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Niles holds public hearings on proposed TIFs

Leaders hear how plans could also help Golf Mill mall

Staff report

Niles held public hearings Sept. 25 on the two new tax increment financing districts officials say will help breathe economic development life into struggling areas in the village.

The public hearings were required by law - part of the process in establishing the TIFs - and the Village Board heard from opponents and supporters.

"The new TIF rules do not talk about new construction," said Louella Preston. "They're talking about rehabilitation of existing construction of private buildings."

Preston, a former Niles trustee, has been vocal against the TIFs and Sept. 25 she criticized them again, even though she said she voted for three other TIFs during her time on the Village Board.

One of those TIF districts, she noted, helped with the building of Niles' municipal and senior center buildings, which she said benefitted all residents.

The Milwaukee-Dempster TIF, which would include the Golf Mill Shopping Center, would be bordered by Howard Street to the north, Waukegan Road to the east, Touhy Avenue to the south and Harlem Avenue to the west, according to Niles Economic Development Director Ross Klicker.

The Oakton-Waukegan TIF, he said, would begin at Waukegan Road and Oakton Street, stretch east to the village's public library and west to the extension of Nora Avenue and include commercial property at the intersection.

The two TIFs would be the village's fifth and sixth ones, although another one is scheduled to be abolished in 2020 or earlier, Klicker said.

He explained that the village already held mandatory joint review board meetings regarding the new TIFs, which included representatives from Niles-Maine District Library and Niles Township High School District 219, and other impacted taxing bodies. The TIFs received unanimous support from those stakeholders, he said.

Bob Rychlicki of the Chicago-based development consulting firm Kane, McKenna and Associates Inc., which the village hired to oversee the TIF process, said the proposed TIF areas need a boost.

"Through the comprehensive planning process, the village identified certain areas to focus economic development efforts," he said.

TIF districts freeze property taxes within established boundaries. Tax revenue that comes in above the frozen level is used to pay for redevelopment in the area. The goal is that TIF-generated redevelopment increases property values continuing after the TIF has been abolished, according to experts.

TIFs can exist for a maximum of 23 years.

"Recent trends in retail that affect enclosed malls require a proactive approach including TIF," Rychlicki said.

Enclosed malls and retail in general are at a "cross-roads" right now, Rychlicki said. Online shopping has dented the viability of many brick-and-mortar retailers.

Village officials said TIF revenue can be used for improvements to Golf Mill, including its parking lots, and to stabilize the shopping center and properties to the east.

"TIF revenue would be used for improvements and to keep the area vibrant and respond to changes in the marketplace," Rychlicki said.

But Rychlicki said the retail trends for the next 10 or 15 years are not with big box stores.

"There are times that I feel we're spreading ourselves a little too thin," he said. "Big boxes we've got. We're very fortunate."

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"Basically, we're looking at smaller users whether it's medium boxes or small boxes or restaurants," he said.

Village officials said at the public hearing that they received one letter in support of establishing the Milwaukee Dempster TIF although it was not read.

Louella Preston said the budgets for the two proposed TIFs add up to $81 million, which she said would burden taxpayers - including herself - for the next 23 years. Taxing districts impacted by lost revenue from TIFs generate that revenue from taxpayers.

"Bottom line is that (the frozen money for improvements) going into that piggy bank comes from my property taxes," she said.
Culver School in Niles dedicates new park for preschoolers, their families

Project converted blacktop section into green space

Staff report:

Niles Elementary School District 71 has completed work on a new early childhood playground and family park on the grounds of Clarence E. Culver School, and a dedication celebration took place Sept. 26.

School board officials, community members and many Culver families attended the dedication, according to a school district news release. Work was done over two summers to create or improve play areas surrounding the school building.

“This park exemplifies our special community,” said school board President Matt Holbrook. “We worked, all of us together, to plan, fund and design this wonderful space. It took vision, creativity and lots of hard work by all the district’s stakeholders for the park to become a reality.”

According to the release, the project transformed an underutilized blacktop section of school property into a new green playground. The design for the park includes shady areas with benches for families to gather, a new playground specifically designed for preschool students and a remodeled playground that fosters skill development for older elementary students,” the release states.

“We have a growing student population in preschool and early grades. The park is especially designed to create many active learning experiences for our youngest children. The park will be a great asset to our growing preschool program,” said Laura Guarraci, director of special services for Culver School.

Clarence E. Culver School is the lone school in the district.

School district officials call the park a community asset, especially since it is open for public use outside school hours, from dawn to dusk.

“From the beginning, the cornerstone of this new park and playground project has been community,” said Superintendent John Kosioro. “It shows that our community cares about children and families and cares about its future.”
Homecoming rituals getting royal revamp

More schools ditching king, queen traditions, going gender-neutral

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS
Chicago Tribune

The homecoming court donned bright gold sashes and waved to the crowd at Ross-Ade Stadium at Purdue University. Amid applause, two of those students were crowned "Homecoming Royalty" but no one was named king or queen—a deviation from a long-standing tradition at the Big Ten school.

The Sept. 22 halftime ceremony marked the first gender-neutral homecoming court at the West Lafayette, Ind., university, about two hours southeast of Chicago. Purdue joins a growing number of colleges and high schools in dethroning the conventional homecoming monarchy to try to promote more equality.

In lieu of a king and queen, Northwestern University in 2017 began naming one "Homecoming Wildcat," who can choose from a crown, tiara or gender-neutral head wear when honored at a pep rally in mid-October. Penn State University's homecoming committee transitioned to a gender-neutral model this year, where two students will win the "Guide State Forward Award" during festivities in October.

Evanston Township High School in late September announced two "Homecoming Royalty" winners, which can be students of any gender. In recent years, Niles West and Niles North high schools in north suburban Skokie removed gender from their homecoming titles and selection processes as well.

As for Purdue, this year's homecoming court consisted of eight women and two men appointed to an even pairing of the sexes, the norm in the past. The two students crowned Homecoming Royalty happened to be a man and a woman, but there were no gender prescriptions for the winning pair.

Students involved in the decision have called the change a "celebration of inclusivity and diversity."

"These 10 candidates were selected by student-involved faculty and staff members of the Purdue community, who embody the values we hold true as Boilermakers, regardless of gender," said a statement by members of the Purdue Student Union Board when the changes were announced over the summer.

Alum Matt Lindner, who was part of the homecoming court 15 years ago, feels the switch was long overdue and might encourage LGBTQ student participation. But the Lincoln Park resident says he's not sure a gender-neutral court would have been accepted when he attended, adding that West Lafayette tends to lean more conservative.

Voters in surrounding Tippecanoe County in 2016 favored Republican President Donald Trump. Purdue University President Mitch Daniels served two terms as the Republican governor of Indiana; Daniels did not return calls and emails requesting comment on the new gender-neutral homecoming court, which has been criticized on some social media sites.

"Unfortunately Purdue is going left," reads one comment on Facebook. "Please make your way back to the middle! Purdue class of '96.""

"Here is your participation diploma," reads another. "Sissification of Purdue is complete."

Changes to the homecoming court were student-driven, according to university administrators. Zane Reif, vice provost for student life, cited waning participation as the motivator.

"Unfortunately, interest from the student body for this particular tradition has dropped dramatically—leading to only 22 applicants this year—despite enhanced recruitment efforts," Reif said in an email. "After discussions with other universities where a new model has been used, as well conferring with on-campus partners, students will continue to explore improvements to the nomination process, which could lead to more interest in the program in coming years."

Not just accepted, but celebrated

Some say earning a school crown can be extremely formative and validating—even when one's gender identity doesn't necessarily fit in the traditional binary.

Mia Santos recalled her nerves on prom night when she was a senior at northwest suburban Elk Grove High School in 2015. First the king was announced. She prayed she would be selected as queen.

Santos had come out as transgender and transitioned during high school. While many supported her bid for prom queen, she said others posted nasty comments on online forums, including complaints that "a man in a dress" shouldn't hold the title.

But then her name was called. A sash draped her floral lace dress. The coveted tiara topped her freshly styled hair.

"I felt on top of the world, like I could do anything," said Santos, who now lives in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. "It just felt good to know I wasn't just accepted, I was celebrated."

While it was affirming to be named the "queen," Santos said she likes the idea of removing gender from the titles and processes of these types of school contests, opening them up to any pairing of genders as well as students who are gender-nonconforming.

"You could have two female-identified people or two male-identified people or any combination," she said. "It allows the student body to choose who they think deserves the title of royalty, who shows the most confidence, the most happiness within themselves."

Niles West Assistant Principal Mark Rigby considers gender-neutral versions of homecoming celebrations "the normal path of things."

"The old way would marginalize certain students," he said. "They would feel like they couldn't win. What if you had a same-sex couple? Now it allows everyone to participate equally."

Special education teacher Elizabeth Shay has co-sponsored homecoming for the past decade or so at Niles North High School. Three years ago, the school traded the titles of king and queen for Viking royalty, reflecting the school mascot. The court used to be five boys and five girls; now it's any 10 students regardless of gender.

The student body reacted positively, she said, though some staff at first expressed concern about losing a time-honored tradition. But Shay said she reassured them the customs largely remained the same, aside from the more inclusive language.

"You still get named," she said. "You still get the sash and the crown."

She also saw an interesting trend: Now members of homecoming royalty aren't necessarily couples, and more students are coming to the homecoming dance as friends or in groups rather than feeling pressured to pair up, a largely positive result, she said.

While many might associate homecoming royalty with certain caricatures—the blond cheerleader and the football team captain ubiquitous in teen movies—Shay said this hasn't been the case at Niles North, even before gender was taken out of determining the court.

"It typically doesn't match up with the stereotype," she said.

Some high schools forgo the practice entirely.
Rituals, from Previous Page

New Trier Township High School doesn't select any homecoming royalty or kings and queens, and staff couldn't find any evidence of these rituals in yearbooks going back to the 1930s and 1940s.

"Part of our school culture is to try to tamp down competition among our own students," said spokeswoman Nikki Dizon, adding that New Trier eliminated valedictorians as well as class rank for this same reason. "We have our own homecoming traditions (spirit week, etc.), but students have not asked for a court in recent memory."

Revolt against monarchy

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign held one of the earliest homecoming celebrations nationwide in 1910, according to the university's website. Over the years, it turned into a popular fall custom there and at other schools across the nation, drawing alumni back to campuses for football games and parades.

In 1997, the homecoming king and queen used their platform to protest the university's controversial, since-retired mascot, Chief Illiniwek. The next year the roles of king and queen were dropped, though the university continued to recognize a homecoming court.

A Chicago Tribune editorial in 1998 chalked up the change at the University of Illinois as part of a more universal decline in the popularity of homecoming royalty.

"The revolt against campus monarchy had been building for several years, following a trend already under way at many high schools," the editorial said. "Creeping egalitarianism has been encouraged by an increasingly diverse and mobile school population. When kids don't stay in the same place as long as their grandparents did, they don't maintain the community cohesion that supports such traditions as homecomings and royal courts."

Some say tweaking these old rituals can help preserve the core of the custom over time.

The recent demise of the king and queen at Northwestern University actually came at the request of members of the 2016 homecoming royalty court, who cited evolving student attitudes and cultural trends, said Yari Gallegos, who is on the university's homecoming committee.

"We are honoring our homecoming tradition while updating it to be more inclusive and representative of our diverse student body," she said. "These changes at universities across the country represent the growing diversity of their respective student bodies and the move towards creating more inclusive spaces."

