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Mina Chan lives in Chicago near Lincolnwood with her family—a husband and two sons—but she is a regular visitor to the Lincolnwood Public Library. Chan said she keeps coming back to this library with her children because they love it. She was recently there with her husband, loading up with more books for their children.

Q: What makes you use the Lincolnwood Library so frequently?
A: My children love to read and we have a preschooler and a second grader. There's an abundance of books and a variety here that tailor to their needs. I like the variety of the books here and also the availability of the books.

Q: How long have you been coming to the library?
A: Almost two years. That's how long I've been unemployed. I resided from my workplace two years ago to be home with my children. They're 3 and 7 now.

Q: What did you do for a living?
A: I was vice president of media operations at an ad agency. I sometimes miss it. I'm thinking of going back some time later but probably not as high as a VP.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: Chicago, up north, in Uptown.

Q: What did you grow up?
A: No, not anymore. My children love pets and they want pets. We had one before and he passed. We had a 12-year-old pit bull that we rescued from PAWS. But we've got our hands filled right now with a lot of things.

Q: What book are you reading?
A: I just read "The First 90 Days." It's motivational for managers and leaders in the workplace.

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?
A: A variety of things. I always wanted to be in management and to lead people regardless of the industry but I ended up being in the media advertising industry.

Q: What was your first job?
A: My first job was as a sales assistant at a media rep firm in downtown Chicago.

Q: Is there a movie you'd recommend?
A: I love "Crazy Rich Asians." I loved it and I've seen it twice. I may see it a third time. It's great.

Q: What is your favorite charity?
A: PAWS (animal shelter). I think it's important. There are a lot of dogs that are put up for adoption or are in the rescue that don't get an opportunity at life and I think it's very important that people adopt and rescue before they go out and buy a dog.

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom?
A: Never settle. Always keep trying. We've recently gone through some tough times but we tell each other never settle for less and persevere. Things are going in the right direction right now.

Q: What is your favorite local restaurant?
A: It's Bangkok Thai. It's right here on Lincoln Avenue in Chicago. It's a hidden gem if you like Thai food.

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?
A: I'm passionate about my children. I'm just a Chicago kid just trying to make it. It's that simple.
Dance marathon team recognized

Non-profit honors District 219 crew for fundraising efforts

Staff report

The Niles Township High School District 219 annual dance marathon was recognized this month for the help it provides to non-profit organizations.

Children Restoration Outreach Support Organization (CROSO), a non-profit providing post-secondary education scholarships to former street children in Uganda, chose the District 219 dance marathon team to receive its CROSO Spark Award at its annual fundraiser in Chicago.

CROSO was the District 219 dance marathon beneficiary for the 2013-14 school year and received about $75,000 from the team's year-long efforts.

But CROSO founder Molly MacCready, a Niles West High School graduate herself, said the dance marathon has benefitted CROSO well beyond just its one year in the marathon spotlight.

"Our goal with the Spark Award is that we're recognizing individuals or groups that have connected us to new resources in an innovative way that has allowed us to grow our mission and grow our ability to support our scholars in Uganda," she said.

This was only the second Spark Award the organization has handed out, which accounts for why it came several years after CROSO was the District 219 non-profit of the year.

During 2013-14, CROSO was able to cover student scholarships through marathon-raised funds, MacCready said. Funds raised outside of the dance marathon were used for other important efforts that gave CROSO sustainability that continues to make a difference today, she said.

District 219 students have been organizing the dance marathons since 2003. As many as 60 to 70 students participate each year, selecting the charity of the year, planning events like canning and bake sales and then the culmination event, the spring dance marathon.

It is at the marathon when the team announces how much money was raised for the charity of the year.

Niles North High School teacher Pankaj Sharma, who has helped oversee the marathon from the start, emphasized that it is always a team effort every year. Students learn to lead, plan and raise important funds together.

"It's always student-run, every year," he said.

Sharma, along with another teacher and current and past marathon team students, accepted the award from CROSO at the Oct. 4 fundraiser.

"This is a very unexpected surprise because we have been thanked so many times in the past by CROSO, but we truly appreciate this recognition," Sharma said at the fundraiser. "Honestly, we should thank CROSO for being such wonderful partners over the years."

Sharma said the marathon team has had a positive relationship with CROSO that goes well beyond just the marathon itself.

"CROSO has provided our students with so many opportunities to work towards something bigger than themselves and to learn about how to support inspiring young people in Uganda (to) pursue a college education," he said.

When MacCready was in high school at Niles West, the dance marathon was just getting off the ground, she said. But she was a member of the popular WHO Club, which also is about giving back, and she learned much about the importance of helping others, she said.

In college, MacCready studied abroad in Uganda and interned for Children Restoration Outreach, which works with street kids.

"They provide amazing support to kids who they encounter on the street and help reintegrate them in their families and reintegrate them into school and help them become kids again," she said.

Even though the experience was inspiring, MacCready said she had no idea how her life would be changed. When she learned about one Ugandan who could not afford to go to college even though he was accepted, MacCready said her path was set.

CROSO was formed some 11 years ago. Its recent fundraiser generated about $85,000 for the organization, the kind of donation total that was made possible by the District 219 marathon, she said.

MacCready said it took three years of applying before the District 219 dance marathon team chose CROSO as its non-profit of the year. One student leader in 2013-14 was senior Lauryn Solana Schmelzer, now a college graduate, who attended the recent fundraiser.

"While we were working with the dance marathon, I remember being really excited about helping CROSO," she said. "I was very passionate about the idea of providing scholarships to students who needed them."

Schmelzer said she remembers having conversations with MacCready about the number of students who could be helped by their efforts.

CROSO had a handful of scholars at the start, she said, but MacCready told her the marathon-generated funding could allow the organization to more than double the number of scholarships.

"That seemed crazy to me, but it was very exciting," she said. "It's still exciting. It's still amazing to see how what we all did together helped (CROSO) grow."
Walmart Pickup store
a step closer to reality

BY KYRA SENESE
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood village trustees recently approved special requests from Walmart that pave the way for the big-box retailer to open a pickup store in the north suburb.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Walmart is planning to open a store in the former Dominick's grocery store building, in the 6800 block of North McCormick Boulevard, where customers pull in, get groceries and be on their way — without ever walking inside the store, corporate and village officials said.

Trustees approved measures at the Oct. 3 meeting to allow for new signage and canopies needed at the site as well as for truck deliveries to take place outside of the village's usual hours allowed.

Walmart had been seeking a special use permit to have deliveries start as early as the current rule of 7 a.m. Also, they have asked for internal operations to be permitted until midnight, instead of the currently allowed 11 p.m.

Though Walmart representatives requested that the store be allowed to accept truck deliveries beginning at 4 a.m., the village's Plan Commission had recommended a delivery start time of 4:30 a.m. But the Village Board voted to allow for the deliveries to begin at 5:30 a.m. due to the potential for noise related to the trucks to wake nearby neighbors in residential homes close to the future store site, officials said.

Walmart had to seek village approval for a special use to have the hours of operation it wants. Additionally, the parking, structures, signage and parking lot landscaping the retailer wants required an amendment to existing ordinances.

The Plan Commission made a recommendation to approve the requests at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Trustee Jesal Patel said at the Village Board meeting that he used to be able to hear trucks beeping at the former Dominick's site when deliveries took place, and he is worried that any delivery sounds taking place before 6 a.m. may be disruptive to nearby neighbors.

While the mayor and other trustees decided that 5:30 a.m. was a compromise, Patel voted "no" on the delivery time request as he said the village code allows for deliveries at the area beginning at 7 a.m., so 6 a.m. would be enough of an allowance in his opinion.

"Beeping at 6 a.m. ... it's time to get up. At 4:30 a.m., it's unreasonable," Patel said.

He said he feels that time is too early, especially because the delivery trucks are required to make beeping sounds due to safety regulations. Patel said he could hear the same sounds during the early morning hours from his home two blocks away when Dominick's was in operation at the site, but the previous store was not accepting deliveries as early as Walmart requested.

Trustees Ronald Cope, George Hlupick, and Jean Ikezoe-Halevi voted in favor of Walmart's request. Trustees Renan Sugarman and Jennifer Spino were not present for the vote.

For Walmart, the proposed pickup spot gives customers "yet another location close to where they live or close to where they work where they can go online, order their groceries and pick it up at this location. They don't have to get out of their car," said company spokesperson Ann Hatfield.

For Lincolnwood, the new store would fill an empty retail space and provide sales tax revenue, albeit in a different format than the grocery store that was there before.

"It's a grocery store, it just operates in a more contemporary way," said Lincolnwood Community Development Manager Doug Hammel. "It appears to be a compatible use and a way to occupy a long-vacant space."

Walmart is proposing a "drive-up grocery store" for the retail space that remains vacant, which covers about 41,700 square feet. Planet Fitness would stay where it is, according to village documents.

The store would be open to customers from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., according to the retailer's plans. Customers would order groceries from the Walmart website or mobile app, and then show up at the assigned bay at the assigned time to pick up their purchases.

While the store would largely stock groceries, customers could order other items and have them delivered to Lincolnwood for free pickup, the plans indicate.

Walmart officials have proposed covered parking spaces to protect people and purchases from inclement weather, Hatfield said. She said Walmart staff would load the items into customers' vehicles.

According to the retailer's special use and ordinance amendment application, the building would "remain largely unchanged" on the outside, with the exception of new signs and a few improvements to the doors.

Hatfield said she did not know how much the new Walmart Pickup project will cost, but that it is part of $56 million that the retail giant is planning to spend on upcoming improvements and expansions in Illinois.

Patel previously said he lives about two blocks from the site of the proposed Walmart Pickup store and believes it would be an asset to the village.

Kyra Senese is a freelancer.
Lincolnwood opens new Touhy overpass

Project the latest upgrade to Skokie Valley Trail

Staff report

A couple weeks before the new overpass at Touhy Avenue in Lincolnwood was completed, Skokie resident John Mathew walked his dog south on the pedestrian path that connects Skokie and Lincolnwood and Chicago.

As he approached Touhy, he glanced at the huge, not-quite-finished overpass to his right, then abruptly turned around and headed back toward Skokie.

"I use the trail all the time, but it's too much traffic at Touhy," he said. "When I walk my dog or ride my bicycle, I turn around and go back when I get to Touhy. I've been waiting for this."

The wait for many ended Oct. 11 when Lincolnwood leaders opened the new Touhy overpass after about a year of construction. The overpass is just the latest reflection of Skokie's and Lincolnwood's commitment to upgrading the Skokie Valley Trail.

"As I look at this bridge, I see more than just its physical structure," said Lincolnwood Mayor Barry Bass at the ribbon cutting last week. "I see a bridge to a new and bright future for the village of Lincolnwood. I see a bridge - a connection - to growth and prosperity. I see a bridge with new opportunities for residents of this close village."

But instrumental in all of these upgrades over the last several years has been a vision of expanding and connecting the trail so people from multiple towns can travel long distances and in multiple directions, leaders say.

Pedestrians and bike riders can take the Skokie Valley Trail from Dempster Street in Skokie near the Skokie Swift station south through Lincolnwood and into Chicago where it hooks up with trails operated by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

Skokie leaders say they are also planning to extend the trail north from Dempster to the Old Orchard area and provide many more miles of continuous pathway to the north.

That's why it wasn't only Lincolnwood residents who attended last week's overpass opening, but Skokie and Chicago residents as well.

"The wife and I have walked this trail many, many, many years," said Mike Levin of Skokie. "We walk this trail all the way to Foster in Chicago. We also go on the (forest preserves) trail and walk it back to Central. That's a 10-mile loop."

