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This bell, one of five inside the Leaning Tower of Niles, is believed to date to 18th century Italy, according to Chicago Bell Advocates, which recently studied and researched the bells.

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Chelsea Ridley, Disney princess

Niles resident Chelsea Ridley, 24, recently made her
debut as Princess Tiana of the movie “The Princess
and the Frog” for the Disney on Ice skating show
“Dream Big.” She began skating at age 4 and
performed in a “Nutcracker” production at the Robert
Crown Center in her native Evanston.

Q: How do you feel about starring as Tiana in
Disney on Ice?
A: I love being able to play Tiana. It’s actually pretty
easy to transform into her, since her characteristics are
so similar to mine. She’s ambitious, goal-oriented,
talented, independent and sassy just like me!

Q: What is your favorite role so far as an ice
skater?
A: Other than playing Tiana, I enjoy the role of being
a role model. At home, I coach and I have so many little
kids that I adore. I love that all my little ones, or “baby
ducks” as I sometimes call them, look up to me as their
motivation or inspiration and that pushes me to show
them what they can become as well.

Q: How did you get started in ice skating? What
keeps you going as a skater?
A: I grew up watching Surya Bonaly, the black
French girl with a backflip, on TV and I aspired to be
like her. It was really cool when I later skated in my
first professional show with her, “Ebony on Ice,” when
I was 8 years old. What keeps me going are my
students and every kid I have taught at home. I am
honored by the fact that I may be a Surya Bonaly to
them.

Q: What future goals do you have as an ice
skater?
A: As of now, I am just enjoying my skating
adventure. I am taking life as it comes to me, as I strive
to become the best I can be and inspire others along
the way.

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Plan Commission urges ‘no’ vote on hotel

Votes 6-0 against special use for six-story building

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

The Lincolnwood Plan Commission on Oct. 2, voted against supporting a proposed six-story hotel for Cicero Avenue that had sparked impassioned opposition from many residents who live in the neighborhood.

Continuing a public hearing from last month, commissioners listened to more testimony from the applicant and a few additional comments from residents before voting 6-0 to reject three special-use permits and seven variations associated with the project.

“The problem with the proposal is there is a lack of a buffer between what is a transient, potentially crime-ridden, potentially adverse-to-children (building),” said Commissioner Steven Jakubowski. “It’s just too much of a risk in my view for the village to allow a project like that to come in that close to a community.”

He expressed concern that such a project would have an adverse effect on developing the larger site on the northwest corner of Touhy Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, home of the former Purple Hotel.

DML Properties LLC is looking to bring an upscale Hyatt Place hotel — with 112 guestrooms and amenities such as a business center, indoor pool, fitness center — to the 7200 block of Cicero.

“We look forward to replacing the nearly 70-year-old office building on the site with our proposal to bring the signature Hyatt Place experience to Lincolnwood,” Minhas Lakhani, manager of DML Properties LLC, said in a company news release announcing an informational website on the project.

“Hyatt Place Lincolnwood will become a beautiful landmark appropriately situated next to the Edens Expressway for convenient guest access. We are proposing beautiful landscaping around the site perimeter to ensure this proposal will be a good neighbor while creating jobs and generating over $300,000 annually in hotel tax revenue for the village. The additional revenue for the village will support schools and vital community services without adding any school-age children to the district,” Lakhani said in the release.

Some residents have signaled they don’t want the hotel there, and even Lincolnwood School District 74 officials expressed some concerns related to students.

For most of the commissioners at the Oct. 2 meeting, the matter came down to a belief that the hotel, as proposed, is too large for the site given its proximity to residences, they said.

The property sits near residential streets Chase Avenue to the north and Jarlath Avenue to the south as well as Cicero Avenue to the east.

Akin Lakhani, also a DML Properties representative, touted the reputation of the Hyatt Place hotels and said an appraisal of the area concluded there was unmet demand for hotel space.

In response to resident concerns about the hotel and who it would draw, Akin Lakhani said, “This is not a Motel 6.”

“Hyatt Place is a select service brand that targets the high-end business traveler who is looking for accommodations,” he said.

Lincolnwood Community Development Director Steve McNellis said that hotels are a use specifically noted as appropriate for this land use designation in the village’s comprehensive plan.

The applicants referred to the comprehensive plan in making their case for the project, but some commissioners said the plan is long-term and not meant to justify this dense of a project.

Akin Lakhani and his team also said traffic would not be as burdensome compared with a 34,000-square-foot office building for the same site.

DML Properties is looking for the property to be rezoned from an office district to a general business zoning district, which is necessary for the project to move forward.

Special-use permits would have to be issued to allow hotel use in the district, off-street parking in the corner and side yards of the lot and a business built within 150 feet of a residentially 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.

Other variations deal with not meeting codes for off-street parking for a hotel of this size, landscaping in off-street parking areas, wall signs, the size of parking spaces and more.

“I want to know why they have to have a 68-foot-high building where there is no such thing now,” Lincolnwood Plan Commission Chairman Mark Yohanna asked of DML Properties. “I want to know why they have to put up with all these different variations that you want and special uses and signage.”

Commissioner Anthony Paulotto questioned why the hotel has to have six stories.

Lakhani said the requested building height and density is standard for a Hyatt Place hotel or one of this type.

“It’s not economically feasible for them to do a three-story hotel,” Commissioner Henry Novoselsky responded. “It won’t work.”

Commissioner Suzanne Auerbach said her biggest problem with the project is the building height.

“A three-story hotel sounds great to me because it’s not an office use, but it’s an evolution ... I don’t mind evolution, but I mind revolution, and that’s what I’m viewing this as,” she said.

Novoselsky called the project “spot zoning.”

Commissioner Don Sampen said he liked many aspects of the plan, and hoped the applicant would not give up on Lincolnwood for another project.

Lincolnwood School District 74 Superintendent Kimberly Nasshan sent a letter to village officials explaining that students currently cross through the property parking lot to board their school bus because of sidewalk issues in front of the building.

“The district requests village intervention now to assure that a safe and clear sidewalk is maintained in front of this property,” Nasshan said in the letter.

Despite backing from the Plan Commission, the hotel proposal is expected to go before the full Village Board — which has the final word — at an upcoming meeting.

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POLICE: FOUR ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY

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Two men and a pair of juveniles from Chicago all face felony armed robbery charges after allegedly robbing two Lincolnwood residents at gunpoint Oct. 8.

Ibrahim Lissa, 21, of the 6500 block of North Mozart Street and Stephan D. Pugh, 20, of the 3700 block of West Wilson Avenue in Chicago are each charged with armed robbery after police said they committed a "crime of opportunity" and robbed at gunpoint two men, according to a Lincolnwood Police Department news release Monday.

The two boys accused in the case are not identified because of their age, and police said they were turned over to the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago.

A witness called 911 about 5:15 p.m. Sunday and reported seeing two men - later identified as a 60-year-old man with his 27-year-old son - being approached by four other males in the 6600 block of North Drake, according to the release.

The father and son were getting into their vehicle, the release states.

Police said the suspects wore masks and one of them had a black handgun as the four "demanded the occupants of the vehicle surrender their wallets and cellular telephones," according to the release.

The gunman then reached into the vehicle and took the car keys before the group of four fled, according to the release.

Responding officers searched the area and found a vehicle parked a block away from the scene of the alleged robbery with four males inside who matched the description provided by the witness, according to the release.

A gun and other evidence were found in a nearby garbage can. The cellphones were found in some bushes, police said.

The man and his son also identified the suspects and the four men were arrested, according to the release.

Lincolnwood police said the incident marked the second armed robbery in the north suburb this year.

"The Lincolnwood police remind residents to always stay alert, be vigilant of strangers and your surroundings, and report any suspicious activity immediately," the release states. "Officers continue to increase patrols in the area, but are confident these offenders pose no further danger to neighboring residents."

Police ask that anyone with information call Lincolnwood Police Department Investigations Unit at 847-745-4751.

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BY MIKE ISAACS
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Oakton College students create 'shantytown' for awareness

Hope to help homeless, people affected by disaster

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Oakton Community College student Andrew Sudie said he is not used to sleeping on the ground under a tarp.

But that is what Sudie and a handful of other students in Oakton Community College's Habitat for Humanity campus chapter did Oct. 2 in an effort to draw attention to homelessness — and how easily it can become someone's way of life.

The students constructed a "shantytown" in the courtyard of the community college's Des Plaines campus — using cardboard, tarp and other materials to create makeshift living quarters.

The students slept overnight in the tents or "makeshift shanties" on World Habitat Day.

"My mum raised me in a Christian background," Sudie, 20, said. "She showed me the joy of helping people. I have a nice house. I was blessed. A lot of people aren't. I don't think it's right to sit back and do nothing."

The theme of World Habitat Day this year was disaster-induced homelessness, said Jonathan Powell, 25, who also serves as chapter president.

He and school officials said the theme resonates, given the damaging hurricane season in the U.S. and the Caribbean, earthquakes in Mexico, West Coast forest fires and the monsoon rains with record flooding in Asia.

"We saw that need and wanted to answer it as best we could," Powell said.

Powell spent the night in a shanty the size of a walk-in closet he had constructed from cardboard and other materials he found at the college, he said.

"We want to have the empathy," he said.

Powell added that the students hoped that literally sleeping outside their comfort zone would help make people think about the issue.

"To try and make it more apparent to the others around does a world of good. It at least makes people more aware of it," he said.

The awareness effort was also a good way to raise money for Habitat for Humanity, said Marvin Bornschlegl, OCC police chief and adviser to Oakton's Habitat Chapter.

The event kicked off a campaign to raise $300,000, which would be used to fund various Habitat for Humanity projects, he said.

Money raised will be divided equally between Habitat for Humanity Lake County (Oakton's local affiliate), Habitat for Humanity's Disaster Response program and for Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County, Ind., to sponsor the 2018 Jimmy Carter Work Project that seeks to build 20 new homes, officials said.

The recent natural disasters have shown that "people can become homeless who never imagined they'd be homeless," Bornschlegl said.

Oakton student and Evanston resident Ann Sayre, 21, participated in the awareness initiative and spent the night in a small tent. "I think you can have sympathy by seeing things and hearing stories, but living outside just for a night, you can start to have empathy," she said. "We don't really see natural disaster in Chicago like they do in other places. It affects all of us, I hope people research how they can help."

Student Tim Pace, 25, of Skokie, was getting ready to hit the sack in five cardboard boxes on the ground that he had taped together.

"I call it my cardboard coffin," he grinned.

Brian L. Cox is a freelancer.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

DRUGS

Syed J. Hussain, 24, of the 9800 block of Glendale Lane, was charged with possession of a controlled substance on Sept. 29. According to police, officers were called to a bar in the 9000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue after a man, identified as Hussain, was reportedly seen snorting cocaine off a table in the patio area. Hussain was found in possession of approximately 3 grams of suspected cocaine and he was taken to the hospital after complaining of not feeling well, police said. Hussain is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 10.

Joshua Klepadlo, 20, of the 6900 block of Rosemary Lane, and Frank Teicher, 18, of the 5200 block of Howard Street, Skokie, were each charged with battery on Sept. 29 at a gas station in the 6900 block of Milwaukee Avenue, police said. Klepadlo and Teicher are each scheduled to appear in court Nov. 15.

THEFT

Kristin Hallihan, no age given, of the 6600 block of West Schreiber Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 25 after she allegedly stole more than $300 worth of groceries from a store in the 6600 block of West Touhy Avenue.

Valerie Zitko, age not given, of Richmond, Texas, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 26 after police said she stole a $164 faucet from a retailer in the 8600 block of Dempster Street. Zitko is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 10.

Adrianna Lopez, 34, of the 1300 block of Ashland Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft and obstruction on Sept. 26. Lopez is accused of stealing $413 worth of clothing from a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center.

Marquesha Howard, 24, of the 900 block of St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, was charged with theft on Sept. 29 for allegedly stealing $1,930 in cash from a store in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue while working there as a cashier. Howard is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 17.

TRESPASS

Betty Jean Varnado, 65, of the 6300 block of Touhy Avenue, was charged with criminal trespass to property.
Police: Man attempts to lure girl waiting for school bus in Niles

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Niles police are investigating reports that a man asked a girl waiting for a school bus Oct. 6 if she wanted to leave and spend the day with him, according to a Niles Police Department news release.

According to police, the man allegedly walked up to the girl around 7:10 a.m. Oct. 6 while she was waiting in the 7200 block of Conrad Avenue for the school bus to pick her up. He first asked her for directions to a restaurant, according to the release, then asked "if she wanted to hang out with him and skip school."

Another parent saw the man approach the girl, according to the release, and when the bus pulled up the parent went up to the girl and told her to get on it. The man then walked over to a white Toyota Highlander sport utility vehicle that was parked near the bus stop, police said in the release.

The man is described as white, 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 250 pounds, around 40 years old and wearing glasses, according to the release.

Anyone with information who sees this white Toyota Highlander near a park or school to call law enforcement immediately. A man who allegedly tried to lure a girl at a Niles bus stop was last seen getting into it on Oct. 6.