At Purdue University, one member of this year's court calls the changes a "step in the right direction" to produce a more merit-based contest, allowing the best candidates to be recognized regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

"I am able to have more camaraderie with my fellow court members, without the pressure to pair up in a typical, heteronormative fashion," said junior Caroline Stanley. "All in all, it is a welcomed change and I believe (it) will not only help more, better-qualified students to be recognized, but I think it can definitely empower queer and gender nonconforming students to feel included."

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Police searching for man in Cubs cap who robbed a PNC Bank in Niles

Staff report

Niles police and the FBI are looking for a man who robbed a PNC Bank branch in the north suburb Friday morning, according to a Niles Police Department news release.

According to the release, a call came in around 11 a.m. to Niles police about a robbery that had just taken place at the bank branch located at 8990 N. Milwaukee Ave.

A man wearing a Chicago Cubs baseball cap had gone into the bank and handed the teller a note "declaring a robbery," according to the release that police put out Friday evening.

Authorities said the teller gave the man $2,000 in cash and he left the bank without incident.

"The offender did not display or indicate that he had a weapon of any kind," police said in the release.

When officers arrived, they were unable to locate the man. He had been last seen heading west on Ballard Street, according to the release.

The suspected bank robber is described as being a white male, age 25 to 35, approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall weighing about 175 to 200 pounds, the release states.

Police said in the release that he was wearing a blue Chicago Cubs baseball cap with a red brim, sunglasses, a two-toned gray and black zippered jacket and blue jeans.

The Chicago office of the FBI is investigating the incident with the Niles Police Department.

Anyone with information about the bank robbery is asked to call the FBI at 312-421-6700.
According to police, Kovie was accused of stealing merchandise from Walmart, 5630 W. Touhy Ave., and returned the items for cash at the customer service desk. Jaji allegedly told police she worked for Walmart as a theft-prevention employee. Court information was not listed.

**Theft**
- Mariam E. Jaji, 37, of the 9900 block of Linda Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 22 and accused of stealing merchandise from Walmart, 5630 W. Touhy Ave., and returning the items for cash at the customer service desk. Jaji allegedly told police she worked for Walmart as a theft-prevention employee. Court information was not listed.
- Jessica A. Kovie, 33, of the 7600 block of Paulina Street, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 22, police said. According to police, Kovie was accused of removing unpaid items from Walmart, 5630 W. Touhy Ave., and returning them for $185 in store credit. Court information was not listed.

**DUI**
- Radoslaw Jerzy Sapula, 37, of the 9300 block of Bay Colony Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with driving under the influence on Sept. 1 following a traffic stop on the 2600 block of West Dempster Street, police said. He was given an Oct. 11 court date.

**Disorderly Conduct**
- A 34-year-old Niles man was ticketed for disorderly conduct and excessive noise on Sept. 23 after police were reportedly called to his home four times in one night for complaints of loud music and the man allegedly shining a light into his neighbor's window.
- A 41-year-old man from unincorporated Main Township was ticketed for disorderly conduct, public intoxication and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia on Sept. 26, police said.

**Alcohol**
- A 28-year-old Chicago man and a 16-year-old Niles girl were ticketed for selling alcohol to a minor during an alcohol law compliance check conducted by police on Sept. 14. The alleged sales occurred at Une Annee Brewery, 9082 W. Golf Road, and Taco Mia, 8610 W. Golf Road, police said.

**Aggravated Assault**
- A teen told police that another youth pulled out a knife and threatened to rob him at a bus stop on the 5700 block of West Touhy Avenue on Sept. 23. Police said the two had been involved in a bullying incident in Evanston the previous day.

**Theft**
- An unknown woman stole a price-check scanner belonging to Target, Golf Mill, on Sept. 20. Police said the woman placed the $1,151 scanner in her purse and left the store with an unknown man.
- An air mattress was stolen Sept. 21 from Walmart, 8500 W. Golf Road.
- A man and woman, accompanied by three children, stole an undisclosed amount of merchandise from AT&T, 7201 W. Dempster St., on Sept. 22.
- Two pairs of headphones and a video game system, valued at $460, were stolen from a locked display case at Target, Golf Mill, on the night of Sept. 22, police said.
- A man reported keys were removed from his locker at XSport Fitness, 9210 N. Milwaukee Ave., on Sept. 23, and used to open his car, which was parked outside. Nothing was reported missing from the car, police said.

**Burglary to Vehicle**
- A man reported that $3,000 in cash and two checks — for $6 and $57,952 — were stolen out of his car while it was parked outside a hair salon on the 8900 block of North Greenwood Avenue. A window was broken to gain entry, police said.
- A purse was stolen Sept. 25 from a car parked outside XSport Fitness, 9210 N. Milwaukee Ave., police said. A window was reportedly broken to gain entry.
- A wallet was reported stolen from a car parked on the 7500 block of West Oakton Street on the morning of Sept. 25. The owner of the car told police she found the driver's window broken and a person running away.
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Fright Fest offers patrons claustrophobic challenge

Those selected to spend 30 hours in coffin for opportunity for prizes

BY SHERYL DeVORE
News-Sun

Hank Salemi says no way would he spend 30 hours in a coffin even if he got bathroom breaks.

"But the president of Six Flags Great America in Gurnee knows for sure that plenty of other folks are willing to do that."

In concert with its annual Fright Fest, which runs through Oct. 31, Six Flags just put the challenge out for patrons to spend from 1 p.m. Oct. 20 until 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in a 7-by-2-foot coffin.

In less than a day since the challenge was posted online, more than 300 hopefuls already had registered for six available spots, said John Krajnak, Six Flags marketing director.

At Six Flags in St. Louis, which announced the same challenge earlier this Fright Fest season, 25,000 people have registered for the chance to be among six selected, Krajnak added. Fifteen theme parks owned by Six Flags Entertainment across the country are participating, and entries are free.

Of course there are some winnings at stake — up to six contestants will win two gold-pass 2019 season tickets to Great America.

They can also take their coffin home and get a chance to win $300 cash.

But Krajnak thinks there's a different lure.

"Some people want to face their fears," he said, "whether it be of heights on roller coasters or clowns or claustrophobia or being buried alive."

As for the thought of spending 30 hours in a coffin, Krajnak added, "I don't think I could handle it. There's something about facing your own mortality." Salemi, who has ridden every roller coaster in the park and them some, said he would "definitely be too scared to take on this challenge."

Six Flags crew are now building the coffins. "The 2-foot-by-7-foot measurement sounds a bit daunting to me," Krajnak said. "I don't think the coffins are going to be particularly comfortable."

At 1 p.m. on Oct. 20, six lucky humans — chosen from all the online applications — will be brought by ghouls to Metropolis Plaza in the theme park and directed into a coffin lying flat on the ground.

The coffin does have a half lid — and sometimes it will be opened so Fright Fest patrons can gawk, Krajnak said.

"It's also for safety," he added, saying participants are also required to sign a waiver and must be at least 18 years old, among other restrictions.

"We've run this by our safety group," Krajnak said, adding that the coffin dwellers will get hourly restroom breaks for six minutes.

One of the more scary moments likely will be when the coffin-dwellers' cellphones are taken away from them and only given back periodically, perhaps to post something on social media about their experience, Krajnak said.

"They won't have access to their phones the entire time. We can't make it that comfortable," he said.

Chosen participants can bring pillows and blankets and one approved non-electronic security item. A teddy bear might be a good idea, Krajnak said. But many who have entered so far said they'd bring a book with them.

"We'll provide all meals for 30 hours and a couple of snacks," he said.

"They won't go hungry. They'll get some of Six Flags' culinary delights, maybe a churro or some pizza."

So really, what is there to be afraid of?

"There's the chance for getting claustrophobia, for one. About 5 percent of the world's population suffers from the disorder, according to Health Research Funding."

"Those prone to claustrophobia are people who are inhibited, sensitive or negative, according to the Mayo Clinic. Symptoms include panic attacks accompanied by rapid heart rate, sweating and sense of impending doom, according to the clinic."

But what Krajnak thinks will really scare the coffin-dwellers is being alone at the park after hours.

"I've walked around late at night when we're not operating, and especially during Fright Fest, it's just a scary environment," he said.

"The ghoul of the night will remain in the park — and they could come knocking on the coffin at any time to intimidate the humans stuck inside."

At 7 p.m. Oct. 21, Nos, the demon overlord of Fright Fest, is scheduled to release the humans from their coffins.

Standing tall and with a red face and horns, Nos is probably not the first creature someone stuck in a tiny box for 30 hours would like to see.

Any of the six humans who gets out of the coffin for any reason, with the exception of the designated bathroom breaks, will be disqualified.

Those of the six who make it through the 30 hours not only get the season passes and other prizes, but they'll also be invited as grand marshals to the Uprising Parade, when all the demons and monsters and ghouls come out during Fright Fest, about 5:45 p.m. each day.

"It's when all hell breaks loose," Krajnak said.

Six coffin dwellers will be chosen among the many applicants on Oct. 11 and must accept by Oct. 13. Otherwise, alternates will be chosen and notified.

"The 30-hour coffin challenge has taken the country by storm — everybody wants in," Six Flags chief marketing officer Brett Petit said in a statement.

Well, not everyone — you can count Hank Salemi and John Krajnak out.

To register for free, go to tinyurl.com/yb9q47ku.

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Oakton college trustees applaud diversity and inclusion efforts

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

At Oakton Community College, students of color make up about 45 percent of the student body. As a result, staff there are working to make sure the college's services help attract and retain these students as they work toward their career goals, according to a report presented to trustees Sept. 25.

"How do we support our diverse students that come to us? What are the strategies we employ?" asked Juletta Patrick, Oakton's assistant vice president for student affairs. "What are the strategies we employ?" asked Juletta Patrick, Oakton's assistant vice president for student affairs. "What are the strategies we employ?" asked Juletta Patrick, Oakton's assistant vice president for student affairs.

"This is a true time commitment from our employees," Hands said. "Each search committee gets a customized guideline booklet that really identifies what that specific search needs."

Students study at the Center for Campus Inclusion and Diversity at on the Des Plaines campus of Oakton Community College.

Trustees applauded the college's efforts but asked if there was more that could be done, especially for students at Oakton's smaller Skokie campus.

Trustee Brian Salzberg asked if similar services that the Center for Campus Inclusion and Diversity offers on the Des Plaines campus are available to those who might not travel there for class.

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Douglas Center unveils 'freedom' mosaic

Staff report

The colorful and vibrant handmade art recently unveiled at the Douglas Center in Skokie includes words that organization leaders say have pointed significance.

"There are many words that may be used to describe the Douglas Center," CEO Rifath Khan wrote in a statement that was read at the Sept. 27 reveal. "But we, as members of the Douglas Center, chose five words to describe life here at the center through our beautiful art work."

Those words — "dignity, respect, diversity, choices and growth" — are written out in different places within the tiled mosaic that now hangs on a wall of the center's outdoor recreation area.

"Choices" is so important to Rifath," said Linda Cordiero of the Douglas Center. "When she first started the Douglas Center, it was her vision to create a program where the individuals who participated here always had choices."

The nonprofit Douglas Center provides day programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental, physical and mental disabilities.

Just a year ago, the center opened the Adapted Sports Recreation Program using narrow outdoor space between two of its buildings. The new feature was made possible by a $45,000 grant from The Coleman Foundation and a $25,000 grant from The Field Foundation of Illinois, officials said.