But Levin said that before the overpass opened, it was dangerous to cross Touhy, a perpetual problem.

Ultimately, Skokie resident Scott Holz said, the trail will connect with the Cook County Forest Preserves trail heading north, which travels all the way to the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe near Highland Park.

The Skokie Village Board Oct. 15 was expected to approve as part of the consent agenda the hiring of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. for nearly $36,000 for more progress on the bike trail connection project.

New trail connections are planned for the southeast corner of Skokie Boulevard and Harms Road and Harms Road and Old Orchard Road and the sidewalk of the north side of Howard Street, near McCormick Boulevard, officials said.

The new Lincolnwood overpass then is just the latest amenity for pedestrians and cyclists. It extends well into the air with the "Village of Lincolnwood" name written in large letters over Touhy and features options for different color lighting at night.

"It's pre-programmed to light up at the different holidays with different colors - Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Christmas," said Jared Hamilton, resident engineer of the project. "A lot of people said they never thought it was going to look this nice. I've heard that a lot."

The bridge crosses Touhy Avenue just east of Interstate 94 and west of the former Purple Hotel site near Touhy and Lincoln avenues. The $37 million project is paid for largely with a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant, according to officials.

The village contributed $893,000 to the construction, they said.

But Bass and Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board President Art Lovering said the bridge is really the culmination of a vision that dates back much further.

"The creation of this bridge was eight years in the making," Bass said.

Funding for railroad property was secured in 2010 and was purchased the following year - long before construction of the overpass began, they said.

In total, Bass said, the village has spent nearly $12 million on the trail project - 80 percent of which came from federal funds. Only $1.2 million was spent by Lincolnwood, he said.

Bass and other dignitaries cut the ribbon to officially open the overpass. Many people in attendance swarmed onto the bridge, looking down on Touhy and safely crossing over for the first time.

"What has happened with this trail is really impressive," said Phillip Stenzel of Chicago as he walked across Touhy. "I cycle here all the time and this is big. Things just keep getting better. I'm counting on riding all the way into Wisconsin on this trail one of these days."
Woman charged with fraud, accused of swindling elderly out of $2.5 million

Staff report

A 55-year-old Chicago woman was charged with criminal mail fraud Oct. 10 after allegedly swindling the elderly out of millions of dollars through multiple Niles companies she owned, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago.

Lucita Zamoras defrauded older clients out of more than $2.5 million by "(holding) herself out as a financial adviser specializing in retirement planning," according to the criminal complaint filed in the U.S. District Court in the Illinois Northern District.

"Zamoras offered financial services and purported investment opportunities through her companies, which included financial advice, retirement and estate planning, tax preparation, the sale of financial products such as life insurance and annuities and purported real estate investment opportunities," the complaint states.

Listed among the Niles companies she owned and controlled were First Fidelity Financial Group LLC, JQH Ventures LLC, and Cornerstone Home Solutions. Zamoras could not immediately be reached.

The alleged swindling began in about October 2009 and continued until at least August, a U.S. Attorney's Office official said.

The complaint charges that Zamoras falsely claimed that client funds would be invested in low-risk investments while she was spending some or all of the money on personal and business expenses.

Some of those expenses were listed as gambling costs, payroll, credit card payments, airline tickets, car payments and utilities.

Zamoras is said in the criminal charge to have targeted elderly clients, particularly immigrants. The complaint states she defrauded at least 12 investors through her Niles companies.

"The defendant...devised, intended to devise, and participated in a scheme to defraud investors, and to obtain money and property from investors by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and by means of material omissions," the complaint states.

The charge against Zamoras alleges she attempted to conceal her actions by using newly raised investment funds to make Ponzi-type payments to earlier investors.

An arraignment date for Zamoras has not yet been scheduled, officials said.

Mail fraud is punishable by up to 20 years in prison, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

County completes Happ Road project

BY KATHY ROUTLIFFE
Pioneer Press

Motorists in Northfield affected by a Happ Road resurfacing project no longer have to navigate traffic slowdowns caused by the project with road work completed Oct. 10, a village official said.

The $231,541 resurfacing of Happ between Willow and Winnetka roads began Sept. 10 and was originally scheduled to end Oct. 1, said Melissa DeFeo, assistant to Northfield village manager Stacy Sigman.

"Unfortunately, we had some bad weather days that delayed things a little, but the project was still completed on Oct. 10, so it took just a month," DeFeo said Oct. 15. "Luckily, the contractor was able to keep lanes open at all times, so no one had to deal with total closures."

"I've received a lot of positive feedback about the work so far," she said.

Although the work was part of Northfield's annual roadway improvement program, all costs were borne by Cook County under terms of an intergovernmental agreement, DeFeo said.

The county also resurfaced a section of Orchard Lane just south of Willow Road because officials saw it as an important approach to Happ Road, she said.

DeFeo said the project provides improved access to several major destinations, including New Trier High School's Northfield Campus south of Willow Road, the North Shore Senior Center at 161 Northfield Road and Northfield's village center at Happ and Willow.

Another section of Happ Road underwent construction recently. A $1.5 million Cook county project replacing the Happ Road bridge just south of the Northfield Campus was completed in November, after a June 2017 start.

The county is still in the process of doing a study of existing Happ Road conditions, DeFeo said. That work started in June 2016.

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ASSAULT
- Ali A. Abuglod, 18, of the 700 block of Rand Grove Lane, Palatine, was charged with aggravated assault and possession of drug paraphernalia on Oct. 5 following a traffic stop on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue, police said. According to police, the driver of another car rolled down the window and pointed a gun at them while they were stopped at a red light. Police said an unloaded, semi-automatic BB gun was found under the driver’s seat of Abuglod’s car, along with a pipe containing burnt marijuana residue. He was given a Nov. 5 court date.

RECKLESS CONDUCT
- Alexander Vanifatev, 32, of the 8900 block of Carleah Street, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with reckless conduct on Oct. 9, police said. According to police, Vanifatev was seen walking along the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue with what appeared to be a black handgun sticking out of the waistband of his jeans. When police detained Vanifatev, it was learned the gun was actually “a BB gun designed to look like a realistic Beretta gun,” police said. He was given a Nov. 5 court date.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
- A 16-year-old Elmwood Park boy is facing a charge of criminal damage to property after police said he was seen throwing rocks at an empty building on the 7400 block of Milwaukee Avenue and breaking several windows on Oct. 3.

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- Viviana B. Rossi, 36, of the 5500 block of West Giddings Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Oct. 11 after police said she was accused of stealing a vacuum from Kohl’s, Golf Mill. She was also found to have an arrest warrant for retail theft from the Cook County Sheriff’s Department, police said. Court information was not listed.

BURGLARY
- Arvin John Basilio, 29, of the 10000 block of Holly Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools in connection with a break-in reported at Goodie’s restaurant, 9645 N. Milwaukee Ave., shortly before 5 a.m., Oct. 6, police said. Court information was not listed.

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BURGLARY
- Word of Life Books, 8858 N. Milwaukee Ave., was burglarized overnight between Oct. 3 and Oct. 4, police said. A cash drawer located under the sales counter was emptied and a laptop was stolen from the rear of the store, according to police.

- Several items of jewelry were reported stolen during the burglary of a home on the 8700 block of North Shermer Road between 7:25 p.m., Oct. 5 and 1:10 a.m. the following morning, police said.

BURLGARY
- A briefcase containing a handgun, checks and $200 in cash was reported stolen on the morning of Oct. 11 from a car parked on the 6300 block of West Touhy Avenue, police said. The owner of the car told police the driver’s side was broken out and the briefcase was missing.

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5 things to know about poliolike disease

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

At least two children who have been diagnosed with a rare but serious condition that weakens muscles and limits mobility are being treated in Chicago, according to Lurie Children's Hospital.

The parents of a 2-year-old Batavia girl, Julia Payne, went public in hopes of raising awareness for acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM, which causes inflammation in the spinal cord area that directly affects a person's muscles. Now the downtown Chicago hospital says a second child is being treated there, but the family in the second case did not want to be identified.

The two children are among 10 recent cases of AFM — all involving minors — reported across the state, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Just last month, the department issued an alert to medical providers about AFM and how to properly report it. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has been tracking cases in the U.S., says the condition isn't new but reports that public health officials nationwide saw an uptick in cases starting in 2014.

It has been compared to polio because the condition can lead to paralysis. The causes of AFM vary from viruses to environmental toxins to genetic disorders, according to the state health department. The CDC has not identified a germ that has been found in every case of AFM, according to its website.

Here are five things to know about AFM:

How many children have been diagnosed with AFM?

Since the CDC began tracking AFM four years ago, at least 362 cases have been logged nationwide, according to the agency's website. This year alone there have been 38 people diagnosed with the disease across 16 states.

What are the symptoms?

Like many children, Julia, the toddler at Lurie, started to show signs of weakness and problems breathing on her own after a prolonged cold, said Dr. Marcelo Malakooti, the medical director for Lurie's pediatric intensive care unit. Other symptoms can include eyelid or facial drooping, difficulty moving the eyes, difficulty swallowing and slurred speech, according to the state health department.

What's the treatment?

There is no known cure for AFM, but doctors can provide supportive care to patients. There isn't a vaccine that could prevent AFM and there isn't a vaccine that causes the condition, medical experts said. A medical report detailing the case of a 12-year-old boy who had been diagnosed with AFM noted that caring for patients with the condition often means involving an infectious disease physician, a neurologist, an orthotist, a physical therapist and a speech therapist.

For Julia, doctors did a type of dialysis to clear out her blood, and she has a ventilator to help her breathe. She soon will be transferred from the hospital to a rehabilitation center, where she will continue physical therapy.

Do patients recover fully?

Answering that question is complicated, said Mark Schleiss, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He was among those who treated a 12-year-old boy diagnosed in 2014 with AFM. The child was hospitalized for five days and given intensive outpatient physical therapy, according to the report.

The cells that are killed during the illness don't regenerate and the damage to the cells is irreversible, Schleiss explained. However, the patients can regain functionality of the muscles through physical therapy. Another medical expert said surgery was an option in severe cases.

Is it contagious? Any prevention tips?

While AFM itself isn't believed to be contagious, the viruses that may lead to AFM are. In Chicago, doctors say Julia had an enterovirus that caused AFM. On its website, the CDC explains that nonpolio enteroviruses, which normally don't make people sick, and if they do, it's often the common cold, can cause AFM.

"Scientifically, we don't understand why only some children will go on to develop AFM," Schleiss said. "Most kids just have a fever for a couple of days and maybe a rash or diarrhea."

Experts say good hygiene and making sure little ones are washing their hands can prevent the spread of viruses and germs.

Julia Payne, 2, is being treated at Lurie Children's Hospital for acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM. There is no cure for AFM, and the exact cause is uncertain.
A laptop computer, valued at $849, was discovered stolen from a display at Walmart, 8500 W. Golf Road, on Oct. 5 from Walgreens, 8001 N. Milwaukee Ave., on the morning of Oct. 5. A duffle bag and baseball bat bag, valued at a total of $150, were also reported stolen, police said.

Several boxes of over-the-counter medications and baby care products, valued at approximately $400, were reported stolen Oct. 5 from Walgreens, 8001 N. Milwaukee Ave., police said. Two men were reportedly seen placing the merchandise into bags before leaving the store without paying.

A concrete saw valued at $2,000 was reportedly taken between Oct. 9 and Oct. 10 from a work trailer parked in the 4500 block of Touhy Avenue. Also charged with retail theft in the same incident was Fernando Gabriel Ramirez, 20, of the 4300 block of Drake, Chicago. Police said Gutierrez tried to leave a store without paying for merchandise valued at $275 and Ramirez did the same without paying for merchandise valued at $203.