DUI
■ Juan C. Sotelo, 20, of the 400 block of North St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and speeding on Sept. 25 in the 6800 block of Touhy Avenue. He was taken into custody in the 6800 block of Touhy Avenue at 1 a.m.
■ Francisco D. Ramirez, 25, of the 1700 block of Howard Avenue, Des Plaines, was charged with driving under the influence, driving on a suspended or revoked license and speeding in the 8000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue on Sept. 26. Ramirez is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 31.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
■ Gabriel C. Valle, 39, of the 8900 block of Robin Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with disorderly conduct on Sept. 26 after police said they responded to a report of an intoxicated person in the 8700 block of Dempster Street. Valle is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 3.

ORDER VIOLATION
■ Margaret A. Romano, 48, of the first block of Kentbrush Court, Bloomingdale, was charged with violating an order of protection on Sept. 26. Romano is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 16.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
■ A resident of the 8100 block of Greenwood Avenue told police that someone placed "pornographic photographs" on her lawn between midnight and 4 a.m. Sept. 27. The woman reported that her face had been added to each picture. Police said the woman did not know who might have left the photos, which were collected as evidence.

THEFT
■ A trailer was reported stolen Sept. 25 from the 8800 block of West Golf Road.
■ A man told police his wallet was stolen from a store in the 5700 block of West Touhy Avenue on Sept. 25.
■ An employee of a store in the 200 block of Golf Mill Center reported that a man presented a counterfeit $100 bill and asked for change on Sept. 28. When the employee used a marker that revealed the bill to be counterfeit, the man allegedly grabbed the $20 bills that were in the employee's hand and ran out of the store.

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Some neighbors on the relatively quiet, tree-lined street in Skokie where two dead bodies were found at a home Oct. 2 say they are shocked to hear about the deaths, as authorities continued to investigate.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's office identified one dead as Catherine Stone, 62, and ruled her death a homicide caused by a gunshot wound to the head.

Ryan Stone, 34, died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head, according to Becky Schlikerman, a spokeswoman from the medical examiner's office.

Both Stones lived in the 7600 block of Lowell Avenue in Skokie, officials said.

Richard Lindroth, a neighbor who lives two doors to the north of the house, said Catherine Stone lived in the home with Ryan, who was her adult son, for 10 or 11 years.

"I'm very shocked because they were very nice people," he said about the deaths before the medical examiner's ruling. "They kept to themselves, they were quiet, and I never heard any disturbances ever."

Police were called to the home just after 11 a.m. Oct. 2 after someone called in "a suspicious incident involving an unresponsive person," according to a Skokie police news release.

Police said they found a dead man or boy in a vehicle parked in the home's detached garage and a woman or girl who also was dead.

Skokie police and the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force continue to investigate, officials said.

Lindroth said the mother and son knew everyone, but didn't have close friends on the block. He often saw the mother at a convenience store close to the neighborhood, he said.

"We always talked," he said. "They'd be out working the yard. I'd walk over. They were very friendly. I can't imagine what happened."

Lindroth said the whole neighborhood is in shock.

"I've lived here my whole life. My parents built this house," he said about his own home. "This doesn't belong in Skokie."

Anyone with information is asked to call Skokie police at 847-982-5900, call the 24-hour Skokie Crime Tip Hotline at 847-933-TIPS (8477) or send a Text-A-Tip by texting "Skokie" and information to 847411.

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Play time

Goddard preschoolers participate in testing national brand toys

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

The last week of September was way too warm and pleasant to confuse with December, but it sure seemed like holiday time inside the Goddard School in Skokie.

Preschoolers of all ages played with new toys as part of the franchise’s Preschooler-Approved Toy Test, the 10th year Goddard has teamed with toy manufacturers for the special week.

The Goddard School for Early Childhood Development franchise operates centers all over the country, including 20 in Illinois. This was the first toy test week for the Skokie location since the school opened a little more than a year ago.

The preschool was one of 50 chosen from a national pool for testing, according to Mary Fratini, who owns the local school with her husband, Andrew.

“I think it’s because we’re a newer school and we’re in a really great market where we are geographically and the families that we service,” she said.

Under the program, Goddard Systems Inc. — the franchisor of Goddard Schools — reaches out to manufacturers to let them know about the toy test, and manufacturers to let them know about the test, according to Goddard Systems.

“I think the big thing for any parent when you look at toys is — ‘Sure, it’s great the first day you open it and get it out of the box, but are my kids going to like it in a week or two weeks?’” Fratini said. “That’s why we asked them to play with the toy every day at different points throughout the day.”

Goddard’s 34 teachers oversee 170 kids who attend the preschool full-time and part-time.

“Every classroom received different toys,” Fratini said. “All of them were age-appropriate for that classroom.”

Kids ages 6 weeks to 9 months received two toys during toy test week, Fratini said. On the last day of testing Sept. 29, two children played with Mirari Jubaloees balls and Tommy Lamaze Cosimo Concerto, a soft plush animal that also makes sounds so the baby can begin developing musical skills.

Preschool teacher Nebiat Estifanos said most of the infants chewed the balls, which is not a bad thing. It shows that they are exploring, she said. She wrote about Tommy Lamaze Cosimo Concerto that the babies “love to chew on the toy and squeeze it and make that crunchy sound.”

Tested toys came in different shapes, sizes and types. Children ages 2 and a little older played with Learning Resources’ Snap-n-Learn Turtles, SmartMax’s My Safari Animals and Beginagain’s U Build It Basics toys.

Older kids, ages 3 and 4, rolled up their sleeves to work with K’NEX’s Budding Builder Building Set and Dunecraft’s Bucket of Balls.

A handful of children during the Sept. 29 testing pushed their hands into those bucket of balls and felt around, one gleefully declaring that she liked it because “it’s squishy.”

Teacher Allison Schultz said the product came as little beads that were then poured into a bucket of water where they expanded into soft round shapes.

“Several of the oldest children — ages 4 and 5 — sat around a table to play Learning Resources’ Lil’ Lemonade Standoff, a memory matching game.

“We had to modify it a little because it’s for 5-plus,” said teacher Katie May. “We made it more of a game where they copy rather than being a memory game.”

Following Goddard’s toy testing week, Fratini said she reported Skokie’s winning toys to be part of the overall national tally.

The Skokie winners included SmartMax Safari Animals for toddlers, Tommy Shake and Sort Cups for infants and Learning Resources’ Rainbow Learning Xylophone for those ages 2 and 3. The older children liked Dunecraft’s Bucket of Balls, of course, as well its slick sand and The Young Scientist Club’s tracking expedition toy, Fratini reported.

Whether any of these toys are named nationally remains to be seen.

Either way, Fratini said, her preschoolers loved playing with them for at least one special week.

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Morton Grove, Niles advance on water switch

Switch to Evanston water could come as early as late 2018

BY MIKE ISAACS
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The newly formed Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission recently took major steps forward in the process of getting ready to transfer their source for receiving water from Chicago to Evanston.

The Morton Grove Village Board approved purchasing a one-acre site at 7900 Nagle Ave. to accommodate building a pumping station and water facility that officials say is necessary for the water transfer.

The Niles Village Board approved a similar measure earlier this year.

The resolution adopted by both municipalities lists the purchase price of the property at $798,000 to be shared evenly between Morton Grove and Niles.

"Staff has determined that a site currently for sale located at 7900 Nagle, Morton Grove, meets the commission's needs," Morton Grove Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said.

"As part of the cost-sharing agreement between Niles and Morton Grove, each municipality will pay 50 percent of the costs to acquire the property."

Czerwinski said the municipalities will be reimbursed through bond proceeds or water revenue.

The Morton Grove and Niles village boards earlier this year approved creating the joint commission because both municipalities are changing long-standing practices of getting their water from Chicago.

"This is the next step in our process to change our water supply from the city of Chicago to the city of Evanston and also to enhance the cooperation that we have with the village of Niles," Czerwinski said when the commission was formed.

One function of the joint commission, Czerwinski said, is to apply for state and federal grants and low-interest loans for infrastructure work to enable delivery of Evanston's Lake Michigan water.

Czerwinski said the two villages through the commission have also been able to study and analyze finances for the project and negotiate engineering and construction contracts -- the purchase of the property on Nagle Avenue being one of them.

Another recent contract approved by both boards calls for a professional service agreement with HNTB Corporation to conduct an independent review of the design engineering services for the infrastructure project that will enable water to come from Evanston.

The contract is listed as $75,000 to be split evenly between both municipalities, officials said.

When the Morton Grove Village Board voted Sept. 25, Czerwinski said any recommended purchase by the commission of more than $45,000 must be approved by both village boards under the intergovernmental agreement.

Evanston officials have said becoming the water supplier for Morton Grove and Niles users is expected to make up about 13 percent of those using Evanston-supplied water, city officials said.

The deal calls for increasing the number of suburban customers using Evanston water from 400,000 now to about 450,000, according to Evanston figures. Morton Grove and Niles users are expected to make up about 13 percent of those using Evanston-supplied water, city officials said.

The change is expected to generate an additional $735,000 in revenue for Evanston next year, rising to $1.2 million in 2022, according to city reports.

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Niles tower bells may be centuries old

Five bronze bells 'a treasure we didn't know we had'

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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High inside the iconic Leaning Tower of Niles are remnants of another time and place.

Five bronze bells, three bearing religious motifs and Latin inscriptions, wait to ring again. The writing on the Latin-inscribed bells suggests their ages.

One dates back nearly 400 years.

If their ages can indeed be proven, they could very well be among the oldest church bells hanging in the United States — and the rarest, according to Kim Schafer, founder of Chicago Bell Advocates, an organization dedicated to helping owners of tower bells restore and maintain them.

“Tells us stories of the community that lived in the area at that time,” Schafer said.

But there were other stories to tell. And how did they get here?

Schafer and her organization are helping to unravel the origins of the bells as the village of Niles continues its renovation of the Leaning Tower, a half-size replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, which has stood along Touhy Avenue since the 1920s.

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo said restoring the bells so they can ring once again is a goal.

“Maybe by adding one or two more, we could create enough tones, enough notes to chime out some music,” he said. “If we do a celebration at the base for some holiday, maybe there’s a way to chime out some music.”

According to the book “The History of Niles, Illinois,” written by Dorothy Tyse and published in 1974 to mark the village’s 75th anniversary, construction of the 94-foot-tall Leaning Tower of Niles began in 1932 and was undertaken by businessman Robert Ilg as a way to conceal a water tank that supplied spring water for two outdoor pools on the site.

When the tower was completed two years later, Ilg “dedicated it to the memory of Galileo,” who, according to legend, demonstrated that objects of different weights fall at the same speed when he dropped various items from the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Tyse’s book said.

At the time, the property on which the tower stood was a park for employees of Ilg’s electric ventilating company. Later, Ilg would leave the tower — and the land surrounding it — to the YMCA, with the stipulation that it remain standing until 2059 and an average of $500 be spent on maintenance annually, the Chicago Tribune reported.

This summer, the village of Niles took over ownership of the tower after years of leasing it from the Leaning Tower YMCA and paying to maintain it, said Przybylo. The cost of the purchase was $10.

Following previous studies that determined extensive repairs to the tower were required, the village began rehabilitation work. So far, approximately $750,000 worth of repair and restoration of the tower’s exterior has been completed, said Mary Anderson, director of Public Works for the village of Niles. This work does not include restoration of the bells or replacing existing railings around the tower’s exterior, she said.

It was the potential historic nature of the bells that came to light during the tower renovations, said Bernie DiMeco, spokesman for the Leaning Tower rehabilitation project.

Przybylo said little had been said about the bells during his political career with the village, which dates back nearly 30 years.

“I don’t remember anybody highlighting the bells,” he said. “They were a treasure we didn’t know we had.”

A report from Chicago Bell Advocates, completed at the request of the village of Niles, found that three bells, dated 1623, 1735 and 1747, were each cast in Italy, and that at least one of them probably hung in a church in Cavezzo, a town about 150 miles northeast from Pisa.

“Chicago Bell Advocates has no reason to doubt at this time that the three Italian bells are authentic and date from the 17th and 18th centuries,” the report reads.

Each bell features Catholic imagery: A crucifix, madonna and child, faces of cherubs and a grape vine. The oldest bell is inscribed, in Latin, with a line from a Catholic prayer in devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus: “Ave Maria, full of grace, the Lord be with you.”

A fourth bell, according to the report, is dated 1912, and appears to have been created at a foundry in San Francisco. It bears a leaf pattern and an inscription in Italian that includes the word “Vespucio,” which, according to the research report, is the name of one of the bells in the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Robert Ilg lived in San Francisco as a young man, according to “The History of Niles, Illinois.”

The fifth bell in the tower is undated and cracked, though it can be repaired and recast if funds are raised to ring again, the report says.

Since the report was compiled, Chicago Bell Advocates spoke with a researcher in Cavezzo, Italy, who found that church bells in Cavezzo were sold to a foundry in Milan in the 1930s in order to be recast for new bells, Schafer said.

That was right around the time the Leaning Tower’s bells arrived in Niles, so Schafer believes it is possible that instead of recasting, the bells were sold — and are as old as their dates say.

“I think they just sold them to Ilg or some middle man who then sold them to Ilg,” Schafer said. But details of the acquisition to confirm Schafer’s theory have not yet been found.

“We have been trying to uncover that story, and it’s unclear how the connection was made between Robert Ilg and this foundry,” Schafer said. “That’s a mystery we will hopefully one day be able to uncover.”

Chicago Bell Advocates also recovered written correspondence between a Cavezzo church and the foundry, but they require translation, Schafer said.

