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Key Gemini Junior High School community leaders, including administrators, teachers and a student, shovel dirt Aug. 9 during a groundbreaking ceremony signaling the start of construction of a major new addition at the school.

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Julie Foreman, photographer and writer

Multi-talented Morton Grove resident Julie Foreman is an accomplished photographer. Her latest project, however, is writing a book about Hiroshima based on her interviews with a 92-year-old survivor of the atomic bomb dropped on the Japanese city. Foreman is married to Rabbi Barry Schechter, of Skokie’s Congregation Kol Emeth.

Q: What inspired you to become a photographer?
A: My dad was an amateur photographer. I grew up helping him in the darkroom. When you see pictures develop, there’s a magic to it. I got hooked on it but I didn’t seriously start doing photography until my late 20s.

Q: What’s your favorite subject to photograph?
A: Faces. I do street photography and I love doing people but not staged — in their life.

Q: How did your book project begin?
A: I went to see an exhibit about the Japanese internment camp and my friend went with me. They had oral histories. We were talking to the curator and my friend said, “I have a Japanese neighbor. Have you interviewed her?” She said, “No.” My friend volunteered me to do it. I thought the woman was in the internment camp but she said, “I was in Hiroshima.”

Q: Have you done a lot of writing?
A: My background is in journalism. I worked for the Journal of the American Medical Association. I had a column. When I was in grad school, I did a travel book on Illinois.

Q: What book are you currently reading?

Q: What do you do to unwind?
A: Read, play piano, go hear cabaret music.

Q: What was your favorite trip?
A: My favorite trip is usually my last one, and we were just in Italy visiting friends I had met 30 years ago.

Q: Where do you want to go next?
A: The next one I’m planning is through Brittany and France.

Q: What’s your favorite local restaurant?
A: There’s a little place in Highwood called Maria’s Italian Bakery and Caffe. It’s the best fresh homemade food.

Q: What’s the best thing about living in Morton Grove?
A: It’s a nice quiet community. It’s close to the city and it’s an ethnically mixed city.

— Myrna Petlicki, freelance reporter
Evolving education

New addition at Gemini Junior High School to help with transition to middle school

A groundbreaking ceremony earlier this month signaled the start of construction on a large addition at Gemini Junior High School in Niles was about more than just physical space, educators said.

"Not only are we transforming the building, but we are also evolving our educational philosophy," said Principal Lewis Roberts. "We will become a community that supports the very unique needs of the sixth through eighth grade population."

Gemini currently is home to seventh and eighth graders. Starting next year, sixth graders will be moved to the school, which will transition from a junior high school to a middle school, under East Maine School District 63 plans.

Educators said the big difference is that junior high schools mimic high school while middle schools focus on pre-teens and their specific needs.

"Gemini Middle School will be teeming with adolescent middle school children finding their way through the tween years," said School District 63 Superintendent Scott Clay. "No longer young children and beginning to form their own identity and sense of independence, they bring their own set of educational, social, emotional and physical needs."

To accommodate the new middle school, the addition will include 66,553 square feet of new space and 38,421 square feet of remodeled space, under district plans.

The expansion plans call for building an auxiliary multi-purpose room with a stage, an instrumental music suite, a fitness center, a larger and upgraded cafeteria and library, more than 50 additional parking spaces, an accessible ground-floor administration area and additional building support and storage space.

Clay said sixth graders are scheduled to begin at Gemini at the start of the 2019-20 school year even though the addition is not expected to be completed until the spring of 2020. He said enough new space will be available so that there are not likely to be issues.

School District 63 educators said they anticipate Gemini enrollment this year to be between 700 and 750 students. When sixth graders transfer to the building next year, enrollment is expected to rise to more than 1,000 students.

The estimated cost of the project is $29.8 million, according to district officials, but they say taxpayers will pay no additional taxes. The district has adequate funds to cover costs using its existing tax revenue stream and by selling and restructuring bonds, officials said.

District 63 currently includes six elementary schools and a junior high school with 3,400 students from Niles, Des Plaines, Morton Grove, Glenview and Park Ridge.

The groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 9 was held under clear skies and sun, and drew school board members, parents and students and village leaders including Mayor Andrew Przybylo.

School board President Alexandra Brook said she and her family have been part of the community for more than 15 years. "Although District 63 has exceeded my expectations, I, along with other parents, have dreamed about making our district even better," she said. "Now, as a board member, I have the privilege to be part of realizing these dreams."

Gemini eighth grader Payton Marcus, 13, said she looks forward to returning to school this year as construction on the addition gets underway.

"This is a very exciting time for Gemini staff and students," she said. "I'm glad I'll still be here to see the beginning stages of the transformation process. I look forward to coming back when it's fully complete."

The expansion and upgrade of Gemini and its transition to a middle school in part are a larger school district master plan calling for other significant changes as well.

By fall of 2019, under the master plan, District 63 will offer full-day kindergarten in all of its elementary schools. New preschool space for the district's First Steps program, which currently runs out of three schools, is scheduled to be built near Apollo School and the district office.

The district's master plan also calls for redrawing boundaries so that student enrollment is distributed in a more balanced way. Stevenson Elementary School in Des Plaines would close after the 2018-19 school year, under these plans.

But the Gemini addition remains the first significant project in the master plan to get underway, educators said.

"The new Gemini Middle School will not only have more classrooms to accommodate the additional sixth grade students, but will have spaces designed for collaborative learning, areas to facilitate social development and independence and also will have improved fine arts and athletic facilities," Clay said.

Lewis told parents, "We are going to help your teenagers as they transition through this next phase of their life."
Evanston seeks dismissal of Skokie’s water lawsuit

‘No fundamental right to Lake Michigan water’

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

In the latest round of the ongoing legal battle between Evanston and Skokie over water rates, Evanston filed a motion Aug. 14 seeking to have the federal lawsuit it’s municipal neighborhood water customer filed earlier this summer dismissed.

“There is no good-faith basis for this lawsuit nor for any particular claim made within the complaint,” Evanston attorneys said in the motion filed in federal court.

In asking for Skokie’s federal complaint to be dismissed, Evanston attorneys said the lawsuit was filed “to generate headlines and create political pressure in hopes of forcing a discount on the price of the Lake Michigan water it purchases from Evanston,” according to the motion to dismiss.

Further, attorney Derke Price, of Chicago-based law firm Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, Dicianni and Krauthammer PC, said on behalf of Evanston, Skokie’s lawsuit over increased water rates is an attempt to run around an existing state lawsuit.

Skokie “has no fundamental right to Lake Michigan water — and certainly no such right to water from Evanston,” according to the motion to dismiss.

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“The city is going to let the motion to dismiss stand on its own without any comment from the mayor, city manager, or city attorney,” Mayor Steve Hagerty wrote in an email to the Evanston Review.

Nevertheless, attorneys said in the motion to dismiss that Skokie does not have a “fundamental right” to water from Evanston, and Evanston did not violate any of Skokie’s “constitutional rights — whether rights of procedural due process, substantive due process, or to equal protection.”

The motion states that Skokie is not a person and, therefore, not due Fourteenth Amendment protections its federal lawsuit decries.

But Skokie officials fired back, issuing a statement Aug. 15 on the motion to dismiss.

“The village of Skokie anticipates that the routine issues raised by Evanston in federal court will be denied and that Evanston will be required to answer Skokie’s important and groundbreaking amended complaint for equal protection pursuant to the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments of the Constitution of the United States,” village officials said in the statement provided by spokeswoman Ann Tennes.

“The state court’s hold on Evanston’s litigation entered because Skokie’s federal court action raises issues which supersede and would resolve the state litigation,” Skokie officials said in the statement.

For Evanston, disagreement over water rates should be settled in the Circuit Court of Cook County, as directed by state law, the city’s motion to dismiss reads.

“This is a dispute between two municipalities — each a creature of Illinois law — concerning their rights under an Illinois statute (70ILCS 2605/26) governing the wholesale purchase and sale of water drawn from Lake Michigan,” the motion reads. “Where a dispute over the rates exists, dictates that an action be filed (as it was) in the Circuit Court of Cook County.”

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Cook County soda tax on November ballot

Maine Township voters get chance to reject 'any reinstatement'

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Cook County's unpopular tax on soda and other sugary drinks officially came to an end more than eight months ago, but officials in Maine Township want voters to weigh in on whether it should be rejected a second time should it ever be reconsidered in the future.

The largely Republican town board on Aug. 16 unanimously voted to place an advisory referendum question on the Nov. 6 ballot asking, "Should Cook County reject any possible reinstatement of the sweetened beverage tax (soda tax)?"

"Even though it's non-binding, it tells the county — whoever (the commissioners) may be after Nov. — in no uncertain terms how our voters feel and holds them accountable," said Maine Township Supervisor Laura Morask.

Other township boards in Cook County — including Palatine and Elk Grove townships — have voted to place similar referendums on the November ballot as well, said Maine Township Trustee David Carrabotta.

The one-penny-per-ounce tax, supported heavily by Democratic Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle as a way to fill a multimillion-dollar deficit in the county budget, took effect in August 2017, but county commissioners voted 15-2 to repeal it a little more than two months later following widespread opposition from residents and businesses. The tax officially ended on Dec. 1.

Carrabotta, who represents Maine Township, said there has been "chatter" that a form of the sugary drink tax "may be rehashed and pushed through the board," but Kevin Helfrich, spokesman for Preckwinkle, disputed that the tax could be revisited as part of the next budget cycle.

"Any suggestion that the county will seek to impose a sweetened beverage tax as part of the FY19 budget is ill-informed," he said.

Maine Township Supervisor Laura Sweeney also expressed concern that the referendum will "take the focus away" from Maine Township High School District 207's $195 million bond referendum for school building upgrades, which is also on the November ballot.

Morask speculated that the county board could revisit the tax at any time and that a referendum would give voters in Maine Township — which includes portions of Park Ridge, Niles, Des Plaines, Morton Grove and Glenview — "the opportunity to express their views" on it.

"While this isn't looming immediately, there's a chance it will loom in the future based on the deficit the county is facing," she said.

Maine Township Supervisor Claire McKenzie, the only Democrat on the board, questioned the need for the advisory referendum.

"I think you could take a simple poll from people walking up and down the street in Maine Township — and in Cook County for that matter — and I think 90 percent of the people would say they don't want this tax," she said. "I don't see why we need a referendum on the ballot. It was very loud and clear why it was repealed: People were not happy and rejected it and made a lot of noise about it. Thinking that this is going to resurrect itself, just because the election is over in November, I think is very speculative."

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"In the event this (tax) is brought up again at some future date, the commissioners who represent this area will know where their constituents stand," he said. "In addition, they can let their county board president know where they stand as well."

Sweeney rejected calling the referendum a Republican Party-led initiative, though she did acknowledge it has received backing from a number of Republicans in the county.

"I don't see this as an issue of Democrat versus Republican," she said. "I think it's an issue of residents sick of politicians who always look to tax before they look to reform. This is a regressive tax that hurts the poorest among us."

Sweeney added that she would like to see more Democrats get behind the townships' referendum efforts as well.
Pace Pulse Milwaukee Line under construction

Bus will connect Niles and Chicago

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Work is underway on Milwaukee Avenue in Niles to add or upgrade bus stops, curb cuts and other amenities needed for the new rapid transit bus route that will run between the north suburb and Chicago starting in 2019.

"Construction is in progress," Niles spokesman Mitch Johnson confirmed.

When it is up and running spring 2019, the Pace Pulse Milwaukee Line will provide express service between Niles and the Jefferson Park neighborhood of Chicago, according to Pace and village information.

The line was originally scheduled to begin in 2017 but was held up as Pace officials dealt with "permitting process times, land use negotiations and construction" taking longer than expected, said Pace spokeswoman Maggie Daly Skogsbakken.

Pace is the transit agency that provides bus and paratransit service to the Chicago suburbs.

Construction is expected to cost $9.5 million, paid for with a Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant, Skogsbakken said. Ongoing operational costs should total about $1 million for the line.

"Pulse Milwaukee Line is proposed to improve the frequency and hours of service on Milwaukee Avenue," according to information on the Pace website.

The website indicates that the Pulse stations will also be served by the Route 270 bus and at some stations by CTA and Niles Free Bus route.

Construction for the Milwaukee Line began in November and "includes reinforced roadway to prevent wear and tear where buses stop, sidewalk pads to accommodate the stations and curb work. Earlier this year station foundation work began in Niles," Skogsbakken said.

Buses will include Wi-Fi and USB charging ports, while stations will feature protection from inclement weather and digital signs giving real time bus arrival and departure details, according to village information. Stop lights will be coordinated to provide shorter reds and longer greens when needed to help keep the Pulse Milwaukee Line buses running on time.

