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Elizabeth Bobak, marketing director for Lincolnwood Town Center

Since the beginning of April, Elizabeth Bobak of Justice has been the marketing director for Lincolnwood Town Center. We caught up with Bobak and her daughter, Emily, a first-grader, at the Hide and Peep event April 13 at the mall. Bobak is married to Andrew Bobak, and they also have a son, Lucas, a fifth-grader.

Q: What’s the snapshot of Lincolnwood Town Center?
A: It’s awesome; it’s growing — lots of exciting things coming. New tenants, new stores, new shops. And we’re going to create an all-around experience at the mall — not just for shopping but for fun times in the mall.

Q: Why is Lincolnwood a great place to live, work, shop and play?
A: It’s a really diverse community.

Q: What are your hobbies?
A: Attending ballet recitals for my daughter and band recitals for my son.

Q: Does Lincolnwood Town Center put visitors in a good mood?
A: We have a blank canvas here and a blank slate to create amazing things for the mall this year and next year.

—Karie Angell Luc, Pioneer Press

Elizabeth Bobak and her daughter, Emily
Kids search for lucky golden egg at Good Friday hunt

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

At the Eggstravaganza, the Morton Grove Park District's annual egg hunt, kids scrambled for 3,000 filled plastic eggs on April 19 at Prairie View Park.

The Good Friday hunt, divided by three age ranges, took place at 11 a.m.

"Good Friday, that's been a tradition in the community for a long time," said Geralyn Konsewicz, superintendent of recreation for the Morton Grove Park District.

The blue-sky weather was windy at 43 degrees.

"It's a great time on a beautiful day," Konsewicz said.

Families stood in line waiting for their photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny.

"It's just one of those events where people are really just happy to be here," said Jeffrey Wait, executive director of the Morton Grove Park District.

Each of the three egg hunts featured a golden egg that one child could turn in for a prize.

Sienna Friel, 3, of Jefferson Park, found the golden age in her age group egg hunt and won a basket with seasonal surprises.

"We're so excited," said Sienna's mother, Kristin Friel, who also brought her younger child, Ashton, 1.

Also attending the egg hunt was Anabel Lee, of Highland Park, who experienced the thrill of the hunt with her son, Zachary Lee, 1.

They scrambled for eggs but Zachary later tried to scramble away from the bunny when it came time for the cell phone photo op.

"He was like, 'Oh, I don't want to talk to you,'" Zachary's mother said with a smile.

Zachary wasn't the only child pulling back from meeting the bunny.

"Jordan's a little afraid of the Easter Bunny," said Patrick Moongthaveephongsa, of Morton Grove, father of Jordan, 2.

His son had fun "going around and grabbing the eggs," Moongthaveephongsa added. "He had a great time."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for the Pioneer Press.
Man ticketed after party attendance swelled at Airbnb house he rented

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A 22-year-old Park Ridge man's house party got him into trouble with Morton Grove police after more than 100 guests reportedly showed up and one partygoer had to be taken to the hospital, authorities said.

According to Morton Grove police, officers were called to the S700 block of Carol Avenue on the night of April 13 for a report of possible underage drinking at a home. When officers arrived, they reported seeing about 10 people approaching the home, but they immediately turned and ran away when they saw the officers, police said.

After police arrived at the house and an officer shone a flashlight at the front window, people began rushing out of the house through doors and windows, a police report stated. Officers estimated "approximately 100 people" ran from the property, according to the report.

According to the police report, officers were initially unable to find the owner of the house or the party's host, but the following day investigators learned from the property manager that the residence had been rented through Airbnb by a 22-year-old college student from Park Ridge.

When contacted by police, the man reportedly admitted to renting the house for a party, but said he only invited "some close friends" and "was surprised when the party got out of control," police said.

POLICE REPORT

The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports and releases. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A Niles crossing guard working at Oakton Street and Waukegan Road told police that a pedestrian called her a racial slur and gave her the finger on the afternoon of April 11. According to police, the crossing guard, who is African-American, said she responded to the woman, who was white, by "repeatedly" using the same racial slur and recording the interaction on her phone. The crossing guard reported that the woman's behavior was unprovoked. The same woman is believed to have been verbally abusive to another crossing guard the previous week, police said. The woman was last seen walking west on Oakton Street.

TEETF

Giovanni A. Sanchez, 23, of the 9900 block of Linda Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on April 15 after he was accused of stealing two bottles of tequila from Target, Golf Mill, police said. He was given a May 28 court date.

Jennifer R. Johns, 35, of the 9300 block of North Washington Street, Niles, was charged with retail theft on April 18 after she was accused of stealing approximately $302 worth of candy, toys, children's clothing and jewelry from Target, Golf Mill, police said. She was given a May 28 court date.

WARRANT

Pamela L. Williams, 39, of the 10000 block of Linda Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was taken into custody April 18 on a Niles retail theft warrant, police said. Court information was not provided.

BATTERY

Steven L. Malok, 67, of the 8100 block of North Octavia Avenue, Niles, was charged with domestic battery on April 16, police said. He was given an April 30 court date.

SPEEDING

Younan Kifarkis, 40, of the 1900 block of Loyola Avenue, Chicago, was charged with excessive speeding on April 16 after police said he was driving 68 mph in a 35 mph speed zone on Touhy Avenue at 2:30 a.m. He was given a May 6 court date.

TRESPASSING

A Chicago man, 57, was ticketed for trespassing on April 11 at Starbucks, 9483 N. Milwaukee Ave., after police were told he was asking customers to give him coffee and money. According to police, the man had been told not to return to the store "multiple times" before.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

A Chicago man, 52, was ticketed for public intoxication on April 11 following an incident at the Niles-Maine Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. According to police, the man was "too intoxicated to leave the library" at closing and had two bottles containing vodka in his possession. He was taken Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, police said.
Kids skate with the Easter Bunny at Iceland

The Easter Bunny made a pre-Easter visit to Niles and took an opportunity to show off some ice-skating skills.

Bunny Skate, which invited children to skate and pose for pictures with the Easter Bunny, was held Saturday at the Niles Park District's Iceland ice arena.

The next big event coming to Iceland is the 2019 Spring Ice Show, when the indoor rink is transformed into a theater for a variety of skating performances. The show is scheduled for May 3-5.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press

Miyana Nguyen waits for Dayana Pagan to tie her skates for the Bunny skate.

Angelina Hermiz receives assistance from Marty Stankowicz with the Easter Bunny costume at Iceland Ice Arena in Niles April 20.

Abby Dickman of Chicago, came dressed for the Bunny skate at Iceland Ice Arena in Niles April 20.
Morton Grove police fly drone over rooftops in search of evidence, motive

Police from Morton Grove and the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force investigate a homicide in the 8800 block of Oleander Avenue, just north of Dempster Street, on Jan. 20.

K-9 also hunting for clues in fatal January shooting

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Morton Grove police recently were back at the scene of a fatal January shooting, looking for any evidence that may have been missed during earlier searches as the investigation into the death of 30-year-old Anthony Del Barrio continues.

Police on April 17 flew a drone over the rooftops of homes and conducted another search around the area where it is believed Del Barrio was shot on the night of Jan. 19, said Morton Grove Police Cmdr. Paul Yaras.

A K-9 will also be brought in to assist with follow-up searches, he said. “We’re hoping to maybe find a shell casing,” Yaras said. “We did find other objects (earlier). We found our victim’s eyeglasses in the area, confirming the path he took.”

Del Barrio, of Chicago, is believed to have been with a friend when he was shot near Oleander Avenue and Greenwood Street around 10:15 p.m., police said. His frozen body was found the next morning between two houses on the 8800 block of Oleander, police said.

His death was ruled a homicide by the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Police have not yet established a motive for the shooting or confirmed that Del Barrio, the owner of a debris removal service, was the intended target, Yaras said. “It would make our job a lot easier if we had a motive,” he acknowledged.

Investigators plan to conduct additional interviews with people who have been identified through phone data and social media records, Yaras said.

Family members are offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for shooting Del Barrio, police have said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Morton Grove Police Department at 847-470-5200 or the anonymous Cook County Crime Stoppers line at 1-800-535-STOP.

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Niles police to host shooter preparedness event

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Niles police are offering local business owners an opportunity to learn more about how they and their employees can prepare for potential workplace violence.

Two presentations entitled “Prepare to Respond to an Active Shooter Event” will be held for interested Niles businesses in May, the police department said. They will take place Friday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, May 15, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Attendees need participate in only one of the presentations, the department said.