While a process called a metallurgical analysis can help “narrow down the ages of the bells,” the method is not foolproof, Schafer said.

The Chicago Bell Advocates report indicates there are several opportunities for additional research, including searching records of the United States Customs Service, which can be found in the National Archives, and conducting research within the community of Cavezzo, Italy.

Chicago Bell Advocates has not been contracted for additional studies at this time, and the organization is currently advising the village on how to remount the bells and get them ringing.
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again, as they are not currently operational, Schafer said.

It is unclear when the bells last sounded, but newspaper reports from the last several decades seem to indicate that hearing the bells was not a common event.

In October 1958, the Chicago Tribune reported that the bells rang for the first time in 15 years to celebrate $54,000 raised by YMCA workers for renovation work inside the tower and construction of an athletic field, ice skating rink and camping area on the grounds, which was the headquarters of the Skokie Valley YMCA.

In November 1963, special note was made of the ringing of the bells when ground was broken for new YMCA facilities, including the construction of residential accommodations, which still exist, the Tribune reported.

Anderson, the village’s Public Works director, said she has heard the sounds of the functioning bells, describing them as having a “decent tone” but still in need of work.

“We were really excited when Chicago Bell Advocates started working on this for us,” she said. “It’s a very cool piece of history in Niles.”

Once the current tower renovation is complete, it will be available for visitors to explore, Przybylo indicated.

“The plan is to clean it up, turn (the first floor) into a visiting center where people can be told the story of the tower and bells before they proceed up the stairs,” Przybylo said.

He added that the hope is to allow groups to climb the tower by next spring or summer, with a goal of the tower securing a place on the National Registry of Historic Places.

“It’s part of our brand,” Przybylo said of the Leaning Tower. “Our brand and our village logo is the Leaning Tower. A lot of people know about it.”

The tower renovation is part of a large-scale, multi-acre development plan for the area, known as the Touhy Triangle. The village in 2015 created a tax increment financing district for the triangle, which includes properties bordered by Gross Point Road, Lehigh Avenue and Touhy Avenue, as well as some additional nearby properties.

Przybylo said the plan envisions a “recreation and entertainment park, much like MB Financial Park in Rosemont,” in addition to residential and retail development. Reserving space for an “artist colony,” which would include studios and living areas, is also part of the concept, he said.

A Latin inscription extends across one of five bells located inside the Leaning Tower of Niles. The bell is believed to date back to 18th century Italy, according to Chicago Bell Advocates, which recently conducted research on the bells.
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The day I finally broke the rules

PAUL SASSONE

What started as just a regular day of stuff to do turned into a day of metamorphosis.

First stop of the day was the bank. Since I don't walk well anymore I always bank at the drive-up window. The line of cars is always lengthy and slow moving. It's as if everyone is waiting for me to go banking so they can rush in ahead of me. I think my schedule must be in the newspapers.

I don't know about your bank, but mine has three drive-up windows: one for business customers, two for the rest of us. And while the lines for regular folks resemble a metallic anaconda, the business line is either empty or has one vehicle being served. So, I am in a long line while right next to me the business lane lies fallow.

Occasionally I see a car that doesn't seem to be a business vehicle pull into the business lane. But I stay in my lane. Why?

I think it has something to do with my childhood. I grew up in the 1950s, the Eisenhower years. We were taught to obey, follow the rules, be respectful to parents, teachers, grown-ups in general and to duck and cover on demand.

Signs communicated this way of living. We obeyed signs.

Rules equal order and happiness. No rules lead to chaos and disorder. Even small violations of order anger me, such as people who drive the wrong way down plainly marked aisles in the grocery store parking lot.

So, no one should be surprised to learn I always wait in line at the bank.

A customer uses a drive-thru ATM in northeast Jackson, Miss.

Tragedy could shift gun control debate

TED SLOWIK

Nothing changes, until it does.

National tragedies such as the shooting in Las Vegas seem to be happening more often. Little more than a year after a rampage at an Orlando nightclub became the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history, it's been surpassed.

The Las Vegas shooting is notably different in several ways. Other mass shootings at schools, churches and workplaces were relatively confined. Pools of potential victims were limited to numbers in the dozens.

The gunman who fired at a crowd enjoying a country music concert inflicted horror upon more than 20,000 people, killing at least 59 and injuring more than 500. Fans recording video of the performers onstage captured the entirety of the event, from the first of hundreds of shots fired.

When I first watched videos of the massacre and heard the rat-a-tat-tat sound like machine gun fire, I felt it was a game-changer. Experts say this could be the first mass shooting in U.S. history carried out with an automatic weapon, the Washington Post reported.

I think this could change the narrative about gun control. People will wonder how it's possible for someone to mow down hundreds in a crowd with a machine gun-like weapon, and whether it's possible to prevent such tragedies from recurring with such increasing regularity.

Consider Chicago, with its many events that draw tens of thousands to Grant Park and Millennium Park. They're in relatively close proximity to high rises along Michigan Avenue that could provide a perch for a lunatic with weapons.

The horror of the Las Vegas tragedy has the potential to change the debate about banning military-style assault weapons.

A New York Times analysis of video posted to social media revealed about 90 shots were fired in 10 seconds during the Las Vegas carnage. In contrast, analysis showed the gunman in the Orlando shooting last year fired 24 shots in nine seconds using a semiautomatic weapon.

Polls show Americans favor tighter restrictions, yet Congress refuses to act

Legally available semiautomatic weapons can be easily modified to shoot rounds more quickly. The gunman in Las Vegas had two "bump stocks" that allow semiautomatic weapons to fire rapidly and continuously like fully automatic weapons, the Associated Press reported.

Polls showed American support for an assault-weapons ban spiked after the Orlando shooting. I think that's why gun-rights advocates predictably followed a well-worn script by saying it was inappropriate to even discuss gun control legislation in the immediate aftermath of the Las Vegas shooting.

"(There's) a time and place for a political debate, but now is the time to unite as a country," White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Monday. "It would be premature for us to discuss policy when we don't fully know all the..."
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Polls show public support for tighter gun restrictions

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facts or what took place last night.”

Readers’ claim that Chicago’s “strictest gun laws in the country” haven’t curbed violence drew a rebuttal on Twitter from south suburban U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly, D-Matteson.

Kelly cited U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives data that about 60 percent of guns used in Chicago crimes come from outside Illinois. Kelly’s point is that federal gun-control legislation is more effective than allowing individual states to regulate weapons.

Numerous polls, including one by Quinnipiac University in 2016, show that 90 percent of Americans favor universal background checks on gun buyers. The measure even has the support of 90 percent of Republican voters.

People want Congress to close loopholes that allow people to buy weapons without background checks through private sales and at gun shows.

Yet, Congress refuses to act, even on a provision that has near-universal support.

I think that’s because gun control is among the most partisan of issues. Generally speaking, Democrats favor increased gun-control legislation and Republicans are opposed.

“It is incomprehensible that the president or others would say ‘This is not the time to debate this,’ ” House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., told reporters Tuesday. “Is there ever a time to debate this, or are we so cowed by the (National Rifle Association) that we can’t even talk about this issue and figure out how we can make America safer?”

One of the takeaways from the election of President Donald Trump in 2016 was that people wanted change. Trump has historically low approval ratings for a president, but people think even less of Congress.

Trump’s promise to “drain the swamp” resonated with voters. Some understood his promise to mean he would shake up the culture in Washington, D.C., that voters find so unpopular.

That culture would include the influence of lobbyists and special interests in guiding policy. People generally don’t like how special interests give money to political campaigns and expect elected representatives to vote a certain way in return.

Criticism goes both ways. Republicans have the Koch brothers, Democrats have George Soros. Big Oil tends to give more money to the GOP. Unions tend to support Democrats.

In my opinion, no organization represents the swamp more than the National Rifle Association. I tip my hat to the gun lobby’s effective messaging and efficient use of resources to promote the interests of American weapon manufacturers.

Last year, the American Medical Association declared gun violence “a public health crisis.” But a 1996 law pushed by the NRA restricts the federal government’s ability to research gun violence.

“None of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may be used to advocate or promote gun control,” states the so-called Dickey amendment.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearms and ammunition industry trade association, claims guns were responsible for $51.3 billion in economic activity nationwide in 2016.

The rosy economic stat-
Dispensing life lessons can be hard work

This week, we turn the column over to those in need of some important life advice.

Dear Sally: My mother showed up at my apartment and rearranged everything. Why do moms do that?
— Young Nester

Dear Nester: I made it better. You’re welcome.

Dear Sally: Why is there such a brouhaha about football players kneeling?
— Confused

Dear Confused: Apparently, one doesn’t need to play football in order to be concussed.

Dear Sally: A friend of mine showed up for coffee with a forehead riddled with syringe marks. What is the proper response?
— Botox Buster

Dear Buster: Get the name and number and make your own appointment.

Dear Sally: When I see a guy in a fancy sports car, I immediately infer that he suffers from inadequate body parts. Am I wrong?
— Curious Georgette

Dear Curious: Good things come in small packages.

Dear Sally: My friend does not have Celiac’s, yet insists on living gluten-free. What’s up with that?
— Rootin’ for Gluten

Dear Rootin’: Remember, mental health is a serious issue.

Dear Sally: I heard a rumour that Emma Stone needed to gain 40 pounds in order to play the role of Billie Jean King. Does that shock you?
— Heavy Sigh

Dear Heavy: An exhaustive Google search revealed that Stone gained 15 pounds in order to morph from silver screen waif to tennis legend. Adjusting for Hollywood spin, I suspect she put on about 5.

Dear Sally: What is the right amount to spend on a wedding present?
— Guessing Guest

Dear GG: First, second or third marriage? Oh wait. It’s the thought that counts.

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Upscale alleys strike a chord with fun-seekers

BY SHONDA TALERICO DULDICEK
Pioneer Press

Traditionally, bowling alleys were created for competitive league bowlers concentrating on their games. The only sounds heard were the thud of the ball and the crack as it struck the pins.

But now bowling offers a fuller entertainment experience — complete with upscale decor, loud music and black and neon lights for a party-like atmosphere. Lanes are set up with their own dining areas to share a meal while throwing a strike. Balls are already lined up for players at the lanes so they don't need to hunt for the right size. Complimentary socks are provided for those who may have forgotten to pack a pair.

Bowlmor, the New York-based parent company of Bowlero locations in the Chicago suburbs, jumped on this trend 20 years ago.

"We kept the core activity of bowling and changed the wrapper instead of just catering to the league bowler," said Colle Edison, Bowlmor's vice president of marketing. "Warm beer, cold food, very smoky leagues with wood paneling were dominating. It's the social-tainment with high-end decor, loud music and black and white lights," Edison said.

Now many bowling alleys have become entertainment centers, focusing on families by day and, in the evening, a night out for adults.

"During the day you have TVs playing Nickelodeon or Disney for a kids' birthday party. At night the lights are lower, showing the millennial set a movie. Tuesday leagues may be social leagues and not as competitive. It's social-tainment with high-end food and beverages, plus laneways lounges, lights and sounds," Edison said.

Bowlero in Naperville adds arcade games, laser tag, billiards, bumper cars and Ballin' — a hybrid game that uses a football to knock down pins — to its 40 lanes. The former Brunswick location closed last year and reopened in the fall to offer "premium one-stop entertainment," according to general manager Damian Garcia.

"Bowlero is bowling re-imagined. It's lit up, a premier entertainment center, fantastic lanes for black lighting," Garcia said.

He said that when people come in they often are surprised by what they find. "As you start to gravitate toward the bar —

"Wait, you have beer pong?" It depends on the different generations where they stop. "Wait, you have billiards?"

Alisha and Brad Carlson of Naperville celebrated their youngest son's birthday party at Bowlero. Alisha Carlson said Ethan, who turned 5, wanted a bowling party with family and friends. "This place is more family so it's more fun. We were here before it was changed but it didn't have the 'wow' factor."

The adults in the Carlson party all had crazy straws stuck into a Dunk Tank, a $29 fishbowl drink made for sharing that combines Bacardi Black, Bacardi Coconut, Bacardi Silver, Bols Amaretto and fruit juices.

Food at Bowlero includes chicken wings, sliders and pizza, but players can also try "oversized shareables," like a 5-pound, 14-inch Behemoth Burger.

The bistro at Pinstripes in South Barrington offers handmade Italian-American cuisine to complement the bowling and bocce. Each lane has its own dining table and leather couches or padded stools to sit and enjoy tomato-mozzarella bruschetta or fettucine bolognese between turns.

"The food is a major part of what sets us apart," said Kyle Theil, Pinstripes general manager. "We have a full-service bar with handcrafted cocktails and martinis. I think it added more of a sophisticated, upscale experience. Bowling has traditionally been rundown alleys and hot dogs and hamburgers. There's nothing wrong with that, but we added an upscale identity."

Theil said the 20-lane Pinstripes is a perfect place for dates. "We get people in their late 20s and early 30s. We have a great happy hour selection. People come in after work. We even have a group of old Italian guys who come in to play bocce ball."

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For newlyweds Sara and Stephen Rategan of Elgin, Pinstripes was the perfect location for their reception. "It's so much fun. We'd been here before and the food was amazing, and we didn't want to do a traditional reception. We wanted to come here to have fun. Something different from a traditional wedding, fun for everyone. A party at a bowling alley is always a fun time. We have all ages with kids here."