The Milwaukee Line will also include only eight stops in each direction over the seven miles between Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles and Jefferson Park Transit Center in Chicago, according to information from Pace.

Service is expected to run on 10-minute intervals during weekday rush hours and 15-minute intervals during off-peak hours and weekends, according to Pace information. The line also will connect with existing Pace routes.

The Milwaukee Avenue line is the first of seven Pulse routes to be put in place over the next 10 years. Other routes are expected on Dempster Street, Harlem Avenue, Cermak Road, Halsted Street, 95th Street and Roosevelt Road, according to Pace officials.

This route was chosen as the first Pulse line "because of the corridor's strong ridership, connections to other Pace, CTA and Metra services, potential for transit signal priority implementation, shorter distance (than other proposed corridors), and number of communities that would need to be coordinated with (two, Chicago and Niles)," Skogsbakken wrote in an email.

The Dempster Street route is scheduled to begin service next, starting in 2020, according to Pace reports. That route will connect Evanston's Davis Street CTA station with O'Hare International Airport.

"Pulse Milwaukee Line is currently under construction and scheduled to be operating in spring 2019. An artist's rendering depicts a bus terminal at Oakton Street and Milwaukee Avenue.

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Niles

THEFT
- Michael M. Bagley, 24, of the 6400 block of Lowe Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Aug. 14 after he allegedly stole a $40 bottle of brandy from a store in the 8700 block of West Dempster Street. Bagley is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 28.
- A 16-year-old girl from Niles is facing a theft charge after she allegedly called a Niles Flash Cab on Aug. 12 and fled without paying the $80 fare. The girl was reportedly located at a motel in Bridgeview and taken into custody.

OBSTRUCTION
- Jasmine Brown, 19, of the first block of Albert Street, Mount Prospect, was charged with obstruction and ticketed for speeding on Aug. 11 following a traffic stop at Oakton Street and Cumberland Avenue. According to police, Brown did not have any identification in her possession and gave officers false information regarding her name.

DUI
- Daniel Hanley, 39, of the 6000 block of Forest Glen Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and speeding on Aug. 12 following a traffic stop on Caldwell Avenue. Hanley is scheduled to appear in court Aug. 28.

WARRANT
- Kenrodia Giles, 28, of the 1300 block of North Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, was taken into custody on retail theft warrants out of Niles on Aug. 15.
- Russell J. Reynolds, 53, of the 8800 block of North Prospect Street, was taken into custody on an undisclosed Cook County arrest warrant on Aug. 11.

DRUGS
- A 29-year-old Glenview man was ticketed for possession of marijuana on Aug. 10 after police reportedly saw him pulling on the door handles of cars parked outside a bar in the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue and confronted him. According to police, he was found in possession of 1 gram of suspected cannabis oil.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE
- Two black briefcases, each containing a laptop computer, were reported stolen the morning of Aug. 13 from a car parked at St. Adalbert Cemetery, 6800 N. Milwaukee Ave. According to police, a window was broken to gain entry to the car and a suspect driving a white vehicle was seen fleeing from the area.

THEFT
- Merchandise valued at $657 was stolen from a store in the 200 block of Golf Road by an unknown man and woman on Aug. 9.
- A resident of the 8900 block of West Golf Road reported $550 worth of jewelry and cash stolen from a dresser between July 27 and Aug. 10.

Morton Grove

THEFT
- Roisin E. Mulkerrins, 19, of the 6800 block of Ardmore Avenue, Chicago, was charged with theft-under $500 following an incident Aug. 2 in the 6300 block of Oakton Street. Mulkerrins was arrested for taking a wallet that someone accidentally left at a register. Mulkerrins is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 4.
- A man in the 5500 block of Lincoln Avenue reported Aug. 9 that his car was towed out of a condominium parking lot. When he picked up his car, items were missing.
- A resident in the 5800 block of Lincoln Avenue reported Aug. 10 that someone stole two UPS packages from the front stoop.
- A resident in the 5800 block of Lincoln Avenue reported Aug. 11 that someone stole an Amazon package from the front of the house.

BURGLARY
- A resident in the 5400 block of Monroe Street reported Aug. 7 that someone broke the rear window of the home and ransacked through dresser drawers.
- A resident in the 5800 block of Lincoln Avenue reported Aug. 10 that the someone forced the back door open and ransacked the house.
- A woman in the 5800 block of Washington Street reported Aug. 13 that someone ransacked through her car and took loose change and a set of keys.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS
- While assisting on a stolen vehicle report on Aug. 12, an officer discovered another vehicle unsecured and ransacked in the 9000 block of Menard Avenue.
- A man in the 9300 block of Menard Avenue reported Aug. 12 that someone entered his unlocked car and ransacked through it.
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Seasonal celebration
Maine-Niles special recreation program hosts annual summer party

Staff report

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation throws a season-ending summer party incorporating a different theme every year, but this year's event felt familiar by design.

Like last year, the Aug. 9 party in Morton Grove's Harrer Park chose Mardi Gras as its theme, one of the first "repeat themes" for the M-NASR event. That's because last year's party was cut short due to rain and last year's party was considered a "repeat theme" for the group. Harrer Park chose Mardi Gras as its theme, one of the first "repeat themes" for the M-NASR event. That's because last year's party was cut short due to rain and was considered a "repeat theme" for the group.

An estimated 400 participants wearing pink T-shirts with "Mardi Gras redux" written on them came to the large Morton Grove park to eat and dance the night away. There was face painting, crafts, games and other entertainment.

"We have this every year, and it's one of our biggest and most popular events," said M-NASR Executive Director Suzanne Bear. "We think about it as bringing 400 people to one spot with various disabilities - it's quite the endeavor!"

Those associated with M-NASR say the effort is worth it. Organizing the event starts as early as January, and staff and volunteers were on hand at 7 a.m. the day of the event, working to set everything up for the nighttime celebration.

One of the few public special recreation associations in the country, M-NASR was formed to improve the quality of life through leisure lifestyle for those with disabilities, officials say.

"Therapeutic recreation is a professional service which uses recreation as a treatment and education modality," the association states. "This service helps people with disabilities exercise their right to a lifestyle that focuses on functional independence and well-being in clinical, residential and community settings."

M-NASR works through local park districts and municipalities, serving members from Des Plaines, Golf, Maine, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge, Skokie and Lincolnwood.

This year, the rain held off, and families could be seen with smiles on their faces, having fun on the dance floor and eating their way through a bountiful selection of food.

The party and other M-NASR activities are supported by the Liponi Foundation for Special Recreation, which was named after the late Sam Liponi, whose family, since 1985, has donated to M-NASR.

"My uncle wanted to make sure that people with disabilities had all the opportunities that everybody else did," said Stella Liponi, her mother said M-NASR was one of the reasons they moved to Niles nearly three decades ago.

"I just like going here and doing fun activities," he said. "I've made a lot of friends."

Megan Bekker, of Skokie, the parent of two M-NASR participants ages 7 and 8, called the association "amazing." "(My kids) get one-on-one attention that they need as opposed to the regular camp where you're just thrown in with like 30 kids," Bekker said. "The extra attention, the structure and the small group sizes have been such a benefit. They love it here."

In its own way, Bear said, the end-of-summer party is helping participants grow and learn just like the smaller sized group activities.

"This provides a sense of self," she said.

"It gives participants the ability and the opportunity to socialize and to create and build on long-lasting friendships. It's an opportunity to get out and experience life."
Merrick Garland to speak at kick-off of Lincolnwood School District 74 anniversary event

Staff report

Merrick Garland is again returning to his hometown area, scheduled to deliver the keynote address at an event Aug. 31 that kicks off the 75th anniversary of Lincolnwood School District 74.

School district officials say that, so far, all seats for the event that is scheduled to take place at Lincoln Hall School are reserved. There is a waiting list for admission. Garland graduated from the school in 1966.

"Judge Garland's speech will reflect on the history of Lincolnwood School District 74, his time in the Lincolnwood schools and the Lincolnwood community," district officials said.

Garland is chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and former Obama administration Supreme Court justice pick.

Then-President Barack Obama nominated Garland as his choice to replace Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in 2016.

A political firestorm was ignited when Republicans blocked confirmation hearings for Garland, which would have been held toward the end of Obama's term. The vacant seat was eventually filled by President Donald Trump nominee Neil Gorsuch.

Lincolnwood School District 74 officials said "Garland was chosen as keynote speaker due to his academic and professional achievements and attendance of Lincolnwood School District 74."

In addition to Lincolnwood schools, Garland is an alum of Niles West High School. He returned to the high school to deliver the 2016 commencement speech.

"When you are facing the unanticipated twists and turns that life shall surely take, when the bad things happen, it should be of tremendous solace to get outside yourself and focus on someone else," he said in May 2016, speaking to the crowd of roughly 4,000 filling the football stadium at the school in Skokie. "Instead of taking a selfie, turn the camera around. You know, the way we used to take pictures? You will have a much more fulfilling life by turning your focus outward to helping others."

When Garland attended Niles West, he was elected president of the student council and took part in a litany of school clubs, including debate, National Honor Society and various theater groups. He was also named "most intelligent" by his peers his senior year.

Merrick Garland delivered a commencement speech May 29, 2016 at Niles West High School in Skokie. The former Supreme Court nominee will return to the area Aug. 31 to speak at a Lincolnwood School District 74 event. He is an alum of the district.
Backlot Bash weekend street festival slated for downtown Skokie

Staff report

Skokie's annual three-day summer festival will go on in all its glory starting Aug 24, even though its slightly altered location will avoid the northwest corner of Oakton Street and Lincoln Avenue — where the new mixed-used 8000 North building is being constructed.

The 8000 North development complex in the heart of downtown Skokie left many with an immediate question that has nothing to do with the project itself: What happens to the Backlot Bash?

Skokie mayor George Van Duysen said that once 8000 North was announced, he heard a common question about whether the Backlot Bash would continue. The festival, which boasts carnival rides, food and live music, was always going to continue, officials said.

The street festival is scheduled for Aug. 24-26. Early morning events tied to the Backlot Bash are also scheduled for Aug. 25 and 26.

A complete Backlot Bash schedule is available on the festival website at backlotbash.com

"The Backlot Bash event will again consist of an entertainment stage, carnival, children's events, business exposition, food vendors, bingo tent, car show, sidewalk sales, 5K race and kids run on Saturday and the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast on Sunday," said Assistant Village Manager Jason Wicha.

Although the 8000 North corner is off limits now, the festival is still located near the same area at and around Oakton Street and Floral Avenue. During the festival, Oakton Street between Lincoln Avenue and Laramie Street as well as a portion of Floral and some village parking lots will be closed off, officials said.

Since its inception in 2007, the festival has not changed much. The Backlot Bash draws thousands every year and has become the unofficial "last hurrah" for families before fall sets in and the calendar heads toward cooler days.

The Backlot Bash is scheduled from Aug. 24 to 26 at Oakton Street and Floral Avenue.

Children can't get enough of rides and games at the Backlot Bash every year in downtown Skokie. The Backlot Bash will include carnival rides, food and, of course, live music.

FILE PHOTOS

Skokie's Backlot Bash pays homage to downtown Skokie's heritage as a silent movie backlot set, by featuring modern day entertainment, as well as showing free classic or silent films," according to organizers.
Block party helps connect community

Event is hosted by Skokie-Morton Grove District 69

BY GINA GRILLO
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Families of Skokie-Morton Grove School District 69 gathered Aug. 18 for a community end-of-summer back-to-school potluck and block party hosted by the district and a parent group.

The purpose of the event, now in its fifth year, is to connect families who live in multi-unit housing in School District 69, as part of their larger community engagement program, organizers say. The block party was held in the 8000 block of Knox Avenue in Skokie. "The block party was originally started several years ago by our PLUS parent organization (Parent Leaders Uniting Schools) and this year has been looped into our District 69's community schools initiatives," said Sarah Rankin, the school district's community schools resource coordinator.

The three-school district includes Lincoln Junior High School, and Madison and Thomas Edison elementary schools.

Rankin says the School District 69 is dedicated to promoting events that connect families in a meaningful way.

The School District 69 Family and Community Engagement Committee organized the event, which, according to Rankin, brings together a variety of stakeholders — parents, community partners, teachers and administrators — to develop family programming opportunities with the purpose of intentionally connecting families to one another.

District schools include Madison Elementary School (pre-K-2nd grade) in Skokie, Edison Elementary School (grades 3-5) in Morton Grove and Lincoln Junior High (grades 6-8) in Skokie.

The PLUS 69 block party included games and activities like face painting, bean-bag throw, sack races, water balloon toss, doughnut eating contest, the Skokie Public Library book mobile, the Skokie fire truck and the Skokie COPS Mobile Command Center, along with a back-to-school raffle.

The event was also attended by Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, and came before the Sept. 4 start of the new school year.

