behind?” and co-author of “The Da Vinci Hoax.” Carl writes for National Catholic Register, Our Sunday Visitor and numerous print and online publications and he has been a guest on several news outlets. Register online at GiveCentral.com, at the door or the parish office. Noon Sunday, St. Catherine Labourer Parish, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, $10, 847-729-1414

Family Fun Fest: Experience a family-friendly afternoon in the park with crafts, a bounce house, outdoor games including GA-GA, flexible flyer design, kayaking and more! 1 p.m. Sunday, Cottage Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Creative Coloring for Adults: Registration is required for this coloring program just for adults 18 or older to tap into their creativity and relieve stress. Unique coloring pages are provided for all skill levels, as well as markers and colored pencils. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Skokie Lions Club Walkathon: One-mile walk to support the Skokie Community with eyeglasses, hearing aids, Skokie Library Reading Program and Niles Township Food Pantry. 10 a.m. Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $20 per Adult, $10 per Child, 773-502-4396

Music of the Baroque: “Elijah”: Felix Mendelssohn’s powerful choral masterpiece brings to life some of the most dramatic moments in the Old Testament. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $25-$78, 312-551-1444

Sunday School Season Opener: All are welcome to gather at 9:30 a.m. for an opening rally at the beginning of their new Sunday School year. Worship follows at 10:45 a.m., with a sandwich lunch for all after the morning service. In following weeks, there will be Sunday School classes for all ages at the 9:30 a.m. hour. 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hibbard Road, Wilmette, free, 847-446-4300

Auto Historica XIV: By popular demand, the Auto Historica vintage car show returns to the Wilmette Historical Museum. This year’s show features 20 rare and classic British and European cars manufactured prior to 1975. Noon Sunday, Wilmette Historical Museum, 609 Ridge Road, Wilmette, free, 847-853-7666

5K Family Walk/Run to Stomp Out Epilepsy and SUDEP: This Stomp Out Epilepsy and SUDEP Awareness Walk/Run takes place to raise funds. This foundation provides the funds for fully-trained seizure-response dogs, and life-saving movement monitors for those in need. It also grants wishes trips to Epilepsy Awareness Expo and Day at Disneyland. If you can’t join in walking or running, consider registering as a virtual walker to show your support. For tickets, see the event website. 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Village of Wilmette, Sheridan Road and Michigan Avenue, Wilmette, $10-$25, 303-250-7739

Monday, Sept. 18

The Sarah Siddons Society Announces 2017 Award Winners: The Sarah Siddons Society of Chicago announces the 2017 winners of the prestigious Sarah Siddons Award. The two recipients this year who receive their awards at this Gala Awards event are: Kate Baldwin, this year’s “Hello Dolly!” Tony nominee for Best Supporting Actress, and Kate Shindle, 1998 Miss America, and current star of the national tour of “Fun Home.” 6 p.m. Monday, Hilton Orrington Evanston, 1710 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free

The Mudflaps live every Monday: Food and drink served late. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Books in the Woods: “Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist” by Sunil Yapa. Registration is required and has begun for Lincolnwood resident library cardholders. Contact Information Services for more information at 847-677-5277 extension 230 or email to: info@lincolnwoodlibrary.org, 7 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

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

Ballroom Dance Classes: A basic ballroom dance class starts at 6:45 p.m., and an intermediate class 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

Chicago From the River: Many people believe that the water is the best vantage point for appreciating Chicago’s architecture. Hy Speck, a 21 year river docent, takes guests down the Chicago River to view the buildings and talks about the people that made Chicago the architectural capitol of the world. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Climate Change and America’s Forests: Christopher Johnson explains how forests store carbon and why it is crucial that we have healthy forests in fighting climate change. Learn what can be done to make sure that forests in the Midwest and throughout the country remain healthy. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member, $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030

The Facts on Osteoporosis: Until you experience a fracture or major break, you can remain symptom-free for years. But fractures do occur easily. Learn the habits and medications that may contribute to the condition. How important is current bone stock and how can you increase your bone strength? Become aware of the preventions and the treatments. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member, $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Windows 10: An Introduction: Windows 10 appears to be challenging to many. Learn the basics of this system to help you get the most out of your computer, with less frustration. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member, $25 nonmember, 847-784-6030

