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Nicole Zelazko, athlete and editor

Nicole Zelazko was recently honored by the Niles Township High School District 219 Board of Education for student leadership and a long list of activities.

Zelazko was captain of the varsity volleyball team the last two years, the first of which the team broke records and advanced to state competitions. She has played varsity basketball and volleyball all four years, Zelazko also serves as arts and entertainment editor of Niles West’s student newspaper, among many other activities.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in Lincolnwood. I’ve been here my whole life so I’ve been here the past 17 years. My parents are originally from Poland, though, so I visit there every summer. I have a lot of family there.

Q: Pets?
A: I have a dog. Her name is Mae and she just turned 2. I got her on my birthday two years ago. She’s a German shepherd beagle mix, a rescue dog. I always wanted a dog growing up.

Q: What book are you currently reading and what book would you like to read next?
A: We just read “Jane Eyre.” I’ve never read a book that’s so well written. Even my vocabulary has been getting a lot better from reading it. My mom is pushing me to read more religious text. I’m going to read “The Alchemist” together with my best friend.

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?
A: My dream was always to be a vet. I loved animals growing up. It was a marine biologist and then a vet.

Q: What would you like to pursue now?
A: I’m going to go into something like business and marketing. I really love journalism so it would be great if there was some writing in what I do. I’d just love to do something with traveling to underdeveloped countries, do a lot of community work.

Q: Do you have a job?
A: I’m a head coach for the Velocity Basketball Club. It’s a new experience but I’ve played volleyball for seven years so it’s been cool to be on the other side of things.

Q: A movie you’d recommend?
A: I like to watch a little bit of everything and I’m a sucker for comedy and romance so “The Last Song” is one of my favorite movies.

Q: Favorite charity?
A: I do a lot of work with Catholic Charities. This summer, I went on a mission trip to Barcelona and France.

Q: Favorite local restaurant?
A: I’m a sucker for Chipotle. I’m there probably three times a week.

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This year's Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township opening celebration Jan. 28 promised a feast for the senses — a small sampling of the food, art, dance, music, film and more that is scheduled throughout the township extending into spring.

"This year, Coming Together will celebrate Muslim-American cultures, and the Muslim residents in Niles Township who represent a wide variety of cultural backgrounds," the Coming Together committee said when it unveiled its annual culture of choice in January. "In a series of events and programs from late January to the end of March, we will learn about Muslim contributions in the fields of science, literature, the arts, education and much more."

Hosted by NBC Chicago television reporter Ash-har Quraishi, the Coming Together opener was held at Niles West High School as it is almost every year. In a single afternoon, a packed house sampled ebru art (Turkish marbling), calligraphy and henna demonstrations, an art gallery and food from various Muslim countries.

There were Quran and Nasheed recitations, spoken word poetry, hip hop music and more.

Originally called Coming Together in Skokie, the program was the brainchild of five women leaders in Skokie who wanted to expand on the village's successful Festival of Cultures held over a spring weekend every year.

Susan Van Dusen, one of the founders, said the idea was to annually probe more deeply into a chosen culture using literature — several selected books — as a catalyst.

Since the program first ran, the entire township joined in and the name was expanded. Coming Together has taken a deep look at cultures involving Asian Indians, Filipinos, Greeks, Assyrians, Koreans, Chinese and Latinos.

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen said more than 20 different governmental agencies and community partners this year have worked together to plan a wide variety of events.

"It is my hope that our entire township will participate in the 2018 Coming Together program," he said.

Muslim Community Center Academy Principal Habeeb Quadri and Muslim Community Center Interfaith and Outreach Committee Chairwoman Dilnaz Waraich said there are more than 1.5 billion Muslims in the world today.

"Muslim-American customs and practices share many similarities through the Islamic faith, yet Muslim-American culture is an amalgam of various ethnicities, each with their own marvelous and unique facets that we are looking forward to exploring together with the broader community," they said.
The Morton Grove Village Board Jan. 22 approved a special-use permit that will allow for the building of a standpipe on property at Nagle Avenue. The property, seen here Jan. 12, was purchased by the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission as part of a project that will allow those villages to get their water from Evanston.

**Water standpipe approved for new pumping station**

Move necessary as village switches its source of water

Staff Report

The Morton Grove Village Board approved a special-use permit that will allow a water standpipe to be built in the village's industrial area on the southeast end of town, part of a pumping station officials say is necessary to transfer the village's source of water from Chicago to Evanston.

The water standpipe, at 7900 Nagle Ave., is an allowable use under village code, Trustee Rita Minx said. But under such code, any structure over 40 feet needs a special-use permit, and the water standpipe will reach 94 feet, according to the special-use application.

Trustees approved the application at the Jan. 22 meeting.

Morton Grove and Niles are in the process of transferring their source for receiving water from Chicago to Evanston. The facility is necessary to make that happen, Morton Grove Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said.

Nearly one acre in size, the property was purchased last year by a joint water commission formed by both villages.

Czerwinski said the site will include a 115-foot-diameter tank that will be located toward the back of the property, just to the north of Morton Grove's Public Works facility.

"The tank will be in the back, and a pumping facility will be in the front," he said. "The uniqueness of this pumping station ... is that this is where our 30-inch water main will come through Skokie, come through Morton Grove and terminate at this location."

The seven million gallons of water will be distributed to Morton Grove's and Niles's water system from the Nagle Avenue site, he said.

The approval of the water standpipe was not the only action taken by the board Jan. 22 regarding the project, which is estimated to cost $93 million to $95 million, Czerwinski said.

The board also approved a water supply agreement and an agreement between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission and Stanley Consultants, Inc. for engineering services for the design of water transmission mains and facility improvements. Morton Grove's share of the cost will be $105,201, Czerwinski said.

The board also approved a utility easement agreement between the joint water commission and Morton Grove for village properties at 7840 Nagle and 8210 Austin Ave.

The agreement allows portions of these properties to be used in connection with the project.

Czerwinski said the two villages have been working with Evanston to select an intermediate booster station to be located in Evanston.

That location is expected to be at McDaniell Avenue and Church Street, where it would "fit right in," he said.

Officials have said that the water supplier change for Morton Grove and Niles could begin later this year.
Rauner tours Niles West High School

Says it should be 'model' for tech, career education

Gov. Bruce Rauner got a firsthand look at Niles West High School's career and college-readiness programs when he toured the school Jan. 22, moving from one hands-on class to another.

"In essence, what we're learning about is the way schools are providing great education and great training for every student," he said after the tour. "So whether that student is choosing to go to college or not, every student has a great career in front of him."

The Republican governor's stop at the school comes as he prepares for what promises to be an expensive and grueling re-election battle in November against one of a group of well-financed Democratic challengers.

Niles West High School is one of nine schools and Niles Township High School District 219 one of five school districts under Northern Suburbs Education Region Vocational Education a career and technical education consortium.

According to NSERVE officials, the consortium manages state and federal grants for the high schools it serves so it can provide professional development, equipment and materials for courses.

"I love the term 'vocational' because, to me, it means a calling," said NSERVE Executive Director Martha Eldredge Stark. "But it came to be taken as the smart kids and the not-so-smart kids. There are different kinds of smart. We want to make sure every student has opportunities."

Rauner's visit took place more than a year after the state's Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act was passed, which state officials say "takes a student-based and competency-based approach to helping students achieve college and career readiness."

On Jan. 22, he visited briefly with some Niles West students, asking them about the projects they were working on and their goals for the future.

"We toured classrooms in engineering and robotics, in finance and business, in drafting and drawing in computers...and numerical control machines," the governor said.

Rauner said one of the careers he hears about most is welding.

"Businesses in Illinois need and want more welders," he said. "Right here at Niles West, they offer great hands-on welding experiences. Students can go in that field if they choose."

Three students -- sophomore Ruby Martinez, freshman Angelina Boudourbas and freshman Karly Svachula -- are part of a women's introduction to engineering design class that Rauner visited.

In a classroom next door, some students performed robotics maneuvers for the governor. Senior John Mitchell said his team recently won a robotics competition at Illinois State University, prompting a high-five from Rauner.

Rauner checked in on a nearby automotive class where students do extensive hands-on work, on a variety of vehicles.

Many of the classes he toured incorporate STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning, educators say.

Nearly 100 kids at Niles West take automotive classes, according to school officials, and they can be machinists or engineers or fill other jobs.

According to Stark, more notice is being paid to how many kids graduate from college, the amount of college debt incurred by students and students who get a degree but never use it.

"We're sending too many kids to college without an idea of why they want to go," she said. "Our major goal is to help kids have a reason to go to college and use what they learn."

Superintendent Steve Isoye said a big part of District 219 is looking at career readiness.

"Career readiness is whether (a student) is going to go on to college or whether he or she is going to go into a different type of secondary education," he said. "I believe no matter where our students go, they're going to be taking classes regardless and will be learning."

Rauner called the career training and technical education at Niles West "excellent" and said it could serve as a model for other schools in the state.

"There are other school districts in other areas that officer excellent career and technical education too," he said. "We have to have every student have access to this type of excellence and quality of education."

Toys R Us shutting 20 percent of stores nationwide

Niles location is among closures

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AND MICHELLE CHAPMAN

NEW YORK — Toys R Us, squeezed by Amazon and huge chains like Walmart, will close 20 percent of its U.S. stores, or 182 locations, within months.

Hobbled by $5 billion in debt, the company that once dominated toy sales in the U.S. filed for bankruptcy protection in September.

Chairman and CEO Dave Brandon said in a letter Wednesday that tough decisions are required to save Toys R Us.

Chicago-area stores slated for closure are in Highland Park, Schaumburg, Vernon Hills, Mianneon, Burbank, Niles and the Bricktown shopping complex in Chicago's Montclare neighborhood, according to a bankruptcy court filing.

Toys R Us operates about 900 stores in the U.S.

The store closings will begin in February, and the majority of the targeted locations will go dark by mid-April. At some other locations, the retailer is combining its Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores.

Wayne, N.J., has struggled with debt since private-equity firms Bain Capital, KKR & Co. and Vornado Realty Trust took it private in a $6.6 billion leveraged buyout in 2005. The plan had been to take the company public again, but weak sales have prevented that from happening.

While its numbers have been shrinking, Toys R Us sells about 20 percent of the toys bought in the U.S., according to Stephanie Wissink, an analyst at Jefferies.

More of its stores will likely shutter over the next year or two, Wissink said.

Toys R Us isn't alone. About three dozen retailers sought bankruptcy protection last year due in large part to a radical shift in consumer behavior, both in how people shop and what they buy. Some of the retailers that have gone under have been small, but there are also big names on the list, like Payless Shoe Source, Gymboree Corp. and Charlotte Russe.

Brandon said Toys R Us made missteps during the critical holiday shopping season. "As the leader of this company, I want you to know that we can and will address the gaps in the experience that you may have had when shopping this holiday," he said.
District 219 leaders consider change to mission statement

Language would highlight college, career readiness

Staff report

Niles Township High School District 219 leaders say they are considering changes to the district's mission statement to better express what is called a 21st Century vision.

"The board of education must articulate the mission statement with greater clarity about the direction and aim of the district," NTHS Dist. 219 Supt. Steven Isoye said at the Jan. 23 school board meeting. "This requires putting the essence of the core beliefs and values in a concise statement of operations."

The current mission statement reads that "the purpose of District 219 is to provide an equitable, student-focused learning environment where every student graduates prepared and ready for college."

Isoye said he conducted a "SWOT analysis," a common planning method that weighs "strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats" for an organization.

A proposed new statement that Isoye introduced at the meeting omits the reference to "college."

He proposes a mission statement change that would read: "D219 is committed to providing an equitable learning environment that embraces diversity and individual student needs; while preparing students to achieve their full potential as a part of our global community."

Board member Richard Evonitz questioned whether the statement should include the reference to "our global community."

"In my mind's eye, when I see this kind of phraseology, it seems to have a college-centric focus — that college-readiness is a way to be part of our global community," he said. "I want there to be no mistake that what we're trying to do here is provide students those opportunities whether they're career or college, to be ready for what comes next."

Most other board members, however, said they were satisfied that referring to "our global community" did not narrow down the statement to mean only a college path.

"I think that global community, global citizen — it's a big buzz word now," said board member Linda Lampert. "I think putting it in would show progressiveness on our part."

The discussion came only a day after Gov. Bruce Rauner toured Niles West High School to look at the school district's career preparedness programs, some of which require a more traditional college pathway and others that call for a different kind of post high school training.

"I believe all seven of us actually believe that career-readiness is a very important step — not that everybody is expected to go to college or should be going to college," said school board President David Ko.