Detective Sean Gibson, of the Skokie Police Department, was on site to lead tours of the Skokie Police Department's mobile command center.

"Events like this one allow us to get up close and personal with neighborhood residents, and serves as a good reminder that police are people too," Gibson said.

Organizers said that community partnerships are at the center of School District 69's success.

"This multicultural event is held on a multi-unit street to encourage families to get to know each other and to build a sense of community," said parent volunteer Fernanda Perez, of Skokie.

School district staff and community partners hope this collaboration will inspire and provide leadership, with the hope that the block will facilitate their own block party in the future, Rankin said.

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Conspiracy theorists now have megaphones

Randy Blaser

You don't have to work in journalism very long before learning there are a few people out there who are on the fringe.

At first glance, they seem just like everyone else. They live regular lives in their communities, they go shopping, send their kids to school, love America and take their duties as citizens very seriously.

But they are a bit off, and that becomes clear when they talk about the issues that drive them. Sometimes they are concerned about taxes. Sometimes it is schools. They fret over crime, or health care or policing.

Sure, those are the same issues that drive everyone else. But they have a different view about why things are going wrong.

Where as some people see unconnected bad luck, weird coincidences or just plain incompetence; they see conspiracy, darkness and someone pulling the strings for their own gain.

They may not know for sure, but it wouldn't take much for them to believe the CIA, or the Mob, or renegades in the military industrial complex killed Kennedy, or the New World Order brought down the Twin Towers, or that there are government "false flags" signaling the bureaucratic coup that will end with FEMA rounding up regular folks in concentration camps.

The news tips they would bring to the newsroom would often contain just a kernel of truth, enough to make you spin your wheels checking it out. But the tips always led nowhere. The dark, vast conspiracy never panned out.

That was back in the golden age of newspapering when the tips leading nowhere was part of the job, because sometimes keeping stuff out of the paper was more important than what you put in.

But things are different today.

The internet and open publishing platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Wordpress give everyone more or less access to a kind of newspaper 24/7.

No longer do the wackos, conspiracy buffs and extreme paranoids have to beg and plead with editors to run their letters or pages-long essays.

In the age of the internet, they are the editors. They get to publish their crazy ideas, weird theories and wild conspiracies for everyone to read. And some of the more sophisticated paranoids make it look like real news.

So it is with a fellow named Alex Jones, who runs a website called InfoWars, which focuses on far-right conspiracy theories that are really more far out than anything else.

You can easily check it out for yourself on his site, and to be honest, I think you probably should. Remember, I used to be paid to check out these people who concocted theories for a living. But now that they don't need an editor to publish, you should start checking it out for yourself with the mind of an editor, not a consumer.

In today's Wild, Wild West of publishing, the average consumer needs to be more discerning than ever.

That's a question raised by recent action taken against Jones by the supposed open platform publishers Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Despite their claims of being open platforms, they've decided to keep Jones out.

When publishers first delved into the world of the internet, the lawyers advised about what to put on the web. Their advice? Either publish everything and everybody, or edit everything and everybody.

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Lost luggage and the joy of a family cruise

My sister Betsy proposed a toast.
"To mom and dad, and their 60th anniversary!"
My siblings and I clinked glasses. Then Betsy added, "This afternoon, I wasn't sure they were going to make it!"

Betsy explained that through her intentions were pure, somehow she'd found herself on a rocky beach in Kotor Bay, Montenegro, with dad holding onto a floating raft and mom, normally a game swimmer, temporarily stranded halfway between either getting into or out of the water.

As Betsy swam toward mom, age 83, she instructed dad, age 86, to stay put. Three strokes into her maternal rescue, dad let go. She gave him a sharp look. "Choose!"

"The Sum of Lying?" Nah, let's keep this positive.

It seems like certain politicians and college coaches have been competing in a never-ending race to the bottom of the dishonesty cesspool.

"The Summer of LeBron?" Maybe. But no, LeBron James doesn't need any more attention.

But his decision to build a new public school for at-risk kids in his hometown of Akron, Ohio, and cover all student costs should be commended by everyone, including the U.S. Secretary of Education and her散布注 where.

"The Summer of Lollapalooza?" That phrase could be used every summer.

Four days of great music and colorful fan attire make it a great week, but until Lollapalooza becomes a month-long-rock-and-roll encampment, it stays out of "summer of" consideration.

I eventually realized I was using the wrong letter.
"L" is getting a seat on the bench in favor of "B" for baseball.

If you've watched any baseball lately, you already know this is, "The Summer of the Walk-off" and "The Summer of the Catch."

How many times this season have you seen highlights of walk-off home runs and outfielders reaching new heights with perfectly timed leaps at the wall to catch balls that seemed headed out of the park?

Half of ESPN SportCenter's "Top 10 Plays" every night this summer seem to include walk-off hits or incredible catches.

I can't get enough of both walk-off winning hits and phenomenal home run-stealing catches over the wall.

Even when players I've never heard of become offensive or defensive heroes for their teams, I can't help but cheer for the guys who just pulled off the play all baseball players pretend to do a thousand times growing up.

Fortunately on the North and South Sides, we've recently been treated to tremendous offensive and defensive heroics.

For us pain-enduring White Sox fans (yes, including me), highlights have been few this season compared to the number of blowout losses and acute cases of bullpen-failureitis.

But at least we get to watch center fielder Adam Engel repeatedly dazzle us with aerial defensive acrobatics on the warning track. Fans still are talking about his three reach-over-the-wall catches to rob the Yankees and Indians of home runs during recent home games in early August.

And even White Sox fans have to tip their hats to the Cubs' David Bote for hitting what's known as a rare, ultimate grand slam.

On Aug. 12, in a nationally televised game between the Cubs and Nationals at Wrigley Field, Bote stepped to the plate as a pinch hitter with the bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Cubs down 3-0.

And then... BOOM! In dramatic fashion, Bote became the 29th player in baseball history to hit a walk-off grand slam in a particular situation. His straight-away-to-center-field-no-doubt-about-it blast triggered a celebration throughout the park that blew the roof off Wrigley (if it had a roof).

The excitement of Bote's Cubs teammates, who gathered at home plate waiting for him to round third and then dumped drums of Gatorade over him as he crossed home plate, played out magnificently on the field and on camera.

Quite often, baseball really becomes a bore in the dog days of August, especially if your team is out of the playoff hunt. But not this year.

"The Summer of the Walk-off" and "The Summer of the Catch" are elevating the summer of 2018 to new heights — and one that even the most casual baseball fan can appreciate.

During a summer where negative political banter seems like it's never ending and news of divisive federal policies seemingly magnify by the day, we, at least, have baseball to divert our attention for a little while.

To baseball's walk-off wonders and wall-leaping thrillers, thanks for making this summer memorable — in a good way.

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OPINION

There’s nothing like those Robert Redford romances

As a young girl watching "The Way We Were," I could never understand why Katie and Hubbell weren't able to work things out. Their love seemed so strong, almost indestructible.

But as a 50-something-year-old divorced woman, I totally get it. The theory (and the Paula Abdul song) "Opposites Attract" only applies to couples in the short-term. In most cases, a couple's differences eventually catch up to their infatuation, causing conflict and pain, which leads them to break up. (Hence my tears every time I watch the end of the movie, when in front of the Plaza Hotel Katie says that famous line, "Your girl is lovely, Hubbell".)

Hubbell, aka Robert Redford, was the heartthrob of every woman who ever watched not only the "The Way We Were" but several of his other feature films.

But all good things really do come to an end. Earlier this month, Redford announced he's retiring after a six-decade career in Hollywood.

With over 50 films under his belt — either as an actor, writer, producer or director — Redford, who is also the founder of the Sundance Film Festival, starred in these nine romance dramas and comedies, which I think are must-see movies. Some are chick flicks, others are date night movies, but I bet you'll fall in love with Redford in every one.

- "The Way We Were" (1973): Two college classmates (played by Redford and Barbra Streisand) are polar opposites who run into each other after World War II and begin a love affair that breaks both their hearts.
- "Indecent Proposal" (1993): Desperate for money to save their dream home, a couple (Demi Moore and Woody Harrelson) heads to Las Vegas to gamble. There they meet a wealthy bachelor (played by Redford) who offers them $1 million to sleep with the wife.
- "Barefoot In The Park" (1967): Newlyweds (Redford and Jane Fonda) try to adapt to married life and overcome a huge spat.
- "Up Close And Personal" (1996): Redford plays a veteran news producer who mentors an ambitious reporter (Michelle Pfeiffer). The two butt heads at first and then fall in love.
- "The Horse Whisperer" (1998): A riding accident leads a wealthy New York woman (Kristin Scott Thomas) and her daughter to a remote Montana farm where they seek the help of a horse whisperer (Redford) to heal both the daughter and her horse. While there, romance ensues.
- "The Natural" (1984): Set in the late 1930s, a middle-aged pro baseball player (Redford) makes a comeback and reunites with his high school sweetheart (Glenn Close).
- "Havana" (1990): A professional gambler (Redford) travels to Cuba in 1958 for an important poker game and ends up falling for a wealthy woman (Lena Olin) who enlists his help in the revolution.
- "Legal Eagles" (1986): An ambitious prosecutor (Redford) takes on a case and becomes involved with both the defense attorney (Debra Winger) and her questionable client (Daryl Hannah).
- "Out of Africa" (1985): A Danish baroness (Meryl Streep) moves to Kenya as the owner of a coffee plantation and falls in love with a noncommittal game hunter (Redford).

I've seen almost all of these movies, and I have to say that even though each of Redford's roles is unique, there is a common theme. He always seems to play a guy with incredible charm, understated wit, a quiet, shy demeanor, appealing self-confidence and a lot of sex appeal.

But there is usually an outer shell that needs to be peeled back by his co-star, whether he's playing a noncommittal playboy or a loner or someone who's lost or set in his ways. In other words, Redford's character is often unavailable at first, only to be seduced by his leading lady to reveal his warmth and vulnerability.

Lastly, (possible spoiler alert) most of Redford's romance movies have sad endings, including a few instances where Redford gets the girl and then doesn't, leaving you wanting to shout, "Wait a minute! You're single again? I'm available!"

At 81 (he turns 82 on Aug. 18), I have to say that Redford is looking good. Married to his second wife, artist Sibylle Szaggars, since 2009, he has four children and seven grandchildren.

In 1996, I went to see "Up Close and Personal" by myself. I was a graduate student studying journalism at the time, so the movie was extra appealing to me. Like Redford's character Warren was a mentor to his leading lady, a TV news reporter learning the business, I had a few men who helped me along the way in my journalism career. Just like Warren, the guys were smart, witty and really good teachers. But one thing's for sure: not one of them was as dreamy as only Redford can be.

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Brittany Mostiller, mother of four daughters, says she has no trouble talking to her kids about any subject, including abortion.

TALKING ABOUT ABORTION

With Supreme Court poised to change and misinformation out there, here's how to discuss the topic with your kids.
Lack of cover-up by her cat a mystery

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
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Q: My 4-year-old male cat, Max, has developed an unusual habit. While he always uses the litter box, he no longer bothers to cover his poop with litter. Have you heard of this before and do you have any thoughts as to why this might happen?
— Martha, Long Beach, N.Y.

A: Cats usually cover their waste and don't need their owner's help. But it's not uncommon for a cat, especially a male cat, to suddenly stop covering their poop in a litter box. It's likely just one thing, but it can happen for many reasons.

While there are no medical conditions related to this behavior, if a cat is in pain, has a painful elimination, a urinary infection, or even a tender paw, he may not feel like covering his waste.

If the litter box is too small or is located in the wrong place, a cat may be eager to get in and out of the box quickly.

If there is more than one cat in the house, the cat may leave the feces uncovered to communicate dominancy. But the behavior could also be because the cat no longer likes the texture of the litter.

If there is no health problem, then change one thing at a time to see what works.

Start with a new, slightly larger litter box to give him more space to move around. If that doesn't work, then relocate the box to a place that feels more secluded.

Next, try adding a second litter box or adjusting the depth of the litter. If all else fails, change the litter type, but do so slowly, mixing portions of old and new litter until you are eventually using only the new litter.

Just know a single sunbeam coming through the window and hitting the box at just the wrong angle could change your cat's litter box habits. You will have to play detective to figure it out.

Q: In a recent column, a woman from Illinois complained about her neighbor having her dog loose in the front yard when she was walking her dog. The dog would come up to her dog. I Googled this issue because I have problems with my neighbors' six dogs running around in their front yard. It's caused a lot of problems with everyone on the block. Neighbors don't listen unless you explain the law. There is a law in Illinois that says no dog may run loose. When she goes up to the neighbor's house, she should point this out. — Tammy, Long Island, N.Y.