Businesses representatives will be taught “things they should be planning for and putting into place” so they are prepared if their workplace is a target for violence, said Niles Police Cmdr. Robert Tornabene. Businesses will also learn about “tools and steps they can put into place to help mitigate those things from occurring,” he added.

Tornabene explained that he began receiving calls from business owners asking what their company should do if an active shooting occurred and seeking tips for dealing with angry or upset employees. Tornabene began hosting informational events that were tailored toward specific businesses, he said, but, as more requests began coming in and five employees were fatally shot at Aurora’s Henry Pratt Company in February, he decided to open up a presentation to any businesses that wished to attend.

“Obviously, since the Pratt shooting, this is something we as a department should offer to the business community,” Tornabene said.

The presentations are open to a maximum of 40 participants and are not open to the general public, Tornabene said. To register, business representatives should fill out a form on the village of Niles website, www.vniles.com.

The neighboring Morton Grove Police Department has also met with businesses, as well as staff of Morton Grove Village Hall and the Morton Grove Library, to discuss active shooter preparedness, said Cmdr. Paul Yaras. The concept of “run, hide, fight” is discussed, he said.

“We tell people that your first defense is your gut feeling,” he said. “If someone is acting irate and you feel concerned, don’t be afraid to call 911.”

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Niles police to host shooter preparedness event

POLICE REPORTS

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Police Department reports.

POLICE REPORTS

DUI

- Arthur Sanders, 58, of the 9000 block of Gross Point Road, Skokie, was charged with DUI on April 16 following a traffic stop at Dempster and Root streets, police said. He was given a May 20 court date.

DECEPTIVE PRACTICE

- A Morton Grove man told police on April 13 that someone opened a Victoria’s Secret credit card account in his name and charged $929 to the card without his knowledge.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

- A car key was stolen from an unlocked gym locker April 15 on the 7300 block of Dempster Street and it was used to enter a parked car, where $15, a phone charger and debit card were stolen, police said. The debit card was reportedly used to make a purchase of $277.31 from a Wal-Mart store.

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Ownership of property determined

Lincolnwood property part of right of way

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood officials and Trustee-elect Craig Klatzco said they have resolved a dispute over which portions of a stretch of pavement adjacent to Klatzco's family business are owned by the village or Klatzco.

After a review during its Committee of the Whole meeting on April 16, the Village Board directed staff and a contractor to pave a 33-foot-wide right of way that extends Monticello Avenue across Touhy Avenue up to Lincoln Avenue.

Two weeks earlier, Trustee Jesal Patel, Sr., had asked the board to remove the stretch of pavement from a list of streets targeted for resurfacing because Lincolnwood had never paved the stretch in the past.

On Monday, Patel said committee discussion helped clarify the issue of which portion of the stretch belongs to the village and which belongs to private owners, including Klatzco, who operates the popular Bunny Hutch restaurant and Novelty Golf along the right of way.

"There wasn't a question as to whether or not the area was village-owned," Patel said. "The question was, how were we just going to pave one side when we know on both sides it's connected to private property?"

The right of way caused some confusion because the south end of the paved stretch is marked as Monticello Avenue at Devon, but the north end at Lincoln is not marked with a street sign, he said.

Klatzco, who was elected to the board on a slate with Patel, said he was initially concerned because he feared Lincolnwood officials were trying to claim the village owned about 10,000 square feet of adjacent pavement that his family owns and uses for parking.

The entire paved area, which stretches about 75 feet wide in some places and is adjacent to parking spots, contains far more property than the village-owned right of way, Klatzco said.

To further the confusion, the village-owned portion extends perpendicular from Devon and then curves northeast to connect perpendicular to Lincoln, he said.

"Thirty-three feet wide is the part they own," he said. "It goes on a dog leg. It turns to square up with Lincoln. Their piece is not straight."

Klatzco's family has paved, plowed and patched the entire area, including the village right of way, for 70 years, he said. He met Monday with village engineers and contractors to see how much it would cost to also pave his family's portion of the property as part of the resurfacing project.

"We'll see what happens," he said. "The engineers came and looked at it. We have to see how much it's going to cost. They did their engineering thing. Now we're waiting for the next step."

In a report to the board on April 2, Public Works Director Andrew Letson and Community Development Director Steve McNellis said the right of way is slated for removal and replacement of two inches of asphalt that is deteriorating.

"(The) Monticello Avenue (stretch) is a public right of way that was used by the public previously for vehicular traffic," the report said. Its location "may be well suited as a future improved connector between Lincoln and Devon avenues, allowing commercial development on either side."

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter for the Pioneer Press.
Morton Grove parks officials mull future of pool

Architects present options during April 17 meeting

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

The Morton Grove Park District has gotten some concepts for a new swimming pool and possibly other features at Harrer Park, but whether any of them will be deemed economically feasible remains undetermined.

On April 17, park board commissioners and the audience meeting at the Morton Grove Civic Center were presented a series of concepts for recreation options including a new pool at Harrer.

Two representatives of Williams Architects — the firm retained by the park district — displayed a series of options for replacing the 53-year-old outdoor pool.

The least expensive option presented was an outdoor 50-meter pool and a new party room with an estimated cost of between $9.9 million to $10.9 million, according to the architects.

The second option included a new 25-meter pool, which could be enclosed with an indoor track with an estimated cost range of between $13.6 million and $18.1 million.

Finally, the most expensive possibility was a proposal for a full-scale recreation center featuring indoor aquatics containing a cost estimate of between $28.4 million to $31.2 million.

“We are looking to put in a facility that is going to last another 50 years,” Park District executive director Jeffrey Wait said.

Funding for the construction would have to come through a referendum in which the park district would ask residents for the right to sell bonds or raising the property tax levy, Wait said. He added board members would have to decide which — if any — option they would want to pursue, but commissioners said that decision would be based on community input.

“It is going to come down to how much it is going to raise taxes and what we can afford to do,” said Park Board President Steve Schmidt.

Wait sensed that if the board approved placing on the ballot, the measure would likely go in front of voters in March 2020.

Wait said the current pool is deteriorating due to a leak and officials did not know whether they will be open it for this summer until the first week of May because of the leak and other maintenance issues.

“The liner and the pool has well exceeded its useful life,”Wait said.

Prior to the meeting, people were allowed to walk in the empty pool to see the issues.

If the pool is rendered unusable this summer, Wait said residents will be directed to the park district’s other facility at Oriole Park or refunds would be issued for the full amount of the membership.

Among those in the audience at the meeting was Paul Torres, one of the swim coaches at Niles North High School who wants to see a new pool built at Harrer.

“There needs to be a pool (at Harrer),” Torres said.

“I’d want it to keep the same amount of water. At Oriole, we lost a lot of water and it is crowded there. At Harrer, there is more space and I go there with my kids. They like coming there.”

Fellow Morton Grove resident Bill Zimmer said he wanted to close the pool at Oriole Park and put all the aquatics at Harrer. But he wanted some additional financial details on the scope of each of the proposed projects.

“It would be smart to put a dollar amount on what each project would cost for the taxpayer,” Zimmer said.

Wait said town hall meetings likely to be in the late summer or early fall for a further examination of the options and a community task force may be composed to analyze the input.
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OPINION

Road trip shows two Americas, and history of one

LYNN PETRAK
Home on LaGrange

One has a lot of time to think on open roads, especially if one's driving partners are asleep.

In the past month, I have driven in 11 states. Mostly because of my fear of flying, I drove to Florida for spring break, to Wisconsin to visit my son on his birthday and to Washington, D.C. for my daughter's field trip.

I drove through what is commonly called “flyover country” and used that time to observe and think about our nation and those who live here.

People in flyover country are alternately patronized and derided by politicians every four years — equally distasteful, in my opinion — but these pockets of the country hold important lessons.

For one thing, my road trips revealed the widening gaps in living.

Thanks to some online deals and a saved-up budget, I was fortunate to spend a few nights at nice resorts. I felt a little out of place sometimes, because it was clear that other guests had Big Money and Really Big Money.

But I felt equally out of place in other parts of the country, where I stayed at hotels that have seen better days and passed through communities pockied by empty store fronts, dilapidated houses and advertisements for opiate addiction centers.

We hear a lot about the notion of “two Americas,” defined by political leanings as well as differences in socioeconomic status. I saw that firsthand and realized that the space between the proverbial haves and have-nesses has become a gulf, with only a sliver of previous groups like upper middle class or, for that matter, plain old middle class.

Hearteningly, though, the road trip also reminded me that there is still One America to be had.

Whether by coincidence or design — personally, I tend to accept coincidence as fate — my journey brought 9/11 back into focus. During a bad thunderstorm, I pulled off the exit near the Shanksville, Pennsylvania Flight 93 Memorial.