But Ko said that after talking to some administrators, the prevailing thought is even those NTHS Dist. 219 students who take a career path rather than attend college should be able to go to college or take post-secondary education courses.

"I agree that even if you're not going to be going to college, I think it's imperative, as a school board and board members, that we want to prepare our kids," he said.

Ko said that students could change their minds down the road and should have the opportunity for college if they do so.

School district leaders are also considering some tweaks to the village's value statements, Isoye said.

Isoye said the district will solicit more feedback from parents and educators before the board addresses a final version.

"It's important for the public to understand that all you're doing is you're doing a slight modification on this," he said. "You're not necessarily rewriting the plan."
The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

WARRANT
- William C. Papagianis, 81, of the 6600 block of West Touhy, Niles, was arrested on a 2015 Cook County warrant for aggravated criminal sexual assault.

ASSAULT
- Christopher A. Lopez, 36, of Las Cruces, N.M., was charged with aggravated assault to a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct on Jan. 19. According to police, officers were dispatched to the 7200 block of North Waukegan Road for a report of an unwanted person and encountered Lopez, who was “acting strangely” and “aggressively” toward the officers. A Taser was used on Lopez and he was taken to the hospital, police said. Lopez is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 22.

BATTERY
- Ramiro Arteaga, 35, of the 9000 block of North Cumberland Avenue, Niles, was charged with domestic battery Jan. 18. Arteaga is scheduled in court Feb. 6.

THEFT
- Feryal Zaya, 47, of the 8900 block of Gross Point Road, Skokie, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 17 after police said she switched a price tag on a piece of merchandise at a store in the 5500 block of West Touhy Avenue and attempted to pay a lower price for it.

DUI
- Adolfo Toledo, 25, of the 600 block of Elmore Street, Prospect Heights, was charged with driving under the influence and illegal transportation of alcohol on Jan. 21 following a traffic stop in the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Toledo is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 22.

DRUGS
- Connor J. Goodman, 18, of the 8100 block of Elmore Street; Jeremy Figueora, 24, of the 4200 block of North Central Park Avenue, Chicago; and Adrian Vallejo, 22, of the 9400 block of Lawrence Court, Schiller Park, were each charged with possession of a controlled substance on Jan. 18 after police were called to a restaurant in the 7900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue for a report of a suspicious car. According to police, an investigation determined the occupants of the car were involved in a drug transaction. A search of the car produced 122.5 grams of suspected marijuana, 2.5 grams of cocaine and 550 Alprazolam (Xanax) pills, all of which were “packaged for resale purposes,” police said. Figueora was also charged with possession of 30 to 500 grams of marijuana, and Goodman was also charged with delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a fraudulent driver’s license, police said. Goodman, Figueora and Vallejo were each scheduled to appear in court Jan. 23.

DUI
- Christopher A. Lopez, 36, of Las Cruces, N.M., was charged with aggravated assault on Jan. 17 in a parking lot at 809 Civic Center Drive. According to police, they were in possession of approximately 10 grams of suspected marijuana.

BATTERY
- A 22-year-old man from Georgia, a 23-year-old man from Chicago and a 27-year-old Niles man were each ticketed with possession of marijuana Jan. 17 following a traffic stop in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said he was in possession of approximately 2 grams of marijuana.

POSSESSION
- A 27-year-old Niles man was ticketed with possession of approximately 4 grams of suspected marijuana.

THEFT
- A 27-year-old Niles man was ticketed with possession of marijuana Jan. 17 following a traffic stop in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said he was in possession of approximately 4 grams of suspected marijuana.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION
- A 49-year-old Chicago woman was ticketed with public intoxication after police responded to a bar in the 6000 block of West Howard Street Jan. 21. The woman was taken to the hospital, police said.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
- A Niles man contacted police after someone reportedly threw bananas at his house Jan. 14.

BURGLARY
- Cash totaling $1,117 was reported stolen from a safe in the 7300 North Milwaukee Avenue on Jan. 16. According to police, video surveillance footage showed an unknown man entering the room where the safe was located.

THEFT
- A truck was reported stolen Jan. 19 from the 7600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue after it was rented and never returned.

BURGLARY
- A car parked in the 8200 block of North Howard Street was reportedly burglarized between Jan. 18 and 19 and jewelry, sunglasses and a phone charger were stolen.

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Lawsuit: Lincolnwood firefighters ‘harassed’
coworker, superior had ‘drug abuse’ problem

Ex-firefighter drops village from suit; Paramedic Services of Illinois stays

BY GENEVIEVE
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Attorneys will appear in court in March in the case of a former Lincolnwood firefighter accusing his male coworkers of “harassment” and a supervisor of “drug abuse” in a lawsuit he filed against the village and a private company Lincolnwood pays for fire protection services.

Joshua Weller alleged in the lawsuit that while he worked as a firefighter/paramedic in Lincolnwood, he saw “widespread discrimination” against a female coworker. After he “stood up to the mistreatment,” according to the suit, other men he worked with and male superiors “responded by retaliating against him by harassing” and eventually firing Weller.

The lawsuit was filed by Weller’s attorney, Daniel Zemans, in U.S. District Court on Aug. 30, 2017. But the defendants, which include Paramedic Services of Illinois, the village of Lincolnwood and “Jane and John Doe 1-10,” filed a motion seeking to have the suit dismissed.

On Jan. 18, Zemans asked that the portion of the suit against Lincolnwood, while keeping the portion against PSI. The suit is next scheduled for court on March 1.

In his complaint, Weller says he was employed by PSI starting in October 2010, and the company placed him in Lincolnwood in December 2015, where he worked until he was fired the following July.

The north suburb is one of the few municipalities in Illinois to outsource firefighter staffing, according to village officials. Lincolnwood officials said outsourcing saves the village money on pensions and benefits for the workers.

Zemans, Lincolnwood Mayor Barry Bass, Lincolnwood Village Manager Tim Wiberg and Lincolnwood Fire Chief Michael Hansen, who also is vice president of fire and EMS operations for PSI, all declined to comment on the case, as it is pending litigation.

Through his attorney, Weller declined to comment.

The woman at the center of the allegations in Weller’s lawsuit could not be reached for comment. She no longer works for PSI, said Wiberg.

Attorney Brian Holman, who is representing PSI, declined to comment specifically on the details in the complaint but noted the two motions to dismiss and said that Weller had voluntarily withdrawn a similar lawsuit filed in Cook County Circuit Court.

Zemans said the county case was withdrawn because it was combined with additional allegations against the defendants as part of the federal lawsuit complaint.

In the lawsuit, Weller describes what he called a pattern of harassment.

“Mr. Weller quickly realized that, in the eyes of PSI coworkers and officers, (the female employee’s) only problem was that she was a woman in a fire department in which supervisors and coworkers thought it was okay for them to degrade and harass her on a regular basis,” the complaint reads.

Weller witnessed male coworkers calling his female coworker explicit vulgarities, describe her as “useless,” talk to her “brazenly” about her breasts, tell her “she should not try to seduce anyone at work,” and asked if she was sleeping with her coworkers, according to the complaint.

“Faced with the choice of joining in the mistreatment of (the female firefighter) or treating her with the respect she deserved, Mr. Weller opted for the latter, and made it clear to his coworkers and supervisors their behavior was unacceptable,” the lawsuit says.

Weller said in his lawsuit that male co-workers called him the woman’s “guard dog.”

Weller also claims to have noticed and complained about the “ongoing abuse of prescription drugs by a superior officer while on duty that put the health and safety of patients, coworkers and the public at risk,” according to the lawsuit.

Lincolnwood began contracting PSI’s firefighting services in 1990, Wiberg said. Lincolnwood pays PSI about $2.8 million per year to staff its fire department, and firefighters and paramedics are not considered village employees.

Before starting with Lincolnwood, a lieutenant firefighter told Weller that the sole woman on the shift was a “massive bitch” and Weller “should report her to his superiors if she caused any problems,” according to the complaint.

Weller further states in the lawsuit that male coworkers spread rumors that he and the woman were having an affair, asked Weller if he had imprecated her, asked for videos of the two having sex and texted him pornographic images asking if “the images depicted the type of sexual activity” Weller and the woman engaged in.

Male coworkers also pushed Weller’s bed next to the female coworker’s bed and covered it with a single blanket, according to the complaint. One superior told Weller to “ask her if she wants to have a threesome,” according to the lawsuit.

In addition, according to the complaint, Weller reported a superior’s “drug abuse,” one that caused him to fall asleep while in training and on duty, “including while out on calls” and “began to nod off” while assigned to drive a 7-year-old girl to the hospital in an ambulance.

The superior also “abandoned his crew inside a burning structure in which a floor collapsed,” according to Weller’s lawsuit.

Weller said in the lawsuit that “less than a month after [his] final complaint about the harassment of and retaliation against him ... and just three days after he gave PSI the proof about the superior’s drug problem ... PSI terminated [his] employment.”

PSI told Weller he was being fired for “violating a cell phone policy and for violating HIPAA,” according to the complaint. HIPAA is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, federal law that protects medical privacy.

After Weller was terminated, former coworkers spread rumors that he “engaged in sexual intercourse in the Lincolnwood Fire Department,” according to the lawsuit. Those unknown coworkers are named as defendants “John and Jane Does” 1-10 in the lawsuit, Zemans said.

Attorneys for the village and ones for Schiller Park-based PSI, the company with which Lincolnwood contracts for fire protection, filed motions on Dec. 27 and 28 to dismiss the suit. One motion argued the defendant, who is a man, could not have been discriminated on the basis of his gender.

Therefore, the motion argued, the suit “fails to meet the pleading standard of gender discrimination.”

The other motion to dismiss notes that Lincolnwood officials wrote a letter dated Aug. 30, 2016, “requesting PSI to reassign Weller to an organization other than the Village of Lincolnwood Fire Department.”

Lincolnwood attorneys said in the motion that because the village’s letter was written following Weller’s attorney, Daniel Zemans, told the village the village could not have interfered with a “contract that did not exist.”

Additionally, the motion to dismiss argues that Weller does not qualify for protection under the Illinois Whistleblower Act because his supervisors, to whom he complained, did not work for a municipality.

Stephen Lasker, vice chairman of the Lincolnwood Board of Fire and Police Commission, said his committee does not regulate the fire department, only the police department, and he was not familiar with the lawsuit.

“The fire department is simply a rental service.” Lasker said. “I know nothing about anything being filed because we don’t have anything to do with them. We have nothing to do with individuals in that fire department in terms of hiring, firing and disciplinary measures. Even if we hear something we can’t get involved with it.”

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Oakton college trustees look to issue $5.2M in bonds

Plan to call public meeting regarding project on Feb. 20

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Oakton Community College trustees are taking the steps needed in the process to approve an anticipated $5.2 million in bonds to help pay for $53 million in capital improvement projects around campus.

Trustees approved plans to call a public hearing on Feb. 20, to get public input on issuing the bonds to pay bills associated with the projects.

The approval came at the Jan. 16 board meeting.

Trustees Martha Burns, Ann Tennes and Brian Chan were absent from the meeting.

Edwin Chandrasekar, Oakton's vice president for administrative affairs, explained that state law allows the community college district, under certain circumstances, to issue bonds without getting taxpayers' approval through a referendum.

Additionally, he said, Oakton would have to follow certain steps before issuing the bonds.

The resolution that trustees also passed at the Jan. 16 meeting was the first step in the process. Holding the public hearing would complete the second one. Then after 30 days, the bonds could be issued, as long as petitions with signatures of at least 10 percent of registered voters in the district - more than 31,000 people - are not filed.

"If a petition with signatures of at least 10 percent of the registered voters in the district ... is filed with the secretary of the board within 30 days of publication of the intent to issue the bonds, then the issuance is subject to approval of the electorate," Chandrasekar said.

Community College Dist. 535 includes about 456,000 residents in the towns of Evanston, Skokie, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Glencoe, Wilmette, Golf, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge and parts of Des Plaines, Mount Prospect and Rosemont.

"In the last few months, we have been in the process of approving this," Chandrasekar said. "This is related to the master plan project that we have."

Officials said money from the bond sale could help pay for classroom upgrades, generators, roof replacement, landscaping improvements and a new student center on the Skokie campus, among other purchases.

The overall goals of the master plan are to complete deferred maintenance; keep buildings open, operating and in good repair; relieve classroom overcrowding; and upgrade the common areas, Chandrasekar said.

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Summit supports participants in advocacy

Nonprofit pushes minimum wage and other issues

By Alex Nitkin

More than 170 people from across the North Shore recently flocked to Oakton Community College in Skokie for the second Justice Summit, where the discussions focused on grassroots advocacy.