"And I'm bowling awesome," the new Mrs. Rategan said, as she grabbed her yellow ball in her right hand, held her left hand over her neckline and took her turn.

Jordan Rakiltke of Palatine planned a bachelorette party with lunch, drinks and gifts at Pinstripes for her supervisor, Kathy Glasscock. The whole office was in on it, Rakiltke said. "There are 13 total on two teams. She's the best boss ever and she does everything for us so we just wanted to do this for her."

Glasscock, of Elgin, wearing a sparkly tiara and hot-pink sash emblazoned with "Future Mrs," laughed. "I never bowl!"

Alison and Paul Franzwa of Palatine, son Calvin, 7, and daughter Lucy, 8 months, visit Pinstripes often. "When you have a young kid, we can just come in and for $5 turn to Bowl, Next Page"
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or $6 we can set him up with bocce ball and spend two or three hours. For little kids, if you go out to another bowling alley you might have to wait or they have leagues and there's nothing else to do so you end up going home," Alison Franzwa said.

"It's more adult-oriented, which makes it perfect for families," Paul Franzwa said.

"It's nice and loud!" Alison Franzwa said.

"You've got to go places where you don't stand out in the noise. He can play bocce ball and during that time we can have a couple of drinks while we wait out the lanes."

Another difference at upscale bowling spots is that some charge by the hour, not the game. Bowlero has no limit per person per game. Pinstripes charges per person by the hour. Slow bowlers beware — you may have to pay extra to finish the game.

Pinstripes' Theil explains it this way, "So for all you can play, you can come in and eat in that time as well and you have that lane for that entire hour. You can spend a couple of hours in here and have a cocktail."

Upscale bowling alleys

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Chris Thile calls ‘Prairie Home’ a 'celebration of all things hearable'
The Institute for Women's Policy Research reported that 20 percent of millennial women, age 18-34, have engaged in binge drinking.

Learning how to moderate

Essay: What a monthlong challenge to give up alcohol taught a millennial woman.
Aurora group invites all to Indian celebration

Diwali event to be held at Waubonsie Valley

By Judy Buchenot
The Beacon-News

It's nearly time for a festive Indian holiday.

Diwali falls on Oct. 19 this year. In India, schools and businesses will close to celebrate this holiday with food, family, lights and gifts.

"Diwali is similar to Christmas in spirit," said Roopa Anjanappa, an Aurora resident. It is a time for new clothes, delicious sweets, gift giving and family get-togethers, she said. But since she is no longer living with her family in India, Anjanappa said Roopa Anjanappa serves up paddu, a traditional treat served during the Indian holiday Diwali.

Roopa's Culinary Cue

Tamarind is a tropical fruit used in many recipes, including chutney. To safely store fresh tamarind for a longer period of time, place it in a glass or porcelain bowl. Layer on crystal salt, not processed salt, which will keep the tamarind dry so that it will last longer.

Diwali celebration

Who: The Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board
When: 5:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday
Where: Waubonsie Valley High School, 2590 Ogden Ave., Aurora
Admission: Free admission and parking
Information: www.facebook.com/lacoab/about

turkey and dressing at Thanksgiving to cookies at Christmas — there are many different dishes made during the multiple days celebrating Diwali. One of Anjanappa's favorites are paddu.

"These would be served on the third day of Diwali," she said. "They can be eaten alone or before a meal." Anjanappa says that paddu are easy to make but admits that they take some planning. The process begins with grinding rice and urad dal, a type of lentil. The rice is parboiled to make it perfect for making idli, a savory cake commonly eaten in India.

Idli rice can be found in Indian grocery stores or in the ethnic food section of a grocery store. The rice must be soaked in water at least five hours or overnight. When Anjanappa is planning on making paddu, she starts soaking the ingredients two days ahead.

The next day, the remaining ingredients are added, and the mixture must set overnight again to ferment.

"It puffs up when it is fermented," said Anjanappa.

The lentils look sort of like whipped cream when they are ground," she said.

The ground lentils and rice are mixed together, and salt is added. The mixture is ready. After the ingredients have soaked for two days, Anjanappa drains the excess water and grinds each ingredient separately.

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The next day, the remaining ingredients are added, and the mixture is ready. Traditionally, the paddu are deep-fried in little balls or cooked in a paddu-maker, a pan with little cups. Olive oil is heated in the cups and a dollop of batter goes into each cup. After turning light brown, the balls are turned so they can brown on the other side.

"We serve chutney with them. I like the peanut chutney but there are other kinds also," she said.

The batter can also be cooked on a griddle in a flat disk like pancake. Paddu have a crispy outside and a savory, soft, spongy interior. The flavor is similar to a potato pancake, but airy and light.

Anjanappa shares her recipes for paddu and peanut chutney for others to try a taste of culture from India. She also invites the community to attend the Diwali celebration at Waubonsie Valley High School where there will be even more opportunities to share the flavors, sights and sounds of India.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance reporter for The Beacon-News.

Paddu

1. Place rice and urad dal in separate containers. Cover each with water and allow to stand at least five hours or overnight. When finished soaking, drain the rice and urad dal. Grind the urad dal in a blender until a smooth paste forms. Place in a large bowl.

2. Grind rice into a smooth paste and add to urad dal. Mix well and add salt to taste. Allow to ferment overnight until foamy. The next day, grind coconut and green chilies in the blender. Add to fermented mixture. Chop onions and cilantro and add. Add salt to taste. Mix well.

3. Heat a paddu-maker pan over medium heat. Place a few drops of oil in each well and heat until warm. Put a scoop of batter into each well, filling until level with pan. Allow to cook and brown lightly. Place a few more drops of oil around each ball of dough and then turn to brown the other side.

4. Poke each ball with a toothpick to allow even heating. When toothpick is inserted in the middle and comes out clean, the paddu is cooked. Remove from pan and place on serving platter. Continue making paddu using remaining batter. Eat paddu hot from pan with chutney. Balls of the batter can be dropped into a deep fryer and fried or cooked on a skillet like a pancake.

Peanut chutney

1. cup raw peanuts
2-3 teaspoons water
1/4 cup fresh coconut chunks
4-5 green chilies
1/4 teaspoon fresh tamarind
salt to taste

1. Dry roast peanuts in a 350 degree oven for about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool and remove the skins. Grind peanuts in the blender until chopped. Add water to form a smooth paste. Add coconut, chilies and tamarind. Blend until smooth. Serve immediately. Refrigerate leftovers.
Braised cabbage, pork shoulder
does double dinner duty

Last weekend my friends Penny and Chris hosted a dinner party inspired by their recent travels to Germany. Several neighborhood families savored German beer cheese and hearty rye bread before sitting down to enjoy an array of sausages. Guests rounded out the meal by providing a salad studded with apples and walnuts and a bowl brimming with roasted fingerling potatoes. I opted to contribute an über traditional batch of braised red cabbage.

Cabbage, in an array of forms, is the stuff of Deutschland dreams and I did my best to channel my heritage when I crafted my side dish. Thanks to cinnamon sticks and an extended cooking time, my house smelled lovely by the time the cabbage was done braising. The resulting magenta-hued dish was sweet and subtly tangy; it was delicious on its own and as a topping for a big ole hot dog called a frankfurter wurstchen.

I was surprised, however, at how far one humble cabbage could stretch. Looking at all the excess I had created, I figured it would be smart to use the cabbage to create an easy double-duty dinner solution. Braising the red cabbage on a Sunday while slow cooking a pork shoulder roast makes plating up a traditional German dinner a breeze. I served mine with some spaetzle noodles tossed with a citrus-spiked herb butter and a smattering of green beans. After enjoying a cozy Sunday dinner around the family table, I cooled down the leftover pork and cabbage and tossed them in the fridge.

The following day I split a couple of fresh pretzel rolls and slathered them with a little herb butter before dressing them with the leftover cabbage, pork and apple slices. The sandwich has considerable German flair and boasts plenty of slow cooked flavor. Don’t skimp on the apples; they offer an unexpected crunch in an otherwise soft and juicy sandwich.

### DAY 1: TRADITIONAL PORK, CABBAGE AND SPAETZLE DINNER
- Prepared German-style pork
- Prepared braised red cabbage
- Cooked spaetzle or egg noodles tossed with herb butter*
- Cooked green beans

### DAY 2: GERMAN PORK SANDWICHES
- Prepared German-style pork (reheated)
- Prepared braised red cabbage (reheated)
- Herb butter*
- Granny Smith apple slices
- Pretzel rolls

*Herb butter: I used a mixture of room temperature salted butter, fresh chives, dried dill, pepper and lemon zest.

My German-inspired sandwiches came together with a quickness on a busy weekday evening thanks to a pair of double duty dishes. Prost to full bellies and a lighter work load!
Urinary incontinence in dogs can be frustrating

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I have a problem with Buster, my 2-year-old Jack Russell Terrier. Buster loves attention, especially from new people or people he doesn’t see often. The problem is, he pees when he gets excited. I’ll let him out beforehand if I know someone is coming over. I also have unexpected guests go to the back door when they come in. This has been effective.

My real problem is when company comes over for a few hours. Buster gets so excited and focused on playing with guests to the point where he will start leaking on the floor without warning. It’s like he lets out a little urine to relieve the sensation of a full bladder and keeps playing like it never happened. Other times, when he realizes he has to go, he will run to the door, possibly leaking. Either way, I let him out to empty his bladder.

This can happen again in as little as 10-15 minutes. I am constantly asking Buster if he needs to go out because I don’t want anyone or anything getting pee on. I understand he’s amped up, but Buster doesn’t do this when it’s just us around. Even if he’s rowdy, Buster will let us know if he needs to go out. On regular days, he holds it normally and can sleep eight hours at night without any issues.

Any advice besides avoiding people? He’s neutered if that makes any difference. — Sean, New York, N.Y.

A: I am glad you took your dog to a veterinarian for an exam since this is probably a health issue and not a behavior issue. I understand that expensive tests are not something most pet owners can afford, but it would be difficult to know what’s causing her incontinence without them. I think at the very least, you should ask your veterinarian or the veterinary specialist what they suspect might be the problem or what they are looking for with the tests, so you know better how to proceed.

As mentioned above, there are medications that can help with bladder health. Some veterinarians, if they strongly suspect something, also might be willing to try a treatment to see if it will help the dog. If the treatment works, great. If not, then you and your veterinarian will know there is something more going on that needs to be checked out.

If the puddles are too much to keep up with, reusable doggie diapers will work in this instance too.

Cathy M. Rosenthal is a longtime animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert who has more than 25 years in the animal welfare field. Send your pet questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city, and state. You can follow her @cathymrosenthal.
Do gift cards ever actually expire? It depends

I recently found two Fannie May gift certificates valued at $10 each. I contacted their customer service and was told that the certificates have no value.

I also have $50 worth of Ulta gift certificates. They were purchased in 1999 and 2000 with a register print on them. Ulta said they too have no value.

What are companies doing with the money? Gift cards now don't expire unless the company is no longer in business. I appreciate your help.

Christine, Willowbrook

Christine is correct. In Illinois, as of Jan. 1, 2008, no gift certificate/card issued by a single merchant or affiliated group of merchants can expire. This was confirmed by Greg Rivara, press secretary to Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs. Rivara additionally explained that such cards cannot charge fees or be converted to cash.

Per Illinois law, the following do expire: Gift certificates issued through an awards, loyalty or promotional program; gift certificates sold below face value at a volume discount to employers or nonprofit and charitable organizations for fundraising purposes and gift certificates issued for food products.

However, if an “open loop” stored-value card, such as a pre-paid Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover card, is not used within five years, it is considered abandoned, and by law, any remaining balance must be turned over to the Illinois State Treasurer's office as unclaimed property.

A card's five-year countdown can be reset when additional funds are added or the cardholder calls the 800 number to check the balance. When I asked Rivara how the latter contact with a card company could be proven, his advice was: “Request that the company's records reflect the call, and record the date, time and name of the person with whom you spoke.”

If an open loop card's balance has been turned over to the Illinois state treasurer, a consumer can technically reclaim its value from the treasurer's office. However, Kendall Houghton, a partner at the Washington law firm Alston & Bird, and a national authority on unclaimed property, told me via email: “Although the Illinois treasurer's office has a mechanism in place for paying claims to owners of unclaimed property, property turned over to the state, it seems unlikely that a gift card owner will ever be able to successfully recover these funds, as most cards are reported without the necessary cardholder information. Thus, as a practical matter, the law will likely serve primarily to generate additional revenue for the state.”

Rivara said, “Unfortunately, if there is no name associated with the card when it is reported to the Illinois treasurer, it is virtually impossible to claim the funds.”

He noted there is a provision in the law requiring that gift cards still be honored after their value has been reported to the treasurer's office, as the card issuer will be reimbursed by the treasurer for its value.

But in reality if a card is declined by a retailer for inadequate funds, there is little a consumer can do to counter this.

When I asked Illinois attorney general spokesperson Eileen Boyce whether Christine might have any chance at being reimbursed for her gift certificates' value, she told me: “For cards issued before 2005, the retailer issuing the certificate would have needed to disclose the expiration date and fees or provided a way (i.e., a phone number) that consumers could check the balance, expiration date, and fees.”

Though there were no expiration dates or fees printed on Christine's gift certificates, there were phone numbers. So it's likely there were expiration dates.

