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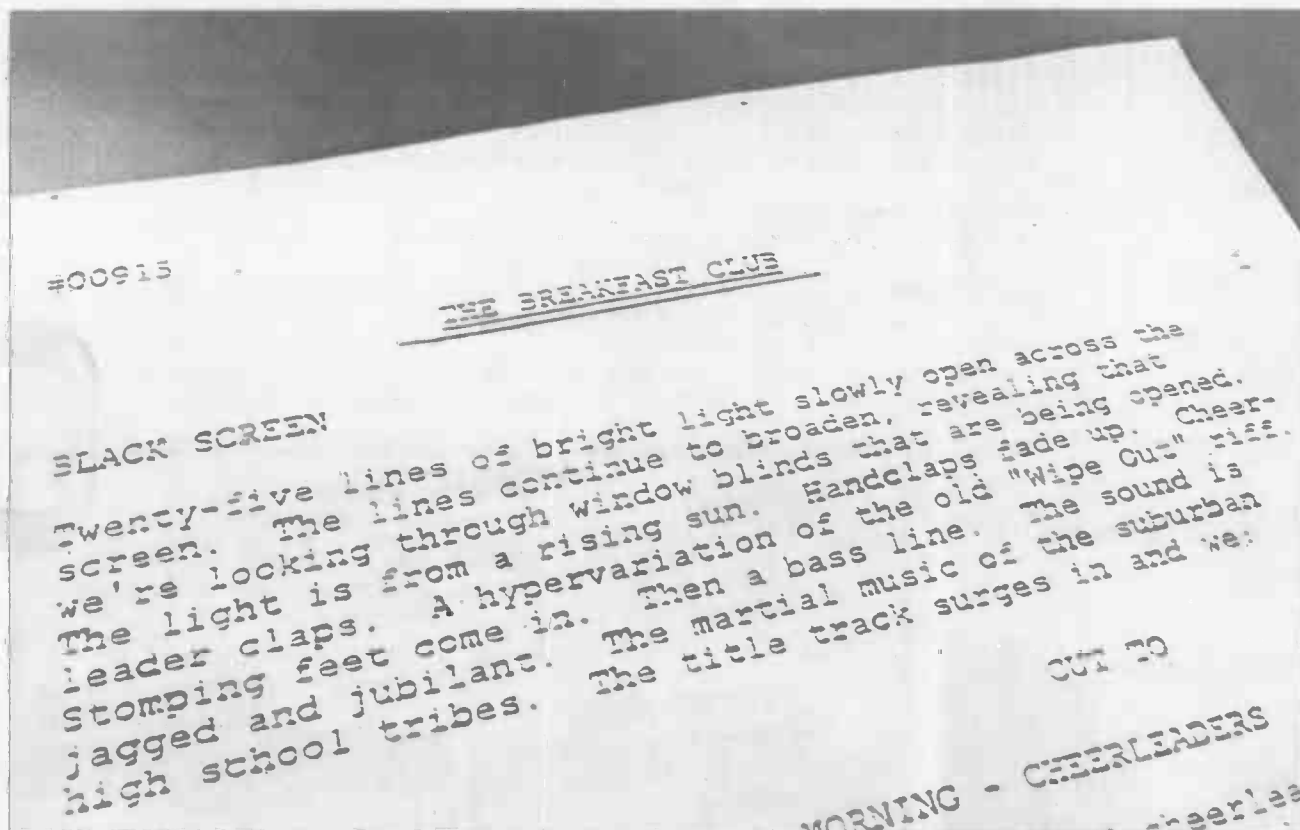
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'Don't you forget about me'

D207 staff finds original copy of 'The Breakfast Club' script. **Page 6**



A first draft of "The Breakfast Club" script was discovered recently while Maine Township High School District 207 staff was cleaning out filing cabinets. The movie was filmed at the shuttered Maine North High School in the spring of 1984.

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Niles North goalie Nina Yonan, left, has posted five shutouts in her first seven games this season. **Page 53**



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SHOUT OUT

Drashti Rami, mother and singer

Drashti Rami of Des Plaines is a big fan of the Village Creamery in Niles (8000 N. Waukegan Road) where she answered a few questions for Pioneer Press. Her parents live in Skokie and she decided to drive to Niles as part of her shopping excursion with her mother-in-law Jasmit. Rami is the proud parent of her son Angad.

Q. What's your favorite flavor?

A. Birthday cake! That's my all time favorite. I recently tried the mango. That one is getting to the top of my favorite list!

Q. What makes the Village Creamery so different?

A. They make it [ice cream] every day, fresh!

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Dancing! I love to dance! I could dance all night long. I love singing!

Q. Who's your favorite singer?

A. Sonu Nigam. And I like Taylor Swift.

Q. Pepsi or Coke?

A. None! I don't drink sodas at all. I can't swallow them. I like juices and tap water. Yes, Lake Michigan water is the best!



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Drashti Rami of Des Plaines.

Q. What's your view on motherhood?

A. It's the best thing that could happen to a woman. Just seeing him [her son] smile. He's very cute. All babies are a gift from God.

Q. What's your message to the world?

A. Just...love. That's enough for an entire life. No jealousy, no anger,

no ego. Love is enough to get through life.

—Karie Angell Luc, for Pioneer Press

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Ruling scheduled in gun shop lawsuit

By IGOR STUDENKOV
Pioneer Press

The fate of a lawsuit a Skokie-based gun control advocacy group filed against the village of Niles will be decided next month.

People for a Safer Society filed a lawsuit against the village on Oct. 17, 2014, over the Village Board's decision to grant a special-use permit to Sportsman's Club gun shop and firing range. In its lawsuit, the group sought to not only annul the permit, but to prohibit the village from granting a permit for any gun shop that wants to open on that piece of land.

In response, the village's attorneys filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit altogether.

Judge Franklin Ulyses Valderrama was originally scheduled to decide whether to grant the motion on April 14. But after listening to attorneys for both sides, he decided to take some time to consider it, and said he will issue a final decision May 14.

The Sportsman's Club

owners applied for a special-use permit to open a gun shop at 6143 W. Howard St. in May 2014, in a largely industrial section of Niles. By the time the application reached the Village Board on June 24, a group of Niles, Skokie and Lincolnwood residents raised concern that the shop would be too close to Niles West High School, Niles Central High School and New Hope Academy, a private school for students struggling with emotional challenges.

The Village Board ultimately approved the permit on July 29. But People for a Safer Society members continued to come to meetings, urging the trustees to reverse their decision. On Oct. 17, they took it a step further, filing a lawsuit against the village in Cook County Circuit Court.

The suit, which was prepared by Evanston-based attorney Tony Hind, argues that a gun shop at that location would lead to an increase in crime, a drop in property values, that it would put children in great

er danger and would have an adverse impact on nearby businesses.

According to the suit, state courts have historically determined the validity of zoning changes based on existing uses of nearby properties, the changes' effect on property values, how long the property has been vacant and the changes' effects on residents' welfare.

On Dec. 9, the village hired Nolan Law Group to handle the legal defense. The firm filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing that the group filed the suit lacking adequate legal grounds. On April 14, the two parties came before Valderrama to argue their sides.

Attorney Don Nolan of Nolan Law Group argued that because none of the parties involved in the lawsuit would be directly affected by the opening of a gun shop at that location they don't have the legal standing to sue on these points.

Nolan also argued that the lawsuit challenges the



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Members of People For a Safer Society wait outside the courtroom before the hearing regarding their lawsuit against the village of Niles.

special-use permit on "facial" basis — which means the plaintiffs argue that granting special-use permits to any gun shop in any context is unconstitutional. Claiming that was nearly impossible to prove, the village attorneys asked to have the lawsuit dismissed.

Hind responded that it would make no sense for the plaintiffs to challenge the lawsuit on facial basis since they have no issue with the

village granting special-use permits to gun shops in general. He argued that, historically, in cases like this, plaintiffs have sued on an as-applied basis. While Hind acknowledged that the plaintiffs in questions were usually businesses directly affected by a zoning decision, it still falls under established precedent.

"The village is asking the court to use the wrong language," he said.

Valderrama questioned both attorneys about their position, including the cited legal precedents. He repeatedly expressed reservations about letting the lawsuit go forward as it was.

"I really don't want anyone to waste time on something that can be cleaned up and refiled," Valderrama said.

Igor Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Niles Library considers charging non-residents program fees

By IGOR STUDENKOV
Pioneer Press

The Niles Public Library Board of Trustees is considering charging non-resident library patrons fees for attending certain programs.

Under the proposal put forward by Trustee Carolyn Drblik, non-residents would pay \$3 an hour to use library computers and scanners. The proposal would also give the library the authority to charge non-residents fees for attending library programs. Non-residents who have their library cards registered with the Niles Public Library wouldn't be affected.

Drblik said she made the proposal in response to complaints by some residents that too many non-

residents were checking out books and using library computers, forcing residents to wait.

As the board considered the issue during its April 15 meeting, many trustees expressed reservations, arguing that the plan went too far. After some discussion, the board decided to hold off making a decision one way or another, asking Interim Director Susan Lempke to research the matter further.

Under the current arrangement, non-residents who have library cards from most other Chicago area libraries have a right to register their cards with the Niles Public Library. Once the cards are registered, they can check out materials, print or scan materials

and reserve time on library computers under the same terms as resident cardholders. Unlike residents, they can't reserve study rooms.

Non-residents can also purchase full-fledged Niles library cards for \$100. Non-residents who don't have library cards can use the library computers by requesting reservation codes at the service desk.

Drblik originally raised her concerns during the March 18 meeting. She cited an email sent by a library patron who identified herself as Jessica K.

"I, as a resident of Niles, am irritated to see that when I come to the library, books are never available and seats are always taken; therefore, it is impossible to

get work done," the email read. "Not just me, but the residents of Niles have to pay taxes, unlike half of the people that come to the library from outside towns."

Drblik argued that the library should take a cue from the Park Ridge Public Library, which started charging non-residents for computer use and attending library programs in 2014.

During the March meeting, Drblik introduced a more detailed version of her proposal. It called for non-residents to pay \$3 an hour to use computers and scanner or fax stations.

The proposal also gave the library the power to charge non-residents fees for attending library programs. When asked what sort of programs she had in

mind, Drblik explained that this part of the proposal was deliberately open-ended.

"We may pay quite a bit for our programs," she said. "It would help us offset the fees. It's just something that would be nice to have."

Trustee Linda Ryan argued the Park Ridge library's policy was too strict. She also said the board should discuss the issue more before making the final decision.

Board President Morgan Dubiel said he had his own misgiving.

"In terms of tax fairness, this makes sense," he said. "My concern would be implementation, how hard it is to manage or implement."

Lempke said that, personally, she wanted to have the library open as much as

possible. She noted that some of the library's biggest supporters weren't even Niles residents.

"Tomorrow night, we are going to have Library Night Out," she said. "The person who sets it up is not a Niles resident. She loved our library so much she wanted to do something for us."

Lempke also said renovations in the Morton Grove Public Library, which closed off most of the building for the past six months, might have led to an influx of non-residents.

Trustee Karen Dimond said she wanted to have more information before voting.

Lempke agreed.

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State senate passes bills designed to reduce jet noise

By **JON HILKEVITCH**
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Senate unanimously approved legislation Thursday designed to mitigate jet noise around O'Hare International Airport by increasing the cap on the number of runways to 10 from eight, and prohibiting the city of Chicago from closing and demolishing any of the airport's four diagonal runways.

Two bills introduced by state Sen. John Mulroe are aimed at expanding O'Hare flight paths to reduce jet noise that has been saturating some Chicago neighborhoods and western suburbs since late 2013, when O'Hare air-traffic patterns changed. The bills are headed to the House for consideration.

If the legislation is passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the governor, it's still unclear whether Chicago officials would call off the scheduled closure of one diagonal runway in four months and work with the Federal Aviation Administration to disperse the more than 2,400 daily flights at O'Hare across a wider number of runways pointing in a variety of directions.

"I am responding to the community's cry for help," Mulroe, a Chicago Democrat whose district is immediately east of O'Hare, said in a phone interview.

"Chicago has been pointing fingers at the FAA, and the FAA has been pointing fingers at Chicago. The airport and the airlines have to be good neighbors. You cannot discount that people are being affected. I want the diagonal runways to be an option," Mulroe said.

Chicago aviation officials did not immediately respond to questions from the Tribune about the legislation.

FAA spokesman Tony Molinaro said the agency does not comment on pending legislation.

Keeping 10 runways operational at O'Hare would increase maintenance costs. And while all 10 runways would never be used simultaneously, the more complex airfield layout could create safety risks involving more planes taxiing across runways on their way to the gate or other runways. Taxiing planes across runways is a practice that air traffic controllers avoid whenever possible.

In addition, Chicago has plans to eventually build a new passenger terminal on

the west side of the airport, close to one of the diagonal runways.

Senate Bill 637 states: "All runways shall be maintained and used in a safe and equitable manner for the purpose of fairly distributing air traffic over city and suburban communities" surrounding O'Hare.

Companion legislation, S.B. 636, would increase the maximum number of runways that the state allows at O'Hare to 10 from eight. The O'Hare Modernization Program, which began in 2005 and has not been completed, envisions six east-west parallel runways and two diagonal runways. Currently there are four parallels and four diagonals.

The Chicago Department of Aviation has said that one of the four diagonal runways, running northwest to southeast, will be permanently closed Aug. 20, followed by the closure of a second diagonal runway with the same alignment in November 2020.

Noise complaints filed online and to a city-operated hot line totaled 39,500 in January, setting a new monthly record.

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Village of Niles invites local orgs to march in Fourth of July parade

By **IGOR STUDENKOV**
Pioneer Press

The village of Niles is reaching out to businesses, schools and community organizations that may be interested in marching in the Fourth of July parade, according to a news release.

The parade will start at 9 a.m. It will follow a roughly "S"-shaped route, starting at Notre Dame College Prep

High School and traveling down Ozark Avenue before turning east on Main Street, south on Harlem Avenue and west on Monroe Street, ending at Graham Heights park. There, the Niles Park District is planning to organize post-parade festivities for marchers and residents.

Anyone who wants to participate must fill out an application available online

at vniles.com. All applications must be mailed to the Niles Village Hall in before June 1.

The village is also looking for parade volunteers and sponsors. Interested residents and organizations should contact Cathy Spadoni at 847-588-8005, or cms@vniles.com.

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D207 unearths '80s pop relic during move

Staff finds original 1983 'Breakfast Club' screenplay in Maine South filing cabinet

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

You never know what you might find during a move.

In a local school district's case, it was a piece of 1980s film history.

An original screenplay of "The Breakfast Club" was unearthed while Maine Township High School District 207 staff were packing up offices inside Park Ridge's Maine South High School just prior to last month's move to the newly acquired building next door.

"One day a few weeks ago, one of the assistants was going through a filing cabinet and found a file that had a manuscript from "The Breakfast Club" dated Sept. 21, 1983," said District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace. "It's a first draft of the screenplay by John Hughes."

There is good reason for the school district to have the early film script: much of "The Breakfast Club" was filmed inside the shuttered Maine North High School in unincorporated Maine Township during the spring of 1984. Maine North's gym served as the sound stage for the Shermer High School library set that was constructed for the film about five teenagers serving an all-day Saturday detention. Released in 1985, the film starred Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald and Ally Sheedy.

The cover of the script indicates it was a copy given to then-superintendent John Murphy in January of 1984. "Reviewed and approved by Dr. Murphy" is

also scrawled in blue pen on the right side of the cover.

Wallace said it is typical for school district officials to read through scripts whenever a building is requested for filming, mainly to review the content of what will be produced.

There is also something Wallace finds amusing about the script, a little addition that he says gives it "authenticity."

"In the upper left, there is what appears to be pizza grease," he said, chuckling. "I can imagine somebody taking this out over lunch and saying, 'I wonder what this is all about.'"

How close the manuscript is to the final script and the completed film would only be known by real "Breakfast Club" aficionados who had a chance to review it line by line and compare. But just looking at the first few pages shows one obvious difference between the first draft and the final product: the name of Molly Ringwald's character was originally Cathy Douglas, not Claire Standish.

The script was discovered among other documents related to the filming, including a contract with Universal Studios that set a rental fee of \$48,000 for the Maine North site. The school was made available to the film company 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Wallace said.

Correspondence between movie studio executives and district officials also shows that an early title considered for the film was "Saturday Breakfast Club." There is also a final letter to Universal Studios' unit production manager from Don-



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ald Stillwaugh, former coordinator of purchasing and facilities for District 207.

"We close with nothing but the fondest thoughts and memories of Universal Studios and "The Breakfast Club," Stillwaugh wrote. "We trust the film will be a huge success."

As it turned out, it was.

"The Breakfast Club," marking its 30 anniversary this year, is largely known as one of the most popular American "coming of age" films. And the fact that producer, director and screenwriter John Hughes spent his teenage years in Northbrook, based "The

Left: Maine Township High School District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace holds a screenplay to the 1985 movie "The Breakfast Club" found in a recent move of administrative offices. Above: Judd Nelson, from left, Emilio Estevez, Ally Sheedy, Molly Ringwald and Michael Hall in "The Breakfast Club," much of which was filmed at Maine North.

Breakfast Club" around an early morning detention hall at New Trier High School in Winnetka, and chose to film it in Maine Township has also given the movie a special fondness among locals.

Don Kenney was District 207's chief financial officer when movie was being made at Maine North, 9511 Harrison St. One of his responsibilities was making sure the district was reimbursed for the use of the building and that any damage caused would be repaired.

"That was my biggest concern — that there was not damage to the gym floor," Kenney said. "So they came in and put down big felt pads and built the set on top of the pads."

Kenney also spent some time on the set, though he did not meet John Hughes or interact with the young cast.

"I may have met Molly

Ringwald to say 'hi' and that's it," he said. "I don't think we exchanged any words. She just nodded her head."

Kenney says he wasn't surprised that a major film company selected Maine North High School for a movie set.

"We had a closed high school, it was empty and there was a lot of space," he said. "Hughes lived in the north suburbs and that's where he produced most of his flicks. I thought, 'Well, gee, it's a nice use of a great building and maybe we can make a buck and pay the heating bill.'"

Prior to the film, District 207 had been renting out Maine North for various purposes. At one point, it was the headquarters for the Chicago Blitz indoor football team.

Maine North, the district's smallest, but newest school, opened in 1970 to accommodate growing en-

rollment. But by the late 1970s, early enrollment projections failed to materialize and the school was closed in 1981 after just 11 years in operation.

District 207 sold the building and surrounding property at auction in 1988. The Illinois State Police currently own the facility.

Proceeds from that sale were used last year to buy back the former District 207 administration building at 1177 S. Dee Road, located adjacent to Maine South, which prompted the move that uncovered "The Breakfast Club" script.

Wallace calls the document "an iconic piece of history" that he hopes can be preserved and displayed for public viewing.

"The odds of having such an iconic movie filmed and associated with your district are astronomical," he said.

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Construction begins on Crawford Avenue

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

As the warmer weather triggers the start of construction season, long-term lane closures planned as part of the two-year-long Crawford Avenue reconstruction project was set to begin this week.

A four-month break in the project allowed traffic flow along the construction zone on Crawford in Lincolnwood and in parts of Skokie to return to normal during the winter months, but the delays that became familiar to drivers last summer were scheduled to resume on April 20.

Construction crews are reconstructing the west side of the street, and all traffic from Touhy Avenue to Devon Avenue is being shifted to the east side of the street, according to information from the Lincolnwood Public Works Department.

The westbound lane closures will remain effect for the duration of the project, which officials from the Illinois Department of Transportation have said would likely wrap-up by the end of the year.

During the second phase of the project, crews will repave the roadway and replace sidewalks and street lights.

Contractors will also landscape the parkways and medians — work that will extend through Skokie's end of Crawford from Oakton Street to Jarvis Avenue.

A water main installation project that began last year will also be wrapped up in coming months, according to Andrew Letson, assistant to the Lincolnwood

“The intersection of Pratt and Crawford has to be closed at different times and we’re trying to mitigate the major traffic problems.”

— Andrew Letson, assistant to Lincolnwood public works director

public works director.

“The water main is generally done — there’s some connection work that needs to be finished, however,” Letson said.

The Public Works Department has been working with officials at Lincolnwood School District 74 — which lies in the heart of the construction zone at Pratt and Crawford avenues — to reduce traffic delays near the campus of the three schools.

“We’ve been working with the school district throughout the whole project, and they’ve been an integral part of our planning,” Letson said. “One aspect of the project, is that the intersection of Pratt and Crawford has to be closed at different times and we’re trying to mitigate the major traffic problems.”

School district officials have offered free bus service to parents in an effort to reduce the traffic.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Milwaukee Avenue resurfacing project set to begin this week

Pioneer Press Staff

For the past several years, the village of Niles has been working with the Illinois Department of Transportation toward a plan to improve the condition and appearance of various state roadways in town.

The next improvement to take place in Niles is the resurfacing of Milwaukee Avenue from Glenview Road in Glenview on the north, to Harts Road on the south and was scheduled to begin April 20, officials said in a news release.

The project is being fully funded by the state of Illinois and reflects a substantial investment in local infrastructure, the release said.


While Milwaukee Avenue will remain open during the project, lane restrictions during various phases of construction will affect traffic flow. Work will take place from approximately 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Village officials ask that residents along the construction area mark lawn sprinkler systems with flags. The contractor completing the project is not responsible for damaging sprinkler systems in the parkway, but will make every effort to avoid them if they are marked, the release said.

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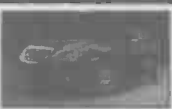
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DISPUTE

■ A resident of the 7000 block of Greenleaf Street contacted police on April 11 after a family member broke a toilet "out of spite to inconvenience her," police said. A verbal argument between family members also reportedly occurred, and they agreed to separate for the night.

BATTERY

■ An employee at a restaurant on the 9000 block of Golf Road told police on April 11 that a co-worker had touched her inappropriately while commenting on

her physical appearance. The woman reported the incident to her employer, who told her to handle it on her own, police said.

■ A man reported that he was hit in the face by another man on April 12 inside a restaurant on the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The victim did not want to sign complaints against the other man, police said.

BURGLARY

■ A home on the 8200 block of Milwaukee Avenue was burglarized between April 9 and April 10. No additional information was provided.

■ A home was burglarized April 14 between 7:40 a.m. and 6:26 p.m. on the 8200 block of Norma Court. No additional information was provided.

THEFT

■ Two men reported that their lockers were

burglarized April 12 inside a fitness center on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue. A wallet, car keys and cell-phone were stolen.

■ A Freightliner truck, reported stolen from Chicago, was found by police on April 14 in a parking lot on the 8700 block of Dempster Street.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ A woman told police that around 4 a.m., April 13, someone drove by her vehicle in a pickup truck and threw a bottle at the rear window, causing it to shatter. The incident occurred in a parking lot on the 8500 block of Golf Road.

■ A man reported that someone scratched an obscenity into the hood of his vehicle while it was parked between April 12 and April 13 on the 8000 block of Oriole Avenue.

Cops: Store's refusal to sell alcohol leads to arrest of Park Ridge man

Police records show previous incidents with accused man

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Police were called to a Park Ridge grocery store after a customer allegedly refused to leave when he was told he could not purchase alcohol there.

According to police, Brian Bondie, 53, of the 100 block of North Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, attempted to purchase alcohol at Trader Joe's, 190 N. Northwest Highway, on the evening of April 7, but employees refused to sell the items to him because he appeared to be

intoxicated.

This reportedly led Bondie to become belligerent with employees and asking to speak to a manager at the store, police said. The manager, a 41-year-old man, asked Bondie "multiple times" to leave the store, but he refused, at one point reaching into his coat and saying, "This isn't over," according to the Park Ridge police.

The manager, who reportedly feared that Bondie was reaching for a weapon, called police.

Police said officers found Bondie uncooperative when they arrived. According to police, Bondie initially did not want to provide identification.

Bondie was charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing. He was released on

his own recognizance, assigned an April 28 court date and given a ride home by police.

Park Ridge police have had past encounters with Bondie, reports show. In February 2014 Bondie was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge after he was accused of swearing and taking photos of children inside Starbucks, 15 S. Prospect Ave. He was also arrested in 2010 after police were called to a Northwest Highway restaurant for a report of a man who became verbally abusive to staff when employees refused to serve him any more alcohol. He was charged with obstruction of a police officer in that incident.

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Rivers Casino donates nearly \$30K to D63

BY DAYNA FIELDS
Pioneer Press

Rivers Casino in Des Plaines made a nearly \$30,000 donation to East Maine School District 63.

The donation from the Rivers Casino Foundation will purchase 90 tablet computers for the roughly 300 kids who are enrolled in the district's K-8 after-school enrichment program, called Total Learning Community.

"It's a very big donation for us," said Pam Surber, TLC director, who approached Rivers Casino.

Superintendent Scott Clay said the TLC Program has relied on grants and donations to stay operational since it was started in 2001.

Since opening its doors in 2011, Rivers Casino has donated more than \$3 million to charity. This is the casino's first donation to D63. The taxes that are generated from the local casino, Clay

said, benefit Des Plaines School District 62, not D63.

"As a school district that is primarily in unincorporated Cook County, those opportunities aren't as common for us as they are in some other communities," Clay said. "So it's definitely very much appreciated, and anything that companies can do to help our kids, we're happy to work with them."

The district's TLC Program provides after-school supervision and enrichment activities until 6 p.m. for K-8 students as well as full-day programs during spring and summer breaks.

Surber said activities range from homework help to sports to arts and crafts. She said kids enrolled in TLC often have better grades and are more confident. During spring break, she said, therapy dogs that work at Lutheran General Hospital visited the students, and the local public



DISTRICT 63 PHOTO

Devin Maddox, back from left, Rivers Casino senior counsel; Pam Surber, D63's TLC director; Scott Clay, D63 superintendent; and Jillian Wilcox, Rivers director of finance, pose with a donation check and three D63 students.

library provided an exotic animal show.

"So when I say 'community,' I mean that the community really comes out to support the program," Surber said. "There's academic enrichment, cultural en-

richment, arts and crafts; it's physically healthy for them to be active after school rather than just in front of a screen watching TV or something, and there's many, many benefits."

Kids can also get help

learning English as a second language, she said, while parents who work until 5 p.m. know their children are safe. All of this for prices that Surber refers to as "really, really competitive."

"They're actually the lowest around for this kind of quality of experience," she said. "We try really hard to keep the rates applicable to everybody, and that's where the foundation comes in to support our work."

At \$29,925, the Rivers Casino donation will pay for three sets of 30 tablet computers to rotate among the six D63 schools each day. The 10-inch tablets will have Internet access for homework, and TLC is also securing licenses for educational programs.

"It's really wonderful that Rivers Casino selected TLC, and I know that the kids will have something that they can use every day," Surber said. "Some of them do not

have access to the Internet at home, so this will be especially important for them, so we're really, really grateful for that."

Surber said the tablets will keep the TLC Program and their kids up to date with technology.

She has no reservations about the school district accepting donations from a casino.

"They're in our community, they're reaching out to us, we're gratefully accepting it, and we're just thrilled," she said. "If anyone else would like to donate to the program, we always accept donations — equipment, games, arts and crafts supplies, sports equipment — we're always happy to receive that, and we appreciate that."

Learn more about the D63's TLC program at www.emsd63.org.

Dayna Fields is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

DISTRICT 219 SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

News from the April 13 Niles Township High School District 219 Board of Education meeting; Niles North and Niles West High Schools.

School bus company dropped

The District 219 Board School Board has awarded new contracts for the district's bus transportation providers.

The board awarded a new three-year contract for regular education transportation to Naperville-based First Student, at \$1,636,692 per year.

The bus contract for special education transportation was awarded to Bellwood-based Lakeview Bus Lines, Inc. for of \$828,665 per year.

District 219 officials publicly voiced complaints accusing the bus company of being unreliable this year, which a rep for Positive Connections denied. School officials announced earlier this year that the current contract with the company would not be renewed.

Assistant athletic director to be new director

Niles North's assistant athletic director, Janine Moore, was promoted to director of the Niles North athletics department April 13.

Moore, who has served as the assistant athletic director since 2013, will succeed current athletic director Karl Costello, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Before coming to Niles North, Moore worked for the Chicago Waldorf School in Chicago as a gym teacher and later the athletic director.

She served as the assistant women's basketball coach for the University of Michigan from 2003 to 2005, for Indiana University from 2000-2003 and for Loyola University Chicago from 1999-2000.

Niles North psychologist promoted

Part-time psychologist at Niles North, Anne Hellmer, was hired by the school board to become the new assistant director of student services at Niles North next year.

Hellmer will replace Katie Di Sanza, who will

change positions next year to become the director of transition services for District 219's special education department, according to information from the school district.

School board to reduce teaching positions

The District 219 School Board on Monday decided to reduce the full-time teaching staff for the 2015-16 school year by two positions.

The school board made the recommendation based on enrollment figures, according to information from the school district.

Following the board's decision, the full-time number of full-time instructors will drop from 382 this school year to 380 in 2015-16.

Learning centers to open to non-residents

The Children's Learning World centers at Niles North and Niles West will open up to non-residents through June of next year.

Both early childhood learning centers reported enrollment numbers that were under capacity this year, according to information from the school district.

Board approves improvement projects

The school board approved \$712,474 in capital improvement projects during the April 13 board meeting.

Among the two contracts

approved was a \$555,575 contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. to install building automation systems at Niles North and Niles West High Schools this summer.