The nonprofit group Open Communities hosted the summit Jan. 21, offering an afternoon of free meetings and workshops organized to educate citizens about how they can enact change.

The group's inaugural summit in 2016 launched "justiceteams" tasked with fighting for labor rights, racial justice and affordable housing in their respective communities, organizers said.

The Jan. 21 summit brought a bevy of speakers offering arguments citizens could take to local boards, and strategies to help attract participation from like-minded neighbors.

Skeokie's first mayor, Laurie Pinchot, said the group "is really going to make a difference, and it's empowering to be in it with people in other communities who have already done it." Schaeffer-Hirsch said, "We can say, 'That community does it, so why can't we?'"

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Hillel Torah students hear survivors' stories

Staff Report

Like other Holocaust survivors, Lane Rubinstein recently told of his interrupted childhood and the horrors he and his family faced at the hands of Nazis — all as cameras recorded his testimony.

What was different this time was who was asking the questions and who stood behind those cameras. In both cases, it was Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School eighth-graders in Skokie.

Under the Names, Not Numbers program, students had been preparing for the interview, others like it, long before Jan. 16 when Rubinstein's interview took place. Students rotated asking questions to Rubinstein, guiding him chronologically through his days before, during and after the war.

Videographer Sandra Staskic helped them behind the scenes. "Everyone has seen adults interview survivors," said Hillel Torah history teacher and project co-coordinator Laurie Pinchot. "What about this younger generation that is really going to have the responsibility of telling these stories?"

Names, Not Numbers is a national program that turns participating eighth-graders into documentarians primed to preserve the personal histories of Holocaust survivors.

The program started nearly 18 years ago by Tova Fish-Rosenberg of Yeshiva University in New York. "Nobody really understands what the number six million means," Rosenberg said. "It makes the Holocaust relevant to the students, and I have seen over and over how the project really touches their souls."

Hillel Torah has been running the program for eight years after Principal Rabbi Menachem Linzer introduced it to faculty, officials say.

Once the annual 90-minute documentary of a school's slice of the Holocaust survivors is produced, it is published by the League of Women Voters showing that around 16 percent of Wilmette's current residents would qualify to live in the complex.

"Those people already live here, so I kept thinking, 'What's their fear?'" Schaeffer-Hirsch said. "People just want a safe place to live, good schools for their kids...and some decent services."

The controversy brought Schaeffer-Hirsch to the Justice Summit, where she collected tips from activists who had helped push other affordable housing plans past local opposition, she said.

"I think getting together and having a voice really does make a difference, and it's empowering to be in it with people in other communities who have already done it," Schaeffer-Hirsch said, "We can say, 'That community does it, so why can't we?'"
Simple solution to immigration, ‘Dreamers’ issue is compromise

We are a nation of immigrants. Everyone knows that.
And our political heritage tells us that we are at our best politically when we compromise.

There is a key question before the country right now that needs to be resolved. We need compromise, but our political leaders refuse to do so. Instead they put party over country and use people as pawns in a game of political one-upmanship.

Maybe you’ve guessed the issue to which I’m referring: Immigration.

Over the last three decades, millions of immigrants have come into the country across our southern border illegally, jumping ahead of immigrants from other nations waiting to come legally.

During those decades, some of the people who came here as children have grown up to become adults, all while living in the U.S., but with no legal status. They have been educated in American schools, watched American TV, attended American universities and have American jobs. They are as American as any second-generation or third-generation immigrants have been in our history — just like your parents or grandparents or great-grandparents. But they can be deported at any time.

In a way, because Congress refused to act on the status of these so-called “Dreamers” and the president did, they are theraison d'être of the current crisis.

They are the pawns our politicians are willing to jerk around while they put party over country and people, even willing to shut down the country, jerking around even more people, rather than resolve the issue.

Why do they do that? Because doing so might gain them some political advantages in the next election. The politicians look no further than the next election. That’s why we are in this mess.

So we become a more fractured country.

There are basically three issues that need to be resolved in the current struggle over immigration.

One is determining the legal status of all people who have come here without proper paperwork. Do they stay or do they go? Can they become citizens?

This includes the “Dreamers,” the people who were brought here as children.

To me, the simple answer is the best. Congress should figure out how to make them legal, except for the criminals — who should go back. Who becomes a citizen or who just gets a green card is above my pay grade. But anyone who is here now, pursuing their version of the American dream, should stay.

The second issue is border security. Every nation has the right to protect its borders and determine how many people can come into a country, and who can come in. That’s what it means to be a nation.

If some are for open borders, they should come clean and say so. Stop moving the goalpost and say that the people who believe there should be a wall and we need to keep all out, well that’s just as myopic as letting everyone in.

Both positions are politics. They are next-election-oriented, not what-is-best-for-the-nation-oriented. It’s time to think about our country.

Congress needs to do what regular Americans manage to do in their lives everyday. Compromise.

That’s basically it. First, what should our immigration policy be and how should it be enforced?

Second, what do we do about amnesty for those who are already here?

Randy Blaser argues that Congress puts politics over our nation when they refuse to compromise on Immigration, Dreamers.

There is a third issue, and it is a dangerous one. It is more dangerous than shutting down the government and speaks directly to the threat to the nation posed by our inability to compromise on this issue.

It is the idea of sanctuary cities and sanctuary states. These are communities that defy federal authority on a national issue.

We fought a terrible civil war over this idea that states could nullify federal law. The outcome? They can’t.

If one state could ignore federal law on immigration, what is to stop another state from ignoring federal law on guns?

It’s a dangerous step. It is a step that can be avoided if Congress would just do its job.

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Pets occupy a mysterious, wonderful place in our lives

Paul Sassone

Before arthritis savaged my legs, I would exercise for a half-hour every day. I mostly used to lie on my back and chug through a series of sit-ups and leg pull-ups.

My friend Nick would join me. He would lie on his back, too, and sort of wriggle around. Sit-ups were difficult for Nick since he had no waist.

Oh, did I not mention that Nick was a cat? Sorry.

You might not think an exercise regimen would be up a cat’s alley, but there is an almost mystical relationship pets and their people have with each other.

I have been reading that even one interaction with an animal releases stress-reducing hormones in humans. And pet owners have a reduced risk of heart disease and depression.

I know my stress was reduced by watching Nick try to do sit-ups along with me. Just as I used to get a kick out of playing “fetch the crumpled cigarette pack” with Nick’s predecessor, Rutherford.

But pet-human interaction goes beyond play.

There’s the case of the woman who had chest pains. Her cat kept batting at her chest, alerting her husband that something was wrong. A doctor eventually diagnosed the woman with (treatable) heart disease.

Then there was the dog that could anticipate its human’s panic attacks and divert her attention.

Pets can have a powerful influence on us, and they know it.

When they think you’re not looking, they shoot you a glance that makes you wonder just which one of you is the pet.

I get that look a lot from Kate, the cat who lives with us now. Kate is regal and gorgeous, pure white, soft and silky with a plummy tail.

The only problem is that Kate doesn’t much like me. She generally ignores me. And when I try to pet her, she bats away my hand.

She dotes on my wife, however, following her around and looking to be cuddled a lot.

Our vet told us female cats often are like that. They fixate all their affection on one person and ignore everyone else.

So, what I’m wondering is, if there’s an emergency, can I count on Kate to pull me through?

I can’t tell. She’s looking pretty inscrutable today.

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Paying more to endure strange ‘rider behaviors’ on Metra

ERIC SCOTT

Twice a day during the week, I move with a crowd of people who I don't know. We are all close together with the same objective in mind, but we rarely speak with one another and basically tune out those nearby. So, where am I while doing this? If you are also a Metra rail commuter, this should describe your usual morning and evening trip to the office.

I bring up Metra because starting Feb. 1, our rides are getting a little more expensive.

With an across-the-board fare increase kicking in, many of us commuters are reaching deeper into our pockets or trying to remember what password we used when setting up our pre-tax payroll deductions to try and cover rising costs in getting to and from work. But we're also paying for the lack of credible television alternatives during the massive block of time. While there is no doubt that massive block of time.

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widespread don'ts that happens way too often: You're not in your living room, so get your stinking feet off the seat in front of you and put your shoes back on.

Just once, I'd like to see a conductor either politely ask someone to take their feet off the seat or demand to see a second ticket for their extra seat.

Then there are the "eaters," who don't mind letting you know what their meal choice is. This usually happens in the afternoon, when someone sits right next to you and decides to unwrap a McDonald's burger and fries for a laptop dinner.

In my opinion, if you're going to share the wafting odor of cooked beef and warm fries with the entire train car, you then have to buy for everyone.

That also goes for those crinkling cellophane bags of caramel corn — reaching in every 10 seconds to pop another kernel in your mouth. You have to bring goodies for the whole class next time?

There's not enough space here to talk about cellphone etiquette. More and more people are treating the train as an extension of their office and have no problem blaring away into microphones dangling from their white earbud cords.

A word of caution to the workaholic loud talkers, everyone can hear you, and if you mention your name or your company during your call, it gives everyone a license to look you up on LinkedIn or Twitter and offer comments that you may not like.

These are little things, I know.

But if we commuters are shelling out more for a ride, we then should be able to have some new rider perks that can make the trip easier on the nerves — if not our wallets.

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Super Bowl Sunday doesn’t feel as super

PAT LENHOFF

It’s almost Super Bowl Sunday, the biggest professional football game of the year.

I imagine you’d have to be an alien from Neptune to be unaware of the event, what with the weeks of playoff coverage, championship pre-game hype and the lack of credible television alternatives during that massive block of time. While there is no doubt that the big game is still a ratings and ad revenue monster, I wonder if some of the golden shine has become a bit tarnished.

In earlier times when my kids were growing up, a large group of our friends and neighbors took turns hosting a big Super Bowl party every year. I remember being so envious that the 1986 Bears game didn’t fall on my hosting year in the rotation. It was an amazingly special time.

“The Super Bowl Shuffle” had all the young boys like my son wearing white headbands with the name "Rozelle" printed in black marker across the front, an effort to copy the Bears punksy QB Jim McMahon. Walter Payton, William "the Fridge" Perry, Dan Hampton and Steve McMichael were just a few stars on a team full of unique and engaging players. The vibe was so infectious that year.

And even though the Bears went to another Super Bowl in 2007, I’d be hard-pressed to say that the repeat trip was as memorable as the first, and not just because we lost. The intangible magic just wasn't there at the same level.

Even the commercials back then were better. It was a real dilemma when planning for pit stops and food service. The normal snacking and related partying rituals. While the quality of the game is unknown until the clock begins, the ads no longer hold viewers glued to their seats. If you’re rooting for one of the teams playing, no doubt the telecast will hold your attention.

But for some of us, even football fans, Super Sunday deals at the mall are looking better than ever before.

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Chicago Bears head coach Mike Ditka is carried off the field by Steve McMichael, left, and William Perry after the Bears defeated the New England Patriots 46-10 in Super Bowl XX on Jan. 26, 1986.
Meditation for relationship help? Definitely, expert says

Jaci McCarty says that when she was going through a divorce five years ago, she felt traumatized. To manage stress, fear, sadness and other emotions that go along with a separation, she turned to something she thought might help: meditation.

"It saved me," said McCarty, a 53-year-old mom of two, who is also a yoga instructor. "That was my time for just me and my insides to keep focused, to create inner peace and to change my brain. It grounded me, made me more thoughtful and gave me self-compassion."

McCarty took her love of meditation and become an instructor in the field. She is the founder of a Chicago-based company, Om At Work, which provides meditation and mindfulness classes to company employees, and patients in hospital mental health and addiction programs.

I sat down with McCarty to talk about meditation, and how it can benefit not only individuals, but also romantic relationships. If you're rolling your eyes, please keep reading. This is good stuff!

I asked McCarty, who started her company four years ago, to explain what meditation really is. She said there are a lot of misconceptions.

"People think you are supposed to empty the mind when you meditate and that is not the case," said McCarty, who is certified through the McLean Meditation Institute and whose clients include Leo Burnett, Northwestern Medicine and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. "Meditation is training yourself to be in the present moment. The benefit is, when you continually focus and refocus on something that is happening right now, you are training yourself to be more in a state of rest and digest - to respond instead of reacting to stressful situations."

How is this applicable to relationships? McCarty said there are many ways meditation can enhance and improve the quality of romantic relationships.

**Having better resolutions to arguments:** "Couples tend to have the same arguments over and over again. When you meditate, you are basically training your mind to change the grooves in your brain, so instead of reacting like you always act, you say 'Wait a minute. I am going to shift. I am going to take a deep breath, a pause and redirect my response.'"