Clothing valued at $1,500 was reportedly taken Sept. 30 from a store in the 3300 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said two females were seen taking the merchandise and running from the store.

 Residents of the 5000 block of Lincoln Avenue, reported that loose change was reportedly taken between Oct. 9 and Oct. 10 from a vehicle parked in the 6900 block of Kilpatrick Avenue.

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Gator isn't the first surprise in Chicago area

Last week's discovery in Lake Michigan only the latest

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

Early Oct. 8, a Chicago man fishing near Waukegan Harbor thought he spotted a dead salmon but ended up coming across a 4-foot-long American alligator.

The kayaking fisherman, David Castaneda, reported the animal to Waukegan's Animal Control, the News-Sun reported. The animal had its mouth taped shut, and initially reports described it as a caiman, but the Wildlife Discovery Center later confirmed it was indeed an American alligator.

Dave Bernier, a general curator at Lincoln Park Zoo, suspects someone brought it to the area recently and that the gator hasn't had to endure a Chicago January.

"It would never be able to survive the winter here," Bernier said.

At Lincoln Park Zoo, wildlife such as snakes, frogs and even a beaver have taken to calling a pond home. But if someone comes across an unexpected animal, Bernier said, the person should contact local animal control immediately, like Castaneda did. Castaneda isn't the only one to fish out the unusual from Chicago-area waters. Here are three unexpected animals that have been found:

**American eel** In Orland Park in 2014, a fisherman found a 2 1/4-foot-long, 5-pound American eel in Tampier Lake. At the time, it was the third American eel found in Forest Preserves of Cook County waters in the last 25 years, the Tribune previously reported.

**Another alligator** Last week wasn't the first time a reptile from warmer climes like Florida was spotted in Chicago-area waters. In 2010, an alligator was captured in the Chicago River under the Belmont Avenue bridge. "Alligator Bob," a volunteer with the Chicago Herpetological Society, helped rescue the alligator at the time, the Tribune previously reported.

Bob set five traps with chicken drumsticks, but the alligator didn't bite. In the end, the volunteer rescued the creature by extending a net into the water and sweeping it out of the river.

**Piranha** In 2006, fisherman Edward Reinhart pulled a piranha from the Des Plaines River, according to a Tribune report. It was described as being as big as a dinner plate with a red belly. Though piranhas are native to South America, a lot of people keep them as pets and release them for a variety of reasons into local water streams. They've been found in a few other Illinois rivers and even Lake Michigan.

"I've caught dogfish, I've caught northern pike, Bass, crappies, channel catfish, bullheads, sunfish, suckers," Reinhart told the Tribune at the time. "First time I've ever seen or heard of somebody catching a piranha."

**Emus** For one suburban man, the release of emus to an area forest preserve led to a fine of $150 and one year of court supervision. In 2005, Isidoro Lujano Gonzalez pleaded guilty to releasing emus—a type of bird that can grow as tall as 6 feet—in the Skokie Lagoons forest preserve near Glencoe, the Tribune previously reported.

Lujano Gonzalez had been keeping the birds, flightless and native to Australia, in his backyard and had been delivering them to Wisconsin, Elmwood Park police said at the time. Officers had initially agreed to not ticket Gonzalez because he told them the animals would be removed. But at least three emus were later found in the forest preserve, and police said at the time that Gonzalez intended to shoot the birds and let the coyotes eat the remains.

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Lincolnwood to host ‘Pumpkins in Proesel Park’ and first ever ‘Trunk-or-Treat’ Halloween events

Deadline to register vehicle for event extended to Oct. 26

BY KYRA SENESE
Pioneer Press

The village will host its inaugural Trunk-or-Treat event this year, welcoming residents of all ages to participate in a neighborhood trick-or-treating experience on Halloween.

The event is set to take place Oct. 31 in the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center parking lot.

“The goal of the event is to provide a safe, fun, and neighborly trick-or-treating experience for our community,” said Melissa Rimdzius-Marsh, superintendent of Parks and Recreation for the village.

She said the event will feature a “monster bash” theme. In order to fit the theme, attendees are encouraged to decorate the trunk of their car and hand out treats during the event. The most creatively decorated trunk fitting the theme will receive an Aquatic Center family of four passes to use for the summer of 2019, according to event organizers.

The new event was created based on specific feedback from community members and a desire to expand the village’s autumn event schedule, said Rimdzius-Marsh.

“We hope trick-or-treaters will add this event to their route on the evening of Halloween and enjoy the creatively decorated vehicles and accompanying treats,” she said.

The event was developed by the village’s Parks and Recreation Department and is being overseen by Katie Lazzara, a recreation supervisor within the department, Rimdzius-Marsh said.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also currently seeking participation from families, local businesses, and organizations who may be interested in decorating a vehicle trunk and sharing treats at the event.

So far, Rimdzius-Marsh said, the Lincolnwood Public Library, Niles Township, several local businesses and some local families have confirmed they will decorate trunks for the event.

“We would love to have more families, organizations and businesses join us for this event,” Rimdzius-Marsh said.

The deadline to register a vehicle for the event was previously Oct. 10, but the timeline has been extended to Oct. 26, she said.

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Ahead of the trunk event, the village is set to host “Pumpkins in Proesel Park” Oct. 20 at the Proesel Park Picnic Shelter.

Park district officials say that, along with a parent or caregiver, kids are invited to the Halloween party.

“All activities are free of charge and costumes are strongly encouraged,” according to a village news release announcing the event.

The release states that children will be able to have their face painted, play Halloween-themed games like “Pumpkin Bowling” or “Ghost Golf”, jump in the pumpkin bounce house, or check out the pumpkin launcher.

In addition to games and prizes, this year’s event will also feature a popcorn bar, and event sponsors are expected to add to the fun with games and fun giveaways, the release states.

–Kyra Senese is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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Our current national discourse is built on the lies we tell ourselves

While watching and listening to the Brett Kavanaugh hearings and all the debates surrounding them for the last few weeks, I couldn't help but think of something called "the lie-lie." It is an idea explored in one of the greatest plays of world literature, Henrik Ibsen's "The Wild Duck.

In the play, a guest discovers that a family's happy, nearly idyllic life is built on a lie. He decides that revealing the truth will free them from the mendacity of their life. Such a lie built on lies is intolerable. Facing facts and letting the light shine in is the only thing that can free us.

Of course, revealing the truth has the exact opposite effect. It results in tragedy. The family is destroyed. Lives are ruined. The point Ibsen is making in this monumental work of literature is this: The lie-lie is the lie we tell ourselves, or that we come to believe, in order to live without complete despair. It makes life possible.

As one of the characters states, "Deprive the average human being of his lie-lie and you rob him of his happiness."

If you look at the nation's current political situation through this lens, a lot becomes more clear.

We have to put up a wall in order to keep out the flood of undesirable immigrants coming to our country.

That's a lie-lie, isn't it? Many of the immigrants coming to our country are good, decent and hard-working people who want to build good lives for their families. They want the American dream, just like the parents, grandparents and other ancestors of Americans going back to the Mayflower.

Yet some are not so virtuous. Some should not be allowed in the country. Yet to insist on open borders and unlimited immigration as a way to prove you're not a racist is also a lie-lie.

Every nation has the right to control its borders and immigration. It's one of government's main duties and is necessary to protect current citizens and preserve life, liberty and happiness of the nation.

But let's move on. Half the country belongs in a basket one national leader calls "deplorables."

Really? Which half and on which issues? They literally have nothing of value nothing to contribute?

That's a lie-lie, too. Can we really write off half the country? Even Lincoln was more magnanimous to half the country at the end of the Civil War.

Russia stole the election is one too, isn't it? Russia meddled with an aim to disrupt, that's for sure. But is it possible for such masterminds to direct, influence and scheme to convince enough on the fence voters in enough areas all across the country to get any candidate to the magical 270 Electoral College votes?

Not likely, I would say, especially considering the losing candidate garnered 3.8 million more votes than the winner but failed to campaign in three states — Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania — that provided the Electoral College difference.

All lives matter seems to be a truth so obvious that no one can dispute it. But when that dictum is used as a response to our nation's long and sad history of counting the lives of black Americans as little or nothing, then what is that? It's a lie-lie.

In the case of Christine Blasey Ford and Brett Kavanaugh, I am not certain of one or the other.

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Remember when we used our phones for talking?

When I was a kid, my grandmother would talk for hours, literally, on her rotary phone to her sister while smoking endless Virginia Slims and drinking bottomless cups of Folgers.

When Grandma Davich didn't want me to understand what she was saying, she spoke in Croatian, never fully explaining that I didn't care what she was talking about.

"Oh Betty," she would sigh in between her cigarette cough, "my back is killing me today. I had some good meat for dinner," my grandma would say, referring to her monthly Social Security check. "I don't know what meat. What's on sale? Oh, that's too high! I'll make us buttered noodles again."

She and my Teta talked every night before they went to bed. They complained to each other. They encouraged each other. They scolded each other. They loved each other deeply. It came through in their nightly phone calls.

They also cursed at each other. But only in Croatian. To this day, the only Croatian I speak is a curse phrase involving your mother and her lifestyle choices with too many men. It rolls off my tongue so easily that as a kid I would pepper it to everyone within earshot. Until my Teta once heard me say it in public and she poured black pepper on my tongue. After that, I said it only to my friends, who thought it was cool.

Once, at a Croatian picnic, I asked a handful of crotchety old men what that curse phrase meant. They laughed at me before translating it. Yikes, it was worse than I remembered as a kid with a Croatian potty mouth.

"Oh, Jerry, never say that again!" my grandma told me. "Now get over here and walk on my back again."

I recalled these fond memories when I stumbled across an old photo of rotary phones from the 1970s like my grandma's. Black, heavy, with a curly cord stretched out like a piece of warm taffy. My grandma could live without Follers for a day, and her Virginia Slims for a few hours, but that phone was her lifeline to her world — her family.

I wondered whether readers used their phones the same way in the Digital Age, where texting, social media chats and internet memes are now the norm. Surprisingly, many of them still use their phone for long, intimate
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Using phones to talk

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old-fashioned conversations. "I talked on the phone one night last week with my good friend, Daneen Hilliker, for three hours, 20 minutes, and 39 seconds," said Lenore Gregory, who checked her cellphone log after I asked about that call. "And we had talked in person just the night before," she said.

Hilliker added, "It never seems like we talk that long either."

Gregory, a grandmother, lives in Westville, Ind. Hilliker, a new mother, lives in South Bend, Ind. They both have lost children, and they both have adopted a child. Gregory has lung problems, Hilliker is a respiratory therapist. "I've known her since she was 5, she went to school with my daughters," Gregory said. "Our lives often run parallel even though we are a generation apart. We can talk on the phone for hours and time just slips away. Friendship and free therapy at its finest."

Deanna Paras, of Hobart, Ind., calls her grandmother daily. She also calls a friend in Tennessee on weekends to catch up and gossip.

"I prefer hearing voices, over texting, and I like hearing laughs instead of reading LOL," Paras said.

Beth Spicknall said she and her sister, who lives in Washington State, talk on the phone every Sunday for at least one hour. I heard something similar from dozens of readers.

"I do believe, however, that social media and texting have diminished the art of conversation," she said. I heard that, too, from dozens of readers. And I agree.

In our home these days, we no longer have a landline and I rarely talk on my iPhone. I save most of my phone calls with my family, column sources and readers for when I'm driving around the region, which is daily. I can always tell when my fiancee is talking on her iPhone with her longtime friend, Stacy. All I hear is laughter, giggles and "Remember when...?"