Funds from the same grant were used for the art project, organization officials said.

Chris Zonta, who oversees Art From the Heart at the Douglas Center, said about 75 of the center's clients and staff members had a hand in creating the mosaic, which measures 3 feet by 5 feet.

"This is the first time we used this technique," Zonta said. "The other techniques I've used on other murals have been different. This one was really a spontaneous, sort of intuitive growing sort of thing. I gave them only a few rules about it."

Many of the artists were responsible for creating flowers that surround the center image of a white bird. Zonta said she recommended to participants that they make their flower one color to begin with and then they could expand.

The result, she said, makes the mosaic come alive.

"The colors represent how alive we are here and the joy of creation," said Zonta.

Joanna Sanders was one of the many Douglas Center clients who worked on the mosaic. She said she had fun making her flower and the best part was seeing the work evolve and come to life as it progressed.

"The more they did, the more I liked it," she said.

While the Douglas Center's work program provides employment opportunities in manufacturing, commercial and industrial sewing, packaging, assembly, shrink wrapping, labeling, heat sealing, fulfillment services and more, officials say therapy and other programs have always been a key part of its mission too.

Khan, who missed the unveiling because of a family matter, has expanded what the social service agency offers since it came to Skokie in 2000.

In her statement read at the unveiling, Khan said the white bird at the center of the mosaic represents freedom.

"Freedom to come to the Douglas Center, freedom to be who you are, freedom to choose what you want to do with dignity and respecting differences and freedom to grow without limits," Khan wrote. "We work with diverse individuals in different phases of their life to help them to grow, to help them to become independent creative contributing members of our society."

Niles jeweler in stable condition after being beaten, robbed

Staff report

A 72-year-old Niles jeweler who was beaten and robbed and found in only his underwear Sept. 29 at a Chicago golf course remains in stable condition at Resurrection Hospital, Niles Police said.

Police said the case remains under investigation.

The man's daughter-in-law said he had been followed to his Niles home Sept. 28, after having dinner at The Bar in the 1600 block of East Oakton Street in Des Plaines.

When he got out of his vehicle to head into his apartment, he was attacked by three men wearing masks, she said. Police reported that baseball bats were used in the attack but Smith said the men were armed only with guns, which were used to beat the victim.

Police said the beating took place in the van where the victim's jewelry, clothing and keys to his apartment and business were taken. The amount of jewelry taken is unknown, police said, but his daughter-in-law estimated the value to be between $10,000 and $12,000.

Pioneer Press is not naming the jewelry store owner because he is a victim of a crime.

According to police, the victim reported that he was showing jewelry to customers at The Bar before he left to go home. But the daughter-in-law said her he did not go to the establishment to meet customers.

"He was not meeting anybody to show jewelry," she said. "We don't think he even showed any jewelry that night. Jewelry was not at all his purpose for being there. He went out for dinner."

The man had been followed in the days before the attack and the robbery were planned ahead of time, the daughter-in-law said.

In the van, she said, the three suspects tried to get the man to go to his store, Lucky Gem & Jewelry in Niles, so they could rob it. The victim made some excuse about the alarm codes and refused, the daughter-in-law said.

The man was later dumped and found at 3 a.m. at the Edgebrook Golf Course in the 6100 block of Central Avenue in Chicago, according to police.

"He has a prosthetic leg and had been beaten for who knows how long, but he did finally get himself up and walked a bit before he came along some Chicago police officer," the daughter-in-law said.

She also said her father-in-law is sore and may have a broken rib but she called him "a pretty lucky guy." The family expects him to return home in the next day or two.

According to his family, the man has been in the jewelry business for about 50 years and has owned the Niles store for about 15 years.

It is not uncommon for jewelers to be carrying some additional pieces of jewelry with them, she said. "The first thing, though, is to get him home."
What's in a name? Well, not 'Donuts' apparently

When you have an iconic brand name, say Dunkin' Donuts, it must be very difficult and extremely risky to change the name and rebrand the business.

Yet Dunkin' Donuts is doing exactly that. The iconic doughnut shop plans to change its name to Dunkin'. To explain the change, the company is using the tagline, "After 68 years of America running on Dunkin', we're moving to a first-name basis."

As with any such change, it has an upside and a downside. But in this case, I think there are more downsides.

The downside, as I see it, is this: The franchise, in my mind anyway, is all about doughnuts. I don't go there for the coffee.

When I want a beverage-led experience, I go to this little cafe — you may have heard of it — called Starbucks. Not Dunkin' Donuts. As a matter of fact, I don't like the coffee at Dunkin' Donuts. I tolerate it, not because, well, it is coffee. But I only get the coffee because, I'm already there getting doughnuts.

To me, it would make more sense to change the name to just "Donuts." I was never really running on Dunkin' anyway. When I think of the iconic brand, I think of the baker who wearily wakes up early in the morning with the catchphrase, "It's time to make the doughnuts" on his lips.

But that is back from the day when Dunkin' Donuts made their baked goods fresh right in the store several times a day, and the company was proud of it. I've been told that policy has long gone by the wayside.

So Dunkin' it is. But there is another problem with changing the name. It sounds a lot like the name Duncan.

Does that sound familiar to you? It should. Duncan was the guy, you may or may not remember, who usurped the Scottish throne from Macbeth in Shakespeare's play of the same name. So when someone says "Dunkin," I hear "Duncan" and I think "Macbeth" and Scotland and blood and betrayal and all that.

Is that what Duncan Donuts (subliminal column writing here) wants us to think when we hear Dunkin'? Finally, if they are trying to get across the idea that they have coffee, mainly orange, or drinks to dunk stuff in, then they have to do more than change the name.

They have to change the taste of their coffee.

I know they sell Dunkin' Donuts coffee at grocery stores, but when I go out specifically to purchase a special cup of coffee, the main requirement is that it tastes a heck of a lot better than what I can brew at home.

That's just not the case with the current coffee at Dunkin' Donuts.

If this works, I can see other franchises copying the effort. Would you rather shop at a hardware store name True or Value, or just Home or Depot? Would you put your money in Harris or BMO?

Only time will tell if this is a marketing stroke of genius to take advantage of developing commercial trends, or just the last gasp of a struggling corporate behemoth.

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Conversation tips to avoid political discourse

LYNN PETRAK
Home on LaGrange

For those feeling fatigued by political discourse, which has been building to a cacophonous frenzy over the past couple of years, having a conversation that even veers towards a politically tinged topic is enough to raise your blood pressure or the hair on the back of your neck, depending your take on a particular opinion.

In this era of heated debates and heightened sensitivities, I offer what amounts to the Switzerlandization of conversation. It's kind of like driving in our area in March, when potholes are hard to avoid after a long, hard winter and the impact of road salt and plows can be done, with a little deft maneuvering.

When someone brings up a certain issue that may veer toward divisiveness, there are some evasive measures that can be taken. These actions are usually based on things that tend to bind people together instead of rip them apart in anger and resentment, as our political culture seems to be doing a bang-up right now.

1. The weather. Did someone just bring up POTUS or SCOTUS, and you don't really want to talk about it, no matter what your own opinion might be? (And trust me, you have one!) Pivot to the weather, because, honestly, you can't go wrong with that topic, especially in the Chicago area.

Invoking the name of WGN meteorologist Tom Skilling is one key to changing the topic to the weather.

Examples of sentences sure to switch the subject: “I hear it's supposed to get close to freezing next week,” or “Miss summer, then remember how much I like sweater season.”

Weather discussions may or may not include the words “Tom Skilling” and are often capped with, “You know what they say about weather in Chicago — if you don't like it, wait five minutes and then it will change!”

2. Yard work and gardening. This topic may be considered a subtopic of weather, but it is just as effective in avoiding discussions related to anything currently controversial that may elicit a hostile exchange of words or, at the very least, some awkwardness.

Examples of sentences that help people find common ground: “I hope the rain didn’t wash away the grass seed I just put down,” “Oh, those mums are so pretty! I don’t think I water them enough,” “Do you want some of my leftover tomatoes? I won’t be able to use all of these,” or “What do you use to get rid of grubs in your lawn?”

3. Food. Honestly, food is something that almost everyone can talk about in a civil way. Whether it’s a recipe worth sharing or an assessment of a restaurant that just opened in town, food is one of the most basic common denominators in culture and life.

Examples of sentences that affirm humankind’s positive nature: “I just got a new grill,” “What kind of tomatoes do you grow?” “They have the best pizza,” “Did you try that new taqueria in town,” “That beer is actually locally brewed,” or “What’s your favorite Halloween candy?”

There are other topics that can bring people together, such as the release of a new movie, what you’re watching on Netflix or Amazon Prime, or how the construction in a nearby suburb has caused frustration and delayed travel times.

You can’t go wrong with food, though. That’s something to keep in mind at the dinner table this Thanksgiving, when you might need a little switcheroo.

“How did you get these potatoes so smooth?”

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South suburban man offers his expert advice on teen drug use

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that’s the amount of time typically covered by insurance.

In 2016, Romeo joined the staff of Midlothian-based Phoenix Behavioral Services, which offers treatment for drug and alcohol abuse. He is the primary group facilitator for providing cognitive behavioral therapy sessions. Phoenix operates a second facility in Tinley Park.

In July, Calumet Township Supervisor and state Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, appointed Romeo to serve as a special assistant in the 28th District. Romeo is “responsible for administrative and representative duties in all aspects of addiction education,” according to a written announcement by Rita.

“We’d like to present this seminar throughout the district,” Rita told me, adding that he and Romeo are cousins. “If we can save one person, it’s all worth it.”

Rita introduced Romeo at the presentation Sept. 12 and read a proclamation recognizing September as National Recovery Month.

“Through my own personal experiences, I know this can be a difficult subject to tackle with your children,” Rita wrote in a message distributed to audience members.

“Hopefully, through the information we will provide during the presentation and the supplemental information included in your presentation packet (we) will encourage you to share and discuss drug use with your children.”

In his presentation, Romeo said children as young as 8 to 12 years should be educated about the risks of using drugs and alcohol.

“Drug use at an early age can be an important predictor of addiction,” he said. “The longer you wait, the better off you are.”

Letters to the editor

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Love, blended families, and baking it forward

"Isn't that Melissa Forman?" someone asked me last week at my daughter's high school tennis tournament. I looked, and sure enough, there stood the radio and TV personality Chicagoans have been watching and listening to for decades.

I actually met Melissa a few years ago as a guest on WCIU's "You & Me," where she and Jeanne Sparrow interviewed me about my dislike for Valentine's Day. By the way, I have since changed my position — I am now a big fan of Valentine's Day — but that's another story.

I caught up with Melissa for her story, and we talked about love, family, her new job back at Lite FM, and the amazing cakes she creates with her kids.

Melissa and her husband Scott Levin's love story began in 2002. The two were set up on a blind date by one of her brother's friend's wives. Melissa said although she thought Scott was "adorable," she initially felt like they would end up just being good friends.

"He was a single dad in the suburbs, and I was a single girl in the city," she said.

But one day, the two took Scott's two young boys to Lincoln Park Zoo, and Melissa said she still vividly remembers the moment she realized her boyfriend was Mr. Right.

"There was this moment when Scott's older son and I looked each other in the eyes, and I knew with every fiber in my body that I was going to see that little boy grow up," she said. "It was incredible. It just felt right. Everything about it finally felt right."