**Being more present:** "Your presence is the most important thing to another person, so if you aren't distracted and you can just sit with someone, you are improving the quality of the time you spend together."

**Being less judgmental:** "You recognize the sameness in each of us as opposed to the differences. You understand that everyone suffers internally, so it's harder to judge people when you realize the person is doing the best they can."

Interested in learning how to meditate? McCarty suggests taking a class before trying it on your own, or you can go to McCarty's website and download a free 10-minute guided meditation.

She recommends meditating for 10 minutes twice a day, with the best times being first thing in the morning and then after work, before dinner.

She suggests sitting comfortably in a place with as few distractions as possible, and setting a timer. The spine should be straight and the body relaxed. Then, close your eyes and begin to focus on your natural breathing pattern. When you notice you have wandered from attention on your breath, gently go back to it.

The physical benefits of meditation can include releasing stress from your nervous system, calming your heart rate, lowering blood pressure and enhancing the immune system, as well as reducing anxiety and depression. If done consistently, the benefits of meditation are usually realized after about 30 days, she said.

McCarty also encourages couples to meditate together.

"When you meditate with your spouse or with others, your practice is enhanced because your intentions are focused in the same direction," she said. McCarty and I agreed that mindfulness is such a buzzword these days.

"We are in such a state of disrepair and are not present because of technology," she said. "We are suffering immensely and this is the way out. Mindfulness is needed to experience life as it is, not as your brain says it is."

I took this as, when you're out with your spouse (or even at home), put your cellphone in your purse and take time to focus on the person you fell in love with. Your texts can wait.

Nothing deserves attention more than your meaningful conversations, that expression you adore, his or her rolling laughter, the way he or she looks at you with that look only you really understand, and those moments when your connection takes your breath away—no pun intended.

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**OPINION**

Is your insurance offering freebies or discounts you’re missing out on?

Did you know you might be eligible for a discounted gym membership at an area park district or health club? Were you aware you might have complementary access to a personalized health coach and/or diabetes management program? How about free referral services for child care or elder care?

You might be thinking that all this requires some sort of inside knowledge or serious hoop-jumping skills. But, believe it or not, many people have access to some or all of the above benefits — and potentially many more — simply because they have health insurance.

Though employer-based insurance plans tend to be more robust in the wellness programs arena (the category into which all of these offerings fall), many plans purchased on the health insurance marketplace also include wellness programming.

I spoke with representatives from three of the country’s largest health-insurance providers to learn more about some really terrific, often under-used, wellness services of theirs. Though offerings differ by plan, all insurers make member-specific wellness program details available via their online member portals, customer service numbers and, for employer plans, companies’ human resources departments.

For example, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois spokesperson Colleen Miller told me that BCBS’s wellness programs “focus on all aspects of well-being — mental, physical, emotional, financial and social.” And many are available to all BCBS members — whether plans are employee-sponsored or individual. She highlighted the Blue365 discount program, which offers members savings on fitness gear, gym memberships, weight-loss programs and active travel experiences, to name a few. Members access Blue365 online, where they can sign up to receive emails alerting them to weekly “featured deals” and long-term “ongoing deals.” Another perk free to all policy holders is the 24/7 nurse line, where a registered nurse is on call to address members’ health concerns 24 hours a day.

Two other BCBS wellness highlights mentioned by Miller include the “Always On” app that features digital coaching and integration with dozens of wearable devices, and the Blue Points program that rewards wellness participants with points redeemable for merchandise.

Though I spoke with representatives from just three insurers — and only just scratched the surface of what their wellness programs have to offer — most health-insurance providers now offer policy holders similar discounts and services at no additional charge.

It’s definitely worth looking into. For what health insurance costs these days, policy holders deserve a few extra perks!

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**CATHY CUNNINGHAM**

Help Squad

And reducing an individual’s stress, he said, can translate to a nearly $2,000 savings in annual medical costs.

Aetna’s corporate clients are typically very interested in encouraging employees to participate in these programs, Copolla said. So incentives often take the form of reimbursements that can be applied to insurance premiums or given out as cash.

Whether Aetna members have purchased an individual or exchange-based policy, or they have coverage through an employer, all have access to health coaching at “Minute Clinics” around the country. There is also health tracking and coaching available through Aetna’s Get Active app, and discounts at thousands of gyms, sporting goods stores and weight-loss centers. Members can even use their insurance policies to receive travel discounts.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois spokeswoman Colleen Miller told me that Aetna has determined that tending to the entire person and incorporating a focus on mindfulness reduces stress levels.

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Some see spouses as their best friends too.
Why do some cats have a ridge of fur along their backs?

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
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Q: I rescued a 6-year-old part-Siamese female about six months ago. I started noticing she has a long ridge of fur along her spine when she is relaxed or sitting, similar to that of a (Rhodesian) Ridgeback dog. I don’t know if there is a connection, but she is also polydactyl on all four paws. I checked online, but there are no explanations for this trait. Do you have an answer for me? — Rose, Massapequa, NY

A: While there is no cat breed that has a “ridge” along its spine as a breed trait, there are other cat owners who report that their felines have a narrow ridge of hair that stands up neatly along their spines while resting. I have seen this narrow ridge of hair, mostly on short-haired cats. So, while not a specific breed characteristic, it may be something genetic in how the hair grows that results in sort of “cowlick” for cats. This should not be confused with a cat raising its hackles, which is the hair around the shoulders, along the spine, and along the tail that stands up when a cat is aroused or in fear.

For my readers, polydactyly, which means “many digits,” is the congenital anomaly of having more toes than normal. Typically, cats have 18 toes, five on their front paws and four on the back paws. The record for polydactyl cats, however, is 28 total toes. As far as I know, there is no genetic connection between polydactyl cats and the gentle ridge of hair along the spine.

Q: My husband and I rescued a 6-year-old yellow lab/greyhound mix. He must have been abused because he has scars on his front legs and he was very skittish in the beginning. We love him so much, but he was rough start, he probably didn’t learn to play as a puppy. Not every dog will play fetch, but there are other ways you can teach your dog to play.

Get a clicker at the pet store, and start training him to “sit,” “down,” and “stay,” so he learns that the “click” means he will get a treat for doing something you ask him to do.

Once he understands the meaning of the clicker, teach him how to play hide and seek. Hide somewhere in the house or out in the yard and call your dog’s name. When he comes and “finds” you, give him a treat. He will begin to learn that running and playing with you is fun and rewarding.

Next, introduce a Kong wobbler or puzzle toy filled with treats that he can push around the house or paw open to retrieve a treat. Click and treat when he touches the toy. Or, give him a tennis ball with a little peanut butter on it. Click and treat when he touches it.

Eventually, toss the tennis ball with peanut butter a few feet away. When he goes to get it and touches it, click and treat. He may eventually bring the ball back to you for more peanut butter, thus learning fetch, but he also just might chomp on the ball for a while. Either way, you are showing him the many ways to play.

Q: I have two rescue cats that I spend a lot of time playing with. One of our games is playing with a string that I drag around the floor and they chase it. My question is, why do cats drag the string or toys to their water bowl? It’s cute but curious. — Laura, Long Beach, NY

A: It’s not unusual for cats to transport playthings to their water or food bowls. No one knows for sure why they do this, but some people think cats are mimicking nurturing behaviors, like a mama cat carrying her kittens to safety.

Since both male and female cats do this, however, I think it might be an instinctive “hunting” behavior where they kill and carry their prey to a safe location. Cats consider their food area as safe territory. So for now, it’s a “cute but curious” behavior.

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COVER STORY

Should your spouse be your best friend?

By Danielle Braff
Chicago Tribune

Julia Rohan sits just 1 foot away from her husband in their home office — but after the workday is over, she doesn’t want a break from her best friend.

“I worried that working together would affect our friendship — we spend so much time together — but it’s actually strengthened our friendship,” said Rohan, who lives in Chicago and has been married for six years.

She’s far from the only person who relishes marrying her BFF (best friend forever). On their 25th anniversary, Michelle Obama told Barack Obama, “You’re still my best friend” in an Instagram post.

And at an iHeartRadio awards show, Justin Timberlake thanked his “best friend” and wife, Jessica Biel.

Yet when actress Anna Faris split from Chris Pratt after eight years of marriage, she said she didn’t consider him to be her best friend.

“The idea of your mate being your best friend; it’s overhyped,” she wrote in a controversial essay for her recently released memoir, “Unqualified.” “I really believe that your partner serves one purpose and each friend serves another.”

So does the lack of a best friendship with a spouse ultimately lead to a divorce? Or are we putting too much pressure on one person in our lives?

“Never before in history have we expected our spouses to be all things to us: our passionate lover, best friend, therapist, provider, equal partner, co-parenter,” said Dusty Williams, a mental health counselor in Jacksonville, Fla. “It’s not realistic, nor is it healthy.”

If your spouse is amazing at listening to a problem and giving good advice, then you should go to him for that, but if you have another friend who is a rock star at empathy and can listen for hours, there is nothing wrong with going to that friend first, Williams said.

With that in mind, your spouse should still be one of your closest friends, but he or she shouldn’t be your only friend, she said.

But there’s no hard and fast rule.

“Some people are content having a lover, confidant, cheerleader and buddy all rolled up in one,” said Julie Wadley, a certified relationship coach and owner of a matchmaking and coaching company in Charlotte, N.C. “Others rely on their spouse for intimacy and partnership while counting on their buddies to satisfy specific interests.”

As long as your spouse is fulfilling the needs of an intimate relationship and is your top priority, then there’s no need to exclude everyone else, Wadley said.

The problem arises when one person wants his or her spouse to be everything, but the spouse wants to be close to others.

“These are the couples whose friends whisper about a controlling or clinging partner, who find themselves in conflict when one wants to go out with other friends and hang out with folks after work,” said Toni Coleman, a psychotherapist, relationship coach and divorce mediator in McLean, Va. “When two people require something different, this incompatibility is often a deal breaker.”

But if both partners have an understanding of how their relationship will work in terms of outside friendships and dependency, then it won’t be a problem. In fact, Coleman said, many happy couples have close or best friends they brought into the relationship, and it’s not an issue.

“A spouse may feel grateful that their partner has someone else to talk to who can be more objective, and offer them feedback and support,” Coleman said.

Some enjoy their time spent apart with close friends who aren’t their partner, and would feel confined without this outlet and social support system, she said.

At the end of the day, the marriage partner has a unique place and role: It’s your physically intimate partner; it’s your person in a way and to a degree that no one else is; it’s the person who has your back and whom you will always give priority to over anyone else, Coleman said.

“There is a specific boundary around the marital relationship that no one else should ever be allowed to cross,” she said.

Because once you strip marriage of these things, all you’re left with are the bills and the chores. And hopefully, a marriage offers more than this.

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Authors who take their time

Klam, Packer, Tower are worth the wait

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

For 17 years, I waited and wondered when Matthew Klam would publish another book.

"Sam the Cat," a collection of stories from 2000, had followed Klam's selection as part of The New Yorker's "20 Under 40" in 1999, a list that also included Michael Chabon, Jhumpa Lahiri, David Foster Wallace and Jonathan Franzen (before "The Corrections" was published).

"Sam the Cat" showcased the sort of fiction I aspired to write at the time: funny, daring, transgressive, but not cruel or thoughtless. It was like John Cheever, updated for my era.

But it wasn't until last year with the publication of his novel "Who Is Rich?" that Klam, now 53, fulfilled my wish. This got me thinking about youth, promise and success. The burden of expectations and the reality that you never know how long it will take for a story to arrive.

Some of the "20 Under 40" recipients from 1999 have reliably churned out a book every few years or less, and William T. Vollmann has published more than 20 books, including the better-than-3,000-page "Rising Up and Rising Down," a seven-volume treatise on the nature of American violence.

Junot Diaz has won a Pulitzer Prize (for "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao") and received a so-called genius grant from the MacArthur Foundation, but has also published only three books over an almost 22-year span.

Writers who can support themselves through teaching and grants — as Diaz and Klam have done — are fortunate to have steady funding to fuel their work, so nothing is rushed out before its time.

But the reader in me wants more. In my ideal world, my favorite writers have all the time and space and resources necessary to work on their books as they see fit. I don't think this ideal world exists, or ever existed, but I don't know — maybe it's Sweden?

I'm thinking here of two writers from the 2010 installment of The New Yorker's "20 Under 40" who have written two of my favorite short story collections of all time but have published no books since.