“Christine would like to file a complaint with our office, we would be glad to send the complaint to the companies that issued the gift certificates and ask them to respond,” Boyce said. Complaints can be filed at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist.
Is satire dead in the Trump era?

Late-night TV hosts are having a ball, but they’re not moving hearts, minds

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

I am worried about satire. Personally and professionally, satire has been very, very good to me. Professionally, my first published writing was political satire. My first book was, “My First Presidency: A Scrapbook of George W. Bush,” co-written with Kevin Guilfoile. It was a gentle poke at someone who seemed underprepared to be leader of the free world and took the form of a school primer. I think it sold more than all my other books combined.

As a younger person, classic novels like “Catch-22,” “Slaughterhouse-Five” and “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” were real and could come and take me away, revealing the fourth dimension of time where everything was large and inherently obscured by more conventional narratives.

In history class in school, I was taught that World War II was a triumph of American ingenuity and will — which it was — but “Catch-22” and “Slaughterhouse-Five” burrow underneath the myths to offer truths about the inherently destructive nature of war.

More contemporary satires, such as Gary Shteyngart’s “Super Sad True Love Story” and Richard Russo’s “Straight Man,” operate as balms, considering concerns about the contemporary world and mining them for humor.

But the current age seems satire-proof, at least in terms of the ability of satire to puncture the madness that seems to surround us. In the rapid-response satire world, for all the comedic genius of Stephen Colbert, Trevor Noah, Samantha Bee, John Oliver and others, we’re not seeing all that much impact on moving hearts or minds.

A good satire seeks to find an under-appreciated aspect of reality, often through exaggeration or amplification, but it is difficult to satirize a president who seems like he’s stepped out of a satire.

Or perhaps the satires helping us understand our time were written in the past. Following the loss of Luther Strange in Alabama in the Republican primary runoff for the U.S. Senate, President Trump deleted old tweets supporting Strange, a move directly out of George Orwell’s “1984,” in which the government worked diligently to make the past conform to the needs of the present.

The line between satire and dystopia has often been blurred, but one of the comforts of satire is that the troubled world in the book is recognizable but not quite real. The message is: If we’re not careful, something truly terrible may come.

Read against current events, “1984” or Sinclair Lewis’ “It Can’t Happen Here” seem to be not mere cautionary tales of exaggeration but prophecies of a future reality. Let’s hope not, though.

Maybe I just need to be patient, “Slaughterhouse-Five” and “Catch-22” came many years after the war central to their stories. Twenty-five years from now, maybe we’ll have novels that will help us understand the disease of 2017 America. If only Kurt Vonnegut’s Tralfamadorians from “Slaughterhouse-Five” were real and could come and take me away, revealing the fourth dimension of time where everything good and everything bad happen simultaneously, constantly.

So it goes.

I once believed in the potential of satire to tell uncomfortable truths, but the value of truth seems very much in question these days.

So what genre is going to help us understand what we’re living through?

My money’s on horror.

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

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

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— John B., Palatine

“Bad Things Happen” by Harry Dolan is a sharp piece of crime writing that I think will be right in John B’s wheelhouse.

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— Eileen L., Oak Park

“Everyman Dies Alone” by Hans Fallada feels like a good fit here with its mix of drama, history and mystery.

1. “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman
2. “A Hiss Before Dying: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery” by Rita Mae Brown
3. “The Virginian” by Owen Wister
4. “The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard’s Most Daring Sea Rescue” by Michael Tougias and Casey Sherman
5. “Before the Fall” by Noah Hawley

— Lori D., Rockford

Nic Pizzolatto would go on to helm HBO’s “True Detective” series, but he got his start with “Galveston,” a rocket of a reading experience.

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53. Water bird
54. Lost in delight
56. Composer Ethelbert
58. Pasture sound
61. Café au
63. Tidier
66. Investiture
69. 5,280 feet
70. Agitate
71. Lilting Lena
72. Gaucho missile
73. Pop
74. Equipped with weapons
75. Crisp cookie

Down
1. Counterfeit
2. Money, in Modena
3. Timepiece
4. Bohemian dance
5. S. African city
6. Three-toed sloths
7. Stretch violently
8. Discoloration
9. Merited
10. Rotating machine part
11. Colors
12. Late cartoonist Peter
13. Butter servings
21. Looked at
25. Fruit coverings
27. East Indian herb
28. Efficient cause
29. Proportion
31. Spanish seaport
33. Swelling
34. Participant
35. Condescend
38. Egret
41. Intimate
43. Slackened
46. Old English coins
48. Except
51. Roman broadsword
55. Indonesian island
57. Poetic foot: pl.
58. Good as a 69 Across
59. Aware of
60. Roman poet
62. Tenure
64. Little Eleanor
65. Win
67. Period
68. Abbreviated direction

BY CHARLES PRESTON
How do women really feel about playboys?

The sight of an old guy hanging out in satin pajamas, surrounded by three or four beautiful young women might have been disturbing to me, had it been anyone other than Hugh Hefner.

In my eyes, Hefner, who died recently at the age of 91 seemed sort of sweet and harmless. Yes, the playboy who created Playboy was a sugar daddy who used his wealth, lifestyle and lavish parties to attract women a third of his age (or younger). But, he had charm, likability and a gentleness that made him seem like he couldn't hurt a fly. In other words, I feel like Hefner was kind of a “nice” playboy.

But is there even such a thing? Aren’t playboys supposed to be wealthy, good-looking jerks, who date and sleep with multiple woman and refuse to commit to any kind of a meaningful relationship? Why would anyone want to date one?

Sue De Santo is a Chicago-based therapist and relationship coach. I called her to have a conversation about playboys. De Santo, who has been a therapist for 20 years and a relationship coach for six, said playboys and the women who are attracted to them have something in common: they feel unlovable (which can be for a variety of reasons), and are seeking love and attention in an inauthentic way.

“Playboys go out and seek admiration from women,” De Santo said. “Women who fall for playboys are about the chase. They feel that “If I’m beautiful and sexy and supportive and understanding, I can get this playboy to love me and pay attention to me. I can change him and then I will be lovable and good enough.”

De Santo said most playboys don’t change for women, and if they do, it’s usually temporary. Her advice is: If you are dating someone who you feel might be a playboy, and you aren’t happy with the situation, you need to have an open, honest conversation about what’s really going on.

“Men, in general won’t tell you what they are thinking unless you ask,” she said. “But, if you step forward and ask the questions — even the hard questions, to which you want answers, men will usually tell you the truth.”

That said, if you confront your playboy, be prepared to hear answers you might not want to hear, such as “I’m happy just having fun with you” or “I want to continue dating other women.” You will then have two choices: keep seeing him on his terms or break up.

De Santo said in general, a man won’t end a relationship, even if one or both partners feel it isn’t right or it isn’t moving forward.

But, are all playboys created equal? In my opinion, no. I wouldn’t put Hugh Hefner in the same category as plenty of other celebrities who have reputations as playboys.

Also, I think it’s unfair to completely classify someone as either being a playboy. Timing plays a factor in playboy behavior. Maybe a man decides to be a playboy until he either becomes more mature, realizes he wants to settle down and/or meets someone with whom he wants a deep, meaningful relationship.

Warren Beatty is a name that comes to mind in this scenario. The former playboy, who was a frequent Playboy mansion visitor back in the day, married his wife, Annette Bening, 25 years ago. They have a seemingly strong relationship.

Timing can also play a big role for women who date playboys. A woman might choose to date a playboy, knowing the relationship is temporary, fun and about sex. Instances where a playboy might be appealing include right after the end of a long-term relationship, after a divorce or when someone is young and not ready for a serious, meaningful relationship.

Here’s the thing about playboys. A playboy’s charisma and charm is enticing, and his lifestyle seems glamorous and sexy and really fun. But I will say, I chased my share of playboys when I was young, and looking back, all it did was frustrate me and cause harm to my self-esteem.

I’m not telling women you should date guys who aren’t attractive to you or who can’t give you a lifestyle you want. What I’m saying is, if you have an open mind and heart, there really are good-looking, sexy, interesting and fun men out there who want monogamy, and who want to adore you the way you deserved to be adored.

And, the feeling of being loved and cherished in a way you never knew existed is a million times more fulfilling than going to a party at the Playboy mansion.

Don’t get me wrong. I admire and respect Hugh Hefner for his accomplishments, and I would have loved to have met him. But I could never have been one of his girlfriends. Then again, he wouldn't have wanted to date me. I was way too old.

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Dietary changes don’t show any effect on UTIs

By Dr. Robert Ashley

Dear Doctor: I have a lot of urinary tract infections. My doctor told me not to drink anything with caffeine, but surely there must be something else I can do. Are there foods I should eat? Not eat?

Dear Reader: First, let me say that you have my sympathies. Urinary tract infections, though they have no outward signs, can be quite painful. Such infections are common, especially in women, who have a short urethra compared to men, meaning bacteria don’t have far to travel in order to cause a problem. The majority of bacteria that cause these infections reside in the colon. These bacteria can colonize the area at the exit of a woman’s urethra and, from there, move up the urinary tract to cause infections in the upper urethra, bladder or even kidney. These infections usually require antibiotics.

In younger women, sexual intercourse is a substantial risk factor for urinary tract infections, or UTIs, as are spermicide use and having a new sexual partner. Genetics likely play a role as well; daughters born to mothers with a history of UTIs have a greater likelihood of such infections. Further, those who have a UTI before age 15 have a greater chance of recurrent infections later in life.

After menopause, problems with bladder emptying, incontinence and bladder position increase the risk of UTIs. For postmenopausal women, vaginal estrogen can reduce infections, because it improves the natural bacterial flora in the vaginal area and decreases colonization of harmful bacteria. If you develop UTIs after sexual activity, urinating and increasing fluid intake after intercourse may decrease your chances of infection because these actions help flush the bacteria from the urethra.

If these measures — not proven by any study — don’t reduce intercourse-related UTIs, a dose of antibiotics after intercourse might be warranted. But take care: With increased exposure comes a greater likelihood of bacterial resistance to that antibiotic.

Another alternative is the use of the probiotic Lactobacillus, which helps protect the vaginal area from the bacteria associated with urinary tract infections. It’s not as effective as prophylactic antibiotics, but it can decrease infection frequency.

Cranberry extracts have shown an ability in the laboratory to stop bacteria from attaching to urinary tract cells, but studies of cranberry juice and tablets have been mixed. A combined study in 2012 did show a reduced risk of UTIs among women taking cranberry products, but many studies within the larger study showed no benefit.

Studies on caffeine intake and urinary tract infections have been limited. Caffeine decreases colonization of harmful bacteria. If you develop UTIs after sexual activity, urinating and increasing fluid intake after intercourse may decrease your chances of infection. Caffeine might also worsen the symptoms of urinary frequency and urgency that are seen with a UTI, the polyphenols in tea and coffee may create antibiotic activity within the urine.

A 2003 Finnish study showed that women who had a higher intake of yogurt containing probiotics and berry juice, like cranberry juice, had a lower rate of urinary tract infections. But the data have not been replicated, and the study did not adjust for confounding factors.

Overall, although some people advise women to avoid alcohol, sodas, spicy foods or citrus, I’m afraid there is no good research on specific diets to help stop recurrent UTIs.

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

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

Will vitamin E on the skin protect face from aging?

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Q: I’ve read a lot about the benefits and risks of vitamin E supplements and vitamin E oil, but I can’t find anything reputable about applying vitamin E capsules directly to the skin. Are there similar benefits or risks if I apply vitamin E oil to my face? I’m interested in this for anti-aging.

A: According to the Linus Pauling Institute, putting vitamin E on the skin can increase the amount of this vitamin in skin cells. It helps to protect skin from ultraviolet light (a source of skin aging), but vitamin E itself breaks down upon UV exposure. Products that combine vitamin E with vitamin C might work better. Dermatologists generally discourage people from putting vitamin E on their skin because of the possibility of an itchy rash due to contact dermatitis (Aesthetic Surgery Journal, September 2016). Protecting your face from excess sun exposure might be the best way to avoid premature aging.

Q: My husband and I have been eating saturated fat and avoiding all the “white stuff” like flour and sugar. We have been separating “fuels” by having protein and fats or lean protein with healthy carbs at our meals.

I have lost 30 pounds. My cholesterol went from 294 to 160, and my triglycerides from 140 to 41.

A: For decades, nutritionists have told us that eating saturated fat would lead to clogged coronary arteries. This seemed logical, but it wasn’t based on evidence.

The most recent study, called PURE (Prospective Urban Rural Epidemiology), followed more than 135,000 people for seven years. During that time, about 4,700 had heart attacks or strokes, and nearly 6,000 died. Those who consumed a high-carbohydrate diet rich in sugars and processed flour were more likely to suffer such consequences (The Lancet, online, Aug. 29, 2017).

According to the authors, “High carbohydrate intake was associated with higher risk of total mortality, whereas total fat and individual types of fat were related to lower total mortality.” Surprisingly, the more saturated fat these individuals consumed, the lower their risk of stroke.

Q: I thought soy milk was supposed to be a healthy food. I have a low thyroid condition. I had checked to make sure there weren’t any food interactions with the Synthroid I was prescribed and didn’t see anything worrisome. I started drinking a cup of soy milk per day. Over just a few months, I gained 25 pounds, and my TSH reading rocketed up to four times what it had been. Are there supplements I should avoid?