The other contract is with Bennett & Brosseau Roofing of Romeoville for \$156,900 for roof maintenance and sheet metal installation.

Next school board meeting scheduled

The next meeting of the Niles Township School District 219 Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:45 p.m. at the district administration building, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Park Ridge-Niles District 64 previews new strategic plans

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
Pioneer Press

The Park Ridge-Niles District 64 gave the public the first peek at the new 2020 Vision Strategic Plan.

On April 15, the district held two public meetings at Emerson Middle School. Parents, teachers and Niles and Park Ridge residents were invited to attend.

During the meetings, JJ and Associates consultant Robert Ewy shared the goals and priorities of the new strategic plan. The meeting was designed to give interested parties an opportunity to give feedback and offer their own take on what the plan should be like. That information will be used to continue developing the plan, which will be finalized in May and brought before the district board of education in June.

To gather public input, the committee sent out a community survey. It also reached out to area community groups and civic organizations, as well as Maine Township High School District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace. Using that information, as well as information from the study conducted by the Consortium for Educational Change in February, the committee came up with foundation for the new strategic plan.

Since the committee formed, District 64 Superintendent Laurie Heinz gave the board regular updates on its progress.

The draft was presented to the public during two meetings, which were held on April 15 at 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m.

During that session, Ewy laid out the plan's goals. That included pro-

viding a rigorous education curriculum including real world applications, maintaining the wide variety of elective classes in the face of a shrinking budget and renovating aging facilities.

Resident and former board member Herb Zuegel said that he had two issues with the draft.

"I don't agree with [the facilities goal]," he said. "Students will learn with good teachers and absent from your list is community involvement. If parents don't want kids to learn, they are not going to learn."

Heinz said outreach is already a major priority for the district.

"We are doing outreach all the time," she said. "We are talking to parents and community members."

Ewy added that language emphasizing the importance of community involvement would be in-

cluded in the plan as it develops.

Board member-elect Tom Sotos said that he felt that the plan was missing one important thing.

"A lot of people in the community would like the schools to raise their rankings," he said. "It's probably one of the most important things. The reason why this important is that rating is done by testing, and our students will be testing in some form their whole lives. Rates will keep people coming to Park Ridge."

Ewy responded that the plan will call for the "scoreboard" that will measure the district's progress on achieving the goals set out in the plan. Sotos said that it wasn't good enough.

"On May 15, I'll be sworn in," he said. "I want to be able to say that the strate-

gic plan is taking [rankings] into account. There are people in the community that are going to need to have it spelled out."

Ewy said that, according to the survey, improving rankings wasn't a major concern. Sotos replied that he was skeptical, insisting that substantial portion of the residents told him they were concerned about rankings.

Residents in attendance were also given an opportunity to give their own comments on what they felt were the district's strengths and weaknesses. For strengths, they cited good programs, good facilities and the fact that about half of the teachers live in the communities the schools serve.

"When teachers have an investment in our community, there's good stuff going on," said Zuegel.

For weaknesses, the members of the public who spoke agreed that the fact that the district wasn't able to follow through on some of the initiatives outlined in the previous plan was a problem.

Finally, Ewy asked the residents to talk about opportunities the district could capitalize on and the threats that could derail the plan. For opportunities, they suggested reaching out to the district's growing immigrant population and getting them more involved in schools.

After the meeting concluded, Heinz told Pioneer Press that the feedback would be taking back to the planning committee, which will incorporate it into the plan.

Igor Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Health center services in demand at new site

BY BOB SEIDENBERG
Pioneer Press

Lisa Robinson, the operations director at the Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center in Evanston, was leading some visitors around the center earlier this year when she stopped in front of a station where a health worker in medical gown and surgical mask was leaning over a patient.

Dentistry? She was asked.

Yes, dentistry is one of the services offered at the health center, she said, with many Evanston and Skokie school children receiving their initial examination before starting school.

The center also offers one-on-one diabetes education, vision exams, prenatal nutrition classes, group cooking classes and a family running program, all with the aim of empowering patients to take charge of their health.

This first federally-assisted center in the North Shore area has seen its usage shoot upward since opening in November 2013 at its permanent new home at 1285 Hartrey Ave.

Since then, roughly 5,000 people have visited the center, many of whom hadn't seen a doctor in years.

Monthly patient visits are up 400 percent from the center's first temporary site, a cramped suite of offices in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

Women account for 30 percent of the total patients while children make up 53 percent at the center, according to usage figures.

About one third of the patients are uninsured and pay on a sliding scale basis to Erie, which accepts all patients regardless of the ability to pay.

Dr. Avery Hart, medical director at the site, said many of the people coming in are experiencing acute issues such as diabetes, hypertension or other



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Dr. Judith Horwitz Glassenberg, left, Daisy Coronel and Lisa Robinson confer with each other at the Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center in Evanston in January.

chronic diseases they have been dealing with for years and without a doctor's attention.

"When you actually meet the patients, I would say it is distressing to encounter folks who are in that situation and it's gratifying to be able to help them," Hart said.

A federally-qualified health center for the area was set in motion in 2007 when Evanston closed its city health department in a cost-cutting move.

"We had five clinics. They had operated for over 150 years," Evanston Health Director Evonda Thomas-Smith recalled at a symposium at the Evanston Public Library last summer, "and when those clinics closed, we had generations of families for whom the health department was their safety net provider, that kind of fell out of care."

Some time after that,

"we started to see some shifts in our data, we started to see some really unacceptable trends that kind of resonated between 2008 and 2010," said Thomas-Smith, a certified nurse.

One of those areas was teen pregnancy, where rates soared to their highest level in nearly a dozen years, she said.

Sexually-transmitted diseases among young people also showed a sharp increase, said Thomas-Smith.

"It started to raise a warning flag for us in public health and health care," she said. Thomas-Smith said Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl was among those concerned about the situation.

"We have to do something about it," the mayor told her.

Meanwhile, neighboring Skokie was in the midst of its once-in-every-five-years community health

survey.

The survey identified obesity and access to medical care as major community concerns, said Dr. Catherine Counard, the community's health director, who joined Thomas-Smith on the panel.

"Skokie is a welcoming community, so we had that going for us," said Counard. On the other hand, the village is one of the most diverse, with 40-percent of the village's population foreign-born. Many families were bringing members from other countries to live with them.

For health care, "people from Skokie were taking their parents down to (John H. Stroger Hospital on Chicago's West Side)," she said.

The two North Shore municipalities joined in an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, seeking support for a community

health center for a medically-underserved area.

The new health center, Erie's first outside of Chicago, received an annual operating grant of \$650,000 from the federal department as part of the Affordable Care Act. In addition, the NorthShore University HealthSystem contributed \$1.2 million for the new permanent health center, as well as committing \$600,000 in operating support over three years.

Erie officials say the space of the new center has filled up quickly, accommodating the new services.

"We're growing rapidly," said Hart. "We started with three rooms in the civic center. We're using 15 (in the new space)."

Many of the center's providers are bilingual, an asset in working with the large number of Spanish-speaking patients who use Erie. In addition, the center engages an interpretive

services firm to aid staff in dealing with patients who speak other languages.

"I have patients from Iraq who speak a language, Assyrian, which is basically a language that was spoken in Palestine 2,000 years ago," Hart noted.

Erie's patient base is quickly expanding, Hart said. In fact, the center is already looking at options, including expansion at the Hartrey site, once the space is used to the maximum.

The center's increase in numbers is not surprising, said Thomas-Smith. She noted the NorthShore University HealthSystem's decision last year to close its Child and Adolescent Center and transfer those patients to Erie.

Right now officials have their focus on "how we're doing as a system in providing care for behavioral health issues," she said.

The Affordable Care Act has expanded "the expectations for providers to go beyond triage," she said, "and actually provide psychiatry and treatment."

"When you have people who have never been insured or [are] chronically uninsured, once they're insured you still have to empower them to get to a primary care provider," Thomas-Smith explained. "We have to be educational and intentional about empowering people to establish a medical home. "For example, if for 20 years you have used the emergency room as my primary care provider, now that you have coverage — whether it's market place coverage or the Affordable Care Act — we have to empower people to get primary care and that's going to take some time."

For more information about Erie Family Health or to make an appointment, call 847-666-3494 or see eriefamilyhealth.org.

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Spring Mother's Day Market kicks off May 9

BY NATALIE HAYES
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An outdoor event that has blossomed into a well-cherished summertime tradition among the Morton Grove Community each year is set to resume next month in time for Mother's Day.

Attended by up to 1,000 people on Saturday mornings, the weekly farmers market in the 6200 block of West Dempster Street will kick off the new season on Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the annual Spring Mother's Day Market.

The 14 vendors lined up so far for the Spring Mother's Day Market will have lots of locally made treats and gifts for mom on hand, but the die-hard produce shoppers will have to wait a little longer to shop a fuller selection of spring

produce, which will debut when the market resumes on June 9.

A full lineup of up to 26 vendors, many of them local farmers, will reappear for the season during the first weekend in June, said Rich Block, who manages the farmers market.

"The Mother's Day market is a little different because there's not as much produce available in May," Block said. "You're not going to find strawberries in May, but we'll have plenty of flowers and other gift items."

Fresh breads, gourmet cheeses, cosmetics and aromatherapy items are a few things guests to the early spring market probably will find this year before the fresh fruits and veggies hit the stands in June.

A tradition spanning six-years in the making, Morton

Grove doesn't take its farmers market lightly. Site inspections of all the farms and vendors that sell items at the market are conducted each year to make sure everything sold is actually grown locally.

"It's about integrity — we want to make sure people know what they're buying," Block said. "All the items have to be grown in this area, so you can't get a cantaloupe from out of town and come in and sell it."

Local doesn't necessarily mean it's grown in town, however.

Farmers from all over the Midwest, including Wright Way Farms of Beloit, Wis., and Patyk Farms of Richmond, Ill., are regulars at the market.

While browsing for gifts and goodies during the spring market, guests can enjoy live music from the



MORTON GROVE FARMERS MARKET PHOTOS

Shoppers can get a wide variety of items from the Morton Grove Farmers Market, which will host its popular Mother's Day Market on May 9.

Park View Band between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and "Miss Jamie From the Farm," known for her song, "Keepin' It Pesticide Free," will perform from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Morton Grove His-

torical Museum and Education Center will also open a new exhibit during the market called, "Recreation and Leisure in Morton Grove 1895 — present."

The volunteer-based farmers market planning

committee includes Rich Bloc, Lorri Fishman, Peggy Leib, Brad Moldofsky, Elaine Monterola and Susan Werth.

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NEWS

Recovering youths get help finding new sober friends

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
Pioneer Press

After a Park Ridge teen's alcohol and drug use led to repeated arrests and chaotic relationships with his parents and siblings, he got into a 12-step recovery program when he was 22.

He stayed sober for more than a year, but on one weekend night at about 1 a.m., the loneliness of not seeing his old friends got the better of the young man, who provided only his first name, Brendan, because the policy of 12-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous is to not use last names. With texts from his friends flying back and forth that night, Brendan went out with them and relapsed.

Because challenges like this are a real stumbling block to 18- to 32-year-olds, Maine Township is starting the Recovery Connection program to support them and provide sober social activities as an alternative to bars. It will meet on Friday nights, starting May 1, in Niles.

"This is a life or death situation for many of these kids," said Marty Cook, who does community outreach for Maine Township. He has been in recovery for many years, and generated the idea for the program.

"Often for people who don't stay sober, the end result is incarceration or death. This is a way to stop it now."

Three of the eight young patients in rehab at Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines are set to go to jail for serious offenses related to drug use, such as theft and burglary, Cook said. Also, heroin-related deaths in DuPage County, which has similar demographics to Maine Township, inch up annually and have reached the 30 to 40 per year mark.

Brendan, who's now 26, said he wishes there had been a program like this when he first went into

recovery four years ago.

"My biggest challenges early on were meeting people my age who were sober," he said. "People this age go out to bars, and on a Friday or Saturday night, I wanted to be with people my own age."

For that reason, Recovery Connection will meet on Friday nights, and Cook hopes to eventually do some social outings.

"I wanted to have young people in recovery to walk in on Friday nights and see that others are staying sober," Cook said. "Hopefully, they build relationships. We also want to help them find community resources, such as help with finding jobs or going back to school."

Oakton Community College is partnering with Maine Township for this program. Other partners include the Niles Park District, which is providing space for the recovery meetings on Fridays, the Keys to Recovery program at Presence Holy Family Hospital, Maine Center, the Park Ridge and Niles police departments, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Peer Services and Yellowbrick.

Cook said insurance pays for only short treatment stays these days, so most people do the work of healing in recovery programs, making them important parts of a community's well-being.

Maine Township Supervisor Carol Teschky said the township has budgeted \$20,000 for the program for the 2015-16 fiscal year, including an assistant for Cook, though the budget will not be officially passed until the last week of April.

"They're also talking about community education projects, workshops, and maybe taking trips where they would charter a bus," she said.

They aim to help young people and their families avoid the struggles Brendan and his family went through.

"In high school I started to experiment with drugs and alcohol," he said. His reputation as a partier cost him an athletic scholarship to college, and he spent about four years bouncing from job to job and having frequent run-ins with the law for fighting and for stealing from his parents and siblings.

"Your parents and friends are always mad at you," he said. "These are all the things that come with a drinking and drug habit."

Not that he acknowledged it.

"I would try to distance myself from my family and hide my drinking and drug use, but I really wasn't," Brendan said.

Eventually, his parents said he had to either go to rehab or be kicked out of the house. He chose rehab.

Today, he has a job and an apartment and has mended his relationships with his family, so much so that he's the one they come to if they need a hand. He has also learned to create a social life that doesn't revolve around drinking or drug use.

"I think I've been to more concerts in sobriety than I ever did drinking," Brendan said. "I've gone to sporting events, the beach, I've been on a couple vacations and we've started a softball team and golf tournaments."

He said he's excited about Recovery Connection's potential to make sobriety easier for young people.

"The demand for this has been present long before I got sober," he said. "I see more young people getting sober now than before."

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Marty Cook

Evanston Running Club keeps the pace for more than 40 years

By **KARIE ANGELL LUC**
Pioneer Press

In 1982, Nancy Rollins joined the Evanston Running Club and met her future husband on a Boston Marathon bus.

Today, they have two grown sons, and Nancy, who is now a coach for the club, has been running for 38 years. In that time, she has logged about 65 marathons, including the 2013 Boston Marathon marred by deadly terror bombings.

She was four to five blocks from the finish line when the explosions took place, but Rollins returned in 2014 and again this week.

A Northbrook Center for Christian Life Enrichment therapist, Rollins is trained as a nurse.

"As a therapist and a counselor, I was fairly amazed that about a month later, I heard some people

screaming and having fun and I remembered that I heard screams when I was watching the explosion," Rollins said. "I completely forgot that, completely blocked that out. So it really shows how our brain sort of protects us, and when we're ready, we'll remember."

Rollins is a coach for outdoor interval training "Summervals" workouts at the Evanston Township High School track.

She spoke about the 2013 Boston Marathon exactly two years to the date before an April 15 interval session.

"It was just a horrible experience for all of us runners, but we came out of it really wanting it to be an event that's about life and about goodness," Rollins said.

She led an estimated 90 club members in lap runs as part of weekly Wednesday in-season sessions.



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS

Evanston Running Club members participate in an April 15, track workout at Evanston Township High School. On right is Nancy Owens of Evanston who serves as timer.

"It's people of all abilities. It's something I love about the Evanston Running Club," Rollins said.

The club, which welcomes athletes of many ages and run times, was formed in 1973 by a group of Evanston runners at an indoor YMCA track. Notices were

posted around town with a time and place. People showed up. The club was incorporated in 1975.

"A few of us are very, very good, but most of us just enjoy being out with other runners, maybe losing a little weight or preparing for an upcoming race," Joseph

Sullivan, club membership coordinator, wrote in a welcoming letter.

"They have taught me how to improve my running," said Gus Morales, of Glenview.

Morales, born and raised in Guatemala, came to the United States 14 years ago. He ran his first marathon a few years after his arrival, renewing an interest in running that started in his early teens.

Morales considers himself a fast runner and does two marathons a year. He's run marathons in Chicago, Milwaukee, the Twin Cities, Kenosha and Washington, D.C.

Al White, of Evanston, has been in the club since 1996.

"Our vision is to essentially offer the people who live in Evanston to get together to run," White said.

Jane Bunker, married to

Sullivan, recently joined.

"I never thought in a million years I would be a runner," said Bunker, whose husband, her walking partner, picked up his pace to run with the club. "I thought, 'If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!'"

Joel and Renee Wallen of Wilmette participated April 15 with their children, Hunter, 2, and Avery, 2 months.

For Jonathan Margulies, of Evanston, running and biking get him moving. He has an IT job at a law firm where he's often seated during his workday.

Margulies wished Nancy Rollins well as she returned to Boston.

He said it's "phenomenal, the fact that she's going back."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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The quest for a satisfying grocery experience



RANDY BLASER

I spend a lot of time and money in grocery stores. I'm always looking for the perfect one. It's like a quest for me, kind of like Jason and the Golden Fleece. Alas, I am always disappointed.

I don't know what it is, but whenever I go shopping I feel that the grocery store has let me down, sometimes in a big way.

OK, I know what it is. Price. I think the prices are just too high and the food just doesn't taste good.

Yes, I know what you're thinking. In Europe they spend way more on food than we do here in the U.S. That's true. But if you ever ate in Europe, you would spend more,

too.

The food there actually has some flavor. From ice cream to roast chicken, the food is just better.

If the trade off is bad tasting food cheap, or really good food at a higher price, I'll take the really good food any day.

But when I go to the store, the food doesn't seem all that good or cheap.

Service is another issue I have with local grocery stores. I thought everything would improve when Mariano's entered the market, cleaning up the leftover Dominick's stores.

And for a while, my shopping experience was better. Mariano's had a greater selection of different foods, and also a bevy a discount brands. It was like Whole Foods meets Woodman's, a grocery chain just north of the border in Wisconsin.

And the service at Mariano's was excellent.

This had a spillover effect in my town. Soon after Mariano's opened, I noticed

things were a bit different at my local Jewel. I walked in one day and five different people said hello and asked how I was doing. And I hadn't reached the deli counter, yet.

That lasted about a couple of weeks.

Even though I found it annoying after five friendly greetings, I kind of miss it now. If I'm going to get hosed, and least do it with a smile.

I find a lot of frustration at the deli counter. Just when I get used to where everything is at the store, they always change it around. But the deli counter was my rock. It never changed.

Recently, though, they got a new brand of cold cuts, and I am lost there, too.

And I don't like to be asked how I want my meat sliced. How would I know? I'm not a trained deli technician! I usually tell them not so thin that it falls apart and not so thick that I only get three sandwiches out of a half-pound of Polish ham.

Finally, I'm sick of all the marketing gimmicks. I don't want to collect stamps, or

dominos, or game cards or whatever. As I've heard many customers say, just make the prices cheaper.

If stores really want to get more customers to shop at their place, then I've got the perfect idea. When a customer pays with a card at checkout, the machine is programmed to ask a set of questions: Credit or debit? Is this amount correct? Do you want cash back? You know the drill.

Suppose the store reprograms that machine to ask a few additional questions? Suppose you go in one day and are the 100,000th customer and get asked, "Would you like 10 percent off your purchase?" Wouldn't that be great?

How about if you're the 500,000th customer and the machine asks if you want 50 percent off your purchase?

And if you are the 1 millionth shopper, wouldn't it be great if the question that pops on your screen is: "Do you want your groceries free today?"

This is the Golden Fleece, my friends.

It's time to treat our mother better

We've got to treat our mother better. Mother Earth, that is.

If the last couple of sledgehammer winters haven't convinced us that something is seriously going wrong on our home planet, perhaps the prices

we are about to pay for groceries because of the severe drought out west will.

It's not that we haven't been warned about the damage we are doing to earth. For 45 years, Earth Day has sounded a fire bell in the night warning us and urging us to take steps to keep our planet habitable.

Judging by how climate is changing we haven't been paying enough attention. We need to try much harder.

Earth Day will be marked April 22. Earth Day urges us to think big and small about the environment. It tells us there is something all of us can do to help protect and save the earth.

These so-called Acts of Green are many. Just a few examples are taking public transportation, recycling, composting, using recyclable grocery bags, turning off the computer at night, not preheating the oven, riding a bike.

The list of Acts of Green goes on, limited only by individual imagination. The Internet is full of such ideas. Fifty ways to



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conserve, for example, are available at www.50waystohelp.com.

But beyond individual acts, Earth Day exhorts us to think big about the environment. It tasks us to support environmental organizations and for us as

citizens and voters to advocate and support policies, laws, regulations – and candidates – that benefit the environment.

There have been victories, such as the 1973 Endangered Species Act, clean air and water regulations and the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

But Earth Day's work is not done. Climate change (global warming) poses a threat to life on this planet. Greenhouse gases – primarily created by the burning of fossil fuel oil, coal and natural gas – trap heat in the atmosphere. Left unchecked, greenhouse gases raise sea levels and change storm patterns. When and to what extent are the only questions unless action is taken.

Earth Day is a reminder to support actions and leaders to heal the environment. And it reminds us in our daily lives to act in ways that help, not hurt, our one and only environment.

For earth is our one and only home.

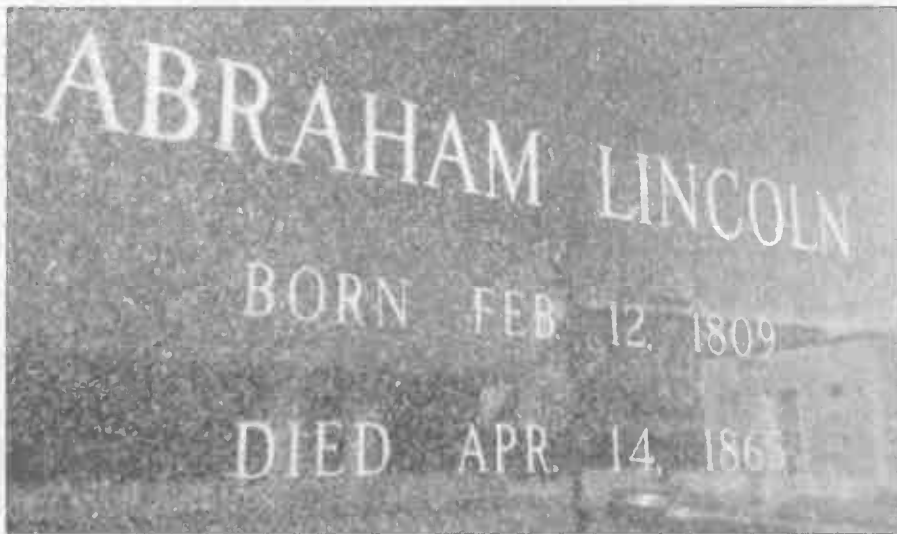
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DAN MORAN/NEWS-SUN

Abraham Lincoln's death is marked a day early on a memorial outside the Lake County Building in Waukegan.

Wrong Lincoln death day remains etched in stone

This month brings with it the 150th anniversary of several watershed moments for our nation and its growing pains, not the least of which is the day Abraham Lincoln died after being shot from behind by the crazed and drunken



DAN MORAN

Southern sympathizer John Wilkes Booth.

Whether Lincoln died on the 14th or the 15th of April still depends on where you get your information.

The commemorations of Lincoln's demise this week brought back more than memories of visits to Springfield or the refurbished Ford's Theatre. It also recalled events from October 1998, when a Lake Barrington resident taking a break from jury duty at the Lake County Courthouse noticed that the memorial to Lincoln on the west side of the building had The Great Emancipator dying on April 14, 1865.

"I was sure that the date of his death (was) incorrect. I later verified that the correct date is April 15, 1865," he wrote in a letter to your Lake County News-Sun, adding that he initially made the connection "because it's also tax day."

History records that Lincoln was, for all practical purposes, as good as gone when the infamous bullet was shot into his brain just after 10 p.m. on April 14. But the Old Railsplitter was prairie strong, and he survived until the following morning, with the time of death recorded at 7:22 p.m. April 15.

It could be argued that April 14 and Abraham Lincoln are burned into our collective consciousness the same way that many of us refer to the Chicago Bears as

being the "1985 Super Bowl Champions" — even though the Super Bowl following the 1985 NFL regular season was actually played in January 1986. In our defense, that entire postseason was a foregone conclusion by November 1985.

When it comes to the Lincoln typo, the passage of time has not brought with it a revision, despite talk of doing so back in 1998. If you went to Lincoln Plaza on Wednesday to tip your hat to Father Abraham, you would have found that April 14 is still etched on the marble.

As a local stone expert told *The News-Sun* 16 years ago, "This business is supposed to be forever, so you have to be extremely, extremely cautious. ... There's really no way of fixing it permanently unless you want to pull the marble down and polish it off and re-chisel it."

In a poignant side note to all of this, the sculptor of the Lake County Lincoln memorial, Lily Tolpo, passed away earlier this year at the age of 97.

When I talked to her about the mistake in 1998, she was humble and contrite, saying April 14 is "the day you remember" when it comes to Lincoln's death, but adding that she would support a correction.

If our popular perception of Abraham Lincoln is accurate, he would probably shrug it all off. To paraphrase one of his quotable quotes, when it comes to making mistakes, "mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Loving' does not always mean 'complicit'

To Randy Blaser: It's not "loving" to participate in the celebration of an action you believe is morally wrong and intrinsically disordered. Loving a person does not mean approving of all their actions. Christian love includes tough love — behavioral boundaries and limitations.

To Paul Sassone: Does your church, which was open Sunday, condone "same-sex marriage"? If so, do they acknowledge that elective same-sex parenting purposefully deprives the children of having of either their natural mother or their natural father in their life?

Should a pro-life baker be forced to provide a cake that says "Congratulations on Your Abortion!" if someone wants to celebrate the death of their

fetus and the resulting freedom from parental responsibility? After all, it was legal, and it makes them happy!

Or "Have a Swinging Good Time!" cake for such a party if the baker believes adultery is wrong, though it's not illegal? I'm sure you can imagine many other such examples where people will be forced to violate their faith if religious freedom and rights of conscience are extinguished.

Those churches might be open on Sunday, but the teachings of sacred scripture and the beliefs of their faithful will soon be driven underground in the new secular dictatorship to which America is descending — unless people stand up for their faith.

—Marica Morman, Park Ridge

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New website helps homeowners chop property taxes

Two locals have started a company that aims to help homeowners lower tax bills, reduce fees and simplify the property tax appeals process.

TurboAppeal, launched in February, could potentially save property tax payers big bucks on their bills.

"We don't get paid unless we save people money," said TurboAppeal cofounder John Guidos, who runs the company with business partner Badal Shah. "It's a win-win for everyone."

Cook County homeowners paid more than \$12 billion in property taxes in 2013. TurboAppeal aims not only to take the headache out of the appeals process, but also to put a big chunk of that back into taxpayers' pockets. It streamlines and improves the tax appeals process, making it really simple to appeal your taxes.

TurboAppeal has no up-front costs; instead, take a 30 percent of the first-year tax savings for single-family homeowners. (Fees vary for condo associations depend on the number of residential units.)

So, for example, if you saved \$1,000 per year for three years for a total of \$3,000 in savings, you would owe TurboAppeal \$300. The company only collects if the appeal is successful; they say they charge about 40 percent less, on average, than attorneys who specialize in property tax appeals.

Sound too good to be



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true? There's no catch, said Guidos, who himself is a licensed attorney.

"We need to establish a good reputation, and make people feel comfortable," Guidos said. "We're excited about it."

According to the National Taxpayers Union, 60 percent of properties in the United States are over-assessed. Still, fewer than half of Cook County property owners appeal their real estate taxes, because the process is complicated, time-consuming and expensive.

TurboAppeal addresses these problems with technology. It has developed software to identify the most accurate data supporting its customers' property tax appeals.

"You sign up in a few minutes with a few different pieces of information, and we do everything," Guidos said. "We put the appeal into a format the assessor asks for, find evidence to support your appeal, and if they can't, they let you know."

Cook County was "ripe" for a technology company to come in and streamline this process, Guidos said.

"Cook County has been doing a very nice job. However, there's kind of a lack of education with homeowners doing this

process," Guidos said. "The people who helped homeowners in the past are kind of set in their ways."

Property owners sign up at turboappeal.com by entering their name, address, phone number, email address and providing authorization. While Guidos and I were on the phone, he checked my property for me, and found that comps showing that I was assessed for more than my neighbors, which could amount to some decent savings for me.

The company currently serves Cook County residential property owners, but it is expanding to other Illinois counties this year, with plans to be in several states by 2016, Guidos said. Additionally, TurboAppeal is developing B2B applications for its software among real estate brokerages, financial institutions, attorneys and property managers.

"Honestly, everyone should call us," Guidos said. "If they don't do anything about it, they can potentially lose out on some savings. At worst, we can let them know they can't appeal or they can save themselves some money. There's a lot to be saved out there."

For more information, visit TurboAppeal.com, or call 888-236-4170.