The title story of Wells Tower's "Everything Ravaged, Everything Burned" (published in 2009) is one of the funniest stories I've ever read. A mashup of Viking folklore told in modern vernacular, it is a brilliant skewering of many things at once. The entire book is inventive and surprising, a mix of George Saunders and Karen Russell.

While Tower is a frequent contributor to The New York Times Magazine, there is no news of another work of fiction.

"Brownies" by ZZ Packer is at or near the top of my list of greatest contemporary short stories. It starts, "By our second day at Camp Crescendo, the girls in my Brownie troop had decided to kick the (expletive) of each and every girl in Brownie Troop 909," and contains a twist so natural and yet completely surprising. Even though I've taught the story a dozen times, it still amazes me.

"Brownies" was collected in Packer's 2003 collection, "Drinking Coffee Elsewhere," which had me and others eagerly anticipating all of her future publishing efforts. Packer has been living life, moving through a series of teaching appointments and, according to The Harvard Gazette, is working on a "sweeping novel" set in the years after the Civil War. I have little doubt it will be worth the wait.

I will continue to be as patient, as I must.

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5. "To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918" by Adam Hochschild
— David B., Chicago

We know Don Winslow now for books like "Savages" and "The Force," but he started with some straight-up P.I. mysteries featuring grad student Neal Carey. The first one is "A Cool Breeze on the Underground."

1. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
2. "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
3. "The Trust" by Ronald Balson
4. "The Paris Spy" by Susan Elia MacNeal
5. "The Mistresses of Cliveden: Three Centuries of Scandal, Power, and Intrigue in an English Stately Home" by Natalie Livingstone
— Katrina S., Chicago

It's a TV series now, but in almost every case, the book is better: "The Alienist" by Caleb Carr.
ASK THE DOCTORS

Taking too many vitamins can lead to unnecessary side effects

By Dr. Robert Ashley
Ask The Doctors

Dear Doctor: How about a warning about the effect of too many vitamins? One example: B6. I recently checked my daily vitamin formula and found that it had more than twice the recommended B6. This is on top of what I get from my daily “health drink” and my healthy diet. My B6 level recently tested five times above the suggested level.

Dear Reader: Thank you for the opportunity to explore this topic. As you might imagine, I encounter many people who are dubious of the medications, treatments and advice that doctors have to give, but who also take remedies that haven't been studied or who take vitamins at excessive dosages with a blind disregard to potential side effects.

Let's begin with vitamin B6. This crucial vitamin is involved in metabolic processes that help the formation of glucose, heme, niacin and neurotransmitters in the body. Many foods contain B6, including pork, turkey, beef, eggs and potatoes, breakfast cereals, bananas, nuts, beans and peas. Deficiency of B6 is rare, but when it happens it can lead to inflammatory conditions of the mouth, irritability, confusion, depression and, rarely, nerve dysfunction in the legs and arms. People with severe deficiency can develop seizures. Some medications (Sinemet for Parkinson's disease, hydralazine for high blood pressure andisoniazid for tuberculosis, for example) can lead to B6 deficiencies, as can alcoholism, diabetes, asthma and lymphoma. Requirements for B6 vary for different age groups, from 1 milligram per day in children to 1.7 milligrams per day in men over the age of 50. If you have a balanced diet, you should be able to get this daily intake of B6 from the foods you eat. B complex supplements can contain 2 to 10 milligrams of B6, with some people taking formulas containing ridiculously high levels. That may not seem like a big deal, but too much B6 can cause nausea, dizziness and nerve dysfunction. Another B vitamin, niacin, can cause liver and muscle inflammation when taken at doses greater than 3,000 milligrams. Keep in mind that the list of potentially problematic everyday vitamins neither starts nor stops with the B vitamins.

Vitamin C: In those predisposed to kidney stones, vitamin C at high doses increases the risk of them.

Vitamin D: The recommended intake for vitamin D, which is important for bone mineral density and overall health, is about 600 to 800 units per day. However, manufacturers make — and some practitioners recommend — doses up to 10,000 units daily. Unfortunately, chronic intake of high doses of vitamin D can lead to a loss of bone density, calcium deposition in the kidneys and muscle pain. Those who take even higher doses of vitamin D can have severe elevation of calcium in the blood, which can lead to confusion, vomiting, poor appetite and muscle weakness.

Vitamin A: This vitamin is necessary for visual health, and deficiency (rare in the United States) leads to night blindness and complete blindness. Recommended daily intake of vitamin A is 2,300 to 3,000 units. However, some people take more than 30,000 units per day, which can lead to liver toxicity, muscle and bone pain, vision problems, and coordination and balance difficulties.

This is just a starter list of examples of toxicity linked to high vitamin doses. If you have an illness that can lead to vitamin deficiencies, checking your blood vitamin levels — and potentially adding supplements — is appropriate. But most people need a reminder that blindly taking high doses of vitamins can lead to unnecessary side effects; you're to be commended for looking for information on labels. When it comes to vitamins, more is not always better.
Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues 

Words

A. Unruly 34
B. Disorderly 34
C. Regard with devotion 34
D. Made more pleasant 34
E. It goes without saying 34
F. Halfway decent 34
G. Become exhausted 34
H. Veteran 34
I. Donor's promise 34


It's De-Lovely

BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across
1 Culture medium
5 The ___ Plan of 1924
10 Previous
14 Disconcert
15 Cream
16 Spread
17 Footless animal
18 Late composer
20 Disclosed
22 A powerful Mark
23 Epochs
24 Turkish regiment
25 Gets on a bum rap
28 18 Across was noted for these
32 Puerto Rican liquor
33 ___ flu
35 Lover
36 Tentmaker
38 Prepares for print
40 Grit
41 Memos
43 Assault
45 Female relative: Sp.
46 Plot of many a drama
48 Napery
50 Monkeys

51 Unaspirated, as a consonant
52 Welt
55 Discourses
59 Promoter
61 Ripped
62 That ___ hay!
63 See 45 Across: Fr.
64 Heroic
65 Grows drowsy
66 Ran for office
67 Item in the high cost of living

Down
1 At a distance
2 Yawn
3 Russian sea
4 Buy back
5 Stripped of social position
6 Medicinal plants
7 Untamed
8 Summer: Fr.
9 Flower parts
10 Stoas
11 Kind of horn
12 Observed
13 Reactionary
19 Walking ___
21 District
24 45 and 63 Across, e.g.
25 Van
26 Scuttlebutt
27 Violin maker
28 Historic battleship
29 Daunt: archaic
30 Russian leader
31 Fountain beverages
34 Admired public figures
37 Hardheaded persons
39 Chosen
42 Easy tasks
44 Pastel shade
47 Heroes
49 Genderless
51 Slow: mus.
52 Bridge
53 Singing group
54 Split
55 Cotton fabric
56 Hawser
57 Emerald Isle: poet.
58 Denomination
60 Channel
On the Road

By Matt Skoczen
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

Across
1 Distinguished
9 One in on the deal?
13 1984 Martin/Tomlin film
20 Wetsuit substance
21 Feng...
22 Cause of tost's tears
23 One of three presidents who served in 1881
25 Dignitaries working abroad
26 Wife of Wang Lung in "The Good Earth"
27 Joke closing?
28 A fancy one may not include prices
30 Surprise from a lamp
31 1983 Streisand film
33 Scratches (out)
35 It's just outside the Oval Office
38 Caseman Alley
40 Mich. NBA team
42 Word on a fast food sign
43 "Billy Budd" captain
44 Kitchen gadget
50 Subj. for some newcomers
51 "...to you, matey!"
52 Thumbs-up cry
53 Biblical name meaning "hairy"
54 Cone filler
57 Discipline with poses
59 Sagan's sci.
61 23 of 24
62 Fired up
65 It measures rpm
69 Pennsylvania railroad town
73 More achy
74 Private company paperwork
79 Some bar food
80 USA Today owner
81 Somme spouses: Abbr.
82 Move, as artwork
84 Thumbs-up cry
85 "Ozark" actor
87 Cartagena cat
91 Stop one's horse, in England
95 Envelope-pushing
97 Half a dance
98 Passion-ate composer?
102__trip
103 Certain sci-fi superfan
106 Dos cubed
107 Pinup's asset
109 Sold-out letters
110 79-Across fish

111 "Awesome!"
114 Suffix from the Greek for "world"
117 Role for Dustin
121 King or queen
122 Taunting word usually repeated
124 Persian for "king"
126 Ostrich cousin
127 The Beatles' last studio album
130 Unexpectedly changing one's attitude...and what's literally hidden in six long puzzle answers
133 50-50 shot
134 Hendryx who was part of the "Lady Marmalade" trio
135 Labelle
136 Alienate
137 Big refs.
138 Aficionados

Down
1 Fancy
2 Author Zora...
3...
4 Sandal feature
5 Abbr. in home sale ads
6 Staying power
7 Related on mom's side
8 Literature Nobelist Walcott
9..."Cyber": 2015 spin-off
10 "May I speak?"
11 King or queen
12 Quick denial
13 Pie equivalent, in a simile
14 Canterbury comrade
15 Half a straight-laced pair?
16 Witness
17 Stumble, as a horse
18 "Lecole des femmes" playwright
19 Reputed Dead Sea Scrolls transcribers
24 "Band of Gold" singer Payne
25 Theater work
26 Be outsourced
27 Alien-seeking gp.
28 Highland tongue
29 Solzhenitsyn subject
30 Passover
31 Sam Spade type
32 Great Barrier Reef feature
33 Fire engine (col.)
34 Heart doc's readout
35 Guzzler on the road
36 Hard thing to get out of
37 Share on Facebook, as a picture
38 Complete, in law
39 Paris's...
40 "Right back..."
41 Curtin castmate
42 Masters program entrance criterion
43 Female lobster
44 Uneaten bit
45 "There's...of Hush": Herman's Hermit hit
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53 1941 battle river
54 "There's...of Hush": Herman's Hermit hit
55 "I'm an island":
56 "...Kosh B'gosh"
57 Female nonclericals
58 Asylum seeker
59 Shorthand pioneer
60 Stitch
61 One may be high or low
62 With 104-Down, what bosses rule
63 Wood used to age spirits
64 Masters program entrance criterion
65 Female lobster
66 Uneaten bit
67 "May I speak?"
68 Quick denial
69 Stupendous, as a horse
70 They can make things clearer
71 "I'm an island"
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77 Quietly show anger
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79 Distinguished composer?
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85 "Cartagena" cat
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Jumble
Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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

Print your answer in the circles below

This week's answers appear on the next page
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Last week's crosswords

"MAKEOVER"

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| 29 | Wyatt of the Old West | 30 | Put through a horrible ordeal | 31 | Dwelling | 32 | High_ very tall building | 33 | Main course | 34 | _ weevil; cotton plant destroyer | 35 | Helpful hint | 36 | Part of the foot | 37 | Broad smile | 38 | Pull hard on | 39 | Actor Knight | 40 | That girl |

Solutions

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Bill) WATTERSON: LAZY SUNDAY

BOOK: The dreaded Naggon mothership's blazing destructo ray sends a small red spacecraft reeling toward an unknown planet. Inside is our hero, the intrepid Spaceman Spiff, interplanetary explorer extraordinaire.

Last week's Sudoku

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This week's Jumble

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for more information. The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales for that purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2017, an agent for the Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 8, 2018, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse, First Floor, 500 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605, the real estate described as follows:

The property will be sold "as is" where is, subject to the following:

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE, the DISTRICT COURT OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate located in the State of Illinois and within the County of Cook, District of Chicago, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment of foreclosure entered in the matter:

The Judgment amount was $464,427.90.

The property will be sold at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 on March 1, 2018, at 10:00 A.M.

The sale will be held for the purpose of satisfying the judgment of foreclosure entered in the above cause on November 28, 2017, in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, 2017 CH 9134.

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The City of Evanston, Illinois, hereby issues this formal public notice of the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the purpose of selecting a qualified Subcontractor to provide HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Services for the renovation of the 1 Science building at the Evanston Township High School located at 1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

The RFQ will be available for download on the City of Evanston website at www.cityevanston.org/procurement.

Interested Subcontractors are encouraged to submit their qualifications by February 28, 2018.

The successful Subcontractor will be required to enter into a contract with the City of Evanston and to provide all necessary insurance and indemnification.

All Subcontractors are required to comply with the City of Evanston’s affirmative action program and to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding process.
The Village of Skokie will be conducting a public hearing to receive citizen comments and approve the draft Action Plan for the Village’s 5-Year Contributory Plan for financially-frail households. The Action Plan covers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Village’s Consolidated Plan will address three statutory goals that primarily benefit low/moderate-income residents:

1. Affordable Housing: The goal is to increase the availability of affordable housing units that are affordable to households at a moderate income level, with at least 50% of units located in 20% or less of the median income area.