A: One of the most common complaints between neighbors has to do with a neighbor's off-leash dog. While the neighbor may say their off-leash dog is friendly, if the unleashed dog approaches the leashed dog, there could be a fight since the leashed dog may be dog reactive and/or think he must protect its owner.

In Chicago, like in Long Island, unless the dog is being used as a rescue dog, service animal or law enforcement dog, the dog must be kept under restraint by a leash or lead when outside of one's property line.

This means a dog owner may keep a dog off-leash on his property, so long as he maintains control. If a dog runs off property, however, then the owner is not maintaining control. Talking to neighbors about animal ordinances requires diplomacy and doesn't always result in happy neighbors.

Unless you are already friendly with your neighbors, you may worsen tensions if you try to talk to them. In your case, and with so many neighbors affected, I recommend calling animal control and letting an animal control officer talk to your neighbor about leashing his six dogs when off property.

Q: I must have the strangest cat in the world. I take out nail clippers, call him and he comes. Maybe that is the distraction? — Jeff, Henderson, Nevada

A: You not only have one of those rare cats that comes when called, but you also have a cat that makes nail clipping easy. As for eating the nail clippings, I have never heard of a cat doing that, so I agree, you might have the strangest cat in the world.

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Talking about abortion

By Cindy Dampier
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With Supreme Court poised to change and misinformation out there, here's how to discuss the topic with your kids

When Brittany Mostiller was in her early 20s, she had two abortions. She didn’t want anyone to know. “I didn’t want folks knowing what I was going through,” she says, “especially because I didn’t feel like they would support me in any way.” And though she never regretted her decision, she says, she felt pressure to keep quiet. “Society tells us not to talk about it. The stigma and shame forces you into silence, although folks were still having abortions.”

Today, Mostiller, a program director at Chicago Abortion Fund, which assists low-income women seeking abortions, parents four daughters ages 5 to 16 — and talks about abortions, including her own, with them. “I want them to have all the options,” she says, “and to know they have autonomy to make their own decisions. I wish people could see the beauty in these uncomfortable conversations. That’s how you get comfortable — talking about it.”

If you’re the mother of a teen girl, you’ve parented your way around a block or two already. You’ve likely had the sex talk, more than once and with substantially more information than your own mother probably doled out. But chances are good that you haven’t talked with your teen about abortion in detail.

“With sex,” says Michelle Oberman, a law professor who teaches abortion case at Santa Clara University in California, “we’ve had time to think about what messages we want to send, we make fun of the sex talks our moms gave us. What we need to do is put abortion on that agenda.”

Though rates of teen pregnancy and abortion are down, adolescents still account for 12 percent of U.S. abortions, and women aged 20 to 24 — which includes many college students — account for 34 percent. In the face of widespread changes to access, leaving abortion discussions out of your parenting repertoire could leave you and your child in a situation you’re unprepared to deal with.

Here’s how to open the door to that communication:

Keep the discussion open.
“‘To say, ‘If you get pregnant you’re definitely having an abortion because we’ve got goals’ is a mistake,” says Candice Norcott, an assistant professor and psychologist working in reproductive health care at the University of Chicago. “If you are talking with your teenager about a pregnancy that’s unplanned and unwanted, giving your teenager the tools and information to make her own decision is key. To be able to say, ‘This isn’t what I want for you, but if it does happen, we can manage it together.’ This is a parenting strategy; it’s not just one thing. How can you present a relationship where communication is open? Where things break down is when a child feels like they have had an experience that they can’t share with parents.”

Understand the present-day abortion landscape. “A lot of the conversations people are having, it’s gloom and doom and back alleys,” says Yamani Hernandez, executive director of the National Network of Abortion Funds. “Today, medication abortion is the primary way that first-trimester abortions happen, so you take pills, and many people don’t know that.” Self-managed abortions via medication are becoming much more common, a trend that will undoubtedly grow if state abortion laws change. There is plenty of misinformation out there, so make sure you take time to educate yourself.

You also should know the legal basics, so that you can answer questions your kids might have, Oberman says. “We’re already running across kids who think abortion is illegal, because of all the talk about the Supreme Court.”

Step outside the rhetoric. Oberman, who works at a Catholic college among “many people who have views that are very different from my own,” finds embracing a range of opinions about abortion helps her reach a more nuanced dialogue with her students. “Underneath the surface you find a whole lot of gray.” If she were to insist on her own opinion, she says, “I’d be missing what they’re saying. They are saying that there is something morally complicated about abortion for them.”

Talking through those nuances, rather than dismissing them, is what equips kids to make hard decisions for themselves. “You need to be really giving your kids tools to think through microscopically what the consequences are,” Norcott says.

Don’t forget the boys. Hernandez, who parents two sons, ages 12 and 17 in Chicago, points out that teen girls shouldn’t be the only kids getting this message. “I do think it is something that should not only be talked about with daughters but with children in general.” With her own children, she says, “I try to put it in as simple terms as possible, but obviously for the 17-year-old it’s a more complex conversation because he’d have to think about what would he do if he were to impregnate someone.” Hernandez, who has also worked as an advocate for teen parents, makes it clear that she’s not pushing a particular outcome, should that circumstance arise. “He knows that either way he would have my support.”

Recognize you won’t be the only source of information. “People this age don’t necessarily ask the right people the right questions,” says Oberman, because they tend to get their information kind of randomly. Every mother wants her daughter to come to her if something’s wrong. But it’s also good to make sure they know about sources of good information other than you, because if something happens, they are likely going to go to the internet to look for information.” She recommends the Plan C or Safe2Choose websites as sources of very specific, accurate information on self-managed abortions. Don’t assume your own experience is the key to discussion. “For a lot of my friends who have kids this age and are starting to talk to them about their own abortions,” says Oberman, “it has been kind of a monologue. If what we’re expecting is that the way to get my daughter to talk to me is to tell her that I’ve had an abortion, well... maybe. But I’m not sure that’s the only way. What might work just as well is to say, ‘There is a lot of confusion out there about what’s going on with abortion right now. If you’re ever in trouble or any of your friends are, I want you to come to me and we are going to work and find all the information we need, and figure out what is the right thing to do.’

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Read beyond your years, grade level

Youths can benefit from reaching to understand our complex world

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

I was lucky to grow up in a house full of books, and most of the books, as befits a house where the adults were in charge, were books for adults. There were books in every room, really, but a set of built-ins in the living room had the bulk of the titles. For years and years, I ignored them.

Until I didn’t.

Right around the transition to junior high, I sensed a void in my reading. I was moving past the books that had sustained me as a kid, things like the Matt Christopher sports novels or “The Chronicles of Narnia” and “The Dark Is Rising” series. Judy Blume’s books filled some of the void, and I made my way through probably 80 percent of the Newbery medalists, but I finished five books a week, and I’d outstripped the supply, even with rereading.

This was the 1980s, before the young-adult literature boom. There were books for children and books for adults, but not enough for those of us in between.

So I started sneaking books from the living room shelves. I’m not certain my parents would have objected had I asked, but in my mind, there was something vaguely forbidden about them. The shelves were crowded enough that I could snag one without notice.

I started with war books: Herman Wouk (“The Winds of War,” “War and Remembrance”) and “The Longest Day” by Cornelius Ryan, an exhaustive telling of the gliderborne soldiers who preceded the assault on Normandy.

I moved on to “Exodus” by Leon Uris, intrigued and intimidated by its hefty. Tackling something that big felt like the act of a grown-up. I cannot say that I fully grasped the full import of the epic about the Jewish diaspora at the founding of Israel, but I read every page.

In hindsight, I can see how I benefited from reading these books that were arguably beyond me — not in terms of vocabulary, but in the way they expanded my understanding of the complexity of the world. I realized there were so many things I simply did not know, that there truly was a life on Earth much richer and confounding than what I’d experienced up to that point as a contented, largely sheltered young suburban white boy.

Once or twice, I may have tapped into something that was arguably inappropriate — “The Clan of the Cave Bear,” when I was 12 or 13, for example. But even when my reach exceeded my grasp, as with my experience of Tom Wolfe’s “The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test,” my confusion was always outstripped by my excitement to learn new things.

My view of the adult world was confined to those living room bookshelves, and even that world was far more vast than I could’ve ever hoped to fully understand.

But it’s different today, with vast amounts of information literally at our fingertips, as children as young as 2 or 3 tap at screens, accessing Lord only knows what.

One enduring lesson I learned that I believe transcends generations is that it’s a good thing to wade into the deep every so often to see if you can safely swim to shore. In graduate school, I quickly learned “I like to read books” wasn’t going to be sufficient to engage with what was being put in front of me.

I survived it by remembering what it felt like to lie in my bed, a big adult book heavy on my chest, each page turned making me into someone new.

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FDA reminds consumers that sunscreen pills do not work

By Dr. Eve Glazier and Dr. Elizabeth Ko
Ask the Doctors

Dear Doctor: My husband and I are terrible at remembering to wear sunscreen. I don't like how it feels, and he just plain forgets. I recently saw an ad for sunscreen pills. Could they be an option?

Dear Reader: We hate to be the bearers of bad news, but no, sunscreen pills don't work. They have been marketed as dietary supplements that will allow your skin to (magically) have UV protection. The risks posed by unprotected sun exposure are serious enough that the FDA put out a statement in May debunking the claims of sunscreen pill manufacturers. It also sent out warning letters demanding that the companies hawking these pills stop their false advertising, which it said violates federal law.

The specific companies mentioned in the FDA's announcement are Advanced Skin Brightening Formula, Sunsafex Rx, Solaricare and Sunergetic. The incidence of all types of skin cancer has increased since sunscreen use was introduced. The existence of skin cancer can be prevented by using sunscreen, which is painful as well as dangerous. Sunscreen does prevent vitamin D formation in the skin. People who protect themselves from UV rays may not make adequate amounts of vitamin D. Oral supplements might be helpful.

Q: I use almonds to stop heartburn. After years of being on Prilosec and thinking there was no way off it, I took the plunge and stopped. I keep almonds with me wherever I go. At home I also drink aloe vera juice and take licorice root pills (DGL). Every once in a while, I have to take a Zantac, but not often.

A: Scientists writing in the World Journal of Gastroenterology (March 14, 2011) characterize almonds as a traditional heartburn remedy in Israel. We haven't seen any studies on whether eating a few almonds actually helps heartburn, but scores of readers attest that it does.

An extract of licorice has been shown to ease inflammation (Evidence Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Volume 2012). DGL is a safer version of licorice because the glycyrrhizin that can raise blood pressure has been removed.

Q: It seems to me that sunscreens may prevent burning, but I'm not sure they prevent skin cancer. The incidence of all types of skin cancer has increased since sunscreens were introduced.

A: Scientists writing in the World Journal of Gastroenterology (March 14, 2011) characterize almonds as a traditional heartburn remedy in Israel. We haven't seen any studies on whether eating a few almonds actually helps heartburn, but scores of readers attest that it does.

As the authors write: "While the current evidence suggests no increased risk of skin cancer related to sunscreen use, this systematic review does not confirm the expected protective benefit of sunscreen against skin cancer in the general population."

That isn't the way it is supposed to work. We would have expected a significant inverse association — the more sunscreen used, the less skin cancer. It still makes sense to protect yourself from sunburn, which is painful as well as dangerous. Sunscreen does prevent vitamin D formation in the skin. People who protect themselves from UV rays may not make adequate amounts of vitamin D. Oral supplements might be helpful.
Modern Hinsdale home with lap pool, golf simulator: $3.99M

ADDRESS: 900 S. Elm St. in Hinsdale
ASKING PRICE: $3,995,000
Listed on May 21, 2018
This home features solar panels, floor-to-ceiling glass walls and views of the southeast Hinsdale pond. The open concept floor plan is equipped with a state-of-the-art kitchen, large wall spaces for artwork, a floating staircase and a master bedroom suite with an en suite bath. The lower level includes an exercise room, steam room, wine closet, golf simulator room and areas for gathering. The exterior lap pool includes a pool deck.
Agent: Dawn McKenna of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Hinsdale office, 630-546-3763
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At press time, this home was still for sale.