Scott and Melissa married in 2003, and had two children together, both girls.

Melissa said of her family, "I always tell people I have four children. Two are biological, but I forgot which two."

She said she doesn't see herself as a "stepmom to her boys, but rather as an "extra mom."

"Both Scott and his ex-wife allowed me from Day One to love their children," Melissa said. "His ex-wife realized early on I wasn't a threat, but rather an asset. I don't even consider us blended. We're just a family. My kids don't know what half-siblings are. They're just four siblings, and there is so much life and laughter and organized chaos in our home."

Outside of the home, Melissa recently returned to WLIT, 93.9FM as the Lite FM morning show host. This is her third time working for the station, and she said she truly feels like she's going home again.

"I love the listeners, and I adore the staff and my bosses. They're just good people," she said.

Previously, Melissa spent eight years as the co-host of "You & Me," which was canceled in 2017 when new management took over the station.

She said she spent last year not working, but that something wonderful came of the time off: Melissa Forman cakes, uniquely designed cakes that she and her kids make for "unsuspecting special people."

"I decided to teach my kids about baking it forward," she said. "I wanted to show them that you just don't get knocked down. Someone can divorce you or let you go and it doesn't define who you are. Just keep moving forward, keep a smile on your face, put good out into the world, and wait until you see how it all comes together."

How inspiring is that? Like countless Chicagoans, I am loving hearing Melissa back on the Lite.

Here are Melissa's tips for blended families:

For an ex-wife or ex-husband:
- Look at extra people in your children's lives as a benefit, who can only help and enrich their world.
- Communicate with the new spouse. Be open and honest about your feelings. You can become each other's biggest asset.
- Remember that the kids will be so much happier and healthier if they see their parents all getting along.
- If you are the new spouse:
  - Remember that the kids have a mom and a dad, and that you are a there to support the kids as a gentle observer and to offer guidance when needed.
  - Realize early on that the children will always be the spouse's priority. It's OK if he or she puts his kids first; that's one of the reasons you love them.
  - Balance is good, meaning there will be times when your spouse may be with his or her kids without you, times when everyone is together, and times for just the two of you. They all contribute to a healthy relationship.
  - Be flexible. When it comes to kids, plans change often so try to be understanding.
  - Someone can fire you, someone can divorce you or let you go and it doesn't define who you are. Just keep moving forward, keep a smile on your face, put good out into the world, and wait until you see how it all comes together."

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What's behind all these free credit scores?

Free credit scores are everywhere! Why is this? Is some entity making money from this suddenly pervasive online offering? Should consumers be clicking on these links each time they have the opportunity?

For answers to these and other questions about credit scores, I spoke with Liz Weston, a certified financial planner and a personal finance columnist for NerdWallet.com.

"It's such a transformation from a couple decades ago, when your credit scores were actually secret. You weren't even supposed to know what they were," Weston said.

The reason for this, explained Weston, is the three major credit bureaus - Experian, TransUnion and Equifax - got together and started VantageScore, a consumer credit scoring company that was created as a competitor to FICO (also known as the Fair, Isaac and Company), a consumer credit risk scoring service that has had a monopoly over the credit scoring business since the mid-1950s.

The credit bureaus decided they wanted a piece of the action. Their model, VantageScore, is made available to banks, credit cards and other financial sites, allowing them to give away VantageScores for free. This helps the sponsoring sites attract visitors, while VantageScore is able to get in front of more potential business customers.

And it has worked, according to Weston. Though FICO is still by far the dominant version, Weston said. "Once VantageScore started pushing this model, FICO essentially had to respond by expanding who it's providing scores to," Weston said.

So now, FICO offers free credit scores. Weston clarified: "It's not truly free. The companies are actually paying, but the scores are being provided cheaply enough that these sites can offer them for free."

Weston provided some additional and valuable insights into credit scores.

She emphasized that every consumer has more than one score. To begin with, both FICO and VantageScore have multiple versions.

The latest credit scoring formula by FICO is FICO 9, and it includes some big changes from FICO 8. Medical debt sent to collections is no longer rated as negatively as other, nonmedical debt, and any collection debt that has been paid in full is now disregarded.

But consumers shouldn't get too excited about these changes, Weston warned, because FICO 8 is still the most commonly used version. Mortgage lenders often use even older versions.

Weston additionally pointed out that a credit card lender has different needs from an auto lender, who has different needs from a mortgage lender. So, each tweaks their chosen formula in a different way to meet their own requirements, potentially resulting in different calculations.

She suggested that if consumers are interested in seeing the five or six FICO scores that are most commonly used in making credit decisions about them, they should go to www.myFICO.com. There is a charge of $60.

Regarding all the free credit scores, Weston wisely pointed out there is no free lunch.

"These companies want to market to you (based on the data in your credit report)," she said.

Weston recommended consumers access the free scores offered by financial companies that they already do business with. If they want a report that updates weekly rather than once every one to three months, they might consider checking their scores at a site like NerdWallet.

One final piece of advice provided by Weston was this: "I'd strongly recommend consumers apply a credit freeze to all three of their credit reports."

This used to involve a charge, but as of Sept 21, Congress made implementing a freeze free.

"You can unfreeze your credit report in just a few minutes by going online," Weston said.

But, she emphasized, it's important to keep track of the PIN.

Parents with children younger than 17 might consider freezing their children's credit scores. This will first require that each credit bureau create a report, then freeze it at the parents' request.

She warned, if a child already has a credit report, that could be a problem. This can indicate identity theft has occurred.

"Child identity theft doesn't get discovered for years and the problem is massive by the time you discover it," Weston said.

"Locking down children's credit reports can really help. But you'll have to keep track of that PIN - maybe for years!"

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What does gender mean?

In order for 3-year-old Naya to feel less pressured to conform to stereotypes, parents let their child decide: Boy or girl. Page 3
Nighttime vocalizations keep cat owner awake

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**Dear Cathy:** Our 6-year-old neutered male cat has a behavior that disturbs our sleep. He will meow, run across the bed, push the rugs around, and jump off the chest of drawers onto the bed. He has gone for periods of time (weeks, even months) sleeping contently at night. We don't understand what brings on this behavior.

We've tried waiting him out, which works occasionally. We have tried telling our dog (who sleeps on his mat by the bed) to "go get the cat." He usually pushes the cat with his nose. The cat is not intimidated, and the interruption of his meowing only lasts briefly.

We have put him in the laundry room with his litter box, food and water for several consecutive nights, but when we let him out, he goes back to his old behavior. Any suggestions other than confining him? — Marilyn, Tucson, Ariz.

**Dear Marilyn:** Most night vocalizations are behavioral and related to boredom or not enough playtime during the day. Cats are nocturnal and so get friskier at night. The fact that your cat is keeping busy all nightlong indicates he has some energy to burn.

There are a few things you can do. Feed him before you go to bed. Everyone, including cats, sleeps better on a full tummy.

Get him a cat food puzzle toy to feed him. This type of "game" engages the cat's brain and plays on his hunting instincts, which should help tire him. An engaged cat won't be meowing for attention.

Introduce several five-minute play sessions throughout the day to help wear him out. Make the last session at night right before bedtime.

Play music on low throughout the night. There are musical arrangements, like "Through a Cat's Ear," that have been created to calm felines.

You can always plug in feline pheromones around the house to see if that calms your cat too. As an aside, your cat may be losing his hearing or have an underlying health problem, so take your cat to the vet if these suggestions don't work.

**Dear Cathy:** We have a 4-year-old Chiweenie who like only four people and one other dog. He is afraid of everyone else. We want to go on vacation in the RV and leave him at home because otherwise, we wouldn't be able to do anything or go anywhere. My sons are not able to take care of him sufficiently since they work all day. What can I do? I feel guilty boarding him in a kennel for seven to 10 days since he's afraid of people and dogs he doesn't know. My other dog, a husky/Aussie mix, is very friendly and will stay with a friend of mine. I don't want to put her in a kennel too just to provide company for the Chiweenie. We could take the Chiweenie with us, but then we would have to find daycare while on the road. Do you have any other ideas? — Sue B., via email

**Dear Sue:** If your dog is afraid of everyone, then going to a kennel or a daycare while on the road would be stressful for your dog. Any chance one of your sons can

sleep over at your house at night with a pet sitter coming by during the day to let him out?

If you find a pet sitter who can come by during the day or who can sleepover while you are gone, there are ways you can get your dog acclimated to this new person. Get Adaptil, a dog pheromone, and have her spray it on her shoes, pant legs and up to her waist before coming in to meet your dog. These pheromones mimic a momma dog's scent and will allow your Chiweenie to relax more around this new person.

The pet sitter should not touch or pick up your dog in any way. It could take a few visits before she lets the pet sitter approach her. The pet sitter can toss a few treats onto the floor for your Chiweenie to eat. Your dog may not eat the treats at first, but when he does, you will know he is relaxing around this new person.

You also can ask your veterinarian for a mild sedative for your dog during a first-time meeting with a potential pet sitter. If your Chiweenie is chill and the pet sitter smells like a momma dog's pheromones, chances are they will like each other well enough for her to come by (or sleep over) while you are gone.

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**When a cat is very vocal at night, it can mean they have too much energy. Try being active with your cat before bedtime to help tire them out.***
What does gender mean?

In order for Naya to feel less pressured to conform to stereotypes, parents let their child decide: Boy or girl

By Monica Hesse
The Washington Post

Naya is an almost 3-year-old I met recently who, in the course of an afternoon, wondered the following things: Why does the blue marble look green when viewed through yellow plastic? How is cheese made? Do things always fall down when you drop them or do they sometimes fall up?

Spending time with an almost 3-year-old is an excellent way to realize how hard it is to deconstruct concepts that adults take for granted.

What does it mean to be a girl? For example, what does it mean to be a boy?

When I first met Naya, I didn't know what gender Naya was. And neither did Naya's parents. They knew what was on Naya's birth certificate, of course. But as for what was in Naya's brain? They were waiting for Naya to tell them.

All good parents want their kids to be happy. A lot of good parents now are having conversations about how gender and expectations fit into that. How do you raise girls to be tough and boys to be sensitive? Or, how do you raise girls and boys to be whatever they truly are - not just what they've absorbed from centuries of culture telling girls to be dainty and boys not to cry.

Naya's parents, Jeremy and Bryan, had thought about all of this, maybe more than most. Jeremy had worked with transgender and intersex people. Their stories about the traumas of childhood - being forced to live as boys, for example, when they felt like girls - began to haunt him once he became a parent. And so did the aisles of Target, an assault of segregated pink and blue.

He started to worry. Would Naya, at that point a newborn, feel pressured to conform to the stereotype of a birth certificate's sex designation?

One night, this question became a hypothetical proposal. What if he and Bryan didn't tell Naya whether Naya was a boy or a girl? What if they just let their kid decide?

It made sense to Bryan. His native language, Tagalog, doesn't include gender pronouns. The word "siya" was the equivalent of "that person over there," no "he" or "she" specified. He liked the idea of Naya being able to tell him, "Here's who I am," instead of him dictating, "Here's who you are."

Jeremy and Bryan didn't publicly share Naya's birth certificate sex, and they posted an announcement on Facebook: "If you interact with our kid, please make an effort to use Naya's name, rather than a gendered pronoun." Jeremy acknowledged this all might seem complicated, but he explained that "much of our culture and many of our traditions are based on telling people (directly and indirectly) what they can and can't do, or should and shouldn't do, based on their gender rather than their capabilities. And we know this has tremendously negative consequences for both kids and adults."