2. Community Development: The goal is to improve the quality of life in the Village by providing necessary services to those in need, such as youth and family services, housing, and other programs.

3. Economic Development: The goal is to create economic opportunities for residents, particularly those in the low/moderate-income sector, through the expansion of businesses and development of new projects.

The proposed Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2021 includes the following recommendations for achieving these goals:

- **Affordable Housing**
  - Implement strategies to increase the availability of affordable housing units.

- **Community Development**
  - Expand programs and services to support the needs of low/moderate-income residents.

- **Economic Development**
  - Promote economic growth through the development of businesses and projects.

Copies of the draft Action Plan will be available for public review beginning Friday, February 2, 2018, at Village Hall, 201 Oakton Street, Skokie. The Board of Trustees is expected to adopt the Action Plan, subject to any revisions, on Monday, February 19, 2018. Comments received from the public within 15 days, where practicable, will be considered in the final adoption decision.

All persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. For additional information or to request a copy of the draft Action Plan, contact the Village of Skokie at 847-673-0500 or send an email to village@skokie.org.
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Price: $370,000
Schools: Maine East High School
Taxes: $6,408
Agent: Bryan Eugenio/Coldwell Banker

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Address: 1651 Alemeda Lane
Price: $294,900
Schools: Mundelein High School
Taxes: $10,718
Agent: Tomas Gomez/RE/MAX

PARK RIDGE

Address: 1714 Greendale Ave.
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Schools: Maine South High School
Taxes: $9,572
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LINCOLNSHIRE
Colonial home with four bedrooms and 2.5 baths. New hardwood flooring in living room, dining room, hall and bath. Wooded front and back yards. Bay windows. Ceramic backsplash in kitchen with planning desk, eating area and sliding doors to patio. Family room with tracked lighting, hearthstone fireplace, built-in brass screen and bookcases.

Address: 21 Londonderry Lane
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The generation gap isn't as wide as it first appears to be in Susan Sandler's "Crossing Delancey." It turns out that Isabel "Izzy" and her Bubbe (grandmother) have more in common than they could have imagined. MadKap Productions is presenting the romantic comedy at the Skokie Theatre, Feb. 2-18, under Stephen M. Genovese's direction.

"It's a universal story," Genovese said. "It was written quite a few years ago but it's still applicable today when you talk about familial and generational expectations and pressures, and what it's like for a young woman to try and be her independent self but still honor the traditions and expectations of family."

As it turns out, Bubbe is a pretty independent woman, Genovese said. "The things that Izzy finds attractive about the life that Bubbe has are her strength and her determination, and the drive to keep going," the director said.

"Bubbe is feisty," said Northbrook resident Anita Silvert, who plays her. "Bubbe has a tremendous sense of self." However, she is lonely. "She lives alone in this apartment and everything is changing around her," Silvert said. "Loneliness is difficult for Bubbe. Her husband died 14 years ago. She doesn't want Izzy to be alone."

Bubbe's solution is to try to find a mate for her granddaughter with the help of her friend, who is a matchmaker (Debra Rodkin). They think Sam, the pickle vendor (Nat Kier), would be a great fit. But Izzy, who works in a bookstore, has her eye on a handsome author (Kevin Costello).

Daniella Rukin, who plays Izzy, said the young New Yorker "is kind of going through this phase in life where she's very lonely and she has a lot of pressure from her Bubbe and her family to find someone to settle down with."

Izzy is looking for a solution. "She wants to fill a hole in her life," Rukin said. "She doesn't necessarily want to do it in the way her Bubbe wants her to do."

Rukin noted that Izzy has a very close relationship with her Bubbe. "We really love each other," the actor said. "She's the connection to my family in New York."

Rukin said she auditioned for this role because it is a perfect fit for her. "It's a 28-year-old Jewish girl who loves books," she said. "That's literally me. I'm the same age, I'm Jewish and I read all the time. It couldn't be more perfect for me if I had written the character description myself."

Silvert said that because both of her grandmothers were born in America, "I don't have a direct model for this part. But both of my grandmothers were incredibly feisty — as is my mother, who still lives in Skokie. I was born and raised in Skokie, I was pretty feisty, too."

Rukin said that "Crossing Delancey" really shows the similarity between generations. We can scorn tradition but ultimately those things are very important to us."

Silvert concluded that the show is about love.

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
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Abt’s First Annual Chili Cook Off:
Abt’s first-ever Charity Chili Challenge takes place in the Abt Inspiration Studio from 7-9 p.m. Chicago chefs Kevin Hickey, Jake Peterson and Todd Stein compete to cook up the ultimate batch of chili. Guests enjoy samples of each chef’s chili, as well as refreshments. Local celebrity foodies Rochelle Trotter, Adam Sokolowski and Audarshia Townsend are to judge which chili deserves to be crowned the ultimate chili. 7 p.m. Thursday, Abt Electronics, 1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, $10 in advance; $15 at door, 800-814-8196

An Interfaith Discussion on Gun Violence Control: Part of Engage for Change — solution-based discussions and motivational speakers to give hope for “next steps.” Speakers: Tamar Manasseh, founder of Mother’s Against Senseless Killings (MASK); Shamar Hemphill, community organizer at IMAN; and Pastor Daniel Ruen from Grace Lutheran Church in Skokie. Free and open to the public. RSVP to mcenterfaithteam@gmail.com. 7 p.m. Thursday, Muslim Educational Centre, 8601 Menard Ave., Morton Grove, free

Disney on Ice: Dare to Dream: Get tangled up in the newest thrilling show of the season! Disney’s hilarious hair-raising escape “Tangled” as Rapunzel, her unlikely companion Flynn and Maximus embark on an uproarious journey that takes you to a new adventure. 10:30 a.m. Thursday, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, free, 847-635-6601

Un-American: Incarceration of Japanese Americans in WWII: Richard Cahan is co-author of “Un-American,” the powerful photo-history of one of America's defining moments. In the spring of 1942, the US rounded up 109,000 residents of Japanese ancestry and sent them to detention centers for the duration of World War II. Amazingly, the government hired a crew of photographers to document the entire process — from the final weeks of freedom to the desolate years in camps. Books will be available for purchase. 7 p.m. Thursday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-5025

Friday, Feb. 2

Northwestern’s Wirtz Center — “Vinegar Tom”: Power and oppression of women are explored in this production called “a play about witches, with no witches in it” by playwright Caryl Churchill. “Vinegar Tom” follows the lives of seven characters, four of whom will be executed, in 17th-century England. This was written in 1976 by the famously feminist Churchill. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Josephine Louis Theatre, Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $6-$25, 847-491-7282

Medicare 101: What You Need to Know in 2018: Melissa Versch, LCSW, North Shore Senior Center, discusses Medicare changes. A wonderful opportunity for those new to Medicare and Medicare veterans to gain a greater understanding of their benefits. Q&A session will follow the presentation. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Blast from the Past 1980s Movie Extravaganza: This is for those in grades 9-12 to just drop in and hang with friends, enjoy snacks, and experience life as a teen back in the '80s. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) presents this '80s movie night featuring the classics: “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” (from this ‘80s movie night featuring the classic) and “Sixteen Candles” (from 1984). 5 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Silver Screen Series: “Mister Roberts”: In the waning days of World War II, a U.S. Navy cargo ship and her crew are stationed in the “backwater” areas of the Pacific Ocean and trouble ensues when the crew members are granted liberty. The cast: Henry Fonda, James Cagney. For more information about this event, visit the website or call. 2 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Speed Dating for Seniors: Senior attendees have 10 minutes to get to know each participant. Afterwards, you’ll evaluate your shared interests. If you and another person decide you’d like to meet again, the staff will have you connect. Participation is limited to six men and six women. Register online or by calling the library. 2 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Friday Night Salon Concert: Contemporary composer Rudolf Haken plays his five-string viola. 7 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7082

Saturday, Feb. 3

Evanston Winter Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce and other local goods at the winter market. 8 a.m. Saturday, Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, free, 847-448-8256

Northwestern Symphony Orchestra Program for Asia Tour: During spring break 2018, NUSO travels to Tokyo and performs in three prestigious concert halls and serves as musical ambassadors for the University. Before departing for the tour, NUSO premieres its concert program, including “Symphony No. 5” by Gustav Mahler and “Symphonic Dances” from “West Side Story.” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $5-$8, 847-491-7575

Hooray for Bollywood: Let’s Dance: This is an interactive Bollywood dance workshop by local dance guru Deepthi Chiruvuri from BollywoodFit. Families are welcome, and by the end of this program, attendees know how to strut some of their own Bollywood dance moves. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 2 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Saturday Kids Club for Ages 2 and Up with Adult: For stories, crafts and loads of fun, these programs will be awesome. This is co-sponsored by The Glen Town Center, register at: glentowntowncenter.com. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2561 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Get the Wiggles Out: Movement and Sensory-Aware Storytime: Relax and stretch out the wiggles and add some chill to your Saturday in this interactive and sensory-aware storyline time featuring various forms of movement, dance, and play using books, music and sensory toys. This is for ages 3-8 years with a caregiver – the whole family is welcome. 10 a.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Get Hooked Crafts: Quilled Hearts: In this class, participants learn the basic quilling technique and create heart designs on a greeting card. To register for this event, visit www.mgpu.org or call. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 640 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Embers Academy Open Houses: Embers Academy, a private, independent elementary school serving grades PK3 through fifth, has an Open House from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 3 and March 3. Register. Embers offers a program of foundational academics and early character formation. 10 a.m. Saturday, Embers Elementary School, 8340 N Greenwood Ave., Niles, free, 847-518-1185

Dave DiNaso’s Traveling World of Reptiles: This up-close, live, and hands on experience gives audience members the opportunity to see, touch and learn about reptiles from all over the world and laugh a lot while doing so. 11 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Shabbat-Teen: For those in ninth through 12th grade to join in this Shabbat-Teen Shabbat Experience from 10:30 a.m. to noon to hang out in the Youth Lounge. They can discuss topics that are relevant to them with Rabbi Ari Averbach and Matt Rissien, Director of Youth Activities. Topic on Feb. 3: #IfImNotForMyself, the importance of respecting yourself so that others respect you. All are welcome. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

Snowshoe Ramble to Lake County: This is for those ages 18 and older to snowshoe the trails at VanPatten Woods and Independence Grove, trekking through woodlands, beside the Des Plaines River and around large lakes. Snowshoes and van transportation are provided; lunch at The Shanty restaurant is not included in the fee. 9 a.m. Saturday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $35 Skokie resident, $44 non resident, 847-677-7001

Inclusion Disability Awareness Shabbat: Members and the community may attend this Inclusion Disability Awareness Shabbat, a meaningful Shabbat experience of personal growth for all, set for 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Congregation, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, free, 847-256-1213

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Sunday, Feb. 4

"Truth and Religions": Fifth session in our Speaker Series on "Embracing Truth," a Lecture/Discussion with the Rev. Pawel Komperda, Associate Pastor at Incarnation Parish. Noon Sunday, St. Catherine Laboure Parish, 3355 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

Winter Music Series — Calumet Chamber Musicians: Calumet Chamber Musicians (flute and piano) perform in the library's Winter Music Series, sponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission. 3 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Skating in the Park: Skating in the Park returns to the Chicago Wolves Ice Rink at Parkway Bank Park (formerly known as MB Financial Park). The park's great lawn will be transformed into a NHL-sized, outdoor skating rink where visitors can skate beneath breathtaking lights for a magical experience this winter. It is fun for the whole family! 2 p.m. Sunday, Parkway Bank Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Restoring Nature's Relationship at Home: Doug Tallamy, Ph.D. explains how relationships between animals and plants determine stability and complexity of local food webs and supports diversity, and illustrates how people can use their residential landscapes to connect isolated habitats. 10 a.m. Sunday, Chalet Landscape, Nursery & Garden Center, 3132 Lake Ave., Wilmette, $20, 708-945-0415

Monday, Feb. 5

Adult Learn to Sew: A Four-Part Series: Learn basic machine and sewing construction techniques and use your new skills to make a stylish table runner. Sewing machines, sergers, patterns and sewing notions are provided. However, participants need to supply fabric and thread, and the supply list is provided at the first class. Attendance is required for all four classes. A Glenview Library card is required. Note: A one-time liability waiver must be signed and on file before event. 6:30 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1202 Techny Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

The Revelation of God through Creation and Israel: Dr. Paul Nelson (Ph.D. University of Chicago, 1998), a senior fellow of the Discovery Institute (Seattle) since 1996, speaks about God's revelation through Creation and the nation of Israel. Paul is a leader in the intelligent design research community. 7 p.m. Monday, Willow Creek North Shore, 2200 Shermer Road, Glenview, free