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**MONEY TALKS:**
In denominational order

**BY S.N.**
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**ACROSS**

1. Recital selections  
5. Predatory dolphins  
10. Major muddle  
15. Slice (off)  
18. Floors it  
19. Abundant source  
20. Mexican fast food  
21. Quebecker's water  
22. "Please share the ideas with me"  
27. Contractual details  
28. __-day (vitamin dose, often)  
29. NFL team previously from St. Louis  
30. Grasp, as ice cubes  
32. SSA IDs  
33. Decides to start using  
35. Flood barrier  
36. Recital selection  
38. Teaching temp  
39. Peanut product  
41. Significant stretches  
42. "Thanks for the payment, now talk"  
47. Hosp. professionals  
48. Large liquid vessel  
49. Sculpture done for the Parthenon  
50. Is exhibited, as a film  
53. Cabbage variety  
54. Argentina aunt  
55. Some surrealist works  
60. Starfleet's Jean-__ Picard  
61. All of the Seven Dwarfs  
63. Nation known for its nutmeg

**DOWN**

65. "Results count, nothing else"  
71. Racetrack regulars  
72. Hard to budge  
73. Dine on  
74. 73 Across, in Germany  
75. Topper  
78. Sore spot  
79. Edison adversary  
81. High-tech debut of 2007  
84. Seat of intuition, so to speak  
85. __ favor (please, to Ruiz)  
86. "Can you help me with the parking meter?"  
94. Rhineland region  
95. Feeling of fury  
96. Walk-__ (small roles)  
97. Cook less than needed  
98. Fall into __ (get caught)  
100. Book after Job  
103. Afire  
104. MacArthur, to his friends  
105. Appetite  
107. Prayer pronoun  
108. Got by somehow  
111. "Without a discount, forget it!"  
115. Litigate  
116. Dig deeply for answers  
117. Shortwinded  
118. One-sided contests  
119. AOL alternative  
120. Battlers of long standing  
121. Fixed, as a boot  
122. Creative inspiration

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56. "I'll take that as __"  
57. Does nothing  
58. Best-case  
59. Dasher's driver  
61. Cousteau's sea  
62. __ Paulo, Brazil  
63. Chicago star  
64. Jamie Foxx's Oscar film  
65. Salt Lake City athlete  
66. Sound-related  
68. Chinese New Year parade regulars  
69. Brings upon oneself  
70. Conductor from India  
71. Presidential nickname  
72. Director Lee  
73. Where golfers begin  
74. Loathsome one  
75. Wasn't accurate  
76. __ Beta Kappa  
77. Instrument associated with Ireland  
78. Gave up the ball  
79. Rich sponge cakes  
80. Assist with the ropes  
81. Instigates  
82. Told a joke  
83. The Bard's Trojan prince  
84. Assist with the ropes  
85. Will with a way  
86. Light-dawning remark  
87. Floral necklace  
88. Unstructured  
89. Being, in Bordeaux  
90. Floral necklace  
91. Told a joke  
92. The Bard's Trojan prince  
93. Will with a way  
94. Extreme cruelty  
95. Nat __ (America Inside Out) airer  
96. Sore spot  
97. Racetrack regulars  
98. Nothing else"
On the Go

By Charles Preston

Across
1 Feel the loss of 47 Boast
5 Novelist Walter 49 Bears down on
10 On in years 53 Let loose
14 Fer or — it! 57 Vex
15 Papal crown 58 Lose everything
16 Where Mason City is 60 Type style: abbr.
17 Defend 61 Sty sound
19 Goulash 62 Emerald Isle
20 Say again 63 Certain legs
21 Garmentmakers 64 Wise men
23 Foulards 65 Computer input
24 Material for 23 Across 24 Material for 23 Across
25 Thesaurus man 25 Thesaurus man
28 Contrary 26 Rhymester Nash
33 Stravinsky 27 Take flight
34 Reach 28 Aquatic mammal
36 Go astray 29 Duo
37 Hubbubs 30 Needles’ partner
38 — America 31 Faith
39 Dross 32 Writer Bombeck, and others
40 Sawbuck 33 Creche figures
41 Playing cards 34 Thanks —!
42 “For —— jolly good ...” 35 — the cake
43 Aardvark, for one 39 Bathed
45 Mails 41 Spielberg’s 1975 hit
46 Command to a horse 44 Atelier stands

Down
1 Creche figures 45 11th US president
2 __________ Rhythm 47 Derrick
3 Location 48 Landlord’s income
4 Horses, at times 49 Bluenose
5 HI is one 50 Moreno or Marley
6 Quotes 51 Breakfast favorite
7 Clodhopper 52 Marsh bird
8 Equine pace 54 Distinctive air
9 Scarlett’s plantation 55 Skewer
10 Theater areas 56 Sicilian landmark
11 Break down 59 Eavesdropper’s hidden mike
12 Pitcher 60 —
13 Crows’ relatives 61 —
14 Artificial fly 62 —
15 —

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Loaf Affair

BY MIKE TORCH
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across
1 Breaks off
6 Window framework
10 Kicks off
15 Cake-finishing artist
19 Dup. for one
20 Either of matching words, in a way: Abbr.
21 Home to the Palazzo della Ragione
22 Pew area
23 Flapped financially
24 '60s protest slogan
26 In '60s protest slogan
27 Bread worshippers?
29 In a dishonorable manner
31 Makes serious demands on
32 _ Geo: cable channel
33 Source of intolerance
34 Frequent savers
37 Time div.
39 “One of Ours” Pulitzer-winning author
40 Kick off
41 Musical composition about a bread-loving pack animal?
46 Cooped-up critics
47 Arms carriers?
49 Concerns
50 Adjective for rapper Kim
51 Bread joke-teller’s trait?
54 Diet including wild fruit
56 Vote in favor
57 Music and art genre
58 “Lemme_ _!”
59 Confines
60 Two-time A.L. Manager of the Year Francona, familiarly
61 Ballet movements
63 Cougar, e.g., briefly
64 Declining due to age
65 Harbor view spot
68 Ore source
69 Easy sequence?
71 Norwegian capital
72 Celebratory wish over Jewish bread?
77 “You’re...” “My gift”
78 Gift recipient

79 Big hits
80 NASA approvals
81 Ibsen title
82 Stop in Quebec?
83 Immerses in liquid
84 Get it wrong
85 Insurance company founded for rural workers
86 Takes back
87 Like some discount mdse.
88 “Sorry, I meant to give you a plain burger?”
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90 King in “The Tempest”
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102 El _
103 Orchestra section
104 Jenna, to Jeb
105 Pop artist
106 Jenna, to Jeb
107 Nerd
108 Folding declaration
109 Cosmo rival
110 Europop’s _ Base
111 Besides
112 Bottomless gulf
113 Passing out at the table?
114 Golf Channel analyst Wadkins

Down
1 Doctor’s order
2 Part of TFFN
3 Most eligible for service
4 Put a price on freedom?
5 Fine furs
6 Writer Nin
7 Reasonable
8 “Fixer Upper” network
9 “Fixer Upper” network
10 Verdi creation
11 L.A.-based brewery
12 Tokyo, formerly
13 O.T. book
14 Religious observances
15 Frequent
16 Bread that only appears for a short time?
17 Harmful aspects
18 Try a new shade on
19 Salon coloring
20 Program file suffix
21 Masseuse’s target
22 “See ya!”
23 Architect Frank
24 Yellow-and-white daisy
25 Sleep study subject
26 Ineffective
27 Winelike aroma?
28 Bread with a hop-jump link
29 Bell sounds
30 Like the Oz woodsman
31 Singing voice, informally
32 Pop artist
33 Reasonable
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35 Bread with a hop-jump link
36 Sleep study subject
37 Soybean paste
38 “Do _ _ you must”
39 PC insert
40 Kick out
41 Musical composition about a bread-loving pack animal?
42 Sharp
43 Mentions specifically
44 Place
45 Disaster movie?
46 U.S. security
47 Norwegian capital
48 Option for a return
49 Reasonable
50 Prefix with frost
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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.

Last week’s answers appear on the next page

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Commonly known as 3937 LAVEN Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 60054

Property Index No. 10-16-144-049-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $108,680.55.

If this property is a condominium, a unit which is a part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien for real property taxes levied against said real estate and offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in all cases in which, under the provisions of section 17-15 of the Judicial Stamps Act, 65 ILCS 5/17-15, and subsection 406 of section 3720 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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Dated: August 9, 2018

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Autos for Sale

ATTENTION!

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Notice of Lincolnwood Public Hearing

notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., the Plan Commission will hold a special meeting and will conduct a public hearing on the following matters of the Plan Commission:

1. Adoption of a resolution to authorize the Plan Commission to hold a public hearing on the matter of a Special Use permit for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) request for 6850 North McCormick Boulevard, Lincolnwood, Illinois, to allow for the construction of a new commercial building.

2. Consideration of a request by a property owner to allow for the construction of a new commercial building.

3. Consideration of a request by the planning department to allow for the construction of a new commercial building.

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New homeowners face difficulties removing photos from listings

We recently purchased a property and, like many other consumers, we want the listing photos removed for both privacy and security reasons. However, as you may know, this is a huge problem.

The real estate and property appraisal industry claims that it's bad for business, which trumps individuals' privacy or security concerns. It's a no-win battle that needs to be addressed.

There needs to be a provision for home buyers to opt out of keeping the photos online indefinitely. A program like the "Do Not Call" list to get listings removed upon request is tantamount to personal security, especially online.

In our case, the seller's agent refused our immediate request to remove the listing with photos after closing. Other real estate companies claim the photos are necessary, as they serve as comparables for their clients.

Is there any recourse for consumers regarding this matter?

- Deborah, of Chicago

My first move was to turn to Lauren Johnson, a 14-year real estate veteran currently with Kale Realty in Chicago, to help me uncover some answers for Deborah.

I also received some advice from Lesley Muchow, deputy general counsel for the National Association of Realtors.

According to information Johnson received from the Multiple Listing Service (the huge regional database that lists properties for sale and can be searched by price, neighborhood and features), secondary photos can be suppressed from an MLS listing only at the request of the listing or managing broker.

Secondary photos consist of interior shots and any additional exterior shots the listing broker wishes to include. The primary photo always is an exterior shot of the property.

Per the MLS:

"Photos submitted to the MLS may not be removed from the Service with the exception of (1) replacing photos to reflect a change in the seasons, (2) reflecting improvements to the home; or (3) substituting a higher quality photo of the same image.

"While secondary photos may not be removed from the Service, a listing broker may instruct the Service to suppress off market secondary photos (but not primary photos) from the Service's data feed to third parties (such as Zillow.com, Realtor.com, Trulia.com and the listing agent's own brokerage site). Unauthorized removal of photos shall result in a $250 fine and the photos will be restored to the listing."

Which is all to say that neither the buyer's agent nor any other nonlisting agent can remove interior photos from an MLS real estate listing. Only the seller's agent can do that.

Johnson additionally shared with me that each real estate site linked to the MLS is required to refresh downloads from the database at least once every 12 hours in order to pull in new data and exclude old data that has been removed.

For all intents and purposes, listing photos loaded to the MLS are the "property" of the MLS. Any request to suppress them from public view is considered an exception.

The MLS argues that any information used to market a property via its database must stay with the listing because the data is used for both comparative market analysis and home appraisals.

Johnson recommended Deborah reach out to the listing broker's office manager to request the removal of photos of her new home if she is unable to get the listing agent's cooperation.

A real estate office's managing broker typically is authorized to edit all of the office's real estate postings.

Muchow cautioned that for those real estate sites that are not directly populated by the MLS, there is little control over how often information gets updated and moved.

But a homeowner should feel free to request that the third-party site remove unwanted photos. If the request falls on deaf ears, a homeowner should enlist the assistance of his/her broker to get this accomplished, Muchow said.

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist.
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Agent: Betty Finn/Baird & Warner

DES PLAINES
Three bedrooms and two bathrooms in Lake Opeka neighborhood. Living room has crown molding, picture window and fireplace. Hardwood floors throughout. Open dining room and kitchen. All bedrooms on second level. Finished partial basement with recreation room, crawl space, full bathroom and laundry/utility room. Fenced yard with custom brick paver patio and pergola. Detached 2.5-car garage with finished studio.

Address: 2080 Westview Drive
Price: $299,999
Schools: Maine West High School
Taxes: $5,563
Agent: Louis Parrino/Century 21

SCHAUMBURG
Four-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom ranch on a corner lot. Attached two-car garage on concrete driveway. Backyard deck overlooking fenced yard with gazebo. Open floor plan, Oak hardwood floors throughout main level. Fireplaces in living room and lower-level family room. Dining room opens to kitchen with skylights, granite counters and island. Master suite with wall-to-wall closets. Finished basement with laundry area, fourth bedroom, bath and garage access.

Address: 1170 Saylesville Lane
Price: $339,900
Schools: Schaumburg High School
Taxes: $5,934
Agent: Mera Kordic / Re/Max

BUFFALO GROVE

Address: 908 Thompson Blvd.
Price: $379,900
Schools: Stevenson High School
Taxes: $11,698
Agent: Douglas Weiner/Redfin Corporation

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Nashwood brings South to the city

More than 100 live music acts, pedal tours coming to Highwood

By Sheryl DeVore
News-Sun

While in Nashville a few years back, Eric Falberg got an idea. Highwood, in some ways, was a lot like Nashville, he thought, with all the restaurants and bars within walking distance of each other and most of the venues being owner-operated at a place known as Honky Tonk Highway.