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674 W Parkside Dr, Palatine	Venkata Mrudula Gullapalli	Weiss Trust	03-19-15	\$260,000
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547 W Kenilworth Ave, Palatine	Jessica D Allan	Fannie Mae	03-24-15	\$290,500
1554 N Saint Marks Pl, Palatine	Neill Donoghue	Colleen M Sandquist	03-19-15	\$292,000
1219 Good Ave, Park Ridge	Kimberly A Reinke	Jeffrey L Fordice	03-24-15	\$313,000
617 Engel Blvd, Park Ridge	Aleksandar Draganic & Nedeljko Draganic	Martin Rayner	03-23-15	\$625,000
311 N Lincoln Ave, Park Ridge	Daniel Press & Sara Press	Jaclyn Mcgrath	03-25-15	\$668,500
717 Parkwood Ave, Park Ridge	Davis A Guretz & Jacqueline R Guretz	717 Parkwood Llc	03-25-15	\$803,000
1855 Norman Blvd, Park Ridge	Mark Smolenski & Marilyn Underwood Smolenski	Brenda G Buranosky	03-24-15	\$898,000

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WILMETTE

Bright and sunny 3-bedroom, 2-bath bungalow in desirable McKenzie school area. Screened porch, eat-in kitchen, large living room with fireplace, 1st-floor den and full bath. Huge unfinished, dry basement ready for your ideas. Oversized, full-fenced lot. Parking for 3 cars, meticulously maintained, many updates including new windows. Located across from Vattman Park.

Address: 1450 Lake Ave.
Price: \$499,500
Schools: New Trier Township High School Winnetka
Taxes: \$7,805
Agent: Linnea Jacobs/@Properties



SKOKIE

Renovated English Tudor home with a blend of old and new. Enjoy classic period feel with arched doorways, crown moldings, plaster walls and leaded glass windows. Features: 9-foot ceilings, hardwood, eat-in kitchen with 42-inch cherry cabinets, granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. Zoned air conditioning, heat. Master bedroom on 2nd floor, two on first floor and one on lower level.

Address: 8111 Kilbourn Ave.
Price: \$485,000
Schools: Niles West High School
Taxes: \$8621
Agent: Greg Fisher/@Properties



NORTHBROOK

Rarely-available Ville Du Parc single family, maintenance-free 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath home in the heart of a cul-de-sac. Open, flowing floor plan accentuated by vaulted ceiling in the living room. Updated kitchen opens to breakfast and family rooms. Master suite with updated bath and walk-in closet plus a balcony. Finished lower level, 1st-floor den/guest room and laundry. Maintenance-free living. Enjoy pool, tennis, etc.

Address: 3002 Rennes Ct.
Price: \$519,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: \$9,834
Agent: Linda Lincoln/Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices



VERNON HILLS

Move-in ready. Open floor plan on a large landscaped fenced yard. Wood floors, oak rails, island kitchen. Vaulted master with fan, 2 walk-ins and bath. Updates include: Master bath, powder room, roof, air conditioner and laundry room. Pull down attic with afflooring over garage. Plus finished basement with lots of storage too! Ceiling fans in all bedrooms, updated fixtures, brick fireplace and more.

Address: 548 Williams Way
Price: \$399,000
Schools: Vernon Hills Hgih School
Taxes: \$10,940
Agent: Marco Amidei/REMAX

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A lot in store at Skokie's new Mariano's

BY MIKE ISAACS

Pioneer Press

Days before the long-awaited Mariano's on the east side of Skokie was to open, the parking lot was just about filled — as if it were a peak time for the public to shop.

But the public would have to wait until 6 a.m. April 21 when Mariano's was to open for business for the first time. The lot was packed with vehicles belonging to employees, vendors and building workers putting the finishing touches on the place — among others.

"We'll be ready on Tuesday," said Bob Mariano, who gave the Skokie Review an exclusive sneak peek.

Arguably one of the most significant economic development additions for Skokie in years, Mariano's alongside Starbucks, Noodles and Company and LongHorn SteakHouse make up the new Skokie Commons shopping center at Touhy Avenue and McCormick Boulevard. The shopping center occupies property that was home to the Klein Tools factory for decades.

The property became available when Klein Tools closed the building. That gave Mariano's a new opportunity to make the village a home since its original plans to move to downtown Skokie never panned out.

"We've been working with the community leaders for some time," Mariano said. "We initially tried to do something in the downtown area, but it just didn't make sense. Our practice is to pull away from the table when it's just not going to work for everybody."

Mariano, though, believes this location to the east will work for everybody. A short jump from Chicago, Evanston and Lincolnwood, its reach should cover several communities.

"We're at Touhy and McCormick. Come on," Mariano said. "What's not to like?"

The Skokie store marks the 32nd Mariano's in only about five years. The company's first store was in Arlington Heights, and while there were always thoughts about expanding to other areas, even Mariano said growth has been quicker than expected.

The company's rapid expansion was aided by the closing of the Dominick's grocery store chain, allowing Mariano's to move into several abandoned stores it never anticipated.

The Skokie store, however, was always a different animal. The public had been asking for a high-end grocery store for a long time, and village leaders were trying to make that happen.



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Bob Mariano gives a tour of the new Mariano's at the Skokie Commons shopping center. The store was set to open April 21 at Touhy Avenue and McCormick Boulevard.



A wine and beer section is among the highlights of the new store.



Employees get ready days before the Skokie grocery's store's grand opening.

Actually, calling Mariano's a grocery store — even a high-end one — doesn't quite do it justice. Groceries are a large part of what it offers to be sure, but there is much more to the 71,310 square feet it occupies.

"It's really patterned after the great food halls of Europe," Mariano said.

On its north side are food stations and food bars — a coffee bar, an oyster bar, a

salad bar, a hummus and olive bar, an area for barbecue, a space for pastries, sweets and more.

Individual meals can be purchased and then eaten in a nearby attractive dining area in the corner, which is surrounded by glass and includes low lighting and a sculpture.

Since the store is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, Mariano's can

accommodate breakfast, lunch and dinner. Like at other Mariano's, the store has a generous wine and beer area including a refrigerated section.

It also has other amenities that one doesn't always see inside his or her traditional grocery store. A smoothie station greets customers in the front of the store. It also includes a cozy outdoor dining area near Touhy where that smoothie or others foods and beverages can be consumed on a pleasant day.

During the tour, Mariano proved to be a passionate spokesman for his family chain of stores. He pointed out unique brands of various kinds of food carried by Mariano's — foods that customers won't find readily at other retailers — while it also carries familiar brands.

What customers won't find too readily, even at other Mariano's, is a kosher food market this large. Mariano said the store should serve the Orthodox Jewish community well with its kosher market, located under an easily identifiable streak of blue.

The store also offers three aisles of kosher groceries for shoppers in addition to the market space.

"We saw an opportunity in this area to enhance and bring something special to this neighborhood," Mariano said. "Historically, Devon Avenue had a number of kosher shops. Those by and large have gone away. There was a need for alternatives."

The new Walmart, which opened last year to the west of Skokie Commons, included an expanded market for kosher foods as well.

The opening of Mariano's closes out a significant piece in the transformation of the east side of Touhy Avenue. Once part of Skokie's industrial corridor, east-side Touhy has welcomed in a Walmart and an X-Sport fitness store in recent years.

A Lettuce Entertain You M Burger went into the Walmart shopping center space; a popular Filipino-based restaurant chain, Jollibee, is scheduled to fill other space in the same shopping center.

But even with this flurry of recent economic development, it was always Mariano's that was to be the big prize of the area.

One woman who saw activity inside the store wandered in, assuming it was open. Mariano told her the store was closed even though it didn't look that way. Come back April 21, he said.

She said she probably would. So did many others who were anxious to literally see what's in store for them.

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Thursday, April 23

"Build It!" at Kohl Children's Museum: The museum announces its newly constructed, temporary exhibit Build It! which puts a spin on classic building blocks by letting children explore and interact with ten different varieties of blocks in a single space through May 3, 2015. Children can discover, stack, bridge, enclose, make patterns, name and symbolize using blocks and more. 9:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, noon Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, \$10-\$11, 847-832-6600

Little Legends Soccer Academy: spring premier league: The new league is for seven- and eight-year-olds. A six-week season starts on April 18th. noon Thursday-Sunday, Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, \$219, 224-500-5729

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program box is still in the lobby of the Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, IL. Accepted are: prescription medications, (including controlled substances), all over-the-counter and pet medications, samples, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-1300 ext. 146. 9 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Niles Police Department, 7000 West Touhy Ave., Niles, free

Thomas Piketty Turns Economics Upside Down: Join Jim Kenney as he explores the work of Thomas Piketty's extraordinary "Capital in the Twenty-First Century" and the controversy. Does Piketty really demonstrate that capitalism leads inexorably to economic inequality and injustice, or has he "cooked the books?" Register by calling 847-784-6030. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$20 member; \$26 non-member for two sessions, 847-784-6030

Mah Jongg in Review: Brush up on your Mah Jongg skills in this six-week class. Instructor Pamela Max guides you through games and focuses on technique. Bring a current Mah Jongg card or purchase one for \$8. Contact the Park Ridge Senior Center. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$52 member or \$57 guest, 847-692-3597

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Karaoke Thursdays: Enjoy some great pizza and sing a tune or two. 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

Getting Started with your family history: Learn about genealogy resources available at the Family History Center at this one-hour workshop on the fundamentals of starting your family research. Registration required. 1 a.m. Thursday, Wilmette Family History Center, 2727 Lake Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-6930

Grow an organic vegetable garden: Collaborate with other teens to plan a garden, sow seeds, care for plants and harvest produce to share with friends and family. 4:45 p.m. Thursday, West Park, 3555 Lake Ave., Wilmette, \$153-\$191, 224-392-2275

GpHomestay Host Information Session: Regina Dominican has partnered with gphomestay and is in need of families interested in welcoming an international student into their home for the 10-month, 2015-2016 academic school year. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Regina Dominican High School, 701 Locust Road, Wilmette, free, 847-363-5467

Winnetka Landmark Preservation Commission Preservation Awards: Nominate your house or your neighbor's house in categories that include restoration, rehabilitation, and new construction for projects that have been completed during the last five years. 11:15 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Winnetka Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free, 847-716-3525

Friday, April 24

"Hair": See the musical about a group of young hippies exploring sex, love and rock 'n' roll while fighting for civil rights and protesting the war in Vietnam. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, \$28, 847-604-0275

Vintage Marketplace: Shop for one-of-a-kind, antique items such as art, furniture, clothing and glassware — at the market. 8:30 a.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6030

Happy 451st Birthday William Shakespeare! The Shakespeare Project presents "Hamlet," Shakespeare's most famous, enduring tragedy. With just two actors, "50-Minute Hamlet" contains many of the Bard's most famous lines and speeches while retaining much of his saga's pathos, poetry and passion. 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 member; \$15 nonmember, 847-784-6030

This Above All: Why "Hamlet" Is Shakespeare's Greatest Play: Peter Garino makes the argument that of Shakespeare's 38 plays, "Hamlet" is the greatest. Also, offered is a bit of biographical information, a review of Shakespeare's career and an exploration of "Hamlet" and its impact on Western culture. 10 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 member; \$13 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Duplicate Bridge: The senior center offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

2015 Oakton Ice Show: 'Heroes vs. Villains': Get ready for an entertaining show celebrating the favorite dynamic duos — superheroes and villains. Oakton's Annual Ice Show features skaters of various ages performing spectacular routines. 7 p.m. Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 W. Oakton St., Park Ridge, \$8, 847-692-3359

Toastmasters District 30 Spring Conference 2015: Communication and Leadership Conference. 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Holiday Inn North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, free, 847-664-2033

"Oleanna": MadKap Productions presents David Mamet's gripping and electrifying drama. As the lives of the characters spin out of control, we are confronted with both the effects of carelessness and the dangers of oversensitivity and being too politically correct. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$28 adults; \$24 seniors; \$18 students, 847-677-7761

Four Corners to the World: The Chicago Jazz Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble explores the rich global influences in jazz in two concerts featuring internationally acclaimed guest artists Trio Globo. 8 p.m. Friday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$32-\$62, 312-573-8932

Saturday, April 25

Toothless the Great White Shark: Deanna of Discover the Depths defangs the myths of sharks as she introduces Toothless, a life-size 15-foot model made of recycled plastics. 2 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Learning Your DSLR: Intro to Photography: This Intro to Photography course focuses on the basics of shooting with a single-lens reflex camera. In this course, learn technical instruction, camera settings, metering, the exposure triangle and other detailed technical instruction. 9 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, Fee is \$180, 847-692-3597

Photography: Intro to Macro Photography: Learn the basics of composition and camera settings. You must have a working knowledge of the exposure triangle. This course also requires either a dedicated macro lens or an extension/magnification tube set. For ages 18 and up. Taught by Angela Alfe. Call the Park Ridge Senior Center. 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, Fee is \$180, 847-692-3597

Photography: Intro to Editing: Course teaches the basics of camera settings. Attendees must have a working knowledge of the exposure triangle. Participant must bring laptop and a working version of either Photoshop Elements or Photoshop CS5 or CS6. Instructor: Angela Alfe of Beautiful Life Photography. Contact the Park Ridge Senior Center at 847-692-3597. 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$180, 847-692-3597

Greatest Hits of the Greatest Generation: Local singing group, The Park Ridge Chorale, performs to celebrate the 70th anniversary of World War II. 7 p.m. Saturday, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$14-\$18; students 18 and younger admitted for free, 312-961-9066

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Home, Health, Happiness: A Take Charge Forum: For expert guidance on how to take charge as you or your loved ones grow older, attend Home, Health, Happiness, a community forum hosted by North Shore Village. Register in advance via email to info@north-shore-village.org, or call 847-721-1413. 1 p.m. Saturday, Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie, free, 847-721-1413

"Prime Time to Sell?": Featured panelists present in the lower level conference room: Patrick Price, North Shore Senior Center (moderator); Howard and Susan Meyers, The Hudson Company; Michael Kodlowski, Chase Private Client and Patricia Jonland, Meadow Lane Estate Sales. RSVP to Teri Ruiz at 847-784-6018 or truiz@nssc.org. 10 a.m. Saturday, Chase Bank, 791 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-784-6018

Sunday, April 26

Midwest Fruit Explorers Spring Lecture: Professor Ron Perry, former chair of the Horticulture Department at Michigan State University discusses how to establish a backyard orchard. 1 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

"Choosing to Love Whatever the Cost": Interactive presentation/discussion in a series on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. The speaker: Vincent Guider, Old St. Pat's Church and Director of the North Lawndale Kinship Initiative. How can we love difficult, unjust people or those who hurt us? What price do we put on our love for Christ? For others? Noon Sunday, St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

Is Parkinson's a Jewish genetic disease?: This educational event discusses a research study providing genetic screening at no cost to qualified individuals. 11 a.m. Sunday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-0951

Two Israeli Soldiers to Speak In Skokie: An "Israeli Soldiers' Tour: Real Soldiers, Real Lives, Real People" a special program co-hosted by Skokie synagogues: Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation and Temple Beth Israel. 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Ezra Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Israeli News Reporter at JUF Brunch In Skokie: Gil Tamary, the Washington Bureau Chief for Israel's Channel 10 News is guest speaker. Tamary covers a wide range of Middle East issues, says Joel Farber, the synagogue's 2015 JUF Event Chair. For reservations call Lisa Herst at 312-444-2838 or e-mail her at Lisa-Herst@juf.org. 10 a.m. Sunday, Ezra Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$10, 847-675-4141

Rob Haight: The Music of John Coltrane and Billy Strayhorn: Join Rob Haight as he celebrates the music of John Coltrane and Billy Strayhorn. A recent graduate of The Juilliard School and student of saxophonists Ron Blake (SNL, Roy Hargrove) and Steve Wilson (Chick Corea, Dave Holland), Haight has performed at venues in Chicago, New York, Brazil, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Amsterdam and the 2009 Kennedy Center Honors in Washington, D.C. He performs frequently with Jeff Lindberg's Chicago Jazz Orchestra. On piano, bass and drums will be Dan Trudell, Dennis Carroll and George Fludas. Get tickets at the theatre, by calling or online. 8 p.m. Sunday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$20, 847-677-7761

Musical Theater and Opera: Why Choose When You Can Have Both?: The Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra will be joined by dynamic soloists Carla Janzen, Juliet Petrus, Emily Price, John Concepcion and Bill McMurray in a performance of classics from musical theater and opera. 3 p.m. Sunday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$5-\$44, 847-673-6300

Cantorial Concert: Concert featuring the musical group Six13Acapella. Tickets: \$30 members; \$36 non-members; \$18 children ages 13-18; and free for ages 12 and under. 4 p.m. Sunday, Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, \$36-\$18, 847-256-1213

Author Jane Smiley discusses her novel, "Some Luck": Hear Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley discuss her novel "Some Luck." A book signing will follow the program. Copies of "Some Luck" will be available on site for purchase from The Book Stall at Chestnut Court. This event is part of the Wilmette Public Library's 2015 One Book, Everybody Reads program, which is featuring "Some Luck" this spring. 2 p.m. Sunday, Wilmette Junior High School, 620 Locust Rd., Wilmette, free, 847-256-7280

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Monday, April 27

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or visit mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yarn Gang: Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles! Call 847-929-5101 or visit mgpl.org for more information. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Parkinson's Support Group: For people with Parkinson's, as well as their caregivers and families. 10 a.m. Monday, Covenant Village of Northbrook, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-509-0927

Building Your Brain's 401(k): Your risk for developing the clinical signs of dementia, may have much to do with how much of your brain is "left over," rather than the amount of disease or injury affecting your brain. Dr. Sherrie All, director of the Chicago Center for Cognitive Wellness, teaches three simple ways to maximize your investments in your Brain 401(k). 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 member; \$15 nonmember, 847-784-6030

What a Metamorphosis: China from the 1980's to Today: In this digital presentation, see Beijing's Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 member; \$13 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Intro to the iPhone Camera and Video: Introduces the use of the camera and video functions of the device, how to organize photos, how to edit photos and videos and how to share photos and videos with friends and family. Attendees bring iPhone and charger to class. 1 p.m. Monday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$40 member; \$45 guest, 847-692-3597

Tuesday, April 28

5Rhythms Dance: Come and explore the 5Rhythms Dance — a movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, \$15; \$10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

MGPL Kids: Listen Up! Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. Call 847-929-5102 or visit mgpl.org/kids for more information. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Camera Club: The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Life Transitions Group: A support group for men and women who have been widowed for one to four years. The group is volunteer-facilitated and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$5 per session, 847-720-4170

Wednesday, April 29

Where in the World Is Rob Petrie? The Dick Van Dyke Story: Join cultural historian Barry Bradford for an insightful look at the Dick Van Dyke Show. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Legal Concerns Surrounding Internet Websites and Social Media: Registration required. Discover the issues surrounding user privacy and publishing content from your Website, the pros and cons of having a detailed company social media policy and more. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Bingo and Pizza: Treat yourself to hot slices of cheese, sausage and veggie pizza. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$8 member; \$10 guest, 847-692-3597

Nature exploration class: Each week, students learn about a different aspect of our natural surroundings - birds, mammals, native plants, trees, weather and ecosystems. 4 p.m. Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Lakeview Center, 800 Gillson Park Drive, Wilmette, \$99-\$124, 224-392-2275

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Chicago Audubon honors 13 who protect environment

BY SHERYL DEVORE
Pioneer Press

Nick Minor of Libertyville received the inaugural Young Environmentalist Award from the Chicago Audubon Society during a dinner and ceremony held March 28 at the Silver Stallion in Des Plaines.

"It's so great to have a group like Chicago Audubon recognize young birders," Minor said, adding he hopes the newly established award will encourage young people to study natural history, science and birds.

Minor was among 13 award recipients invited to accept plaques and congratulations from Chicago Audubon Society President David Willard at the event, held every other year.

Minor will study environmental science at college next year — and will be deciding which one to attend soon, he said. Willard said when Deerfield resident Bonnie Duman, an Audubon Society board member, suggested a new award be given to a young environmentalist, board members immediately thought of Nick Minor.

Jana Balaban, who accepted a protector of the environment award with her husband, John, said, "It's so good to be part of this conservation community, to see all the optimism, all the excitement about work that's being done."

The Balabans, who live in Skokie, have been long time stewards of Bunker Hill Savanna near Niles.

Other award recipients included: Illinois Department of Natural Resources naturalist Stacy Iwanicki; Cook County Forest Preserve president Toni Preckwinkle; Loyola University professor Reuben Keller and his Science and Society class; Notebaert Nature Museum curator of biology Doug Taron; and Daily Herald columnist Jeff Reiter of Glen Ellyn for reporting excellence.

Also: wildlife biologists Chris Anchor and Stan Gehrt; Lake-Cook Audubon Society president Rena Cohen of Highland Park; botanical illustrator, educator, steward and plant monitor Kathleen Marie Garness of Forest Park; and North Park Village Nature Center for first friend to Chicago Audubon Society.



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Chicago Audubon Society president David Willard congratulates Jane Balaban of Skokie, who received an award with her husband, John



David and Patricia Kamp of Glenview



Nick Minor of Libertyville received the Chicago Audubon Society's inaugural Young Environmentalist award.

CAUSE & EVENT



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Skin of Steel founder Susan Steel of Glenview (from left), Kathy Kessenich of Skokie, Henrietta Saunders and Karen Hirsch, both of Glenview

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Rock Out Melanoma II

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Trip Lane of Winnetka (from left) with Beth and Matt O'Connor of Glenview

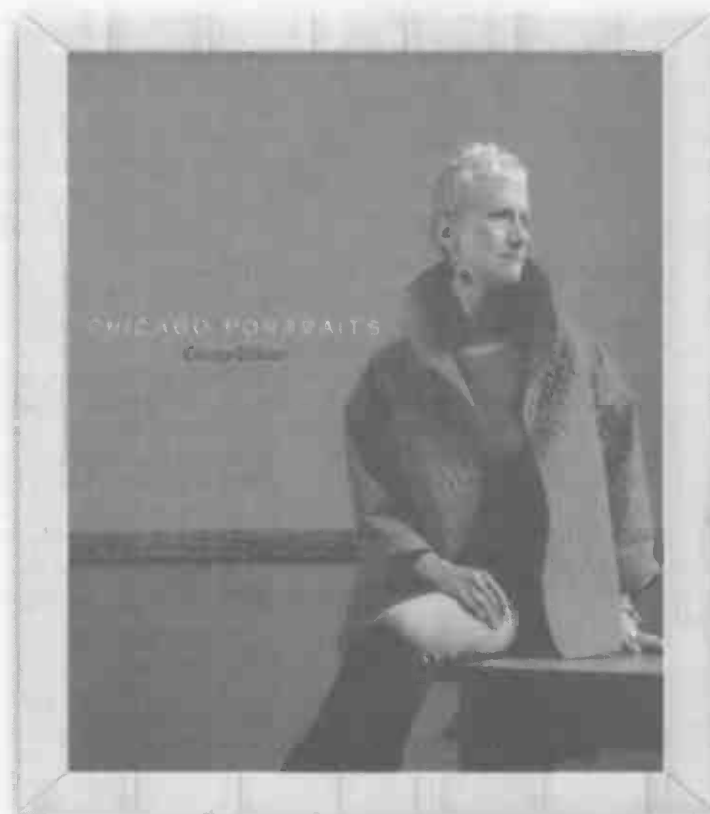


Maureen McGinnis of Glenview (from left), Jennifer Joyce of Winnetka and Mary Radlein of Glenview

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16 signs that she digs you

Jackie, how do you know if she really likes you?

This question warmed my heart and I am excited to help this guy get into the mindset of a woman by sharing just what the heck we are thinking!

So, here are 16 signs that she digs you:

1. Texts and phone calls are answered promptly.
2. She wears lipstick on your dates.
3. She asks you about YOU, seems genuinely interested and seems to care. "How is work?" "Tell me about your family." "I want to hear a story about your past."
4. She is interested in meeting your friends.
5. She smiles a lot around you.
6. She puts her phone away at dinner (unless she has young kids who might be calling her).
7. Saturday nights always work for her to get together.
8. She buys you a thoughtful gift, maybe a book she wants you to read or a plant for your house.
9. She offers to cook you dinner from time to time.
10. She talks about a future together. "Maybe we could go to Lake Geneva this summer." "My cousin's wedding is in June, I hope you'll go with me."
11. She rarely mentions her ex.
12. You're walking down the street and she holds your hand.
13. She seems vulnerable, but confident, too.
14. She laughs at your jokes, even if they aren't that funny.
15. If you have to go to the doctor, she offers to go with you.
16. The biggest sign: her kiss. It shouts, "I really like you."

Is there any way to affair-proof a relationship?

I hear so many stories from men and women who explain that they were utterly shocked when finding out their spouse was having an affair. While I completely understand how that scenario could happen, I often wonder if the cheat-ee turned a blind eye, not letting himself (or herself) see the cheating because it was just too painful, or they were too afraid to confront it.

There are a few things couples can do to minimize the chance that their spouse



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Love Essentially

will stray. First and foremost, communication is a huge component to a cheating-free marriage. Couples should be best friends, and we all know that best friends talk a lot. They open up, they share their inner most thoughts and feelings.

This way, if something is wrong, the other person can address it and the two can try to work things out before one goes looking somewhere else for comfort and/or happiness. Couples also need to nurture the romantic aspect of their relationship by going on kid-free dates and vacations together. A marriage is like a plant or a pet or even a child—it needs to be taken care of, with lots of attention. If it isn't fed or cared for, it will die.

How do I tell my spouse that she has gotten extremely overweight and it is a turnoff?

This is a tough one. First of all, you don't have to tell her she is overweight. She knows. Trust me. The question becomes, does she care? The answer to that is huge. If for some reason she is fine with her new body, and is making no attempt to lose the weight by eating healthier or exercising, I'd say you have a problem. Why? Because her desire to change has to be there, or her weight will stay the same or continue to increase.

I would start by talking to her, and very gently broaching the subject. Make sure to tell her that she is a beautiful woman, that you love her, and that you want her to be healthy.

You can't get in shape for her, but there are some things you can offer her in terms of support:

1. Help her find a program that works for her, whether it's Weight Watchers, a nutritionist, a gym or a personal trainer.
2. Tell her you will eat healthy with her, eat what she eats and work out together if she wants.
3. Continually offer positive, supporting, loving words. Inspire her, motivate her, and reward her efforts with back rubs or flowers or a nice card.

That's what best friends do for each other!

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Insurance error results in \$10K in bills

Dear Help Squad:

This issue involves an inaccurately assigned group number for a personal medical insurance plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Illinois. We engaged BCBS for short-term healthcare coverage for our daughter in November 2014, effective January 1, 2015. In December she experienced a sudden illness. On December 7, I talked to a BCBS sales agent about possible healthcare plans. Among the plans offered was the IB2001 Bronze Choice plan. Our Visa card was processed and we were reassured the plan could be changed if it did not meet our needs.

The next day I contacted BCBS as it was clear the IB2001 Bronze plan would not work for our daughter, so we enrolled her in the IS2003 Silver PPO plan. We paid \$330.79 but were assured that our prior payment for IB2001 would be applied to the continuing monthly premiums. December 2014 indicates two payments: \$178.91 and \$330.79.

Following emailed confirmation of enrollment on December 24, we received two BCBS IL cards via US Mail. One was incorrect, indicating group number IB2001 BCS, the second was correct indicating group number IS2003 PPO.

January – February 2015 my daughter underwent multiple medical exams and procedures. For each she presented her IS2003 Silver PPO card. During this period a total of 15 Explanations of Benefits were generated. We noticed immediately that all procedures were processed under the IB2001 Bronze group number, resulting in no coverage/no payment. Where was our IS2003 Silver PPO? We began calling the BCBS IL Member Customer Service line and received confirmation that our daughter was enrolled in the Silver PPO plan, not the Bronze plan. I began keeping track of our calls (12 pages of documentation, to-date). The Blue Access web page showed we had the Bronze plan, not the Silver plan, but on the same site it also clearly indicated we were enrolled and paying premiums for Silver coverage. Obviously, something was very wrong!

We have contacted the Member Customer Service line, IT Help Desk, Enrollment Agents line, and Individual Membership Billing department over 20 times. We have faxed 26 pages of EOBs with requests for resubmission of claims, but nothing has changed. To-date, we've received over \$10,500 in invoices from various healthcare providers.

We ask your help in expediting action from BCBS IL on the above issues.



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

Thank you in advance, Mike, Lake Forest

To facilitate a resolution to this already lengthy claims situation, Help Squad went directly to Mary Ann Schultz, BCBS's senior manager of media relations and public affairs, to request her assist-

ance for Mike and his daughter before health care collections departments began calling. Mary Ann was happy to help and requested a few days to work through the situation.

Beginning the next day, and for the next four business days, Mike received phone updates from Stacey, a specialist in the BCBS Executive Inquiry Department, who personally worked to ensure all of Mike's daughter's claims were processed via the proper group number. Three days after her initial contact, Mike reported that, "Stacey has resubmitted all 24 claims. She shared that this issue involved one computer exchanging data with another and should not have taken three months to fix. It was a simple issue but the wrong people were involved. As I recall, Stacey said, 'It took one day for IS2003 to be posted in place of IB2001 and another day or so to reprocess the 24 old claims.'"

"We would like to thank [Help Squad] for the results to date," said Mike. "Our current billed amount is \$15,711.95, while the you may owe amount is \$4,639.60. Looking back to March 16, the totals for the same two columns were \$14,026.75 and \$10,327.71 [respectively]. That's a hell of a difference! One wonders how the average Joe can solve a healthcare problem without outside help.... It appears there are a bunch of Customer Service folks receiving calls that require a level of authority and knowledge they don't have"

Once everything was processed correctly, Mary Ann contacted us to say, "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois made several errors with [Mike's daughter's] account, and have since corrected those mistakes. We have spoken with [Mike] and let [him] know that all claims for [his] daughter have been adjusted and moved over to the correct group number. We apologize as they were caught in the middle of a system conversion as we were moving files to a new system. This account is current and all claims have been paid."