Monday Tech Talk: Free eBooks and eAudio books: Registration is required with a Lincolnwood Library Card and please visit the website, call or stop by to register. Non-residents, please stop by or call for registration information. Stop buying eBooks, as you can learn how to use your Lincolnwood Library card to access free, popular eBooks and eAudio books on your device. 7 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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

American Politics and Current Events: Topical issues of the day are discussed: politics, the economy, international happenings, science, our diverse society, local issues and more. Come to actively contribute to the moderator-led discussion as they cover a wide variety of topics, or come just to listen and learn from the opinions of others. 9 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member; $25 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Favorites of Northern France: Roaming around Northern France rewards with a wealth of medieval castles, churches, towns and historical highlights. Ralph Danleson presents a virtual tour. Visit the Normandy beaches, battle sites, and American cemeteries, explore the famous Loire chateaux, learn of France's patron saint, and amble about the stunning alabaster chateaux. March 1, $75 member, $89 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Voyagers 1 and 2: Venerable Space Travelers: In 1977 two spacecraft, Voyager 1 and Voyager 2, were launched with the goal of visiting Jupiter and Saturn. After making amazing discoveries there, the mission was extended. Learn the history, scientific advancements and legacy of the Voyagers and look ahead to the upcoming end of the mission. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member, $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030

What Women Deserve to Know About Pelvic Organ Prolapse: A pelvic floor disorder such as pelvic organ prolapse causes bothersome symptoms and limits daily activities. Discover the options for treatment, and learn about pelvic floor physical therapy, the latest surgical techniques and ways you can address this condition. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030

DNA Test Results — Power Tool In Genealogist's Tool Box: This program is presented by Genealogist Karen Stanbary to learn the ways DNA test results can confirm and advance your traditional paper trail research through case examples. The types of DNA tests and the three major testing companies are explored. Advantages and disadvantages of each company for specific types of research problems are discussed. 7 p.m. Monday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-5025

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Smile and Rhyme at Heinen's — Ages 2 and up with Adult: This event has stories, rhymes, and songs in the Cafe. Stay for a snack and to chat after. Ages 2 and up with Adult:

Heart-Shaped Book Folding: This is for ages 18 and up, but class size is limited. Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so this chance to learn how to fold the pages of a book into a three-dimensional heart is valuable. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1390 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Emancipation to Inauguration — Chicago's Black Experience: "Going to Chicago!" were the words composed, sung and lived by African-Americans during the Great Migration. Join the entertainer, historian and Chicago tour guide Clarence Goodman to learn more about the movement of nearly 7 million African-Americans from the South to urban North. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

New Software — Converting Your VHS Home Movies: Learn how to convert your old home movies on VHS to DVD or digital format in the Digital Media Lab. Registration is limited to four and you need to register for this event via the website or by calling. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Online Security: Tips and Tools: Security breaches, malware and stolen passwords — there is no shortage of security and privacy concerns in the digital age. Some helpful tools are demonstrated. The discussion covers best practices to provide you with some peace of mind when you are online. To register for this event, visit the website or call. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

The Power of Meditation: The YMCA welcomes Dr. Paul Nevin, a Doctor of Clinical Psychology and a Wellness Coach trained at the Mayo Clinic, who draws on more than 40 years of teaching meditation. He shows how its practice can dramatically enhance health, happiness, youthfulness, relationships and success. Free of charge and open to the public. 11 a.m. Tuesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Yoga for the Rest of Us: This class is uniquely designed for individuals of all fitness levels to relax and unwind. The certified yoga instructor accommodates individual needs through the use of chairs, blocks, bolsters and other props. 9 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $75 member, $89 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Thomas Friedman: "Thank You for Being Late": Tom Friedman's latest book addresses the pace of change in our evolving culture. And he asks us to "slow down." "Thank You for Being Late," Friedman exposes the apocalyptic movements that are reshaping the world today and explains how to get the most out of them and cushion their worst impacts. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member; $64 nonmember, 847-784-6000

The Breakfast Club: Rise and shine and start your day off right with networking and breakfast. This is hosted by Park Ridge Chamber Ambassador Dave Donavan. Register at the event website or by contacting the Park Ridge Chamber office by calling. Enjoy breakfast at Lola's Diner' and bring your business cards for networking. 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Lola's Diner, 920 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge, $11 members; $15 prospective members, 847-825-3121

Palo Alto Networks: Customer Product Council — Chicago: Join us for our Customer Product Council, an exclusive event where you'll get an insider's preview of our cloud product roadmap. Meet our senior product
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“A Moon for the Misbegotten”: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, $35-$80, 847-242-6600

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

MGPL on the Go: Catch Morton Grove Public Library staff at the Civic Center for a monthly talk about upcoming events at the library, books and e-books, movies, mobile devices and much more. They are happy to answer questions about the library and to register you for a library card. For more information about this event, visit the website or call the library, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Register to Vote: If you are not yet registered to vote, come to the library to get registered ahead of the March 20 Gubernatorial Primary Election. Two forms of official ID are required to register, one with your current address. For more information about this event, visit the library website or call 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Free Hearing Screenings and Hearing Aid Checks: Yvonne Peffer, Doctor of Audiology at Connect Hearing conducts individual hearing screenings and hearing aid checks. A hearing screening is not an in-depth hearing test, but it can identify those who have a loss that should be evaluated in more detail. If you already wear hearing aids but are still having difficulty, Dr. Peffer can check your devices and help troubleshoot problems. RSVP is required to Yvonne Peffer at 847-692-7726

Overlooked Americans: Historian Gary Midliff presents a fascinating look at 12 Americans who you may not recognize but should know, including the hero of the Flint, Mich. contaminated water crisis, the driving force behind the Prohibition Amendment, the two men who made medical history saving “blue babies” and the female Chicago playwright whose first production changed American theater. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $28 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Jerome Robbins: Master of Movement: Jerome Robbins did more than dance or choreograph: he created concepts for some of our most successful American musicals. Susan Benjamin features stories of his personal life in conjunction with examples of some of his best-loved musical theater work. 1 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Drama Meets Romance: Drama meets romance when the award-winning Park Ridge Civic Orchestra performs an acclaimed mix of well-known classics sure to make a lovely prelude to everyone’s Valentine’s Day plans. Conducted by Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Music Director Victor Muenster, the concert includes the ravishing “Scheherazade” by Rimsky-Korsakov, Piano Concerto by Ravel and the beloved “Rhapsody in Blue” by Gershwin. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets for this concert cost $25 for adults, $20 seniors 62 and older, $5 for youth under 18 and a special thank-you price of $10 for U.S. active service members and veterans, 847-692-7726

Intergenerational Service Night: Adults, teens, and children are invited to join in on the first Wednesday of the month to work on a community service project and enjoy a meal together. 6 p.m. Wednesday, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

Financial Wellness for Women: Saving and Investing: This covers saving and investing with Anne and Nancy Wieboldt, CFPs. 10 a.m. Wednesday, The Women’s Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $25, 847-441-3406

Have an event to submit? Go to www.ChicagoTribune.com/Calendar.
Wang, Marilyn Crosby
Marilyn Crosby Wang, age 85, died on January 11, 2018, in Niles, Illinois, after a long illness. Marilyn was born in Buffalo, New York, on July 21, 1932, to the late Rita McManus Crosby and the late Veness Crosby. She grew up in her maternal grandparents' house, the home of Arthur and Dorothy McManus, until her parents moved to Springfield, Missouri, with her and her siblings.

During college, Marilyn won a Midwest intercollegiate debate championship. She earned her Bachelors degree in Education from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1960. She became a classroom teacher of English, Speech, and Drama in elementary and high schools. She integrated Storytelling, Puppetry and Creative Dramatics into her teaching, and lectured at the graduate level on those topics.

Marilyn was a lifelong learner and educator. She undertook many graduate studies and earned three Masters Degrees: one from Northwestern University in Interdepartmental Speech (1975), and two from Loyola University of Chicago: one in Pastoral Studies (1989) and another in Religious Education (2000).

Marilyn was very active in lay missionary work. In 1960, she worked with foreign university students at Crossroads Student Center in Hyde Park, where she met a graduate engineering student from China, whom she would marry and with whom she would raise a family.

Marilyn was a teacher of English as a Second Language, teaching recent immigrants, whom she embraced into the community with kindness and warmth.

Many of Marilyn's accomplishments were based on her deep faith; Ignatian Spirituality played a significant role in her life. She enjoyed attending religious retreats and reflecting on God's will.

She was a Director of Religious Education at multiple Chicago-area Catholic parishes, where she helped thousands of children learn about the Catholic faith and receive their sacraments.

She was an active community member in Skokie, where she lived for nearly 40 years. She participated in the organization of the Skokie Historical Society and served as its first elected secretary. A gifted organizer and writer, Marilyn directed and edited two Skokie Poetry Projects, one in 1977-78 and another in 1982-83, culminating in the publication of two books of children's poetry.

Marilyn's late husband, George L. C. Wang, was laid to rest in 2008. Marilyn is survived by one sister, three children, five grandchildren, other relatives, and many loving friends.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her during her last illness.

Private services were held on January 13, 2018.

Gifts in her memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL, 60631.


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Duncan Phyfe drop leaf table with 6 chairs, (2) old school desks, wood high chair with top, frist table lamp, old chairs, wood floor box, old wood porch pillars & railing, aluminum scoop sheaves, pitch forks, large wood barrel, original stenciled paint height scale, 1935 farm sign, pine pane table top, wood picnic table, small galvanized water tank, old wood ladder. (2) old log picnic tables, wood picnic table with fold up wood benches. (2) new log picnic tables. All Garage Kettle. Duncan log sign, old galvanized pig fence, old barn windows, concrete bowl feeders, large man born school yard stool. (2), large iron kettle, John Deere thresher with riding mower advertising, galvanized sprinkle can, novelty work sampler, quilt pack, 70 plus large collection of collector items - bowed mirror, Indian, Christmas, little feet, Ge, radio figures,椅ch scale, (2) oil lamps, string of lights, (2) jute. 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Loren set box, military truck, wood dressers, Steenil table boxes, Boynt table box, deede table lamps. 1970's farmset & chairs, Kinsmen paper heater. green wood WWI army foot locker, 1882 rose maize dovetailed trunk. 1900's pine Turkish dye cabinet with pigeons & sitting doors, Crown Extra Lighted Sign Clock. wood book ends, 2 per cup cake, 50s windows from North side Piano school. Leaxor Planer 187B redsign. Porcelain steel new idea seems allowing patterns - double side sign. 2 gal western clock, blasting cap box. 2 litc toys, advertising boxes, bullites. buggy lights. small wood trunk, old Piano table box, old Cil Road, art rock creek farm, quart Barnville milk bottle, beer Aurora Craft. Old metal coat dresser & per, gil Jean Miller, Belgundien diary. - Plane paint sure, can of rod murrine, Pink Creek port south. Richmone Panthers aura. old books, 1805's best bank book. 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Household: Brass floor lamp with ornate base, oak rococo mirror. oak table, end table, rectuer, wall shelves, hanging magazine stand, press back rocker, 1890's oak pattern rocker, coffee tables, pine book shelf, round Duncan Phyfe glass cabinet with mirror & drawer, 2 drawer, table. brass lase lamp, brass floor lamp, drop leaf Duncan Phyfe table & chairs carved rose. 1930's large dining room table & chairs, set of 4 mission style wax chairs. 1920's 4 drawer dresser, slide, 5 drawer dresser, oak dresser, 2 drawer dresser with mirror, mahogany sideboard dresser. 10 drawer dresser, columns, religious pictures, set of 12 Campbell's kids figures. Electrotrans. brass glass. old rare, chest of drawers. (4) large armoire. Scenery oil painting, glass paper weights, graniteware, trays, linen. 1900's cell cabinet, (9) dropper swivel chest, rolled back 1930's box, ornate wall mirror, vanity dresser with mirror, Queen Ann upholstered chair, mission oak 4 drawer 2 door buffet with bent back arms. 4 drawer dresser with bent back arms. 1950's general furniture Co. Seattle Washington 5pc bedroom set - bed / nightstand & drawer chest / dresser / mirror / commode drawer. 1930's dresser. 1910's dresser. (2) rose wing back chairs. true wood table. 1930's bedroom set - bed / end table & drawer dresser & foot board / 5 drawer dresser with mirror & 5 drawer chest. 6 drawer mahogany chest. blue gray fur rug, 2 drawer wardrobe - Woodcraft Manufacturing Co. 1910's 3pc bedroom set - bed / drawer dresser with mirror & 4 drawer chest - walnut. wood sewing table. wood bentwood chairs. 4 oak ornate mirror chest, oak bureau, true leg wash stand. stand. TV trays, wood boards, paint stand. 2 door commode, Smith Premier 90 type wood, metalic picture. 2 side frons, pine cabinet door. 1980's floor lamp. ability 52, wicker Hamper, horse picture, wood pedestal. 1950's formica oval table & chairs. 1917 Livingston floor can be No. 16. modern round oak table & chairs. 3 red kitchen cart, folding pine shop table, kitchenware, cowware, blue crockery bowl, bread & 9 pc bowls, cookie cutters, green crockery bowl. 1950's ice bucket. crockery box, mixing bowls, old utensil, wood rolling pins. old pine cupboard. corn. wood dry rack, pine wash bench, 8 gal Ben. Marshall Town town pine canning shelf, ma old canning jar. 4 gal Lawley pottery co. Tomna L. crock. oak liberty table, reusing all can. (2) wire egg basket, wood musher. 1910's oak kitchen table. pine wood table. old screen cupboard doors. oak Neddle cupboard top with carpet glass. 1930's 2 drawer dresser. oak veneer table. Montgomery Ward Catalog. 1930's wood dresser. Sonoma Pots Petit Big Box. hand meat grinder. iron box pot &违纪. granite & garden ware raatets. brass of lamp. (2) scrub boards. glass scrub board. baskets. large square oak table, carton. old rugs. 3 door window casement cabinet. 1910's Drop in table with 2 leaves. wadless 7 - vanity dresser & 6 chair_thousand - cooler chest. oak drop leaf table.