So Falberg, the president of Celebrate Highwood, conceived the idea of Nashwood, where participants could stroll down the street stopping at bars and restaurants to hear free live country, blues, jazz, gospel and Southern rock music, and buy Southern-style food.

In its first year in 2017, “we had people come from all over,” said Ilyse Strongin, founder and partner of Ripple Public Relations, which produces the event with Celebrate Highwood, a nonprofit organization. “We had families, out-of-towners, people wearing cowboy hats coming to hear country music.”

Nashwood, Aug. 24-26 this year, will feature more than 100 live music acts at indoor and outdoor venues in downtown Highwood.

It runs from 5 p.m. to bar close on Aug. 24 and from 11 a.m. to bar close on Aug. 25 and 26.

Attendees pay no cover charges, except at one venue, but are asked to tip the musicians as it’s done in Nashville, Strongin said. 210 Live, 210 Green Bay Road, features Grammy-nominated Robbie Fulks at 9 p.m., Aug. 25 for a $10 cover charge. Go to 210live.com.

The venue has other events during Nashwood, including free dance lessons Aug. 26.

As in Nashville, participants also can join a pedal tavern tour. The pedal tours are sold out for this year’s event.

“It’s like a trolley,” Strongin said. “Instead of sitting on seats, you sit on bicycles and you’re facing inward (to the bar) and you pedal, although there is a driver doing the real power. It’s like a bar crawl.

“’The whole idea is the novelty of being outside, being pedaled around outside, being on a pedal bike with your friends,” she said. “When you’re in Nashville, there are dozens of these going up and down the streets.”

Southern-style food can be bought during the event and includes Nashville hot chicken, chicken and waffles, biscuits and gravy, shrimp and grits and fried green tomatoes.

Many families came to the event last year, so this year, Celebrate Highwood has staged a special stroller/strut and kid crawl from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 25.

“There will be family-friendly music, balloon artists and tattoo artists,” Strongin said.

“We’ll have ice cream, cotton candy, all different types of yummy delicious bakery. You can go from venue to venue and listen to music with your children, pushing them on strollers, holding their hands or walking along as they bike,” she said. “It’s not just about adults partying here.”

Another Nashville tradition called the singer/songwriter round robin will be held from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 25 at Greenwood, 200 Green Bay Road. Five musicians will tell stories about writing songs and sharing their talents with the audience.

“In Nashville, songwriters and musicians talk about their music and what inspires them, and they play together. They are starving artists who go out there and play these venues for tips. They get discovered,” Strongin said.

Last year, at least 10,000 participants came. Strongin expects an even larger crowd this year and suggested participants take the Metra train to downtown Highwood for the event.

Sheryl DeVore is a freelance reporter for the News-Sun.


**Thursday, Aug. 23**

Paul Chan: Happiness finally after 35,000 years...: His work addresses relationships between politics and aesthetics, philosophy and popular culture, and art and grassroots activism. These themes figure prominently in "Happiness (finally) after 35,000 years of civilization," Chan's first major artwork, which was started in 1999 and completed in 2003. 5 a.m., daily, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.


Lot 14 Community Auction: This auction features 300 items never offered here before and lowered or eliminated reserves on about 100 items previously offered. Join for dynamic live auction in Niles, to benefit Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation and get good deals while helping great causes. 5 a.m., Thursday, Lot 14 Auctions, 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave. #2, Niles, free, 847-625-0555.

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**Friday, Aug. 24**

**Radiofest 2018:** The Antique Radio Club of Illinois (ARCI) will host Radiofest 2018. Radiofest 2018 features vintage radios, televisions, home audio, stereo, hi-fi, amplifiers, speakers, ham radio and tubes galore. 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday, Medinah Shriner's Hall, 550 Shriner Dr. Addison, free, 630-739-1060.

**Richard III:** Muse of Fire Theatre Company celebrates its 25th Anniversary Season by presenting Richard III, starring company member John Beal. All performances are free to the public. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600.

**Lakeside Yoga:** Enjoy the tranquility of a beautiful lakeside setting for a blissful end to your week. Yoga classes are free and open to the public. Please bring your own yoga mat. Visit gettysglenview.org. 6 a.m., Friday, Park Center Patio Lawn, 2400 Chestnut Ave, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670.

**Little Buds: Toddler Storytime:** Ages first steps-2 years with caregiver. Nurture your toddler's love of books and encourage them to learn numbers, colors, sounds and new words in this interactive Storytime. Each class ends with a half-hour of play and social time. Anyone is welcome to drop in to attend, but supplies and space may be limited. 10 a.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free.

**Friday Films: Small Town Crime:** This rated R film is about an alcoholic ex-cop who tries to solve the murder of a woman he found left for dead by the road. He probes her life and learns that she was involved in a blackmail scheme, but his investigation ends up putting his family in danger. This is a drop-in event, no registration is required. 1 p.m. Friday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

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**Saturday, Aug. 25**

**One River School of Art + Design**

**Open House:** This is a fun and free Open House - Art Rocks. Sample classes in art and design for kids, teens and adults are taking place. Make art part of your family's routine. An Open House schedule can be found on the website. 1 p.m. Saturday, One River School of Art + Design, 1033 Davis St., Evanston, free, 847-737-5906.

**Evanston Farmers Market:** Shop for fresh produce, meat, cheese, baked goods and flowers from up to 58 vendors. Please note: Dogs are not allowed at the market (service animals excepted). LINK cards are accepted. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Pl. Evanston, free, 847-448-8045.

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**WHAT TO DO COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

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Out of Space: Big Evanston Block Party: 1 p.m. Saturday, Chicago & Dempster Neighborhood, Evanston (Multiple Businesses). West Dempster Street & Chicago Avenue, Evanston, free.

Ikenobo Ikebana Exhibition - Chicago Botanic Garden: The Ikenobo Ikebana, Chicago Chapter, is hosting their annual exhibition at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging, originated with Ikenobo in Kyoto, Japan, as a Buddhist floral offering. Events also include: Japanese Suiseki (Landscape Stones), Tea Ceremony, a Sumi-e demonstration and an Aikido demonstration. Located at the Regenstein building inside the gardens, entry to this event is free with admission. Email info@japanesesculturecenter.com. 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center of the Chicago Botanic Garden, 9000 Lake Cook Rd. Glencoe, free with paid admission: parking rates apply, 847-338-5440.

Family Internet Safety Day: Stop by Abt for an afternoon of internet security training, just in time for the new school year. Learn how to keep your family protected online, and chat with guest speakers who will be on-site to give tips on staying safe in the real world. Trade in any old networking device to get $50 off of the new eero Wi-Fi system. Plus, all customers present receive a free year of eero Plus digital security (a $99 value). 11 a.m. Saturday, Abt Electronics, 1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-635-4111.

Free Trail Walks: Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals and those who are interested in nature. Grove walks will focus on wildflowers, pond life, and insects. 2 p.m. Saturday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6096.

Glenview Farmers Market: This free weekly event takes place rain or shine. Shop for seasonal fruits and vegetables, flowers, homemade jellies and preserves, cheese and farm-fresh eggs. For a full list of vendors and special market events, visit www.glenviewfarmersmarket.org. For more information, call 8 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670.

Parent and Child Golf Tournament: Swing into summer with a competitive day of golf. Parents and their child age 5 and up will enjoy a day on the golf course and play together to win prizes. For additional information, visit golf-glenview.com or call 847-674-6522, ext. 9 a.m. Saturday & Sunday, Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview. $65 per two-somes.

Morton Grove Farmers Market: Browse a wide variety of vendors and enjoy live entertainment and kids activities at this weekly market. 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dempster Street and Georgia Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436.

2nd Annual Assyrian Food Festival: Experience the culture and hospitality of the Assyrian people at an outdoor event. Everything served at the Assyrian Festival is homemade by Assyrian Church of the East food committee, using family recipes that have been passed on for generations, and are truly authentic. 10:45 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free.

Northbrook Girls Softball Tournament: Tryouts for the NSSA Spartan Softball softball teams take place: Saturday and Sunday. In 2019, they anticipate fielding the following teams: one 11U, one 12U, two 10U and one 9U. Visit: www.northbrooksoftball.com and click on the travel section for more information and registration. 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Wescott Field #12, 2401 Farnsworth Ln., Northbrook, free.

50Fest: YMCA Anniversary Community Celebration: The North Suburban YMCA will kick off its year-long celebration of its 50th anniversary with a one-of-a-kind community party, 50Fest. Performances will include the Chicago Live Demo Team, Say So Six, Ryan See of South of 80 and 50Fest: YMCA Anniversary Community. 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Wescott Field #12, 2401 Farnsworth Ln., Northbrook, free.

Shabbat Yoga: Experience Shabbat Yoga, a gentle, relaxing yoga session inspired by Shabbat as a rest day, open to all levels, from 11 a.m. to noon. Open to the community at no charge. Bring your own mat and dress appropriately for yoga. 11 a.m. Saturday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-998-4100.

Park Ridge Farmers Market: Weekly town market on Saturday mornings from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Prairie and Garden, just south of the Metra Tracks. 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave, Park Ridge, free, 847-212-9994.

Skating and Hockey Free Trial: Get a free skating lesson from Oakton Ice Arena's experienced figure skating and hockey instructors, as well as special guests. Admission and skate rental is free. Please bring a helmet and gloves. Register in advance at www.parksplus.org with Activity #621000-00. 10 a.m. Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 W. Oakton St., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-4212.

Winnetka Farmers Market: Shop for fresh-picked fruits and vegetables, blooming plants, shrubs, cut flowers, cheeses, baked goods and specialty foods on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market takes place at the corner of Green Bay Road and Oak Street, across the street from the Winnetka Train Station. Takes place rain or shine from now through October 20. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Winnetka Village Hall parking lot, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4451.

Sunday, Aug. 26

Kids Scavenger Hunt: Look for "hidden" treasures in the Farmhouse Museum, Hillbary Library and on the grounds. 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenview History Center Farmhouse, 1121 N. Waukegan Rd., Glenview, $5 donation per family, 847-724-2235.

Family Fun: Wild and Wacky Team Challenge: Mental and physical team challenges are combined, including quizzes, hula hooping and relays. All ages are welcome to just drop-in. Anyone is welcome to attend, but supplies and space may be limited. 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free.

Morton Grove District 67 Foundation Day: 5K Run/Walk to support in-classroom grants to help our teachers goabove and beyond with their students. 9 a.m. Sunday, Frank Hren Park, 9500 Oak Park Ave., Morton Grove. $25 per entry, 847-966-8200.

Petra Sings and Andy Swings: Sunday Jazz Concert: Join in for a musical experience. Registration is required. 2 p.m. Sunday, Niles-North Suburban District Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-2324.

Monday, Aug. 27

Alliance Francaise du North Shore Apéro Conversation: Join us for relaxed French conversation, facilitated by native or fluent speakers. Listening in French is encouraged; all levels are welcome. 7 p.m. Monday, Café at Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Rd, Glenview, free, 847-859-1274.

hoopla, kanopy, MyMediaMail & RBdigital Appointments: A Glenview Library card is required to meet with trained Library staff for a 45-minute, one-on-one session to learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your mobile device. Visit or call the Reader Services at 847-729-7500 ext. 7600, for questions, to register and for appointment locations. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Adult Learn to Sew: A Three-Part Series: Learn basic machine and sewing construction techniques and use your new skills to make a stylish summer tote bag. Participants need to bring fabric, thread and cotton batting to the first class. A required supply list is available at glenviewpl.org/programs/maker. The Library provides sewing machines, supplies and yard. Attendance is required for all three sessions, a Glenview Library card is required and the class size is extremely limited. Teens must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Waivers are available at the Reader, Reference, Youth or Circulation Services Desks. 6 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Storytime 101: How to Storytime: If you are reading to your child's classroom and don't know where to start - the librarians share top insider tips on selecting the best titles, captivating a whole class of little ones and developing literacy skills to last a lifetime. This event is for adults, but small children are welcome. No Lincolnwood Library card is needed, but visit their website, or call or stop by to sign up. 6 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free.

Story Seeds: Baby Storytime: Ages

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Better Balance: Balance and stability training can directly improve all aspects of daily living. This class is designed to enhance core strength, balance, coordination, stability and flexibility. This is a moderate intensity class. 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $59 member; $69 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Sit and Get Fit: Move your feet and get fit while in your seat. This multi-level class is suitable for those with limitations who are seeking to improve muscle tone, strength and stamina. Standing exercises that improve lower body strength and balance will be incorporated for those participants willing and able. 11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $59 member; $69 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

CJE SeniorLife Counseling: If you have questions about retirement and health insurance options, CJE SeniorLife resource specialists provide counseling to adults 60 and over, their families and caregivers. Counseling topics include selecting appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs and identifying supportive resources. For more information and to make an appointment, call Kathy Gaeding at CJE SeniorLife. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 773-508-1054.