She's obviously not alone. "Not a weekend goes by that I don't talk to at least two of my former classmates," said Traci Nicole Johnson, of Gary, Ind. "We still talk about events that happened in the '70s, and we catch up on what's going on in our lives now. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Rita Catt, of Hobart, vividly remembers using the blue phone with a 25-foot-long cord in her parents' bedroom, laying on the floor to chit-chat with her best friend. "But the best part was slamming down the receiver on my boyfriend's ear," she recalled. "Good times."

Yeah, I also miss slamming down the receiver to make a point.

Martha Farrellbegg, of Lowell, insists on hearing the voices of loved ones and dear friends. "And we never say goodbye without saying 'I love you,'" she said. "The art of communication must never be forsaken."

Sylvia Marenger, of Kouts, said she continues to talk to on the phone with her best friend every day, sometimes several times a day.

"Nothing can replace a phone call," she said. Somewhere, my Grandma Davich is smiling. And coughing and sighing. But mostly smiling.

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Kids have the right idea, train travel is pretty magical

**Pat Lenhoff**

My grandson Magnificent Max loves trains.

Of course, Thomas the Tank Engine is his hands-down favorite, as he is for many youngsters. But trains of any kind, and in any form, are a fixation to him every day. He loves books like “The Little Engine That Could” and “The Little Red Caboose.”

Recently, when visiting a relative at a local continuing care facility, he told some ladies sitting adjacent to us that they needed to move from their seats because he was a shiny new diesel and had to pass through where they were seated. When I reminded him that he was not being polite, he responded that shiny new diesels had a job to do, which he took very seriously.

Perhaps he came by his love of trains thanks in part to genetics. My great uncles on the Sullivan side were all engineers on the Illinois Central. One or two of them were on the original run of the legendary City of New Orleans, made famous by Arlo Guthrie.

Although train travel seems to have lost its romantic appeal, it still has the power to draw us into a different era. You see that often when traveling by train in Europe where routes through cities and countrysides allow vistas that are never possible to enjoy by plane.

Train stations hold their own type of magic. They can be seen as roadways to travelers journeying from points around the globe.

Your paths cross as you make your way through hallowed great halls or small whistle stop sheds.

Train stations served not only to propel travelers to their destinations, but also were a statement on the importance, or lack thereof, of a particular city.

In Paris’ Musee de’Orsay, you walk in and immediately know that the building was once a magnificent train station, the main one for an equally magnificent city until it was decommissioned and reworked into a beautiful museum.

New York’s Grand Central, or here at home, Chicago’s Union Station, both allow contemporary travelers to feel a little of the grandeur that train travel had in earlier times.

When I first moved north having been raised in the far south suburbs, I knew that Libertyville, unlike my new hometown Vernon Hills, had a long history that included train travel.

It took me a while after moving here to have reason to ride the train, and since that was long before the new Metra Central Service line started up in communities like Vernon Hills, I headed to Libertyville.

What a disappointing surprise to see the overwhelming, plain white station that sat alongside the tracks in town. Even as the years went by and Libertyville’s downtown blossomed and reinvented itself, that simple station just didn’t seem to fit.

Train stations can often be the front door of a community. That’s why it’s exciting to see the recent drawings of a soon-to-be-renovated Libertyville station. Finally, a charming town will have an equally charming station that is reflective of the community.

I can’t wait to see the finished product.

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When it comes to Lady Gaga, I'd say I've become lukewarm in the past. Although she's extremely talented, there was something about her unconventional demeanor that just didn't connect with me. Until last weekend. I went to see "A Star Is Born," and I adored her.

"A Star Is Born," which co-stars Bradley Cooper (who I've always adored), is the third remake of the original 1937 film produced by David O. Selznick (best known for producing "Gone With The Wind"). I have to say, the movie, which Cooper also directed, cowrote, and co-produced, did it for me big time. I had tears in my eyes - both happy and sad - from 10 minutes into it until the credits rolled at the end.

The story of a famous but faltering musician (played by Cooper) who falls in love with a struggling singer (played by Gaga) and then launches her career to stardom, "A Star Is Born" offered inspiration, humor, and a chemistry between Gaga and Cooper that was remarkably engrossing and so darn cute. I was rooting for them the whole time.

But there's a theme in the movie that made a happy ending almost impossible: alcoholism. "A Star Is Born" brought attention to this hideous and heartbreaking disease that can destroy people and their families, so I thought I'd address it.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, more than 15 million people struggle with an alcohol use disorder in the United States, but less than 8 percent of those receive treatment. And, more than 80,000 people die from alcohol-related deaths each year in the U.S.

Molly Champagne is a North Shore-based therapist and certified alcohol and drug counselor, who has been in practice since 2013. When asked how to identify if either you or a spouse has a problem with alcohol, Champagne cited the following signs:

1. The drinking starts to impact multiple areas of someone's life, which can include work, relationships, health, driving, or emotional stability.
2. The person continues drinking despite negative consequences, such as after a DUI, or getting put on notice at work for poor performance.
3. The amount of time someone drinks or prepares to drink increases. They start to spend more time planning where they are going to buy it, how they are going to pay for it, or how they will manage the hangover the next day.
4. The person comes up with justifications. They drink because they are celebrating, or upset or stressed. They always find a reason to drink.
5. The quantity of drinks starts to go up. It's not just one or two beers, now it's a six-pack every day after work or a bottle of wine, when it used to be one glass.
6. The person doesn't have the ability to say no. They never turn down a drink.
7. The person begins lying and might have changes in personality or emotional stability.

Once you see some signs, what should you do? Do you sit your partner down and talk about it? "One of the best ways to approach your spouse is to talk about the changes you are seeing in them, not necessarily the drinking," said Champagne, who in the past has worked as a counselor at alcohol and drug rehabilitation centers. "Come at it from a place of concern as opposed to accusation."

Champagne also said never to approach someone while he or she is drinking, make sure there are no children around when having the talk, and do it in a private space.

As portrayed in "A Star Is Born," it's easy to get angry with someone who is drinking. "I'm always remember two things: it's not their fault, and they don't have control over the addict's behavior."

"We can want someone to get sober and see all the reasons they should, but ultimately it has to be them who puts in the work and make the decisions toward sobriety," Champagne said.

I won't spoil "A Star Is Born," but things did not end well. But when it comes to addiction, there is hope. There are many, many success stories.

"The first step is educating yourself and understanding the disease of addiction," Champagne said. "You can do that via a physician, a therapist, a support group, an AA meeting or an Al Anon meeting. There are many people who learn how to manage their addiction and more importantly learn how to manage the underlying causes of the addiction. They learn to live a life where they can be happy being present, consciously aware and alert, and no longer feel the need to be in an altered state."

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We usually think of our romantic 'firsts' as good, but now we know how many bad firsts are out there.
Mellow black cat enjoys greeting trick-or-treaters

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Sharon Lack of Baltimore sent me an adorable picture of her 6-year-old black cat Mia lounging in a midwaist Halloween pumpkin costume. “Mia doesn’t mind wearing costumes,” says Sharon. “She loves meeting the kids that come to the front door and knows not to go outside.”

There are many mellow cats who go with the flow and don’t mind a little dress-up, but I am impressed with Mia’s door greeting skills, especially since it comes with shouts from trick-or-treaters.

For every mellow cat, there are a hundred felines that would say “no thank you” to the Halloween celebration. Yet last year, Americans spent $440 million on dog and cat costumes, according to the National Retail Federation.

If you celebrate Halloween with your pet, here are a few tips for keeping it safe and happy.

First, don’t put masks on your pet’s face or drape fabric over its head — like for a ghost costume. Animals get scared when they can’t see clearly what’s around them.

Second, make sure the costume doesn’t cover your pet’s private parts. Your pet needs to be able relieve itself without you having to pull off its costume. And it can’t tell you when it needs to go.

Third, don’t take dogs or cats (honestly, why would you take cats) trick-or-treating unless they’re super mellow and won’t freak out over strangers in costumes.

As for candy, keep it away from pets. The two main confectionery concerns are chocolate and candy with Xylitol. Chocolate has a stimulant in it called theobromine that can make a dog’s heart race. Depending on the quantity and the type of chocolate, a dog can get very ill or even die from eating it. Dark chocolate has more theobromine than milk chocolate, but both chocolates are bad for your pet. Xylitol is found in mints and gum and can cause a life-threatening drop in your dog’s blood sugar.

Finally, if you have a pet who could bolt out of an open door, keep it in a bedroom or kennel until the holiday is over. Or, sit outside and hand out treats so that trick-or-treaters aren’t knocking at your door.

Dear Cathy: We have a 10-year-old pit bull dog who is an excessive barker. People do not come to our house because the dog never stops barking, making them and us uncomfortable. With my wife, she’s fine, but if I’m in another room and come to where she is, she barks her head off. We tried giving her commands, but it takes a while before she obey. Are there any devices that can aid in training her? She’s been this way all her life, but it now seems to have gotten worse.

— Emmoe, via email

Dear Emmoe: I like that you are trying to use commands. Even though it may take a while before she obeys, I like that she is making some progress. In the meantime, there are some things you can do to interrupt the behavior. There are ultrasonic devices that you can use in the house. (Do not use one intended for outside in the house). These emit a high-pitched sound every time the dog barks (you can’t hear it), which interrupts the behavior. The dog eventually learns to stop barking because she doesn’t like the sound. That is called negative reinforcement, and I would only recommend it in the most extreme cases.

I prefer you try positive reinforcement first. Purchase a Pet Corrector, available online or at the pet store. It’s a training tool used to interrupt unwanted behaviors, like barking or fence hitting. It’s compressed air, so it makes a “shhhh” sound, which seems to get a dog’s attention and halts barking long enough for you to give a command. As soon as your dog stops barking, call her to you, tell her she is a good girl and give her a treat. Then, give her something to do. Get a puzzle toy where she has to use her paw or nose to get the treat to pop out. The phrase “can’t do two things at once,” applies to dogs too. Puzzle toys can keep vocal dogs busy.

Pet tip: If you have a pet bird, don’t hang his cage in the kitchen, especially when cooking. When Teflon pans overheat, they can release fumes that are dangerous and even deadly to birds. But that doesn’t mean your bird is safe in the rest of the house either. Fumes travel, so if you have a bird, consider getting rid of your Teflon pans so you aren’t exposing it to dangerous fumes.

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#MeToo memories

We usually think of our romantic 'firsts' as good, but now we know how many bad firsts are out there

By Lisa Bonos
The Washington Post

The stories of romantic firsts — a first kiss, a first love, a loss of virginity — stay with us for the rest of our lives. These events become etched in our life stories, becoming key plot points in our love narratives. We revisit them in our memories and in telling the stories of these moments while bonding with friends or subsequent lovers.

The dating app Hinge encourages weaving these stories into our dating profiles, offering "first kiss" as one of several life events you can pick to describe. Movies and songs about first loves are so plentiful that there are listicles devoted to determining the "best" ones. When a 40-year-old woman decides to pose as a 26-year-old on the TV show "Younger," she makes up a new story for her new, more youthful persona. She knows it's an inevitable conversation among 20-something friends or subsequent lovers.

Sometimes these stories are awkward and sweet. But just as often they can be disappointing — more shrug emoji than heart eyes. After all, it's hard to know what you're doing (or what you like) when you actually have no idea what you're doing.

And sometimes they're hurtful and damaging. By now — a year into the #MeToo era and weeks into the allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and the publishing of stories they've sparked — we know there's another category of firsts that most women and some men carry around with them: The first time they endured an unwanted kiss or touch. The first time they narrowly escaped an assault, or didn't. The first person they told about the experience, and whether they were believed or made to feel as if someone else's misbehavior was their fault. Sometimes, of course, the first kiss and the first assault happen at the same time.