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Hawks lose emotional game on improbable shot

BY STEVE SADIN
Pioneer Press

The moment belonged to Blake Peters, but the night belonged to Tommy Gardiner and those who have rallied behind him.

Peters, an Evanston freshman, grabbed a rebound off a missed Maine South free throw and hurled the ball nearly 80 feet as the final buzzer sounded.

Peters' desperation heave found nothing but net and lifted the Evanston boys basketball team to a 45-44 Central Suburban South victory against the visiting Hawks on an emotional Friday night in Evanston.

"I felt relief," Peters said of the shot, which was the No. 1 play on ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 plays of the day. "I threw it thinking I was going to make it."

Friday's game was Maine South's first since Thomas Gardiner, the father of senior forward Tommy Gardiner, died on Jan. 15 in a single-car accident on Interstate 88 en route to watching the Hawks play in Galesburg's tournament on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The game was about more than the outcome, according to Maine South coach Tony Lavorato.

"It's about getting back to routine," Lavorato said before the game.

And heaped praise on his team after the game.

"I couldn't be prouder of them," said Lavorato, adding, "I've been beaten by a 45-footer before, but never a 75-footer."

Lavorato declined to make any of his players available for an interview after the loss.

Maine South had support from its fans - and its opponent.

Both teams wore special shirts during warmups at Beardsley Gymnasium. The Hawks took the floor wearing black shirts with white lettering on the front that read, "Bigger Than Basketball." On the back was a red No. 22 - Tommy Gardiner's number - and the word "Family" in white between the shoulder blades in the space where a player's last name would appear on a jersey.

Lara Miller, the mother of Maine South senior forward Grant Miller, said the shirts were designed by the team on the bus ride back to Park Ridge from Galesburg after learning about Thomas Gardiner's death.

"That's one of Tony Lavorato's sayings," Lara Miller said of the message on the front of the shirts. "It's part of his message."

The Wildkits ran onto the court wearing green shirts with white lettering that read "Hawks Fly Together" on the front and the initials "TG" on the sleeve. Nearly half of the fans on the Maine South side of the gym had the same shirt.

The shirts — green to reflect the Gardiner family's Irish heritage — were originally intended for the Maine South basketball program and the players' families. But demand for the shirts grew, and Lara Miller said the parents ordered more. They charged $10 per shirt with all funds going to the Tommy Gardiner Family Fund.

"I'm glad we wore them," Peters added. "It was a great idea to show our thoughts were with Maine South."

A YouCaring fundraiser page was set up for the Tommy Gardiner Family Fund and had raised more than $114,000 as of early Saturday morning.

Essam Hamwi led the Hawks (14-6, 3-3) with 12 points, and Tommy Gardiner had eight points and six rebounds.

Wildkits coach Mike Ellis bought 20 of the shirts for his team.

"We wanted to wear them in warmups to show our feelings to the Maine South team," Ellis said. "We can't know how they feel. They're rivals, but our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Evanston players wear "Hawks Fly Together" shirts before their game against Maine South on Friday night. Maine South designed the shirts in support of Tommy Gardiner, and Evanston coach Mike Ellis bought 20 for his team to wear too.

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**DANCE**

Maine East makes state finals

**BY DAN SHALIN**

Maine South coach Casey Gibbons said she was satisfied her Hawkettes dance team did all it could in the championship round of the Class 3A state finals.

Maine South placed second with a score of 94.72 on Saturday, finishing behind York (96.26). Maine South improved on its preliminary score (94.16) from the previous day and earned its best finish at state since winning it all in 2013.

"I couldn't have asked for more from the girls. They laid their hearts out on the floor and did everything I've asked," said Gibbons, a 2012 Maine South graduate who is in her first season at the helm. "They were happy with the (finals) performance, and left it in the judges' hands. They are happy at how they did and excited to compete one more time at nationals."

Maine South also competed in the Class 3A pom division, and finished in 11th place with a score of 86.26.

The Hawkettes will compete in the UDA National Dance Team Championship this weekend in Orlando, Fla. Maine South won the 2017 national champions in the large high kick division. Maine South also will compete in the large varsity pom division, in which it finished sixth a year ago.

Like at state, each division at nationals will feature preliminaries, also called semifinals, and finals. Gibbons lauded her team's ability to improve from one round to the next.

Maine South finished second in the prelims on Friday, but still had plenty of work to do ahead of the finals, according to Gibbons. The Hawkettes came back with a stronger performance the following day.

"Our girls are their own harshest critics, and (after prelims) they watched the video and sat down and talked about what they could do better the next day," Gibbons said. "That's remarkable for high school students. I don't even have to lead those conversations. They know what they want to do better and fix up."

Maine South senior Meghan Breslin, who is one of five captains, said the team seemed to lack a little confidence during the prelim routine. Breslin also said the Hawkettes' kicks needed to be stronger and higher near the end of the routine in order to display strength and endurance for the judges.

"In the semis, we were a little shaky, and we knew things had to improve," said Breslin, a fourth-year member of the varsity squad who lives in Park Ridge. "We had a practice the morning (of finals) and worked on things we noticed watching the playback. We noticed that we could do certain things better. Once we walked off after finals, we were so happy because we knew it was our best performance."

At state, a 24-member Hawkettes squad performed the kick routine they will use at nationals this weekend. Gibbons said Maine South was the only one of the 12 teams that reached Saturday's finals to perform a kick routine.

The routine, which was set to the Cutting Crew song "(I Just) Died in Your Arms Tonight," was choreographed by former Maine South coach Jackie Graney and Rachel Rosales, who was the JV coach last season.

"Jackie is still actively involved with the program and cheering for our success," Gibbons said of Graney. "(Graney and Rosales) were a huge part of this routine and its success. (Graney) has been a huge mentor for me through this whole process and transitioning to be the head coach."

With about half the girls returning from last year's national championship squad, the Hawkettes will bring some experience to Orlando. Breslin said she does not believe the group is feeling pressure because of last year's success.

"Having won last year, I think it gives us a little confidence boost," Breslin said. "We know that as of now, we're still national champs, and we want to stay there."

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**Maine East Hawkettes place second at state**

**BY HEATHER RULE**

Maine East finished in 11th place in the Class 3A competition, the top 12 teams in each class were announced and moved on to dance state tournament over the weekend.

Senior captain Joselle Portillo and her Maine East teammates were ecstatic.

"We were just happy to be here," Kawecki said. "We were just totally ecstatic.

"It's just an example of when you work hard and you push through, that you can do anything," Portillo said. "We knew that as of this moment, we knew it was our best performance.

Maine East started out with 11 dancers on varsity and ended up with just seven dancing at state. Most other teams have at least 15 on the floor, according to Kawecki, and with seven people there's no back line, making mistakes very visible.

"We were just happy to be here," Kawecki said. "We were just totally ecstatic.

The Maine South Hawkettes finished second at the Class 3A competitive dance state tournament over the weekend.

**BOWLING**

Wolf finishes high school career strong at finals

**BY MARK PERLMAN**

Niles North senior Avery Wolf went from a nerve-racking first day at the boys bowling state finals at the St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon, to quite a comeback on Day 2 to cap off a stellar season and career.

Wolf finished in 40th place. With 65 bowlers qualifying for the second day of competition on Saturday, Wolf, who was the Central Suburban League overall champion, came in 57th on Friday. But on Saturday he stormed back to shoot a 653 series, with a high game of 238, in the afternoon, to clinch the leaderboard.

"The first day was a little rough, but I was able to finish off my high school career averaging over 200 at state," said Wolf, who averaged 201.2. "It was a lot of fun."

"A top-40 finish is something special," Niles North coach Richard Lee said about his lefty. "He found a groove and rode it."

Wolf, who credits improvements in his mental game, for improving his scores. He has had an impact on his teammates as well.

"Whenever I would do something wrong, Avery would be able to help me with tips," Niles North senior Romiel Kordo said.

"I just tried to be the best leader I could be and help out as much as possible," Wolf said.

Wolf is being recruited by the Wisconsin-Whitewater club team and St. Ambrose (Iowa).

"Other coaches came up to me (at state) and commented how solid a fundamental bowler Avery was," Lee said.

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**COLLEGE NOTES**

Woodlands grad Hamilton buoys Kenyon swimming

*By Sam Brief*  
Pioneer Press

Kenyon College freshman Caylee Hamilton, a Woodlands Academy graduate, was recently chosen as the North Coast Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Week.

Kenyon, a Division III program, took down Oberlin 170-74 in a dual meet on Jan. 13. Hamilton, a three-time state qualifier, at Woodlands, won two individual events and two relays against Oberlin. She came out on top in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.43 seconds and also won the 100 butterfly (59.73). Hamilton also helped the Ladies win the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay.

In high school, Hamilton was the first Woodlands swimmer to qualify for the state finals, and she was only a sophomore at the time. She went on to qualify as a junior and senior as well.

Joining Hamilton on the team are sophomores Julia Green (New Trier) and Paige Haden (Evanston).

Lindsey, Ash bolster Northwestern hoops

The Northwestern men's basketball team has gotten a boost from two local alums: Scottie Lindsey, a senior guard/forward from Fenwick, and Jordan Ash, a junior guard from St. Joseph.

Lindsey, a preseason All-Big Ten selection, has led the Wildcats this season by pouring in 14 points per game. He has started all but one game this season and is one of five Wildcats shooting better than 80 percent from the free-throw line.

Ash, a state-champion guard at St. Joseph under the legendary Gene Pingatore, has been reliable off the bench for the Wildcats this year. He scored five points during a crucial stretch in Northwestern's 70-61 victory against Penn State on Jan. 20.

Hinsdale South graduate Barret Benson, Barrington native Rapolas Ivanauskas and New Trier alumnus Tino Malnati are also on the team.

Seltzer vaults Buckeyes to 2nd-place finish

Deerfield native Josh Seltzer helped the Ohio State men's gymnastics team place second at the Rocky Mountain Open on Jan. 13 in Colorado Springs. The Buckeyes, ranked No. 3 in the country at the time, came close to topping No. 6 Nebraska for the team title at the event hosted by Air Force. Seltzer, a freshman and four-time USA Gymnastics Academic All-American, competed in three events: still rings, parallel bars and vault. Seltzer tallied scores of 13.75, 13.15 and 13.55, respectively, to give the Buckeyes a boost.

The Buckeyes were ranked fourth in the latest College Gymnastics Association poll. Joining Seltzer on the team is Mount Prospect resident Max Andryushchenko.

Greer finds her touch at Colgate

Colgate sophomore guard Haley Greer, a New Trier alumna, has proven to be a steady hand off the bench and in the starting lineup for the Raiders.

Greer, who was a three-time all-Central Suburban South selection at New Trier, has played in all 20 games this season and has started seven of them. She scored a season-high nine points in a loss to American on Jan. 2 and added six rebounds, an assist and a steal.

A year ago, the Winnetka native averaged 8.1 points and 2.1 boards per contest.

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