Baking with Summer’s Bounty: Ali Graeme, owner of Sweet Ali’s Gluten Free Bakery, returns to the Library to share recipes for gluten-free summer-time baking. Whether or not you and your family live the gluten-free lifestyle, enjoy a delectable take on healthy living. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Yoga for the Rest of Us: Anyone can enjoy the many benefits of yoga, including increased strength, balance, flexibility and mobility. 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 to help participants develop a more mindful awareness of their body and a sense of overall well-being. 9 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $75 member; $89 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

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

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

Tech Talk: Cut the Cable: If you are tired of overpriced cable TV service, come discover new options available to replace your cable or satellite service. No Lincolnwood Library card is needed, but visit their website, call or stop by to sign up. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Productivity Apps for Beginners: Want to be more efficient? Learn how productivity apps can help you stay on top of your tasks and to-do lists, track habits and minimize or prevent distractions. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Niles-Maine District Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234.

Northbrook Farmers Market: Shop more than a score of booths for fresh produce and other delicious artisan foods. Be sure to check out new and returning vendors. The market is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 17, rain or shine, except in severe weather. For more information, visit the website. Join the conversations on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. 7 a.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Farmers Market, Cherry Ln. & Meadow Road, Northbrook, free.

Have an event to submit? Go to www.ChicagoTribune.com/Calendar.
Brendza, Diane
Diane Brendza, 51, of Park Ridge, beloved wife of Rich; loving mother of Matt, Chris, and Will; dear daughter of Italia and the late Gino Gambacorta; fond sister of Carole (Jim) Durham and John (Cathy) Gambacorta. Family and friends will meet at St. Paul of the Cross Church 320 S. Washington Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068 on Saturday for a funeral mass at 12 noon. Intermemt private. Visitiation at Simkins Funeral Home 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Mary's College 110 Le Mans Hall Notre Dame, IN 46556 or Stand Up To Cancer flowers, donations to St. Mary's College 110 Le Mans Ridge, IL 60068 on Saturday for a funeral mass at of the Cross Church 320 S. Washington Ave. Park Gambacorta. Family and friends will meet at St. Paul

Carlson, Dorothy A.
Dorothy Anna (Nyberg) Carlson, age 89, of Park Ridge, passed away peacefully January 31, 2018, with her family at her side. She is survived by her hus-

Carlson, Christopher Henry
Christopher Henry "Chris" Carlson, 59, of Bloomfield, CT passed away peacefully on May 21, 2018, in the arms of his wife Marci (Shelman) and children Cassie and Cory Carlson. Chris was being cared for by scores of nurses and doctors at Dana Farber - Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, MA, after a long battle with the treatment and effects of bone marrow cancer.

Gorman, Vivien Jean
Vivien Jean Gorman, longtime resident of Park Ridge and in recent years Glenview, passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones appreciative of her nurturing and caring ways. Vivien was born in Chicago to the late Wilbert Michael, Jr. and the late Jean Cecile Walsh Foley. She is preceded in death by her partner of 64 years and love of her life William "Bill" Gorman. Loving mother, lifelong role model, and warmly embracing mother-in-law to Bonnie (Ron) Wilkins, Julie Rice, Peggy (Ron) Bjelopetrovich, Kathryn Sullivan, and Amy (Larry) Thalmann. Viv, grandmother of 16, was always proud of her growing brood and the burgeoning numbers as their loved ones enriched the family further. Kipp Wilkins (Laurie Schmidt), All Wilkins (Rich Bellenbaum) and Tess Wilkins; Beth Stave (fiancée Bryan Buckley), Brian (Mind) Rice, Cecilia Rice, and Kevin Rice (fiancée Desiree Gonzalez); Becky (Mark) Thalmann, Krista (the late Joe) Schrage, Peter (Bri) Bjelopetrovich and Suzanna Bjelopetrovich; Nicole Sullivan (John Olds) and William Sullivan; and Lawson, Carleigh and Jack Thalmann. Great-grandmother to the next generation of 14. Dear older sister of the late Bill (Ann) Foley, and sister-in-law among this generation of the Gorman family who've passed before her; John and Patricia, Tom and Pat, and Mary and Art Luxem. Survived by a multitude of Foley and Gorman nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was born in Windsor, Ontario Canada, to Swedish immigrants- Arvid and Gerda Nyberg. While she grew up in Pontiac, Mi, it was her move to Chicago where the young professional was able to apply her exceptional secretarial and short hand skills. Dorothy's love of her Swedish roots led her to join in the many social activities within the Chicago Swedish community, that is where she met Henry- a talented dancer and accordion player, who stole her heart! Dorothy married Henry in 1953, and the newleyweds relocated to San Diego, CA where Henry was stationed in the Navy. They later returned to Illinois and settled in Park Ridge, where they raised their family and were blessed with 64 years of marriage.

Dorothy was in her element when she was arranging flowers or tending to her garden; a hobby she shared with Henry. The joy they received from their shared passion was passed on to their children & grandchildren. Dorothy was an active member of the Park Ridge Newcomers Club, the PR Garden Club, the Garden Club of Illinois and was very proud to be member #77 of the Chicago Botanic Gardens! It was there that she and her family enjoyed many picnics, concerts and celebrations throughout the years. Dorothy was truly multi-talented; as an accomplished seamstress and baker she accumu-

During his life, Chris passionately loved his family. He was a dedicated and involved father, an end-

In addition to his wife and children, Chris is sur-

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate blood and/or platelets to the facility of your choosing, register to become a donor, or make financial donations to Be the Match (https://bethematch.org).

A Tree Dedication and Family Gathering in Dorothy and Chris's honor was held at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

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Smith, Isabell

Isabell Smith, formerly of Wilmette and Park Ridge, 92, died Sunday, July 29, 2018, in her Vernon Hills home after a lengthy illness. Isabell was born in Chicago on Aug. 16, 1925, to German Bavarian immigrant parents, Charles and Isabelle (Bock) Yoerger. She attended Audubon School but had to repeat her first year because she spoke very little English in the heavily populated German neighborhood. Isabell took dance lessons when she was young, performing in beautiful costumes her mother created. She never stopped dancing. Artistic, musical and a math wiz, Isabell caught up and graduated from Amundsen High School in 1943. Always wearing the height of fashion, she worked a variety of secretarial jobs, eventually crossing the typist picket line to work at the Chicago Herald American newspaper. There she earned the nickname "Tippy Toes" because she always wore high heel shoes to boost her slight 5'1" build. At the daily newspaper, she won the heart of a young rewrite man, the late Robert J. Smith, who found the courage to talk with her by asking her if she wanted "to see a picture of my baby," and then showed her a photo of his boat. Once she became his "Honey Bunny Boo," the couple married on Sept. 30, 1950, and settled in Edison Park in the city. After marriage, Isabell worked in wholesale with Selfright Giftwares Corp. when they came to Chicago, selling to museum gift shop buyers. The couple raised two children while living in Park Ridge and then Wilmette. While in Park Ridge, Isabell led The Merry Marrieds, an area dance club for couples that hosted a variety of themed dances throughout the years. For her children, Isabell was a Den Mother, school room mother, and made it a point for the family to share a homemade dinner together almost every night. While in Wilmette, Isabell was hired as a hosiery fit model, modeling petite sized nylons for buyers. She enjoyed the job but quit when they asked the proper skirts- and dresses-only lady to model blue jeans. She never wore blue jeans. The couple moved to Vernon Hills after Bob's retirement as Associate Metropolitan Editor of the Chicago Tribune. Isabell, an only child, valued and loved family and befriended family in West Germany and those who settled throughout the United States. Isabell and Bob were accomplished world travelers. Isabell was fun-loving, devoted to her family, generous, strong-willed and loved to dance. Isabell is survived by her beloved son, Glenn (Marianne) Smith of Vernon Hills, and daughter, Robin Smith (Michael) Kollman of Libertyville; her cherished grandchildren Jen (Marc) Zider of Lindenhurst, Kate (George) Zasadil of Antioch, Kristen (Chris Stegen) Kollman of Kenosha, Wis., and Max Kollman of Minneapolis; and four great-grandchildren who she adored Jake, Josh and Jonah Zider, and Kara Zasadil. A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on Aug. 19 at Christ Church Lake Forest. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Isabell Smith to the Salvation Army or The Dementia Society of America. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries.
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Will ‘made in China’ matter?

Market shifts mean more cars being imported to U.S.

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Chicago Tribune

The phrase “made in China” is rarely a selling point in America. It’s even more rare to apply it to vehicles from American automakers. Until now.

Venture into a Buick, Cadillac or Ford showroom (by 2019) and uncover Chinese-built vehicles such as the Buick Envision, the Cadillac CT-6 plug-in hybrid or the next Ford Focus. After more than a decade of stalled starts, the Chinese brands are coming, too.

Does anybody care? Should they?

In 2009, China became the largest auto market in the world, capturing over 20 percent global market share and almost 34 percent of total passenger car production, according to Statista.com. It influences how automakers do and how they do it.

Volvo, the venerable Swedish brand owned by the Chinese multinational automotive company Geely, was the first automaker to export from China to the U.S. with the S60 Inscription in 2015. Except for an assembly plate in the doorjamb, you never would know it worked so well that Volvo opened an assembly plant in Charleston, S.C., on June 20. The plant will produce the sleek new S60 sedan initially, and according to Automotive News, the XC90 crossover by 2021. This marks the first time a Chinese-owned automaker assembled cars in the U.S.

Geely itself was the first Chinese automaker to announce plans to sell vehicles in the U.S., during the 2006 Detroit auto show, but nobody imagined Volvo being its spearhead. Volvo was owned by Ford until 2010. Geely has been strategic in leveraging Volvo as an engineering center to improve its own models. The two are even co-developing a new line of vehicles branded “Lynk & Co,” launching here with the “01” crossover in 2020.

Buick’s path from Detroit to Shanghai and back is more circuitous. According to official GM history, Buicks were prestige cars in the early 20th century and driven by Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of the Republic of China and its first provisional president, Zhou Enlai, who became China’s premier, and Pu Yi, the last emperor of China.

According to legend, two of Pu Yi’s Buicks were the first cars to enter the Forbidden City in Beijing.

It was a status symbol, so GM’s partner, SAIC, the state-owned automaker based in Shanghai, wanted to consommate their relationship with Buick. In 1995, they agreed to build a new factory to assemble the Century and GL8 minivan that’s only for the Chinese market. Today, about five times as many Buicks are sold in China as in the U.S. Some, like the popular Envision crossover, return home. And for good reason. Buick imported 40,040 Envisions in 2017 plus 16,814 in the first half of 2018, making it the brand’s third-most-popular model.

“The vehicle was originally developed for the Chinese market, but it was a nice fit for the U.S.,” said one of the Buick representatives on hand at its unveiling at the 2016 Detroit Auto Show. “We weren’t going to tool an additional factory, so it was from China or not at all. We believe most owners won’t care where it is built as long as it fits their needs.”

Surveys seem to support that statement.

According to a study by Autolist.com, under a third of U.S. consumers say a vehicle being built in China would affect their purchasing decision while 49 percent say it would have no impact. Those concerned cite build quality, U.S. jobs and reliability as reasons.

Of course, this is complicated by tariffs that could raise from the current 2.5 percent to 25 percent if President Donald Trump carries through on threats.

“If, in the event of higher tariffs, the Chinese cannot export directly from their factories at home, they may decide to assemble vehicles in the U.S., just as the Japanese and Germans have done with transplants,” said Michael J. Dunne, automotive consultant and author of “American Wheels, Chinese Roads.”

They may do that, but the Chinese won’t just accept tariffs without a reaction.

“The problem is the retaliatory effect,” said Roberto Garcia, professor of international business at Indiana University, Toyota and Honda could increase investment, but they also do this to export. If automakers see a trade war looming, it will impact U.S. investment and employment. Long-term decisions are being impacted. Volvo ... has production in the U.S., but that doesn’t all stay in the U.S. Some goes back to China.”

That should matter to car buyers.

“The investments, suppliers, jobs and tax revenue all flow to and remain in China,” Dunne said.

The tariff issue also complicates free market capitalism and consumer choice. In early August, GM asked the Trump administration for a tariff exemption on the Envision; otherwise it may pull it from the U.S. market.

China has ceded some ground. It requires auto assemblers to be at least 50 percent domestically owned but has agreed to phase out the requirement by 2020.

But China is good for automakers. GM and its partners had the best-selling car in China last year; the Wuling Hong Guang mini van sold 533,950 units. GM alliances sold five of the top 15 vehicles; Volkswagen sold three. Only six of the top 15 were from domestic automakers Geely, Great Wall and Guangzhou Automotive Corp.