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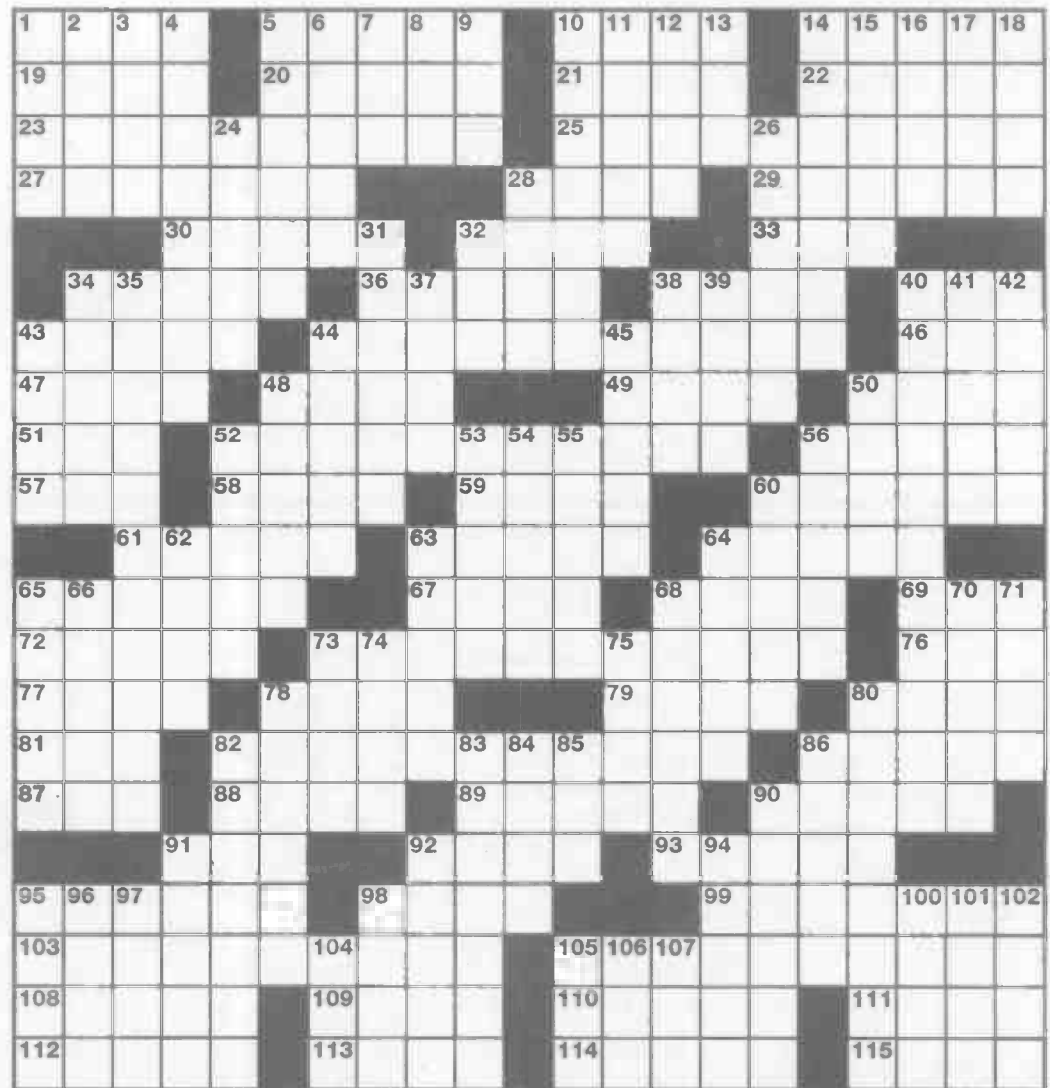
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81 German article
82 "You ___!" (approving remark)
86 Russian tennis pro Safin
87 Tent pin
88 "Are not!" repy
89 Philippine island
90 Preserves
91 Econ. yardstick
92 Lynch of *Glee*
93 Juilliard major
95 Burning the midnight oil
98 Annoyance
99 Possible baby-shower gift
103 "You ___!" (chiding comment)
105 "You ___!" (in-the-know remark)
108 In itself
109 Bob the TV handyman
110 Parting word
111 Bend, as biceps
112 From Lucerne
113 Quote book abbr.
114 Merges

- 115 Ending for song or slug

Down

- 1 Con game
2 Author Morrison
3 Kicks in
4 Unadjusted stat
5 Berates. at a ballgame
6 Bits of ingenuity
7 Coalesce
8 Wall calendar pgs.
9 Indivisible
10 Fright or delight
11 Boast about
12 Thus
13 High degree
14 Lounge performer
15 *Little Miss Sunshine* Oscar winner
16 iPod model
17 Harrow's athletic rival
18 Does hemming
24 "Step on it!"
26 Adenoid neighbor
28 Operatic piece
31 Courtroom cry
32 Entanglement
34 Take forcibly
35 "You ___!" (retribution comment)
37 ___-European languages
38 Rain-forest crushers
39 Storage rental
40 "You ___!" (challenging comment)
41 Public sentiment
42 Certain track athlete
43 Epistles writer



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- 44 Needing decryption
45 Genulfected
48 More astute
50 *X-Files* character
52 Navy specialist
53 Officiated at T-ball
54 ___ to go (eager)
55 Play at top volume
56 Hot-tempered
60 Toy (with)
62 Vicinity
63 Frozen fall
64 *Brady Bunch* mom
65 Submissive followers
66 "I swear!"
68 Combined, as assets
70 Subtle glows
71 Rendezvous
73 Pestors nonstop
74 Repeat exactly
75 Sharpen
78 Walked unsteadily
80 Declines help from
82 Loose cloaks
83 One from Fairbanks
84 En route, as a parcel
85 Slingshot shape
86 Computer shortcut
90 Major messes
91 German mathematician
92 Big Kraft Foods brand
94 Played a part
95 Priority Mail org.
96 Sound of relief
97 Actress Loughlin
98 Annoyance
100 Fashion mag
101 Iowa State's city
102 Send a phone message to
104 Hydroelectric agcy.
105 Hydroelectric facility
106 Laudatory lines
107 Zilch

Quote-Acrossic

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

Clues

Words

- A. Involved story; sl. 166 38 99 63 58 146 12 125
- B. Enemy of enlightenment 105 60 54 84 156 36 1 117 124
138 25 164
- C. All-around good guy 41 52 103 121 11 85 149
- D. Fetter 132 69 35 112 7 50 140
- E. "Understood" 13 88 139 37 75
- F. Suck-up 30 76 68 118 96
- G. Distance runner 71 48 122 91 3 31 136
- H. Avoidance 90 73 55 17 26 44 152 65
- I. "Plastic"; 2 wds. 80 127 163 47 39 111 144 14 101 70
- J. Bungling 150 109 29 98 20 133

- K. Upset 51 104 129 160 83 5
- L. "A Toyota's a Toyota," e.g. 23 116 147 72 8 59 131 43 86 66
- M. Misses 64 142 123 135 81 107
- N. Command 113 157 15 24 78 49
- O. Discoverer of Fiji and New Zealand 158 145 115 9 28 2
- P. Now and then; 3 wds. 61 77 100 114 165 151 21 10 94
120 42
- Q. Crabby 74 22 137 89 45 102 162
- R. Not usual 57 79 18 155 40 97 167 67
- S. Centers 106 93 153 46 148 6
- T. Woods 82 56 143 154 19 164 126
- U. Keep it going! 130 110 141 16 92 33
- V. Overture, e.g. 159 108 87 4 128 32
- W. Ground, to a degree 62 134 95 119 53 34 27

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Titles

By CHARLES PRESTON

Across

- 1 ___ River, NJ
- 5 *Memory* musical
- 9 Partner of Crofts
- 14 Purlieu
- 15 Hautboy
- 16 Admiral Byrd's fox terrier
- 17 Tragic king
- 18 Encore!
- 19 Butchery request
- 20 Alice Walker's Pulitzer novel, with *The*
- 23 Corporate VIP
- 24 *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* star
- 25 Chip in a chip
- 27 Darwin's ship
- 30 Fruit farm
- 33 Bruins great
- 34 Singers James and Jones
- 37 Downy duck
- 38 Sculls
- 40 Golf score
- 42 Pudding thickener
- 43 Fur piece
- 45 Nest
- 47 Ont.'s neighbor
- 48 Facing
- 50 Skirmish
- 52 WWII gun
- 53 Malice
- 55 Prepare to fire
- 57 Herman Wouk's Pulitzer novel, with *The*
- 62 Kind of mill
- 64 Musical finale
- 65 Sloth's home
- 66 *Midnight Cowboy* role
- 67 He was: L.
- 68 Dodge City marshal
- 69 Jacob's son
- 70 Marginal mark
- 71 Means justifier

Down

- 1 Soft mineral
- 2 Chocolate cookie
- 3 Brunch, e.g.
- 4 Lamour's attire
- 5 Plenary
- 6 ___ face!
- 7 Joe, of the diamond
- 8 Trickle
- 9 Hush
- 10 Super ending
- 11 Booth Tarkington's Pulitzer novel
- 12 Solitary
- 13 Middling
- 21 Macbeth, e.g.
- 22 Malayan gibbon
- 26 Field's *All ___ and Heaven Too*
- 27 Encourage
- 28 Sappho's Muse
- 29 Sinclair Lewis's Pulitzer novel
- 30 Sonja Henie's birthplace
- 31 Buick model
- 32 He bee
- 35 Sailors
- 36 Gone by
- 39 Venetian strip
- 41 Repair report
- 44 ___ Set
- 46 Shearer's skirt
- 49 Kind of testing
- 51 Couch
- 53 Siesta sound
- 54 Bicycle part
- 55 Pearl Mosque site
- 56 Cleopatra's handmaiden
- 58 Like some tea
- 59 Kasha's country
- 60 Dweeb
- 61 Nopes' opposites
- 63 Wind dir.

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French Twists

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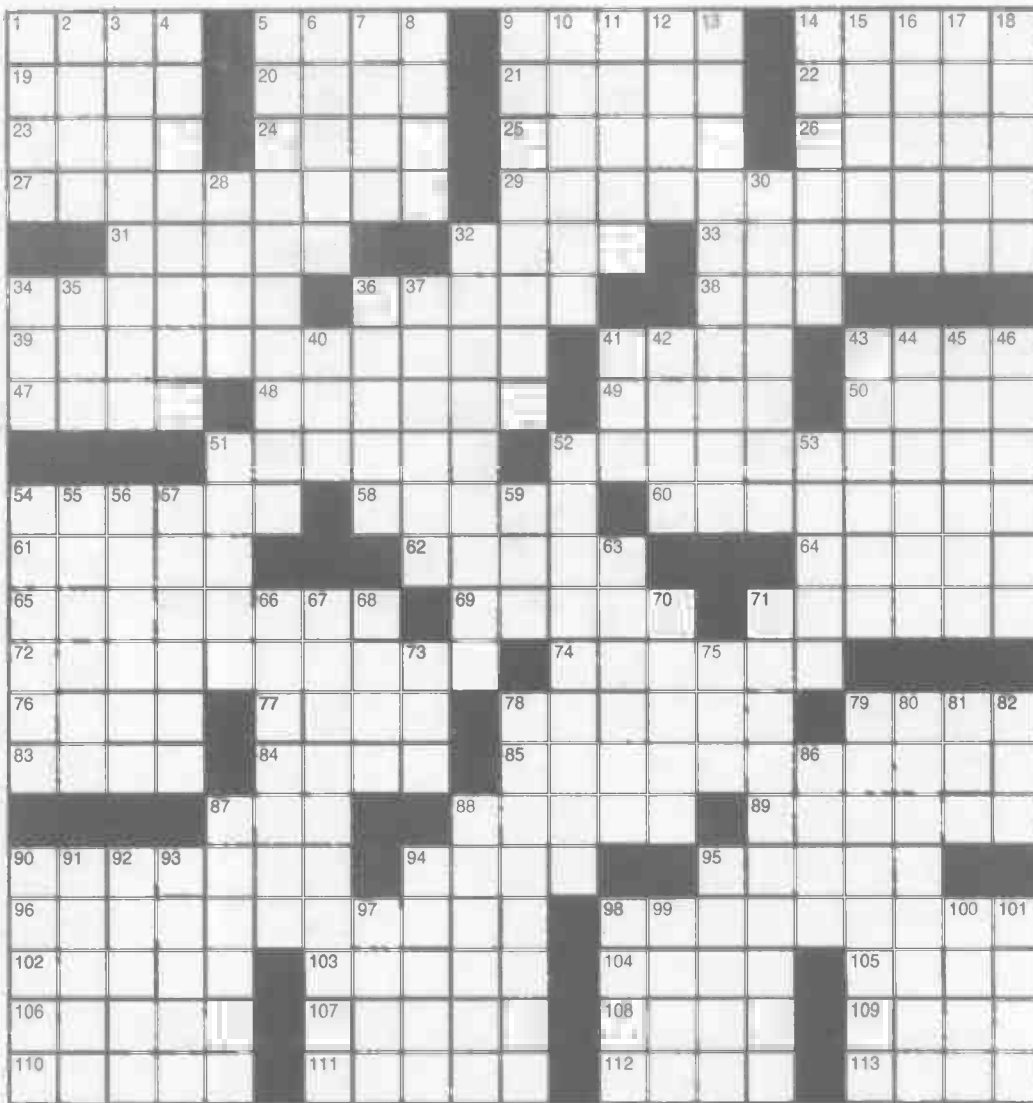
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Across

- 1 Show no humility
- 5 Golf club feature
- 9 Refers (back), as to a prior subject
- 14 Apprehends
- 19 Old wisdom
- 20 Transportation network app
- 21 So long, in Avignon
- 22 He had a way with words
- 23 Hops drier
- 24 '30s Lorre role
- 25 1959 Broadway family name
- 26 Multicolored marble
- 27 Testy lover?
- 29 Musical work expressing resentment?
- 31 Musical symbols
- 32 Ikea offering
- 33 Came to fruition
- 34 Key of Mozart's 40th symphony
- 36 'Mongst kin?
- 38 Cops on base
- 39 Napped fabric, without a doubt?
- 41 Camaro --Z
- 43 Southwestern hill
- 47 Quaker abolitionist Lucretia
- 48 Eagles' 84-Acrosses
- 49 Bustle
- 50 Beyond the horizon
- 51 Wedding followers
- 52 Bridezilla's fabric of choice?
- 54 Like Catwoman, e.g.
- 58 Less fusty
- 60 City once sought by Sir Walter Raleigh
- 61 Revival chorus
- 62 Primed for a fight
- 64 Stimulating nut
- 65 Act without restraint
- 69 Worrywart, at times
- 71 One-named Tejano singer
- 72 Measly computer storage?
- 74 Sprain application
- 76 Doubting words
- 77 Latin 84-Across builder
- 78 Irregular
- 79 Brylcreem applications
- 83 "I'm all --"
- 84 Chick's starter home
- 85 Surviving spouse's irritation?

- 87 Gal follower?
- 88 -- curls
- 89 Sentence component
- 90 Citrus refreshment
- 94 More than satisfy
- 95 Queen of Kings
- 96 The latest in foal fashions?
- 98 Beauty needing a lift?
- 102 Cristiano Ronaldo's longtime jersey number
- 103 Doth proceed
- 104 Olympic event involving runners
- 105 Calendar col.
- 106 Still
- 107 Common fairy tale number
- 108 Swing and others
- 109 City whose name differs by one letter from a nearby volcano
- 110 Miconite filter cigarettes
- 111 Monastery sights
- 112 Hurston's "Their Eyes -- Watching God"
- 113 Pepper and Stubby. Abbr.

- 35 "Women hold up half the sky" proclaimer
- 36 Winter Olympics host before Vancouver
- 37 "Mad Men" creator Matthew
- 40 Diver's milieu
- 41 Olympian Midori
- 42 Investment firm T. -- Price
- 43 Victory emblem
- 44 Recently
- 45 "The Streets of San Francisco" co-star
- 46 Iris ring
- 51 Ready to snap
- 52 Steep cliff
- 53 "Ain't Too Proud --": Temptations hit
- 54 Chatty flier
- 55 Pond protozoan
- 56 Popular gundog
- 57 Fife player
- 59 That woman, in Brasilia
- 63 Solve, in a way
- 66 It precedes Oilers games
- 67 Kindred spirits are often on the same one
- 68 CBS maritime drama
- 70 Pave anew
- 71 Obeys a shooter
- 73 Post-FDR prez
- 75 Texter's afterthought intro
- 78 Alternates
- 79 Hyperglycemia cause
- 80 Apparatus co-invented by Cousteau
- 81 Do diner work
- 82 "... blind, but now I --"
- 86 Roman commoner
- 87 Oils, e.g.
- 88 Tempted
- 90 Type of refractive surgery
- 91 Sherlock's adversary Adler
- 92 Connoisseur
- 93 His final blog post closes with "I'll see you at the movies"
- 94 Courageous woman
- 95 Sweets-lover's craving
- 97 Pacific salmon
- 98 Erupted
- 99 Tempt
- 100 Forgoing time
- 101 Those women, in Bolivia



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Down

- 1 Allied voters
- 2 2013-'14 Katy Perry hit
- 3 One with a burning passion
- 4 Wastes no time
- 5 Place for cutting boards
- 6 Orchestral winds
- 7 Vegan Greek salad omission
- 8 Slangy slacks
- 9 Cloche carriers
- 10 Out of control, at sea
- 11 Rodeo catcher
- 12 Wouldn't surrender
- 13 Big one on a runway
- 14 Apprehends
- 15 Rapscaillon
- 16 "There you go --": Reagan
- 17 Davis of "Dead Ringer"
- 18 "... a -- flying fearless and fleet": Longfellow
- 28 Small one on a runway, briefly
- 30 Chute mechanism
- 32 Glancing blow
- 34 Little shiner

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.

ACIFOS
 O O O O O
 BMEMEL
 O O O O O
 TEBLOT
 O O O O O
 ELAFME
 O O O O O
 ENURSU
 O O O O O
 HPYENH
 O O O O O



PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O

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Sudoku

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

Level: **1 2 3 4**

			5	2			1	
	1				7			
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2				1		6		7
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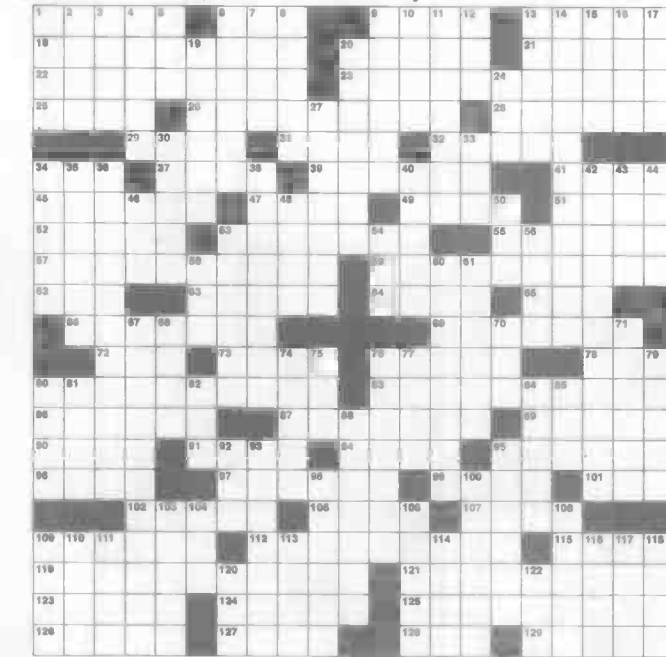
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DOUBLE DOWN

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ACROSS

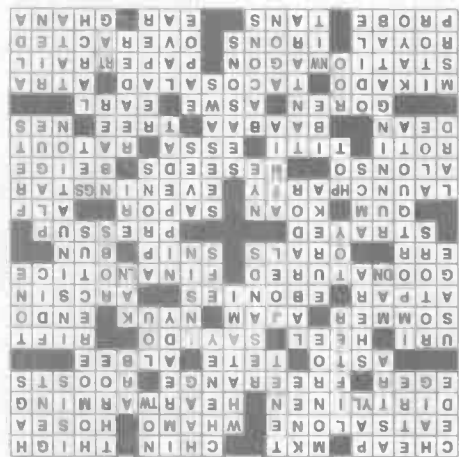
- 1 Penny-pinching
- 6 Place of business: Abbr.
- 9 Shoot the breeze
- 13 Mini revelation?
- 18 Requests a table for one, say
- 20 Company behind the Hula-Hoop craze
- 21 Source of the line "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind"
- 22 Private things that are embarrassing
- 23 Moving in a nice way
- 25 Hungarian city
- 26 Not caged
- 28 Things in cages
- 29 Regarding
- 31 Mal de _____ (French woe)
- 32 Pulitzer winner for "Seascape"
- 34 Mystifying Geller
- 37 Canine command
- 39 Get hitched
- 41 Disagreement
- 45 Actress Elke
- 47 Stuck, after "in"
- 49 Three Stooges laugh sound
- 51 Prefix with -morphism
- 52 How some stocks are sold
- 53 A piano has 36 of them
- 55 Inverse trig function
- 57 Friendly
- 59 Warning just before a cutoff of service
- 62 Misdo something
- 63 Some grillings
- 64 Quick cut
- 65 Hair option
- 66 Was unfaithful
- 69 Bit of exercise, in Britain
- 72 Iranian pilgrimage city
- 73 Aid to Zen meditation
- 76 Flavor
- 78 Title TV character who was over 200 years old
- 80 Celebratory event for a new company or product
- 83 Venus
- 86 Shakespearean king



- 87 Changes the placement of in a tournament bracket
- 89 Neutral shade
- 90 Indian bread
- 91 Long-tailed monkey
- 94 That girl, in Genoa
- 95 Tell on
- 96 Graduation V.I.P.
- 97 Ewe two?
- 99 Yew, too
- 101 Atari 7800 competitor, briefly
- 102 Bridge writer Charles
- 105 Life _____ know it
- 107 Scruggs on a banjo
- 109 Bass role in a Gilbert & Sullivan opera
- 112 Order at a Mexican grill
- 115 Product with a Lubrastrip
- 119 Plus-size model?
- 121 Hard evidence a lawyer follows
- 123 Kind of pain
- 124 Prisoners' wear
- 125 Hammed it up
- 126 Investigation
- 127 Whups
- 128 Something grown — or eaten — in rows
- 129 Powerhouse in

DOWN

- 1 Give up
- 2 Secretary of state under Reagan
- 3 Peut-_____ (perhaps: Fr.)
- 4 Stars, in a motto
- 5 One way to complete an online purchase
- 6 "Candle in the Wind" dedicatee
- 7 Place for a brace
- 8 Part of a platform
- 9 No. 2 of 43
- 10 Den _____ (home of the International Criminal Court)
- 11 "Let's do this thing"
- 12 Later
- 13 Sharp pain
- 14 Old man?
- 15 Mideast grp.
- 16 Hat tipper, maybe
- 17 Some Halloween costumes
- 19 Ending with shop or weight
- 20 Question ending a riddle
- 24 Hedge fund pro
- 27 Smooths over
- 30 Princess of Power
- 33 Pro wrestler Albano figure
- 34 What an electric meter measures
- 35 Fans have them
- 36 Certain trade barrier
- 38 Many a Seeing Eye dog
- 40 Living _____
- 42 Sly suggestion
- 43 Initialism on a bank door
- 44 Muscle _____
- 46 Lunatic
- 48 Follower of
- 21-Across
- 50 Big brand of dog food
- 53 Largest coastal city between San Francisco and Portland
- African soccer
- 54 Poor grades
- 56 Holds up
- 58 Hula-Hoop, e.g.
- 60 Went for, puppy-style
- 61 They come with strings attached
- 67 Drinking now, paying later
- 68 Some movie theaters
- 70 "_____ tu" (Verdi aria)
- 71 One of 10 in Exodus
- 74 Sunlit spaces
- 75 Big name in anti-science debunking
- 76 Fluctuates wildly
- 77 Greetings of old
- 79 Bars of music?
- 80 Pie-crust ingredient, maybe
- 81 Staple of skin care
- 82 Asian stew often eaten with a dipping sauce
- 84 Pro hoopster
- 85 "Go" preceder
- 88 TV units
- 92 "May _____ frank?"
- 93 Bit of fanfare
- 95 Kindle, e.g.
- 98 _____ Rebellion (event of 1676)
- 100 Farm machine
- 103 "Swan Lake" figure
- 104 Milne young 'un
- 106 Author of "MS. Found in a Bottle," for short
- 108 Conifer that loses its leaves in the fall
- 109 Window sticker fig.
- 110 "Click _____ ticket"
- 111 Floor
- 113 Ancient Greek contest
- 114 Coulee's contents
- 116 "S'long"
- 117 "De _____" ("You're welcome": Fr.)
- 118 Gershwin portrayer in "Rhapsody in Blue"
- 120 Dunderhead
- 122 Motley



Last week's crosswords

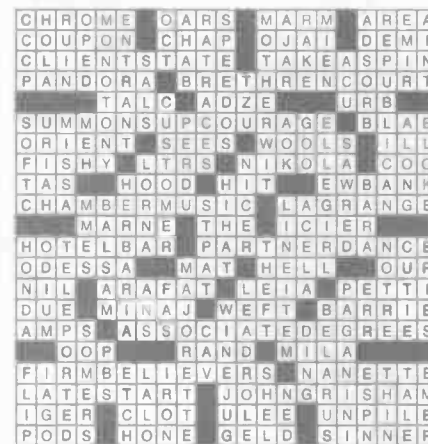
"Yacht Club"



"Ruling Class"



"Book Case"



Last week's Quote-Acrossic

(Adlai) STEVENSON: POLITICAL WIN: I'm not an experienced hand at politics, but I am now seasoned enough to have learned that the hardest thing about any political campaign is how to win without proving that you are unworthy of winning.

Last week's Sudoku

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3	4	5	9	2	7	1	8	6
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This week's Jumble

FIASCO BOTTLE UNSURE
EMBLEM FEMALE HYPHEN
She couldn't find her husband in the casino. He went to play poker, but got —

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11 CH 044813

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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 3, 2014, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 26, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8656 W. Ansley Street, Norridge, Cook County, Property Index No. 12-11-327-038. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser, shall not exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and the purchaser at sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If the property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(b)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our buildings and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-42221, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-42221 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 11 CH 0044813 TISC#: 35-4244 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1649948

4/16, 4/23, 4/30 3198996

Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
MIEN NGUYEN, TIFFANY SOUTH HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants.
12 CH 007310

5019 MULFORD STREET UNIT #102 SKOKIE, IL 60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 13, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 18, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5019 MULFORD STREET UNIT #102, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-28-222-020. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(b)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our buildings and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-42025, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-42035 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 007310 TISC#: 35-1586 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1650742

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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MCHENRY COUNTY ILLINOIS
SHERIFF'S NO. CASE NO. 14 CH 292

FIFTH THIRD BANK, vs. MACKEY, INC., et al.

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment for Foreclosure herein entered, the Sheriff of McHenry County, Woodstock, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Thursday the 21st day of May, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the McHenry County Courthouse, Room 262, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, property legally described as follows:

PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF LOT "A" IN GRISWOLD LAKE HILLS UNIT NO. 1, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST FRACTIONAL HALF OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 29, 1943 AS DOCUMENT NO. 170422, IN BOOK 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 81, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST NORTHLY CORNER OF SAID LOT A; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE THEREOF, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF NORTHEAST SHORE DRIVE, A DISTANCE OF 272 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON A LINE FORMING AN ANGLE OF 84 DEGREES, 45 MINUTES TO THE LEFT, WITH A PROLONGATION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED LINE, A DISTANCE OF 605.4 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF THE HIGHWAY (KNOWN AS STATE AID ROUTE 25, SECTION 32 M.F.T.) BEING ON A CURVED LINE TO THE LEFT, (RADIUS OF 1287.87 FEET); THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON SAID CENTER LINE, A DISTANCE OF 562.27 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT A; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 147.6 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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INDEX NOS. 15-17-177-001 and 15-17-327-002
Commonly known as: 2601 South River Road, MCHenry, IL 60050

This property is commonly known as 2601 South River Road, McHenry, IL 60050 and with improvements on the real estate is a 173,010 SF or 3.97 acre underlying parcel improved with a one-story tavern containing 4,238 SF and a one-story shell retail building containing a 3,221 SF. Terms of Sale: This real estate is being sold in an "As Is Condition" for cash or certified funds and the successful bidder is required to deposit 10% of the bid amount at the time of the sale, with the McHenry County Sheriff and the balance to be paid by noon the following Tuesday after the sale, except by arrangement and agreement of the present owner/occupant. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Court. For information regarding this real estate, interested parties may contact: David L. Hazan, Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP; 111 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085 (847-662-8611)

Dated: 04/23/2015
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Judicial Sales - Real Estate

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Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068, will receive sealed bids for copier paper.