TV writer and "Lean In" co-author Nell Scovell put this more bluntly on Twitter recently, asking men if they still smile when they think about their first love. "That's how so many women feel about our first assaulting," Scovell tweeted. "Except we don't smile. We want to throw up."

What do we do with the experiences that are formative because they're traumatic? The memories of these incidents can linger for a lifetime — and multiply as they get rehearsed in one's mind and out loud. As Emma M. Millon, Han Yan M. Chang and Tracey J. Shors note in their recent study of how stressful life memories linger in women who have experienced sexual violence: "Each time a memory is retrieved, a new memory is made through its association with the context in which it is expressed. Thus, at a neuroscience level, one could hypothesize that the repetitive and largely involuntary rehearsal of a trauma memory creates yet more memories of trauma and related memories in the brain."

"The more you're bringing up the past, the more memories you're making in the brain...making it more difficult to forget," Shors said in a phone interview about the study, which found that women who'd survived sexual violence had "especially prominent" ruminative thoughts and vivid memories of stressful life events. "The thoughts that really underlie the suffering are the thoughts and the memories that keep it alive."

Shors said that many study participants told her and her fellow researchers that they either had never told anybody about the sexual violence they had experienced, "or maybe they told their mother or their best friend, but certainly they didn't talk about it very often."

Now that survivors are talking about it more, we're also realizing that some of those iconic stories that have shaped our conception of those firsts don't hold up to today's standards around sex, consent and the way girls and young women should be treated. In new movies of teen romance, the stories are more diverse, and it's almost an obligatory plot point to call out older favorites for being outdated. But the new ones aren't perfect, either.

In Netflix's wildly popular rom-com "The Kissing Booth," Elle's (Joey King) first boyfriend, Noah (Jacob Elordi), is extremely controlling. Elle calls Noah out for his misogynistic behavior, but his aggression merely diverts to his younger brother, Lee (Joel Courtney). Toxic masculinity does not believably get corrected that quickly.

The #MeToo era began by airing serious allegations against the men who create the narratives we see on screen, from movies to television. Eventually it'll be time for the stories that follow to catch up — to be funny and engaging and tender and nuanced when it comes to first times of all kinds.

Where will the bad firsts fit in? Will they get addressed in nest and tidy ways that can be wrapped up in 25 minutes or two hours or 200 pages or a four-minute song, or will they reckon with the messiness of decades-ago allegations where one person's account differs with another's?

How will they address, fictionally yet realistically, the gray areas of rape culture? If our culture can find new ways to make consent look sexy in stories, viewers will do what they have always done: last after Hollywood's version of romance.
The Biblioracle visits his mecca

Powell's in Portland, Ore., which has Chicago roots, is a book lover's dream

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

If you are given a chance to tag along with your spouse to her professional continuing education conference and you are given a choice of destination — Las Vegas or Portland, Ore. — which do you choose?

Sure, Las Vegas has the glitz and glamour, gambling, entertainment and, of course, Cher, but it doesn't have Powell's Books, the "world's largest independent bookstore," which made the choice easy for your humble Biblioracle.

I'm not saying that I plan vacations around visiting iconic bookstores, but when we were fortunate enough to visit Paris a couple of years ago, the legendary Shakespeare and Co. was higher on my list of must-sees than the Louvre. If I'm in San Francisco, a visit wouldn't be complete without a stop by City Lights Bookstore.

While Mrs. Biblioracle has been immersed in the latest findings on the fungi, viruses and bacteria that affect companion animals, I have been wandering Powell's 1.6 acres of retail space, making sure to close my mouth because my jaw seems to keep dropping in awe as each of the nine color-coded rooms reveals itself to me.


Walking through the flagship Powell's, which has expanded over the years to its current size, is almost more akin to walking through a large library collection than a bookstore. There is simply an amazing number of books.

Whenever I'm in the presence of so many books I experience a strange mix of elation and anxiety.

On the one hand, look at all those books! Having written some, I am aware of the amount of human labor and individual passion that the collection of titles represents.

On the other hand, look at all those books! So many books, so little time. Even in a discrete, relatively small section (music biographies), I identified 39 titles I wouldn't mind diving into.

Ultimately, though, I find Powell's to be a genuinely uplifting place, not just because the store is filled with books, but because it's also filled with people.

My first visit on a Saturday (I'm actually on my third visit as I type this), the store was stuffed with humans looking every bit as awestruck as I felt. We bump into each other because we're concentrating more on the shelves than where we're walking. I wasn't the only one who'd made a visit to a bookstore the centerpiece of their visit to Portland.

But the presence of humanity is palpable in a less obvious way as well: the fact that a huge proportion of the books at Powell's are used, and each object betrays a little something about the hands it has passed through previously.

A copy of Laurie Colwin's "Goodbye Without Leaving" has an inscription, "For Nan," and judging from the condition of the book, it was well-loved. In fact, many of the books look well-loved, creased and bent, edges frayed, covers a little faded.

A nice row of pristine new releases may be aesthetically pleasing, but there's something about seeing a bunch of books that have been so obviously read that stirs this reader's soul.

Books do matter. They will always matter. The only question left is how much damage I'll do to my bank account before we leave Portland.

Don't tell Mrs. Biblioracle.

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

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

1. "Educated" by Tara Westover
2. "The Trust" by Ronald H. Balson
3. "The Precious One" by Marisa de los Santos
4. "The Wildling Sisters" by Eve Chase
5. "The Perfect Couple" by Elin Hilderbrand

— Karen W., St. Charles
I'm pleased to report that Kate Atkinson's "Transcription" is every bit up to her usual high standard, and it's a book Karen should greatly enjoy.

1. "Leverage in Death" by J.D. Robb
2. "Hope Never Dies: An Obama/Biden Mystery" by Andrew Shaffer
3. "Tales of the South Pacific" by James A. Michener
4. "My Abandonment" by Peter Rock
5. "Bone on Bone" by Julia Keller
— John B., Palatine
Cara Hoffman's "So Much Pretty" has the right mix of mystery and intrigue for John.

1. "Perfect Little World" by Kevin Wilson
2. "Fishbowl" by Bradley Somer
3. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
4. "Straight Man" by Richard Russo
5. "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore" by Robin Sloan
— Pete W., Naperville
I recommended this book earlier this year, but as of yet, I haven't seen it hit the best-seller lists, so clearly the message needs to be repeated: "The Italian Teacher" by Tom Rachman.

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ASK THE DOCTORS

Study shows that too much salt may cause cognitive impairment

By Dr. Eve Glazier and Dr. Elizabeth Ko

Dear Doctor: I love salty foods, always have, and I don't have high blood pressure or heart disease or anything like that. But I did see a story recently that said high-salt diets can affect the brain. How worried should I be?

Dear Reader: Our attraction to salt — researchers refer to it as "sodium appetite" — has long fascinated everyone from scientists to philosophers to poets. At a physiological level, our bodies require sodium, which plays a key role in fluid balance, and in nerve and muscle function. As cooks (and eaters) know, adding salt to almost any food makes it taste better. And scientists in Australia recently identified specific pathways in the brain's emotional center, which light up when salt is consumed, a reward system of sorts.

Yet, this question acknowledges, and as research has shown, too much salt in the diet puts you at risk of high blood pressure and heart disease. Now, a recent study from Weill Cornell Medical College, the research unit and medical school of Cornell University, has added the potential for cognitive impairment to woes caused by too much dietary salt.

When scientists fed mice a high-salt diet, the flow of blood to their brains declined, and the vessels that carried that blood were adversely affected. The mice also began to perform poorly on cognitive tests that, before this change to their diets, they had aced. What was particularly interesting was that, rather than this decline arising from a spike in blood pressure, it appeared to be tied to chemical changes in the brain that were prompted by an immune response in the gut. When the mice were returned to a normal diet, they regained the cognitive ground that they had lost. Whether this same scenario will translate to humans is not yet clear.

As for your own sodium consumption, we believe that even absent physical symptoms like high blood pressure, overdoing it with salt is not a good idea. And if you don't really know how much salt you're eating, then you're like the majority of Americans. That may be why, according to the American Heart Association, most adults consume more than 3,400 milligrams of sodium per day, which is 30 percent more than the organization’s recommended maximum of 2,300 milligrams per day. A whopping 70 percent of that sodium comes from prepared and packaged foods and from restaurant meals. The rest comes out of the salt shaker.

We think it would be wise for you to begin to keep track of your daily sodium intake. Packaged and processed foods will have the numbers you need on their nutritional labels. To be accurate, be sure to pay attention to serving size as well. As of May 7, restaurants with 20 or more locations have been required by the Food and Drug Administration to provide customers with a range of nutritional information, including calorie counts and sodium content. And if you’re a home cook, track the sodium levels — both in the ingredients you’re using as well as the salt you’re adding. Your body and maybe even your brain will thank you.

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Send your questions to askthedoctormednetucla@Path6180r.com, 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.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY  PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

NSAID can work to halt moderate migraine attack

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Q: I've had migraines — maybe a couple of them a year — for many years. When I first see the aura, I've found that taking an aspirin within minutes does the trick for me. It halts the migraine entirely. I don't know if this would work for anyone else, but it's been a lifesaver for me.

A: Medical guidelines suggest that aspirin or another NSAID is effective for mild to moderate migraine attacks (Acta Neurologica Taiwanica, June 15, 2017). Acetaminophen (Tylenol) in combination with an NSAID, such as diclofenac, naproxen or ibuprofen, also can stop an attack (Continuum, August 2015).

The makers of Excedrin Migraine have capitalized on the combination of acetaminophen, aspirin and caffeine. A randomized controlled trial demonstrated that this combination is better than a placebo for treating migraines (Cephalalgia, November 2014).

People who suffer migraines tell us that using a treatment at the first hint of an aura increases the chance of success.

Q: I've been plagued with plantar warts for most of my adult life. I got rid of the most recent one by treating it persistently with salicylic acid.

Now I want to prevent re-infection. This is a virus, isn't it? How long will it live in my slippers and shoes, and cause recurrence? Should I buy a box of bandages and apply them on the soles of my feet for a month to protect myself?

A: Instead of bandages, try clean socks every day. That's the advice the Mayo Clinic offers, and it makes sense to us.

Plantar warts appear on the soles of the feet. They are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). Why some people are more susceptible than others remains a medical mystery. Genetics and immune function probably play key roles.

Recommendations for preventing recurrences include not going barefoot in locker rooms or around swimming pools. Wash your hands after you touch a wart.

We have collected many home remedies for plantar warts. They include applications of tincture of iodine, tea tree oil and tumeric in olive oil to the wart. Some people report success tapping a banana peel (fleshy side on the skin) to the wart overnight.

Others say that soaking the foot in hot salty water for 30 to 90 minutes a week is also helpful.

Q: Drugs for erectile dysfunction are indeed pricey. A single 10-milligram dose of Cialis (tadalafil) costs about $60. Levitra (vardenafil) is also nearly $60 a pill. Branded Viagra (sildenafil) is in the same ballpark. The generic version is substantially less expensive, however.

We have no way of determining how drug companies adjust their prices. Competition is supposed to lead to lower prices, but it doesn't seem to work that way for brand-name prescription drugs.

