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Usha Kamaria, community leader

Usha Kamaria has been an important leader in Skokie and a positive advocate for the large Indian community of Niles Township. She sat on the Niles Township Board of Trustees and was a founding member of Coming Together in Niles Township and the Gandhi Memorial Trust. Pioneer Press recently asked her a series of questions.

Q. What do you do for a living?
A. I own multiple real estates.

Q. Where did you grow up?
A. Indore, India.

Q. How long have you lived in Skokie?
A. I've lived here for nearly 30 years.

Q. What book are you currently reading and what book would you like to read next?
A. I will soon be reading a book on the Latino culture as this is the chosen culture for (next year's) Coming Together in Skokie.

Q. First job?
A. Jewelry repair in downtown Chicago when I was a student.

Q. As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A. As a kid, life felt very simple and worry-free from future uncertainties. I lived and enjoyed every moment that life had to offer. The future was the furthest thing from my mind. Why waste your present to worry about the future, which one has no control over?

Q. A movie you'd recommend?
A. I love to watch movies related to nature or the wonderful magical universe. Some of my favorites are "Gravity," "Deep Sea" and "Monkey Kingdom."

Q. Do you have children?
A. Yes, we have one daughter and one son.

Q. Favorite charity?
A. I believe charity starts from home - taking care of our elderly and taking care of the helpless and needy.

Q. Words of wisdom?
A. Life comes in multiple folds, like the weather. Some days are partly cloudy, some days are partly sunny, some bright sunny, some rainy, some stormy. But one thing for sure is that nothing stays forever. So don't get discouraged and keep faith and enjoy life to its fullest.

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People pack the Niles Township High School District 219 board meeting Oct. 6, in Skokie. After spending cuts, the board voted to redraft the budget in hopes of freeing up money for books, supplies and student programs.

Reports show extensive travel, hotels

BY ANGELA CAPUTO
Chicago Tribune

When a north suburban school administrator logged a 393-mile lobbying trip to the state capital, the $220 expense on his mileage reimbursement form looked ordinary.

But another expense report for that day, Nov. 8, 2014, shows that the same day Niles Township High School District 219's Assistant Superintendent of Operations John Heintz traveled to Springfield, he was also on a taxpayer-funded trip to Palm Springs, Calif.

The Tribune discovered the discrepancy during an examination of reports submitted by Heintz, who traveled extensively on the public's dime over the last two school years, as allowed under his contract. The records also show that Heintz and Superintendent Nanciann Gatta expended meals that occasionally exceeded limits recommended by the district.

A review of hundreds of pages of credit card statements, mileage reimbursement and other expense reports obtained from the district through an open records request offers a glimpse into spending approved by the school board for Heintz and Gatta, both of whom were put on paid leave in August. At the time, a district spokesman released a statement that the administrators had "agreed" to take a leave until further notice "due to differences" with the board. The school board hired a forensic technology company, an accountant and a law firm to conduct an unspecified probe that is ongoing.

The Tribune previously reported that Heintz and Gatta benefited from lucrative perks that were not included in their contracts, raising questions about financial oversight in the district in recent years. The most expensive was $296,000 worth of tuition payments made on their behalf to the University of Chicago, where the two earned MBAs.

The expenses were approved at the same time the north suburban district was grappling with cuts to staff and student programs.

District and school board officials have refused to answer questions about the probe or the expense reports. "Because of confidential issues involved, we are not able to comment at this time," district spokesman Jim Szczepaniak wrote in an email.

Amid that ongoing silence, staff were given a directive on Sept. 25 to refer all media inquiries to the spokesman. Gatta filed a civil rights lawsuit Oct. 5 alleging that in curtailing comments, district officials violated the free speech rights of her and other employees. Her husband, Fernando Perez, who also works for the district, is named as a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit, which is seeking un undisclosed punitive damages (except against the board), prejudgment interest and reasonable attorneys' fees for the couple and other district employees.

It's the second lawsuit Gatta has filed against the district over the past month. She also is seeking whistleblower protection and an injunction against the school board, which she alleges is attempting to force her to resign to "avoid the political implications of honoring the full value of her contract." Heintz and Gatta are under contract through 2018, and taxpayers could be on the hook for more than $1.7 million worth of salaries and benefits to buy them out.

It's unclear whether any of the spending under Gatta's leadership is connected to the ongoing investigation.

District policy does not offer guidelines for airfare and hotel spending. Records show, however, that...
Niles Township school expense reports released

Heintz filed expense reports that appeared to double-bill for travel expenses.

Records show that Heintz may have reimbursed the district twice for traveling to a one-day conference at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law in December. According to receipts submitted to the district, he took a $22 cab ride at 7:30 a.m. from Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood to his law school. At 5:30 p.m., another receipt shows, he took a taxi back to the district. On a mileage reimbursement form, Heintz logged 19.59 miles for driving "5.87 mls. home to Kent/13.72 mls. Kent to District" that same day. He was paid $10.97 for mileage.

Professional development organizations encourage school administrators to attend conferences to learn best practices. However, there is no standard recommendation for how many they should attend each year. Many suburban school districts pay for administrators and school board members to attend education conferences.

Heintz's contract says he is "encouraged to attend appropriate professional meetings and continuing education at the local, state, national and international levels. Within budget constraints, as approved by the superintendent, the costs of attendance shall be paid by the board."

Heintz took 10 trips during the past two years, and the district spent $13,000 on his airfare, conference registrations and hotel stays - some costing more than $500 a night. In addition to the airfare and hotel stays, the district spent thousands more on taxi rides, car rentals and meals for Heintz related to the conferences.

Reports show Gatta signed off on most of the expenses, which were then approved by the school board. Taxpayers picked up the tab.

"Dr. Gatta has done nothing wrong," her attorney Thomas Durkin wrote in an emailed response to questions. "Your 'questions' are unfounded and without merit," he added.

"Agreed," Heintz's attorney Marc Siegel wrote in an email echoing Durkin's response.

Both attorneys said their clients have been unfairly targeted by a new school board and the teachers union, prompting their suspensions. They did not address specifically the expense reports and reimbursements found by the Tribune in district records.

Gatta has been superintendent at the Niles Township district since 2008. Heintz, an attorney, has served as an assistant superintendent since 2009 and also does legal work for the district. Both are former teachers in District 219, which draws students from Niles, Skokie, Lincolnwood and Morton Grove.

Expense reports show Heintz has crisscrossed the country since June 2013, attending conferences in San Antonio, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Denver, Nashville, Palm Springs, Calif., Philadelphia, plus three trips to New Orleans. School board members attended some of the same conferences.

On a trip to Nashville in March of this year, Heintz stayed at the five-star, $500 per night Hermitage Hotel. During an April 2014 trip to New Orleans for a National School Boards Association conference, Heintz was reimbursed for a four-night, $2,196 stay at the Loews Hotel. Later that year, he attended another National School Boards Association conference in Denver. The district put him up at a Sheraton hotel for three nights. The hotel bill was $1,588, records show.

District policy sets meal expense caps for local travel not requiring an overnight stay. The limits are $12 for breakfast, $18 for lunch and $35 for dinner.