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By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 64, Cook County, Illinois.
DATED the 23rd day of April, 2015.
Vicki Lee
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4/23/15 3217467

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MCHENRY COUNTY ILLINOIS
CASE NO.: 14 CH 51207
SHERIFF'S NO.:

FIFTH THIRD BANK, Plaintiff, vs. MACKEY, INC., et al. Defendants

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of a judgment heretofore entered by the said court in the above entitled cause, Bill Prim, Sheriff of McHenry County, Illinois will on Thursday the 21st day of May A.D. 2015, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., McHenry County Courthouse, Room 262, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash and all singular, the following described premises and real estate in said judgment mentioned, situated in the County and State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment to wit:

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Together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Dated: 04/23/2015
Name: Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
Address: 111 N. County Street
City: Waukegan, IL 60085
Phone: 847-662-8611
Published in The Pioneer Press on 04/23, 30/2015 and 05/07/2015
4/23, 30/2015 & 05/07/2015 3214668

Legal Notices

There is a vacancy on the Morton Grove School District No. 70 Board of Education. Interested applicants should state their interest in writing by May 1, 2015 to Mrs. Jan Lombardo, Board Secretary, Morton Grove School District No. 70, 6200 Lake Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053. To qualify, the appointee must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter and a resident in District No. 70 for at least one year prior to appointment. The person selected will remain in office until April, 2017.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST UNDER LAND TRUST BY SECURED PARTY

VIA REGULAR, CERTIFIED AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

Mr. Aref Senno
3200 Illinois Road
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust successor to Austin Bank of Chicago
Chicago, IL 60610
Attn: Land Trust Department

Ms. Pauline Senno
3200 Illinois Road
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

The Holder of Holders of security interest(s) primary to or subordinate to the security interest of North Community Bank successor-in-interest to First Commercial Bank, relating to the sale of the subject collateral

Mr. Aref Senno
3200 Illinois Road
Northfield, Illinois 60093

Ms. Pauline Senno
3200 Illinois Road
Northfield, Illinois 60093

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Section 9-610 of the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code (810 ILCS 5/9-610), as a result of the occurrence of an event of default under that certain Collateral Assignment of Beneficial Interest dated December 3, 2004 between First Commercial Bank (predecessor-in-interest to North Community Bank n/k/a Byline Bank ("Secured Party") and Aref Senno and Pauline Senno (collectively, the "Grantors") given to Secured Party to secure that certain promissory note executed by Grantors, the Secured Party will sell the personal property hereinafter described at a public sale on the 8th day of May, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the law offices of Randall & Kenig LLP, 455 North Cityfront Plaza, NBC Tower, Suite 2510, Chicago, Illinois 60611. As of April 13, 2015, the indebtedness owed to the Secured Party was \$61,803.32 plus attorneys' fees and costs.

DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

One hundred percent (100%) of the beneficial interest in Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust as successor to Austin Bank of Chicago, Trust No. 7182 dated July 24, 1995, including the power of direction in and to said Trust.

DESCRIPTION OF CORPUS OF TRUST

The corpus of said Trust contains the following improved real property:

LOT 19 IN BLOCK 8 IN FIELD'S ADDITION TO IRVING PARK. A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 3036 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois 60618

TERMS OF PUBLIC SALE

Subject to all of the terms of the notice herein, the above-described personal property will be sold to the highest bidder. There will be required a 25% deposit with each bid, with the balance of the bid price to be paid no later than five (5) days after acceptance of any bids. All funds shall be paid in cash, certified check or cashier's check.

If the successful bidder defaults on the balance, the Secured Party may forfeit that bidder's initial deposit and, at Secured Party's option, sell to the next highest bidder. The Secured Party reserves the right to bid at the sale without deposit of cash, cashier's check or cashier's check as required for other bidders. Secured Party reserves the right within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of bidding to reject all bids.

Disposition of said personal property, pursuant to said public sale, transfers to a purchaser for value all of the rights of the Grantors therein and discharges the security interest under which it is made and any security interest or lien subordinate thereto, the purchaser taking said personal property free of all such rights or interests. The purchaser will receive upon payment of the balance of the bid price aforementioned, a certified copy of the report of sale evidencing purchaser's right, title, and interest in and to said personal property.

Secured Party makes no representation or warranties as to the corpus of the aforementioned land trust, the condition of title thereto or the value thereof.

Persons wishing to inspect the Trust Agreement and related documents relating to the sale or desiring other information may contact Mr. Scott Kenig at Randall & Kenig LLP, at (312) 822-0800.

The Secured Party reserves the right to and intends to seek a judgment against the Grantors for any and all deficiency on the underlying indebtedness remaining due after said public sale. The Grantors are entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness following the public sale which will be provided to the Grantors by the Secured Party and there will be no charge for said accounting.

DATED this 13th day of April, 2015, at Chicago, Illinois.

Scott H. Kenig
Randall & Kenig LLP
NBC Tower - Suite 2510
455 North Cityfront Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) 822-0800
4/23, 4/30, 5/7/15 3211387

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Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Skokie Plan Commission, Thursday, May 21, 2015, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:

2015-16P- Zoning Map Amendment: 5500 & 5520 Touhy Avenue
Skokie Industrial & Office Centre, LLC, requests to amend the zoning map to change the zoning district for 5500 & 5520 Touhy Avenue from M1 Office Assembly Industry to M3 Business.
PIN: 10-28-312-007-0000

2015-17P- Site Plan Approval: 5500 & 5520 Touhy Avenue
Skokie Industrial & Office Centre, LLC requests site plan approval in a B3 Business zoning district for a 1 lot planned development that includes 3 buildings, 2 drive-through facilities, shared driveways, surface parking, and storm water retention, plus relief from §82-28(b)(1) to allow more than 1 wall sign per tenant, and any other relief discovered during the review of this case.
PIN: 10-28-312-007-0000

2015-18P- Special Use Permit: 5508 Touhy Avenue
Skokie Industrial & Office Centre, LLC, requests a special use permit in a B3 Business zoning district for a limited service restaurant with a drive-through facility at 5508 Touhy Avenue, plus relief from §82-28(b)(1) to allow more than 1 wall sign for the building, and any other relief discovered during the review of this case.
PIN: 10-28-312-007-0000

2015-19P- Special Use Permit: 5518 Touhy Avenue
Skokie Industrial & Office Centre, LLC, requests a special use permit in a B3 Business zoning district for a 1 lane drive-through facility for a thrift store at 5518 Touhy Avenue, plus relief from §82-28(b)(1) to allow more than 1 wall sign for the building, and any other relief discovered during the review of this case.
PIN: 10-28-312-007-0000

2015-20P- Special Use Permit: 7514 Skokie Boulevard #103 and 7520 Skokie Boulevard #102 and #103
SA Skokie, LLC, on behalf of Agape Life Center Ministries, requests a special use permit in a B2 Commercial zoning district for religious assembly at 7514 Skokie Boulevard #103 and 7520 Skokie Boulevard #102 and #103 and any relief discovered during the review of this case.
PINs: 10-28-408-025-0000, 10-28-408-026-0000, 10-28-408-027-0000, 10-28-408-028-0000, 10-28-408-029-0000, 10-28-408-030-0000, 10-28-408-031-0000

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Plans and related documents are available at the Village's Community Development Department, Planning Division, (847) 933-8447 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. This notice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on April 23, 2015. Paul Luke, Chairman, 4/23/2015 3227438

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Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Skokie Zoning Board of Appeals, Thursday, May 20, 2015, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:

2015-42-9719 Lowell Avenue
Medid and Nasida Ibsihi request a variance in order to maintain a carport resulting in a 0.08-foot (1 inch) north side yard rather than the 6-foot minimum as required by Section 118-111(6) a. of the Zoning chapter of the Skokie Village Code in an R1 Single-Family district.
PIN: 10-10-413-038-0000

2015-52 - 8601 Skokie Boulevard
Harnett Price & Sue Cohen, on behalf of Teo Scorte & Mark Micola of Halo Construction, request a variance in order to construct an attached garage addition resulting in the continuation of the existing 8.73-foot north side yard and combined side yards of 17.31 feet, rather than the 9-foot minimum and 20-foot combined side yard minimum as required by Section 118-111(6)b. of the Zoning Chapter of the Skokie Village Code in an R1 Single-Family district.
PIN: 10-22-100-021-0000

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Public Hearing Notice

The Village of Lincolnwood invites you to attend the Village Board meeting concerning the Touhy Avenue Bridge along the Skokie Valley Trail. The general scope of work for this project consists of constructing a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Touhy Avenue for the future extension of the Skokie Valley Trail. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Purpose of the Meeting:
- To present the preferred bridge alternative
- To solicit public input

A side-show presentation will be conducted with formal question and answer period. The project team members will be available after the formal presentation to answer any further questions in an open house forum. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting, or can be mailed after the meeting, or submitted to aengelmann@wd.org. Comments received by May 19, 2015 will become part of the official meeting record.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Any one needing special assistance should contact Ashley Engelmann at (847) 745-4859.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:

Village of Lincolnwood
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
Attn: Public Works
Ashley Engelmann,
Public Works Director
4/23/2015 3226821

Storage - Legal

Enclosure
LifeStorage of Little Village will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on or after March 30, 2015 at LifeStorage of Little Village, 3245 W. 30th St, Chicago, IL 60623. Phone number is 773-376-8577. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only" no titles or registration.

Unit/ Tenant Name	Unit #
1039 ANGELICA ROGERS	
2408 MARIEL CARDOSO	
1049 GUADALUPE J. ALVAREZ	
2498 CANDANCE L. AVERYHART	
1148 JORGE RAMOS	
2452 ADAM MOJICA	
1158 GEORGE GRAYTON	
1277 JORGE RAMOS	
2014 AGUSTIN BIRANCO	
2043 MICHAEL WRIGHT	
2063 SANDRA J. De CEALUT	
2078 JUAN EDUARDO IBARRA	
ANGUANO	
2079 ELENA SOTO	
2086 ROSA GUTIERREZ	
2139 ROLANDA S. DAVIS - WISE	
2164 ESTELL ESCAMILLA	
3007 ROBERTO VASQUEZ	
3065 JEWEL THOMPSON JR.	
3138 AARON M. MARTINEZ	
3179 ANALLEY MARTINEZ	
3208 EDWARD L. COZARK	
3220 ANDREA X. GUZMAN	
2178 LORRAINE S. LOCHARD	
2201 DEBRA ATKINS	
2206 ESTELL I. ESCAMILLA	
04/23, 30/2015 3225675	

Storage - Legal

Life Storage Centers of State Street will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Life Storage Centers of the State Street, 2361 S. State St, Chicago, IL 60616. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name Unit #	Unit #
Anna Oluwa 2081	1031
Debbie Patterson 2153	1169
Wyvette Hawkins 138	1173
Rod Miller 2002	1263
Robert Millitelle 3122	1267
John Reed 4145	1425
Lyle Shumpert 5020	1696

04/23, 04/30/2015 3228087

LifeStorage of Humboldt Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on or after Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at LifeStorage of Humboldt Park, 4014 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60651. Phone number is 1-773-235-2884. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Name	Unit
Felicia Deal	2
Christopher Hasting	19
Dwight W Overton Jr	28
Naron Harris	29
Vulnavia Walsh	22
Charles Hoskins	33
Curtis Martin	37
Angel Del Valle	56
Yanitzin Sanchez	63
Myron Riley	65
Yanitzin Sanchez-Garcia	112
Janette Alonso	115
Latoriya Y Strong	183
Linda Moore	216
Adrea Dennis	236
Renwick Walker	237
Jessie Smith	257
Offie M Anderson	303
Ladwynna K Harris	319
Darshel Sims	331
Dwayne Quinn	340
Rozalina Penolton	348
Latoriya O Thompson	393
Melissa Banyu	399
Florida Rivera	417
Baudilio Rodriguez	422
Walter W Mitchell	426
Kimberly Emerson	483
Georgina Malone	490
Freddie Santiago	494
Ramona Siler	519
Andres Toreres	521
Velma Dotson	534
Carlos L Cruz	564
Teresa E Arroyo	602
Rozalina Borcila	605
Allen Jones JR	628
Toya M Woods	630
Jessica Rodriguez	635
Sparkie S McCullough	643
Thomas Jackson	644
Miguel A Feliciano	647
Nathaniel Leamon	658
Patricia E Williams	701
Cynthia M Olinphant	704
Shamane Miller	716
Latoriya M McGee	725
Gelacio Leon	733
Jose M Carrasquillo	740
Orlando Sanders	742
Chrysis N Jones	745
Terry Bishop	761
Madale Merlos	769
Shuvonne L Reed	791
Pricilla Ross	792
Hayley Barber	797
Jeshe M Hall	811
Orlando Soto	816
Lauren Coleman	836
Elvis A Brown	840
Yolanda Wilkerson	842
Stantia Black	854
Karl D Goodloe	868
Dominique Nelson	844
Luz E Soto	905
Sandra Rodriguez	906
Ben Hussey	918
Christiana Galindez	941
Jasper M Triplett	944
Tony J Reyes	957
Birdwin, 441.001668,	Brook
Snyder,	Brook
4/23, 4/30/15 3211571	

Life Storage of Harwood Heights will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, May 5rd, 2015 at LifeStorage of Harwood Heights, 7125 W. Gun-prison, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only" no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #
Muayad Kahla	1001
Raymal W Dennis	1020
Juliana T Gedweh	1435
Lukas Michalek	1205
Donna Szalacha	1481
Thomas Russo	1432
Daniel Ullmer	1535

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Auctioneer: Brook Snyder Illinois license # 441.001668
04/16, 23/2015 3198994

LifeStorage of Montclare will hold a Public Sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770-ILCS 95/7 on or after Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Location: LifeStorage of Montclare, 4601 W. Diversely Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60707 (773)237-3030.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from the sale. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash or credit card. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be disposed.

Registered or Motor Vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only" no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit Number
Ramona M Romero	A1147
Katherine Olivo	B2121
Antionette Garza	C1167
Vanicia Tello	C1170
Mario Gutierrez	C1174
Akeya J Williams	C1176
Danielle Gullickson	C2147
Elizabeth Correa	C2177
Catherine Ann Saldana	C2182
Catherine Cesiro	C2220
John Street	O2211
4/23, 4/30/2015 3210262	

Storage - Legal

NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at LifeStorage of Morton Grove, 4505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053, and 847-966-1899. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #
Jerrold Levine	1031
Calvin Crayton	1169
Barbara Malik	1173
Mustapha Konneh	1263
Paul Pacelli	1267
Frederick Olivier Javier	1425
Ronald Kelly	1696

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Auctioneer: Brook Snyder Illinois license #441.001668
4/16, 4/23/2015 3203244

Notice of Auction

Life Storage Centers of River North will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facilities Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS to 95/7, on or after April 14th, at Life Storage of River North, 333 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60654. Phone: 312-222-0136. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," No titles or registration.

Unit #	Unit #
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Snyder,	Brook
David Lynn	1033
Nicole E Gable	1010
Thomas Hilligos	2003
Thomas Hilligos	2004
Thomas Hilligos	2005
Thomas Hilligos	2047
Thomas Hilligos	2058
4/23/2015, 4/30/2015 3223612	

Notice of Auction

Life Storage Centers of West Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facilities Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS to 95/7, on or after May 12, 2015, at Life Storage of West Loop, 1205 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, 60607. Phone: 312-421-4129. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," No titles or registration.

Tenant name	Unit #
John Greene	2071
Jose Yanez	5126
Raquel Sanchez	2138
Diane Gainer	5142
Yyson Thompson	4052
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The myths and mysteries of ovulation

Modern aids help mothers-to-be

BY LESLIE MANN
Tribune Newspapers

Like many of today's moms, Faith Kirkpatrick waited until she was in her 30s before she tried to get pregnant. Then she knew her biological clock was ticking.

"I'm a planner," said Kirkpatrick, 34, of New Rochelle, N.Y. "So once my husband and I made the decision, I wanted to get pregnant quickly."

With the help of an ovulation test called Knowhen Saliva Fertility Monitor, Kirkpatrick was pregnant in two months. "Month 1, we tried, but it didn't work," she said. "Month 2, we tried harder!" Kirkpatrick's daughter, Logan, was born in November.

The word "ovulation" dates to the 1700s, but it was misunderstood for most of human history. Doctors knew the definition: An egg (ovum) travels from an ovary, down a fallopian tube, in search of sperm. If a sperm scores a touchdown, it may grow into a fetus. If not, the uterine lining sheds and the woman menstruates.

The timing of the egg's journey, though, was a mystery. So incorrect fertility advice came from everyone from Plato (have sex once a week, he advised) to Aristotle (have sex anytime during the month but separate slowly afterward, and refrain from sneezing).

Finally, in 1946, American physician George Papanicolaou (the Pap smear inventor) wrote that ovulation occurs two weeks after a woman's period and can be identified by a fern-like pattern in the vaginal mucus. His research subjects were his laboratory guinea pigs and his wife, Mary.

The "Day 14" advice still rules, even though timing varies from one woman to the next. "You may have regular periods but not ovulate," said Dr. Jane Frederick, medical director of Newport Beach, Calif.-based HRC Fertility (orangecountyfertilitydr.com). "Or you may have no periods, then ovulate."

Sperm don't follow rules either. "They're sneaky," Frederick said. "They can lie in wait for an egg for 48 to 72 hours."

A woman trying to get preg-



PIOTR ADAMOWICZ/ISTOCK

Ovulation occurs two weeks after a woman's period, though exact timing varies from woman to woman.

True or false?

The science of ovulation is young, so it's no wonder myths persist. Are the following true or false?

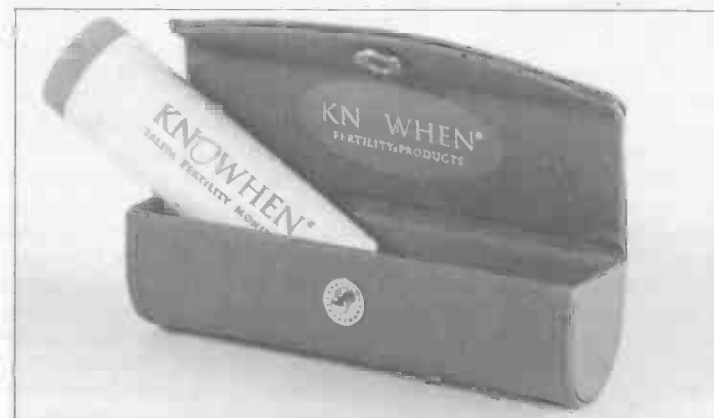
- You don't ovulate after being on the pill. *False.* In fact, Dr. Jane Frederick said, the pill can help regulate your irregular cycle before you try to get pregnant.
- Drinking cough syrup triggers ovulation. *False,* but if it contains alcohol, it may loosen inhibitions.
- Tender breasts or abdominal cramping signal ovulation. *It depends.* Many women feel no signals.
- Breast-feeding prevents ovulation. *False.* Witness all the siblings born nine months apart.
- Being overweight or underweight affects ovulation. *True.*
- Swallowing semen increases fertility. *False.* "Your reproductive plumbing is at the other end!" Frederick said.
- Adopting causes pregnancy. *False.* "You can adopt a child and get pregnant the same year, but one doesn't cause the other," Frederick said.
- Too much sex can reduce fertility. *True.* For best results, give the sperm a chance to regenerate.
- Getting a new partner can alter your cycle. *True.*

nant is fighting the clock — her egg supply decreases monthly.

"You have the highest number of eggs — about 6 million — in your fifth month in utero," Frederick said. "By puberty, it's 200,000. Your best eggs are those

released in your 20s."

Initial tests for Frederick's infertility patients include checking their egg reserves, looking for fallopian-tube blockages and analyzing their partners' sperm quality.



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The reusable Knowhen kit uses saliva to tell when a woman is ovulating.

A woman can have some control in determining the best time to try. At home, she can monitor ovulation by catching a temperature spike with a basal-temperature thermometer or with urine- or saliva-based ovulation kits. The saliva type is reusable and indicates a longer window of opportunity. But, Frederick warned, it measures salt, which is higher among overweight women, ovulating or not.

Also, women use ovulation kits not only to determine when to get

pregnant but also when they won't get pregnant, said Helen Denise, a Newark, N.J., civil engineer who developed Knowhen after suffering an ectopic pregnancy.

"The pill makes me nauseous," Kirkpatrick said. "So the kit helps me use a more natural form of birth control while I'm trying to avoid pregnancy. Then, when I'm ready to have another baby, it will help me know which days to try."

Mann is a freelance reporter.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Tai chi
painful on
generic
Celebrex

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I've been a longtime user of Celebrex. Then my pharmacy gave me the generic.

A: After the first week, I had pain all over and found I could do fewer and fewer things I've always found easy. My hour of tai chi was nearly impossible.

Q: My insurance will cover Celebrex but not until the three-month supply of celecoxib is gone.

A: Celecoxib (Celebrex) is a kind of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) called a COX-2 inhibitor. Supposedly, it is less likely to cause gastrointestinal irritation and ulcers than classic NSAIDs such as diclofenac, ibuprofen and naproxen.

There is controversy about its safety. The manufacturer warns that: "Serious skin reactions, or stomach and intestine problems such as bleeding and ulcers, can occur without warning and may cause death." Celebrex also may increase the risk for heart attacks or strokes.

Generic celecoxib is a relatively recent introduction, with four different companies making a formulation. The Food and Drug Administration is quite interested in hearing from people having trouble with celecoxib. Please make a report to MedWatch at the FDA website (www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/).

Q: I have been taking acid-suppressing drugs like omeprazole for more



MATTHEW APGAR/AP

A generic version of the NSAID Celebrex increased a reader's pain, and tai chi was nearly impossible.

than 20 years. After reading about the side effects of such drugs, I am ready to quit.

Q: I understand that this can be painful. I read about persimmon punch on your website and would like to try it to avoid heartburn. How often should I drink it?

A: People who take proton-pump inhibitors such as esomeprazole (Nexium), lansoprazole (Prevacid) and omeprazole (Prilosec) may experience rebound hyperacidity if they stop their drug abruptly (Gastroenterology, July 2009). Symptoms of reflux can last for weeks.

One reader phased off Prilosec over seven months by reducing the dose gradually. According to people who have used persimmon punch in this effort, it helps to drink 2 ounces before each meal.

We are sending you our Guide to Digestive Disorders, with a discussion of the pros and cons of proton-pump inhibitors and tips for getting off PPIs. It includes a recipe for persimmon tea and details on using natural approaches for heartburn. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (70 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedons' People's Pharmacy, No. G-3, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-

2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: peoplespharmacy.com.

Q: I got my flu shot Sept. 15, 2014. Since then, the pain in my arm, shoulder and collarbone has progressively gotten worse.

A: I can no longer sleep lying down. I've had two cortisone shots in my shoulder, but my arm continues to get worse. I'm still trying to find a doctor to figure out the problem.

Q: It seems to me that six months is too long to be in pain constantly when trying to do simple things. Just trying to blow-dry my hair or even put on eyebrow pencil causes me extreme pain.

A: We have heard from scores of others who have reported persistent shoulder pain from the flu shot this year. Although the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that pain at the injection site usually goes away in a week or less, many people have found that their arms are still very tender months later. Like you, some are in pain despite receiving cortisone shots.

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

Ricki Lake takes pride in her work behind the lens

BY EMILY DWASS
Tribune Newspapers

Ricki Lake has gone from the lead in the 1988 cult favorite "Hairspray" to roles in movies and television, including "Cry-Baby," "China Beach" and "The King of Queens," to a talk show host. But perhaps the role she has worked hardest at is her current one: advocate for women's health. Her 2008 documentary, "The Business of Being Born," has been rereleased digitally, with updated commentary.

Last year, Lake and her film partner, Abby Epstein, were executive producers for the documentary "Breastmilk," looking at the challenges and rewards of breast-feeding. Also in the works is "Sweetening the Pill," about hormonal birth control. This is an edited version of our conversation.

Q: What was your goal with "The Business of Being Born"?

A: From the onset, we never wanted to create a film that would tell women how they should give birth. I really set out to make the movie that I wish I had seen before my first pregnancy. Like so many women, my disappointing first birth experience motivated me to really do research when I became pregnant with my second child.

I realized that I needed to be much more informed and empowered to have a positive experience, regardless of the setting or method of delivery.

Q: Over the years, what kind of effect has the documentary had?

A: We've been able to create a community for women seeking options within their birth plans. ... A lot has changed since we first released the film in 2008. The ways people



RICH POLK/ALEPH PICTURES

Actress and producer Ricki Lake says she is proud of her work in empowering women with information they need.

watch and share movies have drastically evolved. We wanted to make sure that we were keeping up with the changes in innovation and technology to make the film as widely available as possible. Most importantly, we wanted to be sure to service our community, providing them with updated commentary surrounding the subject.

Q: Your career has included many chapters. What are you most proud of?

A: So many women are in the dark on matters that are so important to their health. I don't pretend to be an expert in all things pertaining to women's health, but I've made it my duty to empower women with both the answers and questions they need. I am very proud of that.

Q: How did you recover from being sexually abused as a child?

A: I look back and I wonder, maybe that's why I gained weight when I was a teenager and got so big. Maybe that was a way of protecting myself from

being a draw for men, I don't know. One of the things that really helped was admitting that it happened.

Q: You've been open about your struggles with your weight. How do you approach the issue now?

A: Doing "Dancing With the Stars" (in 2011) certainly helped! I don't think I've figured it out. I still deal with it every single day. I struggle to be in a place where I'm comfortable in my skin. I remember being really thin and thinking I wasn't quite there yet. It's a disease.

We live in this society where we're trying to achieve the unattainable. It's really challenging. I started my career in "Hairspray," playing the fat girl who overcomes and wins the contest and the guy. I think I have a pretty healthy mind about my body — and yet I still struggle like everyone else. I try to let go of some of the standards I set for myself that are completely impossible.

Dwass is a freelancer.



EMMA CHRISTENSEN PHOTO

Gather friends to make big batch of dumplings

BY EMMA CHRISTENSEN
TheKitchn.com

If you think frozen pork dumplings from the store are addictive, then just you wait until you try these homemade fellas. They are everything you want in a dumpling: plump and nicely chewy, filled with tender pork, flavored with fresh ginger, green onion and sesame oil. Bet you can't eat just one.

Whether you're celebrating something with friends or stocking your freezer for a busy month

ahead, these dumplings should definitely be on your list.

Even if you're not celebrating anything, dumplings are a good project to tackle with a few friends — the recipe I give here makes about 80 little dumplings, and many hands make the otherwise tedious task of folding each one fly by.

Afterward, split them up, and you each have a few dinners you can stash in your freezer.

I use store-bought dumpling (or gyoza) wrappers to make my dumplings — they're dependable

and easy to find and use. Look for them near the tofu in the produce section of your grocery store, or plan a trip to your nearest Asian market.

The recipe I use is a slight adaptation of one of our earliest Kitchn recipes: Kenny Lao's rickshaw dumplings. This is the recipe that introduced me to the delicious possibilities of the homemade dumpling, for which I will be eternally grateful.

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Pork dumplings

Prep: 1 hour, 30 minutes Cook: 8-10 minutes per batch
Makes: 70 to 80 dumplings

- 1/2 medium head napa cabbage, about 1 pound
 - 1 tablespoon kosher salt
 - 1 pound ground pork
 - 1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced, about 1 cup
 - 1 bunch cilantro, minced, about 3/4 cup
 - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1 piece (2 inches long) ginger, grated or finely minced, about 3 tablespoons
 - 2 tablespoons sesame oil
 - 2 large eggs, whisked
 - 1 package (12 ounces) round dumpling, wonton or gyoza wrappers
- Vegetable oil as needed

- 1 Slice the cabbage down its length, through the root, to make two quarters. Slice each quarter into very thin strips, cutting cross-wise. Toss the slices with the salt in a large bowl; allow to stand, 5 to 10 minutes.
- 2 The cabbage will start to release liquid. When it's ready, grab handfuls of the cabbage and squeeze out the water. Transfer the squeezed cabbage to another bowl.
- 3 To the bowl with the squeezed cabbage, add the pork, green onions, cilantro, soy sauce, ginger, sesame oil and eggs. Work the mixture together with your hands until fully combined.
- 4 Arrange your dumpling-making station. Set a small bowl of water, the bowl of filling and a parchment-lined baking sheet on the counter. Open the package of dumpling wrappers and arrange a few on the workspace in front of you.
- 5 Place 1 scant tablespoon of filling on each dumpling wrapper. It doesn't look like much filling, but using any more gets messy and makes the dumplings hard to pleat closed. Once you get the hang of pleating the dumplings, you can try adding a bit more.
- 6 Dip your finger in the water and run it around the edge of the dumpling. This will help it to seal. Lift the dumpling from the work surface, and fold it in half. Press the top closed. Use your thumbs to fold a tiny pleat on either side of the dumpling, then press firmly to seal the dumpling closed. You may need to dab a little water under the pleat to make it stick closed.
- 7 Continue filling and pleating the rest of the wrappers using the remaining filling. As you finish each dumpling, line it up on the parchment-lined baking sheet.
- 8 You can cook the dumplings immediately or freeze them on the baking sheet. Once frozen solid, gather them into a freezer container and keep frozen for up to three months.
- 9 Film a skillet with about 1 tablespoon oil; warm over high heat. When the oil is shimmering, arrange some of the dumplings in the pan as close as they'll fit without actually touching. Cook until the bottoms have turned brown and golden.

10 Pour 3 tablespoons water in the pan — the water will immediately sizzle and begin to steam. Cover the pan immediately and reduce the heat to low. Cook, 3-5 minutes (or 6-8 minutes if cooking frozen dumplings). When done, the wrappers will appear translucent and noodlelike; the filling will be opaque and warmed through. (Cut one open to check.)

11 Transfer the cooked dumplings to a plate; repeat with remaining dumplings, adding oil if needed. Serve with soy sauce or other dipping sauce.

Nutrition information per serving: 37 calories, 2 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 9 mg cholesterol, 3 g carbohydrates, 2 g protein, 140 mg sodium, 0 g fiber



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Green beans, corn and zucchini come together with a simple lemon vinaigrette.