In Washington, D.C., I saw part of the Pentagon where another plane crashed. I also visited the Newseum, where I was brought to tears and goosebumps when watching moving videos of that day and seeing one of the Twin Tower's mangled antennae on display.

Also while in D.C., I was texting my son who was visiting New York City for the first time and staying in a hotel next door to the World Trade Center memorial.

These are hallowed grounds and a sharp reminder that Americans are, well, Americans.

That was reinforced in, of all things, a video in the basement of the U.S. Capitol building, which emphasized the history of compromise in the founding of this country and in the centuries that have shaped and improved it, even in times of great polarity.

Driving home, with these reminders of compromise and camaraderie in my head, I turned off talk radio channels with raised voices and lowered rhetoric and looked out the window with a new perspective.

I saw people driving to work, trying to provide for themselves or their families.

I saw families out to dinner, trying to enjoy one another's company.

I saw U.S. flags flying on porches and ethnic restaurants dotting small towns.

You know what? It was a good view.

Lynn Petrak is a freelance columnist
Above all else, Notre Dame Cathedral is a symbol of faith

Randy Blaser

When I first saw the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris in flames on Monday two thoughts flashed through my mind.

This is somehow a metaphor for the state of the Catholic Church today. And the sight of it all was just too much to take.

I understand how Notre Dame is a symbol of France and an icon of Western Civilization, so seeing it in flames is just too hard to comprehend.

Notre Dame is point zero, the place from which all distances in Paris are measured. There exists no greater example of the great gothic cathedrals built to express the glory of God, with the exception of perhaps St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

As the great composers created their masterpieces of music in praise of the creator, so the great cathedrals were designed and built. And this one, in the heart of Paris, was perhaps the greatest of all.

Yet at the end of the 20th century and beginning of the 21st, the great cathedral was more tourist attraction than Catholic Church that served a parish, a community or a people of faith.

Most Catholics in the West describe themselves as lapsed Catholics, or born-Catholics. In other words, people who took away more culture than faith. Only 39 percent of self-identified Catholics attend weekly Mass, according to a Gallup poll released last year.

When we first visited Notre Dame, it seemed more museum than church. We passed it every day on our way from our hotel to the Metro and back again. One day we went in. It seemed dark and foreboding.

As we lingered in an aisle admiring the small side alcoves, we were nearly run down by a tour group. It seemed no place for worship.

Already with a shrinking membership of self-identified Catholics in the United States and even fewer regular churchgoers, the church is in crisis.

Add to poor attendance the lack of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and the future looks dim. With the latest round of the sex abuse scandal, this time focused on the failings of the hierarchy and the bishops to come clean on their behavior and, it all just seems too much to bear.

Not a week goes by where Catholics I know bemoan the current state of the church, complain about another boring Mass where few sing the songs, vocalize the responses, or even recall the sermon.

After a week of passing by Notre Dame every day, we stopped on a quiet afternoon and looked more closely at every detail of the great cathedral and tried to take in whatever lessons it offered.

I soon realized that all the details — from the statues of the saints to the spire and the bell towers to the rose windows — weren't just architectural wonders.

The cathedral is also a prayer and an act of worship to the God who created the universe and everything in it. It was all a matter of perspective, and we could choose how to look at it.

Later in the day as the flames died down, I finally saw signs of hope in the video being streamed from Paris. There were Parisians on their knees, singing the Ave Maria and praying the Rosary.

Only such faith can build great cathedrals.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist.
Have you ever wondered how many texts and emails you send a week? In my case, it has to be in the hundreds. But how many of those messages are typed solely for the purpose of making someone feel loved, important, adored, respected or less stressed? Probably a fraction.

Let me explain how I got the idea for this article. Last week, I had a reaction to a vaccine he received. He was so sick, was throwing up, and had no energy or appetite. He wouldn’t even drink water. To say I was worried is an understatement. So, I took him to the vet — they gave him a couple medications to stop the reaction. He began feeling much better.

When I saw he was improving, I sent texts to all the people who were concerned about him: my mom, my sister, my kids and my boyfriend. The texts read, “Jackson is feeling much better!” Why? I send the texts? Because each of those people (like everyone else on this earth) has his or her own set of problems, and I felt like I could take some stress off their plate. In other words, I wanted each of them to get the text and exhale, and think, “Well, now I have one less thing to think about. Scratch that worry off the list.”

It got me thinking that almost every message we receive is a question, an issue, a problem or a need. At least that’s how it feels to me. Even the news that pops up on our phones is usually negative. Messages of love do come occasionally — like on a holiday or a birthday. But I bet those kinds of texts are a very small percentage of all the messages people send and receive.

What if everyone decided he or she was going to type 10 messages per day — text or email, for nothing other than making the recipients feel good? To help them feel loved, respected, adored, calm, and happy? Wouldn’t that be lovely?

Here are 10 examples:

1. To your parents: “Was just thinking about the time when I was a kid and...”
2. To your best girlfriend: “When are we going shoe shopping? Let’s do it this week.”
3. To your spouse: “You are sexy as...” (must include a cute GIF)
4. To a friend who is sick: “My prayers are always with you. Please let me know if you need anything.”
5. To a co-worker: “Hope you know how much I appreciate what a great job you do. I love working with you.”
6. To a friend getting divorced: “The next time your kids are with your ex, you should come over and have a glass of...”
7. To a daughter: “Let’s go get pedicures after school today.”
8. To a son: “I could not be more proud of your hard work and dedication at school and in your activities.”
9. To your kids’ teacher or coach: “Just want to thank you and tell you how happy my daughter is in your class. I appreciate you!”
10. To someone you’ve lost touch with: “Sorry we haven’t talked in awhile. I’d love to see you.”

Every one of these messages would make the person feel wonderful! Because if you think about it, all day long, we are all getting hit with messages like the ones I get, which include: “Jackie, my friend just started a business. Can you write an article about him?” “Regarding our 9:30 meeting, can we move it to next Thursday?” “I’m going out of town this weekend. Can you watch my cat?” “Are you still interested in buying a car?” “Reminder: your monthly payment is past due,” Or “Mom, can I take $20 out of your purse?”

Where’s all the good news? When something bad happens, we always hear about it. When someone needs something, we always get notified. But what about when something really great happens? Isn’t it just as important to let people you love know about it? Wouldn’t it be great if people contacted us with no ulterior motive other than to make us smile?

Last weekend, I ordered a grande comfort tea at Starbucks and a few minutes after I began drinking it, I noticed a handwritten note on the cup that read, “Hope you have a great week!” It made me think, “Wow, someone cared enough to take the time to wish that for me.” Remember this. No one ever regretted writing or typing a message of love. I know you are busy putting out fires all day long and answering all the emails and texts that put money on the table, but try to find some time to type words of thoughtful beauty to others. Not only will your positive messages benefit the recipient immensely, but you will feel like you are making a big impact in bringing joy to others, which perpetuates self-love. Not to mention, good vibes have a way of working their way back to the person who sent them. So, type love and trust me, love is coming your way.

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Abstinence

BY CHARLES PRESTON

ACROSS
1 Betsy's Wedding star 59 Disney sci-fi flick
2 Carson forerunner 55 Droop
3 Cornrow feature 56 Part V of quote
4 Plant 57 Aquiline abode
5 Esther with an Emmy 58 Navigator's reference points
6 Start of a Joe E. Lewis quote 59 End of quote
7 Part II of quote 60 Plenty, in poesy
8 Vie at Indy 61 Turf
9 Jong, of letters 62 Sure to decline
10 Southern FL attraction 63 Fray
11 Wrigley denizen 64 At __; cornered
21 Knowledge 65 Demand payment
22 DeLuise, of Fatso 66 Explorer Tasman
23 Castro's capital 67 Pledge
24 "__ Yankee Doodle__" 68 Palm Springs mayor
25 Baby's boomers 69 Creep
26 Domineering 70 Faraway
27 Part III of quote 71 Visit
28 Negativelycharged atom 72 Headache tablet: abbr.
29 Disney's mermaid 73 Van Owen's portrayer
30 Bovine mouthful 74 Blackthorn
31 Upright and grand 75 Colombian capital
32 Small bill 76 Low joint
33 Off-white 77 Stadium emanations
34 Part IV of quote 78 One of a kin
35 Part IV of quote 79 Stench
36 Spree 80 Fret