They gave Naya clothing from both sides of the Target aisle, and boy dolls and girl dolls, and a stuffed dog whose gender and name, according to Naya, were both just "Doggy."

They had conversations that went straight to the root of our humanity. How do we know who we are? What would it look like to become your true self, if the only constraints were your own happiness? It was an impossible scenario - we live in a society, not a vacuum. But still. What if, as a parent, you could at least try?

Jeremy and Bryan found themselves explaining that some people have penises and some have vaginas, and some have neither. Sometimes, having a vagina means feeling like a girl, but not always. They used their friends and relatives' pictures to explain: Grandma is a woman, she likes to be called a she. Daddah is a man, he likes to be called a he.

And Naya, they emphasized, could choose whatever Naya wanted.

Meanwhile, Naya had questions:

Why did the marble tower fall over when it got too tall?

Why does that person in the Dr. Seuss book have a silly nose?

Naya never asked why some people felt like boys and others felt like girls, but Jeremy tried to be prepared in case it happened. He mulled clothing analogies: Just like some people might feel most comfy in a certain pair of socks, they might also feel most comfy as a certain gender. Was that a fair example?

"Having a kid makes you question all your assumptions," he told me. He hoped he was doing the right thing.

Recently, Jeremy and Naya were in Naya's bedroom, winding down for a nap and playing with Doggy.

Doggy liked to be cuddled, and sometimes tossed in the air. Naya had established that already. But on this day, Naya told Jeremy something new. Doggy was a boy - "a he" - and he should be called that.

"OK," Jeremy agreed. Then, sensing the conversation was getting introspective, he slipped out his phone to record it for Bryan, still at work.

"What do you want me to call you?" Jeremy asked.

"She and her and a girl," said Naya, nonchalantly.

"Just today or for always?"

"Today and tomorrow too," Naya said. "And when I get to be a grown-up, I want to be most a girl."

Jeremy sent the video to Bryan. "Message received," Bryan wrote back.

Jeremy says he would have been happy with any choice Naya had made. There is no right answer, he believes, and they still don't talk about what's on the birth certificate. His goal was only to provide Naya with a breadth of experiences, and the chance to think about who she really wanted to be. There could be more conversations in the future. But he and Bryan had spent years telling their kid that it was important to respect the way people saw themselves.

So he stopped texting with Bryan, put down his phone, and went back to playing with his daughter.
Those of us in the book-loving business need to be ready and willing to fight book banning wherever it may come and in whatever form it might take.

Last week marked Banned Books Week, sponsored by a coalition of groups including the American Booksellers Association, the American Library Association, the Association of University Presses and the National Council of Teachers of English, all otherwise known as the smartest, bestest people on the planet.

I trust I’ve made my biases clear. As far as I’m concerned, access to books is a basic human right, and thanks to groups like these, we’re able to strive toward meeting that goal, even as we recognize the ways fear is always the driver behind the attempts to ban books — irrational, unjustifiable and, dare I say it, un-American fear.

Fear is at work in the most serious recent example of an ongoing attempt at book banning in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. To try to prevent drugs from coming into prisons, officials cut off all packages from coming into the facilities, including those from the nonprofit Books Through Bars, founded in 1990 to donate books to prisoners.

The ban was lifted, but access to free book programs like Books Through Bars is not being restored. As an alternative, officials say they will increase the size of e-book libraries available to inmates who are able to afford a $149 tablet to access them.

The Pennsylvania move comes in the wake of a similar action in New York state, where it was decided that books must come from approved vendors, whose lists were heavy on puzzle books, religious books and coloring books. A sizable backlash and the threat of legal action caused a swift retreat as New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo suspended the “flawed” program.

Closer to home, author Heather Ann Thompson recently filed a lawsuit against the Illinois Department of Corrections, alleging prison officials violated her First and 14th Amendment rights by censoring her Pulitzer Prize-winning history, “Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy,” at its Pontiac and Logan correctional centers. The corrections department hasn’t responded yet to a request for comment regarding the lawsuit.

Please do not let lack of sympathy for the incarcerated cause you to believe this isn’t a serious issue of significant principle. Once a government decides it can ban access to books in one place in the interest of safety, the same rationale can be tested in more and more extreme ways.

This is a line in the sand worth fighting with everything we’ve got.

All readers have experienced the salutary effect of books, and if we believe in treating everyone as a human being worthy of dignity, access to books of their choosing is fundamental.

Besides, numerous studies show that incarcerated people who pursue education while in jail have significantly lower rates of recidivism.

Just say no to book bans, in any form.

John Warner is the author of "Tough Day for the Army."

Twitter @bibloracle
Epipen shortage has parents scrambling

By Dr. Eve Glazier and Dr. Elizabeth Ko

Ask the Doctors

Dear Doctor: Between my sister and me, we have three kids with serious allergies (two peanut and one bee sting), and each of their schools requires us to provide them with an EpiPen for emergencies. Now there's a shortage and we can't find even one EpiPen, let alone three. What's going on? Are there any other options for us?

Dear Reader: As anyone with a serious allergy knows, an EpiPen can save your life. Whether the trigger is a food, a drug, an insect sting or bite, or another kind of allergen, the result can range from serious discomfort all the way to anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction that requires immediate treatment. Injecting the contents of an EpiPen into the thigh releases a calibrated dose of epinephrine, a chemical that eases the symptoms of an allergic reaction by narrowing blood vessels and opening the airways of the lungs.

Parents are reporting that despite calls to pharmacies throughout their areas, they are unable to fill their prescriptions. According to data collected by patient advocacy groups, up to 80 percent of parents in 43 states have been either unable to fill their EpiPen prescriptions or were able to purchase only part of what they needed. A generic (and less expensive) version of the EpiPen, manufactured by Mylan, is also in short supply. Meanwhile, another generic ephedrine auto-injector, to be produced by the Israeli company Teva Pharmaceuticals, is not yet available.

The EpiPen shortage has resulted in action from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In late August, the agency extended the expiration dates of specific lots of EpiPens by four months. Although EpiPen is by far the best-selling epinephrine auto-injector on the market at this time, there are several other FDA-approved brands available, including Adrenaclick and Auvi-Q. Each requires its own prescription, so a visit to the family doctor or a clinic is necessary. However, these alternative versions may not be covered by insurance.

For information on pharmacies that still have a stock of EpiPens available, Mylan has asked patients to call its customer relations department at 1-800-796-9526. For more information about the alternative FDA-approved ephedrine auto-injectors, visit the agency's website at (sorry, they don't make it easy) www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/UCM520800.pdf.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health.

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

Low-risk patients shown not to benefit from daily aspirin

Low-risk patients shown not to benefit from daily aspirin

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

King Features Syndicate

Q: Without a doctor’s instruction and unbeknownst to his family, my father was popping one regular-strength aspirin a day for years. When he was rushed to the hospital, they found a heart valve leaking, and they implied the aspirin my father admitted to taking was probably the cause.

A: We hate it when doctors blame patients for a condition they have no control over. A leaky heart valve is not your father’s fault.

Your father probably was trying to protect his heart with aspirin, based on information that this inexpensive drug can prevent repeat heart attacks. The latest research shows, however, that for people at low risk, the increased danger of bleeding may outweigh any benefit (The Lancet, Aug. 26, 2018). In addition, your father was taking a higher dose than would be recommended even for those at great risk of a recurrent heart attack.

Before taking any medication on a regular basis, people should discuss the pros and cons of it with their doctors.

Q: I have been using NasalCrom for years, usually two times a day in allergy season and once per day as a preventive the rest of the time. Is there any harm in taking it every day over a long term?

A: Cromolyn (the active ingredient in NasalCrom) is considered safe and effective as a long-term maintenance treatment for asthma (Sleep & Breathing, December 2012). We got a bit nervous when we spotted a study linking it to amyloid beta in the brain. However, the research shows that rather than exacerbating the risk of Alzheimer’s disease, it appears to reduce it in mice designed to develop this condition (Journal of Biological Chemistry, Jan. 23, 2015). There’s a big leap from mice to humans, but the results suggest there might not be a problem long term.

Q: I read in your column recently about using milk of magnesia topically for rosacea. I have been using metronidazole to treat my acne rosacea for several years. It costs a lot of money, but I’ve not had much success.

A: Metronidazole is an antimicrobial medication commonly used to treat rosacea. In this inflammatory skin condition, the face flushes easily and may stay reddened. There may be bumps that look like pimples. Thickened bumps may form, especially on the nose.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer readers’ questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
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Agents: Holly Pickens and Margaret Placko of The Pickens & Placko Team of Baird & Warner, 630-253-3428

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At press time, this home was still for sale.

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MUSICAL CHEERS: Adapted for your amusement

By S.N. | Edited by Stanley Newman

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1. Mischief maker
7. Bedevil
13. Annual AMA recommendation
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21. Alterations
22. Gator or croc
23. Musical for Dixie only
25. Bouncer's checks
26. Low cards in royal flushes
27. Family nickname
28. Commercials
30. Veggie in V8
31. Part of RSVP
33. Eduardo's "Enough!"
36. Baggage attachment
39. Lose moisture
40. Disneyland dog
42. Disneyland shuttle
43. Subsides
45. Baggage attachment
46. Pirate/pastor musical
52. Arthurian isle
54. Unescorted
55. Kemper of The Office
56. Lee of frozen desserts
57. Sharpeners of cheese
60. Stat at MIT
61. Hiker's reference
64. Outer limit
65. Library event listing
68. Canonized California missionary
70. Ambulance squad, for short
71. Musical loved by Verdi votaries
75. Master of the macabre
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2. Natural balm
3. Cotton candy, essentially
4. Watch Fluffy for a friend
5. Hardwood tree
6. Diet progress
7. Bulk-mailing activity
8. Jean-___ Picard of Star Trek
9. Wheel of Fortune purchase
10. Freebies
12. Intensify
13. Tossed plastic toy
14. Directed
15. Supernatural scan, for short
16. Shot in the dark
17. Brought on board
18. More mature
19. Grumpy
20. Spotted horse
29. "Apt rhyme for "panache"
32. Western wolf
34. Architect Lin
35. Mixure
37. Clairvoyant ability
38. Enticement
40. HS auxiliaries
41. Flowing rock
43. Buchanan of mysteries
44. Large cache
46. Just for the heck of it
47. Latter-day "You're welcome"
48. Church official
49. Frat letter
51. Elevators made of wood
53. Sheetstring
58. Arabian Nights benefactor
59. Provide funding for Mumbai-born conductor
61. Subtle signal
62. Fields of expertise
63. Unimaginative
66. Nautical direction
67. "Uno more than uno"
68. Criterion: Abbr.
69. "Well-put"
71. Canine, for instance
72. 60 minutes in Marseilles
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School news

Lake Forest Country Day School
Lake Forest Country Day School (LFCDS) will host an open house at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. This open house offers an opportunity to tour the campus, speak with teachers and students, observe classes in session and meet families from the LFCDS community.

Located on more than 30 acres of property, LFCDS delivers a diverse and rich educational experience grounded in rigorous academics, arts, athletics and social-emotional learning to students aged 2 through eighth grade.