A: If you take your Synthroid with soy milk or coffee, you may not absorb the full dose (Clinical Therapeutics, February 2017). ConsumerLab.com recently summarized interactions with supplements. In addition to minerals such as iron or calcium and antioxidants such as alpha-lipoic acid or magnesium hydroxide, soy can interfere with levodopa absorption. You should leave at least four hours between swallowing any of these and taking your thyroid hormone.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplepharmacy.com.
What a month without alcohol taught me

It's about being yourself, learning how to moderate

By Jessi Roti
Chicago Tribune

I go to work, then I go out — tracing different parts of the city to hear music, check out art spaces or catch up with friends, drink in hand.

I don't remember exactly how old I was when I first sipped alcohol. I grew up in a household where it was OK to taste mom's mudslide or dad's wine at a young age.

Getting my driver's license meant freedom to go to as many music shows as I wanted and stay out as long as I could get home safely.

But at 16, driving isn't the only new thing you're introduced to.

At sleepovers in high school, refilling what a friend and I had consumed of a bottle of vodka with water was pretty standard. Whiskey with iced tea — you know, the typical teens-looking-to-grow-up-too-quickly thing.

Twenty-one came and went, and all that was different was I didn't have to worry about the underage-drinking taboo. It also meant access to new shows — shows in dive bars, where booze typically flowed until close.

Much of me was shaped in places like these. It's loud, you can speak freely and strangers become friends through mutual adoration of whoever's playing and who's buying the next round.

Earlier this year, I decided to take a month away from booze. Nothing was out of control, and no one had expressed concern. I just wanted to see if I could accomplish it.

The Institute for Women's Policy Research reported 20 percent of millennial women, ages 18 to 34, have engaged in binge drinking — defined for women as having four or more drinks on one occasion.

When I'd go out, three or four drinks were part of the norm.

At 25, I don't have serious physical health problems and lead a much more active life than my pants-size suggests. Consulting with my doctor before taking on this challenge, I was assured my blood pressure was right where it should be — 125/70. My liver and thyroid work were just fine. My cholesterol is a bit high but can easily be rectified.

The results: I lost around 12 pounds. My skin looks the best it ever has; and if I don't stay up until 1 a.m. watching MSNBC, I'm less tired than I would be if I were out at a show.

The sober month also helped me understand that I was drinking to enhance my performance of myself instead of just being myself.

For many people, mental health is harder than drinking to navigate. The same study found that millennial women struggle with mental health an average of 4.9 days a month compared with 4.3 days women average overall.

I have crippling anxiety, so much so that there were weeks I couldn't leave my dorm room in college.

Music always helped alleviate this anxiety, and going to shows forced me out of my comfort zone, helping me to cope socially, including acute paranoia onset by the glares and comments I got because of my size.

But a month of sobriety made me realize that alcohol played a part too.

Throughout the entire period, I went out socially three times, whereas I would typically go out two or three times a week. I felt as if I no longer was allowed to go out.

I couldn't comfortably exist in spaces where drinking was expected or encouraged. If I did, it was to play yet another role: the sober person, the "mom." "You like to perform, to entertain," said my therapist. She says that if you perform long enough, that is who people think you are. I felt I had turned myself into a whiskey-drinking caricature of who I thought I should be in social situations.

After reflecting for nearly four months, I've learned that implementing a two-drink maximum and sharing less of myself with others alleviate the pressure to fill some sort of role.

Moderating — being aware and keeping track of my consumption — became my solution.

A 2016 survey from trend analysts Canvas8 on behalf of Heineken for the beer brand's "Moderate Drinkers Wanted" campaign polled 5,000 millennials (ages 21-35) on how they feel about moderate alcohol consumption. The results showed that 75 percent moderate how much they drink, the majority of the times they go out.

So it seems I'm not alone in need of a solution.

"(Millennials) want to be accountable and feel they've had an impact on the world. They want a meaningful life, fulfillment at work, and they are highly intentional in the way they live," said Dr. Goal Auzeen Saedi, a clinical psychologist with a specialty in millennial behavior, when asked to weigh in on the survey results.

A month of sobriety taught me that it is freeing to take control of your life and challenge your habits. It's also better to be honest with yourself than to be a character in a narrow representation of your life.

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## VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE
Annual Treasurer's Report

**Statement of Cash and Securities as of April 30, 2017 and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2017**

### General Fund

- **Salaries**
  - First Approximate: $1,029,582.19
  - Second Approximate: $2,059,164.38

- **Payroll Taxes**
  - First Approximate: $1,029,582.19
  - Second Approximate: $2,059,164.38

- **Retirement**
  - First Approximate: $1,029,582.19
  - Second Approximate: $2,059,164.38

### Other Revenues

- **Motor Fuel Tax**
  - First Approximate: $1,029,582.19
  - Second Approximate: $2,059,164.38

### Total Revenues

The foregoing, to the best of my knowledge, is a true and correct statement of the Village of Norridge's Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017, and the state of the Village's Treasury as of April 30, 2017.

### EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2017

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**Village of Norridge, Illinois**

J. Debbie Buckin, Clerk of the Village of Norridge, County of Cook, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

**Debra Buckin**

Clerk of the Village

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**J. Debbie Buckin, Clerk of the Village**
FAMILY FRIENDLY

Make new feathered friends at Stillman Center’s OktoBIRDfest

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Birds! That’s what OktoBIRDfest is all about at Stillman Nature Center, 33 W. Penny Road, South Barrington. Exciting events are planned for weekends in October; the most popular one being Raptor Sunday, 1-3 p.m. Oct. 15.

Stillman staff will introduce visitors to great horned, barred, barn and screech owls. You will also meet a peregrine falcon, broad-winged hawk and red-shouldered hawk up close. Children will dissect owl pellets to discover what those birds ate.

The cost is $10 per car. For details, call 847-428-6957 or go to www.stillmannc.org.

Bat behavior

Your family will learn the value of an often-maligned creature when Incredible Bats visits the Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, 4-5 p.m. Oct. 18.

Daniel and Sharon Peterson have been dispelling myths and educating people about the value of bats since 1996, including the role of bats in saving the rainforest. The Petersons will bring some of their Egyptian fruit bats and African straw-colored bats to this all ages show.

For details, call 847-272-6224 or go to www.northbookinfo.org.

Crow-free zone

That’s what Historic Downtown Long Grove will be during DIY Scarecrow Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 14 at Towner Center. The Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association will provide a base, bales of hay and building assistance. Participants should bring old clothing to decorate their scarecrow, plus a decorated milk bottle for the head. Scarecrows will be on display throughout October.

Although the event is free, a $5 voluntary entry fee will be donated to local food shelters. Go to the website to register.

For details, go to www.longgrove.org.

Stories and s’mores

Popular family storyteller Chris Fascione will share some not-too-scary tales during Campfire Stories, 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20 outside the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. There will be yarns to entertain children of all ages and adults at this drop-in event. Afterward, everyone can make s’mores around the campfire.

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

Come in costume

Kids can start celebrating Halloween early at “Trucks, Trunks & Treats,” 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 14 in the parking lot of the Family Aquatic Center, 635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills. Kids will walk through aisles of trucks and receive candy at each of them. There will also be a hayride and bounce house. The cost is $3. Register at website.

For $1 on event day, furry friends can enter a Canine Costume Contest. Food will be available for purchase.

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Forgettable FASHION

Fashions come, fashions go. Many fabulous styles, colors, designs have walked down the runways and into our lives. Some trends have become icons of good taste, classic looks that never go out of style. Think little black dress or Chanel’s pearls.

Then there are trends that, from the start, were absolutely awful. The ones that we want to forget, except when we need a good laugh. I turned to Facebook to get people’s answers for this question: What are the worst fashion trends ever?

The response was overwhelming! Everyone had opinions – strong ones.

One consensus was that nobody liked the ‘80s. The big hair, those stirrup pants, and hi-top Reebok gym shoes worn with scrunchy socks all got thumbs down. I remember commuting to work in that decade, wearing my suit with those gym shoes and socks. Not a great look, no matter how practical.

The other ‘80s look many people despised were the huge shoulder pads. They were attached to every garment. You would wear your blouse with pads, top it with a blazer sporting more pads, then put on your coat, which of course had its own substantial shoulder pads. We looked like Chicago Bears. In fact, our super-padded shoulders were probably bigger than theirs. Yikes!

Other comments I received covered 2000 until now. Many of us are very tired of guys wearing their jeans and pants loose and low to show off their underwear. This “fashion” means they have to walk with their legs apart to keep their jeans up, which sometimes doesn’t work. Just pull them up, please! Or use a belt or buy pants to fit...

It may have been a fleeting fancy, but some girls have also had issues with clothing and gravity. Many of us simply can’t understand what the heck is going on with those shortie shorts. The ones hiked up so high they show the wearer’s butt cheeks. Seriously ladies, the look is not attractive at all and I can’t think of anywhere it’s appropriate!

Crocs, pleated pants, mom jeans, neon, cargo pants, gauchos, man buns, parachute pants, thigh high models, low-rise jeans, heavy makeup, pajamas for daytime, and the infamous mullet hairdo also made the Trends-We’re-Glad-To-See-Gone list.

I want to thank everyone for their comments and responses. They all made me laugh. And I’m sure you all have particular fashions you can’t abide. So tell me about them at lynnts@att.net.

What do you think is the very worst fashion trend ever?

Looking for holiday bazaar information

Winter holidays are on the way. Let us know about your holiday bazaar, boutique, cookie walk or other gift-selling event and we’ll include it in our annual Holiday Bazaar listings. Please send full information — event name, location, time/date, brief description, website — by Oct. 12 to Deborah Hoppe, dhoppe@pioneerlocal.com.
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Price: $499,900
Schools: Maine South High School
Taxes: $11,247
Agent: Tadeusz Dolecki/RE/MAX Properties Northwest

MUNDELEIN


Address: 1308 Sterling Drive
Price: $274,900
Schools: Mundelein High School
Taxes: $8,401
Agent: Mariusz Bilotas/Four Daughters Real Estate

LAKE FOREST


Address: 535 E. Illinois Road
Price: $629,900
Schools: Lake Forest High School
Taxes: $6,895
Agent: Christopher Yore/Griffith, Grant & Lackie

SKOKIE


Address: 5307 Fargo Ave.
Price: $450,000
Schools: Niles West High School
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Agent: Christopher Demos/Century 21 Elm Realtors

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NOTHING ELSE COMPARES!
Glenview... Just Listed! Quality & Perfection describes this 3600 sq ft custom designed 12 room home! Grand 2 story foyer leads to living rm & separate dining rm. Chef's Delight kitchen new in 2009 with cooktop island, 42" cabinets, Granite counters, SS appliances & separate dining rm. Main floor family rm with gas FP & sliding doors to patio. 2nd floor loft area, master suite w/ his & her walk-in closets, master bath with Jacuzzi tub, sep shower & 2 vanities. Cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors & recessed lighting. 2 car att gar. Brick Paver patio + great yard...... $824,000

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, Oct. 12

**Duke Ellington's Greatest Hits:** American composer, pianist and band leader Duke Ellington composed thousands of songs for stage and screen during his 50-year career. This concert includes "Satin Doll," "Mood Indigo," "Sophisticated Lady," "It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)." "Satin Doll" includes "Mood Indigo" during his 50-year career. This concert features thousands of songs for stage and screen along with the Pathfinders and other great jazz ensembles. At 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28. Come sing, dance, and play accompanied by guitar/autoharp with scarves, balls, hoops, puppets, instruments, and more. Gather to meet new friends and enjoy your child's day with music. Classes are led by Celeste Chifala Roy, Director of Everybody Move, Inc. 9 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Baker Demonstration School, 201 Sheridan Road, Wilmette, $180, 847-425-5814

**Learn to Digitally Edit Your Photographs - Part II:** In Part I, digital coach explores 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. Thursday, The Woman's Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $30, 847-441-3406

**Intro to Storytelling:** We all have stories to tell. We tell stories to transform ourselves. This fun and interactive workshop with Carol Moss, LCSW, storyteller, coach, singer and author, helps participants develop their skill as a storyteller, culminating in an "open mic." 3 p.m. Thursday, The Woman's Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $100, 847-441-3406

**Friday, Oct. 13**

**Showcase ETHS - A Tribute to YAMO’s Sixtieth:** Evanston Township High School student-produced revue YAMO opens Oct. 6, for a seven-night run in the school’s Upstairs Theatre. YAMO annually makes a fun and interesting show available at the school’s Upstairs Theatre. Show dates are Oct. 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21, all beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at the website, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $12, 847-424-7130

**"In the Red and Brown Water":** This is the story of a young woman thrust into womanhood and subsequent fall into the murky waters of life, written by Tarell Alvin McRaney. A high school track star, Oya is an African-American teenager growing up in the projects in Louisiana. She has the chance to escape poverty with a full scholarship to college, but sacrifices her ambition to stay home and care for her mother. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Josephine Louis Theater at Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $6-$25, 847-491-7282

**Friday Film - "Going In Style":** This PG-13 rated film is a reboot of the 1979 film. Synopsis: desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, three lifelong pals risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money. 1 p.m. Friday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

**STEAM Starts - Ages 2 to 6 with Adult:** Welcome to the children's department for self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, math and, of course, reading. 10 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-256-5025