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1 Pal, in Paris 81 Wander
2 Youth 82 __ the ramparts we__
3 XIX times XXIX 83 the___. IL
4 Lorraine's lead-in 84 ____, 46
5 Buddy 85 Blackthorn
6 ___. Dhabl 86 Colombia's capital
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9 Bric-a- __. 89 One of a kin
10 The Eternal City 90 Stench
11 Stout kin 91 ___. IL
12 Not up to snuff 92 Fret
13 ___. Plaines, IL 93 Wander
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It's All in the Game Show

BY GARY LARSON
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Across
1 Roll of dough
4 Covert agents
9 [], on a remote
14 Melt
18 Bar order
19 Ain't right?
20 Beach wear
21 Pixar clownfish
22 [Bee home + Venus + heron kin]
25 Crime film genre
26 In the same place, in footnotes
27 State as fact
28 Kitten's cry
29 NFL ball carriers
30 E Street Band guitarist Lofgren
31 Actor Davis
33 Stereotypical shipwreck site
37 City near Düsseldorf
39 [Star Trek" villain + malled + light beam + take pains to avoid]
41 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
43 Take effect, as meds
44 Binges
45 Org. funded by FICA
48 Ward on TV
50 Lennon's love
51 Everyman article
52 [Skein in slang + inferno + turkey + Babe with a bat] for the woman
53 More reliable
54 Backs,
56 Rama
57 Flavor
58 2006 Supreme Court appointee
59 Cal Poly city
60 Expressed a view
61 Flight named for its effect on fliers
62 Flower-watering
63 They may be junkyard dogs
64 Harry Potter's forte
65 Run off to wed
66 Junkyard dogs
67 They may be too much for short
69 Benefit
70 Hardy bold
71 Gladiator's venue
72 Has too much, for short
73 Aretas' quondom
74 Musical pitch
75 Lazy...
76 [Legume + yank + pound sound + bee product]
80 Way of "King Kong"
83 Anger
84 Angry

Down
1 Female surfer
2 Suspects' stories
3 New Jersey NHL team
4 "Parsley, --, rosemary, ..."
5 Teaser
6 Mil. roadside hazard
7 Hyphen cousin
8 Lydia's sugar substitute on "Breaking Bad"
9 __-op
10 Enlarge
11 Turnoil
12 Kebab holder
13 Body shop fig.
14 Spike TV, once
15 Flexible pronoun substitute
16 1929 title words following "Now he's gone, and we're through"
17 Deteriorates
18 Original D&D co.
19 Ford flop
20 Gone out with
21 Talent
22 "The Raven"
23 Quick snack
24 Smooths in woodshop
25 Instrument with movable frets
26 Poker pros, say
27 "Scream" star Campbell
28 This Is India novelist Santha Rama
29 Raggedy dolls
30 Advanced
31 Author Dinesen
32 [Utter + cherish + old laundry detergent + harm]
33 Napoleon Dynamite sidekick Sánchez
34 Jingle's author
35 Work on galleys
36 Neighbor of Syr.
37 Neighbor of Syr.
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62 Flower-watering
69 One and only fish?
70 To and...
Crossword

ACROSS
1 Irish girl's name
5 Drinks like Fido
9 Swamp critter, for short
13 Solitary
15 Leave out
16 Mauna Loa's output
17 Café: Starbucks order
18 Disinfected
20 Bordeaux buddy
21 ___ up; bind
23 Ted Danson TV series
24 Signifies
26 Relatives
27 Minor facts & details
29 Human being
32 Expand
33 Con artist's crime
35 Bee's follower
37 Lupino's namesakes
38 Armed robbery
39 Hee-haw
40 ___ it; understand
41 Necklace pieces
42 Valuable cache
43 Rue
45 Steinbeck's "The ___ of Wrath"
46 Stewart or Serling
47 Difficult
48 Traumatic experience
51 Higher ___ superiors
52 Cereal grain
55 Reckless risk -
58 Word of disgust
59 Everyone
60 Word of disgust
61 Calcutta robe
62 Loses one's footing
63 Stitches
64 Staircase piece
65 Final

Solutions

   19 Elementary school grade
   22 "Message ___ Bottle"; 1999 film
   25 12/24 & 12/31
   27 Tiny branch
   29 Tumor
   33 Courageous deed
   34 Get ___ of; shed
   36 Peepers
   38 Inattentive
   39 Boast

   41 __-minded; liberal
   42 Has confidence in
   44 Says hi to
   45 DDE's party
   47 Bulb flower
   48 Likelihood
   50 Sketch
   51 Higher_
   52 Piece of furniture
   53 Mont Blanc's range
   54 Exam
   56 Dyer's tub
   57 Anger
   58 Everyone

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Last week's crosswords

"P.T.'S PROVERBS"

GASP STIR RAMBO RIGID
ABLE ANRY IMEAN ECOLE
BEING LIKE EVERYONE ELSE
STPIUS LINE ADIDAS
SAFETY OEMS
APPLIANCE PRIORITIES
PLAN OUT DATE
MOLT AUTO SEE ACUFF
EDO PLAPANCY ELITE
TOTO STUCK SCORE
MAKING OTHERS HAPPY
STRESS AND SPOIL
JAWA PAPER TRASH
AROMA TREE IVAN ASTO
POLYETHYLENE CIVILITY
MARKS DAWES MIKE
AIKIDO CORA SYNAPSE
PERSEVERING INTEGRITY
SNORE SENSE NAPE EDGE

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Ornar) GALLAGA: SMART APPLIANCES: The Internet of Things is coming. Beware! Web connected Toasters will nefariously collect families toasting habits in a vast spy network. Hackers may repeatedly overtoast our bread until we're all bonkers.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

INHALE STRONG INVOKE MARVEL GROGGY INFAMY

When they collected Easter eggs together, it was a -

FAMILY GATHERING

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Village of Skokie

Notice to Bidders

The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed proposals for the purchase of new equipment for the Village of Skokie, 4734 N. Olin Rd., Skokie, IL 60077. The Village of Skokie is considering the purchase of new equipment for the Fire Department. The following items are being considered: (1) a new fire engine, to be purchased either new or used, and (2) a new ambulance, to be purchased either new or used.

All interested parties are invited to submit proposals for the purchase of the new equipment. Proposals should be submitted in sealed envelopes and should be addressed to the Village of Skokie, 4734 N. Olin Rd., Skokie, IL 60077, Attention: Village Manager. Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

LEGAL NOTICE

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT

Sealed bids for the construction of the Glenview Park District’s new indoor pool facility will be received by the Glenview Park District, 1400 E. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60025, until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at which time they will be opened and read. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT'S NEW INDOOR POOL FACILITY" and shall be accompanied by evidence of the bidder’s ability to perform the work.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Glenview Park District and will be responsible for all aspects of the construction of the new pool facility, including, but not limited to, design, engineering, materials, labor, and supervision.

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Chicago Master Singers serve up rarities

Concerts to feature Dvorak’s ‘Requiem,’ Brahms ‘Schicksalslied’

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

The 100-voice Chicago Master Singers are always up for a challenge. Their latest achievement will be performing Antonin Dvorak’s “Requiem” for the first time in the chorus’ 40-year history during concerts at Divine Word Chapel in Techny on April 26 and 28.

The program will also include Johannes Brahms “Schicksalslied.” The chorus will be accompanied by the Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra. Alan Heatherington, who is music director of both groups, will conduct.

“It’s what I’ve been famed for doing in my orchestral conducting career — bringing to a local public pieces that are rarely ever heard,” Heatherington said. “The Dvorak ‘Requiem’ is a piece that’s very hardly ever heard in live performance in the U.S. anywhere.”

Heatherington explained that it’s a challenging piece. “It requires quite a large orchestra, it’s demanding for the soloists and for the chorus and for the orchestra,” he said.

Because it requires so many musicians, it would have been cost prohibitive for the Chicago Master Singers to perform the piece. It’s on the program, Heatherington reported, because, “Barenreiter, one of my favorite publishers, came out with a magnificently-produced, brilliantly executed, urtext with a significantly reduced orchestration.” That brought the number of musicians down from 70 to 33 players.

Fortunately, another publishing company produced an identical orchestration for the Brahms selection. “It’s exactly the same instrument for instrument,” he said.

Pairing the two works “makes a really interesting juxtaposition of two pieces that come from totally different worlds in terms of their text, but both dealing with death and life after death,” he said.

Heatherington described Dvorak’s “Requiem” as “full of consolation, hope, optimism, beauty, forward-looking, upward looking that counteracts what one might encounter in some other requiems.”

He noted that the Brahms piece, “Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny),” is set to a poem by Friedrich Holderlin. Originally, Brahms planned to repeat the opening, which is in C minor, to close the piece. But the poem’s emphasis on gloom and doom, “didn’t work with Brahms’ personal spirituality,” Heatherington said. “He changed the ending to C major, a hint of optimism that doesn’t occur in the text.”