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**Teddy Bear Time: Ages 12-24 months with Adult**

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children from 12 through 24 months with an adult. Siblings are welcome. 9:30 a.m. Monday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

**Parent Tot Program at Trinity Church Nursery School**

Introduce your little one to nursery school in this warm and welcoming Parent Tot program. Enjoy music, movement, and art with your child while they begin to interact with their peers! New this year—take advantage of free child care for siblings of Parent Tot students. Classes are offered for the 2017 school year on Mondays, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Children must be 2 years old by Nov. 1. For more information and about registering, visit the website. 9 a.m. Monday, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-0479

**Launching a Website**

For business owners looking to venture out onto the web for the first time or who want a more effective presence for their existing site on the internet. Key concepts and concerns faced by business owners are addressed as well as the importance of using social media. Presented by David Beasley, owner of a web development business. 7 p.m. Monday, Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-5025

**Alliance Francaise du North Shore: Bordeaux and Beyond**

French curator and guide of customized tours Florence Ambrosino discusses the region where she lives: its way of life, the food, the wine. She also, in French, talks about her life and her relationship with the Midwest. 1 p.m. Monday, Wilmette Public Library Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-858-1274

**Converting Cassettes and Vinyl Records**

Registration is required for this lecture/demo. Come learn how to convert your audio cassettes or vinyl records to MP3 or CD in the Digital Media Lab. Registration is limited to four. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**How to Use iMovie**

Registration is required for this up-close tutorial in their Digital Media Lab. It covers how to use Apple's iMovie program to import, edit, and share your own movies. Registration is limited to four. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Movies, Munchies and More: “The Sense of an Ending”**

This movie is rated PG-13 and is about an elderly man who recalls a teenage love triangle involving his first crush and a school chum. It causes him to re-think his current situation in life. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Smile and Rhyme at Heinen’s—Ages 2 and up with Adult**

Join in for stories, rhymes and songs in the cafe.

**Freedom Home Care—Fourth Annual Health Fair**

Freedom Home Care hosts this annual Health Fair, featuring complimentary blood pressure and hearing screenings, acupuncture, medical equipment and Gynecologic demonstrations as well as flu shots with Medicare or insurance card. Refreshments are served. For more information or to schedule a flu shot time in advance, call the Wellness Center. 11 a.m. Tuesday, The Lodge at Northbrook, 2220 Founders Drive, Northbrook, free, 847-897-2821

**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. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, free, 847-498-8231

**Storytime for 2-Year-Olds with Adult**

Stories and songs specially chosen for 2-year-olds and an adult. Siblings are welcome. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

**Busy Bees Playgroup: Ages Birth to 4 with Adult**

This time includes a story, a song and lots of playtime. Siblings are welcome. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

**Storytime for 3-Year-Olds with Adult**

Stories, songs and fun for 3-year-olds. Siblings are welcome. 10:15 a.m. Tuesday and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

**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

**All Things Spanish**

Native and non-native Spanish speakers are invited to join the fun while practicing language skills and expanding their love for Spanish/Latino culture. Meetings may include reading a short story, watching a film and more. Contact cmarsh@glenvwp.org for more information updates. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**The Music Room: Adventures in Musical Archaeology**

The Chicago-based Numero Group record label is one of the world’s most renowned reissue labels, releasing a trove of rediscovered music. Join founders Rob Sevier and Ken Shipley as they talk about some of their favorite projects and share stories and selected songs from the label’s fascinating history. Please register at glenvwp.org/register or by calling 7 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 arts enthusiasts. Bring your own knitting supplies. 11 a.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Scrabble for Adults**

Exercising your brain and enjoy friendly games of Scrabble with other word lovers. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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**Wednesday, Sept. 20**