At LFCDS, students from more than 36 communities thrive in a state-of-the-art, hands-on learning environment that prepares them to be critical thinkers, innovative problem solvers, and effective communicators. Across all grade levels, each student has access to engaging learning spaces that include expansive outdoor classrooms, a 2,800-square-foot Innovation Center, a newly renovated gymnasium, and a Performing Arts Center that is currently undergoing an exciting transformation.

Highlighted by a 7:1 student to faculty ratio, an LFCDS education sets the stage for a bright future in secondary school and beyond. Need-based financial assistance and merit-based scholarships are available to make LFCDS an affordable choice for families. In addition, the school provides transportation options to various areas. For more information or to register for an open house, visit lfcds.org or call the Admission Office at 847-615-6151.

La Lumiere School
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La Lumiere Lakers are known for the sense of ownership they take in their schooling experience. They don't just show up for their commitments, whether they're academic, athletic, or extracurricular — they take pride in the work that they do, and they do it for the benefit and betterment of all. And, best of all, they take this ownership with them beyond the classroom walls and green expanses of campus, in all their endeavors.

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La Lumiere School is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school for grades 9-12, located on a 190-acre wooded campus in La Porte, Indiana. For more information, call 219-326-7450 or visit lalumiere.org.

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NSCD develops critical thinkers, collaborative problem solvers and caring citizens of the world. Teachers truly know each stu-
North Shore Country Day School helps to develop critical thinkers. Rochelle Zell Jewish High School (right) offers students an exceptional college preparatory curriculum.

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School
Rochelle Zell Jewish High School's mission is to create a culture of academic excellence that inspires students to think critically and achieve their full potential, while preparing them to live Judaism as responsible and involved citizens in the modern world. The school's philosophy is to nurture the whole student — academically, spiritually, physically and socially. The school offers students an exceptional college preparatory curriculum that includes honors and AP classes in all subject areas as well as an intensive, integrated and comprehensive Jewish studies curriculum. The dual curriculum is supplemented by strong athletic and fine arts programs and numerous extracurricular, social and leadership opportunities.

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School is committed to an intellectual and religious environment in which questions, critical thinking, experiences, and relationships are nourished and fostered throughout Jewish and secular general studies. Jews from across the denominational spectrum are welcomed.

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Sager Solomon Schechter Day School is a pre-kindergarten to eighth grade Jewish day school.

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Rochelle Zell students are bright and articulate young people who have enrolled at the nation's leading colleges and universities. The students possess a strong sense of values and a commitment to making the world a better place. The close and meaningful relationships that form between teachers and students contribute to students' confidence in their ability to advocate for themselves and for others, in college and beyond.

Rochelle Zell is located at 1095 Lake Cook Road in Deerfield. For more information, call 847-470-6700 or visit rzjhs.org.

Sager Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago

Sager Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago is a pre-kindergarten to eighth grade Jewish day school. From the Ginsburg Solomon Schechter Early Childhood Center in Skokie, to the Sager Solomon Schechter (K-8) in Northbrook, they pride themselves on their mission to ignite students' Jewish souls, educate them to their highest potential, and empower them to use their knowledge, skills and creativity to enrich the world.

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Woodlands Academy prepares young women to pursue degrees in the STEM fields.

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Trinity High School is located at 7574 W. Division St. in River Forest. For more information, visit trinityhs.org.

Woodlands Academy

Young women are losing ground in the STEM fields. At the bachelor's degree level, between 2004 and 2014, the share of STEM-related bachelor's degrees earned by women decreased in all seven discipline areas: engineering; computer science; earth, atmospheric and ocean sciences; physical sciences; mathematics; biological and agricultural sciences; and social sciences and psychology.

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Last week's crosswords

"SELF-CENTERED"

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CARD MEMBER DOCUMENTED DINER POES GONOR DORTA DAMN TREAD

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

PHIL DONAHUE: IN THE WOODS: I remember enjoying the woods when I was a child, but I never had the opportunity to really understand it. I want my grandchildren to not only enjoy the environment, but to appreciate its vulnerability.

Last week's Sudoku

7 5 1 9 2 8 6 4 3
8 9 2 3 6 4 1 5 7
6 3 4 1 7 5 9 8 2
5 8 7 6 9 3 4 2 1
3 1 6 2 4 7 5 9 8
2 4 9 5 8 1 7 3 6
9 2 5 7 3 6 8 1 4
1 6 8 4 5 2 3 7 9
4 7 3 8 1 9 2 6 5

This week's Jumble

HYPHEN CLOUDY WARMTH ENSIGN GERBIL MADDER

He wanted to go to the mountains. She wanted to go to the beach. So they -

SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW

"Go Figure"

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 25, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 24, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606, sell on public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the described real estate.

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Property Index No. 11-130-144-0000

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The judgment amount was $198,764.27.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to the Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds or wire transfer due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse in and as 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will not be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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Request for bids RKB-052
SPREADER, SQUARE D CIRCUIT BREAKER
The Village of Skokie is accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) Square D circuit breaker to operate within a 3 kV Square D switchgear metal clad switchgear. The successful bidder will supply the specified equipment and the village will pay for the installation of the breaker in the existing switchgear to facilitate the proper operation of breaker before the breaker is accepted and payment approved. Bids may be submitted to the village of Skokie, Attn: Purchasing Office at 700 N. Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201, no later than 2:00 p.m. on October 25, 2018. The City of Park Ridge will accept any and all proposals.

sec. 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

DATED September 11, 2018
/s/ John C. Joyce
President
Board of Trustees
Woodley Road Sanitary District

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF EVANSTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Park Commissioners, the Morton Grove Park District (the “District”), will hold a public hearing on the 27th day of September, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Circle Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, FAX: 4658 Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053. The hearing will be held in the Circle Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201. The hearing will be recorded and notice thereof will be provided to the public. The hearing will be held to consider a proposed amendment to the existing Special Use Permit issued for the property located at 2400 Chestnut Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

NOTE: This is a preliminary announcement of the topic to be heard at the hearing. The agenda for the hearing will be available at the Circle Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, no later than 2:00 p.m. on October 25, 2018. The City of Park Ridge will accept any and all proposals.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Any person who would like to be added to the list of persons who will receive notice of future public hearings and notices of amendments to the ordinances or resolutions of the Woodley Road Sanitary District, is hereby invited to contact the Office of Administrative Services of the Evanston Board of Trustees, 1600 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202, and request to be placed on the mailing list for future notices.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Evanston’s Administrative Services of the Evanston Park District, Cook County, Illinois, is seeking proposals from experienced firms for the services outlined in this RFP. The City of Evanston will submit a proposal to the Evanston Park District for service on the grounds of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, sexual discrimination, physical or mental ability, or family status. The City of Evanston’s Administrative Services of the Evanston Park District, Cook County, Illinois, is seeking proposals from experienced firms for the services outlined in this RFP. The City of Evanston will submit a proposal to the Evanston Park District for service on the grounds of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, sexual discrimination, physical or mental ability, or family status.

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### Ordinance 2018-3

**Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriations of Eisenhower Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, have been authorized to prepare the Tentative Form of a Budget and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget on the 20th day of September, 2018, and notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following Budget containing an estimate of the amount available for the fiscal year of the District, the sums being estimated as follows:

**Section 1:** That the fiscal year of this Public Library District is hereby fixed to begin on July 1, 2018 and end June 30, 2019.

**Section 2:** That the following Budget containing an estimate of the amount available and expenditures and the appropriations contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as follows:

**Section 3:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval and publication as provided by law.

**Section 4:** That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

**Section 5:** That the invalidity of any item or section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or part thereof.

**Section 6:** That the invalidity of any item or section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or part thereof.

ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2018 pursuant to a roll vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Magnuson, Magnelli, Ross, Ringelstein, Braun

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:** Rothrock, Stark

ATTEST: *J. Mark Braun, President*

Adelheid Magnuson, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

J. JANCE MAGNUSON, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, and the keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2018-3 entitled:

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

Adopted at a regular meeting of said Board of Library Trustees held on the 20th day of September, 2018. WITNESSETH, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of September, 2018.

/s/ J. JANCE MAGNUSON, Secretary

Eisenhower Public Library District

Board of Trustees

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LAKE FOREST


Address: 334 Ravine Park Drive
Price: $479,900
Schools: Lake Forest High School
Taxes: $10,950
Agent: Michael Bodden/Chase Real Estate

BARRINGTON

Four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms in Braemar. Leaded glass door entry to two-story foyer. Hardwood floors and crown molding. Kitchen with granite countertops, center island and walk-in pantry. Patio doors open to deck and yard. Family room has wood-burning fireplace. First floor den with French doors. Second story loft. Finished basement with rec room and fitness room. Fenced yard with firepit. Attached two-car garage on asphalt driveway.

Address: 1133 Berkshire Lane
Price: $435,000
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: $9,851
Agent: Connie Hoos/Coldwell Banker

HIGHLAND PARK


Address: 2916 Summit Ave.
Price: $425,000
Schools: Highland Park High School
Taxes: $7,866
Agent: Gina Shad/@properties

NILES

Center entrance colonial with four bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Two bedrooms have walk-in closets. Refinished hardwood floors. Remodeled eat-in kitchen with granite countertops. Double sinks in both full bathrooms. New furnace, hot water heater, windows and millwork. Full unfinished basement. New two-panel doors. Attached garage holds two cars.

Address: 8160 N. Washington St.
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Schools: Maine South High School
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Jazz talents focus on connections

Aimee, Jordan bring unique takes on form to North Shore Center

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Two unique, highly acclaimed musical talents will perform in a double-bill jazz concert on Oct. 6 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Singer Cyrille Aimee was rated the Best Jazz Female Vocalist in 2016 by the New York Jazz Magazine. Her many honors include winning the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition in 2012. Guitarist Stanley Jordan has earned four Grammy nominations and was called a genius by the late esteemed Los Angeles Times jazz critic Leonard Feather.

Aimee combines a number of influences in her singing style, starting with the gypsies that she encountered in her native France. She also incorporates sounds related to her heritage and favorite artists.

"My mother's from the Dominican Republic and Latin music has been an influence for me," Aimee noted, "as well as Michael Jackson. Also movies. I love John Williams."

In a career that includes being picked by Stephen Sondheim to costar with Bernadette Peters in a 2013 tribute to him at New York's Lincoln Center, Aimee has surprising favorite performances.

"I loved playing at the annual Django Reinhardt Festival. I knew everyone in the audience," she said. "I love playing at small jazz clubs in New York. I love playing in the Dominican Republic, my mom's country."

Aimee will be accompanied by a four-piece band at the North Shore Center. Her diverse program will include French songs, covers, standards by Stephen Sondheim and others, and original songs.

Aimee admits that touring is tough but says, "It's all worth it for the time we get on the stage to make music, connect and make people happy."

Stanley Jordan is known for using a "touch technique" on the guitar, which is a form of two-handed tapping as opposed to the conventional method of strumming and picking.

"My first instrument was piano," Jordan related. "I went through a few years as a child when I didn't have access to a piano. I started getting interested in guitar anyway because of the music I was getting attracted to - blues, R&B, rock and roll. I realized the guitar was truly my real instrument. But I started to miss some of the possibilities of the piano."

He tried to figure out a way to incorporate some of the advantages of the piano into his guitar playing. The touch technique achieved that goal, allowing him to create two completely different melodies at the same time.

"It changes the sound of the instrument," he added. "It creates a really delicate and bell-like tone."

Even though he primarily uses the touch technique, Jordan adds some plucking and strumming. "The two techniques give me a lot of range," he explained.