Four soloists will be featured in the concert: soprano Michelle Areyzaga, mezzo-soprano Margaret Fox, tenor Klaus Georg, and baritone Gerard Sundberg. Georg first performed with the Chicago Master Singers last season. “Alan (Heatherington) has a real attention to detail and a great depth of knowledge about repertoire,” he said.

Georg is particularly looking forward to the upcoming concert because “I really love the entire ‘Requiem,’” he said. “And the tenor gets some of the juiciest, beautiful melodic lines. It’s a nice balance between having sumptuous solos to sing and then getting to do quartet work that’s very intricate, with fun chromatic shifts.”

Sundberg has performed with the Chicago Master Singers around a half dozen times, he said. “It’s a wonderful group of people. They’re very kind and generous and a humble group, and they do wonderful repertoire,” he said. “I love the orchestra. They’re great players and, of course, Alan (Heatherington) is always so well prepared and has high expectations of everybody and they seem to rise to the occasion for him.”

Sundberg noted that the “Requiem” has more quartet work than solos for the baritone. This is the first time he will perform the piece. “It’s still growing on me,” he said, adding, “It’s very introspective and it’s very contemplative. It’s extremely late Romanticism and so it’s wonderful chord progressions and amazing harmonies.”

Myrna Petlicki is a freelancer.
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**Thursday, April 25**

**The Barn Steakhouse Nightly Specials:** This cozy and chic modern restaurant offers New American fare and craft cocktails, tucked away in a rustic, restored stable in Evanston. Owner and founder of The Barn Steakhouse and Found Kitchen, Amy Morton, has created a meat-centric eatery, delivering only the finest quality ingredients, meats and Heritage Angus Beef. Open Monday through Thursday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., Friday through Saturday 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. and Sunday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Visit The Barn Steakhouse's website to see the menu and nightly specials, and follow the restaurant on Facebook and Instagram. 5 p.m. daily. The Barn, 1016 Church St., Evanston, see the menu, 847-868-8041.

**Terry Reid:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $18-$28, 847-492-8860.

**Caravans of Gold at Northwestern Block Museum:** The Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University’s “Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture and Exchange Across Medieval Saharan Africa” is the first major exhibition to highlight West Africa’s global reach in the medieval period of the 8th to 16th centuries. This exhibit runs through July 21. 10 a.m. Thursday, Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

**Fair Trade Rug Event:** From April 25-29, this Ten Thousand Villages location is home to more than 300 high quality hand-knotted Pakistani rugs. On April 25 at 7 p.m., they host “Loom to Room” — the history and stories behind their fair trade rugs. Call the store to reserve a spot, or visit the Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/loom-to-room-intro-ticket-59006700704. 10 a.m. Thursday - Monday, Ten Thousand Villages, 719 Main St., Evanston, free, 847-733-8258.

**MaineStreamers 2019 Senior Expo:** Two award-winning vocalists, Denny Diamond and Maureen Christine, bring their talents together to close out the day at Maine Township MaineStreamers “Swing into Spring” Senior Expo. 9 a.m. Thursday, Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles, free, 847-297-2510.

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

**Current Events Discussion Group:** A wide-ranging, fast moving discussion of current events and items in the news that gives an outlet to share insights and views. This group meets every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Niles Senior Center. Ample free parking and free coffee are available. There is no cost to check them out, but attendees must be a member of the Senior Center to be a regular participant. Cost is $20 annually for Niles residents, $35 for nonresidents. For further information, call John Domke. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Niles Senior Center, 99 Civic Center Dr., Niles, free, 847-287-6247.

**Preventing Heart Attacks:** Bruno Cortis, M.D., helps identify your risk factors for cardiovascular disease and teaches how to prevent them. Dr. Cortis also discusses pathways to physical, mental and spiritual well-being and the importance of the cardiac support group Heart Mates. Pre-registration is required by calling or at the website. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee at kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 11:15 a.m. Thursday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Rd., Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

**Prairie Grass Cafe Brunch:** Highlighting fresh, seasonal ingredients sourced from local sustainable farms, Prairie Grass Cafe’s creations are fresh and delicious. From hearty brunch favorites to light and healthy fare and everything in between, and with chef-owners Sarah Stegner and George Bumbaris at the helm, there is something to satisfy any type of brunch craving. 10 a.m. daily, Prairie Grass Cafe, 601 Skokie Blvd. Northbrook, website, 847-205-4433.

**Friday, April 26**

**Bach Week Festival: Candlelight Concert:** Baroque violinist Kiyoe Matsura makes her Bach Week Festival debut with lutenist Joel Spears in “Bach or Not Bach.” Their intimate Candlelight Concert explores J.S. Bach’s Suite for Violin and Continuo, BWV 1028, and its origins in a work for solo lute by German virtuoso lutenist and composer Silvius Leopold Weiss, who visited the Bach household. They’ll also play Franz Joseph Haydn’s Franz Joseph Haydn’s Cassation in C Major, Hob. III/6. Admission includes champagne and chocolates. 10 p.m. Friday, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $25, 800-838-3006.

**Bach Week Festival: Baroque Bouquet:** The 46th annual Bach Week Festival opens with a concert. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Niles Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $25 VIP seating $40 adult general admit; $25 seniors, $15 students, 800-838-3006.

**Alliance Française du North Shore Soirée Trivia:** French trivia night, with teams of 10 answering French-related questions in English. For more information: meetup.com/AFnorthshore and AFnorthshore.org. To reserve a place for you or a group of friends, see https://www.AFnorthshore.org/triviaightregaform2019.pdf for a registration form. Proceeds help support educational and cultural programs sponsored by the Alliance Française du North Shore and the local chapter of the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French). 7 p.m. Friday, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., Evanston, $20 per person, 847-859-1274.

**SPARK:** Join us at our 13th annual SPARK benefit with a beautiful setting for cocktails, a silent auction, dinner and dancing. Guests don’t just hear about our impact, but also witness it in action, from the lively dinner conversation to the packed dance floor at the end of the night. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Hilton Orrington Evanston, 1710 Orrington Ave., Evanston, $180, $100 for Young Professionals. 847-328-2044.

**Ben Lewis Trio Live in Concert:** An incredible, energetic pianist and vocalist, Ben Lewis performs with Patrick Mulcahy on bass and Jon Deitemyer on drums. This performance will be recorded live for Chicago Jazz Live on WDCB FM Radio. Doors open for cocktails and socializing at 7:30 p.m. with cash bar, light snacks and free street parking. For more information, e-mail Steve Rashid at steve@studio5.dance, or email stuart@afnorthshore.org. 8:15 p.m. Friday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Rd., Glenview, $8 admit; $4 rental skates, 847-724-2800.

**Saturday, April 27**

**Broken Arrow: Tribute to Neil Young:** Broken Arrow performs the music of Neil Young, featuring both the rockin’ electric Crazy Horse tunes and the more acoustic, pedal steel driven country rock material. The band delivers these classic songs faithfully. 9 p.m. Saturday, Evanston Rocks, 1012 Church St., Evanston, $20, 630-962-7000.

**MARIO Michael Jackson Don’t Stop Til You Get Enough:** This is a Michael Jackson variety show featuring Michael and Janet Jackson music and other artists, and tells a dance story of the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. 6 p.m. Saturday, Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $10, 224-305-3328.

**Toypurina and the Kizh Nation:** As the tribal archaeologist for the Kizh Tribe, Dr. Gary Stickel co-authored Toypurina: The Joa of Arc of Cali-
the modern classic James and the Giant Peach with the whole family at the library! Assistive hearing devices or noise-cancelling headphones available upon request. All ages are welcome.
Rated PG, 1h 24min. Drop-in event; no registration required. 2 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Dreaming Big For Autism 2019: Have Dreams presents Dreaming Big for Autism, a fun-filled evening of dinner, bowling, bowling ball and spectacular raffles. Also, their Dreams of a Lifetime silent and super silent auction take place, hosted in the sophisticated, casually elegant Pinstripes venue. Event proceeds support lifespan programs at Have Dreams for individuals with autism. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Pinstripes - Northbrook, 1150 Willow Rd., Northbrook, $125 per person, 847-685-0250.
Tuesday, April 30

**Graphic Novel Book Club for grades 3-5:** Love graphic novels? Come talk about this quarter's title, "CatStronauts: Mission Moon" by Drew Brockington. Open to GPL cardholders and students attending Glenview schools. In person registration required to receive the book. 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**The Dementia Journey:** Joyce Mahoney, CTRS, APRS, regional director of memory care and programming at Belmont Village, leads a discussion exploring the Whole Brain Fitness approach to programming and Circle of Friends memory enrichment program. Dinner is served; RSVP to Jenene Paterno by calling or jpaterno@belmontvillage.com. Participating LCSWs and RNs are eligible to receive 1 CEU at the completion of this three-part series program. 5 p.m. Tuesday, Belmont Village of Glenview, 2200 Golf Rd., Glenview, free, 847-657-7100.