**The Power of When - Discover Your Chronotype:** In The Power of When, Dr. Michael Breus uses the new and popular science of chronobiology to show an important key to unlocking our full potential. Join Harriet Porter, LCSW, to discover and discuss chronobiology. The short chronotype quiz is available at www.thepowerofwhen.com. Please complete the quiz for the first class. 1 p.m. Friday, The Woman's Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $60, 847-443-3406

**Freud and Jung: A Fascinating Friendship:** Debbie McGowan, psychotherapist and marriage counselor, examines the friendship of Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung. Long recognized as the fathers of modern psychology, they were fast friends from 1907 to 1913, and then never spoke again. How do their theories affect our thinking today and why was there a dramatic break in their relationship? 4 p.m. Friday, The Woman's Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $20, 847-441-3406

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BlimBamBoom at Temperence Beer Co: This is a night of comedy, magic, and dance galore. This show combines an appreciation for the finest brewed beers with the classic American tradition of burlesque! Every performance showcases adult striptease and Chicago's finest comedians, along with juggling, comedy songs, magic and more. Featuring the incredible burlesque talents of Cyn Cat, Keirvi Lightnight, Souda Namir and Zatanna Zoreille. 9 p.m. Saturday, Temperence Beer Company, 2000 Dempster St., Evanston, $10 suggested donation, 847-864-1000

Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories: Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest. Participants are encouraged to bring a pencil, light snack and water. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Crafting for Charity: The group begins work on their new project: making copious amounts of hats and scarves for the Morton Grove Firefighters Association Holiday Food Drive. They will also continue making cat toys for the local organization, Wright Way. If you are a knitter, crocheter, or want to learn, as novices are welcome, and want to help the community-at-large, this group is tailor-made for you. Bring your needles and/or hooks. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Morton Grove Farmers' Market: Dozens of local vendors selling local produce, fresh meat, cage-free eggs, honey, artisan cheese, chocolates, jewelry, soap, waffles made to order, tamales, elotes, coffee, baked goods, and more. Free live music every week. 8 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Farmers' Market, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436

Park Ridge Farmers Market: This weekly Park Ridge Farmers Market features fresh produce, bread, meat and prepared goods. The market offers SNAP/LINK Double Match this year. For each dollar deducted from your Link card at the market, you receive a $20 in matching funds per customer per day. For example, if you deduct $20 from your Link card, you receive a $20 Link token. 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-212-9994

Second Saturday Family Storytime & Craft: Enjoy stories and crafts for the whole family. 10 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Twenty-first Star Chapter NSDAR October Meeting 2017: The Twenty-first Star Chapter DAR holds a meeting at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chapter member, Penny Kerndt, presents a program entitled, "Historical Autographs and the Story of their Signs." Women who are interested in DAR membership should contact Second Vice Regent, Dorothy Wilson by calling for further details.

An Evening of Comedy and Music: Join author and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman and friends for An Evening of Comedy and Music. Debbie Sue is an author of the books, "Still Single," "Still Dating," and "My Husband the Stranger." 7 p.m. Saturday, Euro Echo Cafe, 7919 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, no cover charge, 847-213-0598

Chinese Language and Cultural classes: The student body consists of both heritage language learners and second language learners from three-year-old to adults. The school also offers cultural classes such as traditional Chinese dance, Chinese painting, arts and crafts, and Chinese music instruments classes. 1 p.m. Saturday, St. Lambert Education Center, 8111 Kedvale Ave., Skokie.

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

Canadian Chamber Choir: Seasons of Life and Landscape: The professional Canadian Chamber Choir performs a free concert at Trinity UMC under the direction of Trinity's own Julia David. Their program also features indigenous dancer Sarain Carson-Fox, cellist Oleksander Mycyk, the Youth Chorus of the North Shore Alegria Children's Choir, and members of the North Shore Choral Society.

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

Showcase ETHS: A Tribute to YAMO's 60th: The ETHS Educational Foundation honors 60 years of YAMO, the popular student-run production, during a one-day only show featuring Tony award-winner and ETHS class of 2001 alumna, Jessie Mueller. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Tickets start at $35. Sponsorship opportunities are available, 847-424-7534

Chicago Philharmonic present "Bach and Soul." Featuring Suite Chicago Philharmonic with Apollo Chorus of Chicago, Evanston Children's Choir and vocalists Martha Guth, Hugh Russell and Justin Berkowitz. 7 p.m. Sunday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $25-$75, Students $10, 312-957-0000

Interactive Movie: "The Wizard of Oz": Sing along and click your heels together at this interactive presentation of a family favorite. All ages are welcome to join on the Yellow Brick Road. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1300 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-739-7500

Pack Your Bags: Online Travel Resources: From booking a flight to finding a bathroom in an unfamiliar place, this class explores websites and tools that make traveling a breeze. A portion of the session is devoted to websites with resources for travelers with disabilities. Now plan the perfect trip online.

Apple Picking with Skokie Synagogue: Participants meet families, and all ages are welcome, in the parking lot of the synagogue at 1 p.m. and they caravan to Munster Orchards in Burlington. Adi Deline, chair of the Family Programming Committee of the synagogue says, "For those folks who want to drive and meet us there, be at 36315 Geneva Road in Burlington, Wisconsin at 2:45 p.m. that day," 1 p.m. Sunday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, $5 per person, 847-675-4411

Lecture: West Wilmette: Museum Director Kathy Hussey-Arntson and Curator Patrick Leary give an overview of the development of West Wilmette and a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the Museum's current exhibit "Exploring West Wilmette." Their talk includes a number of interesting stories and images that never made the final cut into the exhibit. The Museum is open from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, allowing attendees to browse "Exploring West Wilmette" before or
The Importance of Strong Bodies as You Age: Know the reasons why you need to stay strong, what happens if you do not, as well as key factors to be considered for all workout programs. Several strength evaluations are demonstrated. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $15 non-member, 847-784-6030

British’s Great Women Rulers: Queen Elizabeth I: Historian Leslie Goddard explores Elizabeth I’s life, the challenges she faced as monarch, and the skills she wielded power as a woman in a male-dominated age. 10:30 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 non-member, 847-784-6030

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. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $59 member, $69 non-member, 847-784-6030

Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto: Premiered in 1791: Jim Kendros explores the mysteries and expressive joys surrounding Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto, a highly melodious work. On Oct. 16, 1791, Mozart’s friend and artistic associate Anton Stadler premiered the sublime Clarinet Concerto in Prague. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member, $15 non-member, 847-784-6030

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, 847-925-3123

Yoga and Physiotherapy Congress 2017: Turn your passion, knowledge and experience into a rewarding career at this Yoga and Physiotherapy Congress. 2:45 p.m. Monday, Double Tree by Hilton Chicago, North Shore Conference Center, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, $599, 650-268-9744

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Women’s Networking Lunch: Join in for lunch and an opportunity to network with like-minded business women. Two speakers are featured, and plenty of time to make business connections is offered. This is open to members and non-members, but RSVP is required by calling, 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Deja Breakfast at Marriott Chicago North Shore Suites, 1400 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, $12 person; RSVP required, 847-724-0900

Do More with Excel 2010: This hands-on workshop offers attendees the chance to perform calculations with formulas and functions. Registration is required and limited to six and the required prerequisite is Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010 workshop, or basic familiarity with Excel 2010. 7 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Mega Connect Progressive Lunch: Members looking for a productive networking experience take advantage of this structured program format. It gives each participant an opportunity to speak to a receptive audience about his/her company’s products and services. The event includes informal networking over a buffet breakfast, and rotating small group presentations. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, $30 members, advanced; $40 non-member, advanced, 847-724-0900

"The True Flag: Mark Twain and the Birth of Am. Empire": It can be argued that the real birth of American empire began with the first movement across the continent by the new United States, incorporating Florida, the Louisiana Purchase, the northern half of the Mexican territory, and the lands of the native population. However, Stephen Kinzer’s illustrative new history, "The True Flag," takes the reader back to the turn of the 20th century when the first acts of overseas empire were argued and acted on. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member, $68 non-member, 847-784-6030

Busy Bees Playgroup: Ages Birth to Four with adult: This time includes a story, a song, and lots of playtime. Siblings are welcome. 11 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-925-3123

Faith, Hope and Recovery Free Support Group: Faith, Hope and Recovery (FHR), a nonprofit organization, provides monthly spiritual support for everyone affected by mental health conditions. They serve families, friends, colleagues and caregivers from those with faith, to those with no faith. They offer a safe space for sharing deep concerns; a renewal of hope and strength; learning and compassion; and practicing skills to refresh the spirit. 7 p.m. Tuesday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Winnetka Presbyterian Church, 1255 Willow Road, Winnetka, free, 847-302-6017

Life Planning: Envision Your Next Steps—LP101 Insights: To add meaning to our lives, we may need to determine a way in which we can give back and grow personally. To move forward in the most fulfilling direction, we need to recognize our gifts and do some soul-searching to design our next steps. The facilitator is Dee Kane. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Finkenau Hall, Annex to Winnetka
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Wednesday, Oct. 18
National Theatre Live: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf: Imelda Staunton, Conleth Hill, Luke Treadaway and Imogen Poots star in James Macdonald's new production of Edward Albee's landmark play. The story is about Martha, who, much to her husband George's displeasure, has invited the new professor and his wife on their American college campus, to their home for after-party drinks. The young couple is drawn into George and Martha's toxic games until the evening reaches its climax of devastating truth-telling. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Josephine Louis Theater at Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $10-$20, 847-491-7282

Musicians open mic: Kids open Mic 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; adults 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Bring your instruments and bring your friends. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free
Friendship Club (grades 3-8): Make friends in a supportive environment. Trained Friendship Ambassadors (grades 4-12) host fun and engaging events where everyone feels welcome. Generously sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Glenview-Northbrook. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or 847-729-7500, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 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 cramirez@glenviewpl.org for more information/updates. 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 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Lincolnwood Knitting Circle: Come share tips, show off your work, or learn how to knit or crochet with needle-art enthusiasts. Bring your own knitting supplies or use the library's limited supply. 11 a.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Tech Help Drop-in: iPhone and iPad with iOS 11: Stop by with your iPhone or iPad to get a hands-on look at new iOS II features. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Scrabble for Adults: Exercise 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

Brick by Brick: Tracing Your Home's History: Every home tells a story. Tina Beaird provides strategies for researching the history of your home using government records, newspapers, maps and other resources. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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, 205 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

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The dream of the self-driving car has shifted into reality, and it won't take 60 years; Ford, Volvo, GM and other automakers — and nonautomakers such as Apple, Uber and Google's Waymo — are planning in the next five years for at least Level 4 automation, where the human driver does not have to intervene.

The old Imperial was considered Level 1. Level 5 is fully automated driving under all roadways and conditions.

But what are these systems, and how do they work? Now nearly every automaker offers the basis for semi-automated driving with cameras and sensors to enable adaptive cruise control, self-parking, automatic emergency braking and some variation of lane keeping, which are classified by the Society of Automotive Engineers and governmental bodies as Level 2. The number of light-duty vehicles sold globally with Level 2 technology is expected to grow to 93 million by 2026 from 250,000 in 2017, according to Navigant Research.

Tesla Autopilot, Cadillac Super Cruise, Audi Traffic Jam Pilot, BMW Traffic Jam Assistant, Volvo Pilot Assist and Mercedes Distronic Plus are the most advanced Level 2 systems pushing into Level 3 and possibly Level 4.

The temptation when the car takes over the wheel is for the driver to check his phone, but Level 2 systems are not considered advanced enough for drivers to take eyes off the road for any significant time. There still needs to be a driver. So why bother?

For now, convenience. Soon enough, the technology will improve vehicle safety, traffic flow, accessibility to drivers with limited access and even increased fuel economy.

Three of the more advanced systems are the Volvo Pilot Assist, Tesla Autopilot and Cadillac Super Cruise.

Volvo Pilot Assist
To activate: Left thumb on the left control pad of the steering wheel. The adaptive cruise icon appears illuminated on the bottom left of the dashboard, below the tachometer. It's small but clear, unobtrusive but apparent. Set the adaptive cruise, then hit the right arrow button to activate lane keeping.

Not driving: Once activated, the person in the driver's seat gets about 15 seconds of hands-free driving before the light blue-green icon turns red-orange and requires hands on the wheel. If the person doesn't respond, a chime will ding. If the person still doesn't respond, the system will coast the car to a stop with activated hazard lights.

Can do: Speed up or down with the flow of traffic up to 80 mph. Can make a complete stop, but the gas pedal needs to be pressed to resume activation. Self-park, though it seems more adept at parallel parking than perpendicular.

Can't do: Change lanes. Use just cruise control without adaptive cruise. Must get software updates at authorized dealer.

In a word: Tentative.
Models available: All except S60 and V60
Price: Included in Premium Package, $1,400.
Confidence level: 7.

Tesla Autopilot
To activate: Use the secondary stalk on the steering column, which isn't as easy as controls on the wheel itself. The adaptive-cruise icon will appear in gray in the top of the cluster; once set, the other icon of a steering wheel will appear. Once activated, it'll turn blue and there will be a ding.

Not driving: If it can't read the lines or there's no surrounding traffic, the icons will turn orange and a warning indicating hands on the wheel will appear, followed by an audible alert, until hands get on the wheel. Still no hands? The warnings intensify, hazards will activate and the system will coast the car to a stop.