Generic drugs are not immune. Last spring, 45 states and the Department of Justice uncovered a bid-rigging scheme that may have cost consumers and businesses a billion dollars. The prosecutors found evidence regarding the antibiotic doxycycline, but other generic drugs probably were also affected.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
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By Charles Preston

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15 Make jublant
16 Soprano Mills
17 Nick and Nora Charles' creator
20 Bazaar
21 Mirages, sometimes
22 Arith. result
23 Its mascot is a goat
25 Making a debut
29 Long-haired sheep dog
30 Famous uncle
33 Kind of exam
34 Member of NOW
35 Refrain syllable
36 Charlie Chan's creator
40 Map abbreviation
41 Golden Boy playwright
42 Spruce
43 Parisian possessive
44 Fail to connect
45 Grieves
47 Catcher's necessity
48 Piper's son
49 Necklace, frequently
52 Song under a window

Down
1 Eliot's Adam
2 Composer
3 Khachaturian
4 Role in Ariadne auf Naxos
5 Turning to the right
6 Mag. picture
7 Unguent
8 Ordinal suffix
9 Rachel Carson subject
10 Curtis, of the Air Force
11 War god
12 Location
13 Tennis units
14 Meshed's land
15 Poignant
16 Peter Pan's flying facilitor: 2 wds.
17 Cleopatra ate with Jesus
18 Two-time Indy 500 winner
19 Make over
20 Levitate
21 Temptations hit song: 2 wds.
22 Grant-Bergman film with 150-second kiss
23 Capable of radiating heat and light
24 Source
25 Very agreeable one
26 Out of date
27 Gas up
28 Big ha-ha: hyph.

The last week's answers appear on the last page of Puzzle Island.

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For Starters

BY PAUL COULTER
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across
1 Eponymous
2 Chanel perfume
3 eagerly enjoy, as praise
4 Latitude
5 Not barefoot
6 Banned fruit spray
7 Gladiator’s realm
8 Pull-up beneficiaries
9 Mold
10 Three types of (see circled letters)
11 Naturally lit room
12 “500” initials
13 Stick in one’s craw
14 Q and A part: Abbr.
15 Allocate, with “out”
16 Word often paired with “great”
17 Three types of (see circled letters)
18 Mimics
19 Gadget’s rank: Abbr.
20 Ann and May
21 Much of “Deck the Halls”
22 Eclipse, maybe
23 Wharton postgrad awards
24 “Bravo!”
25 Speech problem
26 Three types of (see circled letters)
27 “Resting place”
28 Reception vessel
29 Most healthy
30 More than proper
31 Electrolysis particle
32 [not my error]
33 Solemn
34 “... in the Boy’s Room”: 1973-’74 hit
35 Prepares to transplant
36 Control
37 Small batteries
38 Three types of (see circled letters)
39 “Chestnuts roasting ... open fire”
40 Supermodel
41 Carangi
42 “Hamlet” quintet
43 Clambake trash
44 Graphics file extension
45 “Let’s Make ...”
46 Hit the bottle
47 History Muse
48 Three types of (see circled letters)
49 Les Etats ...
50 Gray matter?: Abbr.
51 He’s got the life
52 “Tosca” tune
53 Swing noisily, as a shutter
54 Omegas’ counterparts
55 Chip dip
56 Spiral-horned African antelope
57 Fire up
58 Waves overhead?
59 Acapulco article
60 Astronomical measures
61 Mars, for one
62 Sgt. Friday’s force
63 Resting on
64 Designing initials
65 Black eye
66 Online break-in
67 Australian export
68 Remove from a manuscript
69 Prestige
70 Many Qatari natives
71 Eagerly enjoy
72 About to explode
73 Stand-up sort
74 Star of the animated short
75 “Two Scents’ Worth”
76 Farr of “M*A*S*H”
77 Flip over
78 Computer list
79 Chinese city
80 Known for its Terracotta Army
81 PC screen images
82 High-end hotel employees
83 Radar screen images
84 Havens
85 Agile
86 Fed. fiscal agency
87 Fine wool
88 Bath in Baja
89 Made, as a bet
90 Roman garment
91 Many a bagpiper
92 Door fasteners
93 Eclectic mixes
94 Prefix with linear
95 Salmon egg deposits
96 In ... published
97 Analogous
98 Nile valley native
99 Perfectly
100 Many a bagpiper
101 Bouncing off the walls
102 Norwegian king, 995-1000
103 Spiral-horned African antelope
104 Attack verbally
105 Bubbling hot
106 Monastery head
107 Part of CBS: Abbr.
108 Author James and baseball’s Tommie
109 Cake-decorating artist
110 Censorship-fighting org.
111 Gulf War journalist
112 “Nothing ...”
113 Radio knob
114 Figures of speech?
115 Diamond weight
116 Root vegetable
117 Gentle touch
118 Major Japanese port
119 Not quite a majority
120 Bad to the bone
121 Spanish lady
122 Cheese on crackers
123 Barely beat
124 Cotton capsule
125 Highlands hillside
126 Pair in a dinghy
127 Bypass
128 Resorts with body wraps
129 Carpentry tool
130 Langley org.

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1 Pic takers
2 Parkay product
3 Director Reiner
4 Marine predator
5 About one-third of MLB players
6 Fire up
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Jumble
Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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

Level: 1234

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

Last week’s answers appear on the next page

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ACROSS
1 Doris or Dennis
4 Floats like Huck
9 Zealous
13 Four months ago
14 Foreign farewell
15 Ice cream scoop holder
16 Cereal grains
17 _ of character;
calumny
19 Whitney or Wallach
20 Hamelin figure
21 _ bat an eyelash; was unfazed
22 Influence
24 Needless fuss
25 Loathsome
27 Real estate _;
ERA employees
30 Train station
31 Worn out
33 _ dos, tres...
35 "Phoeby!"
36 Desires
37 Sketch
38 "Ready, __ go!"
39 Avoids deliberately
40 Confrontation
41 TV frog
43 Olympic awards
44 Objective
45 Not as polite
46 Up and about
49 Unexpected obstacles
51 "Grand _ Op'y"
54 Covering completely
56 Membership fees
57 Michigan or Huron
58 Overeat
59 Landers & Jillian
60 Black _ peas
61 Raise AKC dogs
62 Dentist's letters

SOLUTIONS
2 Twofold
3 Look forward to
4 Half the diameter
5 Skilful
6 Small flute
7 Drop of joy or sorrow
8 Total
9 _ do something
10 Empty space
11 Privy to
12 Fender-bender
13 Actor Mantegna
18 Tallied up
20 Sulk
23 Money, slingly
24 Ice _ cold
periods in history
25 Chances
26 Shortstop Jeter
27 Bachelor of _
4-year degree
28 Reversal
29 Critter with a shell
31 Tight, as a rope
32 Hotel
34 Possesses
36 On a
37 City fellow on a ranch
39 Smug smile
40 Cincinnati team
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44 _ bat an eyelash; was unfazed
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47 Murder
48 _ ten; have a break
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Praire Ridge Town Hall, 802 Rueter Avenue, Lake Villa, Illinois, in the village of Prairie Ridge, Lake County, Illinois, the following Thirteen (13) will be considered by the Prairie Ridge Town Board:

Zoning Case Number 18-16-TA:

Application by Klaarmann Entm. & Devel. Corp., 410 North Main Street, Waukegan, Illinois, for a request for a zone change on a parcel located at 4400 South Route 137, in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waukegan.

All persons interested in the premises described above are invited to attend and will be heard.

The case file for this matter is available for review. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Development at City of Waukegan, 440 W. Genesee Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085, 847-318-3303.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Evanston City Council will be conducting a public hearing on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at 2:00 PM, at the City of Evanston Municipal Center, 1700 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201. The purpose of this hearing is to allow for public comment on the proposed budget for the year 2019. The hearing will be held on the second floor of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, in the James C. Combe Chambers located at 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202.

Copies of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Summary are available for the Evanston City Council and the public online at www.evanston.org/budget. The public is invited to attend the public hearing and make a presentation to the City Manager’s Office, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202 or to Budgets/Assessment/Finance, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202.

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BY DAVID LAZARUS
Los Angeles Times

The PR firm FleishmanHillard came out with a study the other day intended to help companies navigate an “issues-laden environment that quickly tests corporate values.”

The idea is that we live in turbulent times, and businesses need to demonstrate that what consumers care about, they care about — issues such as sexual harassment, ethnic diversity, racism and gender discrimination.

“A lot of these issues have exploded on the public and there’s a lot of activism surrounding them,” said Kristin Hollins, who heads FleishmanHillard’s regional corporate reputation practice group.

“Increasingly,” she told me, “consumers are saying that they want companies to have positions.”

I’m not so sure about that.

Nor am I entirely comfortable with this squishy notion of “corporate values,” as if making money wasn’t a good enough reason for a corporation to exist.

“It makes no more sense to attribute values to a corporation than to a wheelbarrow,” said Ian Maitland, a professor of strategic management and entrepreneurship at the University of Minnesota.

“The corporation has been designed to maximize profit and, as if by an invisible hand, thereby to increase our welfare,” he said. “If we believe that there are other values far greater than profit, then fine, let’s start nonprofits.”

This idea of “corporate personhood” is important, but it wasn’t always the case.

Until the 19th century, corporations were viewed in this country as artificial creations — the property of owners. After the Civil War, as the economy rapidly grew, corporations became increasingly bold in seeking ways to advance their interests.

Business leaders zeroed in on the Constitution’s 14th Amendment, which says no state can “deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

In the 1886 lawsuit Santa Clara County vs. Southern Pacific Railroad Co., the company claimed it had been forced to pay an unfairly high amount of taxes and thus had been deprived of equal protection under the 14th Amendment.

There it was: A corporation defining itself legally as a person.

And the U.S. Supreme Court, without discussion or explanation, accepted this argument.

Corporations have enjoyed legal personhood ever since, with all the rights any American enjoys — not least the right to free speech, which is at the heart of the high court’s Citizens United ruling, allowing companies to make virtually unlimited political contributions.

The FleishmanHillard study is called “Navigating Zero Gravity.” It advises companies that “on issues of importance, especially those carrying expectations that companies will weigh in on, you cannot sit on the sidelines.”

Two-thirds of consumers surveyed by the firm said they stopped using a company’s products or services “because the company’s response to an issue does not support their personal views.”

However, 61 percent said that even if they disagree with a business’ stance, “they believe it is important for companies to express their views.”

FleishmanHillard’s Hollins said the important thing is that a company back up its words with action. Otherwise, she said, consumers will see an “authenticity gap.”

Yeah, maybe that’s a thing. Or maybe consumers would settle for companies just keeping their noses clean.

The duty of corporations, as corporate citizens, is to follow the law.

“You’re not there to make political decisions,” said Charles Elson, director of the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware. “You’re there to sell a well-made product.”

The Founding Fathers were correct to fear corporations gaining undue influence over society. “Corporations have neither bodies to be punished, nor souls to be condemned,” Edward Thurlow, the 18th-century lord chancellor of England, famously observed. “They therefore do as they like.”

That’s not personhood. That’s HAL, the crazed computer from “2001.”

This kabuki play of corporate values is little more than feel-good propaganda, which may be beneficial from a team-building or marketing perspective, but has nothing to do with a business’ day-to-day operations.

Again, there’s nothing wrong with making money or the pursuit of profit.

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- **CRYSTAL LAKE**
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One-man show tells story of famed ‘Nazi hunter’

Tom Dugan’s ‘Wiesenthal’ coming to Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

In the aftermath of the Holocaust, a hero emerged. A survivor named Simon Wiesenthal made it his mission to see that perpetrators were punished. Through his efforts, over 1,100 Nazi war criminals were made to pay for their crimes.