Jordan's fondest performing memory came when he was a 19-year-old student at Princeton. He had the opportunity to perform with Benny Carter and Dizzy Gillespie, "two of the greatest musicians of all time," Jordan said. "It was a turning point for me. Instead of feeling intimidated, I really felt inspired."

At the upcoming concert, Jordan will perform selections from his many albums as well as new material.

"Ever since I was real young, I've been interested in science and ways of making a connection to music," Jordan said. He found that connection last summer when he attended a conference on theoretical physics in Stockholm.

He took data from the work of the physicists, who use harmonic oscillators to measure vibrations, and converted it to music.

"Some of the actual chords and the scale and the melodies I'll be playing, come from cutting-edge data about our universe," he said.

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WHAT TO DO COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct 4

Up is Down: Chicago-area advertising firm Goldsholl Design Associates, headed by husband and wife Morton and Millie Goldsholl, introduced the principles of Bauhaus design to the American public through their innovative campaigns for corporations like 7UP, Motorola and Kimberly Clark. The Block Museum will reexamine the innovative work of the firm and its national impact from the mid-1950s through the 1970s with the exhibition “Up is Down: Mid-Century Experiments in Advertising and Film at the Goldsholl Studio,” 10 a.m. daily, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

Paul Chan: Happiness finally after 35,000 years...: Paul Chan (b. Hong Kong, 1973) is an American artist, activist, writer and publisher. His work is featured in the Alsdorf Gallery, 10 a.m. daily, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free.

Opera Lecture Series: The opera for discussion is Idomeneo by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

StoryWalk: Welcome back to the Storybook Trail Stroll, hop, skip or better yet bike along the trail to read “I’m New to Here,” by Anne Sibley O’Brien. This heartwarming story follows three immigrant children navigating their way through the past while embracing the future. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $10 member; $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Black Friday: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln: The dramatic conspiracy to murder America’s greatest president springs to life in this one man show. Join internationally acclaimed storyteller Barry Bradford as he weaves together an unforgettable presentation. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Friday, Oct 5

Kiss Me, Kate: Passions run high as leading lady Lilli and her ex-husband, actor/director Fred, battle onstage and off in a production of Shakespeare’s Taming of the Shrew. With romance, comedy, sophistication and behind-the-scenes hi-jinks, Kiss Me, Kate combines the irreverent humor of two brilliant writers: Cole Porter and William Shakespeare. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, $16-$30, 847-604-0275.

Hofbräuhaus Chicago Oktoberfest 2018: Hofbräuhaus Chicago brings the “oompah” of Oktoberfest back to the Chicago area with its sixth annual Oktoberfest celebration. Guests can enjoy a plethora of festivities including authentic nightly Bavarian entertainment, freshly brewed “Oktoberfestbier” inspired by the original Hofbräuhaus in Munich, daily food specials served by Dirndl-clad waitresses and celebrity keg tapping ceremonies. 11 a.m. Thursday through Sunday, Hofbräuhaus Chicago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-491-2739.

Ticketed Friday Fun for Ages 3-5 with Adults: Join the Youth Services Librarians to play and learn something new. 10-30 a.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

First Steps Storytime: Through Grade 8: Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenberg teaches fundamentals and strategy. Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenberg teaches fundamentals and strategy. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Vivid Art Gallery, 895 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, $5 for guests, 847-256-1213.

Saturday, Oct 6

Evant 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 Ave. and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free, 847-448-8045.

Found Kitchen and Social House Fall Salon Series: The Salon Series is hosted by owner Amy Morton in the restaurant's private dining room, "Morslet Mule" cocktail, and live music. 5 p.m. Friday, Vivid Art Gallery, 895 Green Bay Rd., Wilmetta, free.

The 2018 Israel Elections: What You Need to Know: Moshe Pomerantz will bring the audience up to date on how the election process works and how it influences the practical issues of governing Israel. 1 p.m. Friday, NorthShore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $10 member; $15 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Heroes of the Holocaust: RIGH-TOUS Women: There were righteous non-Jews in Europe who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. Why did they do it? How did they do it? What experiences in their childhood or adult life enabled or influenced them to be so courageous? Dr. Penina Frankel discusses theories of altruism, which is the tendency to perform compassionate acts, as well as individual histories of specific women. 10 a.m. Friday, NorthShore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Vivid Art Gallery First Friday Art Opening: Vivid Art Gallery will host an art opening for Featured Artists Lisa Goeseling and Julie Cowan, at its monthly First Friday event. In addition to great art, there will also be refreshments, including the gallery's signature "Morslet Mule" cocktail, and live music. 5 p.m. Friday, Vivid Art Gallery, 895 Green Bay Rd., Wilmetta, free.
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Glencoe French Market: Head to the Metra Commuter Parking Lot every Saturday morning throughout the summer and early fall to shop for flowers, baked goods, veggies and fruit. 8 a.m. Saturday, Downtown Glencoe, Green Bay Rd. and Park Ave., Glencoe, free, 847-835-4111.

Abt Electronics: NBA 2K19 Gaming Event: Join us for our first Xbox One NBA 2K gaming tournament to face off in an elimination-style tournament. For this free event, you must register with the following provided link: https://www.abt.com/promo/gaming-event. 10 a.m. Saturday, Abt Electronics, 1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 312-414-1883.

Saturday Kids Club: Fall Fun for Ages 2 plus with Adult: Stories, crafts and loads of fun! These programs are awesome. Co-sponsored by The Glen Town Center. Register at: theglencenter.com. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Yoga Storytime: Relax, stretch and get ready for Early Literacy into your Saturday morning with this interactive yoga-inspired Storytime. For Pre-K to Grade 2 with caregiver; whole family is welcome. No registration is required. 10 a.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Morton Grove Farmers' Market: The MGFM has become "Morton Grove's Summer and Fall Town Square." The market is open at 8 a.m. and closes at 1 p.m. on Saturdays through October 20 in front of the Morton Grove Civic Center. Check out the fresh produce, plants and flowers, baked goods, prepared foods and a variety of vendors. For times and participants, visit the web site at www.facebook.com/MGFarmersMarket. Be sure to visit the Morton Grove Museum, Haupt-Yehl House; it is located at 6240 Dempster, just behind the Farmers' Market open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 8 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436.

The Death and Life of the Great

Lakes - Book Discussion: Join Winnetka's Bookstall discussion leader Jon Grand to talk about Dan Egan's Pulitzer Prize-nominated book, which blends the epic story of the Great Lakes with an examination of the perils they face and the ways we can restore and preserve them for generations to come. Details at http://www.gogreenwilmette.org. 2 p.m. Saturday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-2700.

Wilmette French Market: Shop for fruits, vegetables, flowers, cheeses, breads and teas from local and regional vendors. 8 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Village Center, along 12th St. and Wilmette, Central and Greenleaf Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-2700.

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. - 12:30 p.m. The market takes place in the corner of Green Bay Rd. and Oak St., 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, Oct. 7

A Quiet Place: In this modern horror thriller, a family of four must navigate their lives in silence. This is after mysterious creatures that hunt by sound threaten their survival. Just drop in to view this PG-13 rated film. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Autumn Harvest Favorites with Chef Susan Maddox: Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates how to prepare delicious autumn recipes; all participants will receive recipes and tastings. The Chef demonstrates and teaches Plein air painting techniques to those ages 18 and older, with Emily Oaks Nature Center as the landscape. Beginning Plein air painters are welcome. Artists must provide their own easel, paints, brushes and tools. A suggested supply list is emailed prior to the workshop. Rain date: Oct. 14. Visit the website or call to sign up. 10 a.m. Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $38 Skokie resident; $48 non-resident, 847-677-7001.

Skokie Farmers Market: Farmers and vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin sell fresh-picked vegetables, fruits and flowers along with cheese, baked goods, coffee, sauces and spices. 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500.


Monday, Oct. 8

Glenview Reads Together: Adult & Teen Book Discussion: The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez. A boy and a girl fall in love. Two families collide with destiny. This is a novel that offers a resonant new outlook on the American immigrant experience. Woven into their stories are the testimonies of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America. 7 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Game On - Board Gaming for Adults: Whether you're a veteran or new to the hobby, there is a game for you. Just drop in to play in one of their games or bring your own to teach. 6:30 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

English and Writing for Grades 9-12: C2 Education provides information, insight and tutoring at this three-part workshop series for high school students needing help or wanting to get ahead in regular, honors and AP levels of science, math and English/writing. There is a limit of 10 per workshop. Register for each program individually. 7 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

The Kesher Forum - An Evening with Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer: Meet with trained Library staff for a 45-minute, one-on-one session and learn how to download eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your mobile device. Visit the Reader Services Desk for questions, to register and for appointment locations. Glenview Library card required. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Test Prep for College Bound Students: College Tutors, specializing in Test Prep for college bound students is offering a unique opportunity to get practice, know exactly where they stand and construct a plan to succeed. The fee includes test, individualized planning and study guide. 8 a.m. Monday, College Nannies and Tutors, 958 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, $99, 847-998-5657.

Columbus Day Skate: 'Sail' on over to the Oakton Ice Arena and 'Discover' a day of fun on the ice with their Columbus Day Skate. There is a discounted public skate, featuring a special appearance by the Wolves mascot, "Skates," at public skate, featuring a special appearance by the Wolves mascot, "Skates," at public skate, featuring a special appearance by the Wolves mascot, "Skates," at public skate, featuring a special appearance by the Wolves mascot, "Skates," at public skate, featuring a special appearance by the Wolves mascot, "Skates," at public skate, featuring a special appearance by the Wolves mascot, "Skates," at www.gogreenwilmette.org. There is a limit of 10 per workshop. The fee includes test, individualized planning and study guide. 8 a.m. Monday, Willow Creek North Shore, 2200 Shermer Rd., Glenview, free.

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Tuesday, Oct. 9

**LEGO Club for Grades 3-6:** Join in for their monthly free build. The LEGO's are provided, attendees bring the ideas and everything will be awesome. 4 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Homework Help Center for Grades 1-8:** High school volunteers to the homework rescue! Thirty-minute sessions for homework, reading and math skills provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Children may be grouped by subject and grade level. Just drop in. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Beginning Genealogy:** Get started researching your family history. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Workshop: Strategies to Help Parents Age at Home:** Adult children of aging parents are invited to this free discussion with Maureen Kafkis OTR/L, owner and operator of Heart2Heart Elder Care, LLC. She is a registered occupational therapist with more than 20 years of experience working with older adults. Maureen shares her professional expertise regarding cognitive, psychosocial and physical factors that impact how and where we age. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 7 p.m. Tuesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd., Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

**Weaving Workshop:** Learn the basics and go on to a sampler or small project of your choice. Looms are provided for use in class. Attendees receive the book “Learning to Weave” as part of the tuition but students have to provide their own fiber. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $95 member; $115 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Scoutin' Around for Homeschool - Ages 6 to 10:** Those ages 6-10 explore the natural world, learn new skills, can be creative and have fun with friends this fall! Activities change weekly and include outdoor adventures and science topics. Visit the website or call to sign up. 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $120 Skokie resident; $140 non-resident, 847-677-7070.

**Toodiebugs:** Through exploration and play in the natural world, your child builds and strengthens their motor and language skills. Each class focuses on a new animal and sensory experience and introduces simple sign language. An adult must accompany each child. Visit the website or call to sign up. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $110 Skokie resident; $138 nonresident, 847-677-7070.