**Yoga for the Rest of Us:** This class is uniquely designed for individuals of all fitness levels to relax and unwind. Our certified yoga instructor accommodates individual needs through the use of chairs, blocks, bolsters and other props to help you develop a more mindful awareness of your body and a sense of overall well-being. 9 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $75 member, $89 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Are We a Nation of Enough Immigrants?:** Possibly the most controversial legacy of the last few years will be that a nation of immigrants is being replaced by a nation of enough immigrants. Jack Doppelt, Ph.D., Northwestern University, and an expert in immigration matters, will document and discuss this issue. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-825-4673.

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Top Box for Schools coming to ETHS:** Come learn more, see the offerings and try some samples. Save on groceries and support local farmers all while fundraising for ETHS student clubs. 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, free, 847-864-8804.

**The Census: Why Is It Important:** Why do we do the census every 10 years? Why is a complete count important? Why do we do the census every 10 years? What are the economic implications of the Census? Why all the noise about the citizenship question? How is the count done? Join the League of Women Voters of Glenview/Glencoe with speakers Hilary Denk, League of Women Voters Illinois, Issues Specialist Census and Georgia Logothetis, Assistant Director, Common Cause Illinois. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Nine Blind Spots in Families - Financial Planning:** Learn concepts that lead to financial success like total life planning, your financial health and more. This presentation is conducted by Heartland Institute of Financial Education (HIFE), a nonprofit organization that helps families enjoy a more financially secure future through its education programs. RSVP by calling or online at the website. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee at kbrownlee@nsymca.org. 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd., Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250.

**JCC Chicago Community Wednesdays:** Every Wednesday, join for a few hours of mind, body and spirit enrichment. They host two, one-hour lectures/classes throughout the day, along with their fitness class offerings at the Marvin Lustbader Center. So, choose how you want to spend your day at the J. 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Dr., Northbrook, free for Lustbader members; $10 nonmembers, 224-406-9257.

**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.

**Music at Midday:** Concerts to celebrate the Easter Season: Music at Midday; Concerts to celebrate the Easter Season on Wednesdays during the Easter Season, artists from around the Chicago area will perform a half-hour recital beginning at 12:30 p.m., May 1: Colleen Ortega, organ; May 8: Anatoliy Torchinskiy, piano; May 15: Christopher Jackson, tenor; May 22: Jeremy Kiolbassa, organ; Amanda Fenton, violin and Alan Hommerding, organ and piano; June 5: Tony Jurich; and June 12: Cantors of OLH. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Our Lady of Hope, 9711 W. Devon Ave., Rosemont, free, 847-825-4673.

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Couple to open School of Rock franchise

Son's experience at Elmhurst location leads to new spot in Park Ridge

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

When Jaime and Susan Dominguez first enrolled their son in drum lessons, the instruction and repetitive practice assignments left him bored, they say.

But, after sending him to a School of Rock in their hometown of Elmhurst, his outlook quickly changed.

"After the first month he was coming home and playing some notes and music," Jaime Dominguez said.

As they watched their son develop as a musician and a younger son embrace singing and performing on stage, the couple made the decision to open their own School of Rock franchise.

Signs announcing the future school hang in the windows of 15 N. Prospect Ave. in Uptown Park Ridge, a former chiropractic office. The Dominguezes are tentatively planning to open in late June, with a "grand opening" in August.

"We have a number of friends in the community, so when we learned Park Ridge was an opportunity for us, we were so excited," Susan Dominguez said.

"Just the chance to offer to the community what we've seen our kids benefit from is huge."

With a focus on rock music and giving students the chance to perform on stage before live audiences, School of Rock offers lessons in guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboards or vocals. Classes range from "Little Wing" for 3- to 6-year-olds, to the House Band program, where teens experience what it's like to play in a band at local music venues.

School of Rock Oak Park, for example, has several upcoming performances at the Wire in Berwyn, including the 21st Century Pop Show #2 and a concert of Queen covers on April 27, and the Iron Maiden Vs. Judas Priest Show on April 28.

"Most people will say, 'We are going to make you learn to play an instrument,' " Jaime Dominguez said. "We say, 'We're going to make you a musician.' "

There is also the Center Stage Artist Search Program, giving budding musicians ages 13 to 19 a chance to audition for a major recording label, according to the school's website. Allstars, a group for ages 17 and under, sends a select number of School of Rock musicians on a summer nationwide tour.

While many schools offer programs for adults as well, School of Rock Ridge plans to initially focus on lessons for kids ages 3 to 17 only, Jaime Dominguez said. He hopes to enroll between 130 and 150 students and hire teachers who are experienced musicians, he said.

"Most of the time [the instructors] are people who are actually in a band and they are out touring and playing," Dominguez said.

In the future, programs aimed at songwriting could be offered, the couple said.

"That's definitely something the schools are looking into doing," Jaime Dominguez said. "Some have already started that, but on a part-time basis."

School of Rock franchises are located around the world, and include 15 in the Chicago area, according to the company's website.

For more information on School of Rock Park Ridge, visit locations.schoolofrock.com/parkridge.

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Lincolnwood OKs move for CrossFit Factorial

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Lincolnwood trustees have opened the door for CrossFit Factorial to move across Touhy Avenue into a building that is twice the size of its Skokie location.

Now owner JP Rauh needs to negotiate a lease with CSRE 3757 Touhy LLC, the listed owner of a 22,700-square-foot building at 3757 W. Touhy Ave., Rauh said Monday.

The Lincolnwood Village Board voted unanimously on Tuesday to grant special uses and variances to allow Rauh to move CrossFit Factorial into the proposed space, which was previously used for offices and light industrial business.

"That was the first step in the process, getting a special use permit to kind of move forward and start doing the next steps in due diligence," Rauh said. "It's not something we have worked out all the details through for the lease itself."

Jim Kurtzwell of Clark Street Real Estate, listed on village public hearing applications for the project, did not return email or a telephone call seeking comment.

CrossFit Factorial uses one-on-one training, usually by appointment, versus the self-directed training in traditional health clubs, according to a report presented to the board by the village's Community Development Department.

Rauh said the health club has experienced great success in 18 months of operation at its current location at 3734 W. Touhy Ave. in Skokie.

"We have adults and kids programs and weightlifting programs," he said. "The business has been doing very well."

Moving across the street into Lincolnwood would allow CrossFit Factorial to double its square footage and significantly expand the programs it can offer, Rauh said.

Rauh said he does not know when the move might occur and has not yet shared the proposal with current members.

"I'm hoping to work out a deal where we could move into that location," he said. "It's in the works."

Trustee Georjean Hlepas Nickell said the club would make a nice addition to Lincolnwood, where currently only one other health club, Planet Fitness, 6850 McCormick Blvd., operates.

Resident have expressed interest in the village opening its own fitness center in a central location in Lincolnwood, as other nearby municipalities have done in their communities, Nickell said.

"So I think there's definitely a demand until such time as we establish a community fitness center," she said. "I think this meets the needs of the community."

Rauh's proposal calls for demolishing 3,600 square feet on the front side of the building to create 26 new parking spaces, the report said. That space was previously used as an office area that was added after initial construction of the building, it said.

The additional parking would bring the total number of spaces to 40, the report said.

Rauh would build a new facade facing Touhy, a 30-inch-high masonry wall on the north side for screening of the parking lot, and an 8-foot-high masonry wall on the west side of the property, it said.

The proposal also includes the renovation of an interior portion of the building to accommodate a future tenant, the report said.

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Recalled product helped with sleepless nights

Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play popular among new parents but deemed unsafe after 30 infant deaths

BY GEORGIA GARVEY
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Last week, Fisher-Price announced a massive recall of all of its Rock 'n Play sleepers, saying that more than 30 babies have died in them. Until pretty recently, my husband and I owned — and loved — one of those 4.7 million sleepers.

I've been sent here from the past — about nine months back, to be exact — to speak for the parents of newborns. I'm no longer a resident of Newborn Town but I lived there recently enough that I can still remember taking an infant home from the hospital.

I remember sitting awake at a time of night I had last seen, many years earlier, coming home from parties or bars. But this time, I sat in the eerie quiet of a newborn, but chief among them is sleep.