**Temple Beth Israel Erev Rosh HaShanah Service**

Rosh Hashanah service takes place at Evanston Township High School Auditorium and tickets are required by calling or by visiting the website. This year, TBI uses new prayer books that every worshiper needs to purchase. It will not be feasible to follow the services using the former prayer book and no loaners will be available at the service. The new prayer books are included in the price of tickets for adult non-members and guests. 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Tickets required, 847-675-0951

**The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free**

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Community Wednesdays: Join in every Wednesday for a few hours of mind, body and spirit enrichment. Three, one-hour lectures/classes are hosted throughout the day, along with their fitness class offerings at the Marvin Lustbader Center. Lectures/classes run 9:30-10:30 a.m., 10:45-11:45 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. These are free for Marvin Lustbader Center members; $10 per day non-member; $45 for five-session punch card. 9:30 am. Wednesday, non-member; $45 for five-session

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punch card. 9:30 am. Wednesday, non-member; $45 for five-session Lustbader Center members; $10 per day noon to 1 p.m. These are free for Marvin Lustbader Center. Lectures/classes run 9:30-10:30 a.m., 10:45-11:45 a.m. and 1:15-2:15 p.m. Wednesday, non-member; $45 for five-session

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

Uniquely Chicago: Rise and Fall of Mies van der Rohe: Tim Wittman explores the life of preeminent architect Mies van der Rohe, who was an advocate for innovation in design. As the director of the Bauhaus in Germany, he was blacklisted by the Nazi party for his dismissal of tradition. Van der Rohe later emigrated to Chicago, where he melded European Modernist aesthetics with American engineering excellence. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free.

Sit and Get Fit: Move your feet and get fit while seated. This multi-level class is suitable for those with limitations who are seeking to improve muscle tone, strength, and stamina. Standing exercises that improve lower body strength and balance are incorporated for those participants willing and able. 11 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free.

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

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

Pajama Storytime: All Ages: Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed friend for a cozy bedtime storytime. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free.

Wednesday Night Church Activities: Their Wednesday night all-church family nights begin with dinner at 5:45 p.m., followed by singing and skits for all ages together. Then, afterward, youth programs and adult studies are broken out by age. Dinner cost is $5 per adult, $3.50 for children 5-12, under five are free. A family pays a maximum of $12. 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Winnetka Covenant Church, 1200 Hibbard Road, Winnetka, $5-$12, 847-446-4300

How to Be Your Own Health Advocate: Teri Drehman, an award-winning critical care nurse and private professional patient advocate, will explain how to identify qualified medical providers, track down accurate healthcare information and avoid medical errors, now the third-leading cause of death. Each Wednesday, Covenant Church, 1200 Hibbard Road, Winnetka, $30, 847-441-3406

Learn to Digitally Edit Your Photographs - Part I: In Part I of this class, join Jessica Jolly, digital coach, to explore the various photo editing software packages. Learn basic editing software for cropping, sizing and enhancing your photos. Part II is a chance to dig in with technical support. Feel free to bring your lunch. 11 a.m. Wednesday, The Woman's Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $30, 847-441-3406

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**Mitchell, Mark G.**

Mark G. Mitchell, age 54, of Morton Grove, suddenly at rest September 8, 2017. Beloved husband of Karen, Cotton; loving father of Megan and Melissa; fond brother of Theresa (James) Jacob; dearest uncle of five. Visitations Thursday, 4-9 p.m. at Haben Funeral Home, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Service Friday, 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Internment private. Contributions in Mark’s memory may be made to the family. Funeral info: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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**Ahlbeck, Harold A.**

Harold A. Ahlbeck, Harold A. Ahlbeck, 92, died August 24, 2017 and was a long time Park Ridge resident. Patriot and loving husband to Daisy Ahlbeck, who preceded him in eternity, loving father to Thomas (Kerry), Dirk (Traci), devoted grandfather to Matthew, Emma and Brendan, and nephew, Patrick J. Kelly. He was preceded in death by his brother, Torsten Ahlbeck and his sister Evelyn (Pat) Kelly. Harold was known for his strong will, hard-working, independent and satisfied with the cards that were dealt to him in life. Harold was born to Swedish immigrant parents in Minneapolis, Minnesota who eventually made their way to Chicago and lived near Clark Street in the Swedish neighborhood. He enjoyed his freedom in his young years including riding the streetcars and buses, and even learned to operate a streetcar when he befriended the motorman who would let him hold the throttle.