Can do: Speed up or down with traffic flow, up to 90 mph, on highways; off highways, it's limited to 5 mph over the posted speed limit. It can change lanes with indicator signal; get over-the-air software updates at home; park itself, remotely back straight out of a parking spot or garage with the click of the fob.

Can't do: Not yet street-legal for Level 4 or Level 5, though the hardware indicates the technology is there. It should be used only with an alert driver.

In a word: Best.
Price: $5,000 on delivery, $6,000 after purchase. Enhanced Autopilot is $8,000 on delivery, $10,000 when the software is ready.
Confidence level: 9.

Cadillac Super Cruise
To activate: As easy as setting the cruise control. But the gray icon that appears in the top of the cluster to indicate system readiness was ready about two-thirds of the time. We'd expect a higher degree of usability in lower-speed bumper-to-bumper traffic or on more open freeways with fewer merging lanes.

Not driving: Super Cruise uses a nonrecording camera mounted on top of the steering column to read the eyes and head position of the driver. If the camera detects the driver looking down at his phone or nodding off, the light bar integrated into the top of the steering wheel will flash green: the driver has to look up at the road to resume hands-free. If the driver doesn't, the bar will flash red, a chime will sound and the car will start to coast. The third level of escalation will put the hazards on and bring the car to a stop, and emergency services will be summoned through OnStar.

Can do: Speed up or down with traffic flow of up to 85 mph; go down to a stop and restart; stay centered in the lane better than other systems; get over-the-air software updates. We didn't test self-parking.

Can't do: Off-highway driving. Change lanes.

In a word: Conservative.
Models available: 2018 CT6 in Premium Luxury or Platinum trim (standard)
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It feels good to play with my team again

Niles North loses first game after suspension

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

After his team's 41-0 loss to New Trier on Friday in Northfield, Niles North football coach Mike Garoppolo talked repeatedly to his team and the media, about focusing on Niles West.

"The Vikings will host the rival Wolves in this week's homecoming game, but it's a Central Suburban South game that once seemed in doubt when District 219 officials announced on Sept. 25 that the Niles North varsity football team was suspended after reports of a possible hazing incident."

Niles North (2-5, 0-3) forfeited its Sept. 28 game against Maine South before the program was reinstated on Oct. 2 after school authorities announced that a thorough investigation by school officials and police determined no criminal conduct had taken place.

"Always good to be on the football field, getting better as a team and improving," Garoppolo said. "Guys have been playing hard all season, and we look forward to playing Niles West (this) week."

"It feels good to play with my team again," Davis said after postgame handshakes with New Trier players. "It's all up to God. God chose this, that's what the outcome was."

Davis added: "We're going to bounce back."

A Vikings assistant coach said no additional players would comment.

In his postgame speech, Garoppolo talked to the players about appreciating their final few weeks together. He later repeated those comments to the media.

"High school sports go by fast. These guys have to embrace every opportunity they've got because it's going to be over before they know it," Garoppolo said. "They'll be in the real world (some day) going to college, working their jobs, so they have to really embrace these last two weeks."

New Trier coach Brian Doll said he told Garoppolo to remain positive when the two spoke briefly during the postgame handshake.

"I think (Garoppolo) has been through a lot. They've had a rough week and a half. They're dealing with those things," Doll said. "My message to him was just, 'Keep fighting through the end of the season. Enjoy the rest of the season.'"

Doll said New Trier (5-2, 3-0) got confirmation on Oct. 2 that Niles North would play in Friday's game, which was homecoming for the Trevians.

"It was a little tricky (last) weekend not having (the prior week's) film to prepare for them, not knowing if they were going to play," Doll said on Friday. "We kept telling our kids, 'We have to plan like we're playing them.'"

New Trier was already up a touchdown when junior Jonathan Taylor blocked a punt by Niles North senior Nick Mihalic, who has committed to Western Michigan, and it was recovered by the Trevians at the Niles North 10-yard line. Two plays later, Trevians junior quarterback Carson Ochsenhirt scored from the 2-yard line.

The Trevians went up 21-0 after junior Donovan Perkins returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown in the final minute of the first quarter.

"That was a rough game, but we're on to Niles West this week," Garoppolo said.

Among the highlights for Niles North was a 28-yard completion from senior quarterback Nick Mathee to senior receiver Tyson Carson Coles. Junior Tremaine Conner replaced Mathee at quarterback midway through the third quarter, and he soon had a 37-yard run in which he rolled out in one direction, circled back behind the line of scrimmage and eventually raced down the opposite sideline. Vikings senior running back Bruno Prosper-Kamam didn't play because of an injury, according to Garoppolo.

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WEEK 7 FOOTBALL RESULTS

Friday's scores

Brother Rice 56, St. Joseph 0
Downers South 20, Leyden 0
Elmwood Park 38, Chicago Christian 0
Evanston 30, Niles West 0
Glenbrook North 42, Maine East 0
Hersey 33, Buffalo Grove 14
Highland Park 21, Deerfield 7
Hinsdale South 23, Addison Trail 15
Lake Forest 14, Zion-Benton 8

Lake Zurich 28, Stevenson 0
Libertyville 42, Mundelein 0
Lyon's 31, Downers North 28
Maine South 47, Glenbrook South 13
Maine West 21, Vernon Hills 0
Marian Central 16, Carmel 15
Marist 42, Nazareth 0
New Trier 41, Niles North 0
Notre Dame 48, Marian Catholic 19
OPRF 30, York 7
Prospect 22, Wheeling 7
Providence 37, Fenwick 0
Rolling Meadows 40, Aurora Central Catholic 9

Saturday's scores

Barrington 47, Hoffman Estates 21
Lake Zurich 28, Stevenson 0
St. Viator 32, St. Patrick 3
Walther Christian 16, Gurnee 0

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Brady develops into one of the state's best

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Maine South junior Tommy Brady said he does not yet consider himself an elite high school cross country runner. Others might disagree.

After establishing himself as an up-and-comer in Illinois during his first varsity season in 2016, Brady has taken his performances to a new level this fall. He won the prestigious Palatine Invite in 14 minutes, 44.8 seconds on Sept. 23, and then followed that up with a second-place finish, and career-best time of 14:31.0, at the Peoria Invite on Sept. 30.

Brady's time in Peoria was the fifth-fastest time in the state this season. It also was the third-best time in school history trailing only Steve Senf (14:28 in 1976) and Reese Jordan (14:30 in 2016).

Yet, since he lives in the same state as two of the nation's top runners — Sandburg's Dylan Jacobs and Lyons' Danny Kilrea, seniors whose best times rank No. 1 and 4, respectively, among U.S. high school students — Brady said he does not yet belong in the category of elite.

Jacobs won the Peoria Invite in 13:57.5 and Kilrea's best time in 2017 is 14:02.30. “I think to be an elite runner, you have to be at the peak of your career, so you probably have to be a senior,” Brady said. “And, I don’t know if I can call myself elite compared to some of the best we have in the state like Dylan and Danny.”

Maine South senior Brandon Christopher said he has been impressed by his teammate's continued improvement this fall after Brady finished 29th (14:53) at the Class 3A state cross country meet last fall and eighth in the 3,200-meter run (9:18.43) at the 2017 Class 3A state track meet.

“It’s really happened in the past couple of weeks,” Christopher said. “(Brady) had a solid track season, all-state in fact, but now he’s able to win races. He won Palatine against a strong field. That showed me: ‘Oh my gosh, this guy is in excellent shape, and only getting better!’”

Christopher continued: “Then, in Peoria, he finished second to (Jacobs), who is at his own level. But Tommy is really right up there. He ran a great race, as did the rest of the team.”

Maine South finished 11th in the 33-team field in Peoria, an event held at Detweiller Park, site of the state meet.

Brady and Christopher, who came in third in Peoria (14:39.7), have put the Hawks in position to return to state for a fourth straight year. The continued improvement of junior Ian Spears and sophomores Walter Glockner, Joey Kasch and Adam Christo-pher, could go a long way in determining Maine South’s fate in the coming weeks.

Maine South coach Greg Nordahl said he is hoping to see Brady finish in the top 5 at the state meet.

Nordahl said the hard-working Brady’s progress, in training and results, has not been unexpected. But Nordahl said there are always variables like injuries that can derail a runner on the path to success.

“But, so far (Brady) has managed to navigate that stuff well,” Nordahl said. “He’s good at balancing how hard to work and how much recovery time he needs in order to go and compete at that (top) level every time.”

Nordahl said Brady, an impressive student, also shows his intelligence on the course.

“He really has an intuitive sense about where the race is and when to make a move,” Nordahl said. “If the competition has a good kick, he’ll start making his move earlier. If he feels like endurance is a weakness (of his closest competitors), he’ll wait to kick and then hammer them. He’s smart about using that stuff.”

Perhaps Brady’s only major drawback is his build. At 5-foot-7, he doesn’t have long, elegant strides. Maine South boys track coach Scott Sutschek once described Brady as “not a pretty runner.”

Brady said he does not dispute Sutschek’s assessment.

“I definitely would agree with coach Sutschek. I don’t like to watch (tape of) myself running in races,” Brady said. “But I don’t envy (taller runners). I try to do the best with what I’ve been given and work as hard as I can.”

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The temptation is there'

Locals note pitfalls amid FBI hoops probe
BY BOB NARANG

Tamala Reed said she would like to write a book one day after her son's recruitment to play college basketball.

Her son, former Evanston standout Nojel Eastern, was recruited by many of the top programs in the country before committing to Purdue last November.

Reed said she was never offered any money — or any other benefits — to steer Eastern to a specific school, but she knew that was a tactic employed by some of the nation's top college teams. She said she made sure Eastern kept his eyes purely on the best fit for him.

But others, she said, have access and motive to receive under-the-table payments from college programs.

"The temptation is there," Reed said. "We can also see why some parents do what they do when they don't have much money."

"If you put $100,000 in someone's face, especially a 17-year-old kid, what do you think they are going to do?"

On Sept. 26, the FBI publicized the findings of an investigation into corruption at the highest levels of college basketball. Assistant coaches at Arizona, Auburn, Oklahoma State and USC, as well as sports agents and Adidas employees, were charged with various crimes related to the funneling of money to colleges programs and top recruits.

Former sports agent Christian Dawkins and Princeton Capital founder Munish Sood are accused of sending $13,000 to USC assistant coach Tony Bland. In exchange, Bland would sway his Trojans to use Dawkins as an agent and Sood as a money manager when they were ready to go pro.

Dawkins allegedly also told Dawkins and Sood to pay $30,000 to two families of USC basketball players.

Eastern was recruited by USC, and former St. Joseph standout Nick Rakocevic is a sophomore forward for the Trojans. Glenbrook North graduate Kurt Karis is a redshirt senior walk-on.

When reached by Pioneer Press on Friday, Rakocevic chose not to elaborate on the scandal, but he admitted it's been tough on the USC program.

"We are obviously in a predicament right now," Rakocevic said. "We are shocked."

Though the FBI's allegations took many players, fans and coaches by surprise, rumors about such unauthorized dealings among coaches, players and shoe companies have persisted for years. Now, the FBI has confirmed those suspicions — at least at a few schools — through undercover operations and wire taps.

Some prominent Chicago-area basketball coaches opened up about their experiences with recruiting and ideas for change.

Former St. Joseph star guard Deryl Cunningham, a 1989 McDonald's All-American who started at DePaul, currently coaches high school basketball, AAU and post-graduates teams in suburban St. Louis. He also was an assistant coach at South Dakota State, Indiana State and IU.

He remembers when he asked a friend at a high-school college about how to get his players more exposure.

"He said, 'Follow the shoe companies,'" Cunningham recalled. "It was all about the shoe companies. It's crazy what's going on. I just believe the AAU coaches have too much power."

Shoe companies form a unique link between college programs and the AAU circuit. Nike, Adidas and Under Armour all sponsor major AAU tournaments in the summer. Top recruits make sure they're on an AAU team that plays in these events, as prominent college coaches (and TV cameras) are likely to be in the bleachers.

Plus, many top college programs have lucrative apparel contracts with these companies.

According to the FBI findings, a Louisville assistant coach allegedly orchestrated payments totaling $100,000 to a recruit who ended up committing to the Cardinals. The money came from Adidas and Sood, the financial planner also linked to USC.

Louisville has an apparel deal with Adidas.

St. Joseph coach Gene Pingatore, who has more wins than any other boys basketball coach in state history, said stiffer penalties would help curtail the under-the-table payments and weaken the influence of elite AAU programs.

"The power of control should go back to the high school coaches," he said. "The only way that would happen is if you eliminate the live (recruiting) period in the summer."

Cunningham, Pingatore and others said the corruption in college basketball primarily involves the top recruiting classes and the very best programs.

"This is not an everyday story," said Cunningham, who was also "tiring" and "taxing." Although she did not provide any specific examples, she said there was "a lot of lying" and said some AAU coaches are "dirty." And she wanted no part of that for her son.

"He worked extremely hard. What I didn't want to see was that he was taken away by anyone of the elite AAU coaches," she said. "She wanted no part of that for her son.

"He was a hard worker. What I didn't want to see was that he was taken away by anyone of the elite AAU coaches," she said. "She was very clear about that."

"We didn't want to take any money or what was not mine. (Nojel) could make four or five times more than that in a few years."

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