Actor and writer Tom Dugan shares the story of the man known as “The Nazi hunter” in his one-person show, “Wiesenthal,” performed at 8 p.m. Oct. 20 and 2 p.m. Oct. 21 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Dugan, who had written three one-person shows, was looking for his next subject when he saw the obituary for Simon Wiesenthal in the Los Angeles Times. “They talked about his rejection of collective guilt,” Dugan said. “A bell went off in my head. I remember, when I was a kid, my father telling me stories about his World War II experiences. He received the Bronze Battle Star and the Purple Heart. He liberated a camp called Langenstein, which was a subcamp of the Buchenwald system.”

Dugan would ask to feel the shrapnel in his father’s hip, and would tell him, “You must hate Germans.” His father’s reply was, “I don’t judge people by what group they belong to; I judge them by how they behave,” Dugan recalled. Reading that Wiesenthal also rejected collective guilt inspired the playwright and actor to explore the man’s history.

To begin his research, Dugan visited the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, where he lives. There he studied several books that Wiesenthal had written. “From there I branched out,” Dugan related. “Everything that Simon would mention in a book, I would read three books about that. By the time I was done, I had read 30 or 40 books. I had seen dozens of documentaries and transcripts of Wiesenthal’s interviews, and I interviewed Holocaust survivors.”

The research process took a year, followed by a year to write the show. “Wiesenthal” opened off-Broadway in 2014.

‘Wiesenthal’

When: Oct. 20-21
Where: Center Theatre, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
Tickets: $42-$72
Information: 847-673-6300; www.northshorecenter.org/event/wiesenthal

Following that run, it toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada. The opening performance in Skokie will be the show’s 410th performance.

Every performance of “Wiesenthal” is followed by a talk. At the North Shore Center, Dugan will be joined by Alison Pure-Slovin, Midwest Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Chicago.

In creating the show, Dugan said, “I was worried that it would be too sad for people to want to see. But I learned that Wiesenthal was an amateur stand-up comedian before the war and had a terrific sense of humor, which he was able to utilize because he did many speaking engagements and he had many

students come to his documentation center in Vienna to tell his story to.” That became the basis of “Wiesenthal.” “The audience acts as the final group that comes to his documentation center in 2003, the day of his retirement,” Dugan said. “Wiesenthal used his sense of humor to keep his audience engaged. I was able to utilize Wiesenthal’s sense of humor in the play, which has been such a gift. The play has been so successful largely because it’s an uplifting show.”

He noted that audiences spend a large portion of the 90-minute show laughing because of Wiesenthal’s sense of humor.

Dugan stressed that the most important thing about Wiesenthal’s work and the play he has created about the man is that “it is not a history lesson. History is used to illuminate what people are. When the audience leaves, they know a little bit more about themselves and what their potential for good and evil is. It’s a very sobering look into the mirror. The play is a warning to how this could easily happen again.”

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
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Hot Ticket: Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom: This 2018 film is rated PG-13 and stars Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard. Three years after the catastrophic events of Jurassic World left the revamped Jurassic Park abandoned, a volcano eruption threatens the dinosaurs. Owen and Claire mount a campaign to rescue the remaining dinosaurs from this extinction-level event. For more information about this event, visit the library website or call. 2 p.m. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Glenview Farmers Market: This free weekly event takes place rain or shine. Shop for seasonal fruits and vegetables, flowers, homemade jellies and preserves, cheese and farm-fresh eggs. For a full list of vendors and special market events, visit www.glenviewfarmersmarket.org. For more information, call 8 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 151 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670.

BYOB Parenting Playgroup for Birth-23 months: Bring Your Own Baby, enjoy playtime, and meet other families. Infant specialists will occasionally be on hand to briefly discuss their area of expertise and answer questions. Light refreshments are served, and you may just drop in. 10 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

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. There will be time allotted for Q&A. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Haunted History: The adventure starts at historic Fischer Farm with a hayride to Churchville Schoolhouse to learn about eerie 19th-century post-mortem photography, strange Victorian mourning traditions and 1870s cemetery symbols. A lantern-lit walk through Churchville Cemetery and Fischer Woods back to the farm follows for tours and local ghost stories. Note: this is for ages 14 and older only. Participants must be able to traverse uneven terrain in low light and sign a waiver. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Fischer Farm, 16W680 Old Grande Ave., Bensenville, $25, 630-766-7015.

Alcide: Upended Productions remounts Alcide, the ambulant, multi-disciplinary theatrical experience, curated by Neo-Futurist alumni Noelle Krimm. The audience, traveling in groups of 15, follows a white rabbit to various locations throughout Evanston’s Main-Dempster Mile neighborhood. 11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, LaCapra State Farm office, 829 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $17-$25, 224-999-2942.

Twentieth Century Star Chapter NSDAR Genealogy Workshop: From 9 a.m. until noon in the third floor board room of the Niles-Maine District Library, attendees have the opportunity to work with one of the members on their genealogical research. Fees: $25, 630-766-7015.

Sunday, Oct. 21

Gluten-Free Halloween Party: At the Advocate Children's Hospital, in the Celiac Center, attendees enjoy a gluten-free Halloween Party for free candy, games and prizes. 2 p.m. Saturday, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, free, 847-723-7181.

100 Years of Comedy at Skokie Synagogue: This is a review by comedy-dramatist Lenny Di. Chairperson for the event, Ada Rabinowitz says: “Lenny Dave will remind the audience of the early days of listening to Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Bob Hope, George Burns, Gracie Allen and others on the radio.” A Super Raffle takes place. For further information or reservations, call the synagogue or visit their website. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, $40 per person; $45 at door, 847-675-4141.

Books 'n' Bottles: Mix and mingle with NY Times bestselling author Patti Callahan Henry at this event that celebrates the author’s new novel “Becoming Mrs. Lewis,” and last year’s bestseller “The Bookshop at Water’s End.” The full program includes personally signed books, refreshments, conversation and raffle. Bring a second guest, without book purchase, at reduced price. 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Wilmette Wine Cellar, 1100 Central Ave., Wilmette, $35 full program, $10 without book, 847-498-4999.

Wilmette French Market: Shop for fruits, vegetables, flowers, cheeses, meats and breads from local and regional vendors. 8 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Village Center, along 12th Street 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 at the corner of Green Bay Road and Oak Street, across the street from the Winnetka Train Station. Takes place rain or shine from now through October 20. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Winnetka Village Hall parking lot, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4451.

Sunday, Oct. 21

Monday, Oct. 22

Matthew Polenzani Vocal Master Class at Northwestern: The 2018-19 season of ‘Ticcio Vocal Master Classes begins with tenor Polenzani. This season, Polenzani returns to Lyric Opera of Chicago in his signature title role of Mozart’s “Idomeneo.” In this master class, Polenzani coaches Bienen School voice and opera program students in scenes from Charles Gounod’s “Roméo et Juliette,” Georges Bizet’s “Les pêcheurs de perles” and W.A. Mozart’s “Don Giovanni.” 7 p.m. Monday, Mary Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 70 Arts Cir Drive, Evanston, $5-$10, 847-467-4000.

Alliance Française du North Shore Apéro Conversation: Join in for relaxed French conversation, facilitated by native or fluent speakers. Listening in French is encouraged; all levels are welcome. Pour yourself a glass of wine, tap a beer or choose a fresh-brewed coffee. A large array of food is available for purchase. For more information: meetup.com/afnorthshore and AFNorthshore.org/events. 7 p.m. Monday, Café at Heinen’s Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-858-1274.

Learn to Sew: A Three-Part Series: Learn basic machine and sewing construction techniques to make cozy pajama pants. You bring fabric, matching thread and elastic to the first class; they provide the rest. The supply list is available at glenviewpl.org/programs maker. This is a very limited class; and Glenview Library card is required. Attendance is required at all three classes; registering for the first reserves your seat for all three. 6 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

FAFSA Workshop: High School Seniors and their Parents: Sign up for a one-on-one appointment with a representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for help with filling out the FAFSA. A Glenview Library card is required, and a limited number of one-hour appointments are available; there is no online registration. Visit the website or call to sign up. 847-729-7500 Ext. 7600 to register for an appointment and to learn what you need to bring to the workshop. 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Smile & Rhyme at Heinen’s for Ages 2 and up with Adult: Join in for stories, rhymes and songs in the Café. Stay after for a snack and to chat. Just drop in. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Café at Heinen’s Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, 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 Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Al Capone and the 1933 World’s Fair: Author William Hazelgrove tells the story of gangster-era Chicago during the darkest days of the Great Depression, and the city’s struggle against organized crime and economic hardship to put on the 1933 World’s Fair. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

CJE SeniorLife Counseling: CJE SeniorLife Resource Specialists provide counseling to adults 60 and over, their families and caregivers on topics such as selecting appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs and identifying supportive resources. For more information and to make an appointment, call Kathy Gaeding at CJE SeniorLife at 773-508-1054. 11 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free.

Spark Park for Grades 1-3: Young and curious minds needed for hands-on exploration of STEAM topics. 4 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Introduction to Airbnb: This lecture/demo is about Airbnb.com, which allows people to rent out rooms, apartments or homes of all kinds for short-term and long-term rental. Learn the pros and cons of staying in an Airbnb versus a hotel, and how to stay safe when lodging. Register by visiting the website or calling 2 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

M, M & M: Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty: When the job of be and his co-worker are threatened, Walter takes action, embarking on an extraordinary and adventurous global journey.

Nature Neighbors: Those ages 4-5 explore the wonders of the pond, prairie and woodland "neighborhoods" and learn about the animal neighbors that live there through exploration, play and creative projects. This is a drop-off class; child must be toilet-trained. Visit the website or call to sign up. 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, $108 Skokie resident, $115 nonresident, 847-675-0951.

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, $130 nonresident, 847-677-7001.

Toddlers: Exploring 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, $130 non-resident, 847-677-7001.
Wednesday, Oct. 24

Paints & Pints: Midnight Pig is hosting Bottle & Bottega for this special event. Grab a pint and enjoy some complimentary hors d'oeuvres! You'll be supplied with everything needed to create your own masterpiece on a take-home stretch canvas - artist instruction, all painting supplies and apron. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Midnight Pig Taproom, 1557 Sherman Ave., Evanston, $35, 847-905-9177.

World Polio Day: A livestream of the 6th annual World Polio Day event at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia, is followed by a reception by Friends of the Evanston Rotary Clubs. Global health experts and celebrities discuss the remarkable progress toward ending this crippling disease for children around the world. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with remarks by International President Barry Rassin and Judy Fiske at 5:15 p.m.; livestream at 5:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. is a reception and VR Experience. For more information, please contact PolioPlus@rotary.org. 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, free, 847-869-0350.

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Free Workshop: Normal vs. Not Normal Aging: Learn the difference between what to expect with aging, and what should raise red flags. Cecelia Thomas, Isenman, MBA, LNHA, CDP, of Arden Courts Memory Care Community, discusses the factors that contribute both positively and negatively to brain function. Some changes in behavior may be natural signs of aging, while others should raise concern and should be evaluated by experts. Contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

Free Walk-in Medicare Reviews: When it comes to Medicare, one size definitely does not fit all. Now's the time to explore your choices so you can enroll in a plan with confidence. Experts Lisa Ung and Le Anh Blanchard answer questions regarding your individual Medicare choices one-on-one. Additional walk-in sessions are scheduled for Oct. 24 and 25. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

Playreading with Vivian Mitchell: Perhaps you have dreamed of being an actor. Fulfill your passion by joining the North Shore Senior Center play-reading group! Learn about the playwright, discuss the play and read a new play with the group each week. The real fun begins when characters are assigned and the play is read aloud. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $39 member; $59 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings: The Chicago Fly Fisher's Club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, from mid-September through May. An experienced demonstrator does demonstrations of fly tying, with members tying the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164.