If doctors and researchers want to decrease the number of infant-related deaths, they need to spend less time issuing "don't" lists and more finding other safe methods of putting babies to sleep and keeping them that way for longer stretches of time. Parents wouldn't use risky devices if they didn't work and if they weren't desperate to get some rest.

If I'd known that more than 30 babies had died in the Rock 'n Play or that there was a recall on the sleeper, of course I would have tossed ours, cried and resigned myself to surviving on no sleep. But why should that be the only option?

Virtually all parents want to do the right thing. It's just that it can seem impossible when you're dealing with a newborn baby and a set of strictures that feel as if they're designed to reduce the chances your kid will sleep soundly.

It does no good to issue proclamations that often fall flat in real life and then finger-wag when parents fail to follow rules that only work with two-way participation (that of both parent and baby).

Instead, we made it through the newborn stage. We have an entirely new set of worries and the Rock 'n Play isn't among them.

But I remember what it was like to feel as if there were no way to both follow the safe sleep rules and get any sleep myself. As a society, we should do more, and better, for those in the midst of dealing with a newborn who won't sleep. We should show parents how to escape that trap — with both their sanity and their babies' safety intact.

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This undated photo provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission shows the Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play Sleeper.

OPINION

There are many things to worry when you're the parent of a newborn, but chief among them is sleep.

When you're released from the hospital, you're given reams of pamphlets and flyers and among them is almost certain to be one about what's recently been termed "safe sleep."

You're told about newborn arousal instincts and how babies that young can't be relied upon to turn their heads or cry when their breathing is obstructed. You're also told about the mystical confluence of circumstances — developmental stage, genetic predisposition and environmental factors — that scientists now believe may cause SIDS. Those environmental factors, often, are related to sleep.

In safe sleep, babies should be alone, with no parents or blankets or toys nearby.

Babies should be on their backs, never on their stomachs or sides.

And babies should be in a crib, not on a sofa or chair or adult bed.

I wanted to buy a monitor that checks the baby's heart rate and breathing in the hopes that we might be able leave him in the Rock 'n Play for a few extra minutes of sleep. But the doctors said those monitors were unreliable and also warned against them.

So we kept holding him. To tell you we were tired is like saying that iPhones are sorta popular. We were hollow, bleary-eyed and weak from lack of sleep, snappish with each other and everyone else; borderline insane. And yet still we held him while he slept — because he literally would not sleep anywhere else.

After a month or two of shuffling through life as if we were in the midst of what Dick Cheney would call an "enhanced interrogation technique," we stumbled into a pediatrician's appointment with the baby.

She must have seen the look in our eyes, how we were on the verge of collapse, and taken pity.

"You're intelligent people," she said kindly. "If you feel he's safe, and you're making reasonable choices, let him sleep."

It was a moment of grace. She granted us a bit of sanity. And we felt OK with it.

But what if doctors and researchers want to decrease the number of infant-related deaths, they need to spend less time issuing "don't" lists and more finding other safe methods of putting babies to sleep and keeping them that way for longer stretches of time.

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Pickups lose their pull

Survey finds price, quality concerns among some truck owners

By Jamie L. Lareau
Detroit Free Press

DETOUR - Pickups are overpriced and are sliding on quality, some consumers say.

That's what the 2019 Truck Sentiment Survey found among pickup owner respondents.

And of those who switched from a pickup, more than a third bought sedans, even as automakers cease production of many traditional cars, according to the survey by CarGurus.

Separately, another recent survey found Chevrolet to be the most popular brand among people younger than 36.

The pickup sentiment survey results buck recent industry trends that consumers prefer SUVs, crossovers and pickups as sedan sales decline.

"With pickup truck prices on the rise, many owners are reconsidering their current brand, or in some cases whether they will repurchase a pickup at all," said Madison Gross, director of consumer insights at CarGurus.

With the average transaction price for a new full-size truck near $50,000, the expense of buying and maintaining a pickup are pushing some pickup owners into other vehicles. The survey found that only about 15 percent of current pickup owners say the vehicles are a good value.

CarGurus, an online automotive marketplace that connects buyers and sellers of new and used cars, surveyed 1,067 current and former pickup owners last month, the split being about 50/50. Among the current owners, 195 own a Ford pickup, 154 own a Chevrolet pickup, 106 own a Toyota and 101 own a Ram.

The survey found that 68 percent of pickup owners said their vehicles were overpriced. Forty-eight percent said the trucks aren't made as well as they used to be, and 17 percent said they probably will not buy another pickup.

Among the former pickup owners who switched to another type of vehicle, 37 percent now own a traditional SUV or crossover, and 35 percent now own a sedan, the survey said.

"What we see as the top reasons people are switching categories is that trucks have poor fuel efficiency and they're high cost," Gross said. "Switching into a large SUV might not make as much sense as a sedan."

Nearly half of current pickup owners, 47 percent, cited gas mileage as a reason for considering another brand of pickup, up from 38 percent in the year-ago study. Nearly 42 percent of former pickup owners said fuel efficiency was a top reason for abandoning pickups for a different vehicle.

Pickup owners worried about costs are most likely to switch to a sedan, with half of former owners naming price or gas mileage as their reasons for no longer owning a pickup, the survey said.

Pickup owners are also growing less loyal to brands, the survey found.

About 70 percent of pickup owners said they would switch brands if their preferred brand raised prices by $10,000. In the same survey last year, that figure was 64 percent.

Of the cost considerations likely to drive a person to switch brands, 54 percent cited vehicle price and 47 percent said gas mileage, the survey said.

Toyota pickup owners who intend to buy another pickup are among the most loyal to their brand, with 40 percent saying they would not buy another brand pickup.

By comparison, only 27 percent of Ford pickup owners, a quarter of Chevrolet owners and 27 percent of Ram owners in the market for another pickup said they would stay loyal to their brand.

But Chevrolet pickup owners are also more likely to consider a pickup's brand reputation as a reason to buy another brand, Gross said.

And Chevrolet owners are more likely to use their pickup for work purposes, so reputation is the second most important factor for these owners, behind price, she said.

But Chevrolet pickup owners are 1.3 times more likely to say trucks are not as well made as they used to be compared with owners of other brands, said Gross.

Yet in the 2019 J.D. Power U.S. Vehicle Dependability Study, Chevrolet came in fourth among 31 brands for vehicle dependability. The annual J.D. Power study gauges dependability of 3-year-old vehicles over the last 12 months, meaning this year's survey assessed the 2016 model year. The heavy-duty Chevrolet Silverado was named the most dependable pickup in the large heavy-duty pickup category in the J.D. Power study.

Separately, millennial and Gen Z car shoppers said Chevrolet is the brand they most identify with, according to a survey released recently by Autolist.com.

Autolist polled 1,750 current car shoppers and asked them which brand they believed was most relevant to their age group, which brand they would buy today and which brand they currently owned.

Chevrolet was the top answer to all three questions among people younger than 36.

"Chevy is doing a great job of trading on its reputation as a no-nonsense, affordable brand while at the same time adding to its vehicles the stuff younger buyers covet," said Chase Disher, analyst at Autolist.com.
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BOYS TRACK NOTES

Deerfield's Bradley among standouts at Dan Horyn Invite

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Deerfield senior Bradley Brodsky didn't mind donning new colors at the Dan Horyn Invitational on April 17.

Instead of sporting the Warriors' red and gray, Brodsky wore purple shorts and a white top with "DFDC" in bright letters.

Brodsky said the change in his outfit was in honor of Dan Horyn, a popular Niles North teacher and track coach who died of esophageal cancer in 2013. The 1,600-meter run at the annual meet at Niles North is known as the "Dan Horyn mile."

Brodsky said he made a point to make his performance at the Dan Horyn Invite a memorable one. He placed first with a time of 4 minutes, 27.67 seconds.

Brodsky said "DFDC" stands for desire, family, dedication and champions. He credited a strong third lap for helping him win the race.

"Every race is special because it's my senior year and I have only so many races and want to make each one count, but this (race) is special," Brodsky said. "It means a lot to win the Dan Horyn mile. I know it means a lot to the Niles North family.

"It means a lot to wear the purple shorts for Dan Horyn. Every year we will see someone with the purple shorts and 'DFDC' at this meet for Dan Horyn."

Senior teammates Sam Liokumovich and Henry Boudreau also made waves in Skokie. Liokumovich, a Stanford recruit, won the discus with a meet-record throw of 188 feet, 11 inches. Boudreau placed second with a throw of 160-10.

The Vikings placed fifth with 62.5 points.