Records show Heintz and Gatta dined together locally on 20 occasions during the last two school years, five of which exceeded reimbursement limits. One of their most frequent dining spots was Makisu Sushi in Skokie where taxpayers in October 2013 picked up an $85 "working lunch," records show. When lunches on Heintz's expense report were flagged as exceeding the allowable limit, records show that Gatta approved them.

Expense reports reviewed by the Tribune included a detailed accounting of who attended the dozens of meals paid for by the district during the past two years. Most were for school board meetings or staff events. One of the priciest was a holiday party at Libertad in December, which cost $1,050. A receipt shows that food expenses were $625, and Heintz left a $85 "working lunch," records show. When lunches on Heintz's expense report were flagged as exceeding the allowable limit, records show that Gatta approved them.

In the face of recent spending cuts, the school board voted Oct. 6 to readjust the budget in hopes of freeing up money for textbooks, supplies and other student programs. Once the budget is reworked, it will be on display for public comment before the board puts the spending plan to a vote.

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Niles police offered stress management, mindfulness workshops

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ  
Pioneer Press

The Niles Family Services Department and the Niles Police Department have teamed up in an effort to support local police officers in reducing work-induced stress.

In September, Family Services gave each of the officers a test to measure stress and found that the majority of officers reported increases in stress recently, according to Director of Niles Family Services Tony Hollenback.

"Working with our first responders, we know that there's an extraordinary amount of stress, now more than ever before, that they're being exposed to as a result of things going on in the community and even in the national landscape," Hollenback said. "One of the things that we know is that it's often difficult for the first responders to ask for help because, due to the culture, seeking assistance was often seen as a source of stigma."

To aid those seeking help, Family Services sent a representative into every roll call for every shift throughout the month of September, offering the officers ways to help manage their stress and also ways to better provide family services to those in the community.

Elesa Commerce, a member of Hollenback's team for this project, worked with the officers on mindfulness during their brief time together. She talked to the officers about their senses, the importance of breathing and their initial responses to situations. She then used a variety of therapies including aromatherapy around their desks, sound therapy during sessions with them and gave the officers different ways to approach situations in the field to reduce their stress.

"They want to develop a relationship with the officers, so if any of our officers feel overwhelmed or have anything they want to share, they know that the department is there and, secondly, it builds the relationship," Hayley Garard, communications coordinator for the village of Niles, said. "The Police Department is the first line and when they're out and about and they see something that's not really a law enforcement issue, they know where to send them."

This collaborative wellness approach has been tested elsewhere in the country on a limited basis, according to Hollenback, who said he thinks this program could be rolled out for a number of law enforcement departments.

"We created a 30-minute approach for the officers to get a monthlong training on how to deal with stress, dealing with events seen in the community and how to use the tools and skills they have to deal with situations in the community with compassion," he said. "The officers were a little uncertain about this, it is something we've never done before."

At the end of September, the results indicated that more than 75 percent of the officers who attended, reported a direct and immediate benefit, according to Hollenback, and more than 90 percent reported that not only did they find this beneficial in decreasing their stress, but they would be interested in other workshops and presentations.

Though the intensive part of the training is over, Hollenback's department still has a presence once per week in each of the roll call times.

"A member of my team is present in each roll call three times per week - once for the first, second and third shifts - to red flag and work with the officers talking about residents who should be checked on by my team," he said. "So, we're not doing the intensive outreach we did in September, but we still have a presence there."

According to Hollenback, the police chief and Family Services are working on a program that will be presented to the officers during November or December talking specifically about problems that can arise during the holidays.

Alicia Ramirez is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Niles event to call attention to needs, importance of after-school programs

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ  
Pioneer Press

Niles will be one of more than 8,000 communities participating in a rally Oct. 22 to support after-school programs for students, the village announced in a press release.

The 16th annual After-school Alliance's Lights on Afterschool event raises awareness and calls attention to the importance of after-school programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open.

"This is our fifth year," Niles Teen Center Director Mark Williams said. "We're going to be hosting an information fair with a variety of other local organizations."

According to Williams, the Niles Police Department, Niles Fitness Center, the Niles Family Services Department, Golf Maine Park District and more will be on hand to answer questions.

At 5:45 p.m., Mark Williams said there will be a rally with Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo and the new director of the Total Learning Community, Brian Williams, who will speak on the importance of after-school programs.

TLC is an award-winning after-school program available to all seven District 63 schools, according to the East Maine School District 63 website.

"These programs provide a safe environment for kids to continue education outside of school hours with safe, caring adults while parents are still at work," Williams said. "It's just a lot of cooperation and getting everyone to come and show up and getting the elected officials to understand why what we do is important and to reinforce to our state lawmakers the importance, even as some of these programs are being cut, so they know how important these after-school programs are for kids."

The event will start at 4 p.m. and will be held at the Niles Teen Center, 375 Golf Mill Center, in Niles.

For more information about the event, call the Niles Teen Center at 847-375-8949.

Alicia Ramirez is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press. Attendees at last year's Afterschool Alliance's Lights on After-school event.
Niles school investigating two incidents of students bringing knives to school

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

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

School administrators this week have been conducting an internal investigation without the police, according to Robert Tornabene of the Niles Police Department, who said the police weren't required to get involved because there was never a threat to students.

Both incidents happened within three days of each other during the week of Oct. 5, and both times students had brought knives onto their respective 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 school bus and 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 was 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.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Chase suspect gets off monitoring, but parents told to lock up car keys

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

A 20-year-old Park Ridge man accused of crashing his car after a high-speed chase was freed from electronic monitoring Oct. 14 but the judge told the man's parents to lock away their car keys to make sure their son doesn't get behind the wheel.

William J. Kivit, 20, of the 400 block of South Northwest Highway, was charged with aggravated reckless driving after police say he fled at speeds close to 90 mph before crashing his car at Devon and Cumberland avenues in Park Ridge, injuring four people on June 3.

Kivit is a reconstruction of the crash determined that Kivit's SUV was traveling at a speed of between 79 mph and 90 mph at the time of the crash, investigators said.

Kivit and three others were seriously injured in the crash.

On Oct. 14, Kivit's defense attorney asked Warnick to allow his client to be taken off electronic monitoring. Warnick agreed, but said Kivit must obey all other conditions of his bond, authorities said.

Police said Kivit was driving his red 1996 Chevrolet SUV at high speeds east on Devon and didn't stop when police activated their lights and sirens about seven to nine blocks west of Cumberland.

They said Kivit ignored the police, running a red light at Devon and Cumberland and colliding with a 2014 Audi that was driving north on Cumberland.

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"I'm glad the parents are here in court today," Warnick said.

Prosecutors argued against taking Kivit off electronic monitoring, saying that police were seriously hurt in the high-speed crash - including Kivit, who suffered a traumatic brain injury. Some are still recovering from their injuries, prosecutors said.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
The following items were taken from police reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

Niles

GRAFFITI
- Ryan Litwin, 18, of the 8100 block of Monroe Street, Niles, was charged with criminal defacement, criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia on Oct. 11. According to police, Litwin was accused of spray-painting graffiti on the sign and roof of a store on the 8200 block of Oakton Street. Police on patrol reportedly encountered Litwin standing in front of the closed business around 1:30 a.m. Litwin has a Nov. 4 court date.