Illinois and Antislavery, 1830-1860: When Illinois became a state in 1818 it entered the Union with a pro-slavery constitution. Ongoing strife over the meanings of slavery and freedom in the Prairie State mirrored the larger struggle of the country. Dr. Mary Abroe explores these issues. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-5025.

Straws Movie Screening: This is a special collaboration between a local 8th Grader and Go Green Winnetka — Making a Sea of Change, One Plastic Straw at a Time. The screening of the film “Straws” takes place in the Centennial Room of the church. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Winnetka Congregational Church, 725 Pine St, Winnetka.

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American luxury redefined

Cadillac, Lincoln step up offerings as Tesla competes

BY CASEY WILLIAMS
Chicago Tribune

Once upon a time, Cadillac and Lincoln were the pinnacle of luxury vehicles in America. The fairy tale ended in the ’70s, when economic circumstances such as an oil embargo or two and the dawn of globalization started to reshape American tastes. Baby boomers rejected full-sized luxury in favor of tight-handling sport sedans from Germany and Japan.

Decades later, they were too slow to respond to changing consumer tastes once again. Despite pioneering premium SUVs like the Navigator and Escalade in the ’90s, neither automaker embraced crossovers quickly enough. Now Cadillac has less than half the market share of luxury leader Mercedes-Benz, and Lincoln has fallen behind another luxury American automaker once considered to be a niche player, Tesla.

“Cadillac and Lincoln face uphill battles trying to catch up to competing automakers.” said Jeremy Acevedo, industry analyst at Edmunds. “But, they’re putting out stellar product.”

“Cadillac is filling the gaps. The XT4 starts at just $34,795. Automotive News reports Cadillac will add the XT6 three-row crossover next year, subcompact XT2 in 2020 and XT3 compact crossover by 2021.”

“When you look at sales from body-on-frame SUVs, they have the market cornered,” Acevedo said. “Design elements trickle down from the SUVs. Cadillac has suffered identity issues, combating German automakers to have a distinctive presence in the luxury field.”

Cadillac could amp its cars too. Despite attractive concepts like the Ciel and ATS-V are being eliminated, the V-Series performance lineup is expanding.

As Cadillac and Lincoln transition from the past, Tesla defines the future, proving America can innovate and create cult-like devotion to an automaker.

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Hassan's long journey to Hersey

After flying from Ghana to Peru, he then walked to the U.S. border

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

Majeed Hassan remembers the exact day — February 8, 2017 — that he officially, and legally, gained entry into the United States.

That concluded a harrowing, nearly year-long voyage that began in his native Ghana when one of his soccer coaches bought him a plane ticket to Lima, Peru.

Hassan's journey to Chicago's northwest suburbs took him through jungle, desert lowlands and parts of the Andes.

Through it all, there was a singular belief that convinced the current Hersey senior to keep going.

"I always knew good things would come in my life," said Hassan, who enrolled at Hersey last November after briefly living in Peru.

"It was tough," noted Hassan. "But I knew I had to do it for my education."

He doesn't remember exactly how many months it took him to trek more than 4,000 miles through South America, then into Central America. And that was only the half of the battle. The entire length of Mexico still beckoned.

Hassan walked for long segments of his daunting trip and hopped on buses when the geographic area and his depleted wallet allowed. Along the way, he met other bare-bones travelers also in search of a new life in America. He still speaks fondly of the interactions he had with people from Haiti, India and the Middle East.

When he finally arrived at a border crossing between northern Mexico and the southern tip of California, Hassan requested asylum. He said he remained in a detention center for "several months" until he was released before a U.S. immigration judge, who ruled in his favor.

"The judge said, 'Welcome to the United States,' and I thought to myself that now I get to spend my whole life here," Hassan said. "It was very joyful. There aren't any words to describe how happy I was."

After receiving asylum, Hassan was assigned to Chicago, where he lived with a foster family in the city's Logan Square neighborhood. Soon, he had a chance meeting with Palatine resident Bill Elsner at a church event in March 2017.

Elsner is retired but works part-time at Fremd, and he soon became an adviser and father figure for Hassan. Elsner helped Hassan connect with the Chicago Fire youth program and also gave him plenty of advice about pursuing an education.

The two have become so close that Hassan sometimes refers to Elsner as "Father Bill," which follows a Ghanaian tradition of how the head of household is addressed.

"He has such a generous spirit, and he's very mature. He's had to be," Elsner said. "He sometimes looks to me for advice, but when we talk it's from one adult to another."

Hassan now lives at Maryville Academy, a Catholic home for displaced children in Des Plaines. Maryville operates the Casa Esperanza and San Francisco Programs, which work in conjunction with the federal government to help refugees get settled in their placement cities.

Hassan has seen more than most teenagers ever will, and his experience also translates to the soccer pitch. Since he didn't enroll at Hersey until last November, he couldn't play for the Huskies until this fall. Elsner said he knew right away how fortunate he was to have Hassan aboard.

"He's a major reason the Huskies posted an 8-3-3 record during the regular season. Hassan is clearly talented, but Rusnik quickly noticed how selfless he is. At times, the coach has found himself encouraging Hassan, a forward, to be less of a facilitator and be more aggressive instead."

Hassan's giving nature showed in Hersey's conference finale against Prospect on Thursday, when he assisted on the game's lone goal.

"He's a man among boys in a lot of ways," Rusnik said. "He's so selfless, and refining that will be part of his development as a player. Stats are no indication of how good a player he is."

Hassan will turn 19 in November, and he's too old to play for the Chicago Fire junior squads. But between his time in that pipeline and the exposure he's received on Hersey's squad, he recently invited to a college showcase event in Indiana next month.

A good showing there could go a long way toward securing Hassan a spot on a college roster next fall. That would enable soccer and education to remain as the pillars of his American lifestyle.

And those whose paths have crossed with Hassan are certain he'll succeed in forging a successful path into early adulthood and beyond.

"I have no doubt good things will come his way because of how much of a leader he is and his generous spirit," Elsner said. "He's really enriched my life."

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Titans, Trevians, Raiders win girls tennis sectionals

The final weekend of the girls tennis season is here, and plenty of local teams will be competing in the northwest suburbs this weekend at the Class 1A and 2A state tournaments.

Glenbrook South, New Trier and North Shore Country Day won sectional championships on Saturday and will be among the contenders at state. The 1A and 2A state tournaments will be hosted by Buffalo Grove with matches taking place at high schools throughout the Mid-SUBurban League beginning Thursday.

The Titans won their own Class 2A sectional and will have three entries at the state meet. Erika Patrow and Elizabeth Hoo won the doubles title, and Elle Stewart and Jayne Fradin placed fourth to advance as well. Freshman Jenna Horne placed second in singles and will join them at state.

Glenbrook North qualified one doubles team out of the Glenbrook South Sectional; junior Samantha Fishman and senior Grace Chatas. Maine South will be represented by senior Jennifer Ptak, who placed fourth in singles.

New Trier (36 points) finished ahead of Loyola (15) and Evanston (14) at the Class 2A Niles West Sectional. The Trevians will have the maximum four entries at state.

In singles, junior Ali Benedetto topped sophomore Emma Bhote in the final, while Macy Zaban and Ashtin Hara defeated teammates Emily Dale and Lily Bhote in the doubles championship match.

Loyola will send doubles players Elizabeth Witkowski and Catherine Power to state, while Evanston will send doubles partners Annie Hedges and Margot Connor.

North Shore was the best team at the Class 1A Vernon Hills Sectional. Raiders sophomore Claudia Miller and freshman teammate Vivian Miller placed one-two in singles. Alex Arenson and Caroline Lommer won the doubles title.

Regina sophomore Laura Strenck placed fourth in singles to qualify for state.

—Pioneer Press staff
Vikings end losing skid, top Wolves

Niles North found a way to stop its slide and earned some bragging rights in the process.

The Vikings toppled rival Niles West 21-10 on Friday in the Skokie Skirmish. First-year Niles North coach Pat Pistorio secured his first Central Suburban South victory and his first road win with the Vikings.

The win brought a welcome end to Niles North's six-game losing streak. The Vikings (2-6, 1-3 CSL South) had not won since Week 1 against Raby and had not scored multiple touchdowns in a game since Week 3 against Prospect.

Senior linebacker Jonathan Noel opened the scoring for Niles North when he recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown. Senior quarterback Tremaine Conner then scored to stretch the lead to 14-0. Senior wide receiver Myles Davis went 66 yards to the house for the Vikings' third touchdown of the first half.

Davis later sealed the victory with an interception midway through the fourth quarter.

Niles West (0-8, 0-4) clamped down on defense in the second half. The Wolves' second-fewest all season, though they couldn't find a way to win on homecoming.

Niles North has won the Skokie Skirmish four of the last five years. The Vikings will wrap up their season Friday when Evanston comes to town. The Wolves, meanwhile, will visit Maine South.

-Pioneer Press staff
Congratulations to our winner!

Danny Wolf, Maine South senior

Danny Wolf, a senior running back/linebacker for the Maine South football team, scored touchdowns on offense and defense to help the Hawks fend off Evanston 21-13 on Sept. 21. Wolf ran for 81 yards and a touchdown and also returned an interception for a TD. "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."

Lazic helps Maine South dance past New Trier

FOOTBALL WEEK 8 MAINE SOUTH 38, NEW TRIER 21

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

As a middle-schooler, Maine South junior Dan Lazic was a member of the BullsKidz dance troupe and performed at NBA games at the United Center.

These days, most of Lazic's moves are displayed on the football field as a receiver, running back and kick returner for the Hawks.

In Friday's 38-21 win against New Trier in Park Ridge, Lazic caught an 8-yard touchdown pass, set up another touchdown with a 32-yard run, caught a two-point conversion pass and started a scoring drive with a 38-yard kick return. All of those plays came in a second half in which the Hawks dominated after they led by two at halftime.

"Wherever they want to put me, I'm good with," said Lazic, who lives in Niles. "I like playing running back, slot, outside (receiver) too. I just try to execute with whatever they put on me."

After the graduation of all-time leading rusher Fotis Kokosioulis, the Hawks (7-1, 4-0 Central Suburban South) knew it would take a committee of runners to equal the lost production this fall. Maine South has settled into a strong backfield rotation with senior running backs Danny Wolf and Jimmy Bartell, along with Lazic. Senior quarterback Cole Dow, the starter since Week 3, also has proven to be a capable rusher.

That group helped the Hawks rush for 285 yards against New Trier, with Dow leading the way with 19 carries for 91 yards and a touchdown. Bartell also had two rushing scores.

Bartell (6-foot-2, 205 pounds) and Wolf (5-10, 185) also start at linebacker and look the part. But it's the 5-8, 164-pound Lazic whose size and good hands are more reminiscent of the legendary Kokosioulis.

"(Lazic) is pint-size, but he plays like a full gallon," Maine South head coach Dave Inserra said. "He's electric. We can move him around, try to get him the ball. He does some special things for us. It's all heart and attitude. We just keep saying, 'How do we get Danny the ball more?'"

Lazic said he looked up to Kokosioulis and that he had a chance to talk to his predecessor earlier this fall on a visit with some teammates to Northern Illinois.

"He's always been a good guy to me. I just look up to him like a big brother," Lazic said of Kokosioulis.

"When we went up to NIU, he talked to me and said he was happy with my performance (in Game 1 against Glenbard West). He just told me, 'You have to keep your mind focused, listen to the coaches and do what you gotta do.'"

On Friday, Maine South's defense stepped up in second half against New Trier and kept the Trevians' offense out of the end zone after the break.

Maine South had five sacks in the contest. The Hawks sealed the game by stopping New Trier on a fourth-and-goal at the Maine South 1-yard line with 3 minutes, 38 seconds remaining.

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