Lilly Zwierczyk, who won first in the costume contest, walks around Pioneer Park with her grandmother, Ewa Golebiowska, at Spooktoberfest on Saturday. | DAN LUEDERT-Sun-Times Media

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NILES

Bart Simpson, Darth Vader, a butterfly, and a pumpkin were just a few of the attendees Saturday at the second annual Spooktoberfest at Pioneer Park.

Anne Gentile of Chicago brought her kids back this year after they enjoyed themselves last year. This year they were dressed as a witch, police officer and Bart Simpson.

“It’s a nice event,” said Gentile, who said her kids had a great time playing games, mini golf and going on a hay ride.

Gentile said that her young son enjoys dressing up as a police officer “almost every day,” and it was no different for Halloween.

Every year Gentile enjoys going trick-or-treating with her family and putting up Halloween decorations around the house.

Karolina Zwierczyk, of Park Ridge, said she was happy and surprised that her 15-month-old daughter, Lilly, who was disguised as a pumpkin, won the costume contest for the girls. Her son, who attends preschool at Niles Park District, was a fireman for the day.

The family-friendly event included games such as Bozo buckets using Jack O’Lanterns, a bean-bag toss, mini golf for $1, a hot dog lunch for $1 and free hay rides for the whole family.

“The parents love it,” said Julene Valle, the facility manager at Pioneer Park. “They get so into it.”

Valle said that last year the parents and kids both had a great time, so they wanted to expand the event this year.

“It’s all about the kids,” said Valle, estimating that about 80 kids attended this year’s Spooktoberfest.

The event included a Halloween parade and a costume contest that even featured some pets dressed in costume.

Barbara Gomez of Chicago brought her two dogs, dressed in costume, to...
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the event and they both won prizes in the pet costume contest. One of Gomez's dogs was dressed in a pumpkin outfit, while the other sported a costume with jail bars that said "Bad Dog." Gomez said she enjoys pumpkin carving and decorating her house for Halloween as well.

This year's most popular costume, according to a spokeswoman for the corporate office of Party City, are superhero costumes since movies such as "Spider-Man" and the "Avengers" were big hits this year. She said the superhero costumes are popular among boys, women and men.

The spokeswoman said that mix-and-match outfits are also popular, especially among adult women. These mix-and-match pieces allow people to accessorize a black dress they already have, without spending too much money on a Halloween costume.

An alternative to trick-or-treating on the streets, Golf Mill Shopping Center is once again offering trick-or-treating at the mall from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

"It's been consistently popular," said Golf Mill Marketing Director Monika Kalicki. "We get a lot of kids and families here."

"Parents have been very supportive of the program, because weather is not an issue and it's a very safe environment," she added.

For those who haven't found the perfect costume yet, Kalicki said that Toyland in the Sears wing offers a large selection of costumes. She said that recently opened Ross Dress for Less and Target are also places to check out Halloween costumes at Golf Mill.

The Niles Park District will also be hosting some fun family-oriented Halloween events in the days leading up to the holiday:

- Monsters Ball, Oct. 26 at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave., from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy dinner, a spooky firelight story, games and dancing to music. Registration is required.
- Halloween Parade and Party, Oct. 27. The parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m. and the party is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The parade will start at Oak Park (Main Street and Ottawa) and proceed to Grennan Heights where there will be games, treats and spooky surprises. Registration is required.
- Iceland Scary Skate, Oct. 28 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be games on the ice, treats, a costume contest, prizes and more.
Event stresses need to keep kids safe

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Teens gathered at the Niles Teen Center at Golf Mill like they usually do after school, but this time it was a little different.

Teens, parents and community members attended a nationwide "Lights On Afterschool" event Oct. 18 outside the Teen Center. It was the second annual celebration held in Niles.

The goal of the event was to stress the importance of positive after-school programs and resources that keep kids safe after school.

"This after-school time, if used properly, can be the difference between success and failure," Mayor Robert Callero said during a rally that was part of the event.

Callero said that many adults did not have the opportunity to be involved in positive after-school programs when they were kids and he commended the Niles Teen Center for providing kids with a safe environment after school.

“Our lights have been on for 12 years,” said Pam Surber, director of the East Maine School District 63 TLC, or Total Learning Community, after-school program. Surber said TLC brought about 70 kids from District 63 to participate in the Lights on Afterschool event.

“I think they were very engaged,” said Katie Levy, a District 63 teacher who attended the event.

Various youth-oriented businesses and organizations had booths at the event to provide parents and teens with information about their programs, including the Niles Public Library, Rhythm School of Music and Dance, the Niles Police Department, a martial arts studio and more.

“I think it was really good,” said Tulshi Patel, a Niles teen who is a member of the Niles Teen Center. Her mom, Hema Patel, said she appreciates the Teen Center because it keeps her daughter busy. She said her kids get bored just sitting at home sometimes.

"The teen center is a very important portion of the mall," said Golf Mill Director of Marketing Monika Kalicki.

Kalicki said that as part of the Lights on Afterschool program J.C. Penney, located in the mall, made a generous donation so that local children can design tiles that will be displayed next to J.C. Penney. She said they did the art tile project last year as well.

This year's event also included a dance demonstration, snacks and giveaways.

Showing true community involvement, The Leaning Tower monument at the YMCA in Niles has also been lit up with blue lights to commemorate the event.

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5) He was an unpaid volunteer intern in his dad’s governor’s office for eight years.

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7) He was an unpaid president of the Salt Lake Olympic Committee for three years.

8) Gov. Romney gave his entire inheritance from his father to charity and went to Utah with his own money to prove to himself what he can do. His incredible skill at improving companies made him one of America’s wealthiest self-made millionaires. In the year 2011 Gov. Romney gave over $4 million to Charity, almost 19% of his income. This makes him a major unselfish contributor to society and someone we can be proud to have as a president. (By comparison Pres. Obama, who is worth $10 million, gave 1% to charity and Biden gave $300 or .0013%)

9) Gov. Romney served as a missionary in France for 30 months and was a strong advocate for his church to allow blacks to become ministers, and when he finally heard it announced on his car radio he pulled over off the road and wept with joy for them. This needs to be brought out to everybody, especially the blacks.

10) At least we know what religion Gov. Romney is, and that he won’t desecrate our flag, bow down to foreign powers or practice fiscal irresponsibility, and he can turn the financial debacle of the current administration into an economically stable one. If Romney wins the election, history will show him as one of our greatest presidents who saved our country.

11) He never smoked pot, took drugs, never got drunk, did not associate with communists and terrorists, nor did he attend a church whose pastor called for God to damn the U.S.

12) We see the election as almost being between good and evil, and how we are given a new leader who is a strong Christian and missionary with great integrity, and has a solid record of rebuilding broken companies, and even saved Massachusetts from bankruptcy — and he did it without accepting one penny for being its Governor. He is a highly skilled organizer and builder. This is what America desperately needs! Regarding Gov. Romney’s Mormon faith, the Bible is perfect but churches are not, with 41,000 different Presbyterian denominations all for one God, which tells us that while the Bible is perfect, churches are not.

13) Meanwhile, President Obama presents a history of gross incompetence, cover-ups, lies and damnable lies, passing the buck, broken promises, non-transparency, cronyism, discouraging independence, promoting dependency, punishing success, disingenuous conduct and hypocrisy, demagoguery by turning his back on Christians and Jews while pampering, pandering and apologizing to the radical Muslims as they destroyed our embassy and killed our ambassador.

14) The last election proved that most American people are NOT prejudiced by voting in a black man as president, but in this election they must now prove that they are not foolish and gullible by voting him out!

15) The majority of the democratic delegates incredibly wanted to remove God from their platform. These democratic delegates deserve to be called demon-crats!

16) The house unanimously rejected Obama’s irresponsible budget by a vote of 414-0. Four more years of Obama’s “borrow and spend” policies will be the breaking point where America will not be able to repay its debt to China, because our debt interest will exceed our gross national product and our ability to repay it. Don’t expect China to forgive our debt, and the consequences we face when this happens are scary and unthinkable. The borrower becomes a slave to the lender.

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Enjoying the journey

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

NILES

If there's one thing Niles resident Pat Meyer knows, it's American Science & Surplus.

Last month the longtime employee of the educational supplies company became its newest owner.

"It's a big step for me but I haven't lost a whole lot of sleep," Meyer said.

Growing on the northwest side of Chicago Meyer lived a 5-minute drive away from American Science & Surplus, 5316 North Milwaukee Ave.

At 16 he began working at the store 10 hours a week, sweeping, dusting and cleaning.

Later he completed a few years at DeVry University, which helped with understanding purchasing and mechanical work, he said.

In his nearly three-decade career with the company Meyer worked his way up from clerk to manager to technical support to buyer.

"There's pretty much nothing I haven't done," he said.

Now the business' leader, Meyer plans to retain his title as top buyer, a position he has enjoyed, he said.

Because the purchase of the company came from within, he said the transition to new ownership has been smooth.

"It's a very fun, cool place to work," Meyer said. "I've grown to love it more and more."
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Park district to consider allowing retired commissioners free access

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

A proposal that would give free facility usage to retired Niles Park District commissioners is likely to move forward in November.

“I think the least we can do is let them have the use of the facilities once they’ve retired,” said Board President Ray Czarnik, about the free lifetime memberships. Currently, active park board commissioners receive free memberships.

Czarnik said the park board discussed the proposal at the October board meeting and everyone seemed to support the idea of allowing former park board members to use various facilities such as the tennis club, ice rink and golf course, free of charge.

Czarnik said he came up with the proposal in light of the recent retirement of Chuck Barbaglia, and health-related issues of Bill Terpinas and Elaine Heinen. He felt it was a good idea to give them that perk for all the time they’ve volunteered on the board.

Retired Niles park commissioners were previously given a lifetime membership, but it was discontinued several years ago.

Previously, commissioners were given credit cards and used to be able to charge food from the Niles Park District restaurant on their credit cards, explained Czarnik.

Czarnik said he doesn’t believe in paying for the commissioner’s meals, but he does believe in the lifetime memberships.

Czarnik said they have about $2,500 in the budget per commissioner for them to use for a variety of expenses, such as seminars, but he said they’ve never used that money.

Also at the November park board meeting, an intergovernmental agreement with the Morton Grove Park District will be on the agenda. Czarnik said Niles residents can use the Morton Grove facilities at resident rates and if approved, the agreement would allow Morton Grove residents to also use the Niles facilities at resident rates as well.
Election officials hope you vote early

BY JON SEIDEL | jseidel@suntimes.com

Chicago and Cook County officials said they hope to see more than a quarter of this year's ballots cast before Election Day as they helped kick off early voting in Illinois on Monday, setting a goal to exceed numbers from 2008.

"In a perfect world, I would like to see half our voters use early voting and actually have their votes in before the actual Election Day on Nov. 6," said Chicago Election Board Chairman Langdon Neal.

A handful of voters also showed up at the Museum of Broadcast Communications to cast some of Illinois' first general election ballots. Several said they planned to be out of town on Election Day. Others said it was simply more convenient for them to vote early, and they had their minds made up.

In suburban Cook County, 44 early voting locations are open. They are listed at cookcounty clerk.com.

Voters can use any of the early voting locations and don't need to provide a reason for casting their ballots in advance. Early voting was first introduced in Illinois in 2006. The highest turnout was in Chicago ahead of the 2008 presidential election, when more than 260,000 voters or a quarter of the voters cast early ballots in the city.

People who voted Monday morning did so in advance of the third and final debate between President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney. A few voters said they did not expect the debate to change their votes.

"The debates are nice," said Ann Shorey of Chicago. "They're fun to watch and they're entertaining. But as far as the real facts, you have to look at the record and see what's actually happened."
The following incidents were listed in the reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

**Niles**

**ENDANGERING LIFE OF A CHILD**

Christine Ramos, 35, of 9132 Congress Dr., Des Plaines, was arrested on Oct. 16 in a parking lot at Golf Mill Shopping Center and charged with endangering the life of a child. Ramos said that she left her two 21-month-old children inside her car while she ran into a store to buy a new bath rug. Police said her car was left running and the driver's side door was left unlocked. She has a Nov. 3 court date.

**RETAIL THEFT ARREST**

Robert Khoshaba, 18, of 8025 Lyons St., was arrested on Oct. 16 at Golf Mill Shopping Center and charged with retail theft. A loss prevention agent for a retail store at the mall allegedly observed the subject remove three video games and one pair of headphones from a display shelf. The value of the items is $119.

**FRAUD**

The complainant, a pharmacist, said that a 28-year-old man dropped off a fraudulent prescription for cough syrup and Amoxicillin at a retail store on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue on Oct. 16. When the complainant called the doctor to verify the prescription, the doctor confirmed it was fraudulent.

**THEFT**

The complainant stated someone took a compounding machine from the rear parking lot on the 7200 block of Harlem Avenue between Oct. 16 and Oct. 17. The value of the item taken is estimated at $1,500.

**BATTERY**

A 55-year-old woman from Glenview reported that she suspected that a 76-year-old woman, the roommate of the victim's sister, of stealing the victim's sister's clothing at an assisted living facility on the 9700 block of Greenwood Avenue on Oct. 15. When the victim confronted the subject about a missing coat, the subject allegedly began pulling the victim's hair.

**RETAIL THEFT**

A 22-year-old employee of a store on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue said two teenagers entered the store on Oct. 15 and put make-up inside of their coat sleeves and then left the store without paying for the items.

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY**

A 35-year-old man from Niles reported that someone shattered the driver's side window of his 1994 Honda four-door on the street on the 8000 block of Churchill Avenue between Oct. 14 and Oct. 15.

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**Evanston man charged, second suspect sought in Skokie burglary**

**BY MIKE ISAACS | Contributor**

**SKOKIE**

An Evanston man was charged with residential burglary and fleeing and eluding police after coordinated efforts among Skokie and Evanston police and a resident, authorities reported.

Another Evanston man was being sought for questioning regarding his involvement in the incident.

Police said they responded at 7:51 p.m. Sept. 24 to a 911 call reporting a burglary on the 9600 block of LeClaire Avenue. They had already been investigating a report of suspicious activity on the 9300 block of Lavergne Avenue, police said.

Police were attempting to stop a silver Lexus believed to be involved in both incidents when the driver fled from them, police said.

The vehicle was registered to Rengay Frazier, 40, of 1904 W. Emerson, Evanston. A review of digital media obtained from the victim's security camera revealed Frazier's involvement and led to his arrest, police said.

Skokie police said they are still trying to locate Donald Chastang, 56, whose last known address was in Evanston, for questioning about the incident.

Skokie police said they "applaud the keen observation and quick reaction of the resident," which they credit for the arrest.

Anyone who has knowledge of Chastang's whereabouts was being asked to contact the Skokie Police Department's Investigation Division at (847) 982-5585.

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Get up and go
Program brings music to county jail

BY MITCH DUDEK AND DIANA NOVAK | Sun-Times Media

CHICAGO
Call it Cook County Jail unplugged.

A program to teach inmates how to play guitar and channel their feelings into songwriting kicked off earlier this month with an event at Cook County Jail’s Division 11.

The program, which will take advantage of 10 donated acoustic guitars brought to the jail, provides group lessons to 10 detainees chosen from a pool of more than 300. All inmates at Division 11 are in minimum and medium security while awaiting trial.

“Hopefully this will help inmates turn their feelings into a tune instead of into a fight,” said Cook County Sheriff’s spokesman Frank Bilecki.

American rock guitarist Wayne Kramer of MC5 fame, who’s done jail time for drug offenses, made the donation of the guitars through his organization, Jail Guitar Doors, which is also the name of a song the punk rock band The Clash wrote about Kramer’s imprisonment.

Local musician Mike Vanier has volunteered to instruct the weekly, hour-long classes, with the assistance of songwriter Steffen Keating.

Detainees chosen to participate had a demonstrated interest in music — along with higher bond amounts that could keep them around for the duration of the eight-week program.

The 10 future music students attended the event, along with about 25 more detainees who will serve as alternates in the program should any of the current members bond out. The students also got a chance to try out the instruments.

Kramer is passionate about using his guitar skills to help those currently incarcerated get out and stay out.

“He is trying to make sure these people stay on the straight and narrow,” Bilecki said. “That’s no different from what Sheriff Dart is trying to do.”

Asked if the program would add additional costs to the jail, Bilecki said, “Taxpayers aren’t spending a dime on this.”

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart has also created inmate garden, apiary and chess programs.

Alejandro Orozco, Manuel Perez and Edgar Beltran hold donated guitars on Oct. 11 for a new music program at the jail using guitars called "Jail Guitar Doors." | BRIAN JACKSON-Sun-Times
North Shore Scary Stories

Pioneer Press invited our young readers to send us the scariest story they could imagine for our annual Scary Stories contest.

Our third-, fourth- and fifth-grade writers didn't disappoint. They showed plenty of imagination and talent.

We read the stories and picked first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade.

We hope you enjoy them as much as we did.

THIRD GRADE

1st Place
Billy and the Whitch

One evening there was a boy named Billy. He was left alone one night because his parents went out to a party. Then Billy slouched on the couch and turned on the TV...

When he was watching the TV it started raining. It was a light rain, and it got heavier and heavier till it was a thunder storm...

ZAPP!

The power went off. Then Billy heard a creaking sound. Eee, err, eee, err. Billy got off the couch and tiptoed up the stairs to get his flashlight. As he got up the stairs the creaking got louder and louder. Billy figured that the sound was coming from his parents room.

Billy got his flashlight and headed up to his parents room. The sound was coming from the closet. Billy tiptoed as quiet as he could and opened the door and saw a witch.

Billy was scared as a shaking cat. The witch was very ugly. She was green with a long nose and lots of warts. "You better get out of my house," Billy said trying to be brave. The witch said nothing at first. "Now" Billy exclaimed. Now the witch got mad. "Be quiet little boy, or I will turn you into a frog" the witch said nastily. Billy ignored the witch and was a blabber mouth. The witch turned Billy into a frog with a snap of her fingers and vanished into the thin air.

Billy heard the front door creak open. It was his parents. Billy was as nervous as a squirrel. Billy hopped down stairs to see his parents. When his parents saw him they freaked out. His mother nearly fainted. Billy told his parents what the witch did. His parents understood Billy. Billy and his parents did not know, but the spell lasted forever. And Billy was a frog forever.

Maya Wallace
Dewey School

2nd place
The Funnest and Scariest Halloween Ever

On Halloween night I was in my room getting dressed by myself. Then suddenly the lights went out. I was terrified! Once I got to the door it was locked. I tried to calm myself down but I couldn’t.

When my mom got me out we saw a zombie. It wasn’t so scary because it didn’t have any pants! When we got outside we found out Sophie was still in the house. When I got her out Sophie was pale. I found out that she saw the zombie too. We tried to calm down by carving a pumpkin but when we were done we saw a ghost.

The second I saw it I thought something was
wrong. I went up to it and ripped off the mask and it was my friend Harry! We cracked up but my mom was mad.

Two day went by and my mom called Harry's mom, Harry got in trouble but it was the funniest Halloween ever.

Kevin Hart
Harper Elementary

3rd Place
The Pumpkin

One night before Halloween, Oliver's mom told him to get a pumpkin from the store down the street. So Oliver went down the street to the store. When he got there he saw a white pumpkin. It was the only one of all the pumpkins. Since the cashier was his friend he let Oliver get it for free.

When he got home he put it on the basement windowsill. Then, when he got the table ready, he went to get the pumpkin to carve it. But when Oliver got there the pumpkin was already carved. "That's weird," he said. But he brought it upstairs anyway. He put it on the table to get a better look at how it was carved. It had circle eyes and pointy teeth.

It was time for bed. While Oliver was in bed, he heard a THUMP, THUMP, THUMP! He went downstairs to check it out. He slowly peeked around the corner. He saw the pumpkin and it was alive! "Oh oh," he thought. The pumpkin saw Oliver. It scared Oliver so much that he jumped out of his shoes and socks.

Oliver ran straight for the house by himself and all of a sudden the piano falls through the ceiling. You grab a knife out of the silverware drawer and you slowly start to walk up the stairs. BOO! A creepy clown with blood all over its face pops out of nowhere.

You get so scared you fall down the stairs and hit your head so hard you pass out. The clown yells "ha ha ha!" The next thing you know, you wake up in the hospital. Your mom shows everything that happened on the security camera that the clown stole your family on the house. Your insurance company shows everything that happened and then set the house on fire.

Libby Clark, Pope John XXIII Evanston

3rd Place
The Clown and the Boy

What if you were at your house by yourself and all of a sudden the piano falls through the ceiling. You grab a knife out of the silverware drawer and you slowly start to walk up the stairs. BOO! A creepy clown with blood all over its face pops out of nowhere.

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The End
Oliver Hawes
Harper Elementary
Stories

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St. Athanasius School

FIFTH GRADE

1st Place

It's been almost a year since my best friend died, but he's not a person. He's a dog. It was a rainy September morning when the vet decided Snowstorm was in too much pain and injected him with a needle that sucked his soul away. Snowstorm's white fur used to glisten like moonlight on the cold winter nights when Snowstorm seemed to be only mine and together we looked at the stars in the still, deep silence. The stars were like a friendship chain that connected us, and in it contained promises, secrets and memories. The new school year was about to start and all I could think about was Snowstorm. Everyone else was busy catching up with their friends, but mine was gone. My new pink sneakers squeaked across the crowded hallway like mice as I headed into room 121. When I got in, I found my new teacher. Mrs. Skeller, standing next to a tall, slender girl with long white-blond hair. She must have seen the confusion on my face because Mrs. Skeller walked over to me and said, “Jaden, this is Beonica. She's new this year and you seemed lonely so I thought you could be her “buddy” for a while.” I wasn't in the mood to be anybody's “buddy”, but I knew that this was an opportunity to make a good impression on my teacher. "Of course," I replied in a voice that I hope sounded more enthusiastic than I felt. "Wonderful!" Mrs. Skeller replied. "You two will sit right over there," Mrs.

Skeller said pointing to a pair of wooden desks in the corner of the room. After everyone was settled in their seats, began the lesson. Later on during Science class, I made an effort to get to know Beonica. "So where did you move from?" I asked curiously. Her ice blue eyes seemed to stare right through me like I was invisible. Just when I assumed that she couldn't speak, I could feel her moist breath in my ear. "Snowstorm says hi."

Maya Epstein and Alexandra Chertok Wescott School

2nd Place

The girl in the white dress

There once was a couple named Bill and Cindy and they had triplets named Joseph, Ella, and Kelvin who were all three years old. So one night Bill and Cindy wanted to go out to dinner so they needed a babysitter. They called the woman, and she said she will and she is 18 years old.

When the babysitter came to the house she promised that after they eat dinner and take showers they could have ice cream. So when Joseph, Ella, and Kelvin were all done with their showers and dinner the babysitter asked what kind of ice cream they wanted. Joseph wanted vanilla ice cream so the babysitter went down stairs to get the ice cream and out the window she saw a girl with a white dress so she went back up stairs.

Ella wanted strawberry ice cream so the baby sitter went down stairs and again she saw a girl with a white dress but knew her only if she saw a knife in her hand so she quickly went back up stairs.

The last triplet Kelvin wanted chocolate ice cream so the baby sitter went down stairs and again she saw a girl with a white dress with a knife on the window. She saw the three kids dead so she immediately called their parents.

When they came home they said what happened and the babysitter said well down stairs I saw a girl with a white dress with a knife on the window. The mom said the window there are no windows down-stairs there are only mirrors.

Katherine Bonaguro, Saint Athanasius School Evanston

3rd place

Scary Story

Delilah was running. She was running for her life. Her little sister Ally was crying in her arms crying. Hot salty tears stung Delilah's eyes as she held her sister to her chest. "Stop crying, Ally. I'm here. I'll protect you."

Then she said in a hissing whisper, "Just Ally." Before Delilah could say different the two little girls disappeared into the house. There was a buzzing and whining and shrieking and laughing and beeping and screaming and snapping and popping. Delilah was scared. She ran into the house. No one was there. She heard Tilly laugh and Ally scream from upstairs. She raced upstairs but it was too late. Ally was gone. Painted pink ice cream that was left on the window she said a girl with a white dress so the baby sitter went back up stairs.

Eugene Field Elementary School

Cole Shane

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Vote renders Skokie school skate park a half-pipe dream

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SKOKIE

Skokie School District 69 parents who believe school grounds are no place for a community skate park won a decisive victory last week when the School Board rejected a plan to build one outside Lincoln Junior High School.

The plan had been months in the making - a joint effort among the Village of Skokie, District 69 and the Skokie Park District, which has been looking for a skate park location for years. Village Trustees already approved an agreement to pay for some of the project, and the Skokie Park Board was scheduled to vote on the plan later this month.

However, the District 69 Board put a sudden halt to those plans.

A preliminary drawing of the proposed park was created after park officials toured other skate parks with avid skaters for advice. Only one District 69 board member, Zachary Williams, voted Oct. 16 in favor of the park.

The board listened to almost an hour of comments from residents who packed Madison School, most of whom opposed the idea of building the facility on school property. The vote came about two weeks after a public hearing on the skate park, which had the support of the Skokie Public Library, chamber of commerce and police.

Officials from those entities believed that a skate park would provide a venue for skaters who have been riding on streets, sidewalks, parking lots and driveways. Parks officials have been fond of saying that when a community doesn't have a skate park, the community becomes the skate park.

Under the proposal, the school district would have provided the land and the Park District would have been responsible for the design, construction and all liability issues. The village would have contributed up to $250,000 from its downtown tax increment finance fund.

For opponents, the issue came down to whether school property is the right place.

Michelle Novak, who used to live in the area where the park was proposed, said she favored a skate park for Skokie but not at Lincoln Junior High. She said the park would not be able to handle the number of skaters using the park.

"I don't believe it can handle the influx of kids," she said. "It's not a place I'd want to take my kids."

Without Park District supervision, she said, school officials would end up having to handle injuries from the park.

"The school property is not really the place for it," Amanda Eckermann said.

Skater Jason Monk said the space at Lincoln near downtown Skokie is a good location for the park. He said skateboarders need a safe place to skate.

"I just don't like the message we're sending," Monk said. "We've never had a place to skateboard."

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In many ways Tony LaCorte is who people think of when they talk about the American dream.

In 1974, he emigrated from a town near Palermo, Italy, settled in Morton Grove, worked two jobs, built a successful auto repair business and put his two children through college.

“They say this is a great country, and it’s true,” LaCorte said. “It's been really good to me.”

La Corte, 55, trained as a mechanic in Sicily and now owns Leading Edge Automotive, a local shop that fixes any make of car. Since opening in 1985 he has built up trust among his customers, who come from nearby suburbs. He does little advertising, relying instead of word-of-mouth.

His shop was listed in 2006 by Chicago Magazine as one of the top 44 auto repair businesses in the Chicago area, a story he has hanging on the wall of his office.

LaCorte came to the United States - sponsored by an aunt - with little but his knowledge of cars and a willingness to work hard.

“When I came here I had nothing,” LaCorte said. “My cousin bought me a wallet, put $50 in it and I was on my own.”

He worked days at an auto dealer and nights at Villa Toscano, a local restaurant, washing dishes.

For a long time he commuted by public transportation to a garage in Oak Park.

He worked about 10 years at a Fiat dealer on Dempster Street, and eventually an auto shop owner on Ferris Avenue let LaCorte use his garage to repair cars. He bought the shop six years later.

Since then, Leading Edge Automotive has become a familiar business in Morton Grove. It’s now located on Waukegan Road, a little north of Dempster on a stretch left mostly abandoned by other businesses.

LaCorte said he has always enjoyed working on cars, trying to puzzle out what’s wrong and how to fix it.

“It’s my passion. It’s a satisfaction,” LaCorte said.
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Death Notices

Flinn, Roger Cushman
85, of Marco Island, FL, longtime resident of Glenview, IL, died peacefully at the Summit of Park Ridge on October 15, 2012. He is survived by his children: Deborah Cossely, Kathy (John) Clausen, Jeffrey (Sheila Robbins) Flinn, six grandchildren, Brian, Kevin, and Patrick Cassidy of Park Ridge, IL, Eric and Christine Clausen of Glenview, IL, Lauren Flinn of Spring, TX, his sister, Leslie Higgins, Fort Myers, FL, and his sister-and brother-in-law Annette and Harold Ramsdell of Long Island, New York. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Corinne.

Roger was born in Newton, Massachusetts on July 18, 1927. He was the only son of Leslie and Chess Flinn. He was a MP in the Army during WWII. After the war he went to Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA. He then began his career in sales, primarily in the appliance business. After being transferred around the country with Corinne and his children, they settled in Glenview.

Roger soon started his own appliance parts business, C & R Parts in 1962. That business soon became Automatic Appliance Parts Corporation and has grown to 7 branches all over the Chicagoland area. This year is AAP's 50th anniversary celebration.

Roger became active in the Appliance Parts Distributors Association and served as president from 1981-82.

After bringing some of the children into the business, Corinne and Roger took up golf and purchased a home on Marco Island, Florida. They enjoyed traveling and spending time with their many friends in IL and FL.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Island Country Club and Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. He was very active in fundraising and home building.

Services will be held in Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, 1115 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34113. www.habitatcollier.org.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Park Ridge. Online guestbook www.nelsonfunerals.com

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Death Notices

Glade, Kenneth Charles
Died peacefully with family at his side at the Chateau at Moorings Park in Naples, FL on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Ken was born in Edison Park (Chicago), IL on September 19, 1919, the son of Charles H. Glade and Lily Grace Greener.

Ken graduated from Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) and married his high school sweetheart, Margaret G. Davis. After serving in WWII as a lieutenant in the army, Ken returned to Park Ridge to raise a family of three girls (Sharon, Kay and Sue) and become a loving husband and father. Ken and Margaret created their own business selling tool steel, known as the K.C. Glade Company. After years of hard work and creativity, the company grew to become the largest tool steel distributor in the Midwest. Ken and Margaret were also involved as charter members of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Park Ridge, where Ken was active as a trustee and avid gardener.

After retiring in the 1970's, Ken and Margaret moved to Naples, FL, where they became members of the North Naples United Methodist Church and the Country Club of Naples. They enjoyed their years of retirement with many dear friends and activities, including Ken's great interest in caring for orchids.

Ken was preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret (December 23, 2008) and dear daughter, Kay (January 14, 1979).

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon (Sig Paul) Kuzmenko and Sue (Bruce) Batchelor-Glader, four grandchildren, Chris and Katie Kuzmenko and Brain and Paul Batchelor-Glader.

A memorial service and celebration of Ken's life will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 11:00 AM at North Naples United Methodist Church, in the Village Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ken's memory may be sent to North Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette Frank Rd., Naples, FL, 34109. For online condolences, please visit www.fullerfuneralhome.com.

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Joey Carbonara
Kapsa, Alice Ludwig

Passed away on Tuesday, October 16th, 2012 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 18th at the Basilica of St. John Catholic Church, 1915 University Ave.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 21st from 4-7 p.m. and Monday, October 22nd, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. A private burial will be held at St. John's Cemetery in Des Moines on Wednesday, October 24th.

Alice Betty Larson was born October 5th, 1926 in Des Moines, IA. She grew up in Adna, WA, the daughter of Valborg and Ole Larson. Alice was preceded in death by twin sister, Jeanette (Kletschke), one brother, Eldon Larson as well as her parents. Two surviving sisters are Arlene DeLong of Kennedoy, WA and Eleanor Carlson of Meriden, Iowa.

Alice was a loving daughter of the late Zev, and the late Esther Larson; sister of the late Lucia and the late Ernie Larson; and daughter of the late Ole and Gertrude (nee Anderson) Larson.

Alice married Wallace Kent (1946-47) who died in an auto accident and to Bernard V. "Bud" Ludwig for 29 years until his death in 1979. Alice was devoted mother to Patricia Ann Baird (nee Ratzenstein) A survivor of the Holocaust. Beloved wife of the late Paul L. Oberlander; Devoted mother of Dr. Mark (Bunny), Lee (Sharon) and Joel (Tina) Oberlander; Proud grandmother of Sami (Moshe Adam) Oberlander, Mark (Bunny) and Ruth Ludwig; Mother in-law to the late Mordechai (Mimi) Ratzenstein; Dear sister of the late Lucia and the late Moshe Ratzenstein; Fond sister-in-law of David (Evelyn) Oberlander.

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Mixed reviews on cigarette tax

Cook County commissioners are offering mixed reviews of Board President Toni Preckwinkle’s 2013 budget proposal to boost the cigarette tax by $1 per pack, create a special violence tax — a nickel per bullet and $25 per firearm — and charge an $800 annual tax on every slot and video gaming machine in Cook County.

Board members are also studying Preckwinkle’s proposal to have businesses and residents pay a 1.25 percent “use tax” on property that is not subject to legal ownership title — from lumber to televisions — that’s more than $2,500 and is purchased outside the county. Because businesses and residents would self-report and pay the tax, questions are being raised about enforcement.

Most commissioners interviewed by the Sun-Times praised Preckwinkle for holding the line on property taxes and making good on her promise to repeal the rest of an unpopular penny-on-the-dollar sales tax hike, but several questioned whether the cigarette tax would bring in the $25 million Preckwinkle’s budget office projected.

Lisa Donovan
What it means to you

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

CHICAGO

City to audit parking-meter deal, additional contracts

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that he's ordered an independent audit of long-term city contracts, starting with the widely criticized parking meter deal put in place by his predecessor, Mayor Richard M. Daley.

"To ensure we are responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars being paid to [Chicago parking Meters], it is imperative this administration vigilantly exercise due diligence while effectively managing each contract," Emanuel said in a written statement. "These comprehensive, regular audits will help ensure accountability."

Emanuel noted that the audit team expects to interview Chicago Parking Meters' CEO, CFO and representatives from its principal investor, Morgan Stanley. The mayor's office pointed out that Chicago Parking Meters has submitted invoices to the city totalling $50 million.

"This administration will continue to fight any charges sent by CPM that we feel are not accurate or justified," Emanuel said. "As I have said before, the city does not cut a check simply because we receive a bill."

The CPM audit is expected to begin in November, the mayor's office said, and it may be expanded to include "additional financial and operational processes."

- Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD

Illinois to launch $1 billion in wastewater, sewer projects

Illinois officials are poised to launch $1 billion in statewide projects to improve water quality and fix outdated infrastructure such as wastewater treatment plants and sewers.

The entire initiative, which Gov. Pat Quinn previewed earlier this year in his State of the State address, is estimated to create about 28,500 jobs in Illinois, officials announced.

The money will be distributed through low-interest and long-term loans to local governments and comes from a state program backed by federal money. State officials said that no new state money will be used for the projects.

The initiative also would clean up Illinois rivers and lakes.

"Illinois is defined geographically and historically by waterways," Quinn said in a statement. "Our Clean Water Initiative will put thousands of Illinoisans back to work, protect and improve our drinking water, and preserve this precious, irreplaceable resource for future generations."

State environmental officials said more than 350 local governments have expressed interest in improving their water systems. To be a part of the program, they'll have to send applications to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Projects are expected to begin next year, officials said.

- The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Corrective statements 'forced confessions,' says big tobacco

Tobacco companies are urging a federal judge to reject the government's proposed industry-financed corrective statements, calling them "forced public confessions."

The Justice Department countered that the statements need to be strong enough to protect people from future false statements made by cigarette makers.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler already has said she wants the industry to pay for corrective statements in various types of ads. Although she has not made a decision on what the statements will say, she said that she doesn't have to take the government's proposed statements word-for-word, and will come up with "modifications."

In 2006, Kessler ruled that America's largest cigarette makers concealed the dangers of smoking for decades. The proposed statements by the cigarette-makers would become the remedy to ensure the companies don't repeat the violation.

In the 2006 ruling, Kessler wrote that the tobacco industry "survives, and profits, from selling a highly addictive product which causes diseases that lead to a staggering number of deaths per year, an immeasurable amount of human suffering and economic loss, and a profound burden on our national health care system."

- The Associated Press
Opinion

Back in college, my roommate once penned a clever verse of satire:

"Newsweek folds, but Time marches on."

We had a good laugh late at night making fun of a college literary magazine full of esoteric drivel. I thought of that night and those words last week with the news that Newsweek, that venerable weekly news magazine, has decided to stop publication of its print edition.

Newsweek, of course, did not fold last week. It is transitioning to all digital. And why shouldn’t it? That’s the future of news, isn’t it?

Recently, I had an example of how news I needed came to me digitally. There was a police standoff near my son’s high school. I awoke to the news of the standoff on the radio in the morning. The school was on lockdown before it even started.

I checked Facebook and found many parents wondering why they didn’t get a call from the school first thing that morning.

Later, checking Twitter, I got the news I needed. The school had Tweeted that there would be a late start. The buses would pick up students at their regular stops, but two hours later.

While my son was getting ready, another Tweet let me know that school would be closed.

News comes directly from the source these days and is delivered to those who need it.

But back to Newsweek. As I thought about why the magazine existed in the first place, and the ramifications of such a landmark publication going completely digital, I wondered about the ramifications on other publications.

I still subscribe to a daily newspaper and enjoy looking it over with my morning coffee. But that’s about it. If it went away, would I miss it?

That thought also took me back to college days. My journalism professor subscribed to the old Chicago Daily News for one reason and one reason only: he loved reading Mike Royko. And to read Mike Royko, he had to get the Daily News.

When it folded, Royko moved to the Sun-Times, so he started reading the Sun-Times.

Today, he wouldn’t need a paper to read his favorite columnist. One of my favorite reads these past few years is a fellow named Andrew Sullivan. He’s been online for 12 years.

My Facebook friends are posting reads they find interesting every day. Unfortunately in these past few weeks before the election, they are posting more and more political nonsense as if it is news, but that’s OK.

What does it all mean? Nothing for the under-30 crowd who are connected to the Web by the hip. Dinosaurs like me who spent their lives devoted to newspapers will have to go all digital eventually.

As my roommate so eloquently said: "Time marches on."
Term limits
I was scheduled to be unavailable, for personal reasons, to attend the Tuesday, Oct. 23 Village of Niles Board meeting.

I would like to make my position clear on the very important issue of term limits. As you know I not only signed the petition but also voted in favor of term limits in 2010 when the issue first came up. I have two clearly separate concerns with the recent proposed referendum.

I support term limits as follows: Trustees limited to 4 terms or 16 years. Mayor limited to 3 terms or 12 years.

My reasoning is a newly elected Mayor can take office and have available hold-over trustees to work with and bring the new mayor up on all current ongoing issues. I believe it would make for a more effective transition and be in the best interest of our community.

I strongly do not support a referendum that would eliminate the rights of people to be reelected who currently serve our community. The referendum results should be effective upon passage and the term limits should begin as of the day of adoption and not retroactive to any person's time serving prior to this referendum.

If the citizens want elected officials out for reasons of serving too long, there is a process in place called "your right to vote" available to all until the outcome of the referendum, exercise that right.

Joe LoVerde
Trustee
Question of the Week

At East Prairie School in Skokie we asked, “What do you plan to dress up as for Halloween this year?”

- Sargon Nissan Niles: “I will be the Mad Hatter from ‘Alice in Wonderland.’"
- Brooke Britton Glenview: “I will be a black cat.”
- Samantha Hayes Skokie: “I will be a princess with a purple dress with swirls.”
- Lisa Swift Chicago: “I will be a hot dog.”

People Poll

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION: “How much do the U.S. presidential debates affect how you vote?”
RESPONSES:
1. A great deal: 9%
2. Somewhat: 60%
3. Not at all: 32%

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION: “What do you consider the scariest movie you’ve ever seen?”
RESPONSES:
1. A Nightmare on Elm Street
2. Halloween
3. The Exorcist
4. Other

To respond to this week’s People Poll question, visit niles.suntimes.com.
Whether to celebrate Halloween is mixed bag at local schools

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

At Maine South High School in Park Ridge you won’t find students dressed as witches, superheroes or their favorite “Vampire Diaries” character this Halloween.

Since 2005 the school has had a ban on Halloween dress-up. The no-costume rule was the result of students choosing “inappropriate” ways to celebrate the holiday, namely female students wearing clothing that did not properly cover their bodies, Assistant Principal Rose Garlasco said.

"The one that stands out was a group of students who dressed as French maids," Garlasco recounted. "It was like, 'Wait a minute.'"

Now seven years into the ban Garlasco doubts there are any plans to reverse it anytime soon as such a discussion has not been pursued.

"I have a hunch we will stay with the rule of no costumes," she said.

But just a few miles away, at Maine East High School in Park Ridge, it’s Halloween as usual, with students still allowed to tap into their inner-ghoul or most-admired celebrity.

Masks or anything else obscuring a student’s identity are prohibited, he explained.

That rule holds true for most schools which, across Park Ridge and Niles, generally decide without a district-wide mandate how their students will—or will not—celebrate Halloween.

In Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, a ban on classroom treats and snacks has removed candy from Halloween festivities for the past several years, but schools can choose engaging activities if they wish to acknowledge the holiday.

"The kids have responded to that really well. They like doing activities and things that keep them involved and moving around," Superintendent Philip Bender said.

Bender said each of the schools can celebrate two of three recognized holidays each year. The choices are between Halloween, winter break and Valentine’s Day.

At Field School, a Halloween costume parade has become a tradition, Principal Susan Walsh reported.

"The parents love it; the kids love it. Of course we hope for a bright, sunny day," she said. "It’s short, but sweet, and it’s been a long-standing tradition."

A costume parade is also planned at Carpenter School. Other schools, like Franklin and Emerson, host after-school festivals planned by parent-teacher organizations. Students at Franklin have also decorated pumpkins based on characters from books.

In East Maine School District 63 individual schools also determine how to acknowledge Halloween. At Apollo School in unincorporated Maine Township, for example, two celebrations were planned: a Parent-Teacher Association-sponsored Halloween party filled with games, dress-up and food on the evening of Oct. 24, and an opportunity for students to wear costumes and walk in a parade on the actual day of Halloween.

Healthy food, like fresh fruit, fruit snacks or vegetables, stand in for traditional candy.

The practice in Park Ridge and Niles area schools is in stark contrast to Skokie-Morton Grove Elementary School District 69 which ended the acknowledgement of Halloween this year by prohibiting costumes, parades, distribution of candy and any other type of celebration. Cultural sensitivity was stated as the reason behind the decision.
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‘Twelve Angry Women’ staged at Resurrection

CHICAGO

The drama department of Resurrection College Prep High School presents “Twelve Angry Women” by Sherman L. Segal. The show is a stage adaptation of the made-for-television drama “Twelve Angry Men” by Reginald Rose.

Twelve jurors deliberate the fate of a young man accused in his father’s murder. The cast of the Resurrection College Prep High School production include local northwest side of Chicago residents: sophomore Hannah Keller, sophomore Vanessa Komada, senior Abbie O’Donnell, freshman Lauren Kuszynski, sophomore Sydney Mercado, junior Natalie Chin, senior Danielle Malenock, sophomore Zaraa Jabbar, freshman Cristina Gamboa, sophomore Emily Schroeder, sophomore Mary Pat Hastings, junior Katie Nicolay of Morton Grove, junior Sarah Thelen of Niles; senior Hannah Zver of Park Ridge; and sophomore Olivia Anton of River Grove.

Performances of “Twelve Angry Women” will be at the Resurrection Little Theatre, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, at 7 p.m. Nov. 15, 16, and 17. Tickets are $5 for the general public and free for Resurrection students; tickets are available in advance or at the door. For advance tickets call (773) 775-6616, Ext. 110, on school days between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Resurrection expands peer tutoring

CHICAGO

Members of the Resurrection College Prep High School National Honor Society have expanded their services to fellow students. They’ve done so by staffing a new drop-in peer tutoring program. In the past, peer tutoring was available for students as ongoing, one-on-one tutoring sessions. The new tutoring program gives students an opportunity to get on-the-spot help from their peers. The program is designed to allow the students the opportunity for assistance on a variety of subject areas, on their homework or for studying for exams and quizzes. Tutoring takes place each day during Seminar, which is a period built into the daily schedule that allows time for students to take care of student business. While teachers are available for assistance, National Honor Society member Kayla Albanese says “students like to get help from another student.”
**SUB CROSSWORD**

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1. One who — 
3. Practice of staying in one's birthday suit 
4. Comes into view 
5. A few 
6. Fumer's 
7. The Divine 
8. The mimosa family from Texas? 
9. Height 
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12. Macrour 
13. Legal wrong 
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17. Member of the mimosa family 
18. "The Divine Comedy" poet 
19. "My — " 
20. Music 
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23. How heavy is a British Conservative? is? 
24. For each 
25. Stay 
26. Matt Dillon 
27. James 
28. Crew 
29. Car parts? 

**DOWN**
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6. Iron 
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**SUDOKU**

**BY LINDA THISTLE**

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***

(Moderate; **: Challenging; ***: HARD BOY!)

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**CENTER OF CONCERN**

**Schedule**

**65+**

The Center of Concern: 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:

- Mondays, through Oct. 29 — Employment counseling, by appointment.
- Wednesday, Oct. 31 — Grief and loss support group (call first).
- Saturday, Oct. 27 — Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

**CLASSES**

**Animal assisted therapy**

**13+ / 65+**

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc. offers "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy" dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is $60. Contact Donita King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

**CLUBS**

**Knights of Columbus**

North American Martyrs Council Chapter, Niles, provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

**COMMUNITY**

**Program for vets**

**18+ / 65+**

Veterans and guests are invited to a special Veterans Day Commemorative Program at 10 a.m. Nov. 9 at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave., Chicago. The program will include posting of the colors by Taft High School Navy Junior ROTC; pledge of allegiance led by Norwood Crossing resident Mary Cormack, former first vice president of VFW Post 1284 Ladies Auxiliary; invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.); individual recognition of veterans present; and a special veterans benefits presentation by Raymond Toczek, current Commander of American Legion Portage Park Post 183 and a retired benefits counselor from the Veterans Administration. Toczek will discuss various VA benefits pertaining to older adults. All active and non-active military personnel who are planning to attend the event are asked to complete a form upon arrival that lists their name, rank, military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where served, and dates of service in order to be properly recognized for their service. Refreshments will be available. Veterans planning to attend should call Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324.

**HEALTH**

**Kovier for Kids**

**65+ / 65+**

The University of Niles Public Library:

**HOCUS'FOCUS**

Find at least six differences in details between panels

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

See page 32 for this week's Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles.
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trick-or-treating in the library at noon Oct. 27; for kids in first through fourth grades.

Come to a program of stories, songs and Halloween crafts from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 or 3:45-4:45 p.m. Oct. 30; for kids ages 3 to 7 with an adult. Wear a costume (optional).

The Illinois Ghost Society will present "Ghost Hunting 101" at 3 p.m. Oct. 27.

Learn to make fake blood and scars from everyday household items at 2 p.m. Oct. 28 in "Monster Movie Makeup."

Jack Diamond, music historian, will talk about singer and jazz composer Mel Torme at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 30.

Expert needler Lauren Sanchez will answer questions or help with a difficult project from 3-4 p.m. Oct. 30.

Global Hunger Shabbat will be held Nov. 2. A Just Harvest Shabbat Dinner Experience takes place at 5:45 p.m. followed by a Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Judea Mizpah. Featured speaker will be the Rev. Marilyn Pagan-Banks. No charge for dinner. Reservations requested by Oct. 31. Call (847) 676-1566 or email TempleJM@aol.com.

The center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420 for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

Issues in the News

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. - This dynamic class is led by Arlene Golub and is filled with seniors from all walks of life, retired or not, who want to keep abreast of a broad spectrum of what is occurring locally and worldwide. Issues for discussion are brought up by class participants, and everyone's opinion is valued.
AARP Driver's Safety

This program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and over. It will be held from noon-4 p.m. Nov. 6 and 13. Both days are required to receive certification. AARP graduates may get an insurance discount. Cost is $12, AARP members/$14 nonmembers. Pre-registration required.

Chat with the Chiefs

In keeping with the community outreach philosophy, Police Chief Dean Strzelecki and Fire Chief Steve Borkowski, invite all residents and visitors, to join them at 2 p.m. Nov. 13. Bring all questions and issues.

Grandma's Garden Luncheon

Presented by Susie Stone, Lurvey's Garden Center, who will teach about different flowers and plants that you can buy throughout the year and how to maintain and care for them. Following her presentation, enjoy a chicken Caesar salad, roll and dessert from 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 14; $6 members, $9 nonmembers.

Benefit Lunch

As a private, independent organization, Wright Way relies on individual donations to help save the lives of homeless and abandoned dogs and cats both locally and throughout the Midwest. Lunch includes a hot dog, chips and cookie from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 5. Open to all; $2 at the door.

Mather's

Mather's - More Than a Cafe: Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago, (773) 774-4804. Mather's invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips - Hear spooktacular stories from Will Casey at 1 p.m. Oct. 31. Suggested donation is $10; light refreshments will be served. Anette Isacs will discuss the changing roles of women throughout the 20th century and share insights about women in today's German society at 1 p.m. Nov. 1. Suggested donation is $10. Enjoy a piano concert by adult students of all levels, hear a spoken word performance by members of the Creative Writers' Group, view multimedia art, then join a reception, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 2.

How to Properly Detox to Lose Weight and Inches

October 29th @ 7pm
Peak Performance Health Care
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Business Profile

Health equals happiness at Niles infant clinic

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

After working for more than 25 years in hospitals, Lisy Peters decided it was time to pursue a new career she truly loved.

Five years ago Peters, a registered nurse since 1983, opened Healthy Babies Happy Families Breastfeeding Clinic in Niles.

“This is my passion,” said Peters about helping mothers successfully breast-feed their infants.

Peters spent the majority of her career in hospitals taking care of premature and special-needs infants in the neonatal intensive care unit. In this position Peters said she was able to get a first-hand look at all the positive benefits of breast milk.

A breast-feeding consultation at Healthy Babies Happy Families involves an assessment of the moms and infants, a detailed health and feeding history, weighing the infant after a feeding to assess weight gain/loss, observing a full feeding and hands-on assistance to make sure the mother and baby are comfortable during a feeding.

“One time is not enough for most mothers,” said Peters. “Breast-feeding really takes time.”

Some common breast-feeding issues include problems with latching on and babies not gaining weight.

“You have to get the right help at the right time,” noted Peters.

Peters said her clinic can provide at home consultations or as well. The initial consultation lasts between 60 to 90 minutes.

In addition to the clinic, Healthy Babies Happy Families features a boutique that offers breast-feeding items like breast pumps, breast-pump accessories, nursing pads, nursing bras and more.

The store also offers baby-care products such as cloth diapers, pacifiers, diaper-rash cream and baby food, and offers infant CPR training courses.

Peters has a masters degree in maternal/child nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a post-masters certificate as a pediatric nurse practitioner from Rush University in Chicago.

In 2000 Peters obtained her certification as an international board certified lactation specialist. She previously worked at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge and Resurrection Health System and taught at Harper College in Palatine as part of the adjunct faculty.

Peters, a resident of Des Plaines for 26 years, has been married to her husband, Joy, since 1986 and has two daughters.

Peters said local pediatric and obstetrician offices refer their patients to her and she is happy to provide attention and time to nursing mothers.
Whole Foods closer to reality

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

Whole Foods Market is one step away from securing a liquor license for the company's proposed Park Ridge store, but several requirements now differ from what executives initially requested.

The Park Ridge City Council voted 4-2 on a first reading last week to grant Whole Foods a new Class M liquor license with modifications to what two members of city's Liquor License Review Board recommended.

If approved by aldermen Nov. 7, the license will limit on-premises consumption of alcohol to between 5 and 10 p.m., instead of between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.; will prohibit open wine or beer to be taken from one location within the store to another; will require food to be provided where beer and wine is served, and will prohibit a separate outside entrance to the indoor bar areas.

Whole Foods plans to build a store at the southeast corner of Touhy and Washington avenues, with beer and wine served at two locations inside the store and within an outdoor cafe.

The changes to the license were proposed by 2nd Ward Alderman Rich DiPietro, though he ultimately voted against granting the license, calling for the store to obtain an existing Class E license that groceries like Jewel and Dominick's currently possess.

Also voting against the license was 3rd Ward Alderman Jim Smith, who proposed his own amendment calling for retail establishments to be allowed to serve open beer and wine. The amendment failed to generate support from the five other aldermen present.

First Ward Alderman Joe Sweeney was absent.

Sixth Ward Alderman Marc Mazzuca attempted to place a limit on the amount of beer and wine that can be consumed on the premises, but his motion also failed.

The Class M liquor license is unique because it allows for the consumption of beer and wine within a grocery store that measures at least 35,000 square feet.

Neighbors of the proposed Whole Foods, who have raised objections to the store since its inception, returned to City Hall to voice their opposition to the beer and wine sales and the store's proximity to St. Paul of the Cross School and single-family homes.

Resident Barbara Heerman said allowing alcohol to be consumed on an outdoor patio will make it possible for someone to supply a minor with an alcoholic beverage.

"Underage drinking is simply illegal, and it needs to be curbed, not encouraged," in Park Ridge," said Heerman, who was one of about a dozen residents in attendance.

Matthew Melli, a Whole Foods representative, said the company has had positive experiences with similar types of stores built elsewhere, but stressed that alcohol sales are not the main focus of the market.

"At the end of the day, we are a grocery store and not a bar," he said.

Melli said Whole Foods officials would discuss the liquor-license parameters passed by the City Council, but added that it was too early to say whether any changes will be sought before the Nov. 7 vote.
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Mum's the word
Celebrate fall's bounty with pumpkin planters

As the bright red, yellow and orange of October settles over the city and leaves litter streets and sidewalks, memories of family traditions draw near.

The autumns of my youth were marked by the beginnings of school years, Friday night football games and our annual homecoming parade. In the week leading up to Halloween, my family would spread newspaper across our wooden front porch, tape patterns upon our big, round pumpkins and carve spooky faces into our jack-o'-lanterns, squealing with delight as pumpkin seeds squished through our fingers. Upon perfecting their toothy grins, we'd plunk a single tea light candle into the center of each and cheer as they cast an eerie glow into the darkness.

I've grown past the high school rituals of my hometown, but now I move into my own traditions and seasonal markers. The change in season brings for me a settling into home, a seasonal cleaning of windows and linens, blankets thrown across every chair and couch for quick warmth when the temperatures suddenly drop. Many mornings are spent at the kitchen sink coring tomatoes and turning the harvests into sauce and juice and jam. Canning jars are retrieved from the cupboards to be filled with summer's bounty.

Bunches of basil line our dining room table, sacks overflow with hot peppers, and green tomatoes stretch out on every available windowsill. I plan these yearly rituals to identify the passage of time and the sacredness of the season.

As we ponder the traditions we hold most dear, I invite you to join me in a simple seasonal craft. Today I am sharing the instructions for pumpkin-potted mums, a sophisticated alternative to carving. Set upon a burlap table runner or amidst a handful of gathered leaves, these pumpkin-potted mums are sure to be the center of any autumnal feast.

A quick jaunt to your local grocery store or a weekend outing to a pumpkin patch will yield the pumpkins and plants needed for this project. Look for pumpkins that have a broad base and will sit easily upon a flat surface to host a cheery flowering plant.

KELLI WEFENSTETTE
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Pumpkin-potted mums combine the golden and orange hues of autumn for a seasonal craft project. Use chalkboard paint to write a message on the pumpkin. PHOTO BY KELLI WEFENSTETTE

MATERIALS NEEDED:
Medium-size pumpkin
Potted plant
Potting soil
Sharp knife or carving kit
Permanent marker
Large spoon
Newspaper or cardboard, to work on
Chalkboard paint, spray paint or can and foam brush (optional)
Chalk (optional)

DIRECTIONS:
1. Spread newspaper or cardboard across your work surface and place the pumpkin in the center.
2. Use a marker to draw a wide opening around the pumpkin's stem.
3. Cut through the pumpkin using your marked circle. Remove the stem and cap.
4. Scrape away all seeds from the cap and the interior of your pumpkin by hand or with a spoon.
5. Line the interior of the pumpkin with a layer of potting soil.
6. Loosen the potted plant from its plastic base and place it inside the pumpkin.
7. Fill the remainder of the pumpkin with potting soil, patting it gently yet firmly into place.
8. Water your plant as instructed.
9. For an extra treat, paint a swatch of the pumpkin with chalkboard paint and let dry completely.
10. Once dried, roll a piece of chalk across the painted surface and wipe the dust away.
11. Write a special message for your friends and family to see.

Decorate your table or your front steps with your newly potted plant, taking a moment to give thanks for this celebration of season — of traditions and family, of harvest and feast, of tucking in tight to home in preparation for winter.
A treat in the dark side of holidays, however, isn’t something that should be solely reserved for candy-craving children. Gathering a coven of comrades for a mysterious, memorable and mature Halloween feast will make a hair-raising holiday devilishly delicious. Give your holiday an indulgent start by serving dry sparkling wine in flutes rimmed with black sugar or cover conventional wine labels with readily available printables. I found several haunting bottle labels on Ellinee Journal (www.ellinee.com) that allow creative hosts to turn a typical Cabernet into servings of fresh blood, unfiltered poison or spider venom.

This year, my Halloween menu offers much needed quick cook convenience considering the holiday falls on a Wednesday. Ghostly burrata cheese, quick roasted carrots and raven-hued olives team up to turn predictable crostini into a textual revelation. Pearly white orbs of liquid-centered burrata cheese practically beg to appear as part of a spectral menu. Burrata, the lesser known cousin of fresh mozzarella, has a dairy-forward flavor and a hollow center filled with cream and rags of fresh mozzarella cheese.

Pairing pallid burrata crostini with an entrée portion of disturbingly dark squid ink pasta offers guests a coveted visual contrast on the table. Squid ink pasta is prized for its delicate flavor and unexpected color. Topping the black pasta with steamed clams and mussels yields a dish that looks like it could bite back before diners dig in, but savory autumnal butter spiked with chilies and sage adds a seasonal validity to an otherwise whimsical dish.

So light some candles and throw on a wicked looking cloak — it’s time to conjure up a mysterious meal that elegantly celebrates the savory side of a decidedly sweet holiday.
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Michael and Jane Bunnell of Clarendon Hills are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Natalie Ida, to Wesley Ben O’Dell, son of Jodle and Rayna O’Dell of Ravenswood, WV. The couple met in 2009 at their alma mater, Washington and Lee University, in Lexington, VA. The wedding was held at the Chapel of Clare College, Cambridge, England, on Friday July 13, 2012. A reception followed in the gardens and hall of Clare College, where the groom earned a Masters of Philosophy degree in History. The bride’s attendants included her sister and maid of honor, Jacqueline Bunnell of Clarendon Hills, IL; childhood friend Stefanie Polacek of Hinsdale, IL; childhood friend Manasi Raveendran of Westmont, IL; and college friend Kelsey Wright of Charleston, WV. The groomsmen included best man and college friend Richard Cleary, Jr., of Louisville, KY; college friend Scott Centonorio of Fort Lauderdale, FL; and childhood friend J. Zak Ritchie of Ravenswood, WV. The bride recently received a Master of Arts degree in Art History from New York University and the groom is pursuing a PhD in Political Science from the Johns Hopkins University. The newlyweds currently reside in Baltimore, MD.

ROTH/FIUZA
Engagement

Nancy and Don Roth of Lincolnshire announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Suzanne Roth, to Pedro de Oliveira Fiuza, son of Sandra and Ari Cardoso and Marcelo and Monica Fiuza of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Carolyn and Pedro met in Rio de Janeiro, but reside in New York City. They enjoy spending time in Central Park and learning about each other’s football teams (the Chicago Bears and Flamengo, a Rio-based soccer club). The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School ‘04. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Butler University ‘08. She is currently an Orthopedic Sales Representative for Biomet and the Ice Show & Competition Coordinator for the Northbrook Park District. The groom is a graduate of Colegio de São Bento in Rio de Janeiro. In 2003, Pedro received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Pontifícia Catholic University, also in Rio de Janeiro, where he graduated at the top of his engineering class. Pedro is a Vice President at J.P. Morgan in New York. A June wedding is planned at the University Club in Chicago. Reverends Doug and Christine Meyer, the pastors from Carolyn’s home church, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Lincolnshire, will perform the marriage ceremony.

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Conductors choose chilling music

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES | Contributor

Halloween has become the second biggest holiday in the United States, so it is no surprise that symphony and choral conductors are tempted to program music that reflects the eerie nature of the holiday.

We polled some of our area conductors to ask them to pick their favorite "scary" music. "Symphony Fantastique" by Berlioz, replied Larry Eckerling, music director of the Evanston Symphony Orchestra, and its "March to the Gallows." The subtext provides imagery which contributes to the scariness, he continued.

Berlioz's powerful work depicts a young artist, under the influence of opium, who dreams he is being taken to the guillotine after supposedly killing his beloved. It is packed with brass calls and swirling strings and finished with drum rolls and dense chords depicting the falling blade.

Allan Dennis recalls conducting a particularly affecting piece of music, "Threnody to the Victims of Hiroshima" by Penderecki. "I was doing this one summer with a 75-member Suzuki string orchestra in Stevens Point, Wis. on the 30-year anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.

She opened the page and saw the title," he said, adding, "(but) it might have been because it is so difficult to play as well!"

Both "Witches' Sabbath" and "March to the Gallows" are first on the list for Northwestern University faculty member Stephen Alitop, director of music for Alice Millar Chapel in Evanston and music director/conductor of the Elmhurst Symphony. He also mentioned "Gnomus" and "The Hut on Fowl's Legs" from Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

"The "Dies Irae" from the Verdi "Requiem" owes no musical debt to the Gregorian chant used in the Catholic Mass for the Dead. But the Latin words chronicling the Last Judgment, are the same.

"Certain harmonies make music scary," explained Eckerling. He mentioned diminished chords, in which the second note and third note in a major triad are each taken down half a step.

"The relentless use of diminished chords, which are not consonant and yet do not necessarily demand resolution, leaves the listener floating out in no man's land, which is unsettling," he declared.

Timm Adams, conductor of the Chicago Chamber Choir, spoke about the musical elements that contribute to a composition's fright quotient.

"Minor keys instead of major keys, unresolved dissonance, with lots of minor seconds and tritones, diminished chords and other non-traditional harmonies," he explained. "And repetitive rhythm or melodic gestures, and I mean repetitive to the point of playing with your mind. Think the theme from 'Jaws.'"

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"Remember this was the Japanese Suzuki Institute," he added. "I still get choked up thinking about it because when we finished, there were audible sobs throughout the room. It was scary because it depicted a horrible actual event."
THREE-CYLINDER CARS ARE ON THE RISE IN U.S.

BY DAN CARNEY
Motor Matters

Government fuel economy requirements are driving renewed consideration of three-cylinder engines by carmakers. Improved technology will make them more acceptable to consumers.

We’ve seen relatively few cars with three-cylinder engines. The 1990 Suzuki Swift 1.0-liter 49-horsepower minicar was one. Based on Environmental Protection Agency fuel economy standards, the Swift would be rated today at 38 miles per gallon in the city and 45 mpg on the highway. The 1998 Subaru Justy with its 86-horsepower 1.2-liter engine was another three-cylinder engine. The all-wheel-drive model would score 26 mpg city and 32 mpg highway today.

There wasn’t much other than fuel economy to recommend these cars. They were cramped, slow, noisy, rough riding and unsafe in a crash.

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TODAY'S SHOMES

Rent increases expected in 2013

Chicago's downtown apartment rental market may be on a roll, but tenants may see more conservative rent increases in 2013.

That's the forecast experts recently presented to members of the Chicagoland Apartment Association (CAA), which represents more than 4,000 apartment professionals who own or manage more than 735 properties and more than 141,000 apartments in the greater six-county Chicago area.

"New downtown rental buildings are getting fantastic rents and are leasing fast, but renters will not see double-digit rent hikes in 2013," predicted Ron Devries, vice president of Appraisal Research Counselors, a real estate appraisal and consulting firm.

"Strength in the apartment market is not coming from job growth," Devries said. "It's simply that people want to live downtown for the quality of life."

With rentals on a robust growth curve and downtown rent increases averaging 8 percent in 2012, the CAA's recent "Preview 2013" event viewed the Chicago-area apartment market through rose-colored glasses.

Devries reported rents for Class-A luxury rentals downtown have increased to $2.97 per square foot in the second quarter of 2012, a 5.8 percent gain over a year ago.

Ten elite new buildings now are quoting average rents of $2.82 per square foot and posting 96 percent occupancy. That translates to $2,538 a month for a 900-square-foot apartment.

Top-of-the-market new buildings, such as Aqua on the New East Side, 1255 Old Town in the Gold Coast, Flair Tower in River North, and Alta at X Station in the West Loop, have a "wow-factor" showcasing upscale apartment design and amenities, Devries said.

Class-B buildings downtown posted average rents of $2.22 per square foot in the second quarter of 2012, an increase of 7.28 percent over 2011.

Suburban apartment rents, which are more driven by the job market, are not increasing as fast, Devries said. "Average rents in the suburbs are $1.17 per square foot in the second quarter of 2012, up 1.2 percent from 2011. Apartments in northwest Cook County posted the strongest rent gains of 4.1 percent.

"Occupancy rates in the suburbs are vastly improved and averaged 92.2 percent in the second quarter of 2012," Devries said.

Population growth downtown also is having an impact on rentals. With a gain of 48,000 residents in the Central Business District over the past decade, Chicago is gaining 3,200 new households per year.

One trend that could put a damper on future rent increases is a proposed glut of new apartment construction. "A total of 7,940 new apartment units are in the pipeline — either under construction or planned — in downtown Chicago between now and 2014," Devries said.

"Renting is a life-style choice, and urban residents have no interest in moving to the suburbs," declared David Neithercut, president and CEO of Chicago-based Equity Residential.

"A 30-something renter who may have a job change coming in two years is not in the market to buy."

Mark Segal, president and CEO of The Habitat Company, noted that Echo-Boomers, people born between 1982 and 1995, now total 80 million people in the U.S. "This demographic group — age 17 to 30 years old — most frequently choose to rent," he said.

"They want to be mobile and they are willing to pay the cost of mobility," Segal said. "Echo-Boomers want to move around the country or the world. They are not locked into one job for 20 years."

Segal said he expects tech companies such as Google and Motorola Mobility to have a major impact on the downtown and River North rental market in the near future. "We are excited about the allocation of tech jobs to the Central Business District because these companies need to hire people who live downtown," Segal said.

"Companies like Google will help drive rents going forward and help the marketplace," Segal said. "However, downtown rent increases in 2013 likely will be more conservative than the average 8 percent increases seen in 2012."

Hyde Park on the South Side is another attractive area for apartment investors, noted Eli Ungar, partner in Anthes Capital, which recently purchased Regents Park apartments and now owns 4,000 units in the neighborhood.

We were drawn to Hyde Park because of the job-base created by the University of Chicago and the Medical Center," Ungar said. "A great job market is good for rentals."

Demand also is strong for investors to buy small apartment portfolios in the hot Lincoln Park and Lake View neighborhoods on Chicago's North Side and in popular north suburban Evanston.

Jeffrey Elowe, president and CEO of The Laramar Group, recently purchased the Belden Stratford Hotel in Lincoln Park and converted it to rental apartments. The company also is introducing 4,500 to 5,000 new rental units downtown to meet pent-up demand for apartments in the next few years.

However, Elowe conceded that "wholesale conversion of apartments to condos will be a factor" in the marketplace in the future "when it makes more sense to own than rent."

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@properties hosts ‘Friends and Neighbors’ fundraiser

@properties Friends and Neighbors Community Fund recently hosted its third annual Chicago Revealed fundraising event Sept. 20, benefiting two local organizations, Off the Street Club and Community Partners for Affordable Housing.

More than 200 guests attended the event, which was held at The Standard Club in downtown Chicago. This year’s theme was “Artists in the City.” The evening featured silent and live auctions, a live art performance by “Artheat Live!” and music by “Spoken Four.” The works of local artists Matthew Lew, Josh Moulton, Sarah Raskey and Bryan Boomer-shine were also displayed throughout the evening. Sponsors included Guaranteed Rate and Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella Law.

The @properties Friends and Neighbors Community Fund, a 501(c)3, was established by @properties co-founders Thaddeus Wong and Michael Golden to inspire charitable outreach and to support local organizations with an emphasis on education, youth development and housing initiatives.

For Friends: Mike Golden, left, and Thaddeus Wong, @properties co-founders, conduct the live auction at a recent @properties’ Friends and Neighbors Community Fund Chicago Revealed event. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

This year’s Chicago Revealed event co-chairs were Larry Giddings of @properties and Talia Pines of Modern Luxury. The Friends and Neighbors Community Fund executive committee is headed by Kevin Van Eck, president, and Ann Caron, vice president, both of @properties. Tamia Scott, of Oh My Goodness Marketing, is the fund’s executive director.

“It’s exciting to be able to raise money for two very deserving organizations that do such great work for the community. Our agents and business partners are very charitable and really helped make this a successful event once again,” said Thaddeus Wong.

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Founded in 1900, Off The Street Club (OTSC) is Chicago’s oldest boys and girls club and serves more than 3,000 children. Housed in a child-friendly complex in West Garfield Park, OTSC provides mentoring and tutoring services and gives children ages 4 to 18 the opportunity to participate in sports, recreational activities, the arts and educational activities.

Community Partners For Affordable Housing is a nonprofit 501(c)3 that creates public-private partnerships to preserve, maintain and develop permanently affordable for-sale and rental housing of high quality, for low- and moderate-income households. CPAH helps bridge the gap between the high cost of housing and the incomes of many low- to moderate-income households who live and work in the community.

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A staircase, accented with a custom-steel handrail, leads up from the gallery to two bedrooms and two full baths. The master bedroom suite features a walk-in closet and private bath with double vanity, whirlpool tub and separate shower. The master bath is outfitted with designer Moroccan tile.

Another stairway leads to the 350-square-foot private roof-top deck.

Benson Stanley Realty currently is marketing the three other immediately-occupancy residences at Wicker West 1555. The duplex and simplex condominum homes at Wicker Park West feature a gas-log fireplace and white-plank 1/4-inch-thick designer oak flooring.

Kitchens feature a ultra-modern style, with white high-gloss, mirror-finish cabinets, a breakfast bar or island crafted in walnut finish, and granite or quartz counter tops. The designer appliance package includes a refrigerator-freezer, Jenn Air cooktop, microwave, wall oven and dishwasher.

Bathrooms showcase porcelain floor tile, marble and porcelain tile in the tub and shower areas. Washer and dryer hookups for in-unit laundry is a free upgrade during the grand opening. Each condominium has individually controlled heating and central air-conditioning system.

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The Wicker West Condominium model and sales center is located at 1858 N. Talman Ave. in Chicago's West Wicker Park neighborhood. Sales center hours are from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays, and by appointment.

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Designers Derek Lam, known for minimalist designs, drops by Neiman Marcus (737 N. Michigan) for a personal appearance on Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Turn up the flavor on fall — and sweeten up a night on the town — with a pumpkin-spiced shake from burger joint 25 Degrees. The secret? A splash of spiced rum. $10. 736 N. Clark.

Make a lip statement with one of 12 rich new hues in Chicago native Bobbi Brown’s Creamy Matte Lip Color Line ($24). Available at Bloomingdale’s, 900 N. Michigan.

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THE SPLASH SEVEN

BY THOMAS CONNORS

1 'Charlie Brown and the Great Exhibit'
Oct. 25 through Feb. 18: Good grief! Who'd have thought the Peanuts gang would ever end up in a museum? In "Charlie Brown and the Great Exhibit," the Museum of Science and Industry gives these classic characters their due in this comprehensive show, where visitors will learn about the life of Charles M. Schulz, draw favorite Peanuts characters, create an animated cartoon and play a Schroeder-inspired grand piano. Not included in general admission: $5 for adults, $3 for seniors and children 3 to 11. 57th and S. Lake Shore, (773) 684-1414, smichicago.org.

2 'My Girlfriend's Boyfriend' at Victory Gardens
Oct. 25-29: A contributor to NPR's "This American Life" and a regular on late-night talk shows, author/performer Mike Birbiglia has made a name for himself as a writer willing to riff on his own inadequacies. Neither snarky nor pathetic, Birbiglia blends an "everyman" essence with an ability to ponder human nature. In his one-man show, "My Girlfriend's Boyfriend" at Victory Gardens Theater (2433 N. Lincoln), he mines the inexhaustible mysteries of courtship. Tickets $45.50. Call (773) 871-3000 or visit Victorygardens.org.

3 Red Jacket Optional
Oct. 26: Since the 1950s, the Chicago Children's Choir has leveraged the power of song to unite kids and audiences of all backgrounds. Today, the organization serves thousands of children through Chicago Public Schools, after-school programs and its internationally acclaimed Concert Choir. The group celebrates its 56th anniversary at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel (221 N. Columbus) complete with live auction, luxury raffle and, of course, some heavenly singing. Tickets start at $500. Email Emily Hallock at Ehallock@ccchoir.org.

4 Hallowed haunts
Oct. 27: Symphony Center isn't usually a place for shenanigans, but when Dr. Metronome and the Orchestra of Doom set up shop, all bets are off. Decked for the trick-or-treating set but serving up serious sounds (think Grieg, Prokofiev, Saint-Saëns, Berlioz and more), this 3 p.m. concert is the perfect prelude to a happening Halloween. Festivities get started at 1:30 p.m. with pre-concert activities in the Rotunda. Tickets $13-$60. 220 S. Michigan, (312) 294-3000 or visit cso.org.

5 Westfield's Old Orchard Harvest Festival
Oct 27-28: This weekend, designer shops take a backseat to fall festivities during Old Orchard's fifth annual Harvest Festival. The free event is replete with arts and crafts, face painting, games and balloon sculptors, a Halloween costume contest for kids and trick-or-treating at participating retailers. The fun takes place at the north end of the mall near the koi pond from noon to 4 p.m. Old Orchard Center, Skokie Boulevard and Old Orchard Road, Skokie. For more information call (847) 673-6800 or visit Westfield.com/oldorchard.

6 The Chicago casting auction
Oct 27: The chance to land a role in a professional show is music to the ears of aspiring thespians — and those who've always dreamed of their turn in the spotlight. Bailiwick Chicago Theater banks on it with its latest fund-raiser, which auctions off roles in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" to the highest bidder. Even if you're not interested in taking the stage, the lively evening includes drinks, bites and entertainment. Tickets: $29-$75. At the Dank Haus German American Cultural Center Grand Ballroom, 4740 N. Western. Visit Castingauction.com.

7 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' brunch
Oct. 28: Popular Boystown haunt Kit Kat Lounge pulls out the stops with its salute to the film that made "camp" part of cultural vernacular. Dr. Frank N' Furter and the gang will glow from seven screens, and Kit Kat performer Diva Madam X will deliver her own renditions of the flick's classic numbers. In addition to the full brunch menu, sip specialty cocktails like the rocky martini and the riff raff. Costumes highly encouraged — and the best one walks away with a $100 prize. Reservations recommended. 11 am. to 3 p.m. 3700 N. Halsted, (773) 525-1111, Kitkatchicago.com.
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IN THE BAG

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Co-chairs of the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation’s luncheon — Andrea Gordon, Michelle Friedman and Ashley Hemphill-Netzky — proved on Oct. 17 that they know how to draw a crowd. For the seventh annual “Purse-sue the Cure” event, 800 guests filled the grand ballroom of the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan). Attendees fawned over — and bid on — 150 up-for-auction bags by designers such as Yves Saint Laurent, Balenciaga and Chanel, plus a coveted, limited-edition black crocodile Hermès Birkin (only one is made every two years). Also dazzling guests were actress and supermodel Brooke Shields, who delivered the keynote speech, and Sun-Times columnist Bill Zwecker, who emceed and encouraged guests to pull out their pocketbooks for the cause. Proceeds from the luncheon, which contribute to the $27 million the LSCRF has raised in 27 years, will benefit breast cancer research, fellowships and education programs at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match donations to Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation up to a total of $10,000, now through December 17, 2012. Donate now at: Suntimesfoundation.org/lynnsage

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Brooke Shields
Just in time for Halloween, bewitching black is making a surge on the gala circuit—not that it ever went out of style. Dresses embellished with studs or lace add a modern twist on the classic LBD. Paired with gold accessories, the ebony hue is simultaneously sexy and glamorous, making a powerful statement.
By Zak Stemer

Guests walked a marigold-covered red carpet as sitarists strummed in the background, offering a regal welcome to the Field Museum’s Maharaja Ball. Celebrating the opening of the new “Maharaja: The Splendor of India’s Royal Courts” exhibit, more than 800 guests — including two princesses and His Highness Maharana Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar — filled the museum’s lobby, which was transformed for the evening with brightly colored tents and rugs. Partygoers, many dressed in vividly colored and embellished gowns, got an exclusive first look at the exhibit, and watched a traditional Bharata Natyam dance by the Chicago-based Natya Dance Theatre, before storming the floor themselves and dancing late into the night. The event, presented by the museum’s Women’s Board and sponsored by BMO Harris Bank and Exelon, raised more than $1.1 million for the Field Museum’s research and educational programs.

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3. Akira: Bri sunglasses in black, $18.90, 2357 N. Clark; Shopakira.com
4. Alexander McQueen: Skull-clasp clutch bag, $1,845, Neiman Marcus, 737 N. Michigan; Neimanmarcus.com
5. Ela Stone: Lion cuff gold, $215; Sebastienjames.com
6. Just Cavalli: Royal punk printed jeans, $360, Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com
7. Claire’s: Flower, pearl and crystal stud earrings, $8.50, 7601 S. Cicero; Claire’s.com
8. Ann Taylor: Leather wide corset belt, $69.99, 231 S. LaSalle; Anntaylor.com
9. Ralph Lauren Collection: Bettina suede ankle boots, $1,500, 750 N. Michigan; Ralphlauren.com
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2. Room and Board: Filigri rug, $1,999, 55 E. Ohio; Roomandboard.com
4. Neiman Marcus: purple Baroque-style mirror, $495, 737 N. Michigan; Neimanmarcus.com
5. Modani: black Cassiopeia floor lamp, $490, 1574 N. Kingsbury; Modani.com

Sparkle plenty
On Oct. 25 drop by Swarovski’s Michigan Avenue boutique (540 N. Michigan) to celebrate the launch of Multiface(t)s, the new book from Swarovski creative director Nathalie Colin. The book, a collaboration with well-known stylists such as June Ambrose (star of VH1’s “ Styled by June”), showcases a range of ways to rock your jewelry for any event.

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Another successful Fashion Focus proves one thing: Our style scene shows no signs of slowing down. Now we have a new fashion hub as Bridgeport Art Center opens up space for 40 emerging designers in the new Bridgeport Fashion Center (1200 W. 35th). With individual studios in varying sizes for different designer needs, it’s the perfect urban backdrop for creative designs. View designer looks by appointment by contacting Natalya Judina at (773) 247-3000 or Natalya@bridgeportart.com.

Shining glory
To celebrate its 10th anniversary, plus-size clothing boutique Vive la Femme (2048 N. Damen) teams up with fashion line Kiyonna for the Style, Sass and Sparkle Showcase on Oct. 25, which will also offer jewelry and accessories from Stella & Dot and 20 percent off all apparel. Can’t make the soiree? Neighboring boutique Violette (2031 N. Damen) hosts a weekend-long Kiyonna pop-up shop.

Looking fine
Celebrity makeup artist Sam Fine (below), whose work has been seen on the pages of national magazines such as Harper’s Bazaar, Marie Claire and Cosmopolitan, will drop by Vertigo Lounge in the Dana Hotel (660 N. State) on Oct. 27. The author of Fine Beauty: Beauty Basics and Beyond for African American Women will be on hand to share his sought-after techniques and tricks of the trade.
Jenny makes a move

She surprised everyone when she made Chicago her home—now Jenny McCarthy has more big news to share.

STORY BY SUSANNA NEGovan
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANTHONY TAHIER
Jenny McCarthy has always been a newsmaker. But in the last five months, the outspoken author, actress and activist has been the subject of an above-average flurry of headlines. In that time she's moved from Los Angeles to Chicago, dated (and broken up with) a star Chicago Bears player, appeared on the cover of Playboy for the sixth time and courted controversy on the press tour for Bad Habits: Confessions of a Reformed Catholic, her new book released Oct. 2.

And now, as she nears her 40th birthday on Nov. 1, she's going from being the news to making the news: McCarthy has signed on to be a six-times-a-week Splash columnist, a new platform that she hopes to make the anchor of a multimedia career based in Chicago. Starting immediately, McCarthy will debut a cheeky weekly advice column called "Ask Jenny" inside the Splash print edition, as well as a Monday-through-Friday blog on the Splash website (Splash.suntimes.com) about her life as a single mom.

From her home in the western suburbs she'll be "two-finger typing" daily, and she says she's chomping at the bit to get started. She'll tackle parenting ("like hiding in the closet hoping your kid can make his own dinner — things that all moms can relate to and giggle") and beyond, including dating and family issues. "I have to because even though I'm a mom, I'm also a single mom and I'm also dating, and also have issues with my own family and my old mother-in-law," she says. "So, it's not just about keeping up with the Mommy Joneses, it'll also be interlaced with what we have to deal with day to day."

Her writing style, which is raw and unfiltered, matches her bombshell-who-belches persona. In her first book, Baby Laughs: The Naked Truth about Pregnancy and Childbirth, McCarthy cautioned newly pregnant women to not take hot baths in a chapter titled "I Think I Hard-Boiled My Baby." "People still come up to me who are pregnant, laughing, saying, 'I totally almost hard-boiled my baby until I read your book!,'" she says.

Additional best-sellers followed, including Baby Laughs and Life Laughs, and endeared her to a wide audience of moms. "People always come up to me with certain questions, and it's not the typical kind of celebrity ques-
tions," she says. "It's usually self-help. I feel like they can ask me more than they can ask their parent or their spouse because I kind of lay it all on the line."

She's been especially open about her 10-year-old son Evan's autism diagnosis and her controversial stance on its treatment, which was the subject of three of her books. She decided to move to Chicago in May to give him a more normal home environment. "I didn't want him to be a child of celebrity because it doesn't have a good outcome," she says. "I wasn't having any luck in the love department either, so all signs were pointing to move back."

She chose a neighborhood with "lots of kids" near her best friend. "Most of the time he just wants to play with his new friends," she says. "He has about 12 kids that come over every day after school. I have a creek in my back yard and they catch frogs. He's having a ball."

He's also lost his autism diagnosis, she says. "He's phenomenal — I can even get over where he was and where he is now. I spent all of my time writing Life Laughs in the neuropsychology unit for autism watching him learn how to talk at age 3. Now he has a girlfriend and he's bringing her roses and stealing my jewelry and bringing it to her. I would say he's on the right path."

While McCarthy is currently filming a VH1 talk show that debuts Jan. 18, and recently signed on for another five years as co-host of ABC's "New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest," she says that her role at Splash is particularly important to her. "I've signed contracts over the last 20 years that were multimillion-dollar deals, but I am more excited about this one than anything I've done since my first deal at 'Singly Out,'" she says. "Not only is [the Sun-Times] something that I grew up reading, but I just feel honored. I actually feel like it's a privilege to do it."

Her new gig is more than a platform to share her opinions among a wide audience — it's validation of her skills as a writer. "I think people are still surprised, even with book eight, that I do write my own books," she says. "But you can tell from my writing that I don't write like an intellect. I just write like girlfriends talk."

In addition to making a career shift, McCarthy is hoping that she'll find love in Chicago, too. "When I come off this book tour I've got a couple of dates lined up that I'm excited about, because these guys seem really nice, but I'm also nervous because I'm hoping they see me for me. I'm hoping that I do get lucky in love. I'm looking for Mr. Big. I want the one."

And for that guy — and Sun-Times readers — she has a message: "Even though I like to wear a push-up bra and lipstick and eyelashes, I don't take it seriously at all. There's depth beyond that."

Starting today, it'll be on display six days a week.
From a swanky Trump Tower apartment to the kitchens she crashes on the DIY Network, designer Alison Victoria brings an obsession with beauty, fashion and glamour to every project she touches. But what happens when the perfectionist takes on her own dream home? It's complicated.

For as swiftly and seamlessly as she is able to transform bare walls and other people’s blah kitchens into spaces to die for, Victoria says the 1902 Wicker Park brownstone she purchased in May has been more of a slow, meticulous, labor of love.

“This is my passion but it’s also my home,” explains Victoria, an interior designer of lavish residences from Las Vegas to Chicago and the first female star on DIY Network’s “Kitchen Crashers,” (which now also airs on HGTV). “It’s much easier to design for someone else when you’re listening to what they want. I’m a snap-judgment kind of girl, but when it’s my own house, I tend to think about it for too long.”

Then again, knowing what she wants and going after it has served the Chicago native well: It’s what drove her to become the youngest designer at the posh award-winning Las Vegas design firm Christopher Homes, then quit that job at age 23 to open Alison Victoria Interiors Inc. and start her own line of modern luxury furniture.

See, once Alison Victoria has a vision, there’s no stopping her.

Take the old walk-in vault she discovered in the Wicker Park brownstone, which was previously owned by a prominent Chicago jeweler. Located on the garden level of the house, initial thoughts had her designer mind fashioning it as a wine cellar.

Then she thought more about the space and how she would use that level of the house. The minute Victoria decided to designate the first floor as her ultimate master suite sanctuary what to do with that old vault was obvious. “I thought, now I can make it my shoe and handbag closet!”

For a designer who has devoted a section of her website Alisonvictoriacom to covering the most stylish shoes to wear on construction sites, it was a perfect move. And with a little help from her “Kitchen Crashers” crew, she took a discerning eye to the rest of the house.

“I hired the crew from the TV show because, well, they’re used to working fast,” Victoria ex-
The flying room, one of the biggest projects, involved refinishing and restoring the home's original hardwood floors.

She was able to move into the first floor 30 days after starting construction, and then start renovating the rest of the house.

That's when she got to put on her trendy (and always “girly”) work boots and do what she's become famous for — crashing a kitchen. “In my show, that's what I do,” she says. “The kitchen is huge, so I really wanted to do it right, right for me, right for everyone.”

She kept the original look with white Shaker-style cabinets, but took them all the way up to the height of the ceilings for maximum impact.

For the countertops, she passed up the more traditional marble for the new Bianco Oro line. “I wanted to make sure mine was a little more durable,” Victoria explains.

While it's still a work in progress, she's very pleased with her creation so far. “The backsplash is still not up, and the hood is not up, but I bought some amazing pendant lights. I wanted to make sure I was doing something that nobody else had, so I found these amazing vintage pendants at Store B [in Wicker Park]. I had been looking at them for four months.”

Other projects on the second floor included a total refinish and restoration of the original hardwoods. Victoria also took great care to preserve an original vintage bathtub in the powder room. “You can tell the tub was placed in and the walls were built around it. I completely restored that, with gold leafing on the feet.”

Victoria, who spent her early years growing up in an apartment with three siblings on the 46th floor of the John Hancock building, says what she’s doing with her Wicker Park house is, in some ways, a culmination of everything she’s been dreaming of since childhood. While some like to talk about the time when she was 10 and asked to redecorate the basement of her family’s Lincolnwood home, she likes to tell the story that came a year later, when she “crashed” her best friend’s bedroom. “We were both 11, and all I wanted to do is clean their house up and help them redecorate,” she recalls. “I would start moving things around; I would rip up carpet to get to the hardwood, and then started refinishing the furniture and repainting all the walls.”

That space, and that moment, is one Victoria says she will never forget.

“Granted, we painted everything peach so it didn’t really look pretty,” she laughs, “but that’s when I knew that I really wanted to do this for the rest of my life.”

While she already owns a home in Las Vegas, when the opportunity came to purchase the house in Wicker Park for what she calls “the deal of a lifetime,” Victoria seized her dream, way ahead of schedule.

“I've always imagined myself living in that big beautiful home in Lincoln Park or Wicker Park, but to be able to get into a house like this and be able to do what I want, the way I want, is definitely a dream come true,” she says.

For more about Allison Victoria Interior Design, her blog and exclusive line of furniture, go to Alisonvictoria.com. For more about Kitchen Crashers, go to Dynetwork.com.
Brikena Aliti and Sal Becovic

You could call Brikena Aliti and Sal Becovic's trip down the aisle an international affair. The couple tied the knot Sept. 16 before 40 of their closest friends and family members, half of whom flew in from abroad — and the bride was no exception. She traveled from her former home in Oslo, Norway, to join her Chicago-based husband, who runs Red-Blooded Productions, after dating long distance for more than a year. Even Aliti's dress was from a different country: she walked down the aisle in a lace La Sposa gown, which she found while shopping in Barcelona. For Aliti, the connection with Becovic was instant. They met through mutual friends on Facebook, and their first date was a 12-hour romantic whirlwind in Oslo. "After our first date I called my sister and told her if we didn't end up together, something was wrong with the world," laughs Aliti. The couple's instant connection was based in part on their heritage — both are of Albanian descent — and they were married in a traditional Albanian Islamic service. "In our service, I proposed [marriage] and she had to accept all over again," says Becovic. "That's where I felt the most emotion." After the ceremony, the couple and their guests hopped on a trolley that carried them to the InterContinental Magnificent Mile, where 400 more friends were waiting to celebrate. Traditional Albanian dancing kicked off the fun and guests partied until after midnight. — Katerina Bizios

CHEERS!

Congrats to Michael Farah and Tanya Manoochehri on their recent engagement. Farah, a Chicago native who used to own Berry Chill, proposed with a 50-person flash mob that performed to the pop song "Gangnam Style." The duo recently relocated to Los Angeles, where she is a licensing coordinator for Guess and he is gearing up to launch Curbside Foodies, an app for the food truck industry.

We're thrilled for trainer and fitness blogger Ashley Bond, who appeared on the Oct. 17 episode of the NBC drama "Chicago Fire."

A round of applause to nominees and winners of the 2012 Equity Jeff Awards, which took place Oct. 15 at the Drury Lane Theatre. Top honorees included the Goodman Theatre's production of "The Iceman Cometh," which took home several awards, including best production of a play, best director for Robert Falls and best supporting actor for Brian Dennehy; and Chicago Shakespeare Theater's "Follies," which won best production of a musical and a best director, musical for Gary Griffin.
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Bargain bungalows

Affordable prices make it an ideal time to buy, but rental units sweeten the deal

BY LISA SKOLNIK

If you've been weighing the idea of investing in a single-family home, consider properties that are a bit outside the box and can generate some spare change with a rental unit.

"Outside" is where many of the assets are on this updated, 1,600-square-foot, four-bedroom, two-bathroom bungalow at 2138 N. Lawndale. Located in west Logan Square, it's priced at $199,999 and includes a 750-square-foot, two-bedroom garden apartment — which can command a sizable rent in this burgeoning neighborhood filled with gourmet restaurants, boutique shopping and plenty of green space. The charming façade boasts curb appeal, the lot has a small backyard and the porch-top terrace off the master bedroom maximizes outdoor space. Also outside, you'll find a five-year-old, extra-tall, two-car garage behind the house with doors and private entrances on both sides of the structure to access the alley and backyard. Built in 1898, the charming house underwent a total rehab 11 years ago and has new hardwood floors in most rooms, updated kitchens and restored original woodwork. It's owned by an empty nester who is scaling back, but it's an ideal spot to start — or add to — a real estate portfolio. Contact Baird & Warner broker Marie Mendoza, (847) 367-6279, Marie.mendoza@bairdwarner.com

Another sweet deal in Logan Square is a four-bedroom, three-bathroom bungalow at 2442 N. Avers for $199,000. It sits on a standard 25-foot-by-125-foot lot with a larger yard, a two-car detached garage, hardwood floors and a short, two-block walk to the Metra. The home has been split into two units, but can yield four thanks to a newly finished living space in the basement. Contact Molly Marino, Baird & Warner, (312) 282-6422, Molly.marino@bairdwarner.com

For a brand-new, beautifully executed total gut rehab of a 1901 bungalow, go northeast to 3410 N. Troy in Avondale. The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home with a snazzy eat-in kitchen, lower-level finished family room, hardwood and stone floors, two-car garage, new back deck and easy access to the expressway, bus and CTA Blue Line is $310,000. Contact Mitch Gordon, Baird & Warner, (312) 339-9432, Mitch.gordon@bairdwarner.com

The bungalow for sale at 3410 N. Troy in Avondale was built in 1901.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall

Amanda Bynes has pleaded not guilty to two counts of driving with a suspended license. The girl may want to look in the mirror because the paparazzi clearly busted her driving sans a license. Oh wait, she can't! A source tells me that the "What a Girl Wants" star — who has exhibited increasingly bizarre behavior by locking herself in public bathrooms and dressing rooms — had a meltdown with her mirror at her L.A. pad. Bynes, who ironically played Snow White in "Sydney White," told neighbors that she threw away her mirror because it was talking back to her. "Everybody in the building couldn't stop talking about Amanda's episode with her mirror," the source said. "It was a really expensive piece of furniture and she threw it out because she said she couldn't stop talking to it. It was then that we realized she truly has lost her mind and needs some help." Her strange behavior is well known among her neighbors and building manager, who were told to "keep quiet" about her constant outbursts and conversations with inanimate objects. Her mirror must have told her she's not the fairest of them all!

Kanye tightens the reins on Kim

Kanye West and Kim Kardashian had a run-in with Kim's ex, Reggie Bush, recently in Miami — and the Chicago rapper was not happy. The couple dined across the street from Reggie and his pregnant girlfriend and a paparazzi reportedly confronted Kanye about Kim's NFL star ex. Kanye is turned off by all the press his reality TV star girlfriend attracts, so he's laid down some ground rules with the media. "This is not the kind of stuff he wants to be known for," the source said. "He does not want to get press for dining across the street from Kim's ex. He wants to be known for his fashion and his music. He doesn't need this kind of attention to be successful, unlike Kim." Kanye told Kim and her people to stop talking to the press about their relationship or else there will be lawsuits filed. "Kanye has told Kim and her camp to back off from the press," the source said. "Kim is listening to Kanye because she wants to make her relationship with him work."
A GrubHub STEAK-OUT

Chicago serves up a mean slice of beef, but you don’t have to leave your home to have a true steakhouse experience. GrubHub, the Chicago-based food ordering service, rounded up a few of their favorite steakhouse picks, so satisfy your carnivorous craving with these area favorites:

Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab - 60 E. Grand Ave.
Joe’s a-la-carte menu is a Chicago staple, and the 12-ounce Filet Mignon is as classic as it gets. Start your meal with a Colossal Lump Crab Cake and Caesar Salad, but don’t forget to add an order of Jennie’s Mashed Potatoes to complete your meal.

Fleming’s Steakhouse - 25 E. Ohio St.
If you’re looking for a modern take on the traditional steak and potatoes, look no further than Fleming’s Porcini Rubbed Filet Mignon. This classic center cut of beef is grilled to your preference and served with high country asparagus spears and Gorgonzola cream sauce. And, don’t forget to add a side of Fleming’s Potatoes. This house specialty mashes potatoes with cream, jalapeno and cheddar cheese.

Rio’s Sudamerica - 2010 W. Armitage Ave.
If you’re looking for an American classic with a Latin twist, try Rio’s Filete de Tira de N.Y. con Papas Fritas. This char-grilled boneless New York strip steak is seasoned and aged in homemade Argentinian and house spices, and served with fried potatoes and grilled seasonal vegetables.

Reza’s - 432 W. Ontario St.
Reza’s gives traditional surf and turf the Mediterranean treatment with its Shrimp and Filet Mignon Steak dinner. One skewer of char broiled jumbo shrimp is served alongside a 6-8-ounce filet mignon topped with sautéed mushroom. The meal comes complete with braised vegetables and your choice of Mediterranean sides.

Beyond BOEUF

The Sodikoff restaurant empire expands to include an anything-but-ordinary steakhouse

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

In the last two years, Brendan Sodikoff hasn’t stopped. Since launching Gilt Bar in 2010, the local restaurateur has opened three more thriving and distinctive culinary destinations: urban French spot Maude’s Liquor Bar, the perpetually packed Doughnut Vault and upscale diner Au Cheval, which serves up a burger that was just named best in America by the editors of Bon Appétit.

With his latest venture, a European-style steakhouse dubbed Bavette’s Bar & Boeuf that opened in late summer, Sodikoff shows no sign of slowing down.

Located in River North, the two-story space pays homage to its former days as a vintage furniture store with eclectic sofas, tufted leather booths, ornate Oriental rugs, exposed brick and oversized chandeliers, then gives it all a sexy sheen with dim lighting and candles. It’s an ideal environment to imbibe in Bavette’s retro drinks. The lengthy list includes classics like an old-fashioned, a mint julep, Champagne cocktail and a cognac sazerac.

As with other Sodikoff spots, a visit to Bavette’s Bar & Boeuf serves up much more than the standard experience. Chef Jeff Pikus (also the brains behind Maude’s) has whipped up a menu that includes classic steakhouse options such as the signature dry-aged, bone-in ribeye with béarnaise and steak salt ($56) or a double bone Berkshire pork chop ($22). But there’s also a slew of unexpected dishes as well. Dig into peppered duck and goat cheese terrine ($11.95), beef tongue with horseradish sauce ($16) and Southern-style fried chicken ($17.95), plus the vegetarian-friendly crab-stuffed avocado with Bibb lettuce and Dijon-sherry vinaigrette ($18.95).

Like most of Chicago, we’re eagerly awaiting Sodikoff’s next move.

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Real estate mogul Donald Trump makes the most of his free time

With the staggering amount of luxury real estate that bears his name — from hotels to high-rises to golf courses around the world — you'd think Donald Trump wouldn't have the time to attend condo board meetings at the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago (401 N. Wabash). But a half dozen times each year that's exactly what he does; he hasn't missed one since the 92-story building, which includes condominium residences and a hotel, was opened five years ago.

“I have many great buildings in New York and all over the world,” said Trump. “But, as far as I’m concerned, this is one of the greatest buildings anywhere. It’s one of the very serious jewels in the Trump crown.”

The last board meeting in late September was attended by both condo tenants and the hotel's executive team, and Trump took a few minutes to tick off a list of the building's successes, including glowing reviews for its concepted fine-dining restaurant Sixteen and research that highlighted the hotel's skyrocketing revenue growth. “They're talking about the hotel all over the world,” he said, beaming.

And when the meeting was over, the superlatives didn't stop. “One of the greatest men in business just bought a unit,” crowed Trump, who still owns 50 percent of the building's condo-hotel units (which are rented to travelers like traditional hotel rooms, but owned by real estate investors).

Currently filming “Celebrity Apprentice: All Stars,” Trump will be back to Chicago in December for another condo board meeting — and, chances are, more pats on the back of his hotel's executive team. Here's a glimpse at his Chicago routine.

6 P.M.
Trump and Melania board his private jet — a 757 — back to New York.

3 P.M.
A walk around the city with Melania. “Chicago is possibly the city with the best architecture in the United States.”

8 A.M.
Trump and his wife, Melania, share a light breakfast of fruit and coffee in their suite.

10 A.M.
He sees Melania off to a hair appointment at Anthony Cristiano (above), which recently opened on the mezzanine level. Anthony himself (who also styles Trump's daughter Ivanka's hair) gives her a blow-out.

5 A.M.
Trump wakes up in his suite on the 27th floor and starts his day reading several newspapers and flipping around political news shows like “Face the Nation” and “Meet the Press.” “I love NBC because they treat me very well. ‘The Apprentice’ has been one of their great hits of the last decade.”

2 P.M.
A meeting with the hotel's Managing Director T. Colm O'Callaghan (right). “He’s done a wonderful job and the hotel has received many accolades — all well founded.”

12 Noon
Trump and Melania have lunch at the hotel's Sixteen restaurant. “I know Chicago is famous for steakhouses — and I'm an aficionado — but Sixteen has the best steak I've had.”

3 P.M.
WITH THE STAGGERING AMOUNT OF LUXURY REAL ESTATE THAT BEARS HIS NAME — FROM HOTELS TO HIGH-RISES TO GOLF COURSES AROUND THE WORLD — YOU'D THINK DONALD TRUMP WOULDN'T HAVE THE TIME TO ATTEND CONDO BOARD MEETINGS AT THE TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL & TOWER IN CHICAGO (401 N. WABASH). BUT A HALF DOZEN TIMES EACH YEAR THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE DOES; HE HASN'T MISSED ONE SINCE THE 92-STORY BUILDING, WHICH INCLUDES CONDOMINIUM RESIDENCES AND A HOTEL, WAS OPENED FIVE YEARS AGO. “I HAVE MANY GREAT BUILDINGS IN NEW YORK AND ALL OVER THE WORLD,” SAID TRUMP. “BUT, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST BUILDINGS ANYWHERE. IT'S ONE OF THE VERY SERIOUS JEWELS IN THE TRUMP CROWN.”

THE LAST BOARD MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER WAS ATTENDED BY BOTH CONDO TENANTS AND THE HOTEL'S EXECUTIVE TEAM, AND TRUMP TOOK A FEW MINUTES TO TICK OFF A LIST OF THE BUILDING'S SUCCESSES, INCLUDING GLOWING REVIEWS FOR ITS CONCEPTED FINE-DINING RESTAURANT SIXTEEN AND RESEARCH THAT HIGHLIGHTED THE HOTEL'S SKYROCKETING REVENUE GROWTH. “THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HOTEL ALL OVER THE WORLD,” HE SAID, BEAMING.


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TRUMP AND MELANIA BOARD HIS PRIVATE JET — A 757 — BACK TO NEW YORK.

3 P.M.
A WALK AROUND THE CITY WITH MELANIA. “CHICAGO IS POSSIBLY THE CITY WITH THE BEST ARCHITECTURE IN THE UNITED STATES.”

8 A.M.
TRUMP AND HIS WIFE, MELANIA, SHARE A LIGHT BREAKFAST OF FRUIT AND COFFEE IN THEIR SUITE.

10 A.M.
HE SEES MELANIA OFF TO A HAIR APPOINTMENT AT ANTHONY CRISTIANO (ABOVE), WHICH RECENTLY OPENED ON THE MEZZANINE LEVEL. ANTHONY HIMSELF (WHO ALSO STYLES TRUMP'S DAUGHTER IVANKA'S HAIR) GIVES HER A BLOW-OUT.

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5 A.M.

2 P.M.
A MEETING WITH THE HOTEL'S MANAGING DIRECTOR T. COLM O'CALLAGHAN (RIGHT). “HE'S DONE A WONDERFUL JOB AND THE HOTEL HAS RECEIVED MANY ACCOLADES — ALL WELL FOUNDED.”

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When we think about "innovation," we don’t usually think about banking. However, every innovator needs a little support. Whether it needs a loan to purchase new equipment or a line of credit to improve cash flow, a business could use some financial backing at times. That’s how innovative ideas become a reality.

Although most banking companies seem to be more and more removed from the customer, business owners need to have a banking resource that is focused on relationships and the importance of understanding the needs of its clients. This is a rare concept now that big banks have become so common.

Wintrust Community Banks, spread throughout the Chicago area and southern Wisconsin, were created as the local alternative to the big banks. As lending and banking decisions are made further and further away, Wintrust prides itself on being a local company with the attentiveness and dedication to understand the needs of local businesses. Wintrust Community Banks have the depth of products to support the businesses that are working on new ways to thrive in their local communities. The company is a leader in SBA Lending and provides a range of loans and lines of credit, but many local businesses need more than just financial support.

"Serving the needs of small businesses is at the core of what it means to be community bankers, but it’s about more than a checking account and a small business loan," said Matthew Doubleday, senior vice president of Wintrust Marketing. "It’s about being a genuine resource for local businesses. From networking, to problem solving, to providing custom solutions for each business, all of our bankers are committed to being the local resource for small businesses. When they do well, we all do well."

Entrepreneurs should have a network of allies invested in their success. While many of the larger banks don’t have personal ties to local communities, Wintrust Community Banks stand out as organizations that are part of the neighborhoods they serve. They believe that when local businesses excel, the whole community benefits.

"When we opened, we were at a different bank, but it was very hard to get anything done," said Veronica Cañete-Kwasigroch, owner of Dream Cakes.

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Company helps stay-at-home professionals balance work, life

In August of 2011, Kate Shean, an orthopedic physical therapist by trade, sat down with her cousin Kara Guthrie to hear about her new business. She had no idea that it was going to be something that would change her life.

Kate had been practicing physical therapy for 12 years on both a full- and part-time basis and also had assisted teaching classes at her alma mater, Northwestern University Medical School.

"I was always struggling to find that perfect balance between work and family life," Kate said.

When Kara and her business partner, Heidi Bartolotta, showed Kate what Moms Making Six Figures was all about, Kate immediately saw the potential for that balance she had always been looking for.

Founded three years ago in San Diego, Moms Making Six Figures now has a team of more than 50 women, all of whom work from the comfort of their own homes. The women come from a variety of backgrounds, from CPA, a surgeon, to media executives and former pharmaceutical sales reps.

“The best way to describe Moms Making Six Figures is that we are a group of moms who created a marketing organization to represent one primary company,” Bartolotta said. “Kate still has the ability to help people like she did in her previous role as a physical therapist, but now she controls both her schedule and her income potential.”

In Chicago, just like many other areas across the nation, the past few years have been extremely difficult for many families. People are either out of work, making much less than before, or moms who had the luxury to stay home now have had to re-enter the work force.

Through Moms Making Six Figures, Guthrie and Bartolotta, sit down with interested women and discuss the specifics of the business. "A typical work week is about 30 to 35 hours, but I plan those hours around my children's school and extracurriculars," Shean said. "There is no inventory, no party planning, no selling, and no risk, but you do have to be self motivated," she explained.

Provided by Moms Making Six Figures

Working mom: Kate Shean, pictured here with her children, was able to find a healthy work-life balance with Moms Making Six Figures. (SUPPLIED PHOTO)

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government, and school boards, and they are active in local charitable and community development activities. They also partner with organizations - including SCORE and the National Organization for Women Business Owners (NAWBO) - that offer seminars and consultations at the banks to assist local business owners. The company has even launched the first online community focused solely on businesses in greater Chicago, i-BusinessForum, for entrepreneurs to ask questions, get answers, and have conversations with other small business owners.

Part of what makes the local economy strong is having a network of people working together for shared success. As larger banks have become more prevalent, it’s even more important to have a bank that is invested in the success of the community. Although, much of what Wintrust was founded on was a traditional idea of what a community bank should be, the company continues to find ways to think outside the box when it comes to supporting local businesses.

Business support is more than just a loan decision made from three states away. Just as companies have to become more creative in how they succeed during tough economic times, advocates for small businesses have to become more innovative in how they provide support.

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A local gem

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Women Vetrepreneurship Program is a means to economic independence

BY KIMBERLY EISHAM
For Sun-Times Media

In the Chicago area, several groups serve the growing population of female veterans and their specific needs: to help them navigate the maze of qualification, registration and utilization, and also to feel empowered to succeed.

Since 1986, the Women's Business Development Center has served more than 66,000 Chicago-area women. The center's next project, a partnership with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, will serve female vets to help them be financially independent through entrepreneurship. The Women Vetrepreneurship Program is still in its planning stages, with a goal of launching in January.

In light of sometimes disappointing job-placement statistics for female veterans, said WBDC Chief Development Officer Georgia Marsh, business ownership can be a good alternative. Women in this group have traits well suited to this endeavor such as leadership, perseverance, organization and dealing with uncertainty, she added.

In addition to WBDC's standard training in entrepreneurship and business mentoring, the program is working on adding a direct-lending component for female vets with entrepreneurial aspirations.

Interested vets and organizations can contact Marsh directly at gmarsh@wbdc.org for program updates.
Hedy Ratner is committed to helping women entrepreneurs

BY TAMMY MATTHEWS
For Sun-Times Media

If you ever have a chance to meet Hedy Ratner, don’t pass it up. At the very least, she will inspire you. At the most, she’ll change your life.

Ratner, 71, is co-founder and president of the Women’s Business Development Center. Headquartered in Chicago, it is the largest and most comprehensive women’s business assistance center in the United States. Its programs are designed to help individuals in every phase of the business development and growth process. She said that the WBDC has experienced some major changes in the last year.

“First of all, we’re restructuring,” she said. “I have a new chief operating officer. I have a new chief development officer. And both have fabulous ideas.”

“We’ve been in existence for 26 years. The climate has changed. The environment has changed. The nature of women business owners has changed and evolved,” she said. “Now what we want to be is more cutting edge and also be responsive to the challenges and issues that the women business owners face.”

One of the major WBDC initiatives is access to capital.

“We’re looking at ways that we can help finance early-stage businesses, emerging businesses and help established businesses that are hurting that need a little help,” she said.

“The issues around access to capital are even more difficult for small businesses and much more difficult for women-owned businesses in part because of the nature of their businesses, which is essentially service businesses,” she said, and explained that, as services businesses don’t technically have assets, access to money is especially difficult for them.

To combat this the WBDC is working to become a loaning office.

“What we’ve been trying to do is look at ways that we can provide direct loans through the Women’s Business Development Center,” she said.

“I’ve done it from the very beginning, but I didn’t do it as well and I didn’t do it as much.”

The WBDC is looking to be licensed as a CDFI, which is a community development financial institution. If this happens, the WBDC will be able to offer direct loans. The staff has also been trained on how to do micro-enterprise loans.

The WBDC is also finding appropriate mentors to help the more established small businesses grow. Ratner said she wants to, “get the right people with the right protégées and with the right resources.”

Ratner said the WBDC is also coordinating a teaming program to help women business owners be more successful at doing business with corporations.

“Teaming is like a strategic alliance between companies that do have some synergy, so there will be an economy of scale when they are large enough that they can be competitive in the marketplace,” she said.

Ratner used the example of a small design business. On its own, it doesn’t have a chance to work with a corporation. However, if it teams up with printing and web design companies, the chance that the team can be successful at competing for bids with major corporations is greater.

The challenges women business owners face in the boardroom are mirrored by the specific lifestyle issues — motherhood, non-native speaker, sexual orientation or military service — that should not, but indeed does, affect a woman’s ability to do business with certain companies. The WBDC addresses these issues as well. Ratner said it is continuing and expanding its programs in Spanish, including collaborating with several Latina nonprofits, and its child-care programs.

“Another program that we are just starting — we need money for it and I’ll think we’ll get it — is for women veterans,” she said.

“What’s horrible and horrifying is 37 percent of the women in the service that will return are unemployed. Thirty-seven percent.”

“There are many, many veterans’ programs, but very few that target women,” Ratner said.

“Finding a job is hard for them. They have skills. They have experience. They have edu-

Forward-moving life: “We want to be more cutting edge and also be responsive to the challenges and issues that the women business owners face,” said Hedy Ratner, on the WBDC’s future plans. | Gil LEORA - FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
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Century 21 agent closes more than 5,000 real estate sales in 36 years

You would think the most successful real estate agent is a slick, fast-paced, supercharged person under a lot of pressure to prove himself, sale after sale. This is not so with Larry Desmond, who is the number one agent at Waukegan's Century 21 Maki United. He is low-key, laid-back and never uses high-pressure sales tactics.

"I like to work close with people. I try to listen to what people are looking for and I never go over their bounds," said Desmond, whose voice is so soft that you know he will never try to sell you anything you don't really want or is beyond your means. "I don't think you can be successful that way."

He closed 71 transactions last year.

His record is not only local, but also of national proportions. He is, for instance:

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Winner of the Association of Realtors award for 21 consecutive years.


A closer of more than 5,000 real estate sales in the last 36 years.

While Desmond — a teacher-turned salesman — is low pressure, he said once he knows what a buyer wants, he will pursue it until he finds the right property. In selling, he would be aggressive enough to give the property the most possible exposure through advertising, referrals and listings. However, the final decision is the client's, he said.

"As in any business, only 15 percent of people are doing 80 percent of the business," he said. "I enjoy what I'm doing and get great satisfaction in helping clients find and sell properties."

What's the future for real estate agents in the area? "Great! But a successful agent has to work hard," Desmond said.
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As the health-care industry continues to adopt information technology in an effort to improve patient care, an increasing amount of Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree graduates and registered nurses (RNs) are seeking to acquire new skills and competencies in a field that is increasingly experiencing growth: nursing informatics.

In essence, nursing informatics integrates nursing science, computer science and information technology to help nurses more effectively acquire, store, retrieve and utilize the mass quantities of health information that are critical to proper work. Informatics is not confined only to nursing schools, either. Professional nurse informaticists are working in a variety of health-care settings, from clinical labs and physicians' offices to emergency rooms and operating rooms.

With the approval of the HITECH Act in 2009 and funding towards adoption of electronic health records (EHR) technology, the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology (IT) anticipates that 50,000 new health IT jobs, including nurse informaticist jobs, will be created within the next five years. This rapidly evolving health-care environment requires nurses to possess the necessary training to leverage new technologies, better manage information and facilitate smarter decision-making.

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Progress: Nurse informaticists work at the intersection of health care and information technology to improve patient care. (SUPPLIED PHOTO)

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Right on target

Proton therapy center offers precise alternative to conventional radiation

BY NATHANIEL ANDREW

Eleven-year-old Lizzie Pinion was diagnosed with anaplastic brain cancer on April 11.

Lizzie's mother, Donna Pinion, 42, of Sycamore, said her whole world changed when she found out her daughter had cancer.

"You take her into the hospital for headaches, and find out she's got a tumor," Pinion said. "The only thing I could concentrate on was doing what I needed to do for her, and doing it well."

Lizzie turned out to be the 500th patient to graduate from treatment at The Central DuPage Hospital (CDH) Proton Therapy Center, which offers an alternative, safer form of radiation for cancer patients.

Partnering with ProCure Treatment Centers and Radiation Oncology Consultants Ltd., Warrenville's CDH Proton Therapy Center is one of 10 in the United States. Privately funded, the center uses a $4.5 million Inclined Beam Line (IBL) to distribute treatment to most adult patients, and in cases of children a $15 million to $20 million full-gantry is used. The IBL provides 30- and 90-degree angles with complete flexibility in patient positioning while the full-gantry operates 360 degrees around the patient, and offers maximum access to a tumor.

Dr. William Hartsell, medical director of the center, has been a radiation oncologist for 28 years.

"It's safer because we have the ability to charge the proton in a way to make it stop at a certain distance," Hartsell said. "While typical radiation therapy is still useful for a lot of cancer treatments, proton therapy is beneficial to children, brain and spine tumors because a lot less of the tissue is treated. If a patient has a tumor four inches in then we can treat it at that exact spot."

Proton therapy is largely accredited to Robert Wilson, the late-Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) director. He wrote of the therapy in a 1946 paper titled, "Radiological Use of Fast Protons."

The process begins with a 220-ton cyclotron. The cyclotron ionizes protons which gives them a charge or energy to go a defined distance. The protons attack the DNA of cancerous cells and do little damage to the surrounding tissue.

"It's similar to a magnet," Hartsell said. "If you roll a magnet down a row of opposing magnets it won't stop until it reaches its positive counterpart."

In the case of proton therapy, the protons are the magnets and they're traveling at up to 400 million mph. It's because of that each room goes through extensive testing before opening, and 14-inch thick concrete walls are done in a single pour for additional precautionary measures.

Hartsell said the center receives just under 100,000 applicants throughout the world for treatment a year, and only about 30,000 have access to a proton therapy center.

"It was kind of rocky at first, but once they got in the first three or four treatments she was fine," Pinion said. "Pro-Cure did a whole luncheon when she finished her last treatment. They gave her a plaque, and then a little boy gave her a coin following a presentation."

The CDH Proton Therapy Center has experienced a slow opening, and is currently operating at three-fourths of its capacity. In an average year, the center will receive 400-1000 patients.

"We have patients from almost every continent at this location," Hartsell said. "I would say 10 percent of our patients are radiation repeats, and 20 percent are children."

Meagan Sunde, of Huntley, said the center has brought her hope. Meagan is what Hartsell referred to as a radiation repeat.

Cancer is no stranger to Meagan's life. She was diagnosed at the age of 18 with breast cancer, and is currently taking treatment at the center for a recurrence of a lymph node.

"It is possible that the radiation [Meagan] received in the past could potentially be a reason for the recurrence," Hartsell said.
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NASA to develop nasal spray for motion sickness

NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston and Epiomed Therapeutics Inc. of Irvine, Calif., have signed an agreement to develop and commercialize a NASA-crafted, fast-acting nasal spray to fight motion sickness.

Under the Space Act Agreement, Epiomed will formulate the drug, called intranasal scopolamine, or INSCOP. Astronauts often experience motion sickness in space. As a result, NASA has conducted extensive research into the causes and treatments for the condition. Scopolamine is effective and can be administered as a tablet or injected. With a precise dosage, the NASA spray formulation has been shown to work faster and more reliably than the oral form.

"NASA and Epiomed will work closely together on further development of INSCOP to optimize therapeutic efficiency for both acute and chronic treatment of motion sickness which can be used by NASA, the Department of Defense and world travelers on land, in the air and on the seas," said Lakshmi Putcha, developer of the innovative treatment strategy at Johnson.

A gel formulation of INSCOP was developed and tested under a Space Act Agreement between Johnson and the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory in Pensacola, Fla. Results from that trial were published in the journal Aviation, Space and Environmental Medicine in April 2010 that suggest INSCOP is a fast-acting and reliable way to prevent and treat motion sickness.

SheForce empowers female vets through fitness

AllenForce, spearheaded by certified therapeutic recreational specialist Donna Allen-Sebok, is a nonprofit created to help veterans transition to civilian life through fitness training and recreation. So far, Sebok's "Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies" fitness program for injured and disabled veterans operates in nearly 20 fitness centers nationwide.

SheForce, the newest initiative for the nonprofit, will cater to social and physical needs of female veterans by having female instructors in gyms, keeping the workout group women-only and by assisting with childcare.

"We are filling a niche," said Allen-Sebok, a single working mother. "The main advocate," she said. "I'm like the first responder because of my longevity in working in the different capacities and knowing a lot of the systems."

N1NViJ will host its second stand down for homeless female vets on Oct. 27 at the Montford Point Marine Association, 701 S. Vincennes Ave., Chicago. The term "stand down" refers to a gathering of veterans to utilize services in a one-stop shop. It can serve as an annual medical and dental check-up. Some stand downs provide clothing, haircuts and financial planning. The Oct. 27 event will cater to women only.

"We want to ask them what the gaps in the services are and what would help them today, so I'm asking the question today," Crump said.

For more information, visit nwvu.org.

Helping homeless female veterans

Since 2006, the National Women Veterans United organization has assisted female veterans with navigating veteran services and has recently zoomed in on homelessness in female veterans.

Rochelle Crump, NWVU's president, is an Army veteran with more than 20 years of experience in veteran affairs through tenures at the federal, state and city level.

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Webcams link hospitalized preemies with their families

By Janet McConnaughy

Corey Harrington spent the first month of his life in intensive care 150 miles from home, but his parents could see him any time thanks to a webcam in the premature baby's incubator in Little Rock, Ark.

They couldn't be there because they had another young child to care for and the father had used up his leave during the final weeks of the complicated pregnancy. So instead, Brandi and Charles Ray Harrington of Bentonville, Ark., used the device to further a bonding process that doctors say is crucial.

The importance of feeling close, to babies — for the babies as well as their parents — has transformed newborn intensive care units around the country. Instead of brief visits, for instance, many allow parents 24-hour access.

The next step in the process involves webcam technology that has had applications ranging from peering into eagle's nests to linking soldiers in war zones with their loved ones back home.

Now, parents, grandparents and friends can log in to babycams in hospitals around the U.S. and several countries. At least eight domestic hospitals have installed such systems, and several dozen others are testing trial setups.

Brandi Harrington said nurses at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences hospital often put notes on camera. She read from some that were captured in screenshots: "I'm now 4 (pounds) 1 oz. Woohoo!"

"Be back soon. Pooping on my own. Gonna try to breathe on my own too. Taking the breathing tube out."

The UAMS Medical Center in Little Rock was among the first to install webcams in neonatal intensive care units back in 2006, and it had to create its own system. Now, the chairman of the hospital's OB-GYN department has passed on his software to a Pennsylvania hospital, while at least two companies are selling contracts for similar systems.

At UAMS and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, a speaker inside each incubator lets parents talk and sing to their babies.

That's not available through the 53 cameras recently installed at Ochsner Health System near New Orleans by Healthcare Observation Systems LLC of Louisville, Ky. Company owner Blake Rutherford says about 200 of the 600-plus NICUs caring for critically ill newborns have asked for information; he has installed six systems and has trial setups at about 40 other hospitals.

The systems aren't used by doctors and nurses for clinical care in the U.S. The system made by Rutherford's company doesn't store any video. People watching a baby can take screenshot "photographs," but the video is gone as soon as it's transmitted, Rutherford said.

Parents use the U.S. systems for free, and they typically get a password — which they can share with family and friends — to log in to a secure server to watch their baby.

Developers of the systems say the systems could be adapted for use with different types of patients. For example, Rutherford said he's been asked about setting up webcams in neonatal intensive care units but hasn't begun developing such a system.

Laura and David St. Martin can see little Emily Jane in person every day, even though their home in Laplace, La., is only about a half-hour drive from Ochsner. She was born April 14 at 24 weeks, weighing 1 pound, 3 ounces. Still, they check on her regularly.

"I was at work. I looked at the camera, called Susie, her main nurse, and said, 'You need to look at the camera,'" Laura St. Martin recalled. "I was at work. I looked at the camera and said, 'Oh, my god!'"

Doctors at the hospital in Little Rock say webcam monitoring of newborns in intensive care is more than a feel-good gimmick in an age of instant communication. Rather, they hope to reduce a number of problems that can occur when the babies go home by increasing bonding with parents.

Premature babies are more likely to be irritable or have physical or emotional problems, said Dr. Curtis Lowery, chairman of the OB-GYN department at UAMS. In turn, the tiny babies are more likely to be shaken or beaten — which doctors think can be avoided through greater bonding.

"If their parents haven't bonded with them, they'll have problems," Lowery said.

FDA task force will support innovation in antibacterial drug development

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced in September the formation of an internal task force that will support the development of new antibacterial drugs, a critical public health care goal and a priority for the agency.

As part of its work, the Antibacterial Drug Development Task Force will assist in developing and revising guidance related to antibacterial drug development, as required by the Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now Title of the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act, signed into law on July 9.

Research and development for new antibacterial drugs has been in decline in recent decades, and the number of new FDA-approved antibacterial drugs has been falling steadily since the 1980s. During this time, the persistent and sometimes indiscriminate use of existing antibacterial drugs worldwide has resulted in a decrease in the effectiveness of these drugs. This phenomenon, known as antibacterial drug resistance or antibiotic resistance, has become a serious issue of global concern.

More than 70 percent of the bacteria that cause hospital-associated infections (HAIs) are resistant to at least one type of antibacterial drug most commonly used to treat these infections. In the United States, nearly 2 million Americans developed HAIs in 2002, resulting in about 99,000 deaths.

"The creation of this new task force comes at a critical time," said Edward Cox, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Office of Antimicrobial Products in FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) and co-chair of the task force. "Establishing new ways of developing safe and effective new antibacterial drugs is an enormous challenge and not an effort that can be accomplished alone."

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'Waterwalk' film, based on a father-son canoe trip along the Marquette/Joliet route (above), shows at 5 and 8 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Pickwick Theatre. See waterwalkthemovie.com.


Harvest Festival takes place from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28 at Westfield Old Orchard in Skokie, offering crafts and games. See westfield.com/oldorchard.

Free, docent-led tour of Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park is at 1 p.m. Oct. 28 on McCormick Boulevard between Howard and Touhy. See sculpturepark.org.

Music historian Jack Diamond discusses jazz composer/singer Mel Torme at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 30 at the Niles Public Library. Call (847) 663-6405 or see nileslibrary.org.
The movies that scared us silly

Everyone wants to be scared on Halloween, right?

Maybe, maybe not. We asked our staff: "What movie scared the living daylights out of you?" Some have fond memories of scary movies; others share tales of terror and how certain movies scarred them for life.

The scariest movie of my childhood was "Night of the Living Dead." As a kid from Pittsburgh, the intermittent news reports from actual local TV news anchors made the movie—which I've only ever seen on TV—almost too real. The idea of zombies out roaming the streets was wild stuff, and just creepy enough to be captivating. It's fun to watch the movie now, because its black and white composition and the complete absence of special effects is so vastly different from the horror movies of today.

- Chris Krug, Publisher

When I look back at my childhood, the movie I remember scaring me most was 1984's "A Nightmare on Elm Street." There is one scene in particular that made me scared to go to sleep: Johnny Depp's death in his bed. 'Whatever you do, don't fall asleep," Heather Langenkamp tells him. Predictably, Depp falls asleep, and what ensues is the one horror film scene I will always remember. I didn't sleep well the night I watched this film.

- Jason Schaumburg, Executive Editor

I gleefully scared the bejeebus out of myself countless times as a kid by watching horror movies. Some of my fondest childhood memories are of cruising the aisles of Blockbuster, admiring the covers of horror movies—from a noose-braided woman with a knife behind her back ("April Fool's Day") to Linda Blair clinging to the gates of a creepy mansion ("Hell Night"). But one movie came close to beating me. I can still remember being my 10-year-old self hanging out in a park during the day with my family, and feeling queasy because it was starting to get dark and that meant closer to going to sleep and going to sleep meant dreaming and dreaming might mean 'One, two, Freddy's coming for you..." "A Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors" (gorier than the original) literally made me terrified of sleeping for weeks. I spent a lot of nights trying not to think about Freddy Krueger using a guy's own tendons to puppet-walk him off a building.

- Jennifer Thomas, Features Managing Editor

I tend to stay away from the so-called horror movies out today. I can't handle torture and mutilation. I used to love slasher films like "Scream" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer." I tend to find psychological thrillers more scary than horror films. The Spanish film "The Orphanage" was one of the more recent films that kept me tense and on the edge of my seat. The atmosphere of the film plus the freaky child wearing a sack mask was totally scary.

- Heather Leszczewicz, News Producer: Digital and Features

When I was 6 or 7, I stumbled on "Psychomania," and it still gives me chills. It's a British flick from the '70s about a gang of zombie bikers. The scene I'll never forget was a daylight-funeral during which an undead Harley rider exploded out of the grave like a bat out of hell. Creepy.

- Richard Bird, News Producer

"The Shining"... All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy...

- Matt Schmitz, News Producer

My mom took me to see "The Exorcist" when I was perhaps a shade too young to see it. I'll never forget her suddenly pressing her hand across my eyes during a particular scene. After we got home, my older brother crept up behind me and gutturally recited a line from the film. Him sneaking up on me like that probably scared me more than the movie.

- Cyndi Wyss, News Producer

As a kid, I was terrified of the "Wizard of Oz." Particularly the scene with the evil flying monkeys. Even though it's not a scary movie, I think it scared me and I haven't watched a scary movie since.

- Charles Berman, News Producer

I was about 7-years-old and all alone in the apartment on Churchill Avenue in Niles, and I wasn't supposed to be watching television. But I carefully turned on our fragile, used TV set—yes, there were such things in 1963—and tuned in something British called "Horrors of the Black Museum." It started with hokey stuff about how the movie was in "Hypnovista" and I was supposed to be in the control of a limey who was going to murder people as an experiment. At my age, I half believed it. And then a pretty lady got a gift of binoculars, and put them up to her face. I can still remember...
thinking, "Come on, you're not going to do that to her," and they did it to her. Two big spikes shot into her eyes, I was hysterical. I barely slept for a week, and the scene kept replaying over and over in my mind after that — for at least 30 years. Stabbed in the eyes, stabbed in the eyes, stabbed in the eyes. Finally, I saw the scene again (accidentally; I would never have done so purposely). I saw the actress scream with her hands over her face, blood leaking between the fingers. Then, a shot of binoculars with bloody spikes. They never actually showed her getting stabbed in the eyes.

— Irv Leavitt, Staff Writer

I saw “The Exorcist” when it was replayed in a theater many years after it was first released. It spooked me for weeks. I’ve never watched it again and never will.

— Linda Blaser, Staff Writer

In high school my friend Kathy had a sleepover and someone forced us to watch “Lisa,” a B-grade, 1990 horror flick starring Staci Keanan of “My Two Dads” fame. The movie basically revolved around a guy named Richard who would break into young girls’ homes and leave messages on their answering machines, deadpanning, “My name is Richard, I’m in your house and I’m going to kill you.” And then he’d jump out and fulfill his promise as soon as the unfortunate girl pressed the play button. The movie was probably more hokey than genuinely frightening, but when Kathy’s doorbell rang in the middle of our viewing, every single girl in the dark living room screamed as though the psychopathic Richard had suddenly materialized on her Park Ridge doorstep with a hatchet and a huge Zack Morris-style cell phone.

— Jennifer Johnson, Staff Writer

“Tremors,” as a kid it made me paranoid to walk on the ground, thinking some giant, underground monster was ready to come up and eat me. Now that I’m older I realize how cheesy-looking the entire production was and I can laugh at it. It’s still one of my favorite "bad" movies that I watch from time to time.

— Steve Schering, Staff Writer

“Deliverance” ... It was the terror of being stalked by inhuman-like killers in the unknown wilderness, as well as the appalling Ned Beatty scene, that sent me reeling in high school. Also, the strange backwoods Georgia characters the four “city boy” friends meet along the way, such as the banjo-playing boy. Great acting, great novel and screenplay. I remember watching it in a downtown Joliet theater; it ended, and a full house sat motionless for 30 seconds or more.

— Todd Shields, Staff Writer

I still remember the day I saw Stephen King’s “It.” I was in high school and was supposed to do laundry that day while my mom was out shopping. Instead, I remained glued to the couch for a good hour, petrified of walking around any corner or into any dimly lit room. The washer and dryer were in the basement so obviously no laundry got done.

— Anna Tarkov, Staff Writer

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Photographer captures mystery of prairie fire

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Contributor

Jane Fulton Alt has been taking pictures of the annual controlled prairie burns in Lake Forest for the last five years.

Now the internationally celebrated photographer has accumulated a collection of those photos entitled "The Burn," which will be on display through Nov. 6 in Evanston's Noyes Cultural Center.

Alt, who grew up in Glencoe and graduated from New Trier High School in 1969 before moving to Evanston, made a career of clinical social work while exploring various artistic outlets.

She switched from fiber-arts and quilting to photography nearly 20 years ago because she felt it had more potential for self-expression. Apparently so, since she has exhibited work all over the world,
and her photos are in prestigious permanent collections.

Pioneer caught up with Alt for a chat about photography and the way controlled burns simultaneously destroy and rejuvenate.

**PIONEER:** What appeals to you about photography as a medium?

**JANE FULTON ALT:** I don't really think of myself as a photographer. I use photography to try and understand issues about living. It's really been a tool for me personally.

I've been interested in the same issues from the very beginning. I've always gotten into anyplace I could where I could try to understand death and dying. I've documented home births and I've been to slaughterhouses and autopsies... I'm interested in the essentials about how we come in and how we go out.

*Q:* So, you explore these issues by taking a close look at them through the camera?

**JFA:** Yes. It helps that the camera gives me permission and access to things I might not have seen, otherwise.

Of course, I've also been concerned or disturbed about other, more specific issues. I took photos after Katrina in New Orleans because I had gone down to the Ninth Ward as a social worker — but I felt more needed to be done. There are no people in those pictures, because people were returning to their homes for the first time and I really wasn't comfortable trying to capture all the cathartic stories I'd been hearing. I kind of felt like a walking container for all their grief and sadness and anger.

The "Burn" photos happened for a couple of reasons. I was doing a residency at Ragdale five years ago and I had the chance to observe controlled burns of the prairie lands up there. I was fascinated by them because they are so beautiful, yet so destructive. Yet, they were constructive, also, because they cleared the land and made way for new growth. I also felt drawn to them because I started shooting the same day, almost the same hour, that my sister started chemotherapy after being diagnosed with cancer — a treatment with the same sort of destructive/regenerative nature.

Every time I looked through the viewfinder, I thought about what was happening to her.

*Q:* Do you alter your photos in the darkroom? Or digitally?

**JFA:** Oh yeah. With each photo, whether you're working in a wet or dry darkroom, you have to try to figure out how to make the image sing. Some are cropped, some are tinted. In the case of the "Burn" photos, the fire is sweeping so fast that you have to shoot really quickly and I can't always see what's going on. So, it's snap, snap, snap and then study at the pictures when you get back. A lot of work goes into figuring out where the magic is — or if there is any in the first place. I took so many pictures during the burns and most of them didn't mean anything to me when I looked at them later. For me there has to be some sort of metaphor or magic to the image for me to want to work on it and print it.

When I was looking through the burn photos, I was searching for clarity and a sort of misty quality. The smoke that obscures and reveals. That's what interests me the most, as well as how the sun is coming through, if it is.
Wilmette bassist back in S.P.A.C.E. with TR3

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Contributor

Bass player Mick Vaughn’s double life as a musician-cum-tile-layer leads back to his old musical stomping grounds next week with Tim Reynolds’ TR3.

The power trio, fronted by Dave Matthews Band guitarist Reynolds, will return to Space in Evanston Oct. 31 for a Halloween show. The last time the group played there, in November 2009, the result was the live double-CD "From Space and Beyond."

“We always enjoy playing there,” said Vaughn, who grew up in Wilmette.

Vaughn started playing jazz at New Trier, where he graduated in 1987, but he soon switched his emphasis to rock with a variety of bands during high school and later with professional groups such as Scott Bennett and The Obvious.

After playing trumpet during early school years, he tried the bass, which instantly felt right.

“I didn’t feel like I had to be a virtuoso,” said Vaughn.

Vaughn has since played in rhythm sections with drummer Matt Walker in a variety of high school and professional bands including The Obvious.

“It was a lot fun, but I was never totally committed to getting into it at a level where I could support myself,” said Vaughn, who decided to start working a trade as a tile installer around 1992. “I didn’t want to struggle that hard. I was basically having fun with it. And I enjoy doing tile work.”

Vaughn said he enjoys playing with TR3 because of the group’s kinetic energy.

There’s more room for him to “come at it with both barrels sometimes. We change it up a lot. We’ll go from ballistic, machine-gun fire to a really poignant ballad and then turn around and get crazy again. It’s a lot of fun.”
A Ghostly Get Together for kids in costume

BY MYRNA PETUCKI | Contributor

You don’t need to go door-to-door to have fun on Halloween. Your costumed kids can have a great time for free at a Ghostly Get Together, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 at Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave.

“We’re going to have a fire pit on our patio,” said Melanie Unterfranz, youth program coordinator for the Village of Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department. “The first 200 people who register will get a s’more pack to roast there and a glow-in-the-dark necklace.”

There will be activities indoors and outdoors, including a storyteller, photo booth, hot chocolate truck, pizza, Halloween music and hayrides around the park.

Unterfranz said the village runs this event each year, “to give back to the community.” She encourages parents to wear costumes to the event, too.

“Part of the fun of Halloween is dressing up and there’s no better place than Ghostly Get Together to dress up in your costume.”

For details, call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org.

TWO BOOS FOR YOU

You have two chances to enjoy Boo Time with your kids, ages 3-7, at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. at 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 or 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. At each session there will be Halloween stories, songs and crafts. Kids are encouraged to wear costumes.

For details, call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Skokie’s Exploritorium turns into an Ex-Scare-Itorium, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27. There will be Halloween art projects, treats and entertainment at 4701 Oakton St. The is $11-13.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2700 or visit www.skokieparks.org/exploritorium.

JOIN THE PARADE

Kids can show off their costumes at a Halloween Parade & Party, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, starting at Oak Park, Main Street and Ottawa Avenue, and heading to Grennan Heights, 8255 N. Oketo Ave., Niles for games, snacks and surprises. The cost is $8 for residents, $10 for nonresidents. Reservations are required.

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Stars
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When a young surfer (Weston) learns about the existence of a legendary wave near his home, he enlists the aid of a veteran (Butler) to help him tame it. Michael Apted and Curtis Hanson (“Go- rillas in the Mist,” “L.A. Confidential”) directed the true-life adventure.

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film critic

THE SESSIONS

Rated
R for strong sexuality including graphic nudity and frank dialogue
Stars
John Hawkes, Helen Hunt, William H. Macy
A poet and journalist (Hawkes) who has lived most of his life in an iron lung begins a relationship with a sexual surrogate (Hunt). Ben Lewin (“The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish”) wrote and directed the drama.

STILL PLAYING

ALEX CROSS

Rated
PG-13 for violence including disturbing images, sexual content, language, drug references and nudity
Stars
Tyler Perry, Matthew Fox, Rachel Nichols
After learning that a member of his family has been murdered, detective Alex Cross (Perry) vows to track down the killer. Rob Cohen directed the crime thriller. The movie is based on James Patterson’s “Alex Cross” book series.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4

Rated
R for language and some violence/terror
Stars
Katie Featherston, Kathryn Newton, Matt Shively
A suburban family notices strange goings-on when a mysterious woman (Fea- therston) and her spooky little boy move into the neighborhood. Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman (“Paranormal Activity 3,” “Catfish”) directed the latest installment in the horror franchise.

SEVEN PSYCHOPATHS

Rated
R for strong violence, bloody images, pervasive language, sexuality/nudity and some drug use
Stars
Colin Farrell, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell, Christopher Walken
A blocked Hollywood screenwriter (Farrell) is caught in the middle when his best friend (Rockwell) steals the beloved dog of a brutal gangster (Harrelson) — who seeks violent retribution. Martin McDonagh (“In Bru- ges”) wrote and directed the crime comedy.

SINISTER

Rated
R for disturbing violent images and some terror
Stars
Ethan Hawke, Juliet Rylance
A true-crime novelist finds footage that helps him realize how and why a family was murdered in his new home, but his discoveries put his entire family in danger.

FRANKENWEENIE

Rated
PG for thematic elements, scary images and action
Stars
Charlie Tahan, Martin Short, Martin Landau, Winona Ryder
When a scientifically inclined boy named Victor Franken- stein (Tahan) loses his beloved dog Sparky in a traffic accident, he decides to bring him back to life monster-movie style. Tim Burton directed this 3D stop-motion animation version of his 1984 short film.
“Cloud Atlas”

Epic in scope yet superficial in emotional impact, well-acted yet oddly uninvolving, full of grand philosophical themes yet frequently incoherent, “Cloud Atlas” may be the most impressively frustrating film of the year.

Still, if you’re a fan of “Matrix” creators the Wachowski brothers — make that brother and sister after Larry’s transgender transformation into Lana — or Tom Tykwer (“Run, Lola, Run”) or wildly ambitious creative efforts in general, this time-twisting saga is well worth a look.

The film is based on David Mitchell’s novel, which tells six loosely connected stories spanning 500 years. A young lawyer working for a slave trader in 1859 becomes involved with a runaway slave. A young gay composer in the 1930s becomes the secretary for a famous and corrupt composer. A female reporter in 1970s California risks her life to expose a dangerous corporate plot. A British publisher in present day attempts to escape from an oppressive retirement home. In 22nd-century Neo Seoul, a revolutionary commander rescues a genetically engineered waitress/slave. In the post-apocalyptic 24th century, a tribesman reluctantly helps one of the remaining members of the technologically-advanced, pre-apocalyptic civilization.

The Wachowskis and Tykwer wanted to be as faithful as possible to the novel — hence the three-hour running time. Hence, also, the decision to tell all six stories simultaneously, with the big-name cast including Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Hugh Grant, Susan Sarandon and Hugo Weaving.

That’s a fascinating, yet occasionally baffling, device. One that only begins to make sense gradually, as the various narrative strands reveal themselves, but that takes a long, long time. Even for the vague reincarnation theme, with only a recurring comet birthmark suggesting the development of one soul across centuries.

It helps that each of the stories looks great, and that many of the performances are compelling. Unfortunately, with all the jumping back and forth between stories and time zones, it’s hard for emotional involvement in any of the stories to take hold.

Watching Tom Hanks return again to the old, scarred man he plays in the opening scene, telling a story that’s meant to conclude all the previous stories, you’re more likely to be thinking: “Wait, who was he again, how did he get here and what is he mumbling about?”
William H. Macy and John Hawkes in "The Sessions."

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There's More at the North Shore!
Mark your calendar  Your day-by-day guide to the biggest events of November

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This Weekend & Beyond

Get out and enjoy your community!

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**A list of regional events for you to go out and enjoy**

**Haunted houses**

- **The Haunted Hike**
  - Location: East Algonquin Road,ist Campground, 2000
  - Details: $7; $6 for children, $5 for both adults and seniors during family night.

- **Haunted House**
  - Location: 26-27 at the Method-
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- Bill Zwecker, Chicago Sun-Times

Kinky Boots is an altogether feel-good show with everything from a playfully Staple magical to a big runway finale!

- Ken Weiss, Chicago Sun-Times

“A Musical Journey to Vienna,” 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. $25-$75; $10 students. Visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org.

The Newberry Consort

“La Harpe de Melodie: The Subtle Musical Art of France,” 3 p.m. Oct. 28 at Northwestern University’s Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston. $32 in advance; $35 at the door; $5 students. Visit www.newberryconsort.org.

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Quintet performs at
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guests at 3 p.m. Oct.
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5300 N. River Road,
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montroseroom.com.
Oct. 26, 8:30 p.m.: Live
Music Series features
guitarist Peter White
and saxophonist Steve
Cole. $49, $59, $69.

North Shore Center
for the Performing
Arts
5901 Skokie Blvd., Skokie.
(847) 673-6300.
www.northshorecenter.
org. Nov. 10, 8 p.m., and
Nov. 11, 2 p.m.: Hershey
Felder as George Ger-
shwin Alone. $50, $60.

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1245 Chicago Ave.,
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8 p.m., unless noted
otherwise. Oct. 26,
7 p.m.: Antje Duve-
Oct. 26, 9:30 p.m.: Red
Wanting Blue
27: Singer-songwriter
Tyrone Wells. $15-$35.
Oct. 28, 7 p.m.: Sam
Fazio CD release show
29, 7 p.m.: John Full-
bright and Matthew &
the Atlas (American/ folk).
$10/$12. Oct. 30:
Milk Carton Kids (folk).
$13/$15. Oct. 31: Tim
Reynolds TR3 (progres-
Nov. 1: Anne Heaton CD
release show. $12/$15.

ART GALLERIES
Oakton Community
College
18+. 65+
Koehnline Museum of
Art, 1600 E. Golf Road,
coakton.edu/museum.
Through Oct. 26: "The
Personal is Political: The
Transformative Power
of Women's Art."

Skokie Art Guild
13+. 18+
"Members Only," on
display through Nov.
17 at the Skokie Public
Library, 5215 Oakton
St. Reception 3:30-6
skokieartguild.org.

AUDITIONS &
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Big Noise Theatre
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CHILD'S PLAY
North Shore Center
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ije. (847) 673-6300.
www.northshorecenter.
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Theatre presents "Harold & the Purple Crayon." Performances at 10 a.m. and noon Wednesday, 10 a.m. noon and 6:30 p.m. Friday; and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. $16.50, $27.50, $37.50 and $42.50.

COMEDY

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre


Zanies Comedy Club


DANCE

Akoo Theatre at Rosemont

5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.rosemonttheatre.com. Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.: So You Think You Can Dance — Live Tour 2012.

FAS & FESTIVALS

Arts & Craft Fair

Held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 10 at Resurrection College Prep High School.

Art Encounter's Holiday Market

Held 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 17 in a historic Evanston home, 1100 Ridge Ave. $5 admission (can be applied to purchase). Visit www.artencounter.org.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center


FILM

Lincolnwood Public Library


WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

RHINO/the Poetry Forum

Fourth Sundays Poetry Workshop & Peer Exchange, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in Room 108 at the Evanston Public Library, Church and Orrington streets. $5-$10 donation. Laura Dixon will present "Strange-ness and Accessibility: The Poetry of Michael Burkard." Attendees are encouraged to bring 17 copies of a poem to be critiqued. Visit www.rhinopoetry.org.

Skokie Art Guild

Offering figure drawing workshops from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Green-wood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is $20, $12 for members. Call Steve Gal, (847) 673-4450, or visit www.skokieartguild.org.

LECTURES

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre


Rescuers, Remembering Kristallnacht." Featured speakers will focus on Greek Jewry, and the program concludes with remarks from November Pogrom survivor Ernest Freuehauf, who will recall the horrors of 1938. Free; reservations required. Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m.: "Civil Rights in Perilous Times." Alison Cuddy, WBEZ's arts and culture reporter, discusses past and current civil rights challenges with Geoffrey Stone of the University of Chicago Law School. Free with museum admission; reservations recommended.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Mindy Haglund, Social Worker and Laura Filas, Physical Therapist will present:
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The proposed amendment adds Section 5.1 to the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section would require a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials. At the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION**

Section 5.1 - Pension and Retirement Benefit Increases

(a) No bill, except a bill for appropriations, that provides a benefit increase under any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall become law without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. If the Governor vetoes such a bill by returning it with objections to the house in which it originated, the provisions of Article IV, Section 9 shall govern the passage of that bill except that such bill shall not become law unless, upon its return, it is passed by a record vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. If the Governor returns such a bill with specific recommendations for change to the house in which it originated, the provisions of Article IV, Section 9 shall govern the acceptance of those specific recommendations except that such recommendations may be accepted only by a record vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, regardless of the bill's date of passage or effective date.

For purposes of this subsection, the term "benefit increase" means a change to any pension or other law that results in a member of a pension or retirement system receiving a new benefit or an enhancement to a benefit, including, but not limited to, any changes that (i) increase the amount of the pension or annuity that a member could receive upon retirement, or (ii) reduce or eliminate the eligibility requirements or other terms or conditions a member must meet to receive a pension or annuity upon retirement. The term "benefit increase" also means a change to any pension or other law that expands the class of persons who may become a member of any pension or retirement system or who may receive a pension or annuity from a pension or retirement system. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, shall not constitute a "benefit increase" unless that increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

(b) No ordinance, resolution, rule, or other action of the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, of any unit of local government or school district that provides an emolument increase to an official or employee that has the effect of increasing the amount of the pension or annuity that an official or employee could receive as a member of a pension or retirement system shall be valid without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members of that governing body. For purposes of this subsection, the term "emolument determination" means an interpretation or application of pension or retirement law of the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, that reverses or supersedes a previous interpretation or application and either (i) results in an increase in the amount of the pension or annuity received by a member of the pension or retirement system or (ii) results in a person becoming eligible to receive a pension or annuity from the pension or retirement system. The term "beneficial determination" shall not include a beneficial determination mandated by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) No action of the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, of any pension or retirement system created or maintained for the benefit of officers or employees of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof that results in a beneficial determination shall be valid without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members of that governing body. For purposes of this subsection, the term "beneficial determination" means an interpretation or application of pension or retirement law by the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, that reverses or supersedes a previous interpretation or application and either (i) results in an increase in the amount of the pension or annuity received by a member of the pension or retirement system or (ii) results in a person becoming eligible to receive a pension or annuity from the pension or retirement system. The term "beneficial determination" shall not include a beneficial determination mandated by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the passage or adoption of any law, ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, or practice that further restricts the ability to provide a "benefit increase", "emolument increase", or "beneficial determination" as those terms are used under this Section.

**EXPLANATION**

The proposed amendment adds a section to the Illinois Constitution requiring a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials.

The proposed amendment requires a three-fifths vote of each chamber of the General Assembly (the Senate and the House of Representatives) for a bill that provides a pension benefit increase, except for appropriation bills. A "benefit increase" means a change to any pension or other law that results in a member of a pension or retirement system receiving a new benefit or an enhancement, including any changes that (i) increase the amount of a member's pension, or (ii) reduce or eliminate the eligibility requirements or other terms or conditions a member must meet to receive a pension. It also means a change to any pension or other law that expands the class of persons who may become members of any pension or retirement system. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, does not constitute a "benefit increase," unless the increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

The proposed amendment would also require a two-thirds vote for lawmakers to override a governor's veto or accept a governor's proposed changes in a rewrite of pension increase legislation. Currently, it takes a three-fifths vote to override a veto and only a simple majority to accept a governor's changes.

The proposed amendment requires approval of three-fifths of the members of the governing body of a unit of local government or school district for any ordinance, resolution, rule, or other action that provides an enhancement or emolument increase to an employee or officer that has the effect of increasing the pension of that employee or officer. "Emolument increase" means the creation of a new, or enhancement of an existing, advantage, profit, or gain that an official or employee receives by virtue of holding office or employment, which includes compensated time off, bonuses, incentives, or other forms of compensation. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, does not constitute an "emolument increase," unless the increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

The proposed amendment requires approval of three-fifths of the members of the governing body of a pension or retirement system for any action that results in a "beneficial determination." A "beneficial determination" is an interpretation or application of law that reverses or supersedes a previous decision that interpretation or application (i) results in an increase in the overall amount of pension benefits received by a member or (ii) results in a person becoming eligible to receive a pension. "Beneficial determination" does not include a final decision mandated by the courts.

Voters that believe the Illinois Constitution should be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials should vote "YES" on the question. Three-fifths of those voting on the question, or a majority of those voting in the election, must vote "YES" in order for the amendment to become effective. Voters that believe the Illinois Constitution should not be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote to approve any pension or retirement benefit increase for public employees and officials should vote "NO" on the question.

**FORM OF BALLOT**

**Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution**

Explanation of Amendment

Upon approval by the voters, the proposed amendment, which takes effect on January 9, 2013, adds a new section to the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section would require a three-fifths majority vote of each chamber of the General Assembly, or the governing body of a unit of local government, school district, or pension or retirement system, in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system. At the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

If you believe the Illinois Constitution should be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system, you should vote "YES" on the question. If you believe the Illinois Constitution should not be amended to require a three-fifths majority vote in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system, you should vote "NO" on the question. Three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election must vote "YES" in order for the amendment to become effective on January 9, 2013.
Small Business Advice:
When Is It Time to Hire a Full-Time Employee?
By: Adam and Matthew Toren, authors of Small Business, Big Vision (Wiley, 2011)

The hiring process can be daunting as a small business owner. Before you embark on finding the perfect candidate, however, first consider some small business advice that will help you to assess when it's time to add a full-time position to your business.

When first starting out, most startups lack the capital to hire full-time employees; in fact the picture of the entrepreneur “wearing many hats” is so often sited, it's become almost cliché.

In many small businesses, the owner is the CEO, Accountant, Customer Service/Sales Rep, and Janitor - and that's just for starters. And that's the way it's supposed to be, right? Entrepreneurship is hard work, and that means doing anything to make your business successful, even if that means doing everything yourself.

And now for the aforementioned small business advice: there is a real danger to your business success within that mentality.

Doing It All Isn't the Answer
There comes a time in business when all the tasks that “need to be done” grow into a significant time commitment and crowd out the activities that truly make a difference in your business.

For example, if you're stuck making daily deliveries for your business, you're sacrificing time when you could be networking, making sales calls, planning for growth, or any number of other activities that are vital to keeping your business healthy.

Not only that, but chances are if you're an entrepreneur, you're probably less motivated by tasks that aren't creative or challenging. But it's not as though the deliveries and other such work isn't important. It needs to get done. So what's the solution?

How Can Hiring Help Your Business?
In our new book, Small Business, Big Vision: Lessons on How to Dominate Your Market from Self-Made Entrepreneurs Who Did It Right, my brother and I talk about the power of time leverage, and how it can be used to increase your workplace and employee productivity, and ultimately your bottom line.

For instance, you might not think you can afford to hire a delivery driver, but it may very well be that you can't afford not to. Bring on someone to take over a task that is necessary for maintaining your business but not vital to your business growth.

This will help free your time to focus on those areas that fuel business growth and improve the bottom line. It's also very likely that those activities are the ones you enjoy most. So hiring the right people to leverage your time is not only constructive for your business, it can also have a positive effect on your mental state.

Watch for the Signs
So how do you know when it's time to hire a full-time employee? While there isn't a formula for answering that question, there are clear indications that can lead you in that direction.

Generally, when you wish you had more time to work on building your business, rather than simply maintaining it, you have a very good indication that it's time to bring in help.

Clients who comment on not seeing you as often as they used to or want to can also indicate that you need to focus on the core needs of your business.

The bottom line? An entrepreneur's job is to nurture his or her business into a successful company. It's up to you to take the steps necessary to make sure you have time to do your job.

Hiring your first full-time employee can be a little intimidating, but if the timing is right, the payoff can be huge!
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012

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The Village Clerk
Danno Burley
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Downers Grove, IL 60515

notice of hearing for public attendance and participation in a hearing on the subject matter(s) to be acted upon at said hearing, which will be held at the time and date stated, in the Village Hall of the Village of Harbor Heights, Illinois, for the purpose of approving an ordinance for the Annual Tax Sale.

The following is a list of all recorded motor vehicles as of this date:

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The above list is not exhaustive and is subject to change. For more information, please contact the Village Clerk at 630-555-1212.

The following are the results of the election held on November 6, 2012:

1. Mayor: Maria P. Lopez
2. Village Trustee: John Smith
3. Village Trustee: Jane Doe

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Names in the Game

RANDY MORTELL

Noteworthy efforts: Mortell, a senior, finished in the top-10 at the Loyola Regional on Oct. 20 to help Niles North finish third in the 10-team meet and advance to Saturday's Niles West Sectional. Mortell (15 minutes, 46 seconds) finished the race ninth, 18 seconds behind senior Micah Beller (fourth, 15:28) Mortell, Beller and senior Ian Crane will lead the Vikings in their quest to qualify for state as a team for the first time since 2000.

KRIS ACHIM

Noteworthy efforts: The senior ended his high school football career by running for three touchdowns in the Vikings' 48-7 victory over Maine West. Achim's touchdowns came on runs of 3, 9 and 2 yards. Achim wasn't the only Niles North senior who had a memorable offensive night as Vikings quarterback Billy Voitik threw three touchdowns Friday.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers
13 | The Niles North boys soccer team began its Niles North Regional semifinal against Evanston with a bang when Beto Thomas scored to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead 13 minutes into the first half. Evanston scored three unanswered goals, however, to win the match 3-1 on Oct. 16.

Sound Bites
"In a way, I think it's something we really needed. It's something to motivate us in the playoffs, and some teams might not have that going into the postseason. Of course it sucks, especially being a senior. We're not going to have that opportunity next year, but I'm really proud of these girls and I think, overall, that loss will help us in the postseason."
— Niles North senior Rachel Matthies on the disappointment the Vikings felt after falling 22-25, 25-20, 25-19 to Glenbrook North on Oct. 17. The Spartans won the CSL North conference title with the victory over Niles North, who could have shared the conference championship by defeating Glenbrook North.

Don't Miss
Saturday
Cross country: Niles North at Niles West Sectional, 1:30 p.m.
The Niles North boys cross country team will be joined at sectionals by a pair of runners from the girls team, Jessica Brand (47th, 20 minutes, 40 seconds) and Trinette Lopez (49th, 20:51) each ran well enough at the regional to advance to Saturday's Niles West Sectional as individuals.

Vikings close out campaign with win

SKOKIE

Behind big games from Kris Achim, Billy Voitik and J.J. Myles, Niles North concluded its season with a 48-7 victory over CSL North foe Maine West.

Achim, a senior, rushed for 107 yards and three touchdowns Friday while fellow senior Voitik completed 13-of-18 passes for 151 yards. Myles, a junior, recovered a pair of onside kicks.

Niles North finished the season 4-5 overall and 2-3 in conference while Maine South finished 1-8 overall and 0-5 in the league. The Warriors didn't manage a yard on offense in the first half.

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Culture Grid: Rachel Matthies

The Morton Grove resident and senior libero on the Niles North girls volleyball team also is a member of the Vikings girls basketball and softball teams.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW?
"'Friends,' and I like the USA shows 'Psych' and 'Monk.' I like 'Dexter,' (too)."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICAL ARTIST?
"I listen to all types of music — from rock to country. Probably my favorite band would have to be Rascal Flatts, but also James Taylor."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE JAMES TAYLOR SONG?
"'Carolina In My Mind.'"

WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST FEAR?
"Drowning."

ABOVE: Niles North's Johnny Clanton absorbs a hit during Friday's game against Maine West in Skokie.

RIGHT: Niles North's Jarrett Kennedy looks to make a tackle during Friday's game versus Maine West.

LEFT: Niles North's Malik Robinson makes a tackle during Friday's game against Maine West.

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Here are some NFL Hall of Fame stats to win bets on as of the start of the 2012 season. The most popular jersey number — 22, worn for all or part of the career of 11 enshrinees. The state with the highest percentage of members — Pennsylvania at 10.6 percent, 29 natives. And how about the draft class that produced the most Hall of Famers? It was 1964, with an incredible 10 — Roger Staubach, Carl Eller, Paul Warfield, Bob Hayes, Charley Taylor, Mel Renfro, Bob Krause, Bob Brown, Leroy Kelly and Dave Wilcox.

The Monday blues can apply for athletes as well as the rest of us. Entering the 2012 season, the Atlanta Falcons had the NFL's worst winning percentage on Monday Night Football — .278 (9-24). The 2012-13 Montreal Canadiens were the first NHL team in four years to go winless on Mondays, contributing to their first last-place finish since 1940. In baseball, Atlanta went almost a year without a Monday win — 0-16 from mid-2011 to mid-2012. And in the NBA, J.R. Smith of the Knicks averaged 4.3 points per game on Mondays in 2011-12, 13.2 on other days, the largest margin in the league.

Can you name the only quarterback in NFL history to throw for at least 4,000 yards and rush for at least 500 in the same season? Incredibly, the player was a rookie — 2011 Rookie of the Year Cam Newton of Carolina. Despite a lockout-shortened preseason, the former Heisman Trophy winner opened the season with back-to-back 400-yard passing games, and went on to set the single-season record of 14 rushing touchdowns by a QB.
**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY SECTIONAL PREVIEW**

**Vaccaro sticks to plan**

**BY MATT HARNESS | mharness@pioneerlocal.com | @harnesspreps**

**SKOKIE**

Jon Vaccaro didn’t let the fast pace disrupt his game plan Saturday.

Even though Niles North’s Micah Beller and Evanston’s Carl Klamm broke free of the pack early, the Maine South senior stuck with his own strategy to earn the regional championship. Vaccaro clocked a 15:14.74 to oustdistance New Trier’s Ethan Kaplan by more than 7 seconds to help the Hawks to the team title with 31 points.

“They both went out so fast, and I was starting to think about running for second place,” Vaccaro said of Beller and Klamm, an unlikely pairing. “Then me and Ethan kept gaining on them.”

Vaccaro knows this weekend’s race at Niles West is the big one. The Hawks are one of the favorites, along with New Trier, to be one of the five qualifying teams for the Nov. 3 state meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

“We are finally doing what I thought we could do at the beginning of the season,” Maine South coach Greg Nordahl said. “We are starting to look like that team, but I still think we have a little more room for improvement. We still feel like we have a couple of races ahead of us, and we expect to do better.”

Vaccaro said the Hawks are in position to peak the weekend of the state meet. All five runners were in the top 12 at Loyola’s regional, including senior Robert Taylor (third, 15:24) and senior Kevin Dolan (fifth, 15:33).

“We have a talented group of guys,” Vaccaro said. “Dolan’s only gotten better as the season’s gone on. Same with Robert. “We are ready to go.”

**RAMBLERS ON THE RISE**

Loyola continues to look like a team that can contend for a spot at the state meet.

After taking second place at the Catholic League meet behind St. Ignatius, the Ramblers finished fourth Saturday at their own regional at Harms Woods with 114 points.

Loyola was led by junior Matt Randolph, who crossed the line in 17th (16:01). Even the team’s seventh runner — junior Matt Scherer — finished 36th (16:27).

“Yeah, I think we all were happy,” said senior Chris Kelly, who came in 24th (16:09). “We are stressing this weekend more than anything, though. But if we want to get out of sectionals, we will need to run our best race. The regional was a tuneup, a prep race.”

Loyola will be competing Saturday against the likes of Maine South, New Trier, Niles North, York and St. Ignatius at Niles West for a trip to the state meet.

Kelly and junior Teddy Brombach, who was 26th (16:11) last week, are the only two Ramblers with experience running at the sectionals.

“I hadn’t raced at the sectional before last year, and I had my best race there,” Kelly said. “I think everybody is going to be ready.”

**SUPER SOPHOMORES**

Evanston earned the seventh and final spot out of Loyola’s regional, including senior Robert Taylor (third, 15:24) and senior Kevin Dolan (fifth, 15:33).

“We have a talented group of guys,” Vaccaro said. “Dolan’s only gotten better as the season’s gone on. Same with Robert. “We are ready to go.”

Spencer Eanes (62nd, 17:20) rounded out the team’s scoring.

“I was proud of myself and my team,” Klamm said. “I am just a sophomore, but I know this meant a lot to Jay, our captain. It meant a lot to him to do this as a team.”

Evanston, which took 10th at the regionals last season, is back at the sectionals as a team for the first time since 2008.

“We know it’s going to be a really tough meet,” Klamm said. “I do hope I perform well enough to make it to the state meet. I will run my best and see what happens.”

**LACE ‘EM UP AGAIN**

Maine East and Niles West each qualified two runners for Saturday’s sectional at Niles West.

Senior Aayush Shah (27th, 16:13) and sophomore Anthony Misiak (37th, 16:29) advanced for the Demons.

Senior Justin Atwal (32nd, 17:17) and senior Yandel Cardenas (39th, 16:37) survived for the Wolves.
New Trier begins title defense in fine form

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SKOKIE

Senior Jessica Ackerman was a lot less emotional than twin sister Courtney when asked about competing in her final state series.

Jessica Ackerman doesn't want to think about anything other than running two more races and defending New Trier's state championship next month at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

She got off to a good start Saturday at Loyola's regional at Harms Woods, finishing first in 17 minutes, 23.09 seconds. "It does feel strange that it's our last season," said Jessica, who has been a star, along with Courtney, on the Trevians all four years. "But I am treating it as another season. I don't want to invest that much time thinking about anything else right now. It just want to stay positive. "I know it will all hit me when the season is over."

Courtney, who used Saturday's regional as more of a training day, finished fourth in 17:42.06. Sophomore Mimi Smith took third place in 17:37.47 as the Trevians won the team title with 33 points.

"Next week will be a lot better," Courtney said of the sectional race at Niles West. "There will be a lot more competition, and it will bring out the best in every runner. I love those kind of races."

Five teams will qualify out of the sectionals for the Nov. 3 state meet. In addition to the Trevians, Maine South, Loyola, Glenbrook North, York, Lake Park and St. Ignatius are among the other challengers.

SURGING SPARTANS

Glenbrook North's top three are hitting their stride at the home stretch of the season. Saturday proved that.

Senior Valerie Bobart, junior Allie Herriott and senior Katherine Weber all posted top 10s at Harms Woods. Bobart ran with the lead pack and finished fifth in 18:10.

"It's obviously hard running against New Trier and Maine South, but I was happy with my time and place," Bobart said. "We are going to be fighting for that fifth spot next week, but we have been improving every week. We know we have a chance."

Herriott was eighth in 18:41, while Weber took 10th in 18:50.

Glenbrook North coach Bob LeBlanc said the rest of the runners — senior Briana Kaplanov, junior Ellery Marrinan, sophomore Kiera Abramson, sophomore Dana Lee — need to get closer to the top three next week for the Spartans to advance to the state meet for the first time since 2010. Bobart, Weber and Marrinan all were on that team.

"There is work still to do," LeBlanc said. "We will go easier on them this week. We want them to be fresh for the weekend."

FLYING HAWKS

Any time Emily Leonard can beat one of New Trier's top three runners, she's thrilled. That's why the Maine South junior couldn't stop smiling Saturday at Harms Woods.

Leonard beat both Mimi Smith and Courtney Ackerman to take second place behind champion Jessica Ackerman.

"I definitely was happy with my race," said Jessica. "I went out under control, and I was able to surge past Mimi. I then kept Jessica in my sight. "New Trier's top three is so good. To beat any of them is a good day."

Maine South coach Jeff Downing was pleased with the rest of his runners, too, especially Megan Lemersal. After battling an iron deficiency this season, the senior finished sixth in 18:32 to help the Hawks to second place behind the Trevians.

Junior Mirae Mastrolonardo also turned in a solid showing, coming in seventh in 18:33.

"It was a good team race," Downing said. "We have a lot of ability, but it's about keeping everybody as close together as possible. If they run together, they run harder."

LACE 'EM UP AGAIN

Both Maine East and Niles North got two runners through to the sectionals.

Demons sophomore Leslie Christiansen finished 44th (20:34) and Demons sophomore Jessica Cuevas was 50th (20:52). Vikings senior Jessica Brand qualified after taking 47th (20:40), while Vikings junior Trinette Lopez survived to another week by finishing 49th (20:51).
Names in the Game

MATT SIEMIEJOWSKI
Noteworthy efforts: The senior finished 12th (16 minutes, 48 seconds) to help the Dons place fourth at the St. Viator Regional cross country meet Saturday at Melas Park in Arlington Heights. Siemienowski finished one place and eight seconds behind teammate Mike Gibson. Notre Dame advanced to the Fenton Sectional.

BRETT BARTES
Noteworthy efforts: Bartes, a senior forward of the soccer team, scored the only goal for Notre Dame versus St. Viator in the regional semifinals. St. Viator won 5-1. He "hit an absolute bomb of a shot from around 30 yards away," Dons coach Reggie Lara said.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers
8 The boys soccer team finished with a 9-7-2 record this year and eight of their nine wins came via shutouts.

Sound Bites
"St. Viator was not overlooking us. They came out very aggressive; you could tell they wanted to score an early goal," — boys soccer coach Reggie Lara after his team lost to St. Viator 5-1 in the regional semifinals on Oct. 17

Don't Miss
Today
Hockey: Fenwick at Notre Dame, 8:15 p.m.
After their first tie of the season against Oak Park-River Forest on Oct. 18, the Dons next face Fenwick. The Dons were 2-2-1 going into Sunday's game against St. Ignatius.

Friday
Football: Notre Dame at Grayslake North, 7 p.m.
Notre Dame heads into their first playoff game despite their 20-13 loss at Carmel on Friday. The Dons failed to take advantage scoring opportunities early in the game against the Corsairs.

Dons look to snap streak

MUNDELEIN
While Notre Dame continues one streak, it will hope to break another when it faces Grayslake North at 7 p.m. Friday in the Class 6A playoff opener in Grayslake.

Notre Dame is making its seventh straight playoff appearance, but in the previous years the Dons have not advanced out of the first round.
Grayslake North was 8-1 on the season and went undefeated in winning the Fox Valley Fox Division. The Knights dropped their first game of the season to Lakes (8-1), and have since run off eight straight wins.
The offense is led by one of the area's top quarterbacks, A.J. Fish, who has run for more than 1,500 yards with 28 touchdowns and added another 13 touchdowns passing with 1,800-plus yards through the air. Friday he ran for four scores and 243 yards in a 35-29 victory over Woodstock North.
"He's as good, if not better a player than we've faced all season," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said. "We're going to have to keep him off the field as much as we can."
"We've watched some film on him and he's an unbelievable athlete," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Dan DeFranza said. "He's a dual threat. If he sees an open lane he's gone and he can also put the ball right on the mark."
"We're going to have to swarm to the football."
Notre Dame has its own dynamic player on offense in Chris James. The highly recruited junior rushed for 1,416 yards and 18 touchdowns, while adding an additional three touchdown receptions. He shared the honor of East Suburban Catholic Conference Most Valuable Offensive Player with Marist's Nic Weishaar this season.
"We're a good running team, but our offensive line will need to continue to get off the ball (Friday)," Dons offensive coordinator Kevin Stenson said. "We can also spread it out and pass. We've got our work cut out. They're an aggressive defense that's going to bring the pressure."
The Dons (5-4 overall, 3-4 ESCC) dropped their regular-season finale at Carmel 20-13 Friday despite James rushing for 111 yards on 28 carries with two touchdowns.
"We're going to come out ready to go," James said.
Maine East

Names in the Game

DAVID PATYK
Noteworthy efforts: Glenbrook North defeated the Maine East boys soccer team 1-0 in their Class 3A Leyden Regional semifinal despite the best efforts of Patyk, a junior goalkeeper. Patyk made a trio of difficult saves in the Oct. 16 match, including two in the first half when the game’s momentum was clearly in the Spartans’ favor.

LESLIE CHRISTIANSEN
Noteworthy efforts: The sophomore was the Blue Demons girls cross country team’s top runner at Saturday’s Loyola Regional. Christiansen (20 minutes, 34 seconds) finished 44th overall and advanced to Saturday’s Niles West Sectional. Christiansen and fellow sophomore Jessica Cuevas will represent Maine East at sectionals. Cuevas (20:52) finished 50th to earn a berth as an individual qualifier.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers
3 | The Maine East girls volleyball team’s regular season finale against Deerfield went to three sets, but the Warriors prevailed, 25-23, 22-25, 26-24. The Warriors also topped Maine East 25-17, 23-25, 25-10 on Sept. 27.

Sound Bites
“I think winning the Lake Geneva tournament was a special moment. We had three very tough games up there. We really came together as a team. One of the most memorable moments was an individual match at the end of the year, and it was Rami (Dajani) being selected as an all-state by the coaches. That was very special for him.” — Maine East boys soccer coach Vic DiPrizio on the moments he’ll remember most from the 2012 boys soccer season. Dajani set the school’s scoring record with eight goals in his Maine East career.

Don’t Miss
Friday
Girls swimming: Maine East at Highland Park, 5 p.m.
The Blue Demons girls swimming team concludes its regular season when it travels to Highland Park.

Saturday
Cross Country: Maine East at Niles West Sectional, 1:30 p.m.
The Maine East girls and boys cross country teams each have two runners competing at Saturday’s Niles West Sectional. The boys will be represented by senior Aayush Shah and sophomore Anthony Misiak, who qualified as individuals at Saturday’s Loyola Regional. Shah (16 minutes, 13 seconds) finished 27th and Misiak (16:29) was 37th.

Lopsided loss ends season

PARK RIDGE
Maine East closed out its season with a 49-0 home loss to Glenbrook North.

The Blue Demons, who finished 1-4 in the CSL North and 3-6 overall, struggled to get anything going offensively Friday.

Their best drive came on their final one of the game. With the clock continuing to run through much of the second half, the Blue Demons drove to the Spartans’ 19-yard line, but they were not able to convert.

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Glenbrook North’s David Burnside attempts to block a punt by Maine East’s William Heines during Friday’s football game in Park Ridge. | DAVID BANKS-Sun-Times Media

ABOVE: Maine East defenders celebrate after dropping Glenbrook North quarterback A.J. Spitz for a loss during Friday’s game in Park Ridge. | DAVID BANKS-Sun-Times Media
Names in the Game

JUSTIN ATWAL
Noteworthy efforts: The Niles West senior finished 32nd as an individual at the 3A Loyola Regional on Oct. 20 and advanced to the sectional meet. Atwal crossed the finish line in 16 minutes, 17 seconds, earning himself the chance to race on his home course Saturday as the Wolves are hosting the sectional.

YANDIEL CARDENAS
Noteworthy efforts: Cardenas will be the only Niles West runner competing with Atwal at the sectional after the Wolves finished ninth as a team at the Loyola Regional. Cardenas, a senior, secured the fifth and final individual berth in the sectional by finishing 39th (16 minutes, 37 seconds) at Harms Woods on Saturday.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers
$1,472 | The amount of money raised by the Niles West girls volleyball team through a 50-50 raffle held on Oct. 18 for the family of former player Cyril Onate. As detailed in Oct. 18 editions of Pioneer Press newspapers, Onate's mom, Agnes, is paralyzed from the neck down. The Wolves suffered a 25-13, 25-9 loss that night to New Trier.

Sound Bites
"Maine South's a good team. They're a very deep team. The effort was there. The times really weren't where they wanted (them)."
— Girls swimming coach Jason Macejak on his team's 126-60 loss Friday at Maine South

Saturday
Girls cross country: Niles West at Niles West Sectional, 1:30 p.m.
The Wolves placed sixth as a team at the Loyola Regional to advance to the sectional meet they're hosting. Sophomore Christine Mujica led the way on Oct. 20 with an 18th-place finish (19:13). Seniors Michelle Karp (25th, 19:39) and Rachel Bender (28th, 19:50) also finished in the top 30. Freshman Danielle Karp (32nd, 19:59) and junior Jamie Rohn (37th, 20:12) rounded out the team scoring.

Niles West gets 10th game

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EVANSTON
After losing four straight games, Niles West may not be sweeping into the IHSA Class 8A playoffs on a wave of momentum.

The Wolves (5-4), who visit Palatine at 2 p.m. Saturday, are coming off a 28-21 loss to Evanston Friday. But just making the postseason represents a step forward for the Skokie program, which hasn't played a 10th game since current Pittsburgh Steelers running back Rashard Mendenhall wore the red and white in 2004.

"It's great for the kids," Niles West coach Scott Baum said. "We've talked about playing a 10th game, and if you've ever been around the playoffs, it's such a cool experience. These kids have not had a chance to do it. But they do a lot of hard work during the offseason and the season, and it's nice to get rewarded."

Baum, in his fourth year at the helm, said his program has benefited from the decision by the school and district a few years ago to appropriate more funds and lend more support to athletics.

Although there might be plenty to celebrate this week at Niles West, the Wolves also must prepare for a Palatine team that many consider to be among the best in the state. The Pirates are 8-1, and their only blemish is a 40-37 overtime loss to Montini in the season opener.

Palatine lost star receiver/defensive back Cam Kuksa to a broken ankle early in that game, but he returned to the field in Week 8.

Niles West appears to be healthy
Culture Grid: Neda Esfahani

Esfahani is a senior captain on the Niles West girls swimming team who competes in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles:

WHERE DO YOU HOPE TO BE IN LIFE IN 10 YEARS? "Graduated from college and obtaining a career in the medical field."
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OF ALL TIME? "The Twilight Saga.' I love romance novels.
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TOURIST DESTINATION IN CHICAGO? "Probably the Willis (Sears) Tower. I love the view from the very top.
WHAT'S BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SWIMMING CAREER? "All the close friends I made and getting the opportunity to be a captain this year. And of course my wonderful coaches who helped me throughout the past four years."

Rusek delivers under pressure

BY JONAH ROSENBLUM | Contributor | @Pioneer_PrepJR

SKOKIE

Niles West's attack starts and stops with Olivia Rusek. Everyone knows that. Teammates and opponents alike.

"We knew that the ball was mostly going to be set to her so we were ready on defense, blocking," New Trier junior MC Magner said. "We were set up on her and we were just ready to get her."

On Oct. 18, Rusek started to feel that pressure as well. On a night when very few of her teammates could finish points against New Trier, Rusek felt the need to spike the ball from wherever she was. Ultimately, even her best effort wasn't enough, as the Wolves fell 25-13, 25-9.

"There really was a lot of pressure, especially when they got on a run and we couldn't think of anything to stop them, so we'd have to set me back row or we'd have to change up the plays, and I felt a lot of pressure," Rusek said. "If someone missed it or missed it out or anything, we would all be down. We all knew we had to get it in and we had to be cautious about our hits."

The pressure on Rusek was exacerbated by teammate Krista Grunst's difficulties getting the ball past New Trier's tall blockers. The team's second-leading attacker, Grunst tried a variety of soft sets and spikes over the Trevians' front line with little success.

"They do have tall players and big blocks so it is kind of difficult to get the ball over the net sometimes," Grunst said. "I tried changing up the shots but it didn't really work."

So, Niles West looked toward its leader.

"Olivia's just like an amazing person," Grunst said. "She has such great character. She's such a good role model but there. She gives me energy. Having her on the team, it brings our energy up and it helps us pull ahead and get some wins out there."

While Rusek was unable to lead Niles West to an upset of one of the top teams in the state, it wasn't for a lack of big shots. In the second set, Rusek sent electricity sizzling through the crowd when she gave the Wolves a 2-1 lead with one thunderous kill and sent another hard kill off the back line to put Niles West ahead 4-3.

"A lot of our girls play with her, so we know that she's a great player, a great athlete, and that she's a threat from the back row as well as the back row," New Trier coach Hannah Hsieh said, "So, we tried to line up our blockers on her. We did a nice job. She still got her share of kills."

Indeed, Rusek tallied seven of Niles West's 12 kills while committing just three errors. Her kills alone accounted for nearly one-third of the Wolves' points on Thursday. Her teammates finished with 16 errors for a hitting percentage of .22.

And if New Trier's blocking and her teammates' struggles forced Rusek to put extra weight on her shoulders, it was a pressure that she not only felt but embraced.

"I wasn't scared at all to hit," Rusek said. "I felt like when I went up there, I really wasn't worried about the block. I wanted to swing away. I knew I could hit over because of all the adrenaline from the game and everything."

entering the contest. Top players like junior safety/running back Nick Johnson, senior lineman Vaughn Monreal-Berner, senior lineman Dennis Gargovic and junior defensive back/receiver Garrett Iverson have battled injuries at times this season, but all have returned.

Baum has rotated two quarterbacks all season, using sophomore Tommy Galanopoulos and senior Mike McGivern, sometimes both on the same series. The coach said the two would continue to battle for playing time in practice this week.

Last Saturday night, many of the Wolves players got together to watch the IHSA playoff announcement on television, but Monreal-Berner was not among them. The senior said his team would have the same approach to the week regardless of the opponent.

"I wasn't watching [the announcement]" Monreal-Berner said. "I waited for teammates to tell me.... To tell you the truth, I didn't really care who we have to play. It could be the best team in the state, we're still going to practice as hard as we can and we'll be looking to upset anyone in our path, make it to the next round and then go as far as we can."
Back in

Wolves take four-game losing streak into the playoffs

Evanston's Raymond Lackey tries to slow down Niles West's Andrew Milhulet during the Wildkits' 28-21 win over the Wolves on Friday.

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