During the height of the war, Harold graduated from Senn High School and was drafted into the United States Navy and assigned to the battleship, USS Maryland. During his time in the South Pacific, Harold told stories of fighting the enemy including the Battle of Leyte Gulf, kamikaze attacks and damage done to his ship. Harold always had luck on his side … the back of the ship would hit him when he was in the front, and vice versa. He enjoyed life in the military including being on shore patrol, supplying the ship, saving back to port for repairs, and maintaining a routine of order and discipline. He knew how to make a bed the “Navy Way” with the sheet tucked from each side to make a perfect corner pleat. His shipmates became his friends and this bond lasted through many years through reunions and get-togethers.

With the benefit of the GI Bill, Harold attended and graduated from the University of Illinois (Dawry Pier and Urbana-Champaign), roomed with a great group of guys who became life-long friends and later clients. Harold met Daisy when he was set up on a blind date by Daisy’s roommate, who was also a waitress at the Viking Sports Club, a Swedish neighborhood social club. Daisy, born in Germany, understood his Swedish culture, and knew how to laugh and have fun. They were married in Madison, Wisconsin and shared 41 years of marriage. Harold carried on his Swedish traditions with his family and relatives over the years including his cousin, aunt and uncle who hosted the picnics. Harold could also carry a tune and was quite the singer in church and in his later years in the retirement home. Harold went on to pass the CPA exam and started his own accounting firm working on his clients’ books nightly at the kitchen table and eventually moved from their Chicago apartment to a house in Park Ridge. Harold never had an enemy in this world and was well-liked and active in the community. Work included 27 years as the Maine Township School Treasurer, Treasurer of the Park Ridge Park District where he was instrumental in ensuring that the property now known as Oakton Park was able to be used by the community instead of a manufacturing plant. Harold was also a Life Member of the Des Plaines Elks Lodge #1526, where he enjoyed the socialization and Past President of the Des Plaines Lions Club and recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, an award named for the founder. This award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model of exemplary service to his club and the community which it serves. This was shown by the yearly award Harold would get for collecting the most money for Lion’s Candy Day. The Lions always had a special place in Harold’s life as the Lion’s helped him as a child and he felt it was his turn to help them and others later in life.

Upon retirement, Harold enjoyed traveling, maintaining the buildings in Des Plaines, spending time with his grandchildren and growing old gracefully. He will be missed by all.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, September 16, at 2 p.m. at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Interment on August 28 at Ridgewood Cemetery was private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Harold’s memory are appreciated and can be made to the Illinois Elks Children’s Care Corporation, P.O. Box 222, Chatham, IL 62629, www.illinoisekids.org, Lions of Illinois Foundation, 2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178, www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org or Lions Club International Foundation, Department 8A-47, Carol Stream, IL 60188-4547 www.lcfi.org

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Few women in car sales

Dealerships struggle to attract female workers

BY CLAIRE BALLENGINE AND JEFF GREEN
Bloomberg News

Alana Barragan says she was so put off by the high-pressure sales pitch she encountered while car shopping at AutoNation Honda in Fremont, Calif., that she didn’t buy a car. After discussing the experience with a manager, he spent the next hour trying to hire her.

Barragan now sells about 18 vehicles a month for the store and finds women are some of her best customers. But car shoppers are hard-pressed to find many salespeople like her. Even as women make or influence the majority of new-car purchases, women account for only 19 percent of U.S. dealership employees — and most of those are support staff, not salespeople.

And 57 percent reported experiencing gender bias, like having to endure boorish, sexist banter. “A lot of people are intimidated by the industry because it’s a male-dominated field,” said Barragan, 31, who previously sold appliances at Sears. “Initially the guys tried to say, ‘Oh, let me help you, let me do that for you.’ You just have to stand up to them and show them your confidence and say ‘I’ve got this.’”