We’ll soon learn how consumers feel about buying Chinese-branded imports. GAC, with global sales of 510,000 vehicles in 2017, will begin selling a seven-passenger crossover called the GS in late 2019.

BYD, which builds electric buses in California and is backed by Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway, will likely follow.

Beyond tariffs, the big question is if Chinese automakers are ready to play on the big American stage.

“Chinese quality is quickly closing in on that of global automakers,” Dunne said. “They still need to work on details - fit and finish, ride, handling and emissions.”

If successful, others will follow, but they’ll face time-honored challenges.

“Let’s say there is a backing down of tariffs and this all becomes bluster,” Garcia said. “Then the Chinese would have to do what the Koreans and Japanese did before them. They have to introduce vehicles with unique features or lower prices. They would have to methodically build up dealer networks.”

None of this will be easy. Chinese vehicles must meet federal safety and fuel economy regulations. It took Asian automakers decades to become competitive, but partnering with Western automakers like Geely did with Volvo should expedite success.

“In 20 years, if usual barriers go away, we can expect a slow long-term introduction to the U.S. market,” Garcia said. “I remember in the 1980s, in an attempt to repel Japan, when ‘Made in America’ was put on cars, consumers still made decisions with the most economic benefit to them.”

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MAINE SOUTH HAWKS

BY DAN SHALIN | Pioneer Press

Coach: Dave Inserra (18th season)
Last season: 11-2 (5-0 Central Suburban South), lost to Lincoln-Way East 24-14 in Class 8A state semifinal.

First-and-10: A week before the season, seniors Cole Dow and Bobby Inserra were still vying for the starting quarterback position. The graduation of all-time leading rusher Fotis Kokosioulis, now at Northern Illinois, leaves a big void in the backfield, which seniors Danny Wolf and Jimmy Bartell will look to fill. Junior Ryan Kilburg, senior Brian Barry and junior Michael Velazquez are expected to be the top receivers. The Hawks will have to see how much Bobby Inserra (four interceptions) plays at cornerback and Luke Preston, a senior sive tackle, and Luke Preston, a senior defensive tackle, and Rory O’Donnell, junior Max General and Franco Nate are hungry and like that the spotlight is on them,” Dave Inserra said.

Three-and-out: The defense returns seven starters, including All-CSL performers Jonny Halvorsen, a senior defensive tackle, and Luke Preston, a senior linebacker. Bartell, who plays linebacker, is the team’s top returning tackler (57 last season), while Kilburg had 44 tackles and two interceptions in 2017. Maine South will have to see how much Bobby Inserra (four interceptions) plays at cornerb

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if he gets regular reps at quarterback. Plus, it remains unknown how much Skoronski will play on the defensive line. “We have about nine or 10 guys coming back (on defense) who played a lot. They are hungry and like that the spotlight is on them,” Dave Inserra said.

Keep an eye on: Skoronski, Bobby Inserra and Clay Cichowski, a linebacker/offensive lineman on the sophomore team. Those three players share a special bond: Their grandfathers all played together at Indiana in the 1950s, and each served as a team captain.

Game to watch: Aug. 24 vs. Glenbard West. Two of the state’s top teams meet in Week 1 for the second straight season. The Hawks won 62-34 last year.

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Ty Gavin is back as Notre Dame’s top offensive and defensive player.

NOTRE DAME DONTS

BY HEATHER RULE | Pioneer Press

Coach: Mike Hennessey (32nd season)
Last season: 7-3 (5-2 East Suburban Catholic Conference), lost to Minooka 22-19 in overtime in first round of Class 8A playoffs.

First-and-10: Notre Dame will again look to conference MVP Ty Gavin, a senior running back and defensive back, to help lead the team back to the playoffs. Notre Dame has reached the postseason in 11 of the past 12 seasons, though they’ve only made it past the first round twice during that span. Gavin rushed for more than 1,200 yards and gained another 600 yards receiving last season. “We know he’s the guy that will make or break us in our games,” Hennessey said.

Three-and-out: Gavin will split his time on both sides of the ball. Last season, he was the Dons’ third-leading tackler. Gavin is on the field 90 percent of the time, Hennessey said. Other returning players on defense include seniors Patrick Carden at linebacker, Mike Tobias at defensive tackle and Brendan Sheehy at defensive end. Seniors Frank Giannarusti and Xavier Buckley are starting cornerbacks with experience.

Keep an eye on: There’s some competi-
NILES WEST WOLVES

BY DAN SHALIN | Pioneer Press

Coach: Jesse Pierce (second season)
Last season: 1-8 (1-4 Central Suburban South), did not make playoffs.

First-and-10: Wolves junior Jack Lochner has never taken a varsity snap, but the 5-foot-11, 165-pound athlete will be the starting quarterback. He's already a proven varsity athlete, having starred on the Wolves baseball team since his freshman year. He'll take charge of an offense that uses spread concepts and features returning senior running back John Trinh and senior receiver Christian Lewis. Up front, seniors Adrian Perazic and Chris Homa provide some experience. "(Lochner) is athletic, has a good arm and is pretty nifty with his feet," Pierce said. "We're looking forward to seeing his next step into the Friday-night lights as a varsity quarterback."

Three-and-out: Though numbers are up slightly in the program — Pierce expects about 40 on the varsity roster — Niles West still must rely heavily on two-way players. The defense will feature a front four that largely resembles the offensive line. Pierce said senior linebackers Marc Surpris and Trinh are the leaders of the defense. Lewis contributed at cornerback as a junior. The group will be looking to improve on a 2017 season in which Niles West surrendered nearly 38 points per game. "We'll play a 4-3 and slash 4-2-5 (featuring defensive backs/linebacker hybrids), and we'll really try to rally around the ball and be a good, sound defense," Pierce said.

Keep an eye on: How the team responds after a July 24 visit by four U.S. Marines, who put the players through military-level physical-fitness drills that served as team-building exercises. The event was organized by Niles West strength and conditioning coach Fernando Perez, who served in the Marines. "The kids had to work together to accomplish different tasks," Pierce said. "It was physical training and required a lot of mental strength. The Marines talked to our guys about sacrifice and what it means to serve, and the physical aspect of being a soldier. Three of the four (Marines) had played high school football, and they all spoke about how athletics led them to the path they chose. It was really cool."

Game to watch: Oct. 12 vs. Niles North. The Wolves' only win of the 2017 campaign was a 33-14 triumph against the Vikings.

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NILES NORTH VIKINGS

BY DAN SHALIN | Pioneer Press

Coach: Pat Pistorio (first season)
Last season: 2-7 (0-5 Central Suburban South), did not make playoffs.

First-and-10: Pistorio arrives after a successful five-year tenure at South Elgin, and he is looking to lift a program that has won just three times since reaching the Class 7A quarterfinals in 2015. Versatile senior quarterback Tremaine Conner will lead a spread offense that has some talent at the skill positions but inexperience on the line. Senior receiver Myles Davis could be the go-to guy, and junior Christopher Harris and senior Jaelyn White should also be targets.

Three-and-out: The Vikings' defensive strength should be the secondary, where Davis is expected to excel at safety and White could be a standout cornerback. Senior Jonathan Negron will set the tone at linebacker, while junior Osman Eldeir is a two-way lineman who does some of his best work at defensive end. Senior Sayvon Davis is a flashy kick returner.

Keep an eye on: Pistorio's first coaching staff, which features several holdovers and an exciting newcomer. Two of the coaches are recent Division I standouts. Pistorio will call the plays, and Gary Paustian returns as defensive coordinator. Offensive line coach Ryan Schlipe is a three-year starting lineman at Pitt from 2011-13. New special teams coach Venric Mark was a first-team All-American as a punt returner at Northwestern. Meanwhile, former Niles North varsity head coach Mark Egofse will coach the freshman team three years after leading the varsity to back-to-back playoff appearances. Niles North won't field a sophomore team. "I've always tried to have some balance (on the staff) with some veterans, which we do have, and some of the young guys, who bring some new ideas," Pistorio said.

Game to watch: Aug. 24 vs. Raby. The Vikings will look to get the Pistorio era off on the right foot against last year's Class 4A state semifinalist.

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MAINE EAST
BLUE DEMONS

BY HEATHER RULE
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Coach: Bob Winkel (first season)

Last season: 1-8 (0-5 Central Suburban North), did not make playoffs.

First-and-10: Senior Josh Devitt returns at quarterback with senior Michael Bobowik as his primary receiver. Junior Baltazar Cabrales is back as the team's top running back, and he'll once again play on both sides of the ball. Senior Matthew Miceli also returns to the backfield. Winkel said all parts of the offense will have to work together to succeed. "One of our big expectations this year is to take things off film," Winkel said. During Saturday film sessions, the Blue Demons will go over what could be done better from the previous game and will focus on not making the same mistakes twice, Winkel said.

Keep an eye on: Baltazar Cabrales is a key returning player in Maine East's backfield this season. The team's most consistent tacklers.

Three-and-out: The team will look to its one-way players to step it up a notch, Winkel said. That includes senior defensive end Josh Carson, junior cornerback Angelo Goumas and sophomore linebacker Ray Nozzf. "One of our big things this year that we're trying to focus on is tackling," Winkel said. The coaching staff is working on teaching players a new technique for tackling that involves focusing on the back hip to eliminate the ball carrier's ability to cut back, Winkel said. Goumas and Nozzf are the team's most consistent tacklers.

2018 schedule
8/24 FENTON, 7
8/31 at Round Lake, 7:15
9/7 WHEELING, 7
9/14 at Hoffman Estates, 7:30
9/21 DEERFIELD, 7
9/28 MAIN EAST, 7
10/5 GLENBROOK NORTH, 7
10/12 at Vernon Hills, 7
10/19 at Highland Park, 7

Game to watch: Sept. 28 vs. Maine West. Maine East fans are encouraged to participate in the "blackout" game against a CSL North rival.

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CORRECTION
A preseason boys soccer story that appeared in last week's paper misidentified a Deerfield athlete in a photo. The photo depicted former Deerfield soccer player Evan Gerke, not Ryan Grzy.

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Weeks before the season begins, local high school football teams spend many hours trying to set themselves apart from the competition. But the teams aren't the only ones trying to get a head start: Their fans also are invested in creating a unique atmosphere that gives the home team the upper hand.

From pregame tailgating to halftime performances, each school has a unique take on the gameday experience.

"There's a lot of energy in our stadium, and it's a result of how great a job the marching band does, along with our student section," Lake Zurich coach Luke Mertens said. "The energy is something that we definitely thrive on."

Lake Zurich's students form the Bear Den, Lyons has its Lions Den, New Trier has the Green Team, and so on.

Trevians football coach Brian Doll and school administrators have brainstormed ways to foster student involvement leading up to Friday home games.

Historically, varsity football players have worn Green Team sweatshirts to school on game days, while freshman and JV players have worn corresponding T-shirts. Now, Doll said more than 90 percent of New Trier's nearly 1,000 seniors have purchased Green Team sweatshirts.

"The way that tradition has grown is pretty amazing," Doll said. "If you walk into the school, all you see is everyone decked out in green and blue."

Like the football team, the Green Team has its own captains. With the New Trier drumline and the football team behind them, the captains carry New Trier flags and lead the team onto the field. A fog machine makes for a dramatic entrance as cheerleaders, the dance team and youth football players cheer on the Trevians.

"It's a nice way to get things started," Doll said.

Vernon Hills' gameday preparations begin at 3:15 p.m. with a team dinner of pasta and chicken. After team meetings, the drumline leads the Cougars into the stadium.

"The kids love it, the whole process of making their arrival," coach Bill Becelomo said. "It's a great way to get ready for the game."

At Ridgewood, the gameday atmosphere puts an emphasis on the community.

Rebels fans often are greeted by the smiling face of Josephine Kouns, a former school aide who's been taking tickets at Ridgewood games for nearly 25 years.

The football team takes the field to Metallica's "Enter Sandman" as the players bust through paper banners made by the cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders hoist a giant "R" flag after Ridgewood scores.

"We'll do anything we can to get the crowd going," cheer coach Kristy Keys said. "Everyone's there to support the team, and we try to help them have success."

Buffalo Grove quarterback Connor Adams took it on a road trip out west.

"We create a team creed for the year listing the values and standards we want to embody and put them on a T-shirt," Vlk said.

Another Bison tradition is selecting a player to wear jersey No. 1. Vlk said that honor goes to the squad's leftsleif player, someone who represents himself in the most positive fashion around school and in the community. The recipient this year is senior receiver Joey Schwartz. Vlk informed him of the honor in July.

"I don't know how I could turn an honor like this down," said Schwartz, who previously wore No. 25 like his older brother Joey Schwartz. "It's a great responsibility, but I believe I can adequately represent the team outside of uniform."

At Lake Zurich, the Bear Den shows up in support of the football team.

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