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Vendor booths were set up in the Niles Senior Center Oct. 10 to help residents find resources available to them.

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Mike Lynch, Aw Yeah Comics salesman

When customers visit the popular Aw Yeah Comics in downtown Skokie, they often run into Mike Lynch behind the counter. Lynch steers them to the right comic and might have a good word with them along the way. Pioneer Press recently asked him a series of questions.

What do you do for a living?

I've worked at Aw Yeah Comics for about two-and-a-half years now.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Norwood Park. I currently live near Harlem and Touhy — not far away from here.

Do you have any pets?

I have one dog, Doby, a mutt. She's a little bit of everything.

What book are you currently reading and what book would you like to read next?

I'm sometimes reading "Black Science." It's like a sci-fi comic. It's probably one of my favorite ones out there right now. I'm looking forward to reading the Harper Lee book, "Go Set A Watchman," the follow-up to "To Kill A Mockingbird." That's next on my list.



Mike Lynch

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What is your first job?

I worked at Michael's — the one over here at Village Crossing. I was 18 or 19 — something like that.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a cop. My dad was one, my grandpa was one. It just seemed like the natural progression of things.

What's a movie you'd recommend?

Star Wars.

What's your favorite charity?

St. Jude's because they help so many kids.

Do you have any words of wisdom?

I'm still trying to figure out my whole path in life, but I guess it's don't be afraid to fail.

What is your favorite local restaurant?

Fogo's Peri Peri or Annie's.

What is an interesting factoid about yourself?

I've had a Stanley Cup on my front lawn...because John McDonough (president and CEO of the Blackhawks) — one his childhood homes is right next to where I live now. He came by with the Cup in 2010. He did it again in 2013, but I, unfortunately, was out of town.

— Pioneer Press staff

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Resource fair brings community together

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

A bounce house, reptile show and cooking demonstration were just a few of the highlights from the third annual Niles Family and Wellness Resource Fair held Oct. 10 at the Niles Senior Center.

"I think it's one of those community events that Niles is really stepping out to the forefront with," Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo said. "This is our third one and it's getting bigger and better attended and that to me says that the community is coming together for health and wellness."

The fair offered a way for families to get together, enjoy the day and see what resources are available to them. Along with the entertainment, there were wellness booths that offered flu shots, oral cancer screenings and more. Athletico, the Cook County Health and Hospital System, the North Shore Health Care System and Presence Health were all on hand as well to hand out information to those wanting it.

"All of this is to bring awareness to the residents of Niles and the community in general," Brigitte Powadzki, village nurse, said. "That's why we have flu shots and screenings: We've got to protect ourselves and each other."

There were also booths set up by various departments within the village — such as the mayor's office,

chamber of commerce, fitness center, family services, the fire and police departments, the library and food pantry — offering advice to residents on a variety of topics.

Representatives were also there on behalf of state Sen. John Mulroe, state Rep. Michael P. McAuliffe and Secretary of State Jesse White reaching out to constituents about different programs.

"I like the health screenings because I find that very helpful and I like the information provided by the local fire and police departments on carbon monoxide poisoning and different scams and things like that," Dennis DeZur, who splits his time between Niles and San Marcos, Calif., said. "There's always something you can learn by attending exhibits like this."

But when it came to the kids, the biggest hits were safety town, put on by the Niles Police Department and the reptile show put on by Jon Heidler of Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles. Heidler even got Przybylo to hold a boa constrictor.

"It was interesting," Przybylo said of the experience. "The snake, because it doesn't want to be dropped and it doesn't see me as food, was very affectionate. It kind of just wraps around you and cuddles you."

As for safety town, kids got the chance to "drive" around a town made for



ALICIA RAMIREZ/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Niles Trustee George Alpoglanis shared a couple of recipes from Kappy's during the cooking demonstration.



Anna Pappageorge, 8, of Skokie, gets a hairstyling from one of the lizards, with help from handler Jon Heidler, during the reptile show.

them, complete with stop signs, lane markings and a remote-controlled police car.

"When we noticed that they had the (fair) especially all the activities for the kids, we brought my



Mayor Andrew Przybylo holds a 3-year-old boa constrictor during the reptile show at the Family Resource and Wellness Fair Oct. 10 at the Niles Senior Center.

brother, his wife and three kids," Holly Jurék, of Niles, said. "It's been a hit with the kids, especially the po-

lice car."

Alicia Ramirez is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



DICK BARTON/MAINE TOWNSHIP

The 2013 Cops for Coats campaign saw 130 individuals and families receive gently used or new coats, winter hats, gloves and scarfs. Above are Park Ridge Officer Julie Genualdi, left, and Maine Township Supervisor Carol A. Teschky.

Niles, Park Ridge and Des Plaines officers collecting coats, winter clothing

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

The fourth annual Cops for Coats campaign put on by the Niles, Park Ridge and Des Plaines police departments is underway with all three collecting gently used, clean winter coats.

"Originally the program was a suggestion brought up by a Park Ridge police officer and she was kind of the catalyst for it and all three of our agencies — Park Ridge, Niles and Des Plaines — are all doing it as a joint effort to benefit residents of Maine Township," Sgt. Robert Tornabene, of the Niles Police Department, said.

The departments are seeking donations of winter coats for all ages, from infant to adult, that can be utilized by those less fortunate during the cold winter months.

"We can use a lot of kids stuff because it always seems like we don't have

enough and if people would like to donate hats, gloves or scarves that are in good condition, that would be welcome as well," Tornabene said.

Between Oct. 5 and Nov. 12, residents are asked to bring in items to any police station for distribution later in November.

"For people in need, sometimes they can't afford to get a new coat or they have a damaged coat and, as a result, it always becomes an issue to keep protected from the elements," Tornabene said. "They're always susceptible to frostbite and injuries from the cold, so if we're able to get them a good coat, one that somebody else isn't using, it's always a good thing."

One year, Tornabene said, there were more than 900 pieces donated and at the end of the distribution, roughly 100 pieces remained. "It's the community itself giving back to members in need in the

24-hour drop-off sites

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community," he said. "Everything is local so it benefits everyone here."

Distribution is scheduled for Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maine Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge.

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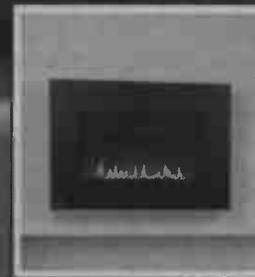
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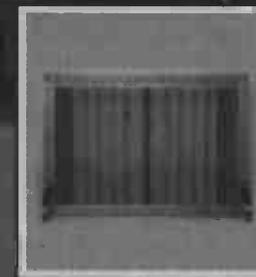
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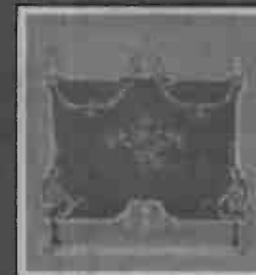


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Activists ask for stronger support against gun shop

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

People For a Safer Society, a local anti-gun advocacy group, is urging Skokie to take a stronger position to support the group's legal fight to keep a planned gun shop and range from opening in nearby Niles.

The Niles Village Board last year approved a special use permit that would pave the way for Sportsman's Club and Firearms Training to open at 6143 Howard St. The board subsequently approved an extension for the special use permit to allow the facility to be built by the company 6143 Howard Partners.

Attempts to reach Adam Firsell, one of the members of the corporation behind the yet-to-be-built gun shop and range, were unsuccessful.

Last June, an attorney for the village of Niles, Mike Connelly, said the village could again file a motion to dismiss the new suit, in addition to filing other motions, including whether or not People for a Safer Society have the right to file such a lawsuit in the first place.

From the beginning, People For a Safer Society has opposed the facility, taking legal action on the grounds that it would be located only a short distance away from several schools — including ones in Skokie.

Denyse Stoneback, president of the nonprofit group, presented Skokie with petitions containing hundreds

of signatures on them.

"The petitions started organically," Stoneback told the Skokie Village Board at its Oct. 7 meeting. "When Skokie residents were made aware of the Niles gun shop and range, they kept asking, 'what can we do to help stop it?' So we put together the petition."

Several local members of the group spoke out against the gun range at the Skokie meeting and asked the village to do anything it can to help support their cause. Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen said that the village has taken significant action against gun violence and will continue to help if possible. But the village, he said, can't directly take a position on a decision made by the Niles Village Board.

Representatives of the anti-gun group recently met with Corporation Counsel Michael Lorge to discuss the issue.

Stoneback has appeared regularly at Village Board meetings following national tragedies involving mass shootings.

"The Oregon shootings is on all of our minds," she said. "This shooting...left nine students dead and nine more injured. A troubled young man in possession of 13 guns took all of these lives before committing suicide. There's just one mass shooting after another."

A victim of one of those mass shootings — the highly publicized 2007 killing spree on the campus of Virginia Tech — also spoke

out against the Niles gun shop. Garrett Evans was one of 17 victims who survived the shootings while 32 others lost their lives that day.

"We do have a really big problem in this country," said Evans of Chicago, adding that he has become increasingly disturbed by what he believes are more and more deaths by firearms in the United States.

"I'm telling you," he said. "You all do not want this gun range over one or two towns from you."

Evans also gave powerful and vivid testimony regarding his experience of being the victim of a mass shooting — of waking up and going to class when an unthinkable and horrific tragedy suddenly occurs.

He heard a loud noise that day, he said, but Virginia Tech had been doing renovation on the building he was in so alarm didn't set in at first. But then the sounds came again.

"Then all of a sudden, door opens and the first thing you see is a .22 unloading rounds — pop, pop, pop, pop," he recounted. "Girl you see falls out of her chair. Guy gets shot in his neck, blood spurting like a fountain. Then another girl gets shot in the face and blood is pouring like a faucet. Then guy gets shot right in his face, falls right down."

He spoke about "feeling a weird sensation in his legs" and not knowing exactly what happened to him, about praying that the shooter would not kill him.



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In this file photo, Ticia Ashcroft, a Niles resident and representative of the grassroots organization People for a Safer Society, speaks to the Niles Park Ridge District 64 Board of Education about a planned gun range and dealership in Niles.

"I'll tell you, anybody can shoot anybody," he told the Village Board. "This gun range is so close to you."

Skokie has certainly not ignored gun violence, Van Dusen said.

"I think it's fair to say that the village has had a record of having deep concerns about the proliferation of weapons across the country," the mayor said. "We were one of only three municipalities in the entire country that filed an amicus brief in the Heller case."

The U.S. Supreme Court in that case ruled that the Second Amendment protects people's rights to own and possess firearms for lawful purposes.

"We urged the Supreme Court to uphold the city of Chicago's gun regulations," the mayor said.

Skokie also passed controversial legislation that

laid out restrictions regarding owning or possessing assault weapons. Many Second Amendment advocates attended the Village Board meeting to oppose the legislation, Van Dusen noted.

But he said the village has always argued that municipalities — especially those with home rule powers — are in the best position to decide gun regulations for themselves.

"Now we can't possibly go back to the court and say, 'well, we believe in home rule except when somebody is passing something we don't like,'" Van Dusen said. He added that the village has a history of cooperating with fellow municipalities on a regional basis.

"There's a whole range of issues we cooperate on whether transportation, water — you name it, we take a regional approach

through the various bodies," he said.

People For a Safer Society amended a lawsuit against the village of Niles this summer, seeking to annul the special use permit that would allow the gun facility to be built on Howard Street.

The initial lawsuit, previously reported by Pioneer Press, was dismissed without prejudice in June by the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Van Dusen said that the village would meet with Tony Hind, the attorney for People For a Safer Society, to find a way, if possible, to be of help under certain constraints.

"I don't know quite what that route is right now," he said.

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Passion for percussion: Niles Historical Society to start local drum circle

ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

The Niles Historical Society is trying to get a monthly drum circle started with the first meeting tentatively set for 1 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., depending on the turnout.

"I have 25 drums at home and I am looking for 25 people," Michael Crisci, of the Niles Historical Society, said. "These are drums that I used to use and I purchased all of the drums back when I was a teacher in 2002 and we used them at the school."

Crisci was previously a teacher at a Catholic school

and was approached by the principal of the school and asked if he wanted to do a drumming course with some of the students. Crisci then studied up on the basics of drumming-techniques, theories and types of drums, before acquiring the instruments and taking them to the school.

"It's a team-builder and it works by having people play different rhythms on different drums but it all comes together because we're in the same count," he said. "You're part of the pattern and when the pattern comes together and runs, oh my goodness."

Along with allowing peo-

ple to work together to create a beat, Crisci said the drum circle also allows people to feel their emotions throughout the process.

"It's almost like meditation," Crisci said. "Your body becomes part of the rhythm."

While the classes are free, Crisci said that a \$5 donation

is suggested to help with the cost of storing the drums at the Niles Historical Museum and Cultural Center.

Those interested in attending the class are asked to call 847-390-0160 before the event.

Alicia Ramirez is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Niles police assist in investigation at Gemini

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Two students at Gemini Junior High School in Niles were apprehended by school officials for bringing knives to school during two separate incidents reported to parents last week, according to East Maine School District 63.

The incidents happened within three days of each other during the week of Oct. 5, and both times students had brought knives onto their school buses. No threats were made to anyone in the school, according to Janel Spector-Bishop, communications director

for School District 63.

In one of the cases, a student was shown the knife on the bus and then told a teacher as soon as he arrived at school. The bus company notified the school of the other incident, according to Spector-Bishop.

"In neither case were the knives brought to school with intent to harm," she said. "It was more a way for these students to 'show-off' to their classmates."

School officials notified parents of both incidents via email on Oct. 9.

In the email to parents, Principal Richard Groeling wrote, "Please be aware that

your child may have seen a knife on the bus or heard about a knife during the school day. No one was hurt, threatened in any way or in danger at any point in time."

District 63's policy on bringing weapons to school requires a minimum one-year suspension from school, but the superintendent has the authority to adjust the policy.

A school liaison from the Niles Police Department was assisting with the investigation this week, but police did not comment further on the incident.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Investigation into suspicious activity in Skokie concludes

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

After alerting schools about similar "suspicious activity" at two locations in Skokie, Skokie police have reported that the man involved in the incidents has been identified.

"He has strong ties to the area which explains his behavior on that day," police said in a statement released Oct. 7.

"The subject committed no criminal acts."

Skokie police alerted all schools last week that a man described as white or Middle Eastern was seen taking pictures at 2:48 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Iran Hebrew Congregation, also known as the Persian Hebrew Congregation, 3820 Main St.

He then went to Niles North High School, police said, and unsuccessfully tried to enter the school before taking photos there.

He had encounters at both locations, police said, before leaving in a vehicle,

whose description was reported in the alert by police.

Police said the investigation has now been concluded.

"The public is reminded to remain vigilant in reporting suspicious activity or circumstances without delay by calling 911," police said in its statement. "If you see something, say something."

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Chicago man charged with sexual assault on Niles spa customer

BY GENEVIEVE
BOOKWALTER
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago man was arrested Oct. 9 on felony charges of criminal sexual

assault after a customer in a Niles spa woke up after a treatment and allegedly found the suspect performing a sex act on him.

Tram Nguyen, 25, of Chicago, appeared in Cook

County court Oct. 11 and was ordered held on \$75,000 bail by Judge James Brown. Prosecutors said a customer in the spa allegedly woke up to find Nguyen performing oral sex on him.

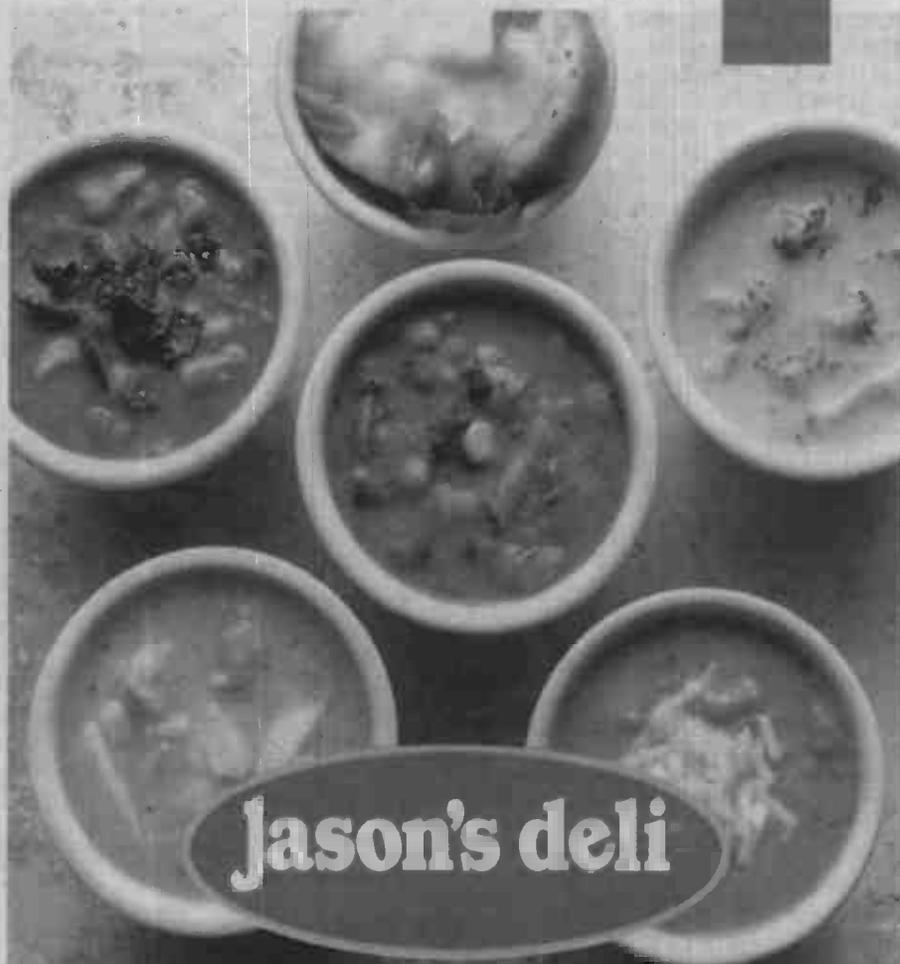
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■ A 23-year-old man told police he began fighting with a man outside his home on the 9000 block of Grace Avenue on the night of Oct. 2 after discovering three flat tires on his car. Police said the victim alleged that his ex-girlfriend, who was also present, then "jumped" on him and began choking him. The suspects then left the area, police said.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

■ A 69-year-old woman told police on Oct. 1 that she gave an unknown man her credit card number after the man telephoned her and offered to remotely check her laptop and desktop computers. No charges were made to the card because the credit card company blocked the purchase after determining it was an "unusual transaction," police said.

THEFT

■ A bag of loose change was stolen overnight between Oct. 1-2 from an unlocked car parked in the driveway of a home on the 8200 block of Odell Avenue.

■ A pair of designer sunglasses were reported stolen overnight between Oct. 1-2 from an unlocked car parked on the 8000 block of Odell Avenue.

■ A car was stolen between 1 p.m., Oct. 2 and 2:30 a.m., Oct. 3 from the 8200 block of Octavia Avenue.

■ Someone stole a pair of glasses, valued at \$800, from a counter at King Spa, 809 Civic Center Drive, between 1:45-2 a.m., Oct. 5.

■ The manager of a store on the 7100 block of Milwaukee Avenue told police that a man stole between 10 and 12 boxes of Prilosec heartburn medication on Oct. 3.

■ A laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked car parked overnight between Oct. 4-5 on the 8900 block of Heathwood Circle.

Chicago man sentenced in 2014 beating

BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

A Chicago man found guilty in the beating of a 60-year-old man riding on the CTA Skokie Swift Yellow Line last year has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Ganaa Otgoo, 33, of the 1400 block of South Canal Street, was found guilty of aggravated battery last month in the April, 2014 attack. Otgoo was arrested after police released security video of him on the train to the public, authorities said.

On Oct. 7 at the Skokie courthouse, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Lauren Edidin sentenced Otgoo to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

"I am happy that the perpetrator of this vicious attack on a 60-year-old man was brought to justice," said Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Michelle Gemskie.

"The Skokie Police Department and the Chicago Police Department did an outstanding job in identifying the perpetrator," she added.

Prosecutors described a brutal attack that began after Otgoo started yelling at other train passengers. They said that when the victim told Otgoo to be quiet Otgoo attacked him.

Photos of the victim taken the day after the attack show a boot print on his forehead, his eyes black and blue and swollen shut.

During the sentencing hearing Oct. 7, Otgoo denied he was the man in the CTA security video released by police shortly after the crime. The victim, however, said Otgoo was his attacker, and though the victim was ill and could not be in court on Oct. 6, he asked prosecutors to read aloud a "victim impact statement" on his behalf.

"The defendant pulled my

hooded sweatshirt over my head and punched and kicked me in the face and body even as I lay on the floor of the train curled up to defend myself," the statement read. "I now suffer from migraine headaches and have lost several teeth due to this vicious attack. It is rare that I go out at night anymore. I do not take any trains or busses."

He went on to say that he suffers from depression and anxiety, that he is on medication for both and that he does not visit with friends like he did before the attack.

He also said he cares for his sick 82-year-old mother and asked the judge to give Otgoo "a heavy consequence for beating an elderly man."

"It is hard living this new life," the victim said in the statement. "It can be lonely and frustrating at times just trying to cope day to day and do ordinary things."

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Niles Township D219 to re-examine budget

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Less than a month after approving a \$163 million budget, members of the Niles Township High School District 219 school board, on Oct. 9, bowed to pressure from the community and ordered staff to go back to the drawing board and do a line-by-line review of the financial document with an eye to restoring funding to programs that had been cut.

At the same time, the school board dipped into taxpayers pockets with their approval of a three percent increase in the district's portion of the tax bill.

"The district administration had identified what appear to be some intentional line item errors and or reductions that were implemented with inadvertent adverse impact to our schools and students," board President Mark Sproat told the standing-room-only crowd during the district's regular meeting in Skokie.

The 2015-16 budget passed by the board last month rings in at slightly more than \$163 million, an approximate 10 percent increase over last year's budget,

officials said. But the new budget included across-the-board cuts to various educational programs and other items, creating a backlash from the community.

Much of the spending increase in the original budget is caused by the district's purchase of 55 new school busses for \$4.9 million and a recent acquisition of three parcels of land in Niles for approximately \$2.5 million, officials said.

They said the land purchase encompasses three pieces of adjoining property that will eventually house a bus terminal in the 6100 block of Howard Street and the 6000 and 6100 blocks of Gross Point Road for the new bus fleet.

Approximately \$15 million in capital projects is also planned for this year, according to Eric Trimberger, assistant superintendent for business for School District 219.

The district also cut spending in some areas, including its supply budget, which at about \$5 million for fiscal year 2016 was reduced by about \$487,000 from last year.

The school board had reduced the field trip budget by 50 percent, cut \$100,000 in funding for the Green Council for School

Improvement organization and \$50,000 for the Technology Council for School Improvement.

Other items cut in the budget included the purchase of certain textbooks, arts programs, cuts to debate team spending and travel expenses among other things, officials said.

"I'm very happy we have an opportunity to go back and take another stab at it," said board member Brian Novak.

Trimberger, one of the budget's chief architects, told the board that it is late in the budget cycle to make significant changes, but said staff will take a close look at everything with an eye to restoring funding for key programs and services.

"The cost of the budget is tied up in salaries and benefits and at that time the board is contractually obligated to staff," he said. "So there really weren't any opportunities to reduce staff at that point so that left purchase services and supplies as areas that could be looked at."

"There was a substantial increase in capital accounts for both campuses," he explained. "So that did result in an overall increase in

their budgets. So while there was an overall increase there were some significant reductions to line items."

Trimberger also said staff will prepare the new budget and bring it back to the board in coming weeks.

"I'm glad we'll go back and look," board member Ruth Klint said. "I do know there were unintended consequences."

"I for one am not willing to see the bottom number increase," she added. "I may be the only one on the board, but that's where I am coming from. What can we do? Do we have to limit the hospitality at the administrative level? Do we have to limit travel at the administrative level? There has got to be some movement or some tightening up somewhere else where it doesn't impact students."

The board's decision to revisit the budget did little to stem anger from some in the community. One-time District 219 board member, Karen Johnson, scolded the board for what she said were their irresponsible actions.

"I have had grave concerns on the budgetary actions of this board eliminating and slashing budgets that have held students of

this district hostage," Johnson said. "It's despicable."

"You may vote to approve the bottom line numbers but as board members it's your responsibility to understand how and where those monies are distributed and allocated," she added. "You did not do your due diligence in this matter. None of you have a good understanding of the budget, how it works, what you can and can't do. You are asking questions that should have been asked long before you approved a budget, not a month after the fact when the public is up in arms."

The school board on Oct. 6 also approved an overall increase of three percent in the district's tax levy.

Trimberger said the increase includes eight-tenths of one percent, or about \$1 million, for the CPI increase on the operating side of the budget. He said the remaining 2.2 percent will be used for debt payments.

He said the tax increase means residents living in a home valued at \$300,000 will see their tax bill increase by \$80.

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D64: Park Ridge teacher suspended for special-education law violation

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A local teacher has been suspended following allegations of "unprofessional conduct" and violation of special-education law, but officials are releasing few details on what happened.

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education voted Sept. 28 to suspend Sean Masterton, a Washington Elementary School special education teacher, for two days without pay. Masterton was also issued a notice of remedial warning saying that he violated a board policy related to ethics and conduct.

It also accuses Masterton of disregarding federal regulations concerning the "determination of student eligibility for special education services and prior parental notice of changes." But what,

exactly, Masterton allegedly did is unclear.

A description of Masterton's alleged actions was completely redacted from the notice of remedial warning that was provided to the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate following a Freedom of Information Act request.

District 64 attorney Terry Hodges said releasing the details contained in the notice could potentially identify a student because Masterton teaches a small group of children.

Hodges did say that "there was something done to a student that violated (the student's) special education rights" and that the alleged actions did not result in physical harm to a student.

The warning says administrative staff had previously discussed "deficiencies" with Masterton and that could "lead to (his) dismissal"

if not corrected immediately.

Masterton did not respond to a request from the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate seeking comment. Erin Breen, president of the union representing District 64 teachers, also did not respond.

Board President Anthony Borrelli declined to provide specifics of the allegations against Masterton, citing advice from the district's lawyers.

Masterton spoke to the board on Sept. 28 during a closed-door session before the start of the regular school board meeting. Borrelli said during the public portion of the meeting.

Voting against Masterton's suspension was board member Tom Sotos. Scott Zimmerman, who was participating in the meeting via phone, voted "present."

Sotos said he was happy to have had the chance to hear from

Masterton.

"It gave us an ability to hear his side of what happened and gauge his sincerity," Sotos said during the Sept. 28 meeting. "I would like to say that the conduct in question, in my opinion, should not be construed by anybody as a purposeful act or acts done maliciously by Mr. Masterton to negatively affect any of his students. On the contrary, in my opinion Mr. Masterton had good intentions and had his students' best interests at heart."

Sotos went on to acknowledge that "certain policies and rules were violated."

The Park Ridge Herald-Advocate has filed an objection with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, asking that District 64 be directed to release the redacted portions of Masterton's warning.

This is the second time in a

month that District 64 officials have heavily redacted information about alleged teacher misconduct, arguing that it could identify students.

District officials declined to provide details in September on a \$16,500 fine that was issued to Kate and Victor De La Pasqua. Kate De La Pasqua is listed as a teacher at Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge, according to the school website.

At the time, Borrelli would only say that matter involved a "residency" issue. The De La Pasquas did not respond to emailed requests for comment.

The Park Ridge Herald-Advocate is also awaiting a response from the Illinois Attorney General's Office on that case.

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D219 annual review prompts school day structure talks

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Niles Township High School District 219 held its annual review of programs Oct. 7 at Niles North with two items on the agenda: online/blended learning and changes to the school day.

For Niles North Principal Ryan McTague, the two issues go hand in hand. Optional online learning could allow students to take more courses outside of the classroom, he said, freeing up time to take a variety of courses during the school day. Most parents and teachers at the town hall seemed in favor of offering online classes to students, as long as they were not mandatory.

While online learning was one of the two topics covered, parents, teachers and students at the town hall meeting all reacted more strongly to proposed changes in the school day.

"I've been in the district for 13 years and I think I've talked about

school day for all 13 of those years and it has been a journey," McTague said to the parents. "This is a big decision for our district. We're talking about how we educate our kids."

Currently, the district uses nine 42-minute periods with a 10-minute homeroom each day and a double period for science, which McTague said 90 percent of students take.

"There is no perfect school day," McTague said. "We're never going to make everybody happy. There is no magic school day pill that's going to solve all of our problems."

The options presented to the parents at the meeting, which will be presented to the board in November with feedback from parents, teachers and students, included a nine-period schedule, an eight-period schedule and a block schedule with eight periods spread over two alternating days.

All options offered two 20-minute homeroom periods per

week and a one-hour teacher collaboration period on a weekly basis. The block schedule was the only proposed schedule with a built-in lunch period.

McTague said the eight-period school day offered the most instruction time.

For parents, one major problem with the proposed schedules was the deficiency in elective periods for their students with the eight-period day and the block schedule.

As for the teachers, to switch to a block schedule would necessitate training to learn how to teach for 90 straight minutes and how to structure lessons in a way that is both engaging and covers the necessary material in two or three days of instruction per week. This also brought up the problem of attendance, McTague said.

"If I'm on a two-day week and I miss a day, then I haven't touched base with that teacher for the full week, but only one day," he said.

While parent and student comments focused mainly on the



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Ryan McTague, Niles North High School principal, introduces the proposed changes for the school day Oct. 10.

perceived problems of the block schedule, many said that the system is fine as it stands.

"The schedule that we have, I am very accustomed to and that's something I'm very used to," Niles North math teacher Ankur Joshi said. "I have colleagues in other districts that can find positives and negatives in almost any type of schedule, but I'm kind of biased for the schedule that we have now.

I just don't see a need."

The proposals will go before the Niles Township High School District school board Nov. 3, along with recommendations and feedback from the community.

The board is scheduled to present its final choice at the Dec. 1 school board meeting.

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Focus on risks of distracted driving

New Trier driver's ed students get real-life warning

By DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

Philadelphia attorney Joel Feldman has been on a multistate journey educating and informing people about the dangers of distracted driving.

The work is personal: Feldman's daughter Casey was killed in an accident in which distracted driving was a factor.

"I wanted Casey to make a difference in the world, her life and her death," Feldman said. "I can't say I came to it out of the blue; I came to it because my daughter was killed."

Feldman said he has been to 36 states, plus two Canadian provinces stressing the need for drivers to keep their eyes on the road at all times.

On Oct. 9, Feldman entered New Trier High School — his first stop at an Illinois school — emphasizing his point. He believes the easiest way to prevent distracted driving is to not allow it to become a habit, so making stops at driver education classes is a natural place to start.

"You don't have to drive like your mom and dad because as parents, we are setting terrible examples for our children," Feldman told 14 students. "That is what has to change. Even if it doesn't, I'm so optimistic that the teens will get the message and they will change the way they drive."

Casey Feldman, 21, was an aspiring journalist at Fordham University who was killed in 2009 in Ocean City, N.J., when a driver hit her as she was going through a crosswalk.

Joel Feldman said he was told by police the driver was fumbling with a beverage when he took his eyes off the road and slammed into Casey.

New Jersey news reports indicated the driver was cited for careless driving and fined \$200 in 2010. Additionally, the Feldman family filed a claim against the driver's insurance company, which was paid off, Feldman said.

The proceeds from the claim have been used to create and fund the Casey Feldman Foundation.

"He made a choice," Feldman said of the driver. "Like many of us do, we make a choice to take our eyes off the road, our hands off the wheel and our minds off of driving."

The circumstances that led to Casey Feldman's death are hardly isolated. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said 3,154 people were killed in 2013



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After a morning lecture on distracted driving, Heidi L. Hauelsen of New Trier, from left, and fellow teacher Bob Spagnoli talk with Katie Liss of the Chicago Bar Association, Philadelphia attorney Joel Feldman and Matthew Passen of the CBA and a New Trier graduate.

due to distracted driving crashes, and Feldman said the numbers could be even higher because unlike drunken driving, there is no test to see if someone was driving distracted.

Feldman, who represents clients injured in auto accidents, is on a crusade to curtail the behavior he admits to personally engaging in before his daughter's death.

"I was a lucky driver because I drove distracted all the time," he said.

New Trier teacher Heidi Hauelsen said she has taught driver's education for 34 years. She acknowledged how much the lessons have changed over time given all the new types of warnings students must receive due to the advancements in technology.

"It's a different environment than when I learned," Hauelsen said.

Feldman's lecture does not concentrate solely on texting while driving. It encompasses all the ways a driver can be distracted.

"If Casey had been killed by a texting driver, I might have focused specifically on texting, but since she wasn't, it has allowed

me to focus on broader issues of distraction because it is not just texting that kills people," Feldman said.

He said the exact circumstances that led to Casey's death are not that important.

"She is just as dead," Feldman said. Feldman was brought to New Trier by personal injury attorney Matthew Passen, the chairman of the Chicago Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, who also happens to be a Glencoe native and graduated from New Trier in 1997.

Passen and Feldman met at a trial lawyers conference and arranged for him to appear locally as part of a yearlong initiative in which attorneys will be going to high schools throughout the Chicago area to discuss the dangers of distracted driving.

"This program seemed like something everyone could get behind, and we have been getting a lot of great interest with attorney volunteers, as well as from schools that want to participate," Passen said. "I knew I wanted to come to New Trier because I love the school and I care about the school. I live in the area and I have two

kids who are coming to the school and so it would be an obvious place to start."

As his 50-minute presentation was winding down, Feldman encouraged the New Trier students to say something to drivers — even if it is their parents — if they are paying full attention to the road.

"Don't look at this as you are criticizing someone and they are going to get angry with you; there's a really good chance they are going to appreciate it," Feldman said. "You have a right to be nervous if you are in a car and your driver is looking at the cellphone and not looking at the road."

Feldman showed a video that depicted examples of careless driving interspersed with first-person messages from victims' families and the distracted drivers themselves.

For at least one student learning about driving, it was an attention grabber.

"That was pretty scary," said sophomore David Rosh. "You can't put words on it."

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JCC Chicago looks to close Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center

By MIKE ISAACS
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JCC Chicago is looking to close the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center, which has been offering programming and services for decades on Skokie's west side, the organization recently confirmed.

No closing date has been announced, and registration is under way for next year's camps there.

"We do intend, and we have communicated with our community, that we plan to retire the building at some point," said Addie Goodman, chief advancement officer at JCC Chicago. "But we do not have a firm timeline or definitive plans at this point."

In an August newsletter to its community, JCC Chicago stated that it is seeking a new site for its early childhood program, which

is run out of Mayer Kaplan at 5050 Church St.

"The new facility will exemplify JCC Chicago's commitment to hands-on learning and embrace the whole child throughout the learning years," it stated.

A final location has not been determined, according to JCC Chicago.

Goodman, however, promised that JCC Chicago will "maintain a presence in Skokie."

"We're not looking to move away from Skokie or transfer to an entirely different community," she said. "Our primary goal is to provide those families of that community with the very best program and facility as possible."

Some parents said they will feel relieved if JCC programming remains in Skokie and is not transported too far away.

"It would be a loss for the

Jewish community because for many people, they're not going to go attend synagogues or join synagogues," said Susan Kaplan-Toch of Skokie, the parent of three kids who have attended Mayer Kaplan. "This might be the only Jewish thing that they do."

Kaplan-Toch said she was "shocked" that plans call for closing Mayer Kaplan because the camps always seem to be filled.

"I always thought it was such a nice facility," she said. "There's a huge park and a pool right there. I felt it was a pretty JCC, too. It didn't appear to be run down."

Goodman said the facility is no longer state of the art on the level of some of its other venues that run children's programming — even if attendance there is solid.

Roughly 100 children are part of the Early Childhood

Program and 400 children are in the day camp program at Mayer Kaplan, she said. There are also other programs for children that are run out of the center.

According to Goodman, it would cost millions of dollars to renovate the Mayer Kaplan JCC.

"It's an older, dated facility," she said.

Goodman pointed to JCC Chicago's Lake County JCC Community Campus built in 2014, a venue where children's programming is held in a new facility.

"That's an example where we retired a storefront base in Buffalo Grove and we moved just a couple of miles away in Lake County," Goodman said. "We have a beautiful new facility there that is really reflective of JCC's philosophy and pedagogy and early childhood learning and care."

The Mayer Kaplan JCC was originally home to a robust variety of programming for children and adults, including the National Jewish Theater.

In 2004, it announced that the facility would only house programming for children, including its early childhood program.

All adult programming was finally eliminated at Mayer Kaplan by 2006.

Like others, parent Andrea Garland said her children came to love Mayer Kaplan JCC programs.

"We never thought there was a problem with the building," she said. "It seemed like a nice facility. There was always plenty of space and plenty of people there so we never thought this was going to close any time soon."

How soon is still unknown, as is what will happen to the Mayer Kaplan

"We're not looking to move away from Skokie."

— Addie Goodman, chief advancement officer at JCC Chicago

JCC building, Goodman said.

"We really don't have definitive plans," she said. "At this point, anything can happen. We're not 100 percent sure at this point which direction things will go."

It's possible that the building could be put up for sale, but it's also possible that another community agency can form a partnership with the JCC, she said.

"Any number of things can happen," Goodman said.

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A large turnout marked the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville on Oct. 11. Organizers said more than 1,200 people participated.

Alzheimer's walk raises close to \$200,000

BY JIM NEWTON
News-Sun

The bright fall colors at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville were joined by a sea of purple Oct. 11, as a record crowd walked to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's disease.

"This is a record-breaking year. We're over 300 more (participants) than last year," said Cassie Petoskey, event manager for the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's ninth annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Petoskey said more than 1,200 people walked the 3.2 miles Oct. 11, and almost all of them have a connection to the disease, whether it is through a relative or a friend. The effort had raised \$175,000 in online donations as of mid-morning Oct. 11, and another \$15,000 to \$20,000 was expected to be raised before the end of the day.

"The funds raised today will go back directly to the people of Illinois living with the disease," Petoskey said,

explaining that the donations are earmarked for treatment and research.

"Sadly, the number of people being diagnosed is increasing. Most people have a connection to it. It's why the events are getting so large," she said. "And that's great because now people don't have to feel alone."

Petoskey, who serves as the manager of special events for the Alzheimer's Association in Chicago, called the local turnout "amazing."

"It's a great community out here," she said.

Bob and Sandy Blake of Grayslake participated in the roughly 5K walk for the first time, and finished it in about 45 minutes.

"We are walking on behalf of my two parents, who both had dementia and passed away," Bob Blake said, adding that "it looks like a good turnout. It's a good family thing."

Blake said he and his wife plan to make the walk an annual event in the future.

"Absolutely. For sure," he said.

Holly Chin of Prairie

View said she was walking in the event for the third year, and for the first time with her husband, Lee, and 4-month-old son, Samuel, who hitched a ride with dad in a baby carrier.

Chin said she has known her boss 14 years and both of his parents developed Alzheimer's.

"I knew his parents. His father passed away and that really touched me," she said. "That kind of lit the fire."

Debbie Shandling of Highland Park said her sister, Laura Laney, died of the disease in 2009.

Alongside her mother, Bernice Krichefsky of Chicago, and other family members, Shandling was walking to raise money and honor her sister.

"One of the last things she said to me was, 'Don't forget me.' So I do this for her," Shandling said. "I sent out just one email and raised over \$1,500. People don't have to donate big amounts. Even if it's smaller, it all adds up. It's so important."

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Tombstone stroll honors those who served

Cemetery tour reveals stories of those who died

BY SHERYL DeVORE
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Maddie Milton stooped to look more closely at the tombstones of seamen buried in a secluded cemetery surrounded by oak and maple trees at Naval Station Great Lakes.

Her boyfriend, Seth Beauban, is currently in boot camp at the North Chicago Navy base.

Milton said she participated in the public tour of the cemetery Oct. 10 with her mother, Maggie, and brother, Theo, thinking it would be a cool activity around Halloween.

But hearing the stories of how some of the men and

women buried in the cemetery perished, Maddie Milton became emotional, she said.

"I can't help but think about him [Seth] and if he decides he wants to make this his career," said Milton, who lives in Island Lake with her mom and brother.

"I'm proud of him," she said, but added she also can't help feeling "a little scared."

The Miltons were among 35 people who learned more about the naval base's history during the cemetery tour. Some included Navy veterans living nearby.

Steve Kaminsky of Mundelein came with his wife, Betty. He completed two tours in Vietnam and lost part of his hearing while serving, he said.

He said his stories are not nearly as difficult to tell as others from Vietnam War-

era veterans, but he does recall when his ship collided with an aircraft carrier.

"That was scary," he said. Kaminsky said he had visited Fort Sheridan cemetery, which is open to the public, but never knew this one at the naval base existed.

That's because it's one of the Navy's most private cemeteries, said Erik Wright, education specialist for the Great Lakes Naval Museum.

"There are 277 plots. Buried here are 117 active duty or retired people from the Navy, plus 42 military family members and two World War I Navy nurses," he said.

"There hasn't been a burial here since 1996. It's very difficult to be granted permission to be buried here."

The original cemetery was across the street, he said. In 1919, the ravine wall near that cemetery began to give way, so every burial was dug up and moved across the street where they remain today, Wright said.

Geoff Bender, a volunteer docent for the museum who served in the Navy, stopped at various tombstones — all made of the same material and the same dimensions — to tell stories of those buried there. Bender's uniform is on display inside the museum, and was also worn by his father, he said.

Bender brought the visitors to the tombstone of Jack John Strong, who was assigned to an Asiatic fleet in 1936. In May 1939, his ship sank and Strong perished, he said.

Another serviceman buried there was found dead

between two railroad tracks.

"They aren't sure whether it was from foul play or from him attempting to board the train," Bender said.

Two nurses who served during World War I, Alice Lea and Emma Kotte, are also buried at the base's cemetery. Kotte, who cared for patients during the flu epidemic, likely died of the epidemic herself, Bender said.

"One source had it that Lea was killed by mustard gas," Bender said.

Maddie Milton's mother, Maggie, said the most difficult part of the tour was seeing the tombstones of 45 infants.

"What really hit me was the whole section of babies. I was tearing up," said Maggie, who helps coordinate a veterans program

at Mundelein Park District.

The infants buried there were children of men on the base, Bender said.

One of them, Baby Mof-fett, had a twin brother who grew up to serve as an officer in the Navy, Bender said.

Elmer L. Johansen, also buried at the cemetery, was stuck in a tail spin in the air at 6,000 feet while on duty, Bender said.

"He told his mechanic to bail out, but when he tried to bail himself out it was too late," Bender said.

Maggie Milton's son, Theo, who's in sixth grade, said that particular story made him "feel bad."

"They did good stuff for the world," he said of the service members buried at the cemetery.

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T.L. Fritts to close in downtown Winnetka

BY BRIDGET O'SHEA
Pioneer Press

T.L. Fritts Sporting Goods, the downtown Winnetka fixture that has supplied local families with everything from bicycles to local school spirit clothing, is closing after 37 years.

"I started this store from scratch," said store owner Tom Fritts, who said he bought what had been a hardware store in the late 1970s to start T.L. Fritts.

Fritts said he posted the "store closing" signs in the front windows on Oct. 6, which he said actually marks a happy milestone in his life.

"We're retiring," he said. "It's a wonderful thing. We're just going to have fun

now. It's all good."

The North Shore Scuba Center, adjacent to T.L. Fritts, has been a scuba training center since 1987. Fritts, who also owns the scuba center, said it will remain in the downtown Winnetka location and the center's current instructors are taking over that portion of the business.

Fritts said he plans to officially close the store in December.

Fritts, a 52-year Winnetka resident, said he plans to stay in Winnetka after retirement so he can continue to do volunteer work in the community. He said he has enjoyed serving the Winnetka community, where he reared a family and got to know countless

members of the community over the decades of T.L. Fritts' time in business.

"It's a great community," Fritts said. "You meet a lot of friends. It's been a great run."

While Fritts is looking forward to retirement, the closing of this chapter for his business is bittersweet for longtime customers.

"I'm very sad," said Glencoe resident Wendy Averman, who said she'd been a patron for decades. "They've always been an easy-to-go-to store. You come in and they know your kids. We've come here for skates, bikes and bike repairs. It's been our go-to place."

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T.L. Fritts will close its downtown Winnetka sporting goods store in December.

La Grange florist sees plenty of room for growth

BY JANE MICHAELS
Pioneer Press

La Grange Park resident Kim Leshar stumbled upon floral design quite by accident. But it's a talent she's cultivated to launch a second floral and gift shop in La Grange after 18 successful years in Evanston.

Leshar said she opened Bloom 3 La Grange in December at 104 W. Burlington Ave., while maintaining a one-third interest in the Evanston store with two other partners.

It was a risk to start over, she admits, but worth the chance to bike to work on occasion, pick up her two children from grade school and attend all their events.

"Everyone here has been such a great support, knowing I'm local," she said. "My best advertising has been word of mouth. People see the arrangements when I deliver or at a party, and

they like it."

Leshar said she thrived on the constantly shifting challenges of Neiman Marcus' visual design department in Northbrook, where she started working more than 20 years ago. She said she was surprised when asked to do the store's floral arrangements for parties and events without any experience or training.

"They gave me a budget and sent me to floral wholesalers. I had no idea," she remembered. "They had high expectations for the types of florals they wanted, especially that first year, orchids and novelty things. They liked what was unique and different."

Leshar said she knew very little about flowers but had to learn in a hurry, especially that first year, once her go-to blossom, tulips, were no longer in season.

"That forced me to look around, and I started going

after the textures of flowers," she said. "I never learned how to design how people are taught. I guess I just learned the hard way."

Leshar now incorporates an interesting array of colors and textures, from the fuzzy Green Trick in the carnation family to frilly pink astilbe, snowberry, blushing bride protea and calla lilies with the deep purple centers, known as Picasso.

"I like the super green roses. They're long lasting and a staple," she said.

Leshar said she frequently orders from the Netherlands for a ready supply of orchids, hydrangeas and unusual flowers. During the summers, she said she cuts various blooms from her own garden to fill out arrangements.

The price of arrangements varies but averages \$30 to 50, she said. A number of commuters stop

by from the train station across the street to bring home a smaller bouquet for \$20 to \$30, she said.

After getting positive feedback on her floral designs, Leshar said she and two co-workers started Bloom 3, first in a garage and then in an Evanston shop. Leshar had planned on pursuing a master's degree in architecture, but said she stuck with her partners in their budding business.

Over the years, the trio added gift items to the shop, mostly vintage and repurposed finds from estate sales, antique shops and various travels, Leshar said. They also showcase area artists' home furnishings and fashions.

"We love to go hunting for those kinds of things, so we figured why not sell it," she said. "We do a lot of road trips during the slow periods. We like barn hopping."

Leshar has polished up a radiator, hung bedsprings on the wall and made hanging lamps out of fishing baskets. She and her partners maintain a customer wish list and keep an eye out for unusual items.

"Nothing ever stays the same here," she said. "I always have to keep it fresh, inventive, intriguing and exciting."

Leshar said she is also branching out to host flower-arranging workshops and parties at her shop and envisions art shows in the future.

Peter Moran, chief executive officer with the Society of American Florists in Alexandria, Va., said new retailers need to have a strong online presence and find that business niche in their communities. Moran noted that 42 percent of floral customers order online.

Moran said some florists



JANE MICHAELS/PIONEER PRESS

Kim Leshar

are combining ventures, such as Leshar offering gift items. A Baltimore florist has a partnership with a local bakery to pair flowers and baked goods, and a Seattle florist also runs a coffee shop, he said.

"Those retailers who survived the recession have come out stronger," he said. "With the economy coming back, there's a strong demand for flowers."

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In search of good scary movies



RANDY BLASER

My mom liked horror movies. Not the slasher, blood-everywhere scary movies that we have today, but the classic horror films. This time of year, when I was a kid, my mom would make a bowl of popcorn and settle in front of the TV to watch a classic horror movie – the original “Frankenstein” or “Bride of Frankenstein.” She especially liked vampire movies, and would talk about which great actor played the better vampire – Bela Lugosi or Christopher Lee. She was partial to Lee’s

Dracula.

Some of my scariest moments as a kid occurred at the drive-in movies. Imagine going to a double feature at a drive-in on a cool October night to see “Night of the Living Dead” followed by something called “The Black Cat.” Pretty scary stuff, right? But at least you’re in the car.

Now imagine having to go to the bathroom during the key scene in “Night of the Living Dead” and not being sure you can find your way back to the car.

One of the scariest films I’ve ever seen in person in a crowded theater was “The Exorcist.” It’s hard to relate to someone today just how scary an experience it was if they haven’t experienced it for the first time on the big screen. I suppose by

today’s standards, the film is pretty tame. But I had many sleepless nights after seeing that movie. After 12 years of Catholic school, the devil was a very real thing to me.

One of my favorite fall horror films is “Sleepy Hollow” starring Johnny Depp, who I think plays an inspired Ichabod Crane in this Halloween classic. It has some scary moments, but I also enjoy the story.

Every October, I like to purchase a few more scary movies for my collection. But over the last few years, I really haven’t kept up on the latest in terror. It’s easy to get out of touch, which means the kids have another opportunity to laugh at the old man.

One year, I made them watch Alfred Hitchcock’s



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Robert Englund stars in “Freddy vs. Jason.”

“The Birds,” which terrified me as a kid. Alas, the scariest part for them was when an older gentleman, who was drinking and smoking at a bar in a restaurant during a lull in the bird attack, promised to take a woman back to the city after having “one more

for the road.” Yes, the 1960s were very frightening. So I have to ask you: Can you recommend your favorite scary movies to me? Remember, I’m not talking slasher, ax-murdering, Freddy Krueger-type films. I’m talking about real horror.

You can email me at rjblaser@comcast.net. Tell me what you like and why. And if they are good, or scary enough, I can share some reader suggestions in time for Halloween. Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Should Realtors get parking restriction exceptions?



PAUL SASSONE

You would think that parking laws would apply to all of us. But you just might be wrong. Chicago City Clerk Susana Mendoza is floating a proposal that would allow registered Realtors to buy universal permits to park in parking zones restricted to neighborhood residents. Why single out real estate agents for this exemption? Because they want it. Real estate agents are al-

ways out and about showing properties to prospective buyers. Too often, they have trouble finding places to park because of restrictions on nonresident would-be parkers.

The Chicago Association of Realtors has sought a “Professional Parking Permit” plan for years, as the group calls it. The professionals, though, would only be real estate professionals.

Here’s how the plan would work:

Real estate agents would be able to park in these restricted areas from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The yearly fee to Chicago real estate agents would be \$500. The fee to suburban, non-Chicago real estate agents would be \$800.

The real problem with



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Chicago City Clerk Susana Mendoza, shown Aug. 19, wants to create special parking permits for real estate agents.

the proposal – as you already have figured out – is why there should be parking exemptions for real estate agents alone.

What about other pro-

fessions?

People in other lines of work are just as busy as real estate agents. Why can’t they receive an exemption as well?

The real problem with the proposal – as you already have figured out – is why there should be parking exemptions for real estate agents alone.

Or should they receive an exemption? Should anyone? Why have parking laws in the first place if there are to be exemptions merely because some group wants them?

You’ll have to ask the Chicago city clerk, I guess.

Funny thing, though. There already are de facto exemptions to parking laws.

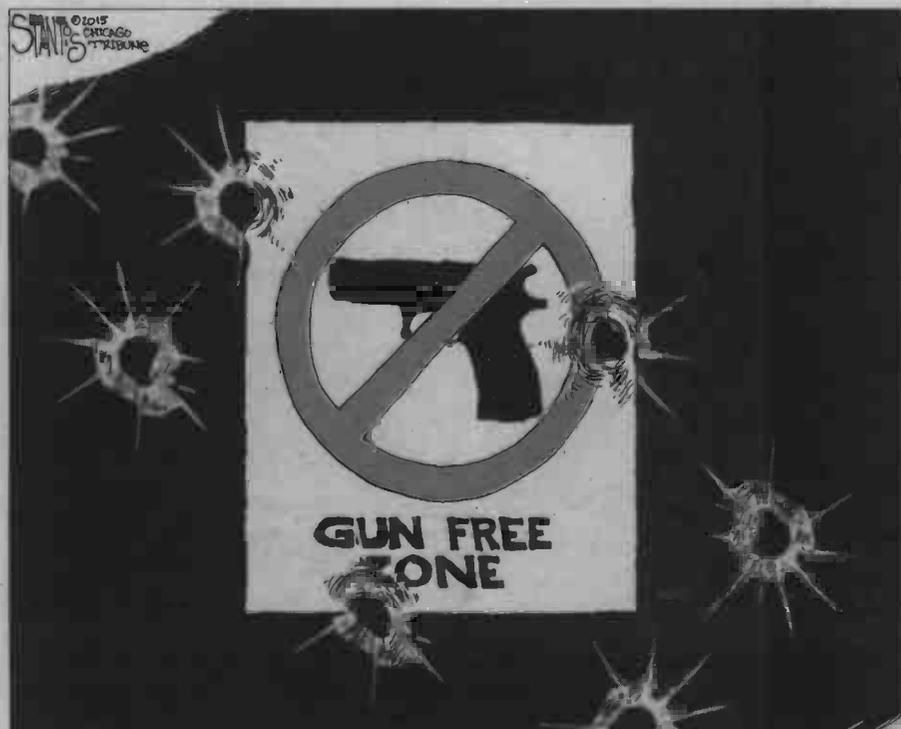
While not exempted by law, delivery trucks seem to park anywhere and not be ticketed.

So, if Chicago officials decide not to adopt the Professional Parking Permit plan, I suggest real estate agents drive clients to view houses in, say, a beer truck. Beer trucks can park anywhere unmolested.

Or, real estate agents might try affixing a pizzeria sign to the top of their Lexus. That might work, too.

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SCOTT STANTIS



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'The Martian' and the cellphone

Last weekend, I realized that the movie-du-jour, "The Martian," was over-rated. I'd done the research, sitting with the rest of the world, watching Matt Damon survive on Mars in this science fiction version of "Home Alone." When the rest of his astronaut buddies flee a little windstorm on Mars, poor Matt gets left in the dust.

For the next 15 hours (which is what it felt like to me), the audience witnesses a series of science projects well beyond the scope of the erupting paper mache volcanoes of America's collective youth. Any one formerly proud of capturing the inherent energy reserves within a potato will bow before the brilliance of Mark Watney, Damon's character.

As engaging as Damon is, posting video journal entries about life cut off from life, I just couldn't muster the emotional intensity that the premise of the movie demands.

Then I lost my cellphone



SALLY HIGGINSON

and my perspective changed entirely. Suddenly, I felt an empathic connection to our hero, stranded on a strange planet, unable to communicate with other life sources.

I totally get that. Sometime between PCE (pre-cellphone-era) and NOW (now), I transitioned from waiting for my blue princess landline to ring to having my iPhone with me 24/7. In other words, I live on planet earth.

A lot of young whippersnappers don't remember what life was like before total connectivity, but I do. I had my own survive-on-Mars experience one snowy night in February 1994, PCE. Driving to O'Hare at 10 p.m., I got a flat tire. Adding to my woes,

I had left for the airport wearing my standard night driving uniform: a flannel nightgown and winter boots. Remember, this was before Lululemon existed, and I was just making an airport pickup. Why not drive in my comfy floral Lanz?

Unfortunately, I can answer that question. The trauma of driving on a rim pales in comparison to the trauma of walking into a bar to use a payphone while wearing a nightgown. Remaining in that same bar until AAA arrived, and enduring far too many humiliating jokes about showing up for a "night cap" surely counts as a hardship equivalent to waiting 500+ days on Mars for a rescue.

At least Astronaut Watney was wearing the right outfit for his emergency. If I'd gone to see "The Martian" wearing my nightgown, then at least sleeping through the movie would have been more comfortable.

FLYING UNDER THE RADAR

Forecasts and followers reveal who's watching Chicago TV news



ERIC SCOTT

My first job in TV news was a daily pressure-cooker, producing the 6 p.m. news in the early 1990s at WIFR-TV, the CBS affiliate in Rockford. Despite furious script typing, crunch-time video editing and racing every day to meet an immovable deadline ("Good evening, this is the 6:07 news?"), I didn't like it that my hard-fought newscast was regularly getting beat in the ratings by competing newscasts on the other network affiliates in town and by re-runs of "Hee Haw" on the local independent station.

Yes, I was getting beat by "Hee Haw" and I wasn't exactly "Hee Happy" about it.

That's what I first thought of after reading a recent blog post from veteran Chicago media reporter Robert Feder about WGN-TV's debut 10 p.m. newscast jumping ahead of CBS 2, in the ratings in only its first week on the air. More late local news viewers checked out channel 9's newscast, which didn't even exist a month ago, instead of watching a decades-old newscast on channel 2. You know, the show once billed as "The Ten O'clock News" featuring the most iconic Chicago TV news anchor team of all time — Bill Kurtis and Walter Jacobson. Ouch. Times have changed.

So what's the reason for

WGN's sudden surge at 10? Many are pointing to the "Skilling factor." Basically, when mega-popular meteorologist Tom Skilling talks, people listen. Even though Skilling's atmospheric insights are a prominent part of this new newscast, it has to be more than his multi-colored radar blobs and five-day forecasts that are (forgive me) "Skilling it."

So what highly scientific way can we measure a weathercaster's impact on local TV news ratings? Should we compare temperature prediction accuracy or who was closest to forecasting the actual snowfall inch totals for our last blizzard?

Nah, forget all that. We're going with Twitter followers. As of this writing:

- Tom Skilling WGN 9, @Skilling: 55.4K
- Cheryl Scott ABC 7, @CherylScottWX 32.4K
- Paul Konrad WGN 9, @PaulKonrad: 22.4K
- Jerry Taft ABC 7, @jerrytaft: 21.5K
- Megan Glaros CBS 2, @MeganGlaros: 12.6K
- Tracy Butler ABC 7, @TracyButlerABC7: 10.4K
- Tammie Souza, FOX 32, @TammieSouza: 9,257
- Ed Curran CBS2, @EdCurran: 8,758
- Alicia Roman NBC 5, @AliciaRomanNBC: 6,954
- Demetrius Ivory WGN 9, @DIvory_WGN: 6,373
- Phil Schwarz ABC 7, @SchwarzABC7: 5,777
- Tim McGill WGN 9, @WGNWeatherGuy: 2,907
- Bill Bellis FOX 32, @BillBellis: 1,966
- Brant Miller NBC 5, @BrantMillerNBC: 1,753
- Mark Strehl FOX 32, @MarkStrehlWx: 1,344
- Mary Kay Kleist CBS 2,



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WGN Meteorologist Tom Skilling does the weather forecast at the WGN television studios in this 2013 file photo.

@MaryKayCBS2: 1,289
 ■ Steve Baskerville CBS 2, @BaskervilleCBS2: 804
 ■ Pete Sack NBC5, @PeteSackweather: 582

Yes, Skilling is the runaway leader, but obviously this scale has nothing to do with how well our TV meteorologists do their jobs.

So how does the weather expert "Tweet-o-meter" stack up against the latest local 10 p.m. TV news ratings for all households, also reported by Feder:

- ABC 7: 7.1 rating; 12.0 share
- NBC 5: 6.2 rating; 10.5 share
- WGN 9: 2.9 rating; 4.9 share
- CBS 2: 2.5 rating; 4.3 share

With WGN being the newbie in this category, it could pull away from struggling CBS 2 unless it harnesses some Megan Glaros Twitter magic. But cheer up CBS 2, at least you're beating Hee Haw.

■ @heehaw: 679 followers
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Enter these haunted houses if you dare

BY ANNIE ALLEMAN
Pioneer Press

"We're going to be overly in your face," said haunted house producer Steve Kopeland. "A lot bigger, a lot more actors, a lot more blood and gore. It will be a lot more disgusting this year I think, because that's what the people want. And we're going to give it to them."

Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare returns to Odeum Expo Center in Villa Park through Nov. 1 with three new attractions, rock concerts and a carnival on a strip called the Bloody Boulevard.

Last year, the response organizers got was that people had to wait hours in line to go through the haunted house. To combat this, visitors will receive a number so can go on the rides, play games or eat until their numbers are up (so to speak).

The new attractions are based on Rob Zombie horror movies, including Captain Spaulding's Clown School In 3D, The Devil's Rejects and 31, which is based on the movie Zombie has coming out in January.

"With technology, everything is more real," Kopeland said. "We're going to put the patron right in the middle of Rob's movies and make them the victim."

13th Floor Haunted House

13th Floor Haunted House is back in Melrose Park with two upgraded attractions — Feral Moon and Dead End District: Wrong Turn. The haunt will be open weekends and other select dates through Nov. 14. The weekend of Nov. 13 and 14 is a "blackout" event done entirely in the dark; no lights whatsoever except for a glow stick.

"Feral Moon is kind of like classic Halloween monsters with a twist," said Chris Stafford, one of the Thirteenth Floor Entertainment Group partners. "It focuses on werewolves and a modern interpretation of the Wolfman. The other show is Dead End District: Wrong Turn. That's a post-apocalyptic theme, after the zombie apocalypse. The story centers on a character that was a clown that got infected by the virus, and now he's a zombie clown."

He think zombies and clowns are still really popular in haunted houses.

"I think clowns are going to be hot this season. The 'American Horror Story' TV show introduced a clown character that was quite iconic, and a really good interpretation of a clown, and I think the nature of that show, the 'American Horror Story: Freak Show,' was a throwback to some of the vintage Halloween characters, and I know that's something we're paying attention to at our attractions."



EDWARD MARSHALL

Disturbia Screams In the Park returns to MB Financial Park in Rosemont with new scary attractions.

Area Haunted Houses

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13th Floor Haunted House, through Nov. 14. 1940 George St., Melrose Park. 708-571-3326; www.13thFloorChicago.com. Tickets, \$24.99-29.99; plus \$10 for Fast Pass or \$20 for immediate access. Hours: 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 7-11 p.m. Sunday Sept. 25-Nov. 14. New themes this year.

House of Torment, through Nov. 7. 8240 Austin Ave, Morton Grove. 224-888-1031; www.HouseOfTormentChicago.com. Tickets, \$24.99-\$29.99. Fast pass and immediate access available. New is a haunted house with two attractions: Contagium (alien invasion creating half-alien, half-human hybrid race) and The Abandoned (abandoned school, possessed schoolchildren, the most tortured among them being a girl named Hellen.)

Disturbia Screams In the Park, varying days, through Nov. 1, lower level of the MB Financial Park parking garage, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont. www.DisturbiaScreams.com. Tickets cost \$25; \$45 VIP. Hours are 7-11 p.m. except for Fridays and Saturdays, which are 7 p.m. to midnight. Features include an insane asylum overrun with murderous clowns and Caverns of Darkness, a maze of dark, underworld passages.

"**Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare**," through Nov. 1. Odeum Expo Center, 1033 North Villa Ave., Villa Park. 630-941-9292; www.GreatAmericanNightmare.com. Tickets, \$25-\$45. In addition to new attractions, Rob Zombie is playing Oct. 2 and 4, with Insane Clown Posse and P.O.D. performing Oct. 3. The attractions are based on Zombie's own horror films; including one inspired by upcoming movie "31." Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays and 7-10 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. On concert nights, Great American Nightmare will be open until midnight.



ROB ZOMBIE'S GREAT AMERICAN NIGHTMARE

Clowns abound at Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare in Villa Park.



13TH FLOOR HAUNTED HOUSE

The Wolfman awaits at the 13th Floor Haunted House in Melrose Park.

Statesville Haunted Prison and City of the Dead, through Nov. 1. 17250 S. Weber Road, Crest Hill. 877-722-7332; www.StatesvilleHauntedPrison.com. Tickets, \$30-\$45; \$65 includes Zombie Paintball ride. Hours are 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays and Thursdays plus Oct. 28 and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visitors in the lot by closing time will be admitted. Statesville and City of the Dead have more than 40 rooms and an average time of 40 to 50 minutes required to get through. Kids must be 11 or older; 11- to 15-year-olds must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

Scream Scene, 7-10 p.m. Oct. 16-17, 23-24, and Oct. 29-Nov. 1. 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. The Skokie Water Playground becomes host to chainsaw maniacs and an insane clown maze. Not recommended for children under age 10. A lights on haunted house takes place 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 17 and 24. Tickets cost \$10; \$15 for fast pass admission; \$2-\$3 for the lights on haunted house. www.ScreamScene.org.

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SHOW

Ebersole comes home with 'Big Noise from Winnetka'

BY SHERYL DEVORE

Pioneer Press

Christine Ebersole left for New York City from her hometown of Winnetka when she was 20 years old to pursue her dream of being in show business. The two-time Tony-award winning actress and singer has been back to visit her stomping grounds often — she still has family here — but this time she's performing.

Ebersole will bring her show "Big Noise From Winnetka" to the North Shore Center for Performing Arts in Skokie Oct. 24. The show features songs and stories about her life's journey, beginning with her taking violin and piano lessons and appearing in high school musicals at New Trier High School, where she graduated in 1971.

Those who come to the show will hear Ebersole's tale of planning to run away from home so she wouldn't have to take piano lessons anymore. She took them for six years and quit, but continued with violin lessons, singing, acting and enjoying the many opportunities she had growing up.

"I'm grateful for that," she said.

"Big Noise from Winnetka" is a jazz song written in the 1930s — and the name fits her, Ebersole said.

For example, she's been called a rebellious youth from the North Shore, but actually she said, she was just "adventurous. I wasn't robbing liquor stores or anything."

Though her parents supported her, leaving for New York City at a young age was indeed adventurous, and it led Ebersole to multiple experiences on and off Broadway, in movies and in television.

One of the highlights was when she appeared in the Academy Award-winning 1984 movie "Amadeus," as an opera singer who took voice lessons from court composer Antonio Salieri who was jealous of a new composer named Mozart.

"That was a big highlight of my career," Ebersole said. "It was an amazing time."

Other highlights include her winning a Tony Award as best leading actress in the Broadway musical "42nd Street" and another for her role in the musical "Grey Gardens."

She's also been in television sitcoms including a recurring role in the USA Network show "Royal Pains."

Ebersole will be in a future episode of the CBS show "Madame Secretary," portraying the First Lady, she said.

She'll perform "Big Noise from Winnet-



CHRISTINE EBERSOLE

Actress-singer Christine Ebersole returns home to perform at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

Christine Ebersole presents 'Big Noise from Winnetka'

When: 8 p.m. Oct. 24

Where: North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie

Cost: \$38-\$68

Information: www.northshorecenter.org

ka" in Las Vegas and Los Angeles early next year, and then there are some other exciting times ahead, she said, though she can't reveal what she's doing next just yet.

For now, she's enjoying, as part of her show, singing the tunes she heard when she was growing up.

"There's Joni Mitchell and Fleetwood Mac," she said. "It's the music of my generation."

When asked if she preferred singing or acting, Ebersole said, "They are inter-related."

"You really can't do one without the other. What is acting? It's being authentic. A pretty voice will only take you so far — you need to have something to say."

Ebersole is happy she has the chance to say it in her hometown, she said.

"I'm very excited to come back home and perform for my fellow townspeople," she said. "It was a great place to grow up."

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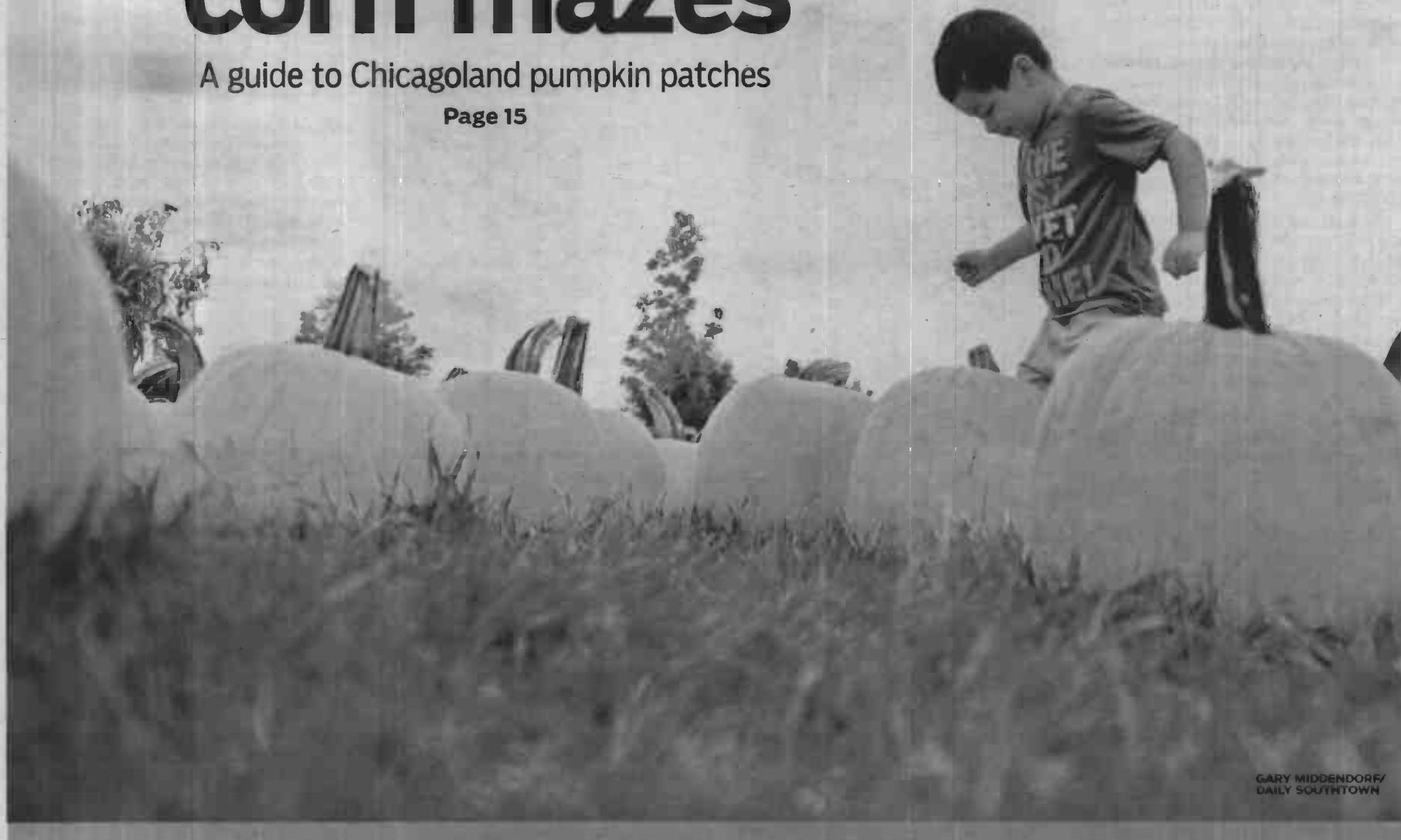
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DAILY SOUTHTOWN

SUBURBAN COOKS

Canning, freezing makes garden bounty last

St. Charles grower learns how to preserve fresh produce for all seasons

By Judy Buchenot
Beacon-News

When the garden in your life gives you tomatoes, you start canning, according to St. Charles resident Karin Roberts.

When her garden is bountiful, she cans or freezes produce to enjoy all winter long. Her garden experiences began about five years ago.

"My undergraduate degree was in botany," Roberts said. Although she loved the field, she realized there were limited options for employment and got her masters in marketing and began a busy 20-plus year career with IBM. Her passion for plants was put on hold for several years.

Then came a moment when Roberts and her husband grew concerned about the quality of the food they were eating.

"I tried doing a CSA," she said referring to a community supported agriculture program where she purchased a share of farm produce. "But I kept getting things I didn't really like so I planted a garden in my backyard about five years ago. It turned out to be a buffet for deer. They ate everything," she said.

The next year she installed a motion-activated sprinkler designed to scare off deer and other garden invaders with a quick blast of water.

"It worked very well and the second year, I had a lot of produce," she said. "I had so much produce that I started giving it away but then I thought, 'wait a minute. I should use this produce.' So I started canning."

Roberts, 55, volunteers at Primrose Farm, the St. Charles park district working farm, and learned a few canning tricks from the staff there. She also has an aunt "who cans everything" who gave her advice.

"I had tomatoes, peppers, garlic, onions and zucchini — all the things I like. I ate the zucchini as they ripened but had to come up with something to do with the rest." Among her first canning successes was salsa.

"The first time I made it, I chopped the jalapeno peppers by hand and my hands tingled for days from the oils," she said. "I then started using a food processor. Salsa is really easy with a food processor. You just toss everything in and turn it on."

Over the years, she has experimented with many different ways to use produce.

"Last year I made spaghetti sauce that I froze in containers instead of canned. When you can tomatoes, you have to add



JUDY BUCHENOT/BEACON-NEWS

Karin Roberts enjoys using her garden produce to make giardiniera and salsa, which she then cans.

vinegar and I didn't like that flavor in my sauce so I tried freezing instead. I could then take the container out of the freezer, let it thaw, add a little tomato paste and it was really good spaghetti sauce," she said.

Roberts has also tried drying her tomatoes. After coring and cutting the tomatoes into chunks and removing some of the seeds, she dried the tomatoes in a 175-degree oven for several hours.

"I put them in a plastic bag in the refrigerator to use on pizza but they can be frozen, also," she said.

This year's project is making horseradish.

"My aunt gave me a horseradish plant. We are going to dig them up and make

horseradish out of the roots," she said. She warns others who want to try this to plant the horseradish in a separate small bed because it spreads quickly.

Roberts encourages others to try growing their own produce and volunteers with Garden Works Project, a nonprofit that provides families in need with gardens.

"I really believe in sharing your knowledge with others," said Roberts. "There are so many organizations that could use volunteers. I encourage everyone to give a little time for others."

Canning does take time, admits Roberts, but she notes that "the best part about canning is that you can change a recipe to make it the way you like it."

Hot Italian Giardiniera

- 3 cups white wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 small head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 4 celery stalks, sliced
- 2 red bell peppers, sliced
- 6 hot peppers with seeds, sliced into thin rounds
- 3-6 garlic cloves
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon peppercorns
- 3 tablespoons olive oil

1. Sterilize 3 pint-size canning jars and lids. Add the vinegar, water and salt to a nonreactive saucepan and bring to a boil.

2. Divide the vegetables and seasonings between the jars, filling them to within 1-inch of the rims. Ladle the hot brine into the jars, leaving 1/2-inch of head space. Add more vinegar if needed to fill the jar. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to each jar. Wipe clean and replace lids.

3. At this point you can refrigerate the jars and be finished. If you want them to be shelf-stable, process the jars in boiling water for 10 minutes. Remove from the water bath and let sit undisturbed for 24 hours and test the seals. Any jars that did not seal properly can be kept in the refrigerator for about one week. Sealed jars can be kept at room temperature for about one year.

4. Allow the giardiniera to sit for a few days to marinate before using for the best flavor.

Karin's culinary cue

To make peeling garlic cloves easier, heat the clove in the microwave for 30 seconds. Remove from microwave and the skins easily peel away.

For example, Roberts makes the pickled vegetable mix known as giardiniera but leaves out carrots because she doesn't like them in her mix.

"We put it on chili, on pizza, on all kinds of meat. It is really good," she said.

The recipe makes a small batch, which is ideal for a beginner. She shares her recipe for others to try.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

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Tricks to their treats

Chefs share simple steps to a festive Halloween menu

By Veronica Hinke
Pioneer Press

For treats without tricks this Halloween, we asked area chefs for simple steps for a festive dinner table. Here are some no-fuss ways to dress up your Halloween menu.

At Mon Ami Gabi in Oak Brook, executive chef Bruce Williams is getting ready for a Halloween dinner party the restaurant will host Oct. 28.

Williams will make flavorful, seasonal purees with ingredients like parsnips and butternut squash to showcase Halloween party menu items like horseradish-crust braised short ribs. The purees add color and balance with a subtlety of earthy, seasonal flavors.

And making purees is simple: To make a parsnip puree, for example, combine 1 pound of peeled, thinly sliced parsnips with a tiny handful of thinly sliced garlic. Add 1/2 cup of cream, 1/2 cup of milk, and 2 tablespoons of butter and bring it all to a boil in a saucepan over the stovetop. Lower the heat, cover the saucepan and simmer until the parsnips are soft (10-15 minutes). Remove the saucepan cover and reduce the liquid in half by continuing to cook. Season with a pinch of salt. Puree in a blender until smooth. Plate the puree and top with short ribs or other meats. Parsnips can be substituted with butternut squash, carrots, cauliflower or other root vegetables.

"This my favorite dish to make due to the seasonality of fall vegetables," Williams said.

For a costume party at Autre Monde in Berwyn on Oct. 31, the menu features pumpkin soup shooters, black rice arancini — and, of course — deviled eggs. And mixologist Becci Visconti West will also be making plenty of one of her favorite specialty drinks, which she has aptly named Ghost.

To make a Ghost cocktail, West blends 1 1/2 ounces of vodka with 1/2 ounce Kahlua and 1/2 ounce spiced heavy cream. To make the spiced cream, she mixes heavy cream with vanilla extract and 1 ounce of a grappa-based aperitif. She mixes it all together with ice, strains and pours.



CINE MODERN TAQUERIA

Luis Mendoza, executive chef at Cline Modern Taqueria in Hinsdale, holds up a plate of apple, sweet potato and poblano-stuffed pork loin. Mendoza will make the dish on Oct. 31 as part of a Day of the Dead dinner.

West's simple trick for creating cocktails with elaborate flavors? Flavored simple syrups. As she explained, they're a cinch to make and they significantly enhance the flavor profile of drinks.

"Just with a few soft deviations from a recipe you can really go nuts," she said. Walnuts, in fact: West makes simple syrups by cooking down equal parts granulated sugar and water with desired amounts of everything from walnuts to rhubarb to cinnamon, which is perfect for accenting an Old Fashioned.

West also spices honey for blending into cocktails. She adds 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon of ginger and 1/2 cup of water to 1 cup of honey. She shakes it all together in a squeeze bottle and incorporates it into cocktail recipes for enhanced flavor.

Meanwhile, in a storied building in downtown Hinsdale that once housed the Hinsdale Theater, father and son team Luis Mendoza Sr. (chef) and Luis Mendoza Jr. (mixologist) will pay homage to the spirits of some of the Spanish actors that once graced the silver screen. Their Day of the Dead dinner is now an annual event. Each course of the dinner is dedicated to a different screen siren.

"The history of these great characters inspired me to create this menu that has so much history," Mendoza Sr. said.

This year, on Oct. 31, Mendoza will make apple, sweet potato and poblano-stuffed pork loin to honor the late Mexican film director, actor and screenwriter Emilio "El Indio" Fernández.

"He was one of the most prolific film directors of the golden age of Mexico in the 1940s and 1950s," Mendoza said. "He is

Apple, Sweet Potato and Poblano-Stuffed Pork Loin

BRINE

- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 cup kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 12 ice cubes
- 1 3-pound pork loin, trimmed

STUFFING FOR PORK

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 poblano peppers, finely diced
- 1 small sweet potato, peeled and finely diced
- 1 small apple, such as Pink Lady or Gala, finely diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon chipotle chile powder

RUB

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle chile powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper

1. To prepare brine: Place brown sugar, 1/4 cup salt and 1 Tablespoon cumin in a heat-proof bowl. Pour in boiling water and stir to dissolve. Stir in ice cubes until melted.

2. To butterfly and brine pork: Double butterfly the pork loin so it can be flattened, stuffed and rolled. Place pork loin on a cutting board. Holding the knife blade flat, parallel to the board, make a lengthwise cut into the side of the roast just above the center, stopping short of the opposite edge so that the flap remains attached. Rotate the tenderloin 180 degrees. Still holding the knife parallel to the cutting board, make a lengthwise cut into the side opposite the original cut, just below the center, taking care not to cut all the way through. Open up the two cuts so you have a large rectangle of meat. Cover with plastic wrap and pound to an even thickness (about 1/2- to 1-inch thick). Place the pork in a sealable gallon-size plastic bag and pour in the brine; turn to coat. Place in a dish and refrigerate between two to four hours.

3. To prepare stuffing: About one hour before stuffing the pork, heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add poblano peppers, sweet potato, apple, three garlic cloves, 1/2 teaspoon cumin, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon each pepper and chipotle and cook, stirring, until the potato is just tender, 12 to 15 minutes. (Add water by the tablespoon to prevent sticking, as needed.) Remove from the heat and let cool for about 15 minutes.

4. To rub and roast pork: Line a large baking pan with foil and coat with cooking spray. Remove the pork from the brine and thoroughly pat dry. Combine 2 tablespoons oil, two cloves garlic, cilantro, chipotle and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a small bowl. Mix thoroughly, then rub the mixture all over the pork. Spoon the stuffing mixture over the pork, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Roll up from long side to long side and secure in several spots with kitchen string. Transfer to the prepared pan seam-side down and let stand at room temperature while the oven preheats, 15 to 20 minutes.

5. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roast the stuffed pork until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the meat (not the stuffing) registers 145 degrees, for 45 minutes to one hour. Let rest on a cutting board for 15 minutes. Remove the string and slice the pork into thick rounds.

Executive Chef Luis Mendoza Sr., Cline Modern Taqueria

best known for his work as director of the film 'Maria Candelaria,' which won the Palme d'Or award at the 1946 Cannes Film Festival. His favorite food was pork and mole verde.

"Mole verde is the lightest and freshest-tasting of Oaxaca's seven varieties of different moles," Mendoza said. "Fresh herbs (rather than spice accents) are what distinguish mole verde — a puree of green herbs is added at the last minute."

Mendoza will also tip his hat on Halloween to Mexican actor Pedro Armendariz,

who loved mole poblano, a chocolate-laced sauce that originated in the Mexican mountain town of Puebla.

And his Halloween dinner will end on a sweet note in honor of Mexican movie star Dolores del Rio's favorite dessert, which was tamales dulces or capulin black cherry.

"She was the first Mexican movie star with international appeal and had a meteoric career in 1920s Hollywood, which was an extraordinary accomplishment for a Hispanic female in those years," Mendoza said.

SUBURBAN COOKS

Cook learns how to handle making recipes vegan-friendly

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

Finding out your dinner guests are vegan might send many people into a panic, but Naperville resident Wendy Hayum Gross found the prospect of altering a recipe to be an interesting challenge.

"I don't think I have ever really followed a recipe from start to finish," she said with a quick laugh. "I look at the ingredients and decide to change things and add things that I like. I often take recipes that my husband and I love and try to make them healthier, so cooking a vegan meal was just another new recipe."

Gross decided to make a hearty fall meal of chili and cornbread.

"I looked at several vegan recipes for chili," she said. "I liked one recipe but it used bulgur wheat and I didn't want to use that. I thought it would make it too grainy. I knew the wheat was to add protein so I decided to use soy chorizo instead, which you can get at Trader Joe's. And I didn't want it to be just a pot of beans so I added a lot of seasoning for flavor."

The cornbread was also an interesting challenge.

"I took out the eggs and added a little canola oil. In place of milk, I used unsweetened almond milk. It turned out so well that I think it will be my go-to recipe. It is really very light and fluffy," Gross said.

Gross enjoys baking and cooking.

"My mom and grandma were fabulous bakers, and I love to bake but I am not as much into sweets as I am into savory."

Many years ago, Gross ran a small catering venture for a short time where she provided dinners for two. She is a licensed clinical professional counselor but has

placed most of her energy into being a Mary Kay sales director for 31 years.

"Mary Kay [Ash] trained me. She told me 'you can do it' and got me started."

The Rotary Club of Naperville takes up another big part of Gross' life. She is the president and is busy getting ready for the farewell food tour of Soup's On, the club's annual charity event.

Guests who attend this event are invited to sample soups, stews, sandwiches, sliders, wings and desserts.

"It is the eighth Soup's On," she said. "We have supported DuPage PADS, Hosed House and Loaves and Fishes and now they are all grown so much we felt it was time to try something new."

Gross said efforts are being made to make this final event memorable.

"There will be over 20 restaurants there and lots of great food and great desserts," she said. "The high school kids who provide the entertainment know it's the last one and they are all trying to give it their best."

Although the food is plentiful and delicious, Gross said the best dish offered at Soup's On is a heaping helping of hometown friendliness.

"The whole community is there. I always see people that I haven't seen in a long time and we catch up and talk. There are volunteers, students, neighbors, club members — it is like being with family." Tickets for the Oct. 18 event are still available and can be purchased at the door.

Gross has been a rotary club member for 15 years.

"I joined Rotary because a friend asked me to join, but I have found that I love being part of a group that encourages me to be a better person," she said. "The



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

Wendy Hayum Gross spoons up a serving of her vegan chili into a soup cup from Soup's On. This will be the final year for Soup's On, the Rotary fundraiser for charity.

Wendy's culinary cue

Do not throw out those wine corks. They are heat resistant and very light. Wine corks can be used to make trivets, wreaths, placard holders and bulletin boards. Wendy even created a whimsical backsplash from hundreds of wine corks glued in a tidy design.

Soup's On

When: 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Oct. 18

Where: Naperville Central High School, 440 Aurora Ave.

Tickets: Adults \$45, Seniors \$35, Children 6-12 \$10, Under 6 free

information: www.soupsonorotary.com

Rotary theme this year is to be a gift to the world. We all have so many gifts and it makes everyone think, 'are you sharing your gifts with the world?'

You don't have to be vegan to enjoy the recipes Gross created for her dinner party. They are tasty variations on traditional

recipes that provide a change.

They are also handy recipes to have around just in case you find a vegan friend coming to your home for dinner. She shares her vegan chili and cornbread recipes for others to try.

Judy Buchenot is a freelancer.

Vegan Chili

- 6 ounces soy chorizo
- 1 large onion
- 5 garlic cloves
- 2 jalapeno peppers
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon chipotle chill powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups tomato sauce
- 1 15-ounce can kidney beans
- 1 15-ounce can black beans

1. In a Dutch oven, saute chorizo until slightly crispy. Peel and chop onion and garlic. Chop peppers. Add onion, garlic, peppers and carrots to chorizo. Cook until onion is transparent. Add chili powders and cumin and mix. Add tomatoes and tomato sauce. Mix. Drain and rinse beans. Add to mixture.

2. Cook down until mixture reaches desired consistency. Add salt to taste. If mixture becomes too thick, thin with wine. If desired, serve with cilantro and green onions as a garnish. For a vegetarian meal, serve with sour cream or grated cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese.

Vegan Cornbread

- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 2 cups unsweetened almond milk
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups corn meal
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons sugar

1. Mix cider vinegar, almond milk and canola oil in a bowl and set aside. Mix corn meal, flour, baking soda, salt and sugar in a large bowl. Mix liquid ingredients with the dry ingredients and stir until blended. Pour into an 8-inch baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Cool and cut into squares to serve.

Novus Serum customer never received refund

Perhaps you recall the plight of Janice, whose issue was featured in Help Squad in August when she learned two Novus Serum trial products she ordered were not actually free but instead cost just under \$100 each. In response to her request for assistance, Help Squad called Novus on her behalf.

Following a lengthy wait, we were informed that the trial was just that, a trial, but not free. After some discussion, the agent agreed to take the products back and refund Janice her money within 10 days of its receipt. That was on July 24.

In mid-August, Janice received a return receipt confirming Novus' acceptance of her returned product. However, when Help Squad contacted Janice on Sept. 1 to see if her refund had yet posted, the answer, unfortunately, was no. So for a second time, Help Squad called Novus

and waited ... and waited ... for "a live agent to be with [us] shortly." When an agent eventually took our call and accessed Janice's record, she informed us there was no entry indicating Novus' receipt of Janice's return. When we explained that Janice had actually received a signed return receipt, the representative confessed, "I've been doing this job for less than a week now and I'm afraid I don't have good news for you. I've been taking one call after another from people wanting to return product and get a refund, or saying they can't locate the company online to place an order."

When we asked to speak to a supervisor, the agent told us they were all tied up with calls. When we asked if we could leave our number for a supervisor to call us back, she said simply, "I don't think that would be useful." She offered to make a note in Janice's



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

account that the products had been returned and no refund had been received, but wasn't willing to issue a refund herself. When pushed for a manager's contact information, the agent told us that Novus' customer service center was staffed by third-party agency LiveOps and she provided the company's 800 number. We called LiveOps and left a detailed voicemail message for the vice president of human resources. Not surprisingly, we never heard back.

Help Squad was about ready to throw in the towel.

Then on Sept. 24 – a full two months after our first encounter with Novus – Help Squad decided to give it one final try. Surprisingly, on this day we waited for an agent for less than two minutes, and the individual we spoke with was helpful. He pulled up Janice's record and saw all of her transactions, including the return of her products to the Novus warehouse on Sept. 1. (This entry was actually the note posted to her account by the agent Help Squad spoke with on Sept. 1, but we weren't going to argue.)

He promptly issued Janice her two credits for \$98.41 and \$97.41. Confirmation was emailed to Janice, and two business days later she received her refunds.

Janice emailed us to say, "I received the refund into my account yesterday! THANK YOU SO MUCH for all your help! Whew! I feel so much better. It

hurt to know [a company] could do that to an innocent victim."

Even though this Novus story ultimately has a happy ending, simply conducting an Internet search or checking the Better Business Bureau's website for Novus Serum likely would have resulted in avoidance of this company. Red flags and negative reviews are plentiful.

Before purchasing any product online from a new or unfamiliar company, consumers should ALWAYS do a quick Internet search and check to see if the Better Business Bureau has record of any consumer complaints against the firm.

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PETS/ANIMALS

Curtis skewered by his own appetite

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

The public has spoken. Curtis the boxer is the winner of the 2015 Hambone Award.

The prestigious piece of hardware goes to the most unusual pet insurance claim of the year, as determined by Nationwide, the nation's oldest and largest pet health insurance company. Nationwide picks a monthly winner, then lets the public vote. And Curtis came home a winner.

Curtis gets the trophy, and the veterinary team from Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, who saved his life, will receive a \$10,000 award to treat pets whose owners could otherwise not afford treatment.

The 5-year-old Curtis made it to the final round after an extended encounter with a wooden barbecue skewer.

Valerie Mould of Princeton, W.Va., is accustomed to Curtis' appetite for things he's not supposed to eat. He downed a Frisbee once. She says that, more than a year ago at a family barbecue, Curtis purloined a skewer of chicken and beef shish-kebabs.

"I saw him grab it and chased him outside," she said. "When I caught up to him, I yelled for him to drop it and grabbed the end sticking out of his mouth, but the skewer snapped right as I got my hands on it, and Curtis swallowed it in one bite."

She called a veterinarian, who told her to watch to see if the skewer broke down and passed from the dog's system. The next evening Curtis vomited and collapsed, and he was taken to Vir-



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Curtis the boxer shows off his Hambone Award, which he has not yet tried to eat.

ginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

Neither an ultrasound nor an endoscopy could locate the skewer. Curtis stayed in the ICU for a couple of days, then was sent home.

All was well until a few months later, when the dog became lethargic and lost his appetite. Several visits to his local vet didn't solve the problem, and after Curtis' condition deteriorated, he was taken back to Virginia Tech. There, vets found a large mass near his liver. When they performed surgery to remove the mass, they found it was a large area of scar tissue surrounding the skewer that Curtis had eaten more than a year earlier. It had gone through his intestines and traveled through his body until adhering to his stomach and pancreas.

With the skewer removed, Curtis is slowly returning to his old self and has a great story for his pals at the dog park.

His tale of woe won over voters, helping him edge out runner-up Charm, a Persian cat from Woodbridge, Va., who swallowed more than 3 feet of packaging tape. After treatment at Hartwood Animal Hospital in Fredericksburg, Va., Charm eventually passed 19 inches of tape and regurgitated the rest.

The third-place finisher was Rocky, a miniature dachshund from San Diego who fought off a rattlesnake that was threatening his siblings. Rocky suffered multiple rattlesnake bites, but the team at Veterinary Specialty Hospital in San Diego was able to save him.

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Best public aquariums

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

Blue Planet, a Chicago-based custom aquarium design, installation and service company, has come up with its list of the 10 best public aquariums in the U.S. It's a purely subjective ranking of the top 10, Blue Planet points out. But it may help you plan an interesting vacation next summer.

1. Shedd Aquarium (Chicago); 2. Georgia Aquarium (Atlanta); 3. National Aquarium (Baltimore); 4. Audubon Aquarium of the Americas (New Orleans); 5. Aquarium of the Pacific (Long Beach, Calif.); 6. Maui Ocean Center (Wailuku); 7. Monterey Bay Aquarium (Monterey); 8. Texas State Aquarium (Corpus Christi); 9. Oregon Coast Aquarium (Newport); 10. New England Aquarium (Boston).

A dog's best friend: You

The current issue of Tails Pet Magazine explains how a dog owner can be his or her pet's best friend. The folks at Beneful recently asked pet owners about their dog's favorite things and what makes their relationship with their dog special. They came up with 10 activities that people said made their dogs happiest:

1. Treats; 2. Mealtime; 3. Chewing a bone; 4. Going on walks; 5. Snuggling; 6. Playing fetch; 7. Riding in the car; 8. Going to the dog park; 9. Running or jogging with someone; 10. Being brushed or groomed.

Check out the full story at tailsinc.com/2015/09/ten-ways-to-be-your-dogs-best-friend.

Dogs and their people

A recent canine personality study conducted by Natural Balance and LearnDipity Data found that people and their dogs are very much alike.

Among the findings in the survey of 1,015 dog owners:

- 66 percent of extroverted people have extroverted dogs.
- If you're a choosy eater, your dog is three times more likely to be one as well.
- If you identify as a lifelong learner, there's a 72 percent chance your dog will be good at learning new tricks.

The survey also found that dogs display complex emotions:

- If you're hurt or late coming home, 90 percent of dog parents believe their dog is worried about them.
- 79 percent say dogs can feel embarrassment.
- 93 percent are certain they've seen their dog smile.

And most pet owners think they have a strong emotional link to their dogs:

- According to 79 percent of owners, their dogs consciously attempt to comfort them.
- 55 percent report that their dog looks at them with loving eyes that communicate deep emotion.
- 52 percent say their dog is able to accurately sense when they are sad.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Budro

It is all very sad, my family is losing their home and they could no longer keep me. I lived with kids of all ages and did great with all of them. While I lived with a dog and we pretty much did our own things, I would prefer to be your only dog. I love long walks, playing and basking in the sun. I also know a bunch of commands and I am a well behaved dog. My friends here are also very proud since I am a graduate of the doggie etiquette 101 class. No one is ever too old to learn new tricks.

This Lab/Great Dane mix is about 13 years old, neutered, up-to-date on routine shots and rabies, heartworm negative and on preventative and microchipped.

For additional information, visit www.saveapetil.org.

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Survey reveals top 20 deal-breakers in a relationship

In every romantic relationship, there are things about the other person that bother us, annoy us and even drive us a little crazy. He leaves his dirty socks on the floor. She takes two hours to get ready for a party. He is glued to the couch during football



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

season with the exception of answering the door for the pizza delivery guy.

Perfection in any relationship is impossible, but if we love someone enough, we are willing to overlook certain things and instead appreciate all the wonderful attributes that make it work.

But what happens when you discover something about him or her and you know in your heart you just can't live with it? Often described as a deal-breaker, his or her behavior can be horrifying, extremely disappointing, really scary or gut-wrenchingly sad. A deal-breaker is the realization that your only choice is to break up because you know the person won't or can't change.

Everyone's deal-breakers are unique personal choices. I know what my deal-breakers are, but I was curious to hear what others had to say on the subject. So, I reached out to over 3,000 men and women on Facebook and asked. Here are the 20 most popular deal-breakers:

- Cheating
- Dishonesty
- Smoking
- Someone trying to change me
- Harsh critic
- Big drinker
- Lazy
- Someone who hasn't evolved or done the work on himself/herself
- Someone who lives with his mother
- A pot smoker
- Someone who thinks sex is an annoying obligation
- Abusive
- A guy who wears jean shorts
- Someone who values money over love
- Someone who is mean
- Someone who is dirty/slovenly
- Nutty family
- Arrogance
- Someone prone to addictions
- Someone unemployed for long periods of time

Some of these might seem silly. Others

are serious issues. But all are qualities, habits, addictions, character flaws or circumstances that people just can't or simply don't want to live with.

So as not to dwell on negativity, I decided to ask this same group of people what their deal-sealers are

- in other words, what factors would have them diving into a relationship?

- Responses included:
- Someone who actually does what they say they are going to do
 - Someone with quiet confidence who is happily self-reliant, present focused and sees the humor in being human
 - Loyal, honest and willing to work through issues
 - Confident
 - Consistency
 - Someone who likes me for who I am
 - Someone who makes me feel loved and protected
 - Someone I respect and look up to
 - Someone I feel I can trust as much as I trust my own family
 - A giver

The thing about deal-breakers and deal-sealers is, we all think we know what ours are. However, the reality is, life is so unexpected that it's hard to predict if someone we meet might change our list.

I'm not saying that someday you could wake up and decide that living with a drug addict is acceptable, but rather that a special someone and the gifts he or she brings to the table might change your priorities, what you're willing to put up with and what you really can't live without.

The best thing I can say about deal breakers is that they often define some of our standards and moral values. Deal-breakers offer us pride and self-love, because if you think about it, deal-breakers are the things we can't or won't accept, simply because we know we deserve better. I suppose that makes our deal-breakers gifts in a backhanded kind of way. How? Because self-respect stems from the courage it takes to put your foot down and say "deal-breaker!"

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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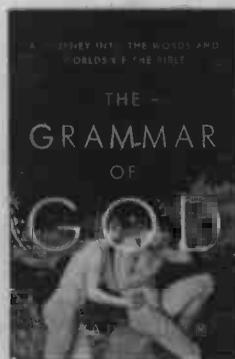
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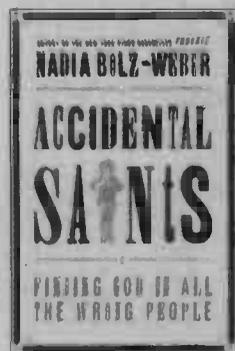
**The Grammar of God**

By Aviya Kushner, Spiegel & Grau, 272 pages, \$27

The highest praise for a book, perhaps, is tucking it into a slot on your bookshelf where you'll always be able to effortlessly slide it out, lay it across your lap and soak it up for a minute or a long afternoon's absorption. "The Grammar of God: A Journey into the Words and Worlds of the Bible," Aviya Kushner's poetic and powerful plumbing of both the Hebrew and English translations of the Bible, now rests in just such an easy-to-grab spot in my library.

In a word, it's brilliant. And beautiful.

Kushner, a poet and journalist who grew up in a Hebrew-speaking home where dinner-hour debate often pivoted on the meaning of the Bible's original Hebrew text, went off to the Iowa Writers' Workshop back in the summer of 2002 and found herself in novelist Marilynne Robinson's class, parsing the Old Testament. Kushner barely recognized the text in English translation. Therein was launched a trek into language and belief that took Kushner around the globe. She draws on grammarians and lexicographers across the millennia to lay out this roadmap into the depths of sacred text. Not lost is her insistence that much is lost in translation, and even if you've no interest in religion, the linguistic excursion here is not to be missed.

**Accidental Saints**

By Nadia Bolz-Weber, Convergent Books, 224 pages, \$23

You needn't Google Nadia Bolz-Weber, the 6-foot-1, tattoo-sleeved, faux-hawked preacher, one who readily admits to a past riddled with drugs and booze and stand-up comedy in disproportionate measure, to figure out she's not your everyday Lutheran in clerical collar.

Just wait for the thicket of F-bombs and cuss words that lace Bolz-Weber's latest collection of confessional tales and hard-won wisdoms, "Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People." You won't make it to the bottom of the second page before you bang up against the first of the pastor's innumerable expletives.

And while it might start to feel as if the swearing is all part of a brand (Bolz-Weber's first book, "Pastrix," was a best-seller, and she's a rock star among hipster church folk), it's worth wading through, because her message — "you are loved as you are" — is a powerful one, especially because she finds the saintly among "all the

wrong people." Bolz-Weber comes to her truths through masterful peeling of the proverbial onion, story by story, each one inching closer to a core that's disarming and breathtakingly vulnerable.

Bolz-Weber, who founded and presides over Denver's House for All Sinners and Saints, never flinches from putting herself, and her own self-proclaimed sins and shortcomings, into the confession box; therein lies her narrative — and pastoral — prowess.

What she wants us all to come to believe is perhaps the hardest, best lesson: "Around God's table, you don't have to pretend or overcompensate. You can just be."

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "The Martian" by Andy Weir (Broadway, \$15).
2. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner, \$27).
3. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" by Marie Kondo (Ten Speed, \$16.99).
4. "Furlously Happy: A Funny Book About Horrible Things" by Jenny Lawson (Flatiron, \$ 26.99).
5. "Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault That Changed a Presidency" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt, \$30).



NEW IN PAPERBACK

**Rebel Yell**

By S.C. Gwynne, Scribner, 673 pages, \$20
Gwynne details the life of Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, exploring how Jackson's military and strategic innovations and techniques were influential well beyond his 1863 death. Gwynne looks at Jackson's private life — which was filled with tragic losses — his West Point education, his 24-month Civil War career and its impact on the war, and the events surrounding his death.

**Dancing With Myself**

By Billy Idol, Touchstone, 326 pages, \$17
Idol reflects on his life and career, from his upbringing with a disapproving father to his breakthrough as the frontman of groundbreaking U.K. punk band Generation X. Idol looks also at his solo success in the dance-rock era ("White Wedding" and "Rebel Yell") as well as the decadent rock 'n' roll lifestyle he led.

**The Malaria Project**

By Karen M. Masterson, New American Library, 406 pages, \$16
Masterson investigates testing done on mental health patients and convicted criminals by the U.S. military to combat malaria during World War II. Masterson notes how the U.S. expanded upon Nazi Germany's human experimentation model, the number of ensuing deaths, and how chloroquine recovered from the Nazis during a battle was the key to finding a cure.

**Arms: The Culture and Credo of the Gun**

By A.J. Somerset, Biblioasis, 344 pages, \$17.95
Somerset, a former soldier and sports shooter, examines radicalism in North American gun culture. Somerset looks at the NRA's shift from encouraging responsibility to lobbying against gun laws, how media culture has affected our view of gun violence, and how fears over gun seizures are used to benefit lobbyists and arms manufacturers.

**Another Woman's Daughter: A Novel**

By Fiona Sussman, Berkley, 293 pages, \$16
When the employers of Celia Mphephu emigrate to leave the racial tensions of 1960s Johannesburg, they make an unusual request: To adopt Celia's daughter, Miriam. Celia reluctantly agrees in order to give Miriam a safer future, but as Miriam grapples with the subtle racism of her adopted England, her heritage brings her back to Africa, where she discovers the truth behind her mother's choice.

— Jeremy Mikula

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Pre-Columbus Day Sails: Short cruises from Genoa

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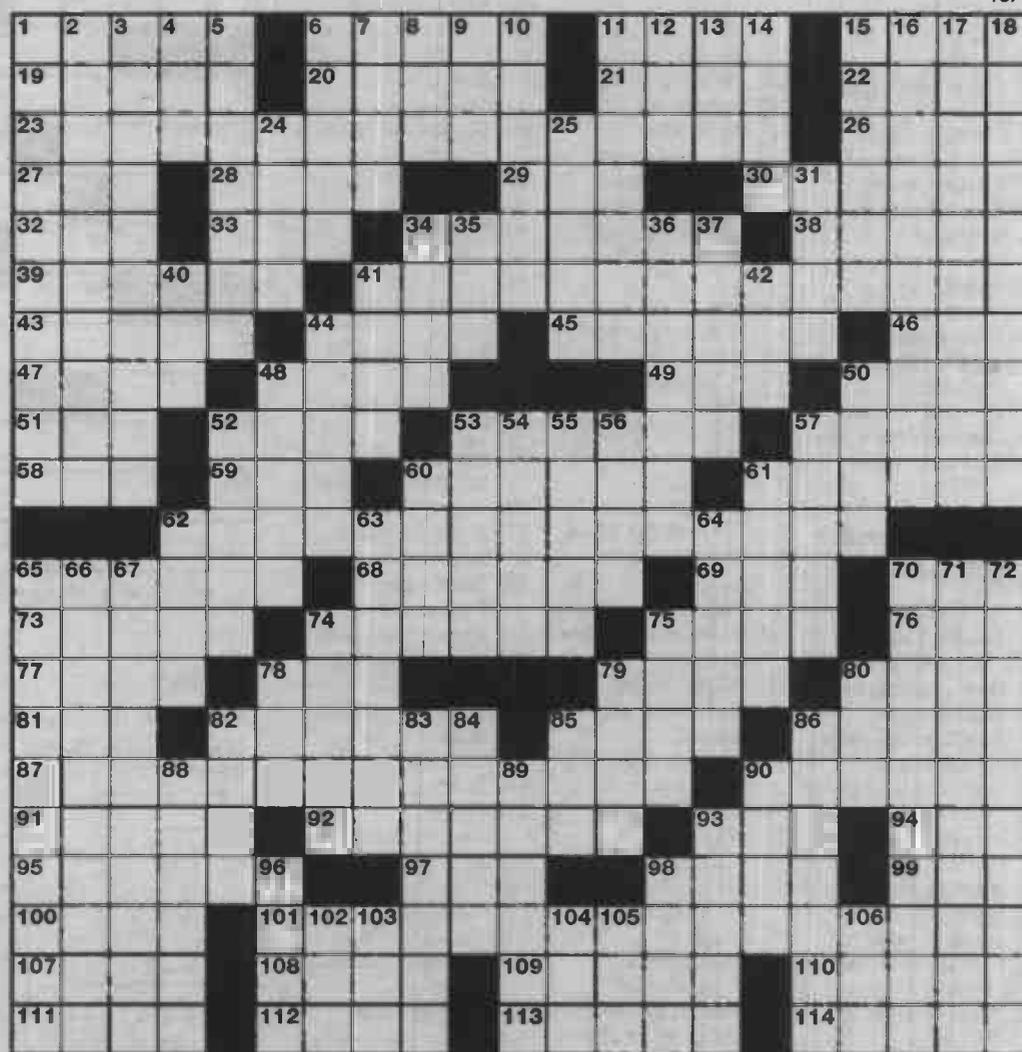
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27 Env. contents
28 Oscillate
29 Be under the
weather
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Stephen
33 Turf
34 Nerve tissues
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Pianist*
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short
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Abbr.
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48 Subside
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50 Emotional
intensity
51 Set eyes on
52 Bonnets and berets
53 Novel's coda
57 Dame — Mirren
58 Go astray
59 Chop down

- 60 Cry of indignation
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port
65 Madcap comedies
68 Descendants
69 Pub order
70 Half a figure eight
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74 NFL or NL team
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misstatement
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big voice
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port
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names

Down

- 100 Some racing
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112 "All" or "nothing"
113 *Crime and
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character
114 Subordinates
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2 Tried to hear
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3 Iberia or Olympic
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6 Mixed greens
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10 Neutralize, as a
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11 Less significant
12 Cargo measure
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14 Pub order
15 Road: Sp.
16 Early nuclear
reactor
17 Inning-by-inning
recaps
18 Gourmet
appliances
24 Triumphant shout
25 Inflexible
31 Keeps out
34 Intent look
35 To some degree
36 Blast furnace
input
37 A member of
40 *CSI* successes
41 Neutral colors
42 Soccer cheer



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- 44 Balloon material
48 Surfboard
treatments
50 Sensed
52 "Rock Around the
Clock" soloist
53 Conclude with
54 Reform Party
founder
55 Columnist Molly
56 Meadowlands
57 Was optimistic
60 Peruvian of yore

- 61 Balloon material
62 New Testament
book
63 Preposterous
64 Betrays awe
65 Ship: stowaway ::
bus: —
66 Willing to try
67 Casino locales
70 Got rid of
71 Laterally
72 All-year voucher
74 "Scram!"

- 75 Country on the
Caspian
78 Actor Holbrook
79 Cool one's heels
80 Mo. with no legal
holidays
82 Doc's prescriptions
83 Subsequently
84 Prefix for physicist
85 —relief sculpture
86 Taiwan alias
88 Commerce
Department chore

- 89 Annoyances
90 Novelist Caleb
93 Hot drink
96 Thor's father
98 Couture initials
102 Most important
"numero"
103 A/C measure
104 Sarge, for short
105 Lithium—
battery
106 Foe of Frazier and
Foreman

Quote-Acrossic

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

Clues	Words
A. Ooze	147 118 33 86 45
B. Rowdy person	73 46 153 81 143 113 9
C. Running a deficit: 3 wds.	120 37 99 54 74 112 129 144 1
D. Having ribs	105 88 64 139 48 149 122
E. Uncontrolled	86 134 47 65 75 4
F. State of mind	95 125 150 50 23 63 136 10
G. Look over	83 158 121 98 127 61
H. Having two purposes: 2 wds.	103 19 3 25 87 137 145 154 41 34
I. Develop favorably: 2 wds.	62 91 106 20 26 142 17

J. Seeming; apparent	24 101 31 39 76 43 116 13 59 135
K. India's capital	11 69 115 138 44 58 78 108
L. Carolina cape	28 92 77 111 68 152 55 16
M. Devoted admirer	100 97 140 14 146 84 71 157
N. Make progress: 2 wds.	90 22 114 8 133
O. Preyed upon	32 72 156 52 128 102 2
P. Mint family plant: 2 wds.	67 27 148 15 107 141 57 124 40 94
Q. Candy or gin	35 82 53 6 109 96
R. Customary	126 12 38 79 155 93 29 117
S. Gets the better of	130 123 30 70 42 56 80
T. Greasy	60 21 151 36 119 7 89 51 104 132
U. Shed: hyph.	131 18 5 110 49 66

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Birdseed

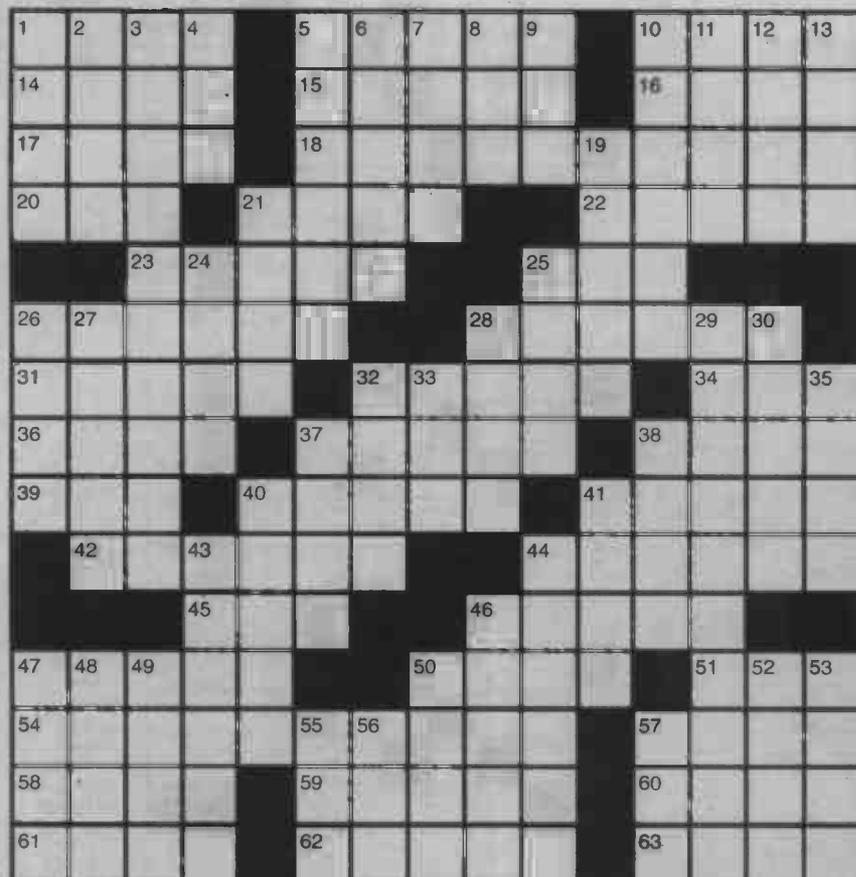
BY CHARLES PRESTON

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| Across | 46 Oscar recipients | 12 Triple Crown jockey of 1930 |
| 1 Certain stones | 49 Movie dog | 13 Compile |
| 5 Roosevelt's successor | 51 Actress Susan | 21 No, in Bremen |
| 9 Chip dip | 52 Nursery tale pessimist | 22 Hall-of-famer Musial |
| 14 Mrs. Copperfield | 55 German poet | 23 Merchandise |
| 15 Prefix for bat or phobia | 56 Ireland | 24 Some statues |
| 16 <i>Sunshine of Your Love</i> group | 57 <i>Picnic</i> playwright | 28 Soldiers |
| 17 College courtyard | 60 Church leader | 29 Utah's state flower |
| 18 Late actor Will | 61 Declare | 31 Pop of rock |
| 19 Iowa commune | 62 0 | 32 Compete |
| 20 Two Spanish provinces | 63 Ranks | 33 Made wider |
| 23 Clever one | 64 1990 World Series winners | 34 Pay reparations |
| 25 End of a palindrome | 65 Yemeni port | 35 <i>Delta Dawn</i> singer |
| 26 Past and future | | 38 Disappearing tree |
| 27 Slow ballet | Down | 40 Meat on the hoof |
| 29 Indian garb | 1 At once | 41 — dixit |
| 30 Mike Tyson's sex-wife | 2 Debtor's document | 42 Finds fault |
| 33 Part of many hotels | 3 Docile | 43 Nasty kid |
| 36 Building additions | 4 Actress Thompson | 44 Moved a cradle |
| 37 Open carriage | 5 Filipino language | 46 Farm units |
| 38 Art Deco designer | 6 Like unripe fruit | 47 Part of South America |
| 39 Boise to Phoenix dir. | 7 Norse goddess | 48 Spanish accent mark |
| 40 Dark red | 8 Actress Spelling | 49 Breathing |
| 44 Viscous | 9 Dentists' tools | 50 Fathered |
| 45 Late business leader Hammer | 10 Big name in men's fashion | 53 Close |
| | 11 Tilts | 54 Lorna's half-sister |
| | | 58 Test for college srs. |
| | | 59 Long, long time |

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Crossword



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10/14/15

ACROSS

- 1 Swimming spot
5 Joyful
10 CT or MRI
14 Uncommon
15 Use a pencil's rubber end
16 Spanish bull
17 Dayton's state
18 Draw new zoning lines
20 Used a shovel
21 Landers and others
22 Dishwasher cycle
23 Nepal's neighbor
25 Nov.'s follower
26 Alberta's nation
28 Wooden boxes
31 Dishonest folks
32 Short-tailed weasel
34 "___ Along, Little Dogies"
36 Actress Sheedy
37 "Nothing ___!"; firm refusal
38 African nation
39 Singer Tillis
40 Stacks
41 Wall recess
42 Bundle of energy
44 Under ___; being forced

DOWN

- 1 Nudge
2 Setting for TV's "Magnum, P.I."
3 At first
4 Zodiac sign
5 Bulge possibly caused by heavy lifting
6 Stadium
7 Cushions
8 Fraternity letter
9 Affirmative
10 No-nonsense
11 Penny or nickel
12 Rainbows
13 Short letter
19 "Trick or ___"

Solutions

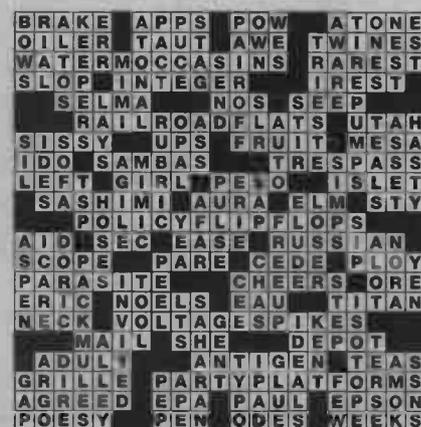


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42 Bundle of energy
44 Under ___; being forced
- 45 Wrath
46 Fine fabric for a tablecloth
47 Opening; gap
48 Crushing vipers
49 Actor Danson
50 Deep cut
51 Cafeteria patron's item
52 Primates
53 In a ___; sort of
54 Go higher
55 Ship's pole
56 Mountains of South America
57 Goes on stage
- 21 Finds a total
24 ___ a soul; no one
25 Haul; lug
26 Happy as a ___
27 Felt miserable
28 Pros and ___
29 Self-absorbed
30 Audible breaths
32 Sing alone
33 Even score
35 Ballerina's supports
37 Thin coin
38 Grow weary
40 Scraping knife
- 41 Convent residents
43 Friendliest
44 Ladd & Sawyer
46 Baggy
47 Criticize severely
48 Dad
49 ___ a test; passes easily
50 Tie up
52 Vane direction
53 Coloring liquids
55 As busy ___ bee
56 Smallest two-digit number
57 Refrain syllable

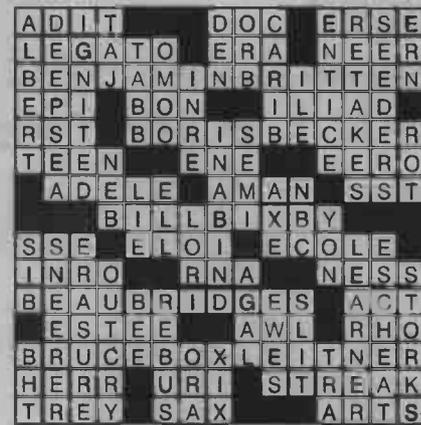


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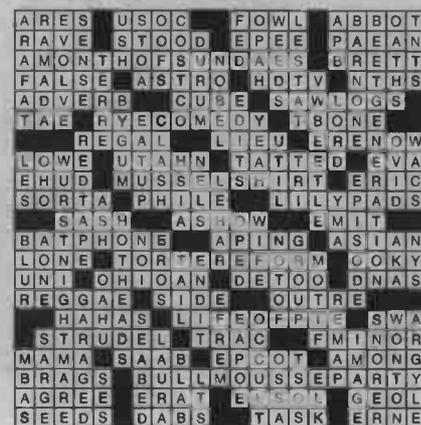
"Re-Pairs"



"Boys Will B Boys"



"Playing With Your Food"



Last week's Quote-Acrossic

MELINDA BECK: GETTING WELL: What cures colds, colic, aches, acne and heaps more medical ailments, costs nothing, has no strange side effects and doesn't require prescriptions? Plain time. But patients find patience hard medicine to take.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

FEDORA GLOBAL INLAND
STUDIO HOURLY FEEBLE

The seagulls in the flock enjoyed their time together because they were —

BIRDS OF A FEATHER



How do you know that it's true love?

By Leslie Mann
Tribune Newspapers

It was "clear from the start," Sade sings in "Kiss of Life." "I knew you were the one for me. I swear the whole world could feel my heartbeat."

How do you know when your true love is "The One"? As Sweetest Day approaches — it falls on Oct. 17 this year — we collected a variety of answers to that question.

"My body tingled every time he touched me. Still does."

— *Mona Scott-Young, CEO of Monami Entertainment and executive producer of "Love & Hip Hop" (VH1 series), talking about her husband, Shawn Young*

"I was a bachelor living in the woods with a bunch of dogs, and here was a woman who loved me enough to give me a gift certificate for two llamas. (I always wanted a llama.) We got married in our backyard, with our new llamas, Larry and Louie, in the receiving line."

— *Bill Berloni, "From Ways to Riches With Bill Berloni" (Discovery Family), about his wife, Dorothy*

"I knew Steven was the one when he waited patiently while I went to an artists residency program for a year."

— *Chelcie Porter, photographer, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands*

"My daughter, Mary, then 12, kept inviting a neighbor, David, for dinner because he was sad. (His wife had died.) I joke that I had to marry him because I couldn't afford to keep buying his dinners. But really, it's because we shared the same values. We're both 91 now, and Mary still adores him."

— *Mary Peck Stockton, retired college administrator,*



ROWENA HUSBANDS PHOTO

"My body tingled every time he touched me," says TV exec Mona Scott-Young about her husband, Shawn Young.



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Bill Berloni says he knew his wife, Dorothy, was the one when she gave him a gift certificate for two llamas.

Portland, Ore.

"While we were at Ikea, I told Sarah, 'I know we just started dating, but I'm not going to spend \$200 on this table if you don't want it in your house someday.' She told me to get the table."

— *Matt Paxton, host of "Hoarders," regarding Sarah, now his wife*

"After our first date, Jace had to return home to Australia. I crazy-missed him so much I flew to Australia later that week. The rest is history."

— *Paige Hemmis, DIY expert on "Home & Family" (Hallmark Channel), about her husband, Jason Short*

"I knew it was love when my now-wife (Jude Medeiros) told me you can't get good bread or pizza outside of New York. (The fact that she was insanely cute didn't hurt.) During

our wedding, the minister asked us what brought us together. We both said, 'Carbs.'"

— *Jean-Marie Navetta, director of equality and diversity partnerships, PFLAG National*

"When I met Jeff, he talked about family, dogs, love, careers. But I knew he was the one when the discussion turned to finances. You have to be able to freely discuss money matters."

— *Cris Ruffolo, nonprofit development director, Kalispell, Mont.*

"On the morning of 9/11, the madness of the attacks left me wanting to have a family with Stephanie. In an instant, everything else was meaningless."

— *Brian Arbuckle, composer/producer based in Los Angeles, about his wife, Stephanie Richards*



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Jean-Marie Navetta, right, "knew it was love" when now-wife Jude Medeiros criticized pizza outside of New York.

"When I met Sharon, I knew I had to spend the rest of my life with her. When you're young, you go with someone because they're attractive. You don't know that sharing values is really what's important. So I'm lucky to have found someone who is extremely attractive and shares my values too."

— *Felix Munoz, retired sales representative, Tucson, Ariz.*

"On my first date with Daniel, we sat in the bed of his pickup under the big Texas sky. I saw my first shooting star. I went home and told my sister I just met the man I was going to marry."

— *Chandra Yarter, wedding photographer, San Antonio*

"I knew Scott was the one when he asked me, for our first date, if we could go to shopping with his

daughter. Being willing to stand in long lines right after Christmas with his daughter said a lot about him. After that, we were inseparable."

— *Jennifer Gallaher, Huntsville, Ala.*

"Maybe it was the fact that she could hold a standing split, or that her left rib cage was covered in flowered tattoos, or that she was the hottest chick in the yoga class. Whatever the reason, I'm glad I introduced myself to Molly. A couple who bends together never breaks."

— *Alex Mitnick, musician and host of online children's show "Alex & the Kaleidoscope," about his wife, Molly Callaghan*

"I knew John was the one because we became best friends. Too many people settle for someone they can live with instead of someone they can't live

without."

— *Jennie Johnson, registered nurse and author of "Wake Up Call 911: It's Time to Reduce Your Risk for a Heart Attack and Stroke"*

"I'm Jewish, and Rudl (Raab, a now-retired police officer) is the son of a Nazi, but when we met I thought he was intelligent, attractive and articulate. Since then we've written a book, "Stumbling Stone," about our quest to get answers about his family's past."

— *Julie Freestone, retired health department administrator, Richmond, Calif.*

"I knew I could spend the rest of my life with Elle when we were sitting around one day bored, but content being bored together."

— *Dr. Dwayne Steele, occupational medicine physician, Minneapolis*

"I knew Cathy was the one on our first date. She's unconventional, has a high degree of tolerance (necessary to put up with me) and never judges anyone negatively. And, she's pretty!"

— *Jim Stanek, retired transit system station manager, Novato, Calif.*

"After I met Joan on a blind date, I wrote, 'Her very warm smile grabbed me right away, when I hugged and kissed her on that fateful day.'"

— *Daniel Lavery, attorney and author, Granada Hills, Calif.*

"When I first met my husband, Scott, I had a premonition, as if I already knew him. I felt like we went back a long time."

— *Natalia Paruz, musician, New York*

Leslie Mann is a freelance reporter.



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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION RESEARCH UNIT

The Cecil the lion costume was created as an homage to the big cat slain in Africa.

Why a sexy Cecil the lion costume this Halloween isn't a completely outrageous idea

By Adam Tschorn
Tribune Newspapers

Thanks to lingerie and costume website Yandy.com, lovers of wildlife and skimpy costumes will be able to pay homage to the late Cecil the lion this Halloween and raise some money for a good cause at the same time.

That's because the e-tailer has created a lion costume — make that a sexy lion costume — and pledged a portion of each sale to benefit wildlife conservation. This comes two months after the Zimbabwean lion was killed by trophy-hunting Minnesota dentist Walter Palmer.

The made-in-the-USA costume consists of a light brown crushed velvet stretch polyester bodysuit with long sleeves, a zip front and an attached tail. Also attached is a faux-fur-trimmed hood accented with a pair of lion ears.

The limited-edition costume is priced at \$118.95, which makes it considerably more expensive than the site's other lion-themed offerings, including the Courageous Lioness (\$89.95) and Cozy Lioness (\$59.95). But Yandy.com is promising to send 20 percent of the purchase price from the Cecil costume (\$23.79) to the World Wildlife Foundation to support global conservation initiatives.

The higher price tag didn't seem to deter customers at all, as the initial run of sexy Cecil togs, which became available on the website last month, is sold out.

But fear not: According to a representa-

tion for Yandy.com, more inventory is on its way, and customers will be able to start placing pre-orders. More sexy Cecils were expected to be in stock by the first week of September, with pre-orders shipping at that time, we're told.

Yandy.com joins a host of other efforts to raise money and awareness in the aftermath of Cecil's death. Last month, Ty Inc. announced it would be offering a Cecil Beanie Baby, with 100 percent of proceeds going to the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit of the University of Oxford. That same organization, which had been conducting a long-term study of Cecil's pride, is also the beneficiary of Stephanie Conrad's Cecil the lion tote bags. The Texas-based pet portrait artist, who had pledged to donate 30 percent of each \$14.95 eco-friendly tote bag in July, recently told us she'd raised \$1,100 for the group.

We'll be interested to see if the outfit, which in our opinion could just as easily be a Snoop Lion costume as a Cecil the lion one, generates any controversy, or if the charitable element trumps the idea of selling skimpy costumes on the back of a dead lion.

With less than two months to go before Halloween, we're pretty sure we haven't seen the last of the pop culture costumes.

A crossbow-carrying Minnesota dentist costume, anyone?

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For a treat this Halloween, try no-carve jack-o'-lanterns

By Wendy Donahue
Tribune Newspapers

What's more terrifying: Handing a child a knife to plunge into a pumpkin, or wielding a hot glue gun yourself? For me, it's a draw. But this Halloween, I decided to set aside my irrational fears of crafting — along with lethal weapons, including glue guns — to try out a few no-carve ideas on our family's pumpkins.

First-round research suggested that black is the new orange. Many of the most fashionable pumpkins are wearing it. (Black paint is always slimming.) Accessories include homemade wings, tails and whiskers for pumpkins masquerading as bats or cats. Day of the Dead motifs are also trendy.

Even rats find favor — craft experts at EaselArtStudio.com showed us how easy it was to draw the rodent, cut it out, trace it onto a pumpkin, then fill it in with black paint. (Acrylic paint is even better than craft paint, but either works.)

Craft experts at OneStrangeBird Blog.com and SewCraftyStudio.com offered tactical tips to affix bat or cat appendages to a pumpkin. Coat the pumpkin in black or purple paint. Dry overnight. Draw, cut, then paint both sides of paper appendages. (If you paint only one side, the edges will curl.) Let dry. Then, for bat wings, poke three toothpicks in a row down each side of the pumpkin. Place the paper wing in front of each row. Run a

strip of tape across the back of each toothpick onto the paper to secure. A cat tail could be secured with straight pins.

For cat whiskers, pierce the pumpkin with three pipe cleaners, cut in half, for each side. Slap on a heart-shaped sticker for a cat nose. Or cut facial features from felt. Glue or tape them on. Optional: Glue on yarn for a mouth.

If that sends Martha Stewart shivers down your back, Target sells many all-inclusive decorating kits.

My 8-year-old and I loved a Day of the Dead one, including white paint and foam applicator, stickers and adhesive gems, for a mere \$5 (target.com).

Success with those experiments got my creative pumpkin juices flowing. I raided our pantry for stale sweets to produce a candy-faced pumpkin. Bug eyes consisted of leftover marshmallows from summer's s'mores, plus peppermint patties and Dot candies dating to Halloween 2013. Red and black Twizzlers became lips, hair and eyebrows, secured by straight pins.

Quicker still: A craft expert at Grow Artists.com proved that even common household objects can trick out a pumpkin. Just clip out and glue on facial features from magazines, varying the scale for a ransom-note effect.

Whatever your method, if the results are more grotesque than intended — fantastic! Hideous is in season.

See tinyurl.com/pruu6fl for the results of all of my no-carnage experiments.



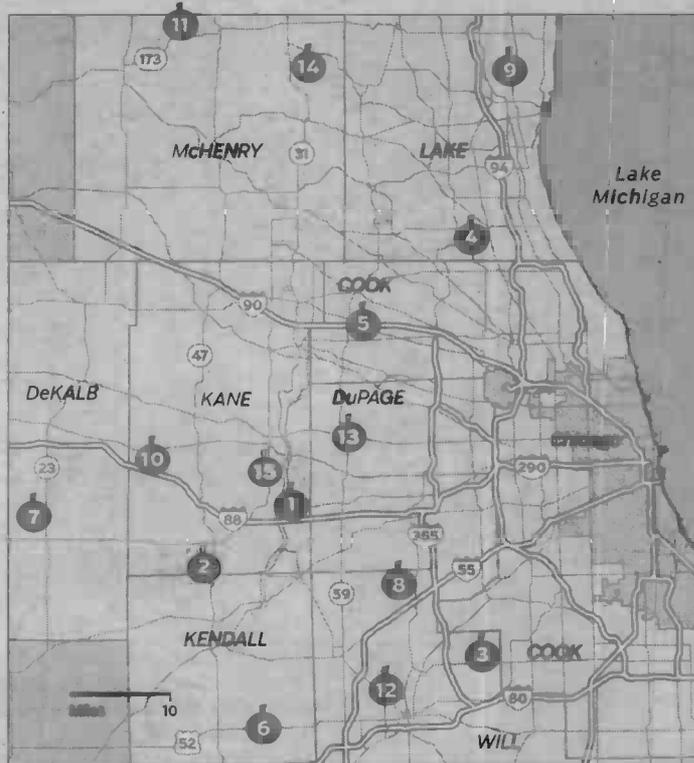
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Target sells all-inclusive decorating kits (results in back row) for \$3-\$7. We used sweet treats for another option (front).

From carnivals to corn mazes

A guide to some of the larger Chicago-area pumpkin patches

BY KORI RUMORE AND GEOFF HING
Tribune data visualization department



- 1 ABBEY FARMS**
2855 Hart Road, Aurora
Hours: Sun.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Admission: \$14 per person
About: Old fashioned theme including a learning farm, petting zoo, pony rides, crafts, craft beer tent, pumpkin catapult, tractor tire play area, ziplines and tepee.
- 2 BEN'S GIANT PUMPKINS**
43 Jericho Road, Sugar Grove
Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily
Admission: Free
About: Small, quiet, family farm-style pick your own pumpkins from the field. Unique pumpkin selection from big to small, odd shapes and colors as well as giant pumpkins up to about 500 lbs.
- 3 BENGTON PUMPKIN FARM**
13341 W. 151st St., Homer Glen
Hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily
Admission: Mon.-Thurs., \$9.99; Fri.-Sun. \$14.99
About: Activities include pig races, animatronic scenes, tractor-pulled wagon ride, petting zoo, camel and pony rides, corn jump and a free family photo barn.
- 4 DIDIER FARMS**
16678 W. Aptakistic Road, Lincolnshire
Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily
Admission: Free, fee for some activities
About: Family farm that has been in business at this location for 103 years. Activities include hayride, corn maze, animals, camel and pony rides, carnival rides for kids, antique tractors and gem mining. There's a cafe with homemade apple cider and pumpkin doughnuts.
- 5 GOEBBERT'S PUMPKIN FARM**
40 W. Higgins Road, South Barrington
Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily
Admission: Free, fee for some activities
About: Farm grows and sells their own pumpkins and vegetables. Activities include a pumpkin-eating dinosaur, pig racing, giraffe barn, more than 50 types of animals, pony rides, haunted house, gem mining, several mazes and a new "Minions" display. They also make their own caramel apples.
- 6 HEAP'S GIANT PUMPKIN FARM**
4853 U.S. Highway 52, Mtnooka
Hours: 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. daily
Concession stand and hayrides open only on weekends.
Other activities Friday and Saturday nights only, 7-11 p.m.)
Admission: Free, fee for some activities

About: An affordable, family-run farm that grows all of the products sold on the farm. Over 90 different varieties of pumpkins, gourds and squash as well as beautiful mums and other fall decor. Activities include mazes, castle and pirate ship playgrounds, hayride to pumpkin patch and animals. Nighttime activities include mazes and moonlight hayrides.

- 7 HONEY HILL ORCHARD**
11783 Waterman Road, Waterman
Hours: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily
Admission: Free
About: Activities include hayride (weekends only), animal petting zoo, apple and raspberry picking, bakery with cider doughnuts and pies. Store sells cider, honey, food and crafts.
- 8 JOHANSEN FARMS**
710 W. Boughton Road, Bolingbrook
Hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily
Admission: Free; children's area admission is \$9.50 on weekdays; \$13.50 weekends.
About: Open market area where guests can come to purchase pumpkins, mums, go to the photo op area, or stop by the pie house for fresh-baked pie or homemade apple cider doughnuts. Activities include hayride, train ride, corn maze, slides, animals, miniature golf course and inflatable obstacle course.
- 9 KROLL'S FALL HARVEST FARM**
13236 W. Town Line Road, Waukegan
Hours: Mon.-Thurs., Noon-8 p.m.; Fri. Noon-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Admission: Free; fee for some activities
About: Pumpkins are from a network of four family-owned farms. Activities include corn maze, hayrides, animals and picnic area.

- 10 KUIPERS FAMILY FARM**
1N318 Watson Road, Maple Park
Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Admission: Mon.-Wed. \$11, Thurs.-Fri., \$13; weekend \$15.
About: Farm and apple orchard offering 25 varieties of apples. Activities include pig and duck races, mazes, haunted forest, hayrides, animals, children's games, playgrounds and Uncle Jed's Scream Shed.
- 11 ROYAL OAK FARM**
15908 Hebron Road, Harvard
Oct. hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Nov. hours: Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Sundays
Admission: Free, there are picking fees per pound or bag
About: Farm is one of the largest apple orchards in northern Illinois and features an apple tree maze. Activities include hayrides and wagon tours on weekends, bakery, restaurant, playground, petting zoo, carousel and trackless train.
- 12 SIEGEL'S COTTONWOOD FARM**
17250 Weber Road, Lockport
Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily
Admission: \$14.95 weekends; \$11.95 weekdays.
About: Hosts more than 30 attractions including petting zoo, play areas, haunted barn, Chris Kyle "American Sniper" corn maze, tire mountain, sports play area, train rides, obstacle course and slides. For additional fees there is gem mining, zombie paintball, climbing wall and pony rides.
- 13 SONNY ACRES FARM**
29W310 North Ave., West Chicago
Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily; 7-9:30 p.m. weekends for the haunted wagon ride.
Admission: Free
About: Family-owned for over 130 years. Activities include hayride, haunted wagon ride, haunted barn, spook shed, carnival rides, costume shop, photo booth and fun house.
- 14 STADE'S FARM & MARKET**
3709 Miller Road, McHenry
Hours: 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (market); 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (fall festival)
Admission: Free, theme park area cost \$15 for activities
About: Features a long hayride with antique tractors. Other activities include corn and pumpkin cannons, slides, climbing areas, corn and rope mazes, pedal cars, petting zoo, tractor tire play areas, ziplines, carousel, hamster wheels, tricycles, semi-truck experience and rope climbing hill.
- 15 WINDY ACRES FARM**
37W446 Fabyan Parkway, Geneva
Hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily
Admission: Free, range of \$6-\$12 costs for various activities
About: Seasonal family farm selling produce and premium quality items. Activities include petting zoo, face painting, corn maze, life-size hamster wheel, slides, obstacle course, rubber-duck races, tractor rides, corn tunnels, pedal tractor truck and honey harvesting demonstrations and concessions.

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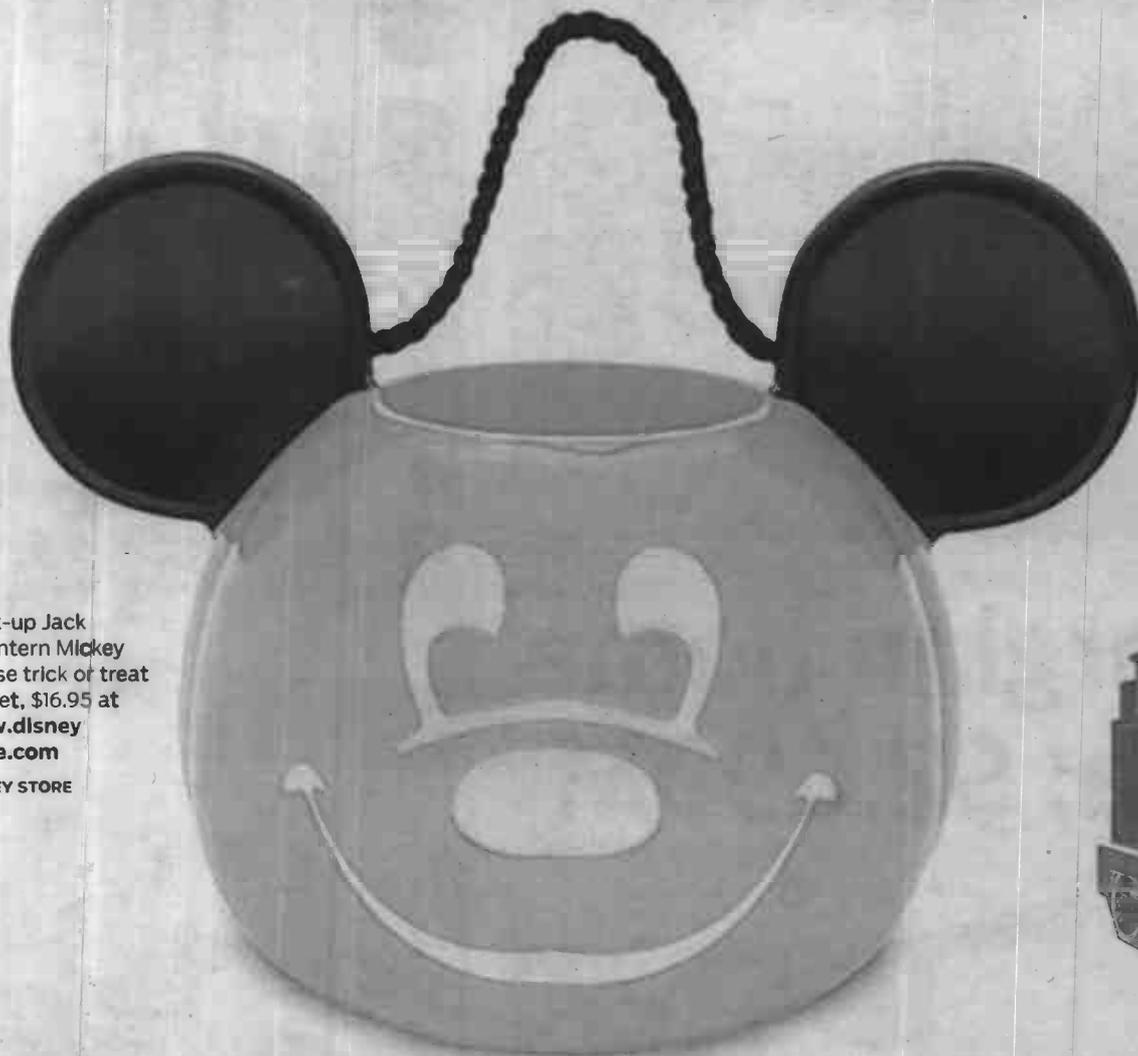
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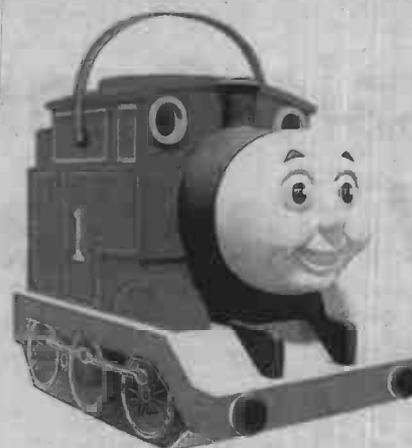
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Creating a wine cellar for every taste

Designers consider entertaining, collecting needs

By Michele Lerner
The Washington Post

When Madelyn Smith moved to her newly built house in McLean, Va., she knew she couldn't replicate the antique all-brick wine cellar tucked under a staircase in her previous home, but she needed specialized storage for the approximately 50 cases of wine she and her husband have purchased.

"We buy in bulk for entertaining, and we had gotten used to having a special place to keep it," she says.

Like most people who want a wine cellar, Smith opted to convert a storage room on the lower level to accommodate their wine. Smith and her interior designer, Marika Meyer, owner of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md., wanted to incorporate a wood storage cabinet with interior lighting that Smith already owned into the wine cellar.

"We have an open-floor-plan home now, and that means there's not a lot of solid wall space for things like our wood storage cabinet, so it was a great solution to put it in the bonus room as the starting point for the wine cellar," says Smith.

Whether you are a wine connoisseur who buys wine to store for years, or you entertain often and need space to keep just a few cases for a year or two, the most cost-effective place for wine storage is a basement.

"The best place for a wine cellar is not only in the basement but at the front of the house, which is usually the area of the basement that's the deepest underground," says Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects in Bethesda. "You need a cool, insulated space with its own cooling system and ventilation system."

"The ideal temperature is 55 to 58 degrees, so the closer you can get to that, the less you have to spend for cooling," says Doug Roberts, an architect with GTM Architects in Bethesda.

Wine cellars can be retrofitted into an existing home, but it's easiest to design one for a custom



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The countertops in Spence and Renata Patterson's wine cellar are made from wine barrels.

home or newly built home, says Roberts.

Roberts says you can either connect the cellar to the home's air handling system or buy a self-contained system. According to the Web site Wine Enthusiast, cooling units range from \$1,000 to nearly \$5,000, depending on the method of installation and the room size. Roberts recommends putting the wine cellar near a mechanical closet if possible in case the cooling system needs to run through the wall or needs a drainage area.

Meyer says that buyers who don't plan to store their wine for more than a couple of years can opt for less costly storage systems.

Wine cellars need appropriate storage racks, which can range from costly custom-designed racks to mass market racks.

"We opted to order inexpensive wine racks online so we could spend more money on the masonry and stone in our wine cellar," says Smith.

Mike Johnson, senior designer with Lori Graham Designs in Washington, worked with Spence

and Renata Patterson, homeowners in Chevy Chase, Md., on their \$27,700 wine cellar, which holds about 1,000 bottles.

"We never thought of ourselves as 'wine cellar people,' but when we renovated our home, we had the opportunity to outfit one of the basement rooms that at the time looked like a medieval dungeon into a fantastic wine storage and entertainment space," Spence Patterson says. "One of the more interesting challenges of renovating a home built in 1916 is that you get to renovate around some amazing thick and indestructible foundation walls."

The 100-year-old massive rock walls provide the backdrop for the Pattersons' cellar. The wine racks were custom-designed from old wine barrels with visible labels. A counter-height shelf that resembles butcher block but is also made from recycled wine casks wraps around their wine room.

Smith opted to keep her wine room large so that when her children are older she can add a table and chairs in the wine room

for entertaining.

"We added a lighting plan for the space, including sconces and ceiling lights in each stone alcove, and chose a light-gray paint for a modern look," says Smith. "Right now the billiards room is a playroom with space for building forts and for Thomas the Tank Engine, but someday we'll formalize the whole area, and the wine room will be ready for that phase."

Johnson's design for the Pattersons included retaining the stone wall on one side of their basement and putting in a slate floor to help keep the space cool.

"We added a tongue-in-groove wood-beamed ceiling and tongue-in-groove wood on two of the walls and stained it to match the color of the wine barrels that make up the storage racks and counters," says Johnson.

Underneath the island is space for wine glasses and other accessories as well as display cabinets for magnums of wine. The room has a glass door to allow the wine to be visible yet protected with climate and humidity control.

"We love to entertain in the

wine room, especially since it's a bit hidden," Spence Patterson says. "We like the space during extremes. On a hot August day, we can retreat down to the cellar and you'd never know it's 100 degrees outside. In the winter, it's a cozy place to open a big bottle of red with friends."

One of Rill's clients opted to convert a home theater room to a wine room designed for entertaining and storage.

"It's designed to look like it was carved out of a mountain, with stone walls, stone floors and stone niches," says Rill. "The center island was built out of a couple of pieces of wood with the bark still on it for a rustic look."

The wine room holds about 4,000 bottles of wine on custom-designed angled shelves so that the labels can be displayed but the cork never gets dry, says Rill.

"The room curves like a bay window and has decorative doors that make you feel like you're going into a castle," says Rill. "There's room to sit and taste wine in the room, or you can take bottles to the bar that's nearby."

Rill estimates that the cost of this wine room was more than \$100,000 because of the quality of the materials used along with the installation of climate and humidity control systems.

Homeowners who opt for a wine room and have traditional tastes tend to want a room with primarily stone and wood, says Roberts, while those who want something a little more modern add glass and metal to the space.

"One way to make the wine cellar the focal point of your lower level is to put it behind a bar with panels of glass and a glass door so you and your guests can see inside to the stone walls and wine racks even when the door is closed," says Roberts.

Roberts says more and more customers are requesting a wine room, particularly in larger homes with 5,000 to 7,000 finished square feet since those homes have an abundance of storage.

"In smaller homes, it works well to tuck a wine storage space under the stairs with racks and an interesting light fixture," says Roberts. "Most customers want wine storage above all."

Michele Lerner is a freelancer.

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(Left to right) Rebecca Jordan, Linda Reiter and Deanna Dunagan star in Shattered Globe Theatre's production of "Marvin's Room."

PEOPLE

Spotlight: What people in the arts are up to this month

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Here's a look at the latest news on local authors, actors, artists, musicians and more.

Keyed up: Oak Park resident Toni Lynice Fountain is cast in Pegasus Theatre Chicago's world premiere of "For Her as a Piano" by Nambi E. Kelley. Kelley's play, infused with music and magic, is the tale of a woman's journey to learn her history. Fountain earned a Black Theater Alliance award in 2013 for Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Gertrude Murphy Ward in "Clara" at Open Door Repertory. For tickets, call (866) 811-4111 or see www.OpenDoorTheater.net.

Identity crisis: One dinosaur in a clan of females turns male in "Triassic Park," receiving its Chicago premiere by Circle Theatre at Heartland Studio in Rogers Park. Appearing in the off-Broadway cult classic musical are Oak Park native Neala Barron and Park Ridge native Erin

Daly. For tickets, visit www.circletheatrechicago.org.

Student featured; directed by teacher: "Feathers and Teeth," Charis Castro Smith's horror comedy, at Goodman Theatre through Oct. 18, stars Olivia Cygan, who grew up in Evanston and now attends Northwestern University. Cygan is directed by another Evanston resident, Henry Godinez, an associate professor at Northwestern, who happens to be one of her current teachers. For tickets, see www.GoodmanTheatre.org.

Multitalented Memories: "Apples in October," a retrospective of work by River Grove artist Mary Blinn, who died in June, is on display through November in the Columbia College Library. **It's a story:** The winner of two Emmys as a writer for "The Colbert Report," Evanston native Peter Gwinn, has created a book and lyrics for a playfully-titled musical, "The Story of a Story (The Untold Story)." Underscore Theatre Company is producing the world premiere

through Nov. 8 at Chopin Theatre. Skokie native Kirk Jackson is in the cast. For tickets, call (312) 646-0975.

Lucky exhibit: Faisal Mohyuddin, a Highland Park High School teacher, is one of three Pakistani American artists featured in Ta'weez Project No. 1, an exhibition at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center in Evanston through Oct. 18. Ta'weez is an amulet or locket that usually contains verses from the Quran. The other exhibiting artists are Sadia Uqaili and Zafar Malik.

Double milestone: Shattered Globe Theatre opens its 25th season with a 25th anniversary production of "Marvin's Room," by the late Chicago playwright Scott McPherson. Rebecca Jordan, an Evanston native, plays Lee in the show. Jordan is a founding ensemble member of the company and has performed in over 20 Joseph Jefferson award-winning Shattered Globe productions. Performances run through Nov. 14 at Theater Wit. For tickets, visit www.TheaterWit.org.

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Pumpkin Party returns to Proesel Park on Oct. 24

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Treat your kids to free fun at the Pumpkins in Proesel Park Halloween Party, 1-3 p.m. Oct. 24 at 6915 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood.

“We had the Boo Bash last year at the Mall,” said Linda Vering, community outreach and marketing coordinator for the Village of Lincolnwood’s Parks and Recreation Department. “That was really fun and we had huge attendance, but we had a lot of feedback from residents saying they really preferred the smaller, local neighborhood event that we did in Proesel Park years ago.”

“It’s going to be a fun, low-key Halloween event,” Vering said.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Lincolnwood Community Center.

For details and more information, call 847-677-9740 or go to www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Going to market

While you’re shopping for fresh produce at the next-to-last Skokie Farmers’ Market of the season, your kids can meet the Animal Control Officer, watch RC Juggle perform and listen to music by Richard Northrop. Market hours are 7:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Village Hall Parking Lot, 5127 Oakton St.

For details, call 847-933-8257 or go to www.skokie.org.

Evening encounters

Your family will learn about some fascinating animals that inhabit Emily Oaks Nature Center during “Things that Go Bump in the Night,” 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 16 and 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. Then you’ll have snacks and sing songs around a campfire. Cost is \$5 per person. Register for a specific time.

For details, call 847-674-

1500, ext. 2500 or go to www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.

Full STEAM ahead

Children ages 2-6 will get a STEAM Start, 10-11 a.m. Oct. 16 at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. You’ll work with them on a self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, math and reading at this drop in event.

For details, call 847-825-3123 or go to www.parkridgelibrary.org.

Sip and sum

There will be songs, stories, counting and, of course, lots of numbers at a Mathematics Tea Party for kids ages 3-5, with a parent or caregiver, 2-3 p.m. Oct. 18 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Reservations are required.

For details, call 847-965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org

Gershwin Tea raises \$5,000 for Park Ridge Orchestra

Event: 'A Gershwin Tea'
Benefiting: Park Ridge Civic Orchestra
Special guests: Sarah Young, vocalist, Kent Wehman, piano
Location: Cafe La Cave, Des Plaines
Date: Sept. 26
Attended: 120
Raised: \$5,000
Upcoming: "Berlioz to Batman," a Halloween 7 p.m. family concert at the Pickwick Theatre Building Oct. 28, in downtown Park Ridge, which starts with family activities at 5 p.m. in Hodges Park, and a 6:30 p.m. costume parade from Hodges Park to the Pickwick Theatre. More can be found at the "events" tab at www.parkridge-civicornchestra.org.



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Jane Wagoner, from left, and Judy Bacon of Park Ridge, Harriet McCullough of Chicago and Mary Schaefer of Park Ridge



Katie Franz of Park Ridge



Kathy Di Pietro of Park Ridge



From left, Nancy Meunzer, orchestra founder, and Kathy Hanson, both of Park Ridge and Pam Benitez of Des Plaines, president



Cathy DePrizio, left, and Gerie Meyer, both of Park Ridge



Sandy Lavelle of Chicago, left, and Kathleen Barton of Park Ridge



Robert and Susan Chennell of Chicago



Kimberly Rose of Chicago, left, and Deborah Oberschelp of Park Ridge and Park Ridge Civic Orchestra executive director

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
544 E Windgate Ct, # 4 E 6, Arlington Heights	Jung Dong Hyun	Seungyol Park	09-11-15	\$181,000
3451 N Carriageway Dr, # 507, Arlington Heights	Rochelle L Levin	Steven Laurinas	09-15-15	\$220,000
36 S Regency Ct E, Arlington Heights	Kyle C Turner	Nancy Y Farquharson	09-15-15	\$225,000
577 E Windgate Ct, Arlington Heights	Ivaylo Mihalev & Minka Valeva	Stanislaw Szacilo	09-14-15	\$232,000
2852 N Greenwood Ave, Arlington Heights	Sai Sri Ramesh & Madhuri Yeluri	Fannie Mae	09-16-15	\$239,000
11511 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights	Eugene B Maybach	Sharon Grandt	09-15-15	\$250,000
1721 N Windsor Dr, Arlington Heights	Andriy Mukhamedaliyev & Olha Mukhamedaliyeva	Midwest Investment Group Llc	09-15-15	\$250,000
10 S Dunton Ave, # 508, Arlington Heights	Sara Mcmillan	Dunton Campbell Condos Llc	09-14-15	\$253,500
1057 S Dunton Ave, Arlington Heights	Timothy S Jacks & Debra A Jacks	John Sturlic	09-10-15	\$255,000
1106 S Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights	Lesya Nazar & Vasil Nazar	Zarko Zigic	09-15-15	\$272,000
804 N Kaspar Ave, Arlington Heights	Andrew Ostman & Michelle L Ostman	Timothy K Lavin	09-14-15	\$305,000
2746 N Greenwood Ave, Arlington Heights	Erin M Perkinson & George B Martin	Harrison J Kirk	09-15-15	\$306,000
408 S Donald Ave, Arlington Heights	Timothy Lukoski & Karen Lukoski	Steve Casey	09-16-15	\$332,000
941 N Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights	Michael Peatross & Janelle Peatross	Michael D Lewis	09-14-15	\$339,500
15 W Brittany Dr, Arlington Heights	Elzbieta Grzeszczak & Mariusz Pralat	Jamie L Thompson	09-15-15	\$345,000
3023 N Huntington Dr, Arlington Heights	Kevin Carlin & Julie Carlin	Bryant Jansen	09-15-15	\$345,000
618 S Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights	Bryce A Larson & Michele M Larson	Brian P Mahon	09-16-15	\$345,000
810 N Kennicott Ave, Arlington Heights	Michelle Forsythe & Jonathan Forsythe	Zygmunt Figol	09-10-15	\$355,000
1303 W Kingsley Dr, Arlington Heights	Guy Solazzo & Susan Solazzo	Howard S Cooper	09-10-15	\$367,500
507 E Ridge Rd, Arlington Heights	Robert D Newman & Judith L Newman	Brentwood Development Inc	09-16-15	\$375,000
905 S Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Tyler Van Wyhe & Michelle Castle	Vincent Saisi	09-15-15	\$380,000
1620 E Burr Oak Dr, Arlington Heights	Joseph Blattner & Laura Blattner	Sylvan J Hallet Estate	09-10-15	\$385,000
1506 W Northwest Hwy, Arlington Heights	Scott A Nier	Lsref2 Cobalt II Llc	09-14-15	\$405,000
44 N Vall Ave, # 201, Arlington Heights	Oscar Yepes & Erika Ogrodnik Yepes	Carole Abb Medal	09-04-15	\$417,000
2718 N Brighton Pl, Arlington Heights	Ryan Stephen Toan & Jenna Dauten Toan	Stephen J Merrill	09-10-15	\$435,000
7 N Lincoln Ln, Arlington Heights	Donald L Kauffold & Cathy Kauffold	M I Homes Chicago Llc	09-16-15	\$483,500
1411 W Russell Ct, Arlington Heights	Ayse Arslan Cinar	Zbigniew Bulkowski	09-15-15	\$530,000
151 W Wing St, # 905, Arlington Heights	Anne Victoria Reilly	Dearborn Street Holdings Llc S	09-15-15	\$575,500
1322 N Harvard Ave, Arlington Heights	George B Ostendorf & Shirley T Ostendorf	Mark Galloto	09-14-15	\$645,000
112 N Forrest Ave, Arlington Heights	Michael J Kosinski & Christine Kosinski	Sharon K Martin	09-10-15	\$780,000
879 Trace Dr, # 107, Buffalo Grove	Elena Mohai	Lawrence J Biondi	09-14-15	\$65,000
661 Hapsfield Ln, # 103, Buffalo Grove	Allna Bak & Eugeniusz Bak	Andrew S Kugler	09-15-15	\$100,000
9 Oak Creek Dr, # 3908, Buffalo Grove	Oliver Dass	Christopher A Ardrey	09-15-15	\$110,000
226 Winding Oak Ln, Buffalo Grove	Jaroslav Rybak	Christine S Arrigo	09-09-15	\$120,000
175 W Fabish Dr, Buffalo Grove	Judith F Greco	Sandra A Friedman	09-15-15	\$165,000
351 Town Place Cir, # 304, Buffalo Grove	Adrienne Han	Robert W Muench	09-14-15	\$175,000
1531 Anderson Ln, Buffalo Grove	Pam Besbeas & Bradley Brechel	Jared M Rosinski	09-15-15	\$187,500
1191 Russellwood Ct, Buffalo Grove	Venkata Ramana Udayagiri & Rashmi Mysore Keshavamurphy	Rosaline P Zayla	09-09-15	\$190,000
112 Morningside Ln W, Buffalo Grove	Kamalnath K Harkara & Jahnavi Nakka	Jeffrey Newman	09-10-15	\$197,500
9346 Landings Ln, Des Plaines	Lavinia Haragos	Cartus Financial Corp	09-04-15	\$106,000
1441 E Thacker St, # 304, Des Plaines	Algirdas Kalavinskis & Diana Kalavinskis	Audrey M Desch	09-04-15	\$143,000
2092 Sherwin Ave, Des Plaines	Iordanka Iordanova	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	09-10-15	\$145,500
1653 River St, # 202, Des Plaines	Edward M Guest	Frank Petrone	09-10-15	\$148,500
1470 Jefferson St, # 301, Des Plaines	Brian Anda	Edwin F Valencia	09-10-15	\$158,000

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1666 Henry Ave, Des Plaines	Rogaciano Santiago & Rafaela Jimenez	Robert E Graham Jr	09-16-15	\$170,000
8944 Robin Dr, Des Plaines	Enisa Mehagic & Mehmed Mehagic	Khorshed Khan	09-16-15	\$180,000
9543 Terrace Pl, Des Plaines	Sailesh Soni & Mansi Soni	Green Realty Llc	09-11-15	\$190,000
476 Alles St, # 408, Des Plaines	Jose Roman & Adoracion Roman	Kristin A Olson	09-10-15	\$205,000
2691 Joseph Ave, Des Plaines	Manuel Hernandez & Maria Gutierrez	Mathew P Prabha	09-14-15	\$205,000
262 S Cumberland Pkwy, Des Plaines	Stephen M Davis & Julia A Davis	Joseph Dahlin	09-10-15	\$215,000
370 S Western Ave, # 506, Des Plaines	Hillgrove H Gordon & Jeanette M Gordon	Stone Gate Of Des Plaines Llc	09-15-15	\$225,000
9333 Harrison St, # 1714, Des Plaines	Habiba Babul & Shamsuddin Thanawala	Sean M Hastings	09-15-15	\$230,000
170 E Thacker St, Des Plaines	Bryant W Deutschman & Sandra L Derive	Javier J Verde	09-10-15	\$230,000
9433 Greenwood Dr, Des Plaines	Artur Kubacki & Malgorzata A Kubacki	Aneta Pescatore	09-10-15	\$232,000
595 Leahy Cir, Des Plaines	Simy P Koshy & Koshi P George	Victor Esparza Esparza	09-10-15	\$245,000
1446 Van Buren Ave, Des Plaines	Kevin Kelley & Lisa Kelley	Glenn E Anderson	09-11-15	\$245,000
481 Lillian Ln, Des Plaines	George Laskaris & Eunice Laskaris	Kimberly A Nelson	09-04-15	\$255,000
765 Hanbury Dr, Des Plaines	Tolulope P Akinwale	Ronald A Barona	09-15-15	\$255,000
1057 Hollywood Ave, Des Plaines	Caille G Mendoza & Martin A Mendoza	Ruben P Hinojosa	09-16-15	\$265,000
1095 Rose Ave, Des Plaines	Jennifer L Carbonara	James E Schachte	09-16-15	\$278,500
644 Leahy Cir, Des Plaines	Cristi Nelson	Amy N Carlson	09-04-15	\$345,000
820 Kylemore Dr, Des Plaines	Dorin Bujdei	Julie Fiorito	09-14-15	\$371,000
9229 Knight Ave, Des Plaines	Remani Daniel & Neena Susan Daniel	Koshy Mathew	09-10-15	\$620,000
1020 Jeannette St, Des Plaines	Ben Roy Mei & Su J Kuang	Cristina I Popovici	09-15-15	\$645,000
5510 Lincoln Ave, # 208, Morton Grove	Elvin A Daniel & Cheryl L Daniel	Arbela Baba	09-10-15	\$128,000
8814 Luna Ave, Morton Grove	Monica Jusco	Wells Fargo Bank Trustee	09-16-15	\$170,000
8541 Major Ave, Morton Grove	Amer Mirza	Timothy Payne	09-15-15	\$230,000
9109 Oriole Ave, Morton Grove	George Oshana	Sari Siegel	09-15-15	\$270,000
8641 Austin Ave, Morton Grove	Benjamin Brennan & Kathryn L Brennan	Andrew Shimanski	09-10-15	\$270,000
5805 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove	Muniza Khalid Mahmud & Khurram Faheem	Vasant Patel	09-16-15	\$270,000
9003 Austin Ave, Morton Grove	Sean Fermoye & Pei Yee Fermoye	Krupall Thapar	09-04-15	\$276,500
6110 Mayfair St, # 6110, Morton Grove	Robert Sawicki & Milena Sawicki	Jong Yoon	09-16-15	\$310,000
8600 Lillibet Ter, Morton Grove	Syed Tajuddin & Yasmin Tajuddin	Robert Williams	09-16-15	\$337,500
8330 Concord Dr, Morton Grove	Ihab Semmar & Kenza Bernoussi	Lexington Station Llc	09-16-15	\$404,000
6500 Lyons St, Morton Grove	Trisha Susan Baker & Michael Leon Baker	Gil Avidar	09-15-15	\$700,000
8001 W Courte Dr, # 207, Niles	Leonila M Reyes	Jerome B Gottlieb	09-16-15	\$145,000
8713 W Sunset Rd, Niles	Mark Papiaci	Laura Perna	09-10-15	\$165,000
8913 W Heathwood Cir, Niles	Radu Pintoiu & Raluca Pintoiu	Us Bank Na Trustee	09-16-15	\$211,500
8938 W Heathwood Cir, Niles	Piknog Lisa Yiu	Sunil T Philip	09-11-15	\$220,000
8727 N Shermer Rd, Niles	Saleem Zaidi & Khurram Zaidi	Alexander Epshteyn	09-15-15	\$235,000
8256 N Neva Ave, Niles	Daniel Wiechec	Mark Wiechec	09-10-15	\$240,000
7091 W Touhy Ave, # 502, Niles	Jeraldine K Luga	Pbg Properties Llc	09-16-15	\$249,000
8440 N Oleander Ave, Niles	Tristan V Judi & Olive Ann Judi	John J Connolly	09-15-15	\$273,000
8317 W Park Ave, Niles	Robert Wiercloch & Danuta Wiercioch	Edward Sypien	09-10-15	\$316,500
2400 W Talcott Rd, # 325, Park Ridge	Maria Skoczen	Tomcik Trust	09-11-15	\$136,000
2200 Bouterse St, # 402, Park Ridge	Fred Scheidt & Helene Scheidt	Janet Aganad	09-16-15	\$255,000
2200 Bouterse St, # 408, Park Ridge	Francesco P Decicco & Sarah M Tyre	Kathleen C Tortora	09-04-15	\$255,000
1512 Devon Ave, Park Ridge	Anthony G Ross & Jessica Ross	Herman Baccus	09-11-15	\$307,000
300 N Delphia Ave, Park Ridge	Bilal El Ayoubi & Fatim Ayoubi	Michael J Suba	09-10-15	\$380,000
1731 Good Ave, Park Ridge	Phillip Stacey & Jill Stacey	Right Residential II Fund 3	09-10-15	\$400,000
804 Austin Ave, Park Ridge	Brian A Reaney & Meghan A Reaney	Kyle C Obrien	09-15-15	\$450,000
924 N Knight Ave, Park Ridge	Ronald Schneider & Kimberley Schneider	Zbigniew Rys	09-11-15	\$605,000
507 Wisner St, Park Ridge	Phillip Leslie & Rebecca Leslie	Jonathan King	09-15-15	\$908,500
9616 W Higgins Rd, # 3G, Rosemont	August J Sansone	Mario Tricoci	09-14-15	\$122,000

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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

A two-story colonial home in the Sherwood subdivision, the four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home offers over 3,200 square feet of space and attached 3.5-car garage. The home offers a dining room, eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors throughout, remodeled bathrooms, master bedroom walk-in closet and a new hot water heater. Backyard access is from the family room.

Address: 1418 N. Salem Blvd.
Price: \$649,900
Schools: John Hersey High School
Taxes: \$15,488
Agent: Sheila Brunetti/RE/MAX Suburban



MUNDELEIN

The home is a custom modern Seville model in the Fields of Ambria neighborhood offering three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. The open floor plan model is recently updated with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops in the kitchen that opens to a family room with skylights and fireplace, newly installed roof and hardwood floors in all bedrooms throughout.

Address: 1621 Verde Lane
Price: \$339,900
Schools: Mundelein Cons High School
Taxes: \$11,173
Agent: Joanne Blessing/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Libertyville



HIGHLAND PARK

A modernist home by Chicago architect Dennis Blair features original granite stone walls, slate floors and mahogany wood throughout the exterior. The floor-plan offers five bedrooms, four full baths with those in the bedroom wing featuring mid-century architecture, three wood-burning fireplaces, a sunken living room, vaulted ceilings and sliding doors to the courtyard.

Address: 2070 Partridge Lane
Price: \$675,000
Schools: Deerfield High School
Taxes: \$13,685
Agent: Jude Offerle/Baird & Warner Winnetka



PARK RIDGE

This three-bedroom, three-bathroom brick bungalow home offers an open floor plan with three finished levels. The kitchen has stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, and there is a wood-burning fireplace in the living room. Outside, the backyard has a deck and in the front, there is a covered front porch.

Address: 2701 Oakton St.
Price: \$379,900
Schools: Maine South High School
Taxes: \$6,049
Agent: Michael Stangel/CENTURY 21 McMullen

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Thursday, Oct. 15

Natural Solutions to a Balanced, Pain-Free Life: Join in finding out how chiropractic can help you be pain-free and improve your health naturally. 6 p.m. Thursday, Golf Chiropractic, 1455 E Golf Road #206, Des Plaines, free, 224-567-8306

Found Launches Live Music Every Thursday: The Josh Rzepka jazz trio performs. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

All-State Exhibition: selected works from across the state: 10 a.m. Daily, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

All My Relations: A Seneca History: In collaboration with visual artist and dancer Rosy Simas (Seneca), this exhibit features traditional and modern Seneca artifacts. 11 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free-\$5; \$10-\$12 for talk, 847-475-1030

Native Haute Couture: The year long exhibit features garments that showcase American Indian artistry. 10 a.m. Daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

Evanston Legend: The Art of Peggy Lipschutz: 10 a.m. Daily, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America: Features 18 G-scale trains chugging along 1,600 feet of track past replicas of American landmarks. 10 a.m. Daily, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free-\$6, 847-835-5440

6 Wicket American Croquet: North Shore Croquet Club offers free coaching sessions and practice games to learn '6 Wicket American Croquet'. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Wednesday, Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road, Glencoe, free, 847-409-5526

150th Anniversary of the End of the Civil War: Living history in an encampment with oral histories presented in authentic civil war era uniforms. 9 a.m. Daily, Glenview History Center, 1121 Waukegan Road, Glenview, \$5 suggested donation, 847-724-2235

Friends of the Glenview Library Special Program: Things That Go Bump - A Visual Survey of Witchcraft, Demons, and the Occult: 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$20, 847-456-2376.

Adult Literacy Classes: Fall Session: For native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. 9:15 a.m. Thursday and Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, free, 847-729-7500

Battle of the Books: Glenview 4th & 5th Graders: Are You Ready to Read?: Establish a team of four members, read the books and test knowledge with other teams at the library. 9 a.m. Daily, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Twitter: Get acquainted with this online social networking service. 2 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

StoryWalk: The Little Red Hen by Mary Finch: Stroll, bounce, hop or bike along the path to read this retelling of the classic tale. 9 a.m. Daily, Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Everybody Move: An hour of activities and exploration. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Hot ticket: "Avengers: Age of Ultron": 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

"Mapping Morton Grove" Exhibit at the Morton Grove Historical Museum: 11 a.m. Thursday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0203

Discussion with the Rabbi: Meet Rabbi Jeff Pivo, of Congregation Beth Judea, and Rabbi Aaron Melman, of Congregation Beth Shalom, to discuss "Rebranding: What does the future hold for the Conservative Movement." 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Pinstripes, 1150 Willow Road, Northbrook, free, 847-634-0777

Reader's Theatre: Open to adults 18 and over. Brings storytelling and radio theater to life. 10 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$55 member, \$60 guest, 847-692-3597

Chair Yoga: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$76 member, \$84 guest, 847-692-3597

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Accepted are prescription medications, all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. 9 a.m. Daily, Park Ridge Police Department, 200 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-579-1300

Karaoke Thursdays: 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

Food Drive in Skokie: Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. Daily, Walgreens, 3945 West Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Skokie Photographic Society: All levels of photographic skill are welcome. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-677-8324

The Language of Business: Helps attendees improve their reading, writing and math skills. 6 p.m. Thursday and Tuesday, JVS Chicago, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, free, 855-463-6587

"Funnyman": 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$15-\$65, 847-673-6300

Special Exhibition Three Years, Eight Months, and Twenty Days: The Cambodian Atrocities and the Search for Justice: Learn about the Cambodian genocide and the current trials to bring the perpetrators to justice, 40 years later. 10 a.m. Daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Author and Intuitive Dr. Therese Rowley at Wilmette Theatre: Long-time Chicago Journalist Jennifer Weigel interviews Dr. Therese Rowley, Ph.D. as her guest for Weigel's ongoing series "Conversations With Weigel." 7 p.m. Thursday, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$30 advance; \$35 at door, 847-251-7424

Alliance Francaise du North Shore Cafe-Conversation du Solr: Meet fellow Francophones for relaxed conversation in French. 6 p.m. Thursday, Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-328-9516

Wilmette Fiber Arts Group: This group of people is interested in all aspects of fibers arts: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. 10 a.m. Thursday, Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-293-6755

Friday, Oct. 16

Des Plaines Farmers' Market: 3 p.m. Friday, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

Stories of the Macabre: This is The Guild Theatre's original production of a concert of readings from the best writers of scary literature: Edgar Allan Poe, Washington Irving, Saki and more. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-25, 847-838-3006

YAMO, ETHS student revue: This student-run production involves over 100 students as writers, directors, actors, singers, musicians and stage crew. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, \$12, 847-424-7130

Singer and Songwriter Al Day performs with jazz pianist Robert Long: 8 p.m. Friday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10, 847-868-8945

Ring 43 Magic Club Meeting: Present mental magic and explain how it was done. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Presence Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston, \$5, guests may be applied to Ring 43 membership, 847-272-3850

Meeting of the minecrafters (for grades 4-8): Build, craft, mine, farm and explore the mammoth world of minecraft. 6 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

"Woman in Gold": 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Halloween Spooktacular: The bash for kids ages 2-10 and their parents features a bounce house, games, crafts, face painting and more. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$5, 847-724-5670

Do more with Word 2010: page layouts, working with columns, bullet points and more. 2 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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MGPL after dark: Jazz Consortlum Big Band: Enjoy swing and jazz-rock favorites. 7 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

After Hours Getaway Teen Read Program: Teens try different foods, create crafts and do fun challenges from around the world to celebrate Teen Read Week. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Hunger Resource Network Fund-raiser "Rock 'n Roll Revsited": This second annual fundraisevent includes appetizers, dinner, music, dancing and live and silent auctions. Hunger Resource Network is committed to alleviating hunger in our communities by helping to meet the needs of food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. 6 p.m. Friday, Pinstripes, 1150 Willow Road, Northbrook, \$75 per person, 847-480-2323

Gentle Yoga: Yoga instructor Olga Rudiak leads a series of yoga sessions for improved physical strength, relaxation and mental clarity. Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Highland Park Players Present "Avenue Q": The laugh out loud, Tony Award-winning musical, "Avenue Q" is part flesh, part felt and packed with heart. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$18-\$22, 847-291-2995

Battle of the Young Chefs (grades 4-6) Special Long Weekend Edition: For one day only, test cooking skills in a professional kitchen. 1 p.m. Friday, Whole Foods Market, 840 Willow Road, Northbrook, free, 847-729-7500

Share The Warmth: Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

Duplicate Bridge: 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127.

Art Attack: Art Attack is a free exhibit of works by North Shore Art League faculty on display in 20 stores throughout the Hubbard Woods Design District. 5 p.m. Friday, North Shore Art League, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, free, 847-446-2879

Saturday, Oct. 17

Downtown Evanston Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free

Jewish Roots of Broadway: Chicago a cappella performs some of the best-loved American Songbook standards. 8 p.m. Saturday, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, \$12-38, 773-281-7820

FUSE: Studio: Drop in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. midnight Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Stuff the Bus: The first C.O.P.E. Evanston Stuff the Bus food drive is set. 10 a.m. Saturday, Valli Produce, 1910 West Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-866-8100

Yoga and beer fundraiser: Learn about the local charity the brewery is supporting this month, Senior Connections. 1 p.m. Saturday, Temperance Beer Company, 2000 Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 (includes a beer), 847-869-0682

The Mark Cleveland Band: World, Folk and Blues. 9:30 p.m. Saturday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Trains, Tricks & Treats: Families are invited to come in costume and trick-or-treat throughout the Model Railroad Garden. 10 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free-\$6, 847-835-5440

Experience Farm Life During Harvest Time: Join in wagon rides, farm activities, and fall arts and crafts. Harvest foods are available for purchase. 10 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, \$5 per person; free children 2 and under; purchases vary, 847-657-1506

Russian Storytime with Miss Vlada (for ages 3 and up with adult): Just drop in to this new class, as Miss Vlada shares stories in Russian. Participants may make a craft, too. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Friendship Club Interactive Movie: "The LEGO Movie": Trained Friendship Ambassadors, who are in fourth through 12th grades, host. 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, free, 847-729-7500

Family Movie: "Aladdin" (1992): 2 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Get hooked: adult crafts: Expert needle artist Marilyn Salimi demonstrates needlepoint stitches in this series of three sessions and guides you through the steps of making a scissors case. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Hoosier Mama pie making: Paula Haney, author of the cookbook, "Hoosier Mama Book of Pie: Deluxe Recipes," and owner of two Hoosier Mama Pie Company restaurants, demonstrates how to make pies. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Morton Grove Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Dempster Street and Georgiana Avenue, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436

Time Matters: A Woman's Retirement Outlook: This program shares perspectives on financial concerns facing women who are getting ready for or have recently transitioned to retirement. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Anime and Manga Club: Gather with fellow fans to watch and discuss anime and manga, draw fan art and make cosplay costumes. 2 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Wills and Trusts: Attorney Jacob Ehrensaft discusses estate planning, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, living wills, probate, and guardianship. 10 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Homeschool Book Swap: Bring old materials to the Northbrook Public Library and swap for new books and resources. 9 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Northfield Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Happ Road and New Trier Court, 6 Happ Road, Northfield, free, 847-446-4451

Park Ridge Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-318-5217

Wilmette Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Village Center, Along 12th Street and Wilmette, Central and Greenleaf Avenues, Wilmette, free

Sunday, Oct. 18

Issam Rafea: DIO Trio: 3 p.m. Sunday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10-\$30, 800-838-3006

Inspire Brilliance: 7 p.m. Concert: Pick-Staiger Concert Hall Midwest Young Artists present the Big Band and Symphony Orchestra in concert performing major selections from the jazz and orchestral repertoire. 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$30 adult, \$15 student, 847-926-9898

Chicago Botanic Garden Farmers' Market: 9 a.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

An afternoon with Trillium: 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Niles Genealogy Interest Group: Patrons have the opportunity to use the library's computers to search the Ancestry Library Edition and other online resources to research their family trees. 2 p.m. Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Fine Arts Fall: Concert: 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Meet the Conductor: a Season Preview with Victor Muenzer: 2 p.m. Sunday, Ianelli Studios Heritage Center, 255 North Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, free, 847-692-7726

Skokie Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, Free, 847-673-0500

Music of the Baroque Presents: Kraemer Conducts Bach: Music of the Baroque's 45th Anniversary Season begins with J.S. Bach. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$27-\$90, 312-551-1414

Lecture: Chicago's Sweet Candy History: Actress, scholar and author Leslie Goddard, presents an illustrated lecture based on her book "Chicago's Sweet Candy History." 2 p.m. Sunday, Wilmette Historical Museum, 609 Ridge Road, Wilmette, Free for members; \$5 for nonmembers, 847-853-7666

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Monday, Oct. 19

Book Babies: 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Character Counts Week for grades K-8: Stop by Youth Services to share how you've shown good character. 9 a.m. Monday-Oct. 23, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Alliance Francaise du North Shore Monthly Lecture: Enjoy the presentation, in French, describing the music of Quebec of the '60s-'80s. Socializing and refreshments conclude the program. 1 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, free, 847-328-9516

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

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend, Breathe: Kids ages four through eight. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

The Essential Edgar Allan Poe: Author and storyteller William Pack exhumes the tragic life and of Edgar Allan Poe. 7 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Networking Event: Join in on a lively discussion on topical issues of the day. 9 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 NSSC member; \$25 non-member, 847-784-6000

Exploring Grief: 7 p.m. Monday, Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-4272

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse: 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Avenue, Evanston, free

Community Giving Day: Five percent of sales will be donated to The Kindness Connection, a local non-profit organization that teaches children about community service through age-appropriate activities. 8 a.m. Tuesday, Whole Foods Market, 2748 Green Bay Road, Evanston, free

Irish music session: 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Tuesday Morning Music: Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances on Tuesday mornings in the McGinley Pavilion overlooking Evening Island. Music varies from string quartets to Native American flutes. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Smile and Rhyme Storytime (for ages 2 and up with adult): Miss Fran shares stories, rhymes, and songs in the cafe. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Design a Book Themed T-Shirt - Teen Read Week: This is for anyone in seventh through 12th grades to celebrate Teen Read Week by designing a book-themed T-shirt. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Power Employment Workshop Secret Strategies to Land a Job: Visit worknetncc.com to register. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Publisher 2010 Basics: Use templates, text boxes and picture tools to create cards and stationery. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Alpine Thunder Returns: Soak in Germany's rich regional musical heritage with upbeat music and interesting lore. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Financial Planning Appointments: Free one-hour consultation with a Certified Financial Planner. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, free, 847-729-7500

Introduction to MyMediaMall: Downloading eBooks and Audiobooks: Learn how to access MyMediaMall, browse the library's collection of digital materials, and check out or download ebooks and audiobooks. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Northern Lights Homework Help Center: Thirty-minute sessions for homework, reading and math skills provided on a first-come, first-served basis. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

MGPL Kids: Listen Up: 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Movies, munchies and more: Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Wonder Ground Open Lab: Look, touch, tinker and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. 4 p.m. Tuesday and Oct. 22, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Small Business: Using Videos for Marketing: Workshop facilitator David Beasley, SCORE Volunteer, shows you the steps to produce a successful marketing video. 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Adult Graphic Novel Discussion Group: Whether you're a fan or simply want to learn more about this increasingly popular art form, join the Northbrook Public Library at North Shore Comics after store hours to talk about graphic novels. 7 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Comics, 3155 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free

Festive Floral Arrangement Demo: The Twentieth Century Club of Park Ridge hosts Andy Zimmerman of Kiko's Flower and Gifts. Learn holiday floral arrangements. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, free, 312-391-6788

eGain Digital Summit 2015: The Digital Summit brings together thought leaders, analysts, clients, prospective customers and partners to exchange ideas, best practices and success stories in digital customer engagement. 8 a.m. Tuesday, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, free, 408-636-4505.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

ETHS Booster Board Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, free, 847-424-7000

Preschool Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

Because Tomorrow Needs Her: Doctors Without Borders field worker, Rachel Seay, speaks on the challenges women and children face when accessing healthcare in many countries. 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northwestern University - Ruan Conference Room, 600 Foster St., Evanston, free, 212-679-6800

Craigslist: Navigate the ins and outs of online classified ads. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Intro to Drawing Workshop: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

All Things Spanish: This group invites both native and non-native Spanish speakers. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Halloween Cuisine (for grades 4-6): 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, FlavorPot, 2041 Tower Drive, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

TedxLincolnwood Library: TED Talks (short for Technology, Entertainment, and Design) are "devoted to ideas worth spreading" and inform, inspire and entertain people around the world. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Scrabble for Adults: 2 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Photoshop CS6 Basics: Learn the basic tools and functions of Photoshop CS6 to edit, retouch and manipulate photos. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player or a beginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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Classics on Wednesday Film Series:

Free weekly screening of classic films. 1 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Playreading with Vivian Mitchell:

Fulfill your passion for being an actor by joining the North Shore Senior Center's playreading group. Learn about the playwright and discuss the play. The real fun begins when characters are assigned and the play is read aloud by participants. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$39 member; \$45 non-member, 847-784-6030

Senior High Youth Group: For all youth grades 9 to 12 to enjoy fun and friendship while engaging in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

World War II Veterans' Roundtable: Vets gather for lively conversation and coffee. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free

Thursday, Oct. 22

Snapshot Evanston: The program is designed to give local residents and Evanston-based employees an in-depth, one-day orientation into the community. 8:30 a.m. Oct. 22, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, \$75 per person; \$125 for two people, 847-492-0990

5th Annual Buckthorn Barbecue: Evening proceeds will support the restoration of Glencoe's Green Bay Trail. 6 p.m. Oct. 22, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$100/plate, 847-274-1789

Facebook Basics: Get started with the basics, including signing up, creating a profile and adding friends. A valid email account is required. 2 p.m. Oct. 22, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Computer basics: At this class, attendees explore basic computer concepts and the Windows 7 operating system. 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Lights Out, Everybody: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio: Radio historian Steve Darnall returns with sound clips from radio's scariest shows. 1 p.m. Oct. 22, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Power Employment Workshop: Instructors from the Business and Career Services of the Illinois WorkNet Center in Arlington Heights discuss resumes and cover letters, online job applications, and interviewing to help attendees in their job search. 9:30 a.m. Oct. 22, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

World Language Storytime: Polish: Share stories and songs in Polish (with a bit of English). 10 a.m. Oct. 22, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Dramatic program at Northbrook Community Synagogue: Northbrook Community Synagogue's Women Havura hosts a dramatic program, about Estee Lauder, cosmetics entrepreneur. 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22, Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court, Northbrook, \$36, 847-509-9204

Screening of "Sammy: The Journey": Screening of a documentary about the remarkable life of Sam Harris, one of the youngest survivors of the Holocaust and the President Emeritus of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. Sam and his wife, Dede, are to be in attendance and answering questions from the audience following the film. The film is recommended for ages 12 and older. 7 p.m. Oct. 22, Willow Creek Community Church North Shore, 315 Waukegan Road, Northfield, free

Say You Love Me: Fleetwood Mac Turns 40: Forty years after Fleetwood Mac's self-titled debut album was released, there are many stories to tell and hits to be sung. 8 p.m. Oct. 22, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

Keeping up with Today's Resume Development: Take advantage of this free job seminar on how to promote yourself in a competitive job market, with an effective cover letter and resume. 7 p.m. Oct. 22, WiFi Building, 8150 McCormick Blvd., Skokie, free, 847-271-3868

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Now playing

**"Hotel Transylvania 2" ★★★**

PG, 1:27, animation

There was nothing particularly wrong with the 2012 "Hotel Transylvania." Adam Sandler voicing Dracula, a blood-drinking dad who is concerned about the love life of his daughter Mavis (Selena Gomez), was the only thing that stood out. The action picks up with Mavis making Dracula a new vampa (grandpa and vampire). Everyone is waiting to see if Dennis will be like his mom and sprout fangs or end up like his dad and be human. If Dennis doesn't get

his fangs by the time he turns 5, it will be too late. Dracula plans to scare the monster into the infant. It's as rare as vampires on a beach to have a movie sequel be better than the original. But vampires might start looking for some sunglasses because the spookiest thing about "Hotel Transylvania 2" is how much funnier, colorful and more original it is this second time around. —Rick Bentley

**"Sicario" ★★★**

R, 2:01, action

For a gripping documentary about the U.S./Mexico border, the drug trade and a hornet's nest of sociopolitical nightmares, watch Matthew Heineman's "Cartel Land." For a commercial thriller on related themes, "Sicario" will do. The first hour of this latest film from French-Canadian director Denis Villeneuve is sleek, terrific pulp. The second half of "Sicario" (in Mexico, slang for "hitman") settles for more conventional bloodshed and storytelling.

—Michael Phillips

**"The Martian" ★★★ ½**

PG-13, 2:21, sci-fi

A highly enjoyable, zestily acted team-building exercise, with Matt Damon playing the team of one, director Ridley Scott's "The Martian" throws a series of life-or-death scenarios at its resourceful botanist-astronaut, stranded on Mars but making the most of it. It's one of the most comforting science fiction films in years.

—M.P.

**"The Intern" ★★ ½**

PG-13, 1:59, comedy

Since his wife's passing, retiree Ben Whittaker, played by Robert De Niro, has lived a pleasantly routinized life alone until he is hired as a senior intern at a JackThreads-type online clothing company, assigned to the startup's founder and honcho, Jules Ostin, played by Anne Hathaway. Scene by scene, Jules comes to realize how much wisdom, experience, advice and class this man has to offer. Surprisingly, the biggest, broadest comic interlude clicks: a secret mission by Ben and his co-workers to retrieve a laptop from Jules'

parents' house. In her best dialogue about the stresses of work/life balance, Meyers suggests a measure of ambivalence and complication in its treatment of Jules, although on the surface she's just another type-A workaholic out of a rom-com. —M.P.

**"Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" ★★**

PG-13, 2:11, action

A year ago the inaugural "Maze Runner" adaptation proved a pleasantly unpleasant surprise. Director Wes Ball's feature film debut delivered the first in author James Dashner's trilogy (he wrote two prequels as well) with an earnest, no-nonsense commitment to the protagonist's waking nightmare. Ball's workmanlike handling of the second in the trilogy, "The Scorch Trials," proves mainly that he can keep a franchise from running com-

pletely off the rails when the tracks have been laid perilously near a swamp of "dys-lit" clichés. —M.P.

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Diana Nyad's book "Find a Way" chronicles the triumphs, trials and lessons she and her team faced in her world record-setting swim from Cuba to Miami in 2013. Nyad will be joined by Blue Sky reporter Amina Elahi for a discussion about her book at Chicago's iconic Music Box Theatre. Nyad's achievements in and out of the water required vision, perseverance, teamwork and leadership. Anyone striving to reach a big goal — from entrepreneurs to weekend warriors — will want to hear her story.

An audience Q&A and book-signing will follow the program. Attendees may preorder copies of "Find a Way" with their ticket, and books also will be sold onsite.

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2016 NEW CAR GUIDE

By brand, here's a list of new and refreshed cars and trucks

BY TOM KRISHNER
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Associated Press

AUDI

A3 SPORTBACK E-TRON: The five-seat wagon combines a 1.4-liter, four-cylinder gasoline engine and an electric motor. It's Audi's first plug-in hybrid to hit the market.

Q7: The three-row, seven-seat SUV's first full redesign in nearly a decade has led to a shorter, leaner, more wagon-like look.

BMW

7 SERIES: The all-new flagship large sedan is up to 190 pounds lighter and comes with an improved ride and better handling.

X1: The small SUV gets a roomier interior, more space for cargo and a new 2-liter twin-turbo four-cylinder engine that puts out 228 horsepower
X5: BMW's first plug-in hybrid SUV can go 13 miles on battery and zero to 60 in 6.5 seconds

BUICK

CASCADE: Buick goes for a little ragtop bling with the Cascada turbocharged four-seater, an American version of a stylish Opel convertible from Europe.

CADILLAC

ATS-V: High-performance version of Caddy's small sports sedan and coupe comes with a 3.6-liter twin-turbo engine that puts out 464 horsepower.

CTS-V: It's the most powerful car in Cadillac's 112-year history with a 640-horsepower supercharged 6.2-liter V8 mated to an eight-speed automatic tranny.
CT6: Cadillac goes back to its roots with a new rear-drive luxury land yacht that GM says is lighter than the BMW 5-Series.

CHEVROLET

CAMARO: The classic Chevy muscle car slims to fit on the frame of a Cadillac ATS small sports sedan



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Over 75 models from nearly two dozen brands are rolling out for the 2016 model year.

and gets a standard four-cylinder engine.

CRUZE: The 5-year-old compact is replaced with a more stylish, aerodynamic-looking sedan that's longer and 250 pounds lighter.

MALIBU: If the sleeker and lighter new Malibu runs and handles as well as it looks, Chevy might make a dent in the market controlled mainly by Honda and Toyota.

SPARK: The Korean-made inexpensive mini-car gets revamped with a more powerful 1.4-liter four-cylinder engine with 98 horsepower, 14 more than the current model.
VOLT: The gas-electric hybrid gets sleeker looks and increased battery range to 53 miles before a new 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine kicks in.

HONDA

CIVIC: The 2016, or 10th generation, is the sportiest Civic ever and comes with two new engines: a normally aspirated direct-injected four-cylinder and a 1.5-liter, direct-injection turbo four-cylinder.

HYUNDAI

SONATA HYBRID: The gas-electric version of the Korean automaker's midsize car gets a bigger bat-

tery pack and a revised transmission to boost mpg by about 10 percent.

TUCSON: Hyundai's small SUV gets longer, wider, sleeker and more efficient.

KIA

OPTIMA: Kia's best-seller in the U.S., the midsize Optima gets its first full redesign since 2011. It's longer, wider and stiffer, with a bigger interior and three engine choices.

SORENTO: The crossover, last redesigned in 2010, gets a thicker, brawnier look, in five- or seven-passenger configurations.

LEXUS

RX: Lexus' best-selling RX SUV gets its first major redesign since 2010 with a lot of sharp angles, including a big spindle grille.

LX 570: Lexus says it changed everything but the door panels on the eight-passenger SUV.

LAND ROVER

RANGE ROVER: A new, 3.0-liter turbocharged diesel V6 engine is being offered for the first time in North America.

LINCOLN

MKX: Lincoln's midsize

crossover has a sleeker, less bulbous design and an updated grille to match other new Lincolns.

MAZDA

CX-3: Mazda is entering the fast-growing sub-compact SUV segment.
MX-5 MIATA: Mazda is introducing the fourth-generation of the popular soft-top convertible.

MERCEDES-BENZ

GLC300: The second generation of Mercedes' midsize SUV, the GLC, replaces the boxy GLK; it has the same elongated hood but a much more aerodynamic roofline.
MERCEDES-AMG GT S: The GT S is a track-ready supercar that goes 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds, with a top speed of 193 mph.

MINI

CLUBMAN: A complete redesign makes the Clubman longer and wider than any other car in the BMW mini-car lineup.

MITSUBISHI

OUTLANDER: Mitsubishi's seven-passenger SUV gets refreshed with more than 100 engineering and design improvements and a price cut of \$200.

NISSAN

MAXIMA: The full-size sedan has a chiseled surface, and a roof that looks like it's floating thanks to blacked-out pillars.

PORSCHE

911 GT3 RS/Targa 4 GTS: Porsche has reworked 90 percent of the components on the seventh-generation 911 sports car.

SCION

IM/IA: The brand has a new entry point with the iA small car and its hatchback sibling, the iM.

TESLA

MODEL X: Tesla's third vehicle, the SUV will turn heads with its "falcon-wing" rear doors, which open out and upward.

TOYOTA

PRIUS: The new Prius has sportier, more emotional styling, with a lower hood and a sharp side crease that morphs into the rear spoiler, with 10 percent better fuel economy.

TACOMA: With its first full redesign in 12 years, the Tacoma has a 159-horsepower, 2.7-liter four-cylinder engine and an optional 3.5-liter V6 with 278 horsepower.

VOLKSWAGEN

JETTA GLI: The sporty version of this compact gets a the 210-horsepower 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder that's also in the smaller Golf GTI.
PASSAT: Midsize sedan gets its first major refresh since it debuted in 2011.

VOLVO

XC90: The seven-seat SUV is all new, and it's loaded with luxury and safety features.

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COLLEGE NOTES

McCaffrey has his 15 minutes of fame

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Sports website The Big Lead called it "probably the greatest catch in Division III football history." It led ESPN's "SportsCenter" in late September. And playing his part in the fanfare was Knox sophomore quarterback Matt McCaffrey, a New Trier product.

In the fourth quarter of the Prairie Fire's Sept. 26 game against Lawrence in Appleton, Wis., McCaffrey rolled to his right and heaved a pass deep into Lawrence territory. Teammate Ilir Emini, the intended receiver, went up for the ball and tipped it to his leg, where it ricocheted back into the air as he fell backward and bounced off the ground.

While Emini kept his eye on the ball and his hands up, the ball fell into his grasp for the first down and a 33-yard gain. The Prairie Fire scored seven plays later to cap the scoring in a 20-6 victory.

Knox followed with a 46-19 win against Macalester, when McCaffrey threw for 218 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another 80 yards.

Through the team's 3-1 start, McCaffrey threw for 824 yards and five touchdowns, adding 250 yards and three touchdowns on the ground.

Against Lawrence, fellow New Trier graduate Sam Coffey, a senior defensive back, recorded a team-high five solo tackles. Through four games, he ranked third

on the team in total tackles.

Hinsdale South alumnus Hakeem Gill, a sophomore defensive back, played in two of the team's first four games.

Mocogni drops her 5K time

Highland Park graduate Monica Mocogni continued her strong sophomore season for the Illinois Wesleyan women's cross country team.

She helped lead the team to a ninth-place finish at the 17-team Illinois Intercollegiate Oct. 2 in Bourbonnais. She came in 55th in 20 minutes, 56 seconds, and shaved 32 seconds off her 5K time from the Wisconsin-Parkside Midwest Open on Sept. 12 in Somers, Wis.

Hagermoser cruises to singles win

Yale tennis player Alex Hagermoser, from Hinsdale Central, topped off a dominant weekend at the Ivy Plus Invitational Sept. 18-20 in Princeton, N. J., sealing the singles title with a 6-4, 6-4 victory against his counterpart from Columbia. The junior from Hinsdale did not drop a set in four matches.

Deerfield graduate Jason Brown is a senior on the team.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.

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New Trier graduate Matt McCaffrey threw five touchdown passes and ran for three TDs in Knox's first four games.

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Loyola, New Trier advance to state tourney

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

The Ramblers' girls golf team won the Glenbrook North Sectional by 13 strokes on Oct. 12 and looks to be one of few teams in Class AA with the talent, depth and experience needed to upset defending state champion Hinsdale Central.

One of Loyola's advantages at the state tournament will be its experience. The Ramblers' lineup includes five out of the six golfers who finished second in Class AA a year ago. Junior Kellie McCabe, who shot an 86 at the sectional at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook, is the lone first-time state qualifier on a team that features sophomore Nina Rutkowski (74), junior Margaret Hickey (77), and seniors Blake Yaccino (72), Nicole Wetoska (81) and Madison Banas (83).

"We're super excited," Wetoska said of playing at the state tournament on Oct. 16-17 at Hickory Point Golf Course in Decatur. "Our team's awesome this year. We're all best friends. We just want to win it so bad."

A key to doing so, Yaccino added, is for the Ramblers not to psyche themselves out during the round. It's imperative to go shot-by-shot, hole-by-hole.

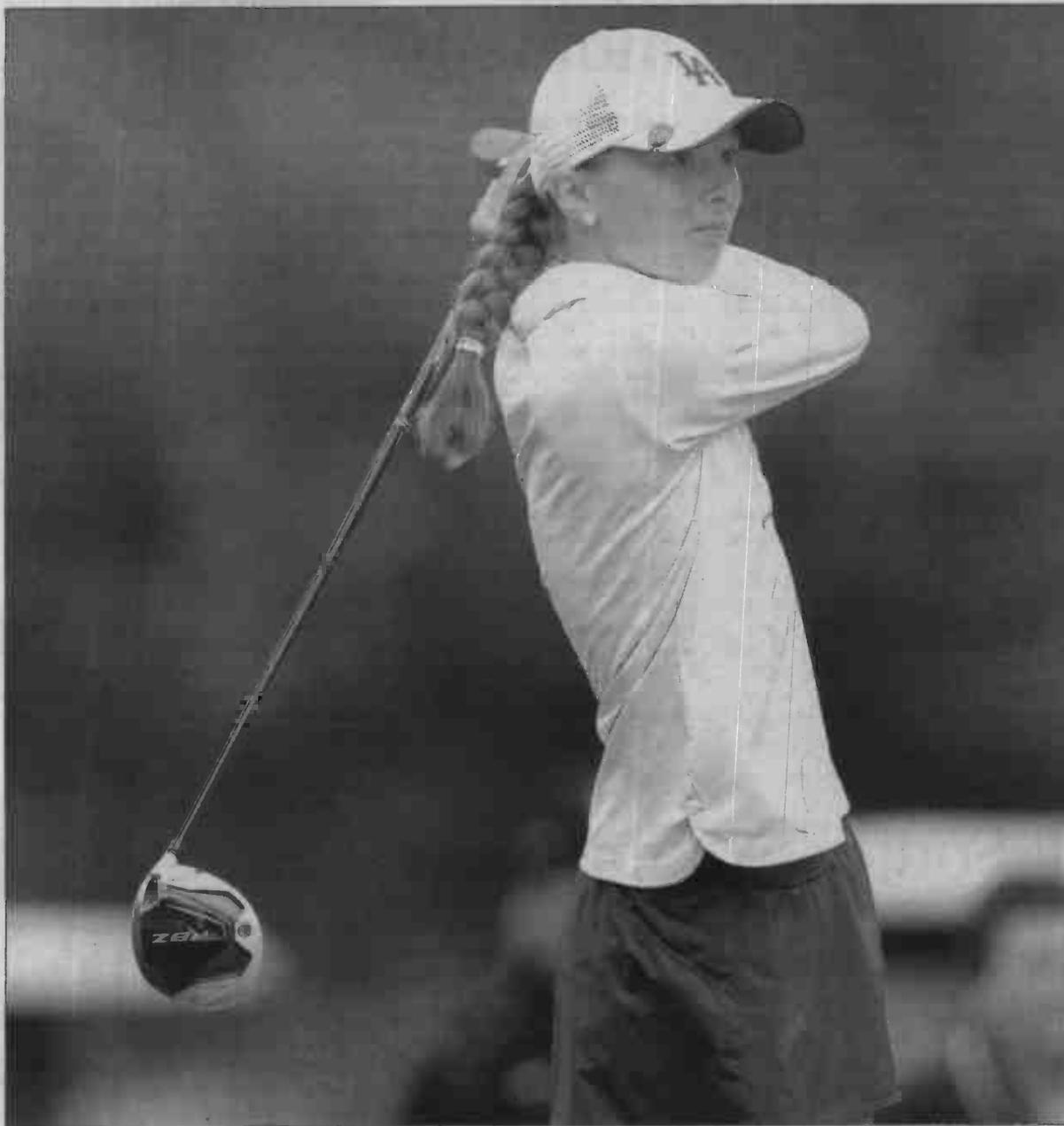
Taking that approach at state helps deal with the nervousness that comes with playing at the biggest tournament of the season.

"[Having experience at state] eases your nerves a bit," Wetoska said. "You know everyone's nervous, but it's just another round of golf."

New Trier

New Trier freshman Penelope Tir has played her best golf in the postseason over the last two weeks.

Tir fired a 73 at the Fremd Regional on Oct. 7, which at the time was her lowest round of the high school



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Loyola's Margaret Hickey watches her tee shot during the Class AA Glenbrook North Sectional on Oct. 12 at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook.

season. Tir followed that by earning medalist honors with an even-par 71 at the Glenbrook North Sectional on Oct. 12. The Trevians, who also received a 73 from senior captain Louise McCulloch, punched their ticket to state by tying for second place with Libertyville (317). Buffalo Grove (327) was fourth, and Glenbrook North (328) was fifth. The top three teams advanced.

There are several reasons why Tir has been able to play her best golf in high-stakes tournaments.

"I've been practicing a little bit more on the areas I need help with, versus areas that I kind of like," Tir said. "I've been chipping a lot more, which is still not fantastic, but it's improved. Also, it helps that I'm being more positive on the course, versus getting down on myself."

Another reason has been her fast starts. Tir was 3-under par on her first nine holes of the Fremd Regional. She was 1-under par after nine holes at the sectional.

"I usually start out really badly," Tir said. "I'm a little bit more focused in the beginning than I have been in previous tournaments. It's really the beginning that's different from most of my tournaments."

Tir and McCulloch are

expected to be joined in New Trier's state lineup by senior Rayna Kwo, who shot an 89 at the sectional, as well as sophomore Rachel Rhee (84) and freshmen Abbie Kaestle (91) and Lizzie Kenter (91).

Glenbrook North

In previous seasons, Glenbrook North's Amy Hong said she always had her worst round of the season at sectionals.

That changed on Oct. 12. Hong and teammate Emma Vickery both qualified for the Class AA state tournament.

Hong played steady, consistent golf en route to a 2-over 73. She entered the sectional with confidence, she explained afterward, because she'd played well throughout her senior season.

Her mental approach was also different at the sectional.

"I'm not playing golf in college, so I came into today and I thought to myself, 'It's OK if I don't make it. Just have fun. Play comfortably,'" Hong said. "My parents kept telling me, 'Don't worry about making the cut. Play your game.' That's what I did. I had no pressure out there. I was a little stressed, but I was easy off the tee and I wasn't going crazy. Looking back at my previous rounds, during sectionals, I was so nervous and so tense. But I was more relaxed this year."

Hong and Vickery will both end their high school seasons at Hickory Point Golf Course in Decatur. Vickery, a junior, qualified for state with a 77 at the sectional.

Glenbrook South

Senior Arina Kim (80) finished in a tie for the 10th and final individual berth to the state tournament. The playoff between Kim and Carmel's Alexa Amato was postponed to Oct. 13 due to darkness at Sportsman's Country Club.

Niles West

The Wolves finished with a 372 at the Class AA Oak Park-River Forest Sectional, tying Payton for seventh place. Only the top three teams advanced.

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New Trier boys golf team trying to stay in the moment

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

Before this year, New Trier boys golf coach Pete Drevline said he would make hotel reservations in Bloomington, site of the Class 3A state tournament, sometimes as early as August.

When a program has nine state titles and a state-high 25 trophies, it's a good bet it will end its season on the final weekend. But Drevline wanted to shake up things this fall by not putting the emphasis on the state tournament during the regular season.

"I wanted them to take it shot by shot, round by round, day by day," he said. "It's been good."

Drevline broke down and booked the rooms in Bloomington following New Trier's Class 3A regional championship on Oct. 6. But planning ahead didn't jinx the Trevians, who took third place on Oct. 12 at the Conant Sectional

tournament at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. They were the final team to make the state cut. Loyola and Glenbrook North each finished with a 314 and tied for fourth.

New Trier carded a 31-over 311 on a windy and unseasonably warm day in Hoffman Estates. York finished first at 301, and St. Viator was second at 305.

"It doesn't matter the score we shot as long as we made it," said junior Justin Choi, who posted a team-best 75. "All you want is a chance to win a state title."

New Trier hasn't won a state championship since 2003. In the meantime, the Trevians have finished second four times in the last six seasons, including the last two.

Hinsdale Central will be chasing after its fourth consecutive Class 3A state title on Oct. 16-17, at The Den at Fox Creek

Golf Course in Bloomington.

Other scores that counted for New Trier at Poplar Creek included senior Nick Iserloth's 78, junior Michael Adler's 78, senior Andrew Huber's 80 and senior Matt Murlick's 80.

Murlick wasn't ready to talk about a state title after his round on Oct. 12.

"I didn't have a great day, and I had been playing well," he said. "It's disappointing, but I am glad the team made it. I am not thinking about winning the state title. I just want us to play our own game and play the course."

But Choi, who tied for 12th as a sophomore, didn't shy away from the title talk.

"I've definitely been thinking about winning it," he said. "We've been close a lot, and we have a team that can do it."

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New Trier's Justin Choi had New Trier's low round, a 75, at the Class 3A Conant Sectional on Monday, Oct. 12, in Hoffman Estates.

Glenbrook South's Nikitas starts strong, reaches state

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

Charlie Nikitas did his homework.

Knowing the wind might pick up in the afternoon at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club in Hoffman Estates on Oct. 12, the Glenbrook South sophomore said a good start was important to a good round.

By making two birdies in his first five holes, Nikitas executed his game plan to perfection on his way to a 1-over 71 and second place at the Class 3A Conant Sectional.

"I had to give myself a cushion because it was going to be slow and a grind out there," said Nikitas, who was 2 under through five. "But I like when the weather is kind of bad. I feel like half of the field gives up."

Nikitas is going back to the state tournament at The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course in Bloom-

ington for a second season in a row.

While it wasn't his low round of the season, Nikitas said Oct. 12 might rank as his best. He only made three bogeys and said he "didn't give away any shots."

"It's definitely up there," he said.

Glenbrook North

Daniel Cole crammed for the sectional tournament at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club.

The senior said he spent more than six hours on Oct. 11 working on his game.

"I wanted to make sure everything was consistent," he said.

Cole's marathon practice session paid off as he shot a 3-over 73 to tie for third and advance to the Class 3A state tournament as an individual. The Spartans' 314 wasn't enough to survive the cut.

"He's been our main guy, our workhorse," Glenbrook North

coach Justin Gerbich said of Cole, who had one 18-hole tournament victory this season. "He's been solid for us all year."

Varsity rookie and junior Henry Knez also is heading to Bloomington after he shot a 76.

Loyola

John Kryscio played like a veteran at the sectional tournament in Hoffman Estates.

Maybe that's because, even as a sophomore, this was his second trip to this stage of the season.

After playing his first six holes at 4 over, Kryscio was 2 over for his final 12 holes to post a 76. While the Ramblers didn't advance as a team with their 314, Kryscio qualified for the Class 3A state tournament as an individual. He was in Loyola's lineup last year when the Ramblers tied for ninth at the Class 3A state tournament.

"I just put my head down and tried to make some birdies," said

Kryscio, who finished with three.

Loyola coach Tim Kane said Kryscio is the kind of player who can rebound from a bad swing or bad hole.

"He's very level-headed," Kane said. "He just stayed calm. He's a good example of how to conduct yourself on the golf course."

Junior Connor Prassas was one of five players who turned in a 79, and he won a playoff for the 10th and final spot as an at-large individual.

North Shore Country Day

The Raiders missed out on qualifying for the state tournament for the first time since 2010.

But North Shore Country Day, which won two Class 1A state titles and finished second the past two years, was moved up to Class 2A this season due to the IHSA's success factor.

The Raiders shot 331 to finish

fifth at the Freeport Sectional at Park Hills Golf Course. North Shore senior Drew Miles advanced as an individual after carding a 79.

Niles West

Senior Skylar Le Vine will be making his second appearance at the Class 3A state tournament after shooting a 76 at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. He also qualified as a sophomore.

Northridge

Northridge senior Paul DiFranco advanced to the Class 1A state tournament by carding a 78 at the Byron Sectional on Oct. 12. The Knights finished seventh (357) at the sectional and didn't advance as a team.

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Late scoring drive seals Notre Dame win

BY ERIC VAN DRIL

Pioneer Press

When the Notre Dame football team's offense got the ball back with 5:05 remaining against St. Patrick, the Dons held a 3-point lead and were in need of another touchdown.

The lead appeared far from safe for Notre Dame, which went on to win the East Suburban Catholic game 44-34 on Oct. 10 in Chicago. St. Patrick's offense had amassed 34 points and more than 400 yards. The combination of senior quarterback Paddy Devlin (29-for-44, 424 yards, three touchdowns) and junior Andrew Edgar had torched the Dons' secondary throughout the second half, including a 42-yard reception that set up a 14-yard touchdown on the previous drive.

"Oh yeah," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said when asked if he thought the Dons needed to score another touchdown. "We didn't want it to be a game where it's going to be the team [with] the ball last [wins]."

Notre Dame's drive started at its 35 yard-line.

Earlier in the season, the situation would have been tailor-made for junior Eric Harper. The bruising back is capable of wearing down defenses in the fourth quarter, and picking up hard-earned yards during a time in the game when each first down and every second run off the clock are vital.

Harper is likely out for the season with a fractured right ankle, however. He suffered the injury against Benet on Sept. 11.

In his absence, Notre Dame's offense turned to several different players on its most crucial drive of the game.

"Harper would be a very big help," Notre Dame senior quarterback Tyler Tsagalis said. "But people stepped up and have done a great job. That's been a big help for us."

Notre Dame's drive began with a handoff to senior Jimmy Topping (11 carries, 32 yards, one touchdown). The Dons' starting strong safety picked up 4 yards.

Instead of running on second-and-6, Notre Dame (6-1, 4-1) spread out St. Patrick (2-5, 0-5) and put the ball in Tsagalis' hands. The play call was a simple one.



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Notre Dame's Tom Dolis looks to avoid St. Patrick's Tom Tedesso (44) during the Dons' 44-34 win on Oct. 10 at Hanson Stadium in Chicago.

The outside receivers ran hooks, Tsagalis said, and the slot receivers ran up the seams.

Tsagalis didn't spot anybody open initially, but he continued to look downfield as he scrambled to his right and saw Riley McAndrew.

McAndrew's defender had fallen down, and he was behind the Shamrocks' secondary.

Tsagalis flung a pass to the senior, who was near the St. Patrick sideline. It wasn't Tsagalis' most impressive throw of the game — he was on the move, and couldn't plant his back foot and step into it — but it was accurate. McAndrew caught the pass for a 42-yard gain.

"That was huge," senior wide

receiver and free safety Tim Simon said. "[McAndrew] stepped up big for us. I'm proud of the kid. ... He stepped up when we needed it."

The Dons ran more clock on the next play. Starting junior linebacker Jake Sarnecki (five carries, 16 yards, one touchdown) was stopped for no gain by St. Patrick's defense.

On second down, Notre Dame once again put the ball in Tsagalis' hands. Simon (six receptions, 145 yards, two touchdowns) was the Dons' standout receiver against the Shamrocks, yet Tsagalis looked to senior receiver Tom Dolis across the middle. Dolis plucked the pass out of the air for a 14-yard gain that resulted in

another crucial first down.

Two runs by Topping — a 4-yard gain, then a 1-yard rush — followed. Topping brought Notre Dame to St. Patrick's 1-yard line, and Tsagalis finished off the drive with a 1-yard quarterback sneak with 1:47 remaining. Simon converted the extra point.

"We got a couple big plays," Hennessey said of the final drive. "Tyler came up with some big plays, and our line did a great job."

With a 10-point lead, the game was essentially over. Devlin completed a pair of passes to Edgar (15 catches, 231 yards, one touchdown) on the ensuing drive before Simon picked him off to ensure the victory.

Game notes

■ Tsagalis was 14-for-20 for 227 yards, with two touchdowns and zero interceptions.

■ Notre Dame wide receiver Ethan Jennings, a senior, scored on a 14-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

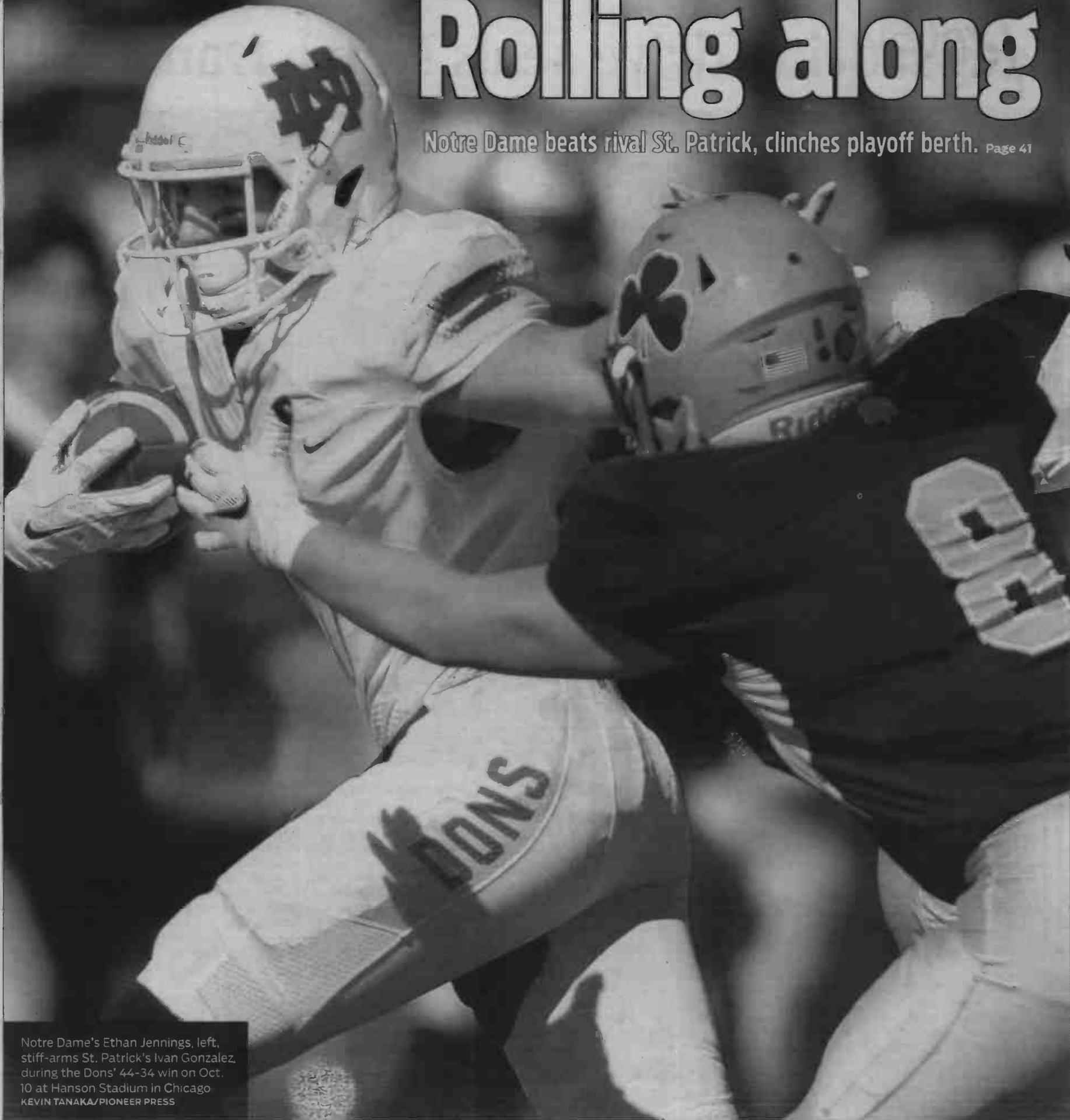
■ With its sixth win of the season, Notre Dame clinched a playoff berth.

■ Notre Dame is tied for second in the conference with Marist (5-2, 4-1). Joliet Catholic (7-0, 5-0) is the only team with a better league record. The Dons play at Marian Catholic (1-6, 0-5) at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16.

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Rolling along

Notre Dame beats rival St. Patrick, clinches playoff berth. Page 41



Notre Dame's Ethan Jennings, left, stiff-arms St. Patrick's Ivan Gonzalez, during the Dons' 44-34 win on Oct. 10 at Hanson Stadium in Chicago
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