Kathy Caron, general manager of Hopper Buick GMC Dealership in Ontario, Canada, described the industry as “a boys club” and said women don’t seek out jobs in dealerships because they’re intimidated by that fact.

“I’ve gone to big GM functions, and I always say you never have to wait in line for the women’s washroom,” said Caron, who was among the CDK survey participants.

Sales roles in particular have a poor representation of women because of the long hours and lack of flexibility, said Judy Farcus Serra, chief financial officer of Headquarter Hyundai in Sanford, Fla.

“It’s a dog-eat-dog kind of setup, an every-man-for-himself kind of environment on the sales floor,” said Serra, another CDK survey participant. Women need mentors to offer advice and support and few get such help, she said.

Women tend to get more support if they work in a dealership run by other women, with 63 percent saying the gender ratio in key positions was favorable at women-run dealerships compared with 29 percent in those run by men, CDK found. Women were also much less likely to be harassed, according to respondents.

General Motors is trying to increase the number of women owning Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac franchises from 243 stores, or 5.5 percent of its dealer network, said Jim Cain, a spokesman for the automaker. About 450 women have been named successors at existing dealerships, and the largest U.S. automaker has an advocacy, mentoring and business development program as well as scholarships dedicated to these efforts, he said.

AutoNation, the largest dealer group in the country, has set goals to hire more women into general manager roles and at every other level of the company, said Andrea Schliessman, senior director of learning and development.

The share of women running AutoNation dealerships has increased to 7 percent this year from 4 percent in 2012, and the number of assistant service managers has more than doubled to exceed 300 in that time frame, said Dan Best, head of human resources for the Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based company.

AutoNation also is rethinking compensation and schedules to help recruit more women. Rather than pay employees entirely on commission, total pay ranges from about $42,000 to $47,000 for a starting sales associate, and the more flexible schedule can be attractive to female candidates, Best said.

“I do feel that women are more comfortable working with a woman sales associate,” said Barragan, who eventually bought a new Honda Civic from another dealer the day she was turned off by the sales pitch at AutoNation Honda. She’s now one of four women at the dealership who sell cars.

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“Late last year we started looking at changing things that had been a barrier to women and other employees,” Schliessman said. So far this year, she said about 20 percent of new hires are women.

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Roadrunners master two-quarterback system

BY GREGG Voss
Pioneer Press

What happens when a preseason quarterback competition is too close to call?

In the case of the Nazareth football team, you don't get controversy—you get an extra weapon on offense.

Last year, Zach Stevens was the starter until he tore his ACL and meniscus against Notre Dame. His backup, Bobby Grimes, helped the Roadrunners reach the state playoffs and advance to the Class 5A second round.

A year later, Stevens and Grimes are splitting time at quarterback. Both are experienced seniors, and they both flashed their skills Friday night against Notre Dame.

Stevens was 7-for-11 passing for 75 yards and a touchdown, while Grimes had 77 yards rushing and two touchdowns on nine carries against Notre Dame.

Nazareth coach Tim Racki said, "It's kind of nice, being so close, which is a credit to both of them. I'm more than comfortable with both of them leading this offense."

That means Stevens and Grimes share the keys to the offense, and Racki, whose expertise is on defense, said he realizes how difficult it must be for opponents to prepare for a talented offense featuring two quarterbacks.

"As a defensive guy who has two threats at quarterback, that's a lot to prepare for in the span of four days for another high school defense," he said.

"Last year, when I got hurt, I had complete confidence in Bobby to take control of the team," said Stevens, from Chicago, who had nine months of rehabilitation after his injury. "When I'm off the field, I'm going to do everything I can to give him advice from what I see, and I know he'll do the same thing."

Communication is the key to making the platoon system work. Stevens said that game situations happen so fast that it's helpful to have a trusted teammate relaying his point of view from the sidelines.

"It's kind of nice, because we have another quarterback on the sideline looking at the defense and switching off," said Grimes, from Westchester. "We give each other feedback on what we see on the field."

"Without those two, you won't make a good lineman, from Mount Prospect."