**Wednesday, Oct. 10**

**Chicago's Immigration Story with Max Grinnell:** University of Chicago urban studies professor Max Grinnell shares his personal and professional perspective of immigration, while presenting a historical context for understanding the importance of immigrant communities and their unique contributions to the Chicagoland area. An engaging evening with time for discussion and questions. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Google Photos:** Learn to store, manage and share your digital pictures online with Google Photos. Gmail account required. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

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

**The Forgotten Modernism & History of Carson Pirie Scott:** Using rarely seen images, examine the overlooked pioneering design and merchandising of this true Chicago original. Sign-up is required, but no Lincolnwood Library card is needed. Please visit their website, call or stop by to register. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

**Northbrook Farmers Market:** Shop more than 15 acres of booths for farm fresh produce and other delicious artisan foods. Be sure to check out new and returning vendors. The market is open 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 Rd., Northbrook, free.

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FOOTBALL WEEK 6 NOTRE DAME 28, ST. VIATOR 0

Giamarusti, Buckley anchor Notre Dame's shut-down secondary

Notre Dame had little trouble fending off St. Viator on Sept. 28 in Niles.

The Dons toppled the Lions 28-0, notching their second shutout of the season in the process.

Notre Dame (5-3, 3-1 East Suburban Catholic) has held five of its first six opponents to seven points or fewer. The stingy defense starts at cornerback, where seniors Frank Giamarusti and Xavier Buckley have shut down opposing receivers.

Giamarusti, who attended Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic School in Park Ridge, said the highlight of his varsity career has been the team's fast start this year.

The two cornerbacks have been anchoring the Dons' secondary as starters for nearly two years. Giamarusti entered the lineup in Week 5 of last season, and Buckley was a part-time starter last season.

"Defensively, we have been really solid," Giamarusti said. "I think Xavier (and I) have grown as corner since we have been here. All the defensive players have been doing fantastic, too. We're really fast and strong. We're doing pretty well this season."

Frank Giamarusti has helped Notre Dame hold five of its first six opponents to seven points or fewer.

The chemistry between the Dons' defensive leaders extends off the field as well. They're friends in many other aspects of life.

"A lot of it has to do with inside the classroom," Buckley said.

"We have a lot of classes together, so we spend a lot of time together. There's a lot of times in (study hall) that I am watching film and he is sitting right next to me. He says, 'Hey, I see this,' or, 'What if we work this or that during this play and this formation?'"

The inseparable teammates received offers to play college ball at Augustana College, Buckley said. Giamarusti is also getting looks from Wisconsin-Whitewater, among others.

"Frank is a really good guy," Buckley said. "He's always there for me if I need help on a problem for school. I can text him anytime at night about homework we have for any class. He's got my back in the classroom and on the field."

Buckley has played a variety of roles on the field this year, including nickelback, linebacker and safety. He said the Dons have a solid defense because the unit put in plenty of work before the season began.

"Our defense has come together a lot from over the summer," Buckley said.

"That has to do a lot with our communication and making sure everyone is on the right page."

Hunter Ticket is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

FOOTBALL WEEK 6 NAZARETH 55, CARMEL 17

Damone Williams-Gray gives Carmel offense a jolt

BY MARK PERLMAN

When Carmel senior quarterback Stephen Gracia lofted a pass down the sideline for second receiver Damone Williams-Gray in Week 5 against St. Viator, the ball appeared to be overthrown.

Nevertheless, Williams-Gray leaped high to make the catch in the Corsairs' victory.

Jumping high is second nature for the 6-foot-4 Williams-Gray, a Skokie native and current Libertyville resident who starred on the Corsairs' basketball team as a junior forward last season.

"I try to bring my athleticism from basketball to football," Williams-Gray said. "The hand-eye coordination, timing and jumping."

The senior has noted one key difference between playing on the hardwood and the gridiron.

"There's a lot more physicality with football," he said. "At first I didn't really like to get hit, but now I just bounce right back up."

Williams-Gray made only one catch in Carmel's 55-17 loss to Nazareth on Sept. 28, but that catch will join the others on his high-light reel.

Williams-Gray ran a deep route up the middle of the field with a safety over the top in double coverage. This time, he boxed out the nearest defender and hauled in a 33-yard reception.

Carmel coach Blake Annen said Williams-Gray is a key part of the Corsairs' offense.

"If teams are focused on him, it opens up things for the other guys," Annen said. "They have to account for the other guys."

Williams-Gray said he has not decided which sport he would like to play in college.

For now, he'll follow opportunities to see where they lead.

"He definitely has the ability to be successful in either sport," Annen said.

Mark Perlman is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

FOOTBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULE

WEEK 6 SCORES

Deerfield 23, Vernon Hills 20
Elmwood Park 42, Cicero 0
Fenton 49, Guerin 12
Fenwick 28, St. Laurence 27
Fremd 14, Barrington 0
Glenbard West 41, Lyons 7
Glenbrook North 27, Highland Park 14
Glenbrook South 49, Niles West 13
Hersey 48, Buffalo Grove 0
Hinsdale Central 30, Proviso East 15
Hinsdale South 37, Proviso East 15
IC Catholic 59, Aurora Central Catholic 0
Lake Forest 42, Waukegan 0
Lake Forest Academy 50, Rockford Christian Life 0
Lake Zurich 14, Libertyville 7
Leyden 21, Addison Trail 7
Maine South 42, Niles North 7
Maine West 49, Maine East 14
Montini 28, Loyola 27
Nazareth 55, Carmel 17
New Trier 35, Evanston 28
Notre Dame 28, St. Viator 0
Oak Park-River Forest 21
Downers Grove North 14
Riverside-Brookfield 14
Rolling Meadows 62, Prospect 14
St. Joseph 34, De Paul Prep 12
Stevenson 43, Mundelein 0
Willowbrook 28, York 14
WEEK 7 SCHEDULE

Friday's games

Carmel at Marian Central, 7:30
Chicago Christian at St. Joseph, 7:30
Downers Grove North at Lyons, 7:30
Glenbard West at Hinsdale Central, 7:30
Glencoe North Brook at Maine East, 7:30
Highland Park at Deerfield, 7:30
Hinsdale South at Addison Trail, 7:30
Hoffman Estates at Barrington, 7:30
IC Catholic at St. Edward, 7:15
Lake Zurich at Warren, 7:30
Leyden at Downers Grove South, 7:30
Libertyville at Mundelein, 7:30
Loyola at De La Salle, 7:30
Maine South at Glenbrook South, 7:30
Marian at Nazareth, 7:30
Montini at Fenwick, 7:30
New Trier at Niles North, 7:30
Niles West at Evanston, 7:30
Prospect at Buffalo Grove, 7:30
Ridgewood at Fenton, 7:15
Rolling Meadows at Wheeling, 7:30
St. Viator at Benet, 7:30
Vernon Hills at Maine West, 7:30
Waukegan at Stevenson, 7:30
York at Oak Park-River Forest, 7:30
Zion-Benton at Lake Forest, 7:30
Saturday's games

Elmwood Park at Gurnee, 1
Notre Dame at St. Patrick, 7

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Matic, Kortas lead Blue Demons amid rebuilding effort

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

The last two years were rewarding for the Maine East girls volleyball program. The Blue Demons reached a Class 4A regional final and earned a three-way tie atop the Central Suburban North last season. Head coach Kevin Bohn guided Maine East to back-to-back winning seasons.

But this season has been a bit different. The Blue Demons largely have a new roster, and they have a new coach leading the program. They are rebuilding, and they know it.

"We're really starting from scratch," first-year coach Rintu Philip said. "We've spent a lot of time trying to teach everyone to play with each other. Sometimes it does feel like we're getting on the same page, but we know it won't happen in one year."

Philip is one of four coaches in new positions within the Maine East program. This season will be a success if Maine East is able to lay a foundation for the future.

One notable difference between this year's Blue Demons and the last two teams is that they have had trouble closing out matches. The young players, however, are getting plenty of experience in difficult situations.

Sophomore setter Emma Matic, who previously had played outside hitter, is at the center of the offense. She's had plenty of growing pains but also some truly special moments.

"She has such great hands, and she's come such a long way in understanding the position," said libero Kellie Kortas, one of only two seniors on the squad. "She's worked really hard learning how to set up her hitters. It's been good to see her grow."

Matic most frequently connects with junior outside hitter Chris Kotsifas, who led the Blue Demons in kills as a sophomore. Finding a rhythm with Matic has been a work in progress, but they might continue to work on their chemistry in the offseason if they play club volleyball together.

There's reason for long-term optimism in Park Ridge, but it's still been a challenging season for senior co-captains Kortas and Gabby Quintero. Quintero moved from middle blocker to the right side this fall.

The team's penchant for struggling to close out opponents has most commonly surfaced when Maine East plays a very competitive first game, only to fall apart in the second.

Philip pointed to Thursday's loss to Maine West, when his team came close to winning the first game before struggling in the second. The Blue Demons had double-digit service errors.

And then there are matches like the one against Highland Park on Sept. 25, when a talented Giants team simply was too much for the Blue Demons. Maine East was winless in its first trek through the CSL North schedule.

"This is the first time a lot of us are playing together as a team," said Kotsifas, who lives in Park Ridge. "It's been a learning experience that we can hopefully build on."

Philip realized he needed to motivate his young team, so he called for a players-only postgame meeting after the Maine West match. Kortas and Quintero, as the seniors, have a sense of urgency to close the season on a positive note.

Kortas, a Niles resident, said she is cautiously optimistic the team talk helped.

"I think the team meeting opened up some eyes," she said. "I hope it sets us up to be better the rest of the season and helps us reach our potential."

Steve Reaven is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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Meet your nominees!

It is time to meet your October Athlete of the Month challenge nominees! Go to chicagotribune.com/suburbs/athletes on Oct. 18 to find out who our expert panel of judges have selected to be the Athlete of the Month. Winners will be featured in print and online, receive a commemorative plaque, and his or her school will receive $500, presented by Country Financial.

Name: Jack Lochner
Year in school: Junior
School: Niles West
Sport: Football
Position: Quarterback
Best game: Lochner was a bright spot in the Wolves' loss to Buffalo Grove in Week 4. He completed 18 passes for 124 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown strike to Christian Lewis. He was also his team's leading rusher.
Quote: "I'm a varsity captain as a junior, and that's a great honor," Lochner said. "I have to keep playing hard to help my teammates overcome adversity. The coaches can tell us what to do, but we have to do our part."

Name: Danny Wolf
Year in school: Senior
School: Maine South
Sport: Football
Position: Running back/linebacker
Best game: Wolf scored touchdowns on offense and defense to help the Hawks fend off Evanston 24-13 on Sept. 21. He ran for 81 yards and a touchdown and also returned an interception for a score.
Quote: "He's a gritty player," Maine South coach Dave Inserra said of Wolf. "He's just so determined, super bright - 34 ACT. So we can throw a lot at him and he can pick it up quickly."

Name: Tremaine Conner
Year in school: Senior
School: Niles North
Sport: Football
Position: Quarterback
Best game: Conner threw for 376 yards and three touchdowns in a 47-28 defeat.
Quote: "At times, our protection has broken down and (Conner) has been able to make plays outside the pocket and keep plays alive," Vikings coach Pat Pistorio said.

Name: Katelyn Sommers
Year in school: Junior
School: Maine South
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter
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