Titan's best shot: Glenbrook South senior Dimitri Manesiotis had a memorable showing in two events at the Dan Horyn Invite.

He placed third in the shot put (54-0.5) and fourth in the discus (135-6).

"Dimitri is doing a little bit better in the shot put right now," Glenbrook South coach Kurt Hasenstein said. "He's coming around in the discus and threw well at this meet. He's a hard-working kid and has been a great leader and athlete in our program."

Glenbrook South placed sixth with 54 points.

Loveland takes 2nd: Loyola senior Jack Loveland placed second in the 400 with a time of 50.35.

Loveland, who also plays soccer, is vying for his first trip to the Class 3A outdoor track state meet. He will study at Illinois next school year but does not plan to run track in Champaign.

"I don't like to lose, but I feel I improved in this race," he said. "It's been my long-term goal throughout high school to make state. It's coming together and looking good in my last hurrah."

As at team, the Ramblers took third place with 71.5 points.

Giant leader: Highland Park's Jakob French placed seventh in the 400 in a time of 54.73. He also ran a leg of the Giants' 4x100 and 4x400 relays at Niles North.

"Jakob really sets the tone for us by bringing the team together and being a glue guy," Highland Park coach Steve Buti said.

Highland Park scored 15 points to place 10th.

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BY GEORGE CASTLE

No matter where Chet Coppock's half-century-long sports broadcasting career took him, he remained firmly rooted in his North Shore upbringing — and motivated by some of the big names he met along the way.

Colorful, bombastic and 6-foot-6, Coppock was larger than life. He grew up in Northfield, and his long career in sports media stemmed from his family's relationships with broadcasting giant Jack Brickhouse and Chicago Bears officials.

Coppock got his first broadcasting gig in Indianapolis, then rose to fame in Chicago as the Bears' public-address announcer and as a sports radio host.

He died April 17 after an auto accident in South Carolina. He was 70.

Coppock grew up knowing Chicago sports royalty. Brickhouse was a longtime Wilmette resident and a friend of Charles Coppock, Chet's father. Brickhouse mentored Chet Coppock and later became godfather to his daughter, Lyndsay Coppock.

Charles Coppock also became close with Bears founder and owner George Halas through business ventures and through his relationship with Brickhouse. Luke Johnsos, a Halas disciple who coached the Bears in the 1940s, teamed up with Charles Coppock to launch Johnsos-Coppock Printing in Skokie with Halas' support.

All these relationships enabled Chet Coppock to boost that he had attended 68 consecutive Bears home openers, starting as a toddler in 1951.

And he had stories about everything, especially when it came to Brickhouse.

"He would recount many stories of riding to Wrigley Field with Jack and sit in the back of the television booth for both Cubs and Bears games," said Wilmette's Jay Blunk, executive vice president of business operations for the Blackhawks.

"My dad was friends with a lot of people in sports, and our family was very close to Jack and his family," Coppock told the Tribune in 1993. "We used to go to his house in Wilmette at Christmas. Turkey and presents meant nothing to me. The big thing was being in his den and seeing all his pictures. It seemed his life was a perpetual series of thrills and excitement."

While Brickhouse advised Coppock on sportscasting, Halas kept an eye on his academics.

"My grandfather counseled him to do well in school," said Pat McCaskey, Halas' grandson who is now a Bears executive. "He asked him what his grades were."

Coppock, a New Trier East graduate, did his best to replicate Brickhouse's busy path. After landing his first major on-air broadcast job at WISH-TV in Indianapolis in 1974, he persuaded the Bears to let him wield the public-address mic.

"He had a long commute from Indianapolis," said McCaskey, then working in public relations for the Bears.

"I know that drive up 1-65 through the state of Indiana well, since I went to Indiana University at Bloomington."

As with everything he did on air, Coppock had his own flair for announcing an endless chain of Walter Payton carries. But he followed directions, too, and set the stage for his Bears public-address successor.

"We set parameters for him, and he usually was in compliance," McCaskey said. "His enthusiastic, infectious style is what Jim Riebundt exemplifies now."

Coppock also worked for WMAQ-TV as its lead sports anchor, then debuted "Coppock on Sports" on WMAQ Radio. His connections to the Bears helped him land just about any interview he could have wanted.

"It was a matter of trying to put in 20 pounds of entertainment in a five-pound bag," said Cheryl Raye-Stout, who helped launch Coppock's radio show at WMAQ.

Always a man of powerful words, Coppock used to say Raye-Stout was the straw that stirs the drink."

"It was like a magazine format," Raye-Stout said of Coppock's signature show. "He was trying to get guests who were important to the story. We were in the middle of a big story. We booked everybody who had anything to do with the Bears."

Coppock went on to host numerous radio and TV shows. In recent years, the Blackhawks took him aboard as a banquet host and emcee for team events.

"He was truly one of a kind," Blunk said.

Another favorite Coppockism for his radio show was "your dime, your dance floor."

Bruce Levine of WSCR-AM 670 posted on Twitter in remembrance of his friend.

"The dance floor is empty now," Levine said.

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Stevenson grad Ryuji Aoki hopes to go pro in Japan

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Ryuji Aoki isn't ready to hang up his basketball shoes.

The former Stevenson guard completed his third and final season at Rose-Hulman in late February. Aoki will graduate in May after only three years at the prestigious institution in Terre Haute, Ind.

Aoki said he wants to turn pro after thriving against Division III competition. He was one of 15 Division III players to earn Google Cloud Academic All-American honors this season. He was a third-team selection and is only the sixth player in program history to receive the honor.

The biomedical engineering major has a 3.91 grade-point average. He's the Fightin' Engineers' career leader in free-throw accuracy at 93.2 percent and sixth in 3-point field-goal percentage (40.3).

"I'm in the process of finding a (professional) team in Japan where I can grow and develop as a player and a person," he said.

The 6-foot, 175-pound Aoki started all 18 games he played this season for the Fightin' Engineers. He averaged a career-high 12.2 points per game and made 30 3-pointers.

He said he'll always remember playing 5-on-5 games before the season started and beating Franklin College on the road. Aoki scored a season-high 25 points against Franklin.

Aoki said it's been a strange journey since getting cut from "three different travel teams" when he was younger. Aoki was a junior guard on Stevenson's Class 4A state title-winning team in 2015, which featured Division I recruits Jalen Brunson, Connor Cashaw and Justin Smith.

Aoki said he knew only basic English when he moved to Chicago area when he moved to Chicago. He began practicing in the driveway before and right after school. He even asked his parents to buy heavy-duty lights so I could shoot at night.

"In the summer going into my eighth-grade year, a switch turned on inside me," he said. "I began practicing in the driveway before and right after school. I even asked my parents to buy heavy-duty lights so I could shoot at night.

"Later in high school, I got to travel nationally to play against some of the top high school teams in the nation. That really exposed me to tremendous players and programs."

Aoki credited a strong support system, including his former teammates and coaches at Stevenson, for helping him thrive in college basketball. He said he used to marvel at Brunson's passion to be the best, even recalling Brunson telling him, "magic is in the work." He called the Dallas Mavericks guard his role model and inspiration.

"I never imagined that I would be in the position that I am today," Aoki said. "As a Japanese player in Chicago, you are always a minority on the court and have to constantly prove that you belong. It forced me to be tougher physically and mentally and to have that underdog mentality."

"I'm just thankful for this journey so far, but I want to keep working and continue this journey."

Michael dealing in DeKalb: Barrington alumnus Tristan Michaels is playing a key role for the Northern Illinois baseball team.

The junior pitcher has made 20 appearances for the Huskies and has compiled a 3-4 record with 38 strikeouts in 32 1/3 innings pitched.

Michaels played for Triton College last season.

Softball standout: Colleen Palczynski has been dominant for Illinois Wesleyan softball this season.

The Prospect graduate is batting .372 with five home runs and 18 RBIs for the Titans (25-6). She has started 28 of the 30 games she has played as a freshman.

Meanwhile, sophomore teammate Toni Tortorella, a Maine South graduate, has appeared in 12 games this season.

How a suggestion for College Notes? Email Bob Narang at bonnarang@yahoo.com.

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NORTH SHORE DESIGN STUDIO

Date: SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Place: Normandy Remodeling
2929 Central Steet
Evanston, IL 60201

See the latest home remodeling trends paired with timeless classics

Find inspiration for your new kitchen, bathroom, addition, or whole home renovation

Stop by and take a look around, or give us a call to schedule a meeting with a designer 847.291.7701

NOW OPEN
North Shore Design Studio
located in Evanston at
2929 Central Street

(Parking lot located at Central & Lincolnwood Ave)

Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Sat 9am-4pm
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