What grows together goes well together



LEAH ESKIN
Home on the Range

Corn spends the summer standing stock-still, chatting up the other stalks. Not that there's much to say. Sun: hot. Water: welcome. Cobs: coming along. Monoculture is monotonous.

Which explains companion planting — mixing up crops curbs boredom and makes the most of odd bedfellows.

Take corn: all leg. The bean, on the other hand, springs out of the ground a tender, grasping vine, too weak to support its heavy pods. Squash spreads its leaves low and wide underfoot. Annoying tendencies, all. But together: cunning.

Corn offers beans a sturdy trellis. Beans enrich the soil with nitrogen. Squash elbows out weeds. Call it symbiosis, codependence or clever. Call it, as does my matchmaking friend Liz, interlocking neuroses. Call it, like old-time gardeners, “the three sisters,” or, like old-time TV, Charlie’s Angels. The teamwork pays off, making each plant healthier and each salad happier.

Three sisters salad

Prep: 10 minutes plus time to chill

Cook: 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

- 2 tender zucchini (each about 7 inches long)
- 3 ears corn, shucked
- 1 pound skinny green beans, cut in half crosswise
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 Pare: Use a vegetable peeler to carve zucchini, peel and all, into long ribbons. Discard the seed-speckled core.

2 Blanch: Heat a large pot of salted water to a boil. (If you have a designated strainer pot, use that. If not, a large pot, a hand-held strainer and tongs will come in handy.) Drop in corn and cook until shocking yellow, about 7 minutes. Pull out corn and let cool.

3 Blanch: When the water has returned to a boil, add the green beans. Cook until bright green and crisp/tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Pull out beans and cool under cold running water. Spread out on a clean kitchen towel, roll up to dry.

4 Blanch: When water has returned to a boil, add the zucchini ribbons. Cook, stirring gently, until edges are bright green and zucchini is tender, about 1 minute. Pull out and cool under cold running water. Spread out on a clean kitchen towel and roll up to dry.

5 Toss: Shave corn kernels from cobs. Drop them into a serving bowl. Tumble in beans and zucchini ribbons. Dress with olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Toss gently. Chill. Enjoy.

Provenance: Inspired by a recipe from “Bean by Bean” by Crescent Dragonwagon.



DEB LINDSEY/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Blueprint for a seasonal soup

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

There is much more to this soup than meets the eye. At its most basic level it is a velvety, brilliant-green soup that delivers the pure essence of sweet spring peas and elevates them with fragrant, delicate herbs. Served hot or chilled, it is a fitting starter for your next dinner party. Yet it comes together so quickly and easily, there is no need to save it for a special occasion.

What is not immediately apparent is that it can be considered a mother recipe for dozens, if not hundreds, of vegetable soup variations. The basic technique for making it can be used to celebrate seasonal produce all year long. Start by sweating some aromatics in a little oil: onion, shallots, garlic, leeks and/or ginger. Then add the vegetable — butter-nut squash or cauliflower in the fall, zucchini in the summer, and broccoli year-round — plus chicken or vegetable broth, and simmer until the vegetable is tender. Toss in seasonings such as fresh or dried herbs, or spices such as curry or nutmeg, and salt and pepper; then puree until smooth.

Freelancer Krieger is a dietitian and book author.

Herbed green pea soup

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes **Makes:** About 5 cups, 4 servings

The soup can be refrigerated (without the yogurt) for up to 4 days.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 1/2 cups no-salt-added chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or more as needed
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups fresh shelled peas or 10 ounces frozen/thawed green peas
- 2 tablespoons packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives, plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons packed fresh tarragon leaves
- 2 tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt

1 Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the onion; cook, stirring a few times, until softened, about 6 minutes. Add the broth, salt and pepper; increase the heat to high and bring to a boil.

2 Add the peas; cook fresh ones until tender, 2-5 minutes; if you're using frozen peas, cook until they are just warmed through, 1-2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cool for 15 minutes, then stir in the parsley, 1 tablespoon chives and the tarragon.

3 Use an immersion (stick) blender to puree the soup until smooth. Or puree in a food processor, in batches if necessary, taking care that the hot soup does not splash out. If serving hot, reheat just until warmed through; if serving cold, transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 4 days. Taste, and add salt as needed.

4 To serve, divide the soup among individual bowls; top each portion with a swirl of yogurt and chopped chives.

Nutrition information per serving: 110 calories, 4 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 14 g carbohydrates, 5 g protein, 340 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

Welcome spring with cake



MARIO BATALI

I am not a big fan of sticky or cloying cakes, so this carrot, hazelnut and ginger cake from my latest cookbook, "America Farm to Table" (Grand Central Life & Style, \$35), is the perfect dessert to welcome spring.

There is an entire spectrum of carrots, including red, yellow and purple varieties, each with its own appeal. Sugarsnax carrots are extra-sweet and delicious in this recipe, if you can find them at a farmers market.

The moist but firm texture and haunting vegetal sweetness of this cake reminds me of great wine, and the mayonnaise in the recipe makes it especially



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moist. I like the molasses in the frosting; it seems odd but is crazy good. It balances the sweetness from the granulated and light brown sugars with bitterness and sour notes.

Mario Batali is the chef behind 25 restaurants, including Eataly, Del Posto, and his flagship Greenwich Village enoteca, Babbo. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Carrot, hazelnut and ginger cake

Prep: 1 hour, 15 minutes Bake: 40 to 50 minutes Makes: 10 to 12 servings

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| Cake: | Frosting: |
| 4 large eggs | 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened |
| 1 cup olive oil mayonnaise | 8 ounces cream cheese, softened |
| 1 cup granulated sugar | 3 cups confectioners' sugar |
| 1 cup light brown sugar, packed | 1/4 cup molasses |
| 1 tablespoon vanilla | |
| 2 cups flour | |
| 2 teaspoons each: baking soda, baking powder | |
| 1 teaspoon kosher salt | |
| 1/4 cup grated fresh peeled ginger | |
| 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon | |
| 2 1/2 cups grated carrots (from about 1 pound whole carrots) | |
| 3/4 cup roughly chopped hazelnuts | |
- For the cake, heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch baking pan or an 8-inch springform pan.
 - In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, mayonnaise, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla. Mix in the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ginger and cinnamon. Stir in the carrots. Fold in the hazelnuts; pour the batter into the prepared pan.
 - Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely.
 - For the frosting, beat the butter, cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and molasses in a bowl until smooth. Frost the cooled cake as desired.

Nutrition Information per serving (for 12 servings, using half the frosting): 480 calories, 20 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 109 mg cholesterol, 77 g carbohydrates, 6 g protein; 707 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Shelf life

BY JUDY HEVRDEJS
Tribune Newspapers

Toasting tasty toasts

Jill Donenfeld loves toast so much she wrote "Better on Toast: Happiness on a Slice of Bread — 70 Irresistible Recipes" (William Morrow, \$27.50). It's a whimsical love story packed with sweet, savory, spicy ideas. Toasts range from simple to substantial. She tops ricotta with fresh strawberries and balsamic reduction (or peaches, basil and honey). Or she puts lobster carbonara on ciabatta. And cauliflower melts boast roasted cauliflower, raisins, pistachios and manchego atop sourdough. At bookstores nationwide.



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Hip dips party perfectly

Hope Foods' foray into dips began with organic hummus, including a Spicy Avocado Hummus we enjoyed. Avocado lightens the garbanzo-tahini mix, while jalapeno adds piquancy. There are now seven more hummus flavors, including Thai Coconut Curry and Jalapeno Cilantro, plus four Superfood Dips based on black lentils. We couldn't stop scooping up garlicky Habanero Lentil, its texture enhanced by the lentils' chewiness. Savvy cooks will find ways to enjoy these beyond the chip-and-dip circuit. An 8-ounce container ranges in price from \$3.99 to \$4.39. Store locator: hopefoods.com.



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

Mayo with a kick

Mayonnaise is a culinary workhorse, doing much more than holding sandwiches together. Which is why we like the kick Sir Kensington's Sriracha Mayonnaise brings to the kitchen. Its fire's not tame, playing on all the taste buds. Its richness, delicious. So besides spreading on sandwiches, there are deviled eggs to be made, potato salads to be seasoned, fish to be sauced. Also in the line: Classic and Chipotle versions. A 10-ounce jar is \$5.99. Store locator: sirkensingtons.com.



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From Groovy and beyond

Get to know the white wines of Austria



BILL ST. JOHN
Uncorked

A two-part look at the wines of Austria. This week: white wines.

The wines of Austria sound like German wines, look like German wines, come in bottles that we associate with German wines, and are often made of grapes that Germans use for their wines.

But across the board, the wines of Austria are as unlike German wines as any wines could be. So, un-think, right now, that Austria makes wines in the German style.

Austrian wines are, on all fours, their own individual characters. Austria's whites are fuller, richer, headier and bolder in flavor than Germany's lighter, leaner and more elegant whites. Most important to note: Austria's whites are always dry, save for those that the country purposely produces sweet (though only 3 percent of total production).

Austria produces wine from grapes that Germany doesn't even know about, especially Austria's famed white wine grape, gruner veltliner, our globe's only grape with its own nickname, "Groovy."

Austria also makes much more red wine than Germany does, which in character resembles Austrian whites: fatter, brawnier and juicier than Germany's light, ephemeral reds. (More on Austria's red wines in part two, next

week.)

About the only thing that German and Austrian winemaking share is a predilection for riesling (and those tall green glass bottles).

Austria vinicultural history mirrors that of all its sibling European wine-making countries: vines planted by the Celts around 700 B.C., cultivated by the Romans, improved by medieval monks and beset by war and the plant louse phylloxera in the modern age.

All of Austria's several winemaking regions form a crescent that embraces Vienna, in a reversed C, in Austria's extreme eastern quarter. (Vienna is the only major world city to be a stand-alone viticultural area; you can see vines growing in the hills that surround it from most anywhere in the city itself.) Though contiguous, each region differs from the others in weather and soil, hence in wines.

The more significant areas to remember are four: Wachau, for elegant, piercingly flavored whites, categorized only in Wachau in an esoteric way, by ripeness level of the grapes, as "federspiel" and "smaragd"; Burgenland for sweet white wines and gutsy reds; Styria for sauvignon blanc that rivals France's Loire's; and Weinviertel for gruner veltliner.

In white grapes, Austria raises a dozen or so different varieties, but these three produce the most significant wines:

Gruner veltliner: richly textured and creamy, ending with scents and flavors of fresh rain and white pepper.

Riesling: as elsewhere, but in Austria with more



LONELY PLANET IMAGES

Vienna is the only major world city to be a stand-alone viticultural area; you can see vines growing in the surrounding hills from most anywhere in the city.

oomph, in a more expansive aroma of peach and cooked apple, with great staying power on the palate.

Sauvignon blanc: especially successful in Styria, where it makes heady, herbal whites not unlike French Sancerre or Pouilly-Fume.

Restaurant chefs and sommeliers increasingly consider gruner veltliner a

very versatile white wine for food of every stripe, weight, preparation and flavor. Gruner itself comes in various weights or intensities, and because it has distinctive aromas and tastes (of pink grapefruit, vanilla, peach, white pepper, lentil, dill, celery and mineral), it accompanies a wide range of foods.

Lighter Groovies are great with starters — olives,

smoked salmon or lightly dressed salads — and with foods that have some acidity. Medium-weight gruner veltliner is good with fowl, sausages, sushi and moderately spicy Thai food.

Freelancer Bill St. John has been writing and teaching about wine for more than 40 years.

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Recommended

Here are several highly recommended Austrian white wines, arranged by price. The last word in each wine's name is the Austrian winemaking district.

2012 Leo Hillinger Pinot Gris (Grauburgunder), Burgenland: Rich flavors of peach and apricot; unctuously juicy texture; terrific full-flavored white for very little charge. \$15

NV/Sektkellerei Szigeti Gruner Veltliner Brut, Neusiedlersee: A sparkling gruner; snappy texture, note of white pepper. \$20

2013 Strauss Sauvignon Blanc Classic, Steinbach Styria: Grapefruit and herbal aromas and flavors; dry as a lick of a warm stone with some of the same minerality. \$20

2013 Ecker-Eckhof Roter Veltliner Steinberg, Wagram: Interestingly, roter veltliner is not related to Groovy, but is its own variety and a parent grape to other Austrian whites; described, however, "as a gruner with gravy," more stuffing and spice. \$20

Weingut Wleninger Gemischter Satz, Vienna (Wien): Classic Viennese, multiple-vintage blend of gruner veltliner, weissburgunder (pinot blanc), welschriesling and chardonnay, grown within the city limits; fresh and zesty, with bold flavors of stone fruits and spice. \$21

2012 Fred Loimer Riesling Steinmassl, Kamptal: Dry, crisp, zesty with acidity to the rines; stone fruit aromas and flavors, with a citrusy edge. \$25

2011 Tegernseerhof Gruner Veltliner Bergdistel Smaragd, Wachau: Grapes late-picked, therefore intense spiciness and verve; richly textured and begging for food (white meat dishes, any sort of fish preparation; take to a BYOB sushi joint). \$25

If your wine store does not carry these, ask for wines similar in style and price.

Comic Rita Rudner makes rare return visit

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

After selling a million tickets during her residency at the Venetian casino in Las Vegas over the past 10 years, veteran comic Rita Rudner has taken to the road for a rare Chicago-area appearance.

The previously familiar presence in area comedy clubs (before her success as an actress, screenwriter and best-selling author), will co-headline with comic Louie Anderson April 25 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

We caught up with Rudner for a quick chat about her career, female empowerment and the inability of her thumbs to keep up with technological change.

Q. You began your career as a Broadway dancer. How did you wind up becoming a comedian?

A. I had been a dancer my whole life, until I was around 27, when I noticed there weren't many female comedians — and I wondered why that was. So I tried it and I loved it. And, fortunately, I still love it.

I suppose it also had something to do with realizing that dancing wasn't something I could do forever. I thought comedy would last a much longer time.



NORTH SHORE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Rita Rudner brings her standup comedy to Skokie's North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. Louie Anderson co-headlines.

Q. Why do you think there weren't as many female comics when you were getting started?

Rita Rudner

8 p.m. April 25
North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
Tickets: \$38, \$50 and \$56
847-673-6300; northshorecenter.org

A. There weren't as many female anything. Female doctors, female lawyers. There's still no female president. Women aren't accepted in positions of power as well as men. And comedy is a position of power.

Q. Power?

A. Sure. You're manipulating people's feelings. You stand up there with the microphone and you get to be the leader.

Q. You're a fixture now in Las Vegas. How unusual is it for you to go on the road?

A. I don't go on the road too often, unless I can get two or three dates together. I do it a bit more now because my daughter is older and she likes her friends much better than she likes me. (Laughs.) It's not as crucial these days that I stay at home.

But I like to change my routine and do things that are different. Also, I find airplanes relaxing because nobody asks me to

make them dinner or drive them to their friend's house. I get to read books and things — it's a little time of my own.

Q. What's most on your mind these days? What are you talking about on-stage?

A. I always talk about things that are going on in my life. Getting older, being a mother, being married 26 years — that sort of thing. Also the way the world is changing.

That's a never-ending source of material. Like how much more accomplished thumbs have to be these days than they were in my time. (Laughs.) When I was growing up, thumbs were just another finger. But now they're life and death. And my thumbs can't move at the speed of light like my daughter's.

Q. Are you working on anything new?

A. For the first time in my life, I'm going to do a play. A really funny, two-person play called "Act Three" — about a couple in the third act of their lives. The producer asked me to do it in London, but I couldn't be away for months. There's a little venue near my house in California, though, and I offered to try it out there. And I'm really excited about it. That's my next big dive into the deep.

Botanic Garden flower series blooms with daffodils

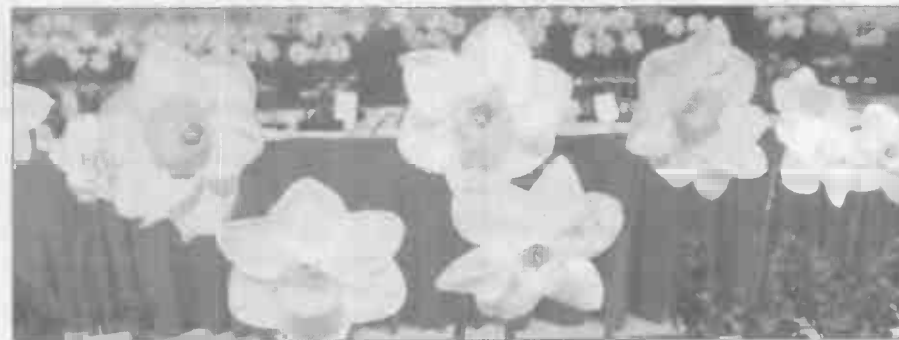
BY TROY KELLEHER
Lake County News-Sun

Many things can kill a daffodil — too much moisture and wind, clumsy trimming, alkaline soil. For novice gardeners, experts at the Chicago Botanic Garden can help protect those lemony perennials and save the garden.

Competitive daffodil-growers and newcomers alike can gather and share expert tips at the Midwest Daffodil Society Show April 25 and 26 at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

The show features hundreds of daffodils, arranged by expert growers hoping to impress the judges panel. Competitions will feature blooms in all 13 divisions of daffodils, ranging from the Large-Cupped Daffodil to the trumpet-like Cyclamineus Daffodil, which appears wind-swept and includes varieties such as the "Peeping Tom" and the "Jack Snipe." Other competition categories include cut blooms, floral design and photography, with entries featured from daffodil growers of all skill levels.

"A lot of what they bring isn't often



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN PHOTO

All kinds of daffodils will be on display at the Midwest Daffodil Society Show.

readily available in area garden centers," said Stephanie Lindemann, manager of horticultural events at the Chicago Botanic Garden. "It's a lot of fun to get to see some special blooms that you wouldn't otherwise see."

Participants, many of whom are professionals, will be judged by a panel within various categories and sub-categories. Winners will receive ribbons and, for some categories, gift certificates to bulb vendors, allowing them to "continue the craze,"

Lindemann said.

While the event attracts enthusiasts, novices are welcome, too. In addition to being fragrant and brightly colored, daffodils are critter-resistant, with an undesirable taste to chipmunks, squirrels, deer and other animals that may consider gardens a free buffet.

This gives daffodils a higher success rate and, along with relatively low maintenance for some varieties, makes the flower a popular choice for new gardeners. Linde-

Midwest Daffodil Society Show

When: Noon to 4 p.m. April 25; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 26

Where: Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

Info: 847-835-5440; Chicagobotanic.org

mann, who was "bitten by the daffodil bug" and tends her own garden full of the flowers, said the show is great for gardening enthusiasts of every variety.

"It's a great place for novice gardeners to learn about how easy it is to grow daffodils," she said. "There are many facets to this show whether you're showing or growing, or you just want to appreciate beauty."

The event is the first of the 26-part American Flower Show Series.

Upcoming events showcase rhododendrons, dahlias and orchids, among other species, for competition and viewing. The Society will host a Bulb Sale Oct. 17 and 18, where daffodil enthusiasts can purchase bulbs for the 2016 bloom.



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Six Piano Ensemble thrives on variety

BY SHERYL DEVORE
Pioneer Press

Beatriz Levi admits the first few years performing with the Six Piano Ensemble, "it was a big challenge to play under a conductor." The Northfield resident was used to performing as a soloist.

But she loves it so much that she has remained with the unique ensemble for more than 20 years. Levi auditioned and joined just a few years after conductor Glenna Sprague started the group at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines.

"I love the possibility to play music I otherwise wouldn't be able to play, music that is not piano repertoire," Levi said, for example, a Mozart symphony. "Each piano takes the part of a different group — woodwinds, percussion. It's like being in an orchestra."

Levi will join five other pianists under Sprague's baton to perform classical and ragtime selections April 25 and 26 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater in Des Plaines.

Sprague, Oakton professor and coordinator of music, said she started the group to give her piano students an opportunity to learn a variety of repertoire.

"It started out as a master class for advanced piano students at Oakton," Sprague said. "I wanted to introduce them to more duet literature. I never dreamed that it would be like it is today."

She chose six pianos because that's how many can fit on the Oakton stage. Along the way, Sprague has discovered that a Scott Joplin ragtime piece sounds better with six pianos as opposed to one.

"There's really no style I



/OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Six Piano Ensemble, led by Glenna Sprague (in blue) with Greg Luberda on the bench, will perform April 25 and 26 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater.

Oakton Six Piano Ensemble

8 p.m. April 25 and 3 p.m. April 26
Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines (847) 635-1900; www.oakton.edu/tickets

don't like," she said. "We try to get a varied program. It helps students to learn — it educates the audience, too."

The coming concerts will include her arrangements of "Sonata in D Major" by W. A. Mozart and "Little White Donkey" by Jacques Ibert.

"It's an interesting piece. It has this heehaw sound written in the music in octaves and different intervals. I wrote it so that it goes from piano to piano, it's very interesting," Sprague said.

The group will also perform a piece that paid tribute to the ensemble, written by renowned composer Robert Vandall, called "Oakton Toccata," which was published by Alfred Music Publishing Company. Vandall gave Sprague permission to

arrange it for six pianos.

Levi said when performing with the piano ensemble, "You have to blend the sound, the tempo, the interpretation. When you play solo, you do your own interpretation. In this case you have to adapt. [Sprague] has the last word. Sometimes you like it, sometimes you don't. That's part of the ball game."

Some of the players she's met over the years enjoy the ensemble "because they don't like to play solo. They don't want to have to be exposed by themselves. That's the same way it is in a symphony. Some players are soloists, others never play solos."

The group has performed throughout the country and abroad.

"People have been coming year after year after year. It's the variety of the music, they're short, we have ensemble music and solos," Levi said, adding the concerts are usually sold out.

The Oakton Six Piano Ensemble also will feature Melissa Chen, Lina Schaal, Marianne Pyster, Greg Luberda and Christy Stevens.

MUSIC

Evanston orchestra letting music speak for itself

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Pioneer Press

Swan Lake without dancers? Yes, and Lawrence Eckerling, Evanston Symphony Orchestra music director and conductor, is happy to tell us why Tchaikovsky's glorious score for that 1877 ballet can easily stand on its own.

"The score is symphonic, even operatic with its melodies," the maestro explained about the music planned for the orchestra's April 26 concert, "Swan Lake & Mozart." "There are seven different versions of the suite for orchestra, and the standard orchestral version we're using is more than 50 minutes long."

Eckerling, who was named Community Orchestra Conductor of the Year for 2014 by the Illinois Council of Orchestras, went over the material measure by measure and found himself unable to make cuts. "When I would look at something to omit," he said, "I would know right away that its absence would be immediately obvious. The work is just too well known to leave anything out."

One of the most iconic moments in the ballet is the *Pas de Deux*, and the Evanston performance will pair concertmaster Julie Fischer and principal cellist Rhea Davis in an instrumental duet. "Don't forget the lovely harp," the conductor cautioned. "Our harpist Derin Kenny has an important part in that section, which is one of the few exceptions the does not have a grand symphonic sound."

"Tchaikovsky wrote the music first before the choreographer got involved," Eckerling explained, "so there is unity, not just a series of vignettes, and after that, ballet scores were never the same."



EVANSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PHOTO

Lawrence Eckerling leads the Evanston Symphony Orchestra in concert April 26.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra presents 'Swan Lake & Mozart'

When: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26

Where: Pick-Stalger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston

Cost: \$30-\$35 adults; \$25-\$30 seniors, \$5 full-time students, children 12 and under free.

Info: 847-864-8804; evanstonsymphony.org

Fittingly the program opens with Symphony No. 40 by Mozart, a composer greatly admired by Tchaikovsky.

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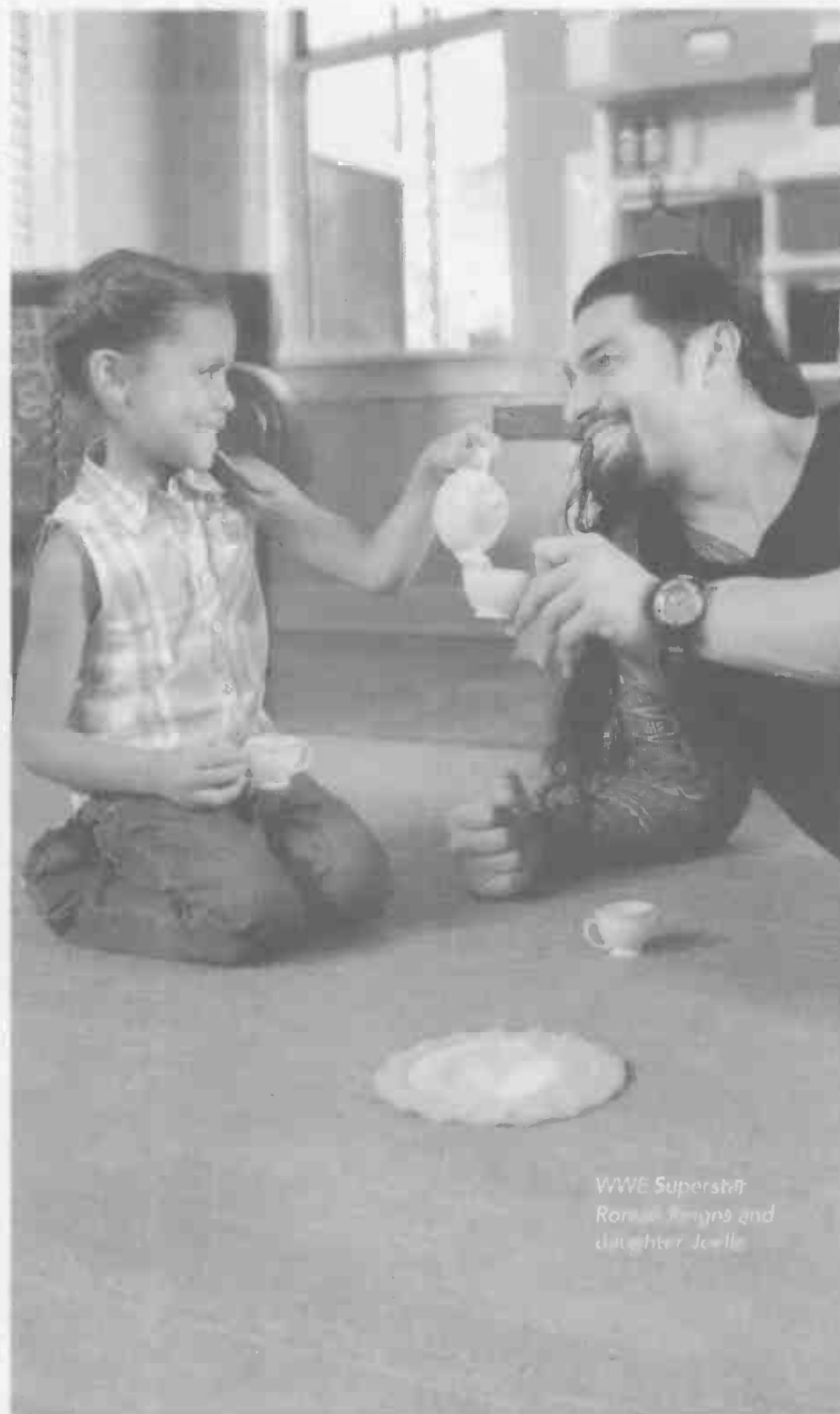
Evanston Symphony Orchestra's April concert was supposed to conclude the orchestra's 2014-15 season, but on Feb. 1 the

Chicago area experienced a massive blizzard and the orchestra's concert for that day was canceled.

The originally planned program "German Favorites," including Richard Strauss' "Four Last Songs" sung by popular soprano Michelle Areyzaga, has been rescheduled for May 31.

"We were lucky," Eckerling admitted. "We found a Sunday afternoon when Michelle could come and the hall was available." The program also includes Brahms Symphony No. 3 and Wagner's Overture to "Tannhauser." Unused tickets for Feb. 1 will be accepted for this program, but tickets will also be sold at the door.

The community orchestra also has announced its 2015-16 season: "Scheherazade and Other Tales" Oct. 25; "Harmonica Meets American Classics" Feb. 14; "Heroic Beethoven" April 10; and "Brahms and Dvorak Doubled" June 5.



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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Youthful take on 'Sound of Music' at Devonshire

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Thirty-one kids in third through eighth grade are "Getting to Know: The Sound of Music." That's the title of an abbreviated version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical being presented by the Devonshire Playhouse Young Performers.

"All the important parts are in there as far as Maria and the Captain's relationship, and the relationship of Maria to the children," said Gayle Starr, who co-directs with Eileen Hand. "They talk about the Nazi invasion but it's done in a really appropriate way."

The show runs about 75 minutes. "Everybody's favorite songs are in there and they're not abbreviated," Starr said. That includes, "Climb Every Mountain" and "My Favorite Things."

Starr considers this a good show for this age group. Performances are 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, April 25-May 3 at Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Tickets are \$8-\$10.

For details, call (847) 929-7420 or go to www.skokieparks.org.

Happy Earth Day

Celebrate the day devoted to the environment at a Picnic for the Planet, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. Families will learn where our food comes from, how it's grown and processed and how our food choices affect the planet. Admission is free. Food and plants will be sold.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to www.skokieparks.org/



DEVONSHIRE PLAYHOUSE

Ari Silver as Captain Von Trapp and Emma Shimovich as Marla in the Devonshire Playhouse Young Performers' "Sound of Music."

emily-oaks-nature-center.org.

Second way to mark the day

There will be a craft project and an environmental project during Earth Day Activities, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. The drop-in event is for all ages.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.

Zippity Doo Da

Wendy & DB say, "It's a Doo Da Day." That's the title of the latest album by the popular children's entertainers. They are hosting a release party, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April

25 at Trinity Church Gymnasium, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette. Tickets are \$40 for a family of four, which includes a copy of the CD. Additional tickets are \$10.

For details, visit wendyanddb.com.

Spring string fling

Suzuki violin teacher Rhona Regen will demonstrate stringed instruments and lead musical games during Fiddling Around, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glen Town Center, Glenview. Registration is required for this event for ages 2-6.

For details, call (847) 729-7500 or go to www.glenviewpl.org.

FOOD

Savor the flavor of childhood with Juicy Lucy-style burger



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

The most memorable hamburger I've ever eaten barely resembled the traditional sandwich we've all come to know and love. In fact, the deconstructed offering was a highlight of Next Restaurant's menu inspired by childhood.

The multiple course menu featured whimsical plays on traditional peanut butter and jelly, good old macaroni and cheese and nourishing chicken noodle soup. Simply called "Hamburger," Next's humbly named dish came late in the progression and looked more like an avant-garde work of art than a kiddo's comfort food.

The sesame seed "bun" was painted on the base of the rectangular dish in broad strokes while wild greens grew out of the plate around seared sections of pristine Kobe beef and mushrooms. Thin slivers of dill pickle peppered the plate and a few splashes of homemade ketchup enhanced the dish's Jackson Pollock flair. It was undoubtedly the most unconventional burger of which I've ever taken a bite.

And that first bite was a veritable time machine of flavor. One bite and I was instantaneously transported back to the McDonald's playland of my youth, and scarfing down a cheeseburger under an enormous plastic tree while sitting on a toadstool chair. One bite of Next's zany "hamburger" and I was 8 years old again. I savored every bite.

Food memories are powerful things and before long I was remembering more than a few occasions throughout my childhood when my mom's busy schedule would prevent her from turning out a home-cooked dinner on a Wednesday night. When time got the better of her, if we didn't head into town to eat in a fast food restaurant, my dad would head straight to the nearest drive-thru on his way back from



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

A Juicy Lucy-style hamburger brings back childhood fast food memories.

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the office. He would arrive home clutching piping hot Big Macs and greasy fries for all four of us. Fast food meals were a genuine treat when I was kid and we all appreciated the relaxed vibe that drive-thru fare brought to our family table.

May is National Hamburger Month and I can't think of a better reason to whip up a homemade version of a fast food classic in the coming weeks. Go on and savor the flavor of being a kid again!

Juicy Lucy-Style Burger with Memory Sauce

(Makes four burgers)

FOR THE MEMORY SAUCE:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup French dressing
- 2 Tablespoons ketchup
- 2 Tablespoons minced white onion
- 1 Tablespoon sweet pickle relish
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- Healthy dash of hot sauce

FOR THE JUICY LUCY:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck
- Salt and pepper
- 8 slices American cheese

FOR SERVING:

- 4 sesame seed buns
- Hamburger dill slices
- Minced white onion
- Shredded iceberg lettuce
- Prepare the sauce by whisking together the mayonnaise, French dressing and ketchup. Fold in the onion, relish, pepper, salt and hot sauce. Set the sauce aside until ready to assemble the burger. Can be made one day ahead; refrigerate until ready to use.
- To make the burgers divide the ground chuck into four equal pieces (6 ounces each). Divide one section into two equal pieces (about 3 ounces each) and shape each section into a 1/4-inch thick patty. Fold two cheese slices into quarters

and place in the center of one patty. Top with a second patty and seal the edges tightly to encapsulate the cheese slices. Repeat with the remaining beef and cheese slices until you have four equal cheese-filled patties. Season the burgers with salt and pepper on both sides.

- Heat a grill pan over medium-high heat or prepare a medium-hot outdoor grill until very hot. Cook the burgers for 3 minutes on one side without disturbing and then flip. Cook burgers on the second side for three additional minutes or until well browned on both sides. Cheese will be melted in the center.
- Serve each patty on a sesame seed bun spread with memory sauce and topped with onion, pickles and shredded lettuce.

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

Thursday, April 23

"Lady Windermere's Fan": Dead Writers Theatre Collective opens their season with Oscar Wilde's four-act comedy of morals. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$40, 773-327-5252

"All's Well That Ends Well": Shakespeare's classic production explores what lengths we would go to for the object of our desires. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$30, 773-975-8150

"The Grown-Up": Shattered Globe Theatre presents the Chicago premiere of Jordan Harrison's play, which jumps around in time between a child listening to a story his grandfather tells, to his television pitch to his wedding day. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$33, 773-975-8150

Into the Bat Caves of Kenya: Scientists Bruce Patterson and Paul Webala, accompanied by vlogger Emily Graslie, venture deep into a cave in Kenya's Mount Suswa to study the varied bats of East Africa. 9 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

Vodou: Sacred Powers of Haiti: This exhibit explores Vodou as a religion and an expression of the Haitian national experience. 10 a.m. Thursday-Sunday, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

Chicago Styled: Fashioning the Magnificent Mile: This exhibition uses 20 outfits from the museum's costume collection to tell the story of a St., in fashion. The exhibit runs Nov. 15 to Aug. 16 and is free with admission. 9:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, noon Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, free, 312-642-4600

"The Herd": In this English comedy, the dynamic of 21-year-old Andy's birthday party changes when two unexpected guests appear. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Friday, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$20-\$82, 312-335-1650

"The Book of Mormon": This Tony Award-winning musical satire follows the misadventures of two missionaries who naively attempt to convert the inhabitants of a village in Uganda. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., Chicago, \$45-\$115, 800-775-2000

Planos Become the Teeth: With Loma Prieta and Gates. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave., Chicago, \$12-\$14, 773-278-6600

"An Issue of Blood": This production is based on the story of the historical figure Negro Mary, one of the wealthiest landowners living in the Shenandoah Valley in 1640. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$60, 773-871-3000

"Penelope, O Penelope: Watch Homer's Odyssey told from the modern day perspective of the hero's devoted and lonesome wife, Penelope. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Logan Square, 2649 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, \$20

Brandice Guerra Naturalia new paintings & drawings: See Brandice Guerra series of paintings informed by her interests in natural history, 19th and early 20th century illustration, 17th century painting, and wunderkammern early art and natural history collections that are the precursors of modern museums. 10 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Zg Gallery, 300 W. Superior St., Chicago, free, 312-654-9900

Cervantes and Music: Enjoy a live concert celebrating Miguel de Cervantes's contributions to literature, his far-reaching influence in the world of music and the artistic legacy of Spain. 7 p.m. Thursday, Instituto Cervantes of Chicago, 31 W. Ohio St., Chicago, \$20; \$15 for students, 312-335-1996

Blue Man Group Chicago: 2 p.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Briar St. Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$49-\$99, 773-327-3830

Communion Chicago featuring Hey Rosetta: See Communion Chicago featuring Hey Rosetta, Kevin Garrett, Jamie Lono and the Noble Heart, Yoko and the Ohnos at this 18 and older show. 8 p.m. Thursday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$9.50-\$15, 773-525-2508

D-List: The Unsung Heroes of the Magical Kingdom: This production puts the princesses on the back burner to focus on the "unsung heroes" of Disney movies, such as Simba, Aladdin and Ariel. 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Public House Theatre, 3914 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$15, 800-650-6449

Maker & Muse: Women and Early Twentieth Century Art Jewelry: The museum presents the major exhibition comprised of works drawn from the Collection of Richard H. Driehaus and prominent private and public collections throughout the United States. 10 a.m. Thursday-Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Richard H. Driehaus Museum, 40 E. Erie St., Chicago, \$12.50-\$20, 312-482-8933

"Genius": This play examines the secrets and alliances of two creative couples from different generations who find their lives changed forever one evening after an electric dinner party. 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Profiles Theatre at The Alley Stage, 4147 N. Broadway, Chicago, TBA, 773-549-1815

"Royal Society of Antarctica": This play follows Dee (Aila Peck) as she returns to her birthplace at the blindingly bright McMurdo Station in Antarctica to work as a janitor and seek answers to her mother's disappearance in this weird and touching new work. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$25-\$35, 773-283-7071

"The Day John Henry Came to School": Technology-loving John Henry gets super excited when his teacher is replaced by a mega-computer. But when his great great grandfather comes for show and tell, John Henry must prepare for the challenge of his life. 10 a.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive, Chicago, \$10, 312-922-1999

"The Bird Feeder Doesn't Know": In this play, Ingrid and Herman are retirees living independently in their longtime family home somewhere in the heart of America. But with Herman's physical abilities declining as a normal part of aging, their son's help at home is needed now more than ever. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, -Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$15-\$22, 773-338-2177

"Beast on the Moon": This play is about an Armenian immigrant living in 1920s Milwaukee who has escaped the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians in 1915 by the Turks in his homeland in Eastern Turkey. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St., Chicago, TBA, 773-338-2177

International Pop Overthrow Music Festival: This festival celebrates the musical styles made famous by such pop artists as The Beatles, The Beach Boys and Badfinger. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$10, 773-274-5463

"Muthaland": The life of a young woman is forever changed on a trip to India where she unearths family secrets, encounters a prophet, and ultimately discovers her voice within a culture of silence. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, The Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington St., Chicago, \$15, 312-857-1234

"Down the Moonlit Path": The stories will re-visit the voice and culture of their origins in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas, while shedding new light on these tales and celebrating the stories we share. In NWaC's tradition, audiences will interact with the environment surrounding them, providing one of the most unique theater experiences in Chicago in years. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Preston Bradley Center in Mason Hall, 941 West Lawrence Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$25

Friday, April 24

"The Bloodhound Law": The play dramatizes the abolitionist struggle in Illinois before the war, from the murder of crusading journalist Elijah Lovejoy in downstate Alton to the work of the Underground Railroad in Chicago. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, City Lit Theater Company, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, \$29, 773-293-3682

"Ghost Gardens": This production follows a dying-on-the-vine Detroit community withered by neglect, illness and infertility. When Lorelie announces her pregnancy, it sets in motion an entwined series of events that threaten to spiral out of control. 7:30 p.m. Friday, noon Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, \$18-\$30, 866-811-4111

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"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum": Porchlight Music Theatre presents a musical set in ancient Rome where a house slave yearns for freedom. 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$19.50-\$45, 773-777-9884

"Bad Jews": Josh Harmon's comedy follows a Jewish family that gets together for a funeral. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$12-\$24, 773-975-8150

The Lakeside Singers spring concert series: "Song and Dance": Come celebrate singing and dancing with music by Debussy, Brahms, William Byrd, Michael Jackson, the Swingle Singers, Flashdance and Hairspray. 8 p.m. Friday, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, \$35; \$25 for seniors and students; \$10 for children under 12, 847-382-5085

"The Impossible Adventures of Supernova Jones": 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$20

"Three Sisters": The Hypocrites present Anton Chekhov's existential comedy, which follows three sisters who live in a drab provincial town but imagine futures in the big city. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Monday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$28

"Heat Wave": This play is set in Chicago, in the summer of 1995, and an intense heat wave has gripped the city with temperatures soaring above 100 degrees. By the time it's all over 739 people will have died, mostly the poor, elderly, or minorities with nowhere to seek shelter. As the morgues overflow, the city's emergency response team is called into question. 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, Steppenwolf Theatre Garage, 1624 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$15-\$20, 312-335-1650

"The Glass Menagerie": Color Box Theatre performs Tennessee Williams' play about a man obsessed with regrets from his past. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$29, 312-988-9000

Suffjan Stevens: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, \$35, 312-462-6300

"The Project(s)": This production examines of the successes and failures of public housing. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, American Theater Company, 1909 W. Byron St., Chicago, \$38-\$48, 773-409-4125

"Side Man": This Tony award-winning play spans three decades and is the story of a splintered family, told by the son of a jazz trumpet player and an alcoholic mother. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, \$19-\$49, 773-404-7336

"The Divine Order of Becoming": In the darkest moment of her life, Erica is suddenly overtaken by a deluge of memories of her life with her mother Eva. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, \$16.50-\$25, 773-404-7336

Allison Wonderland: With Hoodboi, Zebo, Win & Woo and DJ Mighty Thor. 10 p.m. Friday, The Mid, 306 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$10 (21+), 312-265-3990

Milky Chance: With Mighty Oaks. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Vic Theatre/Brew & View, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago, \$20, 773-472-0449

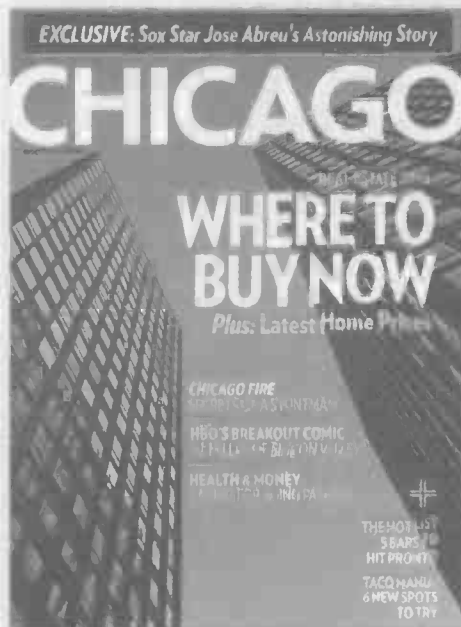
The Maine: The Maine will perform along with the bands Real Friends, Knuckle Puck and the Technicolors. 4:30 p.m. Friday, House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, \$25, 312-923-2000

"Goldlocks and the Bears": This show is based on the classic story of the young girl who ventures into the woods and stumbles on a cute house with three bowls of porridge, three chairs and three beds. 10:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$12, 773-205-9600

"The Cheek": "The Cheek" is penned by Jim Lynch, a native of the Jefferson Park neighborhood. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The WIP Theater, 6670 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, \$20-\$25, 312-692-9327

"Hair": See the musical about a group of young hippies exploring sex, love and rock 'n' roll while fighting for civil rights and protesting the ongoing war in Vietnam. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, \$28, 847-604-0275

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Audio Con: Audiophiles, manufacturers of high-end audio equipment, musicians, and music lovers alike can head to this event, which features special guest performances by jazz singer and pianist Patricia Barber and blues artist John Primer. 10 a.m. Friday-Sunday, The Westin O'Hare, 6100 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$25

"Oleanna": MadKap Productions presents David Mamet's gripping and electrifying drama. As the lives of the characters spin out of control, we are confronted with both the effects of carelessness and the dangers of oversensitivity and being too politically correct. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$28 adults; \$24 seniors; \$18 students, 847-677-7761

"Four Corners to the World": The Chicago Jazz Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble explores the rich global influences in jazz in two concerts featuring internationally acclaimed guest artists Trio Globo. 8 p.m. Friday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$32-\$62, 312-573-8932

Saturday, April 25

"Anne of Green Gables": The elderly Cuthberts expect to adopt a boy to help them around the farm, but instead receive a very talkative, wide-eyed orphan girl. Though clever, young Anne Shirley has a penchant for getting into trouble and makes many mistakes. Noon and 3 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Provision Theater, 1001 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, \$10-\$15, 312-455-0066

"Worthy": Adventure Stage Chicago performs this production set in a society where technology and media tell youth who they must be. 4 p.m. Saturday, Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble St., Chicago, \$17; \$12 for children 14 and under, 773-342-4141

"The Magician and his Shadow": This magic show is about more than just magic. Theater Wit describes this production as a "theatrical magic show that combines magical illusions with the story of a magician whose shadow takes on a life of its own." 1 p.m. Saturday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$14.50 for children, \$17.50 for adults, 773-975-8150

5th Annual Pastoral Artisan Producer Festival: The 5th Annual Pastoral Artisan Producer Festival (APF), presented by The Specialty Food Association at the Chicago French Market which co-produces the festival with Pastoral. Greg O'Neill & Ken Miller, co-owners/co-founders of Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread and Wine, created the APF to showcase the talents of producers of high quality artisan foods and beverages. 11 a.m. Saturday, Chicago French Market, 131 N. Clinton St., Chicago, free, 312-575-0306

The Maine: 9 p.m. Saturday, Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St., Chicago, \$22.50, 312-666-6775

"A Coffin in Egypt": Mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade stars in this tour-de-force portrayal of 90-year-old grand dame Myrtle Bledsoe living in Egypt, Texas. Having outlived her family, she confronts a life of missed opportunities and a family of liars and murderers. 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Wednesday, Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago, \$35 and up, 312-334-7777

El Bandolero & Souphonetics: 10 p.m. Saturday, Masada, 2206 N. California Ave., Chicago, free, 773-697-8397

Chachuba, Undercover Organism, and Kobrakal: Chachuba, Undercover Organism, and Kobrakal perform live music until 3 a.m. 9 p.m. Saturday, The Tonic Room, 2447 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$8, 773-248-8400

"Fancy Nancy: The Musical": Follow Nancy to her first dance recital, after which she's picked to be a tree in an upcoming show. 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Price varies., 773-935-6100

US Air Guitar Chicago 2015 Qualifier: Get ready to compete with 60 seconds of your choice of music and a winning attitude. 11 p.m. Saturday, Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, \$10, 773-549-5549

Green Velvet: With Hannah Wants. 10 p.m. Saturday, The Mid, 306 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$10, 312-265-3990

Spring concerts: The Alice S. Pfaltzer Tuition-free Conservatory students in voice, jazz and orchestra perform their spring concert. 10 a.m. Saturday, Merit School of Music, 38 S. Peoria St., Chicago, free, 312-786-9428

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"The One and Only Ivan": Lifeline Theatre's KidSeries presents this world premiere adaptation based on the best selling book by Katherine Applegate and illustrated by Patricia Castelao. For 27 years, the world of Ivan the gorilla was a dull cage, until he meets Ruby, a captured baby elephant. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$15, 773-761-4477

Sunday, April 26

Magic of Rhythm: The Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players juxtapose music with magical illusions. 12 p.m. Sunday, City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., Chicago, \$10-\$20; \$5 for kids under age 18, 312-957-0000

Something Wonderful: The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: The Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra and Chorus perform with the Elgin Master Chorale and winners of The American Prize in Voice national competition. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$75, 312-294-3000

Pilgrim Chamber Players – "The Stars of Tomorrow": The program includes: solo and chamber music with a prize-winning violin soloist and piano soloist, a piano trio, a clarinet trio and a string quartet. 3 p.m. Sunday, Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, free, 847-433-0992

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Lord Huron: With Leon Bridges. 8 p.m. Monday, Vic Theatre/Brew & View, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago, \$25, 773-472-0449

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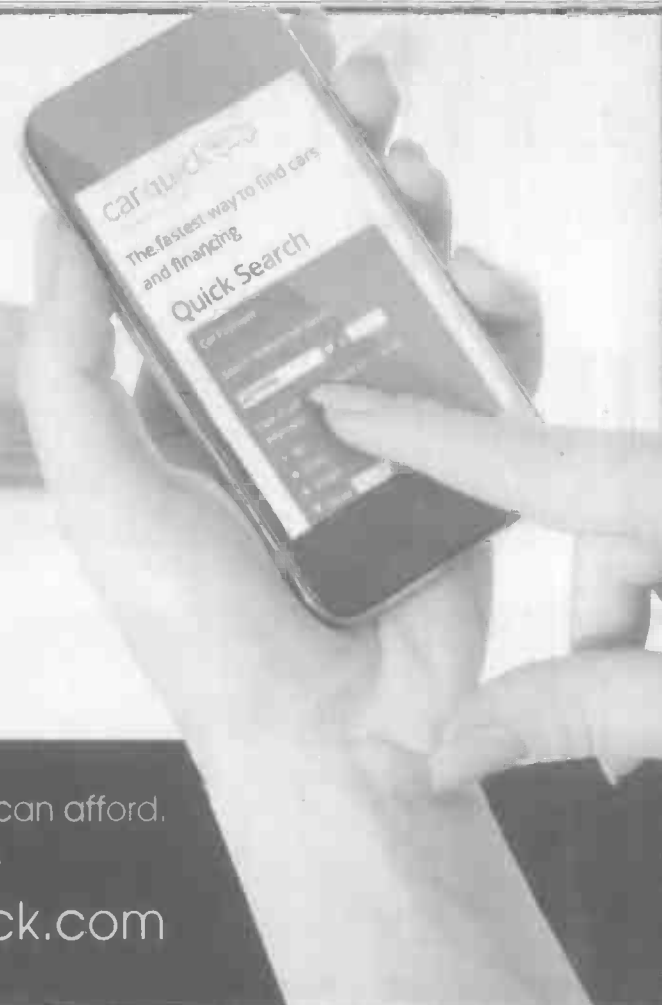
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**"Cinderella" ★★★**

PG-13, 1:45, family. Refreshingly free of all snark, the satisfying new live-action "Cinderella" from the princess manufacturing company known as Disney is a sincere, openhearted rendering of the familiar fairy tale. "Downton Abbey" star Lily James was a first-rate choice for this "Cinderella," as was screenwriter Chris Weitz. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Furlous 7" ★★★**

PG-13, 2:20, action. Under the hood we're all Vin Diesel, trying to live a meaningful life a quarter-mile at a time. Yet the film series begun in the pre-9/11 era with "The Fast and the Furlous" has sustained itself through weak sequels and exuberant ones. Keep it coming, pal. We'll tell you when we've had enough. Even with its dull stretches and hacky, maniacal editing rhythms, "Furious 7" does the trick. It's roughly as realistic as Georges

Melies' "A Trip to the Moon," of course. But revisiting our old pals (one of whom is played by an actor who is no longer with us) and watching them survive one unsurvivable collision or plunge after another, continues against the odds to have a walloping charm all its own. — *M.P.*

**"Get Hard" ★**

R, 1:40, comedy. Will Ferrell plays James King, a stuffy hedge-fund wizard with a duplicitous gold digger (Allison Brie) for a fiancée and a lifetime of unexamined prejudices and privileges about to catch up with his sorry self. Framed and arrested for fraud and embezzlement, King hires carwash manager Darnell (Kevin Hart), whom he mistakes for a hardened ex-con, to school him in prison survival and sexual as-

sault prevention in a 30-day runup to San Quentin. Is the movie homophobic and racist? I'd say sort of and sort of. Gay-panic humor isn't quite the same thing as homophobia, but it's close enough to be tiresome. — *M.P.*

**"Home" ★★★**

PG, 1:36, family. The cuddliest alien invasion movie ever, "Home" contains nifty turns of phrase and some actual, verifiable verbal wit, owing in large part to its source material, Adam Rex's 2007 children's book "The True Meaning of Smekday." In the grand Hollywood tradition, DreamWorks Animation threw out most of that book (and the film's original title, "Happy Smekday!") after optioning the property seven years ago. Even though

screenwriters Tom J. Astle and Matt Ember over-pack the revised storyline, they get some crucial aspects right. — *M.P.*

**"Insurgent" ★★ ½**

PG-13, 1:59, action. Chicago has never looked less toddlin' than it does in "Insurgent," the second of four planned movies to be pulled, taffylake, out of the hugely popular Veronica Roth "Divergent" trilogy. Director Robert Schwentke, who has made some entertaining hokum ("Flightplan") and some duds ("R.I.P.D."), proves simpatico with the increased levels of on-screen violence in this second installment of

the series. The actors (Shallene Woodley, Miles Teller, Ansel Elgort and Kate Winslet) are more or less saving this franchise's bacon. "Insurgent" is a tick or two livelier than the first one. — *M.P.*

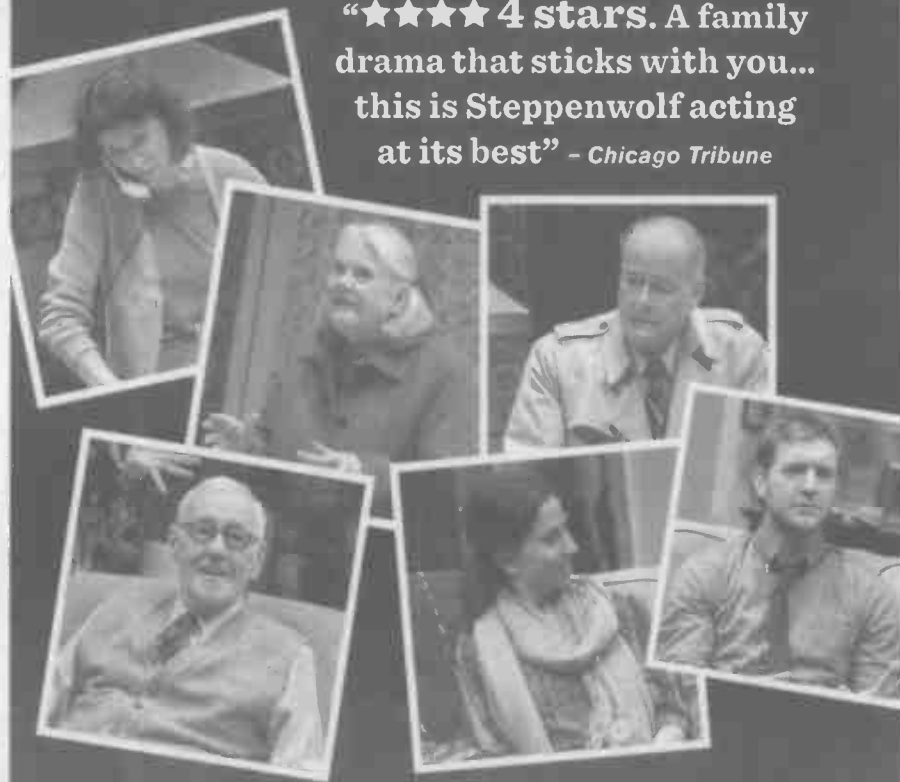
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Frimark, Nancy

Nancy Frimark of Park Ridge. At rest Sunday, April 12, 2015.

Beloved wife of Howard. Loving mother of Shari (Mark) Olshansky and Robert Jr. (Mary) Mundo. Fond grandmother of Allison, Christopher and Mae. Great grandmother of Lana.

Dear sister of Robert "Jerry" (Louise) Ryan. Loving dog owner of Reggie and Meimei.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 18th from 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. at the Park Ridge Country Club 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge 60068 (847) 823-3101. A luncheon followed. A private burial has taken place at the Town of Maine Cemetery Park Ridge. Nancy was a member of the 20th Century Women's Club, Chairman of Promises of Park Ridge Public Art Project for Rainbow Hospice, former board member of the Park Ridge Board of Northwestern University Settlement House, Committee member of the Lutheran General Gala, Auxiliary member of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, former of the Brickton Arts Center, former board member of the Park Ridge Teen Center. Should friends desire memorials to RainbowHospice.org would be appreciated.



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Stokes, Charles O. 'Chuck'

Charles O. "Chuck" Stokes, 85, of Montgomery formerly of Norridge passed away Tuesday, April 14, following a long battle with cancer. Beloved and Devoted husband of Patricia (Bulat) for 26 years.

Proud father of Russell (Virginia), Timothy (Paulette), and the late Charles (Renee), Leonard (Maria) Bulat, Daniel (Peggy) Bulat. Dearest Grandfather of 10 and Great grandfather of 7. Loving son of the Late Charles and Mildred Stokes and brother of the late Arleen and Joyce. He was born and raised in Chicago June 10, 1929 and attended Foreman high school where he enjoyed playing football. After graduating Chuck began a construction apprenticeship as a lather working with his father and future father-in-law. A short time later he was drafted into the military service. He served the United States Army in the 5th Army Corp of Engineers and was deployed to serve our country during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged and returned to Chicago for work and marriage which brought him 3 sons. He moved his family to Norridge in 1958 where he took a position as part time member of the police department and the office of Deputy Marshal until 1981. Retired in 1993 from Carpenters Local 74, he moved out to Montgomery Illinois with wife Patricia Bulat. He loved spending time with his growing family and the time spent fishing with his boys up north.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville, IL. Funeral service, Monday 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Info: 630.355.0264 with online guestbook at www.beidelmankunschfh.com



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Timme, Elliott

Elliott Timme (Tim) passed away peacefully on April 18, 2015 at age 89. Tim was born on June 15, 1925, the son of Elliott and Hazel Timme. He graduated from Oak Park-River Forest High School and later from Beloit College, where he met his beloved wife, Joan. They were married in 1949. They had two daughters, Ann Knight and Beth (Micnael) Magrath. They were loving grandparents to Matthew and Todd Knight and Jennifer and Andrew Fellu. At the time of his death, Tim had six great-grandchildren: Charlotte, Henry, Reagan, Madison, Luke, and Benjamin. Tim was an active and faithful member of the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday School and Confirmation for over 50 years. He loved children and also participated as a senior reader at Roosevelt and Washington schools. He will be dearly missed by both family and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Elliott & Joan Timme Scholarship Fund at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church would be appreciated.

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LIGHTEN UP

New vehicles sport innovative LED features

BY STEPHEN RYNKIEWICZ
Tribune Newspapers

Cars and trucks are lighting up like billboards in an effort to improve safety, increase efficiency and offer things never before seen on new cars and never before seen from behind the wheel.

Ford F-150 trucks haven't just lightened up with their military-grade aluminum frames. The top trim levels also light up the front, rear, sides and bed with LED (light emitting diode) lamps, including a tiny spotlight with cop-car intensity.

"If you're looking for an address at night, you can utilize a joystick to move a spot lamp in the side mirror," says John Teodecki, Ford's exterior systems engineer on the redesigned truck.

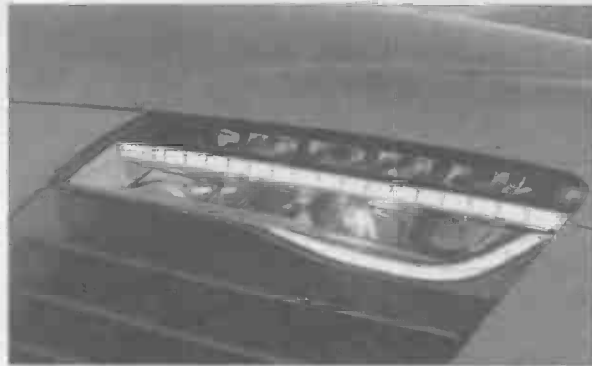
Not all the new technology is street legal in the U.S., but it's already making gains in styling, safety and sustainability. "You're seeing the face of vehicles changing," Teodecki says. "Stylists are loving it, loving the flexibility that it brings."

LED advantage

This year Toyota starts outfitting new models with a row of LED lights that cast a narrow beam at highway speeds and expand to a wide area at low speeds. By casting light toward the sidewalk, Toyota hopes to make foot traffic easier to see. In its native Japan, 7 out of 10 pedestrian deaths are at night.

Toyota will include automatic high-beams in its Safety Sense packages, starting this year and rolling out across most North American models by the end of 2017.

The navigation systems in this year's BMW and



Sleek LED arrays like those on the Audis above are smaller, brighter and longer-lasting than conventional headlamps.

Audi concept cars tip off LED lights to curves on the road ahead. The headlamps then shine more light in the direction of the turn. Both add high-beam lasers that switch on when no cars are in sight, and shine twice as far down the road.

"We can take for granted that LED headlights and signal lights are going to be bright enough and use a lot less power," says John D. Bullough, senior research scientist at the Lighting Research Center of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. "So now the focus is on performance — can we do better than what a low-beam and a high beam headlight have been for five decades?"

The concept's clear taillights, still several years from production, will glow yellow for turn signals and red for brake lights.

"The Ford Mustang turn signal almost has an anima-

tion to it," Bullough says. "There are three or more segments to it that turn on in sequence, the middle first then the one next to it, so the light looks like it's growing from the inside out. In our experiments, people recognize this kind of turn signal more quickly, and drivers are more reliably telling if it's going right or left."

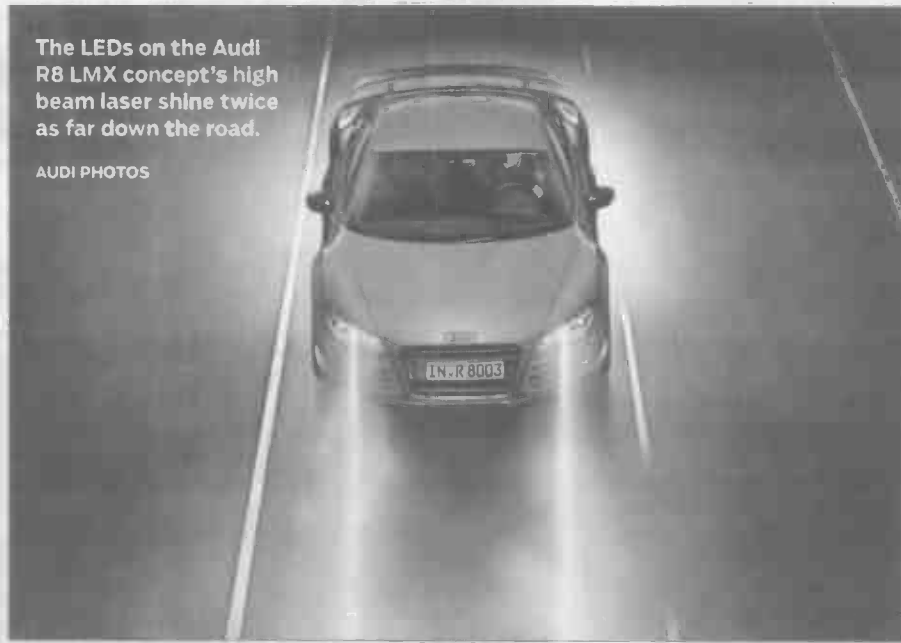
Mazda estimates using LED headlights will shed 150 pounds in the 2016 MX-5, helping engineers shorten front overhang and shift weight to a stiffer frame that better withstands a front-offset crash.

The smaller headlights are brighter than arc lights in the current model.

LEDs lack the purple-haze glare of arc lights popular on European cars. "We've conducted research that shows it creates more discomfort in your eyes. NHTSA got more com-

The LEDs on the Audi R8 LMX concept's high beam laser shine twice as far down the road.

AUDI PHOTOS



ments on that question than they had on many other topics, whether it was seat belts or tires exploding," Teodecki says.

An LED lamp costs more, but now it's reliable enough to outlast the vehicle itself. "It's really an engineering task to make it durable, because the heat radiates out of a little 1-by-3 millimeter space," he adds. "The thermal efficiency is getting better and better, so you get more light output for the same energy. We're seeing exponential increases year over year."

Daytime edge

The new technology has an edge in daytime running lights, not only for eyebrow styling but for holding their color while burning at lower intensity. "There is some evidence that the daytime running lights are beneficial when there's rain, snow, fog or other weather that makes it hard to see in the daytime," Bullough says. "We don't need them on in clear weather. Automatic systems can basically sense ambient weather through a camera or other source."

When hooked up to cameras or other sensors, digitally controlled lights can cast more light at approaching objects, or less at approaching cars — fea-

tures that could make driving safer. But U.S. regulations haven't caught up.

"In the BMW and Audi, when you drive down a rural road this system will automatically switch the high-beam mode on, and when it senses the presence of an oncoming car it will actually dim just the portion of the beam pattern in the direction of that oncoming car," Bullough says. "The oncoming driver will see what looks like low-beam headlights but the driver with these headlights has high beams everywhere except in the oncoming driver's field of view."

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Agency defines headlights as either high-beam or low beam — for now they can't be both. Rensselaer Polytechnic conducted tests for NHTSA in 2008 but new standards are still being considered. "How can you define the performance in an objective way you can test?" Bullough explains. "We don't want our lights to get so smart that they start doing funny things."

Regulation isn't holding back other technologies, such as lamps that swivel with the wheel. Insurance data show lower claims from drivers with the adaptive headlights.

"We've shown when you turn light into a curve, you

put more light on the places you need to see and you can respond more quickly and accurately," Bullough says. "On a sharp turn there's a larger a benefit. In fact, people tend to drive a little bit faster when they can see more. But it's not like we'll increase our speed and become more reckless."

Combining lights with sensors will bring further safety advances. "The next step now that you have solid-state lighting is that you can start to integrate other electronic features," Teodecki says. "You can now start to put light right where you want in the road."

Bullough says LED technology is proving more effective and efficient than sodium street lights. "You can have them more easily dim at different times of the night, which you sometimes can't do with our sodium lights. Maybe we can put street lights on at different levels at different times of night."

"But it is worth thinking about if we used headlights more we may have less use for street lighting, and that has implications for energy use, government costs, light pollution and other concerns for outdoor lighting at night. They're part of the same ecosystem."

Rynkiewicz is a freelancer for the Chicago Tribune.

Mooney opts to leave Air Force, alleges bullying

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

Earlier this month, Matt Mooney was granted a release from his scholarship at Air Force. Mooney, a Notre Dame grad, averaged 19.2 minutes and 6.9 points per game as a freshman for the Falcons.

Mooney is currently in Colorado, where he's continued training and is finishing the second semester of his freshman year. Once it ends, Mooney plans on taking visits before he selects his next school.

Pioneer Press freelance sports reporter Eric Van Dril spoke with Mooney on Friday afternoon. They discussed what he's looking for in his next college, the possibility of playing with his younger brother Joe Mooney and alleged bullying at Air Force. Joe Mooney is a senior at Notre Dame College Prep.

Q: After you're granted a release from your scholarship, what happens? What's the next step, in term of your basketball playing career?

A: Well, I've got quite a few Division I offers on the table right now. Once I'm able to leave, I've got to make some visits and decide relatively quickly where I'm going to play the next four years. I've got three years of eligibility and then I've got to sit out one year.

Q: Once you're granted a release from your scholarship, how exactly does it work? Do coaches start reaching out to you? Do you have to reach out to coaches?

A: It works both ways. Once I was granted my release, our NCAA compliance guy sends out my



CHRISTIAN MURDOCK/AP

Air Force guard Matt Mooney shoots over Utah State forward Sean Harris during the second half on Feb. 27 at Clune Arena at the Air Force Academy.

release to a list of schools I put together that I would be interested in going to. Then my name goes out on the transfer list and word gets out. The first few days, a lot of schools called me and talked to me about coming and visiting and playing and stuff like that. If I don't hear from all the schools I want to hear from, then I can send out an email or even

call or talk to people I know — and see if they know if this school, or anybody, needs a guard. Knowing a lot of people helps me out in this situation because they know people who know people. Everybody's trying to help each other out. ...

This time around, I've got to make the right decision. And make it a good fit for basketball and for

school.

Q: You mentioned offers you have. Are you able to talk about that at all — some of the schools that have offered you scholarships, at this point?

A: Yeah. Right now, schools I'm going to take visits to that want me and have offered me would be University of South Dakota,

Colgate, Penn in the Ivy League, University of New Hampshire and Louisiana-Lafayette. There's some other schools in the mix, but those are probably the ones I'm narrowing it down to, at this point.

Q: Obviously you went through recruiting when you were in high school. Is it much different, at this point, given that

you've proven you can play in the Mountain West Conference?

A: Yeah. It's actually amazing how different it is because I didn't get nearly as many looks [in high school]. Those are the schools that I've kind of narrowed it down to, but I've received calls from a lot of other schools. In high school, I had two offers out of high school, or three offers. Now, I've picked up — I think, I counted eight — and other schools are still kind of contacting me. Some schools contacted me, but then I wasn't their No. 1 choice, so they got other guys.

But in high school, I was a risk. Coming out of high school, I was a risk. I'm not super athletic or anything like that. I don't necessarily wow coaches, but after playing a year in the Mountain West, a lot of coaches that saw me play in high school — or even didn't — just know that, "OK, he can play at that level, so he can play for us." I had a decent freshman year, good enough to the point where I picked up some interest and I'll have an opportunity to play Division I basketball in my future.

Q: This time around, what are you looking for in a school and a basketball program?

A: In a program, what I'm looking for is, is a team going to give me a place that has good facilities and good fans — and just a winning program and a winning environment? But the coaching staff and the teammates are really important to me, because you're going to be spending so much time with those guys. Just making sure I really like the coaching staff

— the guys that are recruiting me — and then the teammates, as well.

And, from a school standpoint, just a good academic school because that's going to set you up for your life after basketball. So definitely thinking about academics as well, but I'd probably say basketball is my main focus.

Q: Going to Air Force, I would assume is a much difference college experience than the normal college experience. Is that what you're seeking, too, at this point — is just a normal college experience? I mean, how long do you have to be in the military after graduating? Five years?

A: You've got to serve five years in the military. I honestly have no problem with the military, it's just the Air Force Academy isn't the same as the military. It's a much different place. Freshman year here is really rough. It's meant to be a year to see if you can stick it out and see if you're ready for the military, but a lot of things go on that people don't really realize. There's a lot of bullying and things like that, honestly, because the system is [run] by upperclassmen. And freshmen have no power, whatsoever. It was just a rough year. It was kind of depressing, actually.

It ends mid-March, so it ended about a month ago — all the restrictions and the extra things freshmen have to do, and the things we couldn't do, and all the training. It ended about a month ago.

It's just a tough place to be at, and I'm trying to go to a school where I can get home more often because family's really important to me. And if there's an opportunity to play close to home, I would definitely put that on the top of my list. It's just not really what the military's like here. Once you get out, it's different. It's much more relaxed. But here, it's very controlled and very strict and disciplined. I went through six weeks of basic training. It was a tough year, to say the least.

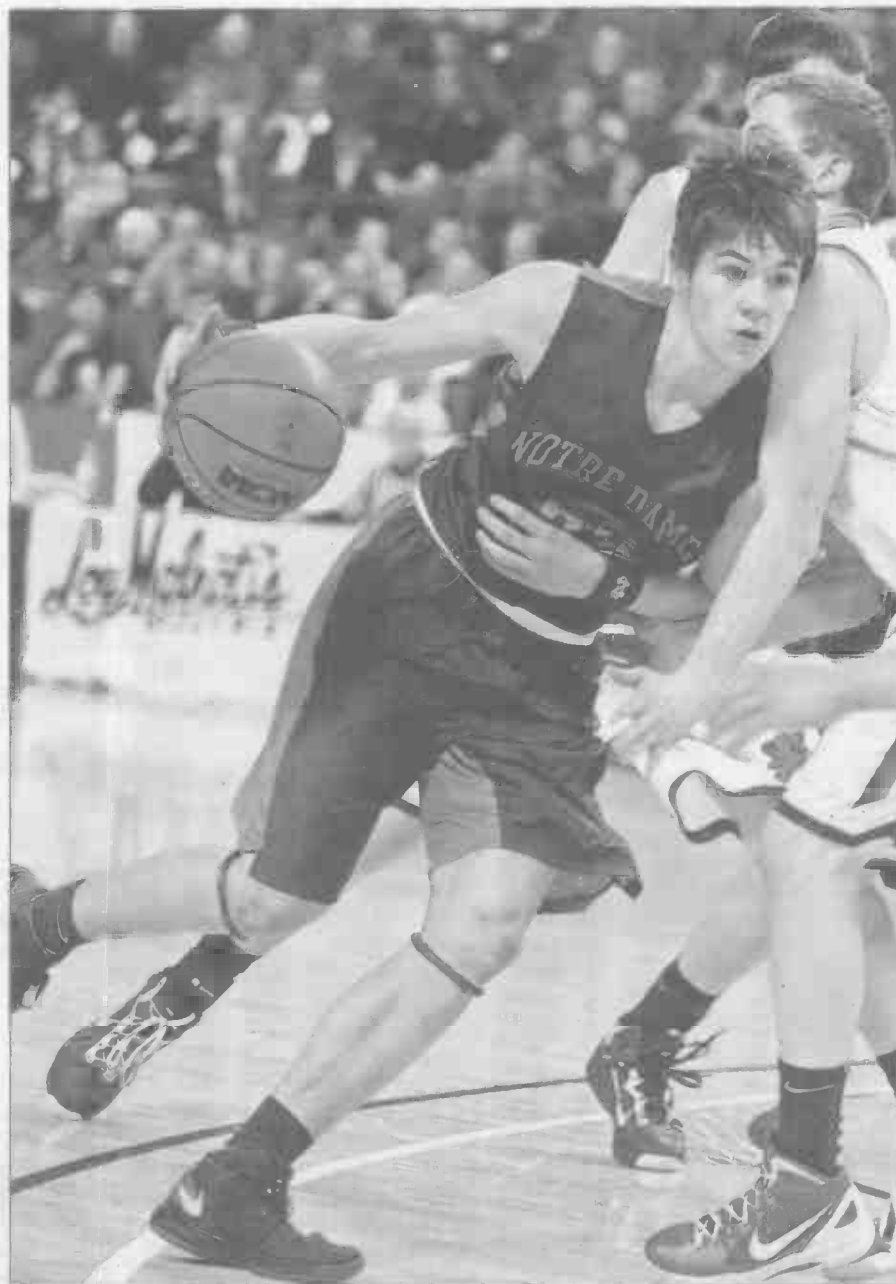
Q: You mentioned bullying before. Are there specific examples of things that you had to do where you kind of look back and say, "Why did I have to do this?"

A: Freshmen were not allowed to wear our backpacks. We had to carry our backpacks in our left hand, and we have to run to and from class — to and from everywhere. One day, I was running to mandatory breakfast with my backpack in my left hand. I'm running there, it's 6:45 in the morning, it's cold. And one of the upperclassmen says I'm not running fast enough and they just dropped me and made me start doing push-ups. That's kind of the stuff they can do. There's a lot of examples, but that's one of them.

There's a lot of great people there, too, but a lot of the reasons a lot of people leave is just because of things like that — upperclassmen, especially. When they leave freshman year, it's upperclassmen and just not being treated the way you feel you should be treated.

Pioneer Press reached out to the Air Force Academy for a response.

Air Force Academy spokesman Meade Warthen: Cadet Mooney went through the same type of training that everybody else did. He certainly wasn't singled out by any means. This is something men and women alike have to deal with. It's very tough, like all basic training and the first part of a person's career is. One of the reasons [it's tough] is to gain physical fitness. To know how to respond to stress — physical stress, along with mental stress. It's very good at doing that. It also helps a person immerse into the military and Air Force culture. And it gives leadership training to our upperclassmen. The upperclassmen are being trained to be leaders. ... Now, of course, if you're receiving this training, you may have the impression that you're being pushed around, but no bullying or hazing is allowed. We just do not tolerate that. The upper-



RICHARD BAJJALIEH/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Notre Dame's Matt Mooney (23) tries to drive on the St. Viator defense on Jan. 26, 2013, in Hoffman Estates.

classmen who conduct this training monitor each other very carefully, and they also are monitored by commissioned officers, who are over them.

Q: And that upperclassman. He wasn't a basketball player, was he?

A: He was just an upperclassman. Yeah. All of the basketball guys, we all look out for each other. The seniors and stuff. But they're not always around. I don't have any of them in my squadron — in my group of people I live with.

Q: Your brother Joe's going through a similar

thing, in terms of basketball with his recruiting. Have you provided any advice to him, after going through it yourself two years ago?

A: Yeah, I actually talked with him last night. We've talked a lot, because I didn't know exactly what I was getting myself into, especially the way the Air Force Academy runs a Princeton-style offense. I watched them play and they told me they run the Princeton, but I didn't actually really know what it was like until playing in it. And it's very restrictive. You kind of play

would have done what he did and waited out my senior year, so I think he's doing the right thing.

Q: And did you guys ever talk about possibly playing together?

A: We have talked about that, because a few schools are actually talking to both of us about that now. I would love to play with him. He's 6-3 and he's still growing, so he could play the 2 — maybe even the 3. And he could even play the point. I'm a 1-2, but probably more of a 1. He's a 1-2, probably more of a 2. So New Hampshire has offered both of us, and wants us to both go there. They want me to play the 1 and want him to play the 2. Then Colgate called me, and asked about him — and they asked me if I would like to play with him. I said, "Yeah, I wouldn't mind at all." So now they reached out to him. South Dakota, I think is doing the same thing. So it's a possibility, but it's not a necessity. We're both just going to pick the right school for each of us.

Q: Once you get out of Air Force, you mentioned that you want to make a decision quickly once the semester ends [in mid-May]. Do you have a date in mind? Does it have to be within a week? Within a couple of weeks?

A: It has to be soon — within a couple of weeks — because I have to go through the admission process to get into the school before it's too late. And then most schools will start summer school, and workouts with their guys, in mid-June. So that's a month after I'll be able to start visiting. There's also a few dead periods, like May 21st to May 29th, so I'll have to get out, make a few visits and make a decision relatively quickly. I'm not sure if it will be in a week or two, but I think it might have to be.

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Niles West grad Loyd excited to join Storm

BY JAYDA EVANS
The Seattle Times

Seattle used the WNBA draft to add instant offense.

With its No. 1 overall pick on April 16, the Storm selected Notre Dame guard and Niles West graduate Jewell Loyd, who averaged a career-high 19.8 points in leading the Irish to its fourth straight Final Four appearance. With the third pick, Seattle selected Connecticut forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, the NCAA's all-time leader in 3-pointers made (398) and a three-time national champion.

The combination was unexpected when Alisha Valavanis, the Storm's first-year general manager and team president, began looking at the draft last winter. Loyd is a 5-foot-10 junior who'd stated she'd play her senior season.

That changed after Notre Dame lost to Mosqueda-

Lewis' UConn in the NCAA championship game. Loyd opted to declare early for the draft, qualifying because she turns 22 in the same calendar year (Oct. 5).

"It was a gift that was given to our city and given to our franchise," first-year Storm coach Jenny Boucek said of Loyd. "She's got the potential to be a really good player in our league."

A crowd of about 300 Storm fans gathered on April 16 at a private party in downtown Seattle to witness Loyd and Mosqueda-Lewis be drafted. The room filled with cheers and optimism once the first-round selections were announced.

The same fans waded through a 12-22 season with the Storm last year, the team missing the postseason for the first time since 2003. The positive was winning the draft lottery days after losing the final regular-season game to eventual WNBA champion Phoenix.



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Notre Dame's Jewell Loyd, right, spends time with her family as a television crew films her before the WNBA draft on April 16 in Uncasville, Connecticut.

But talk all winter was Seattle was going to select Mosqueda-Lewis, who at 5-11, shot 48.8 percent from three-point range.

"I'm not bothered at all," Mosqueda-Lewis said of getting bumped because of

Loyd and University of Minnesota sophomore Amanda Zahui B. declaring early. The latter turns 22 in September and was selected by Tulsa with the second overall pick.

"I'm really happy for

them and where they got picked," said Mosqueda-Lewis, who was Loyd's roommate during past stints with USA Basketball. "The overall goal was for me to get drafted by a team and get the opportunity to live out my dream — I got that."

How Loyd and Mosqueda-Lewis will fit into the new-look Storm could be unknown until the season-opener on June 6. WNBA training camp opens May 17, and Boucek is going in with an open mind.

Point guard Sue Bird and forward Crystal Langhorne are the sole returning starters.

"I don't like pre-determined roles because players grow," said Boucek, a former WNBA guard. "I never wanted anybody to define me. I want to give them [Storm players] opportunities for new starts and want to see what they show me."

Showcasing her talent is what Loyd said she's most looking forward to doing this summer. The two-time All-American led the ACC with 20 20-point games this season, set a school and conference record with four 30-point games, and is the program's first top WNBA draft pick.

Loyd is the Storm's third all-time No. 1 overall pick. Bird (2002) followed center Lauren Jackson (2001) as back-to-back top choices. Bird and Jackson won two WNBA titles for Seattle.

"When I saw it [the draft order], I thought 'Wow, this is a great opportunity to go to a great organization,'" said Loyd, who said she's still going to graduate within the year. "But really, I just wanted a team that was willing to take a chance on me and believe in me and my abilities. I brought so much spark and energy to the college game, I want to do that here."

Tinkoff leads North Central to No. 2 D-III softball ranking

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Three local softball players have pushed North Central College to No. 2 in the NCAA Division III rankings for the Great Lakes Region, released on April 16. The Cardinals were 22-2 and 7-1 in College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Kiersten Tinkoff, a senior first baseman from Barrington, led the team with a .477 batting average and ranked second with 30 RBI. She ranked third among regulars with a .605 slugging percentage and .521 on-base percentage.

Brooke Kehoe, a sophomore catcher, is from Loyola. She played and started in 21 games and had one home run and 11 RBI.

Hinsdale South's **Cecie Portillo** is a senior shortstop for the Cardinals. Her 20 walks helped her lead team regulars with a .566 on-base percentage. Portillo also carried a .364 batting average and 18 RBI.

Oakton women's basketball makes smooth jump

The accolades continue to pour in for the Oakton Community College women's basketball team. After previously competing as a club team, coach Melissa Rauschenberg's squad joined the NJCAA Division II Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference and won the conference title in its first attempt.

Alicia Gutierrez, a Maine South graduate, was named conference player of the year, first team all-conference, first team all-region and third team All-American. She finished first in NJCAA Division II with 143 steals, sixth in field goals with 249 and seventh in assists with 171 in 31 games.

Fellow Maine South alumna **Melissa Davila**, the team's captain, was named second team all-conference. She played in 31 of

the team's 32 games, starting 28.

Guerin graduate **Rebecca Bartnicki** was named first team all-conference. She finished third in the nation with 397 rebounds.

Maine East graduates **Jazlene Gonzalez** and **Laura Lherrison** also were on the team. Gonzalez played in 27 games and averaged 6.5 points and 3.7 assists per game. Lherrison played in 28 games and averaged 4.6 points and 5.4 rebounds.

Oakton's success came despite having no more than six available players for the second half of the season. Rauschenberg, named conference coach of the year, said the team even won two games when it finished with only four players on the court due to foul trouble and injury.

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Hinsdale South graduate Cecie Portillo is a senior shortstop for the Cardinals.

Veteran goalie, new-look defense spur Niles North girls soccer team

BY JONAH L. ROSENBLUM
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When Nina Yonan recorded a shutout in her Niles North soccer debut, she was confused.

"I didn't even know what a shutout was when I was a freshman," Yonan said. "They're like, 'Congratulations, you got a shutout,' and I was like, 'Wait, what?'"

Two years later, the Vikings goalkeeper knows what a shutout is — and is recording them often. She has five in seven games this season, including four in a row, with key saves in recent scoreless ties against Wauconda and St. Ignatius.

"We're very happy where we are with our defense and our goalkeeping," coach Paul Elkins said. "We counted on Nina in those close games to make the one or two big saves that really do make a difference in the game."

Yonan had plenty to learn when she took over the job as a freshman. Originally slated for the bench, she won the position when an older teammate was injured.

"She was kind of thrown into the position and she really did well," Elkins said.

Yonan had been playing goalkeeper only since seventh grade.

While her opening shutout pointed to her potential, her game had obvious weaknesses. First among them were her kicks and punts. She had her teammates take all of her goal kicks freshman year. Slowly, that turned into splitting goal kicks with her teammates, and this year, taking them all on her own.

"The No. 1 priority for a goalie is to make sure you make the save," Yonan said. "The next step is what you do after that."

According to Elkins, Yonan's teammates now feel comfortable playing the ball back to her feet.

"I told her she gives us an 11th player on the field



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In this April 19, 2014, photo, Niles North goalkeeper Nina Yonan, left, and Leyden's Renee Dionislo go up for a corner kick.

when she makes a play with her feet," Elkins said.

Leadership also took time.

"I like being a leader and I like telling people what to do," Yonan said with a laugh. "As a freshman, I

didn't really know what to say or how to say it or how often. It's definitely something that's grown."

Yonan gives a good part of the credit to assistant coach Filip Cejovic.

"I just trained really hard

and I listened to everything Coach C told me, because he's taught me everything I know about goalkeeping," Yonan said.

Defense also is important in a shutout, and the Vikings' defense has been

improved in 2015.

That's partly due to the Vikings — 4-1-2 entering the week — moving from three girls and a sweeper to a flat back four.

"It allows us to have defined responsibilities

within the system, as opposed to what we played in the past, where we more or less relied on the sweeper to bail us out when we had problems," Elkins said. "They're working together as a group of four as opposed to individually marking a player in their area of the field."

Their quick adjustment was helped along by a rope that the back line held during practice to learn how to defend as one. As four girls passed the ball back and forth in front of them, defenders stepped to the ball while maintaining their grip.

"If one stepped forward, naturally the other three would actually move accordingly," said senior Alyssa Brand, the team's leading scorer. "One person couldn't be hanging out way out of position, because the rope would pull them."

The rope also helped teach them how to space themselves.

"That defense, back and forth, should all be connected," Yonan said. "They shoot together, they step together and they cover together."

Senior Madeline Valente, junior Rose Zubeck and senior Courtney Ebeling have started every game at defense. Seniors Myah Aharoni and Demetra Govis also have started on the back line.

Having a third-year goalie to steady the rope — even if she isn't holding it — may be most helpful of all.

"It starts with Nina," Brand said. "I can't say enough good things about Nina. She's so humble but so competent and confident at the same time. I think sometimes she doesn't even realize how big of a role she plays on our team, but I definitely know."

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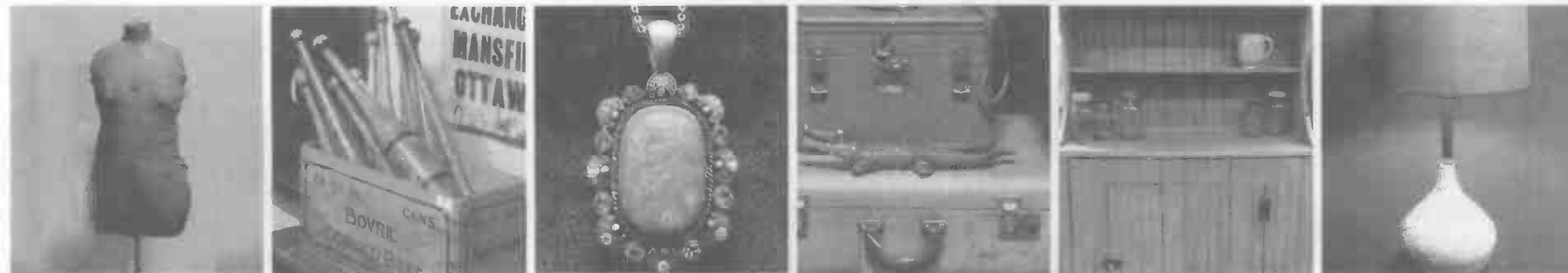
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Niles West graduate Jewell Loyd, right, holds up a Seattle Storm jersey with WNBA president Laurel J. Richie after the Storm selected Loyd as the No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft on April 16 in Uncasville, Connecticut. JESSICA HILL/AP



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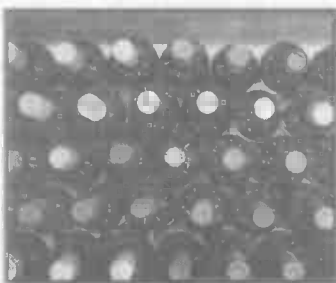
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