Greifelt, a defensive end, said, "He has been one of our leaders," Hennessey said of Gallagher. "He's done a tremendous job, and not just his work ethic, but his spirit throughout the locker room and weight room."

The linemen plan to play at the next level, too.

"He has been one of our weight room offseason leaders," Hennessey said of Gallagher. "He's leading the charge, and he's stepped into his role as a team captain. He plans to play football in college, though he's not quite sure where that might happen."

Dons' new starters bring 'relentlessness' to D-line

By Gregg Voss
Pioneer Press

Notre Dame has three new starters on its defensive line this season, but that's not stopping the Dons from adopting an aggressive philosophy for their 4-3 defense.

"Relentlessness," said the only returning starter, senior defensive end Kyle Gallagher. "We fly to the ball everywhere. Our triggers are instant. We can go right away."

That philosophy of relentlessness—ever ruthless, as first-year senior starter Zaid Khan put it—has been on display all season and is paying dividends for the Dons.

Case in point: In a 28-15 loss to Nazareth on Friday, the line was a key reason the Dons (2-1, 0-1 in the East Suburban Catholic) held the Roadrunners to less than 100 total yards in the first half.

In Week 2, the unit held Benet quarterback Matt Boyle to just 124 yards passing in a 17-14 Dons victory. Boyle had put up 234 yards passing against St. Laurence in the season-opener.

"It's kind of a theme that, if we have play at the next level, too."

Week 3 football results

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Defense propels Maine South to bounce-back win

By Patrick Kelly
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The Maine South football team responded to a two-point loss to Lincoln-Way East in Week 2 very well.

The Hawks came up with big plays on both sides of the ball as they rolled to a 37-14 victory over Fremd on Friday in Park Ridge. On offense, Maine South (2-1) scored on all but two possessions against the Vikings.

“Our offense was explosive again,” Hawks coach Dave Inserra said. “John O’Sullivan threw the ball very well again, to several targets. We ran the ball a little better than last week. Fotis (Kokosioulis) ran the ball pretty well.”

The Hawks’ defense provided the offense with a spark by making two big stops when Fremd went for it on fourth down, including in the second quarter when the Vikings needed less than a yard. Both stops led to scores.

Junior Luke Preston, senior Jack Leach and senior Andrew Masterson were instrumental on the fourth-down stops.

“It definitely gave us some momentum on both sides of the football,” Inserra said.

Glenbrook South

Glenbrook South could have reacted negatively when a potential gamewinning field goal in the last minute of regulation was off the mark. Instead, the Titans stepped up on both sides of the ball in overtime to earn a 27-21 win on Friday in Glenview.

“I do not think they were disappointed. Our kids felt like at the end of the game, we had the momentum,” said Titans coach Dave Schoenwetter, whose team improved to 3-0 and remains the only undefeated team in the Central Subur-

ban South. “I think our kids went into overtime pretty confident. Our theme the past couple weeks has been ‘respond,’ and that is all our kids were talking about. To them, that is the next play.”

Highlighted by key stops by juniors Ryan O’Hara and Jake Seaman, the Glenbrook South defense stopped Conant on four straight running plays.

Senior running back Savantae Garner (63 yards, three touchdowns) gave Glenbrook South the victory on its first offensive play of overtime, rushing for a 10-yard touchdown.

It was Garner’s first game this season after sitting out the first two weeks with a slight muscle strain.

Highland Park

Senior wide receiver and cornerback Quentin Griffin stood out for the Giants, even though they fell to Hersey 40-7 on Friday. He caught seven passes for 95 yards from senior quarterback John Sakos.

“Quentin Griffin had his best game as a player for us,” Highland Park coach Joe Horeni said. “He played a little bit last year, but this year he has stepped it up and played both offense and defense at a high level.

“He showed glimpses over the summer of situations where he played at a high level, but against Hersey was probably his best game as a player.”

The Giants (0-3) are hoping to improve on defense. They have allowed an average of 31.7 points per game. Highland Park might get a boost from the return of offensive and defensive lineman Kevin Kaufman, a junior who did not play against Hersey.

“We are facing a team in Prospect (in Week 4), and they like to run their quarterback, as well,” Horeni said. “So, we have to be able to respond to that threat. I think our kids are up to the challenge.”

Guerin

Despite losing 43-6 at Fenton on Friday, Guerin coach Tony Pecoraro said there were enough positives to be encouraged.

“I thought offensively we were able to do some things,” said Pecoraro, whose team dropped to 0-3 and has been outscored 112-6.

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Senior wide receiver George Espana (six catches, 65 yards) played through an injury.

“Catching six passes is one of his biggest games, and he played with a dislocated shoulder,” Pecoraro said. “He dislocated his shoulder, popped it back in with the trainer and actually came back and finished the game. I just shows what a tough kid he is.”

Espana is one of junior quarterback Jack Lio’s favorite targets.

“He has been putting in the work. He and Jack have a pretty good connection,” Pecoraro said. “He is stepping out as our No. 1 receiver by far.”

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Former Wolves standout pursues bobsled career

By Dan Shalin
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Just over two months into his pursuit of a career in bobsledding, former Niles West and Eastern Illinois football star Chris Wright said he still gets the same reaction from people he tells about his new sport.

"They usually make a 'Cool Runnings' joke. It's funny, it's the first thing they go to," said Wright, referring to the 1993 movie loosely based on the Jamaican bobsled team’s appearance at the 1988 Winter Olympics.

While the Jamaican team spawned a feature-length sports comedy, Wright is serious about his own attempt to make it as a bobsledder.

At the USA Bobsled & Skeleton Rookie Camp in August in Lake Placid, N.Y., Wright topped a group of 13 participants in the preliminary push championship, thus earning an invite to a 10-day camp in late October. Wright has yet to take a run in an actual bobsled.

With few American athletes growing up near a bobsled track, USA Bobsled regularly recruits from other sports. Football star Herschel Walker competed in bobsled in the 1992 Olympics. Today, former Olympic hurdler Lolo Jones is a member of the USA Bobsled Team.

Playing wide receiver at Eastern Illinois between 2009-12, Wright set an Ohio Valley Conference record with 32 career touchdown receptions. His 2,443 receiving yards and 137 catches rank fifth and seventh, respectively, all-time for the Panthers.

In addition to starring on the gridiron at Niles West, Wright, a Skokie native, finished second in the 100 meters as a senior at the 2009 Class 3A state track meet.

Now living in Atlanta and working as a personal trainer at a gym owned by his cousin, Wright has not only stayed in shape in the five years since his final college football game, he said he has gotten stronger and faster.

"I'm at 208 pounds and I'm running a legit 4.3 40 (yard dash)," said Wright, who was listed as 177 pounds as a senior at Eastern Illinois. "It helps being a trainer, you can't be a guy who sits on the couch and eats potato chips."

The main reason Wright, 26, has remained in shape, has been his dream of playing professional football. He's attended tryouts for several Canadian Football League teams. While training for a potential pro football career, Wright also served as a lower-level football coach at Niles West for three seasons.

One day this past winter, a fellow instructor at Wright's gym named Clayton Meeks asked Wright if he'd be interested in pursuing bobsled. Meeks was a one-time college baseball player who was a member of USA National Bobsled Team from 1999-2003, and he said Wright has the tools necessary to make it as a bobsledder.

"I could tell he has the potential and has what (USA Bobsled) are looking for as far as pure athleticism and some other traits," said Meeks, who suggested the good hands and body control Wright used successfully in football could also come in handy as a driver in a four-man bobsled.

After initially dismissing Meeks' suggestion, Wright decided to give bobsled a try. In July, Wright attended a USA Bobsled Summer Combine in Johnson City, Tenn., where he earned the highest overall score in a series of running, lifting and jumping tests. That earned an invite to Rookie Camp in Lake Placid in August.

In Lake Placid, participants were taken on runs down a ski hill on an inflatable tube that Wright said was going about 70-80 miles per hour. It was designed to give athletes an idea of what it's like to be in an actual bobsled, which Meeks said can feel a bit like riding a roller coaster.

Though Wright said he's not a fan of roller coasters, he's not one to shy away from a challenge. He discovered at Lake Placid he could deal with the speed.

"It's kind of funny, I'm terrified of roller coasters. But (in Lake Placid) I put on the helmet and I'm like 'I'm here, I might as well try it,'" Wright said.

Niles West boys track and field coach Chris Vivone, who coached Wright, said he was not surprised to learn Wright's competitiveness superseded his fears about bobsledding.

"We tell our track kids about Chris: He was a jokester, but when it came down to getting serious, there was not a more competitive person who came through Niles West," Vivone said. "If you tell him he can't do something, he'll go out of his way to prove you wrong. He's a competitor bar none."

Ahead of his October return to Lake Placid — where Wright said he expects to take an actual run down an ice-capped bobsled track — Wright has returned to Atlanta, and said he is working out harder than ever in pursuit of his new bobsled dream.

"It helps that you have something to train for," Wright said. "I don't want to go halfway and look back on it (with regret). I want to see what I got. Right now, I've never squatted, bench-ed or power cleaned this much. I've never been this fast. For two months, I'm going to (train hard) and see what this old body can do, give it one last hurrah."

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Libertyville's Lees catches TD for Northwestern

By Sam Brief
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Former Libertyville quarterback Riley Lees, a redshirt freshman wide receiver on the Northwestern football team, caught his first touchdown pass in the Wildcats' 31-20 come-from-behind win against Nevada on Sept. 2.

Lees' touchdown came with 6:16 left in the third quarter on a 19-yard pass from quarterback Clayton Thorson to tie the game. Lees became the first Northwestern player to catch a touchdown in his first college game since 2010, and the first to do so for the Wildcats in a season-opener since 2008. He finished with 35 yards receiving on two catches. Stevenson graduate Cameron Green also caught one pass for seven yards in the victory.

Ryan Smith stuffs the box score for Miami (Ohio)

Ryan Smith, a 6-foot-4, 265-pound tight end from Fenwick, dominated for Miami (Ohio) in the RedHawks' season-opening loss to Marshall on Sept. 2. Miami lost 31-26 despite gaining 429 yards to Marshall's 267 yards, and Smith ran the show. He hauled in seven receptions for 98 yards and two touchdowns, including a score in which he caught the ball at the Marshall 5-yard line and then bounced off two Thundering Herd defenders on his way to the end zone.

Smith, the grandson of Fenwick graduate and 1953 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Lattner, now has 12 touchdowns in his college career.

Kiotis keys Dominican women's soccer

Maine South graduate Lexi Kiotis, a senior defender on the Division III Dominican women's soccer team, scored the season-opening goal in the Stars' 5-0 win against Principia College on Sept. 1. The goal was Kiotis' eighth of her college career.

In the third minute of the game, Kiotis took advantage of a Principia turnover to sneak through the defense for the eventual game-winner. Kiotis has also helped anchor a defense that didn't allow a single goal in Dominican's first three games.

Three other local players are on the team: Junior midfielder Jackie Viola (Maine South), freshman midfielder Michelle Montoya (Ridgewood) and freshman midfielder/defender Adriana Gawronski (Barrington).

The Stars' next home game is Saturday against St. Norbert College.

Underwood helps nationally ranked Denver men's soccer

Helped in part by New Trier graduate Alex Underwood, a senior midfielder, the Denver men's soccer team was most recently ranked ninth in the United Soccer Coaches Division I rankings. The Pioneers dropped five spots after they lost a recent match against Furman, their first regular-season loss in the last 37 matches. Denver then got back on track by defeating Drake 2-0 on Sept. 3.

Underwood, a co-captain, had two assists and two shots on goal through four games for the Pioneers (3-1).

Kiotis now has eight goals and 14 assists in his college career.

Denver has made the NCAA tournament in four consecutive seasons and will look to make it five with Underwood leading the charge.

Have a suggestion for College Notes? Email Sam Brief at briefsam@gmail.com.

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