RETAIL THEFT
- Lashaun Cooper, of the 4200 block of Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows, was charged with felony retail theft, felony resisting a police officer and obstruction; and Laura Long, 19, of the 1200 block of Pine Street, Glenview, was charged with felony retail theft and possession of drug paraphernalia on Oct. 12. Police said the pair was accused of stealing $331.73 worth of merchandise from a store on the 8800 block of Golf Road. Police said St. Hubert had a prior conviction for retail theft. She has a Nov. 17 court date.

DUI
- Juan Sanchez, 59, of the 3700 block of Capri Court, Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence on Oct. 10 following a traffic stop near Oakton Street and Prospect Avenue at 3:30 a.m. He had a Nov. 19 court date.

DISPUTE
- Police responded to the 8800 block of Wiesner Street at 6 a.m. Oct. 10 for a report of loud arguing. A 29-year-old supervisor reportedly told police that he may have fallen asleep at the wheel. According to police, striking the tree prior to 9:15 p.m. when he crashed into a tree. Dunlop reportedly told police that he had fallen asleep at the wheel. According to police, the driver was ticketed for public intoxication.

THEFT
- A 15-year-old Niles girl was charged with retail theft on Oct. 11 after she allegedly stole $323 worth of merchandise from a store on the 8200 block of Golf Road. Police said the woman refused to leave. Police said the woman appeared intoxicated and was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. She was also ticketed for public intoxicated and the cost of emergency services, police said.

BURGLARY
- A resident of the 9300 block of Callero Drive told police that he discovered his garage door open on Oct. 11 and that tools, a speaker box and air compressor were missing.

Park Ridge

BATTERY
- Nello Pacilio, 33, of the 200 block of Stanyon, Bloomingdale, was charged with battery on Oct. 5 after police said he punched his 30-year-old supervisor in the face at a construction site on the 600 block of Cedar Street. He has an Oct. 30 court date.

DRUG POSSESSION
- Hassan Awwad, 31, of the 9000 block of Stevenson Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with possession of a controlled substance on Oct. 10. According to police, Awwad was found with syringes and 11 small bags containing 3.5 grams of suspected heroin when he was brought to the emergency room at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St. He has a Nov. 7 court date.
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Scientist: Coal tar sealant harmful

USGS researcher visits CLC to share risks of the coating

BY SHERYL DEVORE
News-Sun

Each year a large number of Lake County homeowners get their driveways seal-coated to maintain a smooth, clean look while also protecting the asphalt beneath from winter snow, ice and salt.

Government officials often do the same with public parking lots.

But recent studies show that the coal tar used in the seal-coating process could be negatively impacting the health of humans and the environment, said Barbara Mahler, a researcher and hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Upon the invitation of the Illinois chapter of the Sierra Club, Mahler spent several days traveling the Chicago area this week speaking to groups about the decade of studies the USGS has done related to the toxicity and usage of coal tar in sealants.

Mahler visited the College of Lake County in Grayslake on Oct. 15 to present evidence to the public, health department officials and representatives of the seal coat industry. Representatives of the pavement sealant industry, who have said the USGS studies are flawed, filed a complaint in July 2014 with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia asking a judge to order the USGS to turn over documents it has requested through the Freedom of Information Act.

The Sierra Club, meanwhile, has lobbied municipal governments to consider banning coal tar sealants.

“We are proponents of communities to stop using coal tar sealant on their properties, and we’re supportive of local bans,” said Cindy Skrukrud, clean water program director for the Chicago-based Illinois chapter of the Sierra Club.

Two communities in Illinois, Winnetka and South Barrington, have banned the use of coal tar sealant, according to the USGS and the Sierra Club.

The city of Highland Park is researching the issue.

Coal tar is a black liquid sprayed and painted on parking lots, driveways and playgrounds, but not on major roadways. An asphalt-based product is used to seal these surfaces in the western U.S., but coal tar is the main sealant choice in the East and Midwest, Mahler said.

The USGS began studying coal tar after collecting cores of lake sedimentation across the U.S. to see the contaminant histories of watersheds, Mahler said.

“We found a downward trend in PCBs and heavy metals but an upward trend in PAHs,” she said.

PAHs are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, some of which contain cancer-causing properties and are toxic to wildlife. PAHs are created when anything that contains carbon gets heated, and they are naturally present in the environment, Mahler said. PAHs also come from motor oil, diesel and gas emissions, and tire and brake particles.

But USGS studies found that coal tar contains an exponentially high amount of PAHs, she said. Places where asphalt-based sealants are used have much lower to negligible amounts of PAHs, she said.

As part of its studies, the USGS vacuumed parking lots and the interiors of ground-floor apartments in various parts of the country.

“We found a 25 times higher concentration of PAHs in the areas where the sealant was used compared with areas where it was not, she said. “This is the type of concentration we’d expect to measure at a Superfund site.”

After the sealant is applied, “it gets worn down into tiny particles, swept up by dust and into homes or carried in on feet, and swept into parking lots. Pavement dust can adhere to tires, get carried into lakes and can also be released into the air,” she said.

Those who spend their lives living next to seal-coated areas have higher cancer risks, compared with those who live near unsealed asphalt, she said.

In addition, coal tar pavement sealant is the largest source of PAHs found in 40 lakes, including one in Lake-in-the-Hills, according to the USGS. Runoff water from coal tar sealants is toxic to native microscopic organisms, according to studies.

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— Cindy Skrukrud, clean water program director for the Chicago-based Illinois chapter of the Sierra Club

Research by the U.S. Geological Survey shows a higher amount of cancer-causing chemicals occur where coal tar sealant is used.

“We would like to analyze the products used by the companies that manufacture coal tar sealants,” said David Kanter, a Chicago-based attorney, filed a complaint with the U.S. District Court asking to see the USGS’s data on behalf of the Pavement Coatings Technology Council.

He said the USGS has used models and has done extrapolation to arrive at its conclusion.

“But they’ve never taken urine samples or blood tests of humans, and they’ve never done studies on workers who apply the product, Kanter said.

“Where are the studies that show people with increased risk of cancer (who live near parking lots and driveways where coal tar sealant is used?)” he asked. “We would like to analyze the data they’re using to come to these conclusions.”

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Anne Lehuray, executive director of the Pavement Coatings Technology Council, said coal tar is recognized as being safe by the FDA. Members of the council, some of which manufacture sealants that use coal tar and others who don’t, want to know if the USGS’s conclusions are accurate, she said.

“These are family business owners. They don’t want to be in a business that hurts people,” Lehuray said.

She has told members that “the science is lacking” on the part of the USGS. Switching to other products is a consumer’s choice, she said, but coal tar works better and lasts longer.

Mahler agreed more studies need to be done, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has recently started studying occupational exposure to PAHs associated with the use of refined coal tar sealants.

Philip Pagoria, an environmental engineer who serves on the city of Highland Park’s natural resources commission, said he thinks the USGS’s work is “good science. I think it’s fair to say we’d consider banning” coal tar sealant in Highland Park.

David Humsoller, sustainability manager for the College of Lake County, said CLC recently agreed that when going out for bids for services such as sealing parking lots, “we no longer have to go for the cheapest product. We can take environmental impacts into account. Coal tar impacts our lake and watershed, and we will consider asphalt (or some other product) in the future,” even if it costs more.

Consumers can determine whether a product contains coal tar by reading the label or asking the company hired to do the pavement application, according to the USGS.

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CTA to restart Yellow Line service Oct. 30

BY JON HILKEVTICH
Pioneer Press

After a 5½-month shutdown, CTA Yellow Line service will be restored Oct. 30, the CTA said Oct. 16.

In doing so, the CTA will narrowly keep a promise — and avoid a Halloween trick-or-treat reopening of the rail line — to resume service in October.

After the May 17 collapse of the embankment supporting the train tracks, which left part of the tracks dangling in the air, CTA officials said they hoped to get the Yellow Line back up and running in several weeks. But the extent of the damage was more severe than originally thought, officials said. A complicating factor was that the accident occurred on land owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, which determined it needed to complete a project at its Skokie plant before repairing the embankment.

About 2,600 weekday riders have been forced to use alternate transportation. Many of those riders have seen their commuting times triple as they have been forced to use free shuttle buses.

The embankment failure, which occurred just west of McCormick Boulevard near Howard Street, was caused by construction of a new waste-treatment plant near the embankment.

Just weeks before the collapse, Walsh Construction Co. II, the district's contractor, asked CTA officials to loosen the rules governing how much the elevated tracks could be allowed to move during construction, and the CTA repeatedly granted the requests, emails obtained by the Tribune show. Also, changes in the design of the waste disinfection facilities pushed the work closer to the Yellow Line.

MWRD has taken responsibility for the accident and agreed to fully reimburse the CTA, officials from both agencies have said.

Walsh is almost done rebuilding the more than 100-year-old embankment to current standards, officials said Friday.

Walsh is scheduled to start replacing the damaged tracks next week and the company is expected to turn over the embankment to the CTA on Oct. 22 or 23 to allow the transit agency to prepare for service resumption, CTA spokesman Brian Steele said Friday.

The CTA will start testing signals and run test trains Oct. 26, leaving four days until passenger service is restored, Steele said. The CTA will run out-of-service trains to test about 1,200 feet of rebuilt track and signal functions.

Steele said the accident has cost the transit agency an estimated $3.5 million through September. Expenses include the free shuttle buses that the CTA has provided since May between Yellow Line stations at Dempster Street in Skokie and the Howard Street terminal in Chicago. The free shuttles will stop Oct. 30, Steele said, but Skokie and the CTA will offer free parking at the Dempster station through the end of 2015.

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Birds eye view of the damaged embankment and tracks, and the ongoing work to repair CTA's Yellow Line in Skokie June 30.
Middleton School students rush to be first

New Park District playground opens near school

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

This was a "good day" to be a Middleton School student — pulled out of class to be the first to play on a brand new playground.

If that isn't obvious on its face, one only had to look at the actual faces of these students Oct. 16 as they waited for the ribbon to be cut at the new McNally Park playground. Once done, a hundred or so students let out a boisterous scream before running toward the equipment — soon climbing, sliding, swinging and bouncing on everything in sight.

"Welcome to the children of Middleton School who will be the first to try out Skokie's newest playground," said Skokie Park District Executive Director John Ohrlund to hoops and hollers.

Whenever a new playground opens in Skokie, it's a significant happening for families nearby. But the McNally Park Playground is even more special — in part because of the collaboration in making it happen but also because of its unique features.

The equipment sits in a public park adjacent to Middleton School and the forthcoming Ida Crown Jewish Academy will also surround the park.

The equipment cost $350,000, Ohrlund said — $270,000 of which was paid for by the Skokie Park District. Skokie School District 73.5, of which Middleton is one of three schools, donated $50,000 and Ida Crown Jewish Academy $30,000 even though its high school students are not likely to get much use out of it.

"They simply wanted to be good neighbors," said Park Board President Mike Reid.

To Park District leaders, that's what makes this new playground even more special.

"This event celebrates collaboration between government and private institutions, the kind of cooperative effort that makes Skokie a great place to live," Ohrlund said.

According to the Park District, Middleton School students had direct input on the design of the playground. The playground has the first completely rubberized safety base at any playground in Skokie, Park District officials said.

It also includes the Park District's first storm water filter rain garden containing more than 760 plants, a steel-rope-type climbing structure, shade features and some balancing equipment.

Families have had to do without playground equipment for the summer after the original equipment was removed. Ohrlund said the aging equipment, more than 20 years old, will be refurbished and installed in a developing country "where children do not have such playgrounds."

This new playground is 20 percent larger, he said. It was a need identified in the Park District's five-year capital plan.

Most of the first users of the equipment last week only had 15 minutes on it before they were called back to class, seemingly reluctant to leave. But there were a few smiling ones left behind because it was still their recess period and now they suddenly had the place all to themselves.
Three new businesses planned for Rodeway Inn site

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

The Rodeway Inn building, near Skokie Boulevard and Emerson Street in Skokie has been home to one hotel or another for more than 50 years. Skokie planners confirmed, but that run would finally end should a new commercial center be built on the site.

The Skokie Plan Commission unanimously recommended on Oct. 12 several measures that would bring three businesses to the property — a Chick-fil-A eatery, a Bank of America branch and an AAA Car Care Auto Services.

To accommodate the new shopping center, the Rodeway Inn building would be demolished, and, so too, would a chapter of Skokie history. According to Skokie's Planning Department, Howard Johnson was built there in two phases — the two-story building in 1963 and the additional five-story building with an indoor swimming pool in 1970 — before the hotel was home to several other ownerships.

Over the last couple years, however, the Rodeway Inn site has been owned by a development team looking to create new commercial uses for it. The hotel restaurant attached to the building has been vacant for a few years, village officials said.

"We've owned this property since 2011," said developer Edwin Vdovets, of Kee- ler Real Estate LLC. "We've been working more internally and more recently with (village) staff to develop the proper site plan for this property."

Vdovets said he believes the three uses for the site are "advantageous to the village and will do very well within the Old Orchard trade area."

Located on the 9300 block of Skokie Boulevard, the site falls within a key commercial area from Church Street to Old Orchard Road along Skokie Boulevard.

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Lottery IOUs send some players across state lines

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS
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Chicago Tribune

Randall Lobello of Bensenville said he still plans to buy lottery tickets, despite the Illinois Lottery's announcement Wednesday that even more winners will be getting IOUs.

He'll just play in another state, one where winnings would be paid out immediately.

"I do a lot of traveling: I would just jump to the border and go to Wisconsin," said Lobello, 47. "I used to buy lottery tickets in Illinois, but I'm not purchasing them anymore. If they're not paying when they say they're going to pay, I have no confidence in the future."

As of Thursday, Illinois Lottery payments for any winnings over $600 are being delayed until the state budget stalemate is resolved.

Lottery officials said the agency's check-writing account is depleted and no authority can replenish it, though winnings under $600 can still be retrieved immediately at retail kiosks.

The Illinois Lottery began delaying payments in July, at first only for prizes larger than $25,000 due to state law barring larger payouts because the legislature must authorize the state comptroller to release the funds.

Two winners sued the Illinois Lottery in federal court last month, alleging fraud.

Their attorney, Thomas Zimmerman Jr. of Zimmerman Law Offices, said he plans to file an amended complaint later this month, adding at least 20 other lottery winners whose payments have also been delayed.

He expects more winners will join the class-action suit now that the lottery has lowered the level for immediate payouts.

"The state is violating the lottery law by using the money to pay the lottery's operating costs and ongoing administrative expenses without first paying winnings," Zimmerman said. "Is the lottery director not earning a paycheck? And all of the employees who run the lottery, how are they getting paid?"

The lawsuit also named Lottery's acting director, B.R. Lane; the lottery's private management company, Northstar Lottery Group; and the Illinois Lottery Control Board.

An Illinois Lottery spokesman said he could not comment on pending legal action.

Joe Joost, 62, a truck driver from Chicago's Belmont Cragin neighborhood, said he's joining the lawsuit.

He was in a pool of 25 Illinois Lottery players who won $1 million in early September, with $28,500 in winnings for him after taxes, but the state hasn't released the prize yet.

Joe Joost is part of a group that won $1 million in the Illinois Lottery, he said, but the state hasn't released the prize yet.

Joost said he and his pool intend to keep playing the lottery, but they won't buy another ticket in Illinois. They're going to cross state lines.

"We have one gentleman who goes to Michigan about once a week," he said. "If he's going up to Michigan, we'll play in Michigan. We have another gentleman who goes to Indiana a lot."

A worker at a retail business in Columbia, Ill., near the Missouri state line, said that about 80 percent of his clientele typically come from Missouri. With gas and cigarettes cheaper in Missouri, the Illinois Lottery used to be the biggest draw for patrons, but he said that's no longer the case.

Casimir Soczyk, who works at Santori's Liquors in south suburban Lansing, said that ever since lottery payments were delayed, customers keep talking about going to nearby Indiana to buy tickets.

"I've had people say, 'I'm done with this,' but I've seen them come back," he said. "More people are bringing it up."

Tom Remsen, 33, of Rockford, said he buys lottery tickets about four times a year when there's a big jackpot. He said he'll continue to play in Illinois despite the payment delay, because it would still be worth it to win big even if he has to wait for payment.

"I'd just hope like heck that it would come," he said.

But he does wonder how Illinois officials would respond if the situation were reversed.

"How would the state react if we told them we don't have the money to pay taxes," he said, "but when it becomes available, we'll be sure to give it to you?"

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Park Ridge mayor: City shouldn't be ‘pressured’ to build Metra parking

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Dealing with the loss of parking spaces once used by commuters, Park Ridge elected officials are considering new options for opening up more long-term parking in and around Uptown.

But acting Mayor Marty Maloney has questioned just how much should be done.

“We're never going to be able to provide a parking space for everyone who wants one,” Maloney said during an Oct. 12 City Council meeting. “I've had this debate with people who were very angry with the city of Park Ridge for not providing parking for Metra (commuters). Why is it our responsibility to provide a parking space for everybody who is taking the train to work?”

Recently, 66 Park Ridge commuters lost their parking spaces when a lease between the city and AT&T, the owner of the parking lot at 36 S. Fairview Ave., ended. AT&T had expressed a need for the parking lot because of 100 employees transferring to its Park Ridge headquarters, City Manager Shawn Hamilton told the City Council in August.

Additional commuters also lost their parking in the last year when another Uptown lot, also leased by the city, was sold and construction of a residential and commercial building began.

Though Maloney acknowledged it would be “ideal” to provide enough parking for residents who commute in Uptown, he believes it would be a costly endeavor.

“I don’t know we should ever feel pressured into spending $2 million or $4 million to build something to provide parking for Metra ridership, because we may never be able to provide enough,” Maloney said, referring to an estimate from city staff for the construction of a two-story parking garage on the city-owned lot at Euclid and Summit avenues.

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- Converting an additional five spaces on Ridge Terrace from five hours to 12 hours, and
- Changing 22 parking spaces in the parking lot next to the Park Ridge Public Library from three-hour free spaces to paid permit parking.

None of these options has yet been formally approved by the City Council.

The council also reached a consensus for staff to explore a leasing opportunity at the northwest corner of Touhy and Cumberland avenues and sell permits to commuters. The site, once home to Bailey's Restaurant, is a vacant lot and is being used by crews working on the construction of the Fitness Formula Club across the street.

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The Park Ridge City Council is considering long-term parking options in Uptown for Metra commuters.

options on the table that could provide an opportunity to get some spots back without building a parking garage is a good thing,” said 4th Ward Ald. Roger Shubert.

The lack of all-day parking in Uptown Park Ridge has been an issue brought before the City Council before, largely by business owners looking for parking spaces for their employees. Some residents who lost their commuter spaces on Fairview Avenue have also addressed the council seeking alternatives.

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Aging tech could cost local businesses

BY LEE V. GAINES

Businesses without credit card readers capable of processing the new chip card technology are now on the hook for the cost of fraudulent credit card purchases, according to the Better Business Bureau. The liability shift, which transfers the cost from the banks to the merchants, went into effect on Oct. 1, according to a statement from the BBB. The agency said 70 percent of credit cards and 40 percent of debit cards in the United States are expected to be EuroPay MasterCard Visa (EMV) cards, otherwise known as chip cards, by the end of this year.

Data on EMV credit and debit cards is stored in a chip embedded in the card instead of on a magnetic stripe, and EMV card readers require cards to be inserted or “dipped” into the machine rather than swiped.

Though the technology has been prevalent in Europe for over a decade, the United States has been slow to switch over to chip cards, which are considered more secure than traditional magnetic stripe cards, said Joe Campagna of Grant Merchant Services, a Park Ridge-based company that offers credit card processing services to businesses nationwide. Campagna is also a member of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

The recent push toward chip cards is partly a result of high profile credit card data breaches at companies like Target and Michaels, he said.

Big chain stores were the first companies to adopt the credit card processing technology associated with the EMV chip cards, and smaller businesses have been slower to change over, said Barry Bass of Services Bankcard Solutions, a Lincolnwood-based credit card processing company that, like Campagna’s company, services both local and national clients. Bass also serves on the Lincolnwood board of trustees.

Under the new liability rules imposed by the banks that issue credit cards, if someone makes a purchase using a fraudulent or stolen credit card at a business without EMV credit card readers, the company will have to pay for the cost of the item, Campagna said.

But if a small business doesn’t have a history of fraudulent purchases or doesn’t sell big ticket items, they may choose to delay shifting over to the new technology despite the liability risk, he said.

The cost of an EMV reader ranges from $150 to $250, Bass said, and businesses may also need to purchase other related components like a pin pad and point-of-sale system compatible with chip card technology.

A wireless EMV reader costs about $500, Campagna said.

Both Bass and Campagna said that while EMV credit cards are more difficult to counterfeit than conventional magnetic stripe cards, the prevalence of chip cards does nothing to mitigate fraud committed over the Internet.

“The reality is most of the (credit card) fraud is online, not face-to-face sales,” Bass said.

But both said there are benefits to the chip cards, and they’ve been busy informing their clients about the recent shift in credit card liability and technology.

A handful of the agencies that represent business interests in the suburbs north and west of Chicago have also proactively discussed the issue with local companies.

The executive director of the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Howard Meyer, said the chamber has sent informational email blasts and hosted a seminar last spring to inform local business owners about “what is coming down the pike.”

“What’s interesting, however, is as our membership is scrambling to pay the big bucks to get the machines, the banks are quite slow in getting people chip cards,” he said.

Meyer said the cost of the new equipment is burdensome for businesses, adding that the chamber paid $600 for a new EMV reader.

Thirty small businesses attended a meeting hosted by the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry about the switch to EMV credit cards and the liability shift in late September, the chamber’s executive director, Katie Schneider, said in an email.

Kara Holzapfel, manager of administration at the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, said in an email that she wasn’t aware of the liability change effective Oct. 1, and Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and Industry Executive Director Jacqueline Boland said she knew about the change but that the chamber had not hosted any meetings or informed local businesses about it.

“We probably should,” Boland said.

Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce President Jeannine Como said the dental office where she works began receiving notifications about the liability shift “well over a year ago, making us aware of the deadline to do it.”

“I think any businesses that process a credit card should be well aware of the changes needed to have been made by the end of September,” she said.

The new card reader her office purchased cost about $300, she said, adding that though the cost could be problematic for some small businesses, “these chip enabled readers are not exorbitantly priced.”

The shift in credit card technology and liability is a major change for businesses throughout the country, Bass said, and “this isn’t the most perfect transition.”

Campagna said he expects EMV credit card technology to stick around for the next few years, but “if it's here in 10 years, I'd be surprised.”

As technology progresses, he said, better, more secure methods of preventing fraud will be developed. Instead of signing or entering a pin number to complete a transaction, Campagna said future shoppers may be asked for their fingerprint.

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Something special brewing with this Cubs season

OPINION

Forget selling Thompson Center, Rauner should sell naming rights

What is the James R. Thompson Center? I'm sure most folks don't know and don't care. But since it is my job to keep you informed, I'll tell you that the Thompson Center used to be called the State of Illinois Center because it houses offices of state officials. It is located in Chicago's Loop, just a hop, skip and jump from the Cook County Building.

Who is it named for?
It was so long ago, you probably don't remember. Back in the 1980s, the state had a popular governor named James "Big Jim" Thompson. He was a former federal prosecutor who put some corrupt Chicago aldermen behind bars, including mine, and he rode that fame to the governor's office for four terms.

Built in 1985 and named for Thompson in 1992, it is somewhat of a monstrosity of a building, a glass and steel structure that grew a reputation for being brutally hot in the summer and bitterly cold in the winter. Over the years, it has fallen into disrepair.

Now the current governor, Bruce Rauner, is talking about selling the building to likely be demolished and replaced as a privately owned residential, office and retail space.

That's a quick fix, and I say the state is missing an opportunity here.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Naming rights!

Why does government insist on naming buildings after people nobody knows? The Thompson Center? The Kluczynski Federal Building? In a few years, no one will remember who the Stroger was in John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County. That's if they ever knew who he was in the first place, of course.

Why not take a cue from professional sports — remember Chicago Stadium and Comiskey Park? — and sell naming rights to these buildings.

Doesn't the Peter Francis Geraci Bankruptcy Info Tapes State of Illinois Building have a nice ring to it? And considering the state of the state's finances, I think it is a rather appropriate name.

Stroger Hospital is nice, but there are some bucks out there to be made if the county could sell naming rights. Who would bid on it? How about celebrity doctor Mehmet Oz? He could use some good publicity and would probably love a hospital named after him. Oz Hospital, I like it.

Now that we've had two Mayor Daleys, keeping the Chicago Civic Center named the Richard J. Daley Center can be a bit confusing, especially since they are both named Richard Daley. I say rename the place, for a fee of course. Takers?

How about the Jordan Center or the Oprah Center? The Pritzkers have a lot of money and might feel they deserve their own center. How about something young people can relate to, like The Dark Knight Center. Mr. T lived on the North Shore for a while. Maybe he can buy some small portion of the naming rights and it could be The Mr. T Pavilion at the Daley Center.

As a matter of fact, Springfield is ripe for renaming, too. Springfield really doesn't say much and could be anywhere. Barnum & Bailey Town is appropriate, but I like Homer Simpson City. Now that would be something.

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Paul Sassone

We've been friends, let's see, must be 30 years.

We toiled together for decades in the vineyards of journalism, we've gotten musty on our faces at ball games and once in a while I would take his daughter for a walk in her stroller.

So, I know something of Randy Blaser.

One of the things I know about him most is that he is a lifelong, statistic-spouting, season-ticket-holding White Sox fan.

So, I was flabbergasted to read in a recent column by him that he has hopped on the Cubs bandwagon.

What is happening here? Have lions and lambs started vacationing in Vegas together? Have cobras and mongeese (mongeese?) started dating?

Randy's lips would curl into a sneer at the very mention of the Cubs.

But, I also know that Randy usually has a good reason for what he says and does.

This attitude is pretty foreign to us Cubs fans, who have been worshipping at the shrine of mediocrity for the last 100 years or so.

The implications of what Randy is saying are staggering. He's saying that we are not just groups of warring tribes (teams). We are one giant sports market.

Is any of this approach to human behavior applicable to resolving conflicts throughout the world?

I don't know. But maybe Randy is on to something.

Of course, not even Randy is 100 percent right. Once when we were interviewing candidates for the U.S. Senate, Randy predicted (and I agreed) that Illinois voters never would elect a black man from the south side of Chicago with a name similar to that of the world's most-feared terrorist.

Before this year, I'd have been similarly skeptical — and similarly wrong, as it turns out — in predicting the Cubs would ever defeat the rival St. Louis Cardinals to move forward into the National League Championship Series for a chance at the World Series.

But here we are.

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Hidden foreign accounts bury Illinois taxpayers

DAVID RUTTER

Every year, North Chicago-based pharmaceutical giant AbbVie stages a corporate-wide “Week of Possibilities” to let employees do good in the community and get noticed appropriately for civic-mindedness.

Mother ship Abbott Laboratories, which spun AbbVie into a companion drug holding company in 2012, does much the same thing with its “Global Citizenship” initiative.

The charitable partner in this 45-state effort to aid undernourished schools is the Heart of America Foundation.

“It really takes people coming together to provide the resources that these kids need, and AbbVie is stepping up to make a difference and to do that,” foundation president Angie Halamandaris says on the charity's website.

Seems a pleasant enough boilerplate self-congratulation. But is that statement literally true?

If AbbVie and Abbott Labs wanted to make a fundamental difference in American life, do they have enough resources to hammer out massive social change?

The answer is yes, but don't expect it. That would have AbbVie paying its fair share of taxes.


Abbott Labs also has $23 billion stashed in shelters, according to the report. Thus when Abbott Labs donates $1 million to help victims of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, it seemed generous, but that check constitutes pocket change from very small pockets.

The private corporate piggy banks don't make AbbVie's hometown generosity seem so unstrained.

According the study, the 30 companies with the most money booked offshore for tax purposes collectively hold nearly $1.35 trillion overseas. What AbbVie and Abbott's savings accounts hold is 46 thousand million dollars. That's equivalent to the Hurricane Sandy relief effort repeated 46,000 times.

No companies in Illinois divert more profit to foreign hideouts than the two Abbots, according to the study. The combined $46 billion would buy mountains of gold, if someone wanted to benefit their home nation.

But foreign subsidiaries that hold these diverted profits keep Abbott and AbbVie profits out of the American economy.

Abbott and approximately 60 percent of the companies with any tax haven subsidiaries have paperwork holdings in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, the study notes.

American multinational companies collectively claim to earn profits in these island nations that total 1.643 percent and 1.600 percent, respectively, of each country's entire yearly economic output.

It's clever. It's legal. It's the kind of edge that big money carves out with the help of compliant legislators.

But the more income tax Abbott does not pay, the more you will. When corporations whimper over their tax rates, the argument presumes they actually pay that rate. But they seldom do.

To the corporate mind, perhaps this is merely smart business. Find a loophole and leap through it.

But the net effect is expensive for a nation - and a state - being told constantly that it does not have enough money to care for its indigent, elderly and young. Some current deep thinkers who predict that Social Security and Medicare are but are the same legislators who allow trillions to drain offshore.

As for Illinois alone, $1.2 billion in corporate income tax revenue pours down this hole every year, according to the study.

“When corporations dodge their taxes, the public ends up paying,” said Abe Scarr, of Illinois Public Interest Research Group, in the report. “The American multinationals that take advantage of tax havens use Illinois roads, benefit from our education system and large consumer market, and enjoy the security we have here, but are ultimately taking a free ride at the expense of other taxpayers.”

The Abbott conglomerate is not greedier than the rest. But it's not less greedy, either.

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Tips for scary success

By day, Paul McKenna is the happy owner of Starship Restaurant & Catering, 7618 W. Madison in Forest Park, which he opened in 1977. But as the autumn nights grow darker and it gets closer to Halloween, McKenna can't help but get a little spooked when he thinks about his time as a haunted house designer.

“It's an immense amount of work to put on a haunted house,” McKenna said, who started designing the scary sites in the early 2000s as a board member trying to raise money for the “incredibly underfunded” nonprofit Village Players Theatre in Oak Park. “But it was really fun to scare the hell out of people night and day.

These days, a haunted house can mean both spending and making big bucks. There are numerous haunted houses in the Chicago area, including the 30,000 square-foot 13th Floor Haunted House in Melrose Park. It can be a lucrative business, if done right, McKenna said.

“The haunted house industry has taken off so much,” said McKenna.
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Festival of Israeli Cinema ‘dimensionalizes’ Israel

BY JOANNA BRODER
Pioneer Press

This year’s Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema is no stranger to striking themes. There is the movie about an elderly man who creates a “death machine” that catches on with fellow residents at his retirement home (“The Farewell Party”) and the TV series about an undercover Israeli army unit working in Palestinian society to catch a Hamas militant (“Fauda”).

“This is like a 21-course meal,” said Cindy Stern, the festival’s executive director. “Every film has a different taste and texture and I really hope that the community at large tries this because it’s just interesting.”

The 10th anniversary of Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema, which runs Oct. 28-Nov. 8 at AMC River East, AMC Northbrook Court and Music Box Theatre, will offer feature-length, documentary and short films. All films will be shown with English subtitles. Some Israeli directors and TV show creators will make appearances at the festival to discuss their work.

The opening film on Oct. 28 is the comedy “Afterthought” about two men who both walk regularly on a large, stone staircase that bridges diverse neighborhoods on Mount Carmel in Haifa, a large Israeli port city.

“It’s really a love letter to the city of Haifa,” Stern said.

Directed by Elad Keidan, “Afterthought” was an official selection at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival. It will make its U.S. debut at this festival. Keidan will be in attendance to discuss the movie, which will show at AMC Northbrook Court.

“That’s quite a coup for us to have the U.S. premiere,” Stern said.

Based on previous years, Stern expects hundreds of people to come to opening night at AMC Northbrook Court, and around 7,000 to attend the festival in its entirety.

“The festival is unique in its ability to harness the magic and power of cinema to give viewers some insight into the remarkable and complicated place we know as Israel,” said Yona Eichenbaum, a festival board member and Glencoe resident, by email.

Additional selections in the festival include the 39-minute film “Aya,” about a woman who pretends to be an assigned driver and picks up a complete stranger at an airport. “Aya” was nominated for a 2015 Academy Award in the Best Live Action Short Film category. The festival will also show six episodes of Israel’s popular TV series “Fauda” (which means “chaos” in Arabic). The action-thriller series shows the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a way that keeps people from all sides riveted, Stern said.

“It’s very dramatic and it’s very interesting,” Stern said. “That’s why it’s a mega hit in Israel right now.”

The show’s creator, Avi Issacharoff, also an Israeli journalist, will speak on Oct. 31.

Other featured films have more traditional themes. “Apples from the Desert” tells the story of a young, ultra-orthodox woman who rebels against an arranged marriage.

“I see You?”, showing the final night of Nov. 8 at AMC Northbrook Court, explores what happens when, decades later, you go after the one who got away. “Silicon Wadi” (Wadi means valley in Hebrew) is a documentary about what goes into launching a start-up company in Israel. The documentary follows four teams trying to get funding for their company ideas. They give up everything to bring their ideas to market, Stern said. And not all of them make it. Chicago-area venture capitalist Howard Tullman will speak at the Nov. 1 showing at AMC River East at 5 p.m.

Sarah Adler in the 2015 Oscar-nominated short film “Aya,” about a woman who poses as an assigned driver.

“Apples from the Desert” is about a woman born into an Orthodox Jewish family who rebels against an arranged marriage.

Stern, who was born and raised in L.A., lived in Europe, and now resides in Highland Park, calls directing the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema her dream job.

Israel is more than what we read about in the news, Stern said. It’s a country where real people live.

“This dimensionalizes [Israel] just like any other ethnic or international film festival,” Stern said. “You really get to see what the artists in that country are creating at that particular time.”
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Everyone knows that October is the month for pumpkins, witches, goblins and Halloween fun.

But it is also time for apple pies, pumpkin bread, apple cider doughnuts, taffy apples and dozens of other fall favorite foods.

Adam Voirin knows that people love doughnuts this time of year.

Last year in the six weeks before Halloween, he sold more than 14,000 apple cider doughnuts at the Abbey Farms in Aurora.

"And I made most of them," said the 31-year-old Aurora resident.

Voirin's official title at the Abbey Farms is chief operating officer but like all small business leaders, he does what needs to be done — whether it is making doughnuts or planning next year's crops.

Abbey Farms is a nonprofit venture owned by the monks of Marmion Abbey who run Marmion Academy, a Catholic-Benedictine college preparatory school for young men. The monks purchased three farms in the late 1940s and first tried dairy farming for three years. In 1952, the monks decided to switch to selling Christmas trees from the property. The tree sales continue today.

About eight years ago, the monks were looking for a way to expand the use of the land and hired Voirin to take on the task. Voirin is a 2002 graduate of Marmion. After graduating from college, he took a position with a firm in California.

"But after a while, I wanted to come back to be close to my family in Aurora," he said.

When the opportunity came along to expand Abbey Farms, he was ready to take on the challenge.

"I am the first lay person to ever run the farm," he added.

Under his direction, the farm offers produce in the summer, a family attraction known as Pumpkin Daze in the fall and continues the Christmas tree sales in the winter. The farm also is home to the Nagel Emporium, an upscale barn available for event rental. Pumpkin Daze is in full swing daily through Oct. 31 and offers 30 attractions including kid-friendly zip lines, burlap sack slide, tepee town and Kane County's largest corn maze.

"Admission covers 90 percent of the attractions," said Voirin. "We try to offer simple, fresh, country fun here on the farm."

In addition to the fun, there is a busy bakery churning out fall specialties. When Voirin was looking for his culinary crew, he thought first of his family.

"My grandma, Dorothy Voirin, had 13 kids so I have plenty of family," he said with a smile. He waved to Aunt Mary who was baking bread in the kitchen and pointed out the fudge for sale that Uncle Dave made.

"Uncle Dave also does some grilling for us and makes the best homemade chili. My mom and dad are out here helping a lot too," he said.

About half of the staff running the farm are volunteers and half are paid employees. "The monks come out and volunteer also," Voirin said.

The foods offered at the farm are made from recipes from the monks and family members.

"The fudge is a huge seller. We have cinnamon rolls made from scratch, bread, Irish soda bread, pumpkin bread, pie," Voirin said.

Homemade pie varieties include harvest apple, caramel apple walnut, blueberry, peach, strawberry rhubarb, cherry and pumpkin. Most of the pies are made in the summer as each variety of fruit becomes available. They are then frozen and baked when needed. The farm also makes its own kettle corn — popcorn coated with a unique mixture of sweet and salty caramel. Craft beers and wine are sold in the evenings at the farm.

This year, Voirin started offering taffy apples at Abbey Farms. "There was a learning curve at first," he said. "We learned that you have to have the caramel at just the right temperature. If it's too hot, it falls right off and if it's not hot enough, it goes on way too thick. The apples have to be clean, dry and at room temperature. We get the apples from a farm in Michigan for now. Some day that may change. We have a 10-acre orchard started."

In addition to the traditional caramel apples coated in nuts, the farm offers taffy apples dipped in M&M's, crushed Oreos, candy sprinkles and Reese's Pieces.

Before he took over Abbey Farms, Voirin had never made a doughnut but now has become a pro. He is ready to continue growing Abbey Farms with new ventures.

"Last year we had over 50,000 visitors during Pumpkin Daze," Voirin said.

Since he views just about everyone as family, he happily shares Abbey Farms' recipe for pumpkin bread.

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Find more suburban cooks on Page 4.
Tea Brined 'Brains' with Blood Red Pepper Sauce

Serves 8-10 as a side dish, but can be served as an entree with a green salad.

For the "brains":
- 1 large head of cauliflower
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chili flakes
- 2-3 tea bags (I used English Breakfast)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
  - Kosher salt and coarse black pepper

For the blood red pepper sauce:
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 Spanish onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 16-ounce jar roasted red peppers, drained
- 1 14-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon sugar (optional)
  - Kosher salt and coarse black pepper to taste

For the garnishes:
- 4 ounces goat cheese, shaped into balls
  - Marcona almonds
  - Golden raisins
  - bread for dipping (optional)

1. For the "brains": Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Trim away any leaves from the head of cauliflower and cut the stem so the vegetable can rest evenly on its flat side. Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add the sugar, salt, chili flakes and tea bags. Reduce the heat to medium and allow the tea to steep for 5 minutes. Remove the tea bags. Increase the heat to medium-high and submerge the cauliflower, stem side down, in the tea. Allow the cauliflower to cook for 9 minutes. Using a large spoon, flip the cauliflower stem side up and continue cooking for an additional 4 minutes. Place the cauliflower stem side down on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Drizzle with the olive oil and honey before sprinkling with salt and pepper. Roast the cauliflower in the preheated oven for 35 minutes until tender when pierced with a knife and spotty brown.

2. For the blood red pepper sauce: Heat the olive oil in a medium sauce pot over medium-high heat and add the diced onion. Season the onion with 1 teaspoon of salt and allow to cook, stirring frequently, until the onions are translucent and soft (about 6 minutes). Add the sliced garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until just fragrant (about 30 seconds). Add the smoked paprika, roasted red peppers, tomatoes and chicken stock to the pot. Mix well and allow to simmer for 20 minutes over medium-low heat. Adjust the seasoning (adding the sugar only if desired to balance flavors) and puree the sauce in a blender until smooth. Keep warm until ready to serve.

3. To serve: Pour the sauce into a shallow pan or bowl. Using a large spatula transfer the whole roasted cauliflower to the center of the sauce. Toss the goat cheese into the warm sauce and sprinkle with a some marcona almonds and golden raisins. To enjoy the dish, slice the cauliflower and serve in small bowl topped with the sauce, cheese, almonds and raisins. Use crusty bread to soak up the sauce if desired.
Spice up your Halloween meals

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

With Halloween just days away, it is time to start planning a spooktacular meal. Naperville cook Carolyn Klein has several suggestions from gnarly witch fingers to dead man's meatloaf. As with any creation, it is often all about the presentation. Placing a plastic spider here and a plastic rat there can often make or break the presentation. Placing a plastic spider here and a plastic rat there can often make or break a dish.

“I have a pretty large collection of spiders and such that I have collected over the years,” says Klein. She also collects nut-crackers themed for every holiday and during Halloween she puts out a vampire, witch, Frankenstein and assorted goblins that look they could do damage to more than nuts.

Klein says punch is perfect for Halloween entertaining. She likes to use dry ice around the edge of the bowl to give that sinister mist to the punch. “One fun way to dress up punch is to take a rubber glove and fill it with water. Tie the end and freeze it. Then peel off the glove and let the hand float in the punch,” Klein also suggests peeling apples, carving a creepy face in the apple and then floating the apple heads in the punch for maximum creepiness.

Appetizers are easy to adapt for Halloween, says Klein. For example, deviled eggs can become eerie eyeballs.

“Make the deviled egg and then put a slice of pimento stuffed olive in the middle and then add some red gel food color lines to make the eye look blood-shot,” she says. Chicken wings can easily be transformed into bat wings by cooking them with a dark teriyaki sauce, she adds. Another idea is to shape pizza dough into skeletal bones, bake and serve with marinara “blood” for dipping.

Familiar dishes can become Halloween-worthy with a simple name change says Klein. “It's all about the name. Goulash can become 'ghastly goulash.' Spaghetti can be worms and sauce. Vulgar bulgur salad, forbidden fruit salad, bleeding gums gumbo, putrid pumpkin soup - just about anything can be renamed,” she explains.

When her children were young, she started making her gnarled witch fingers. “I just cut the chicken into uneven strips and dip it in panko crumbs. The panko crumbs are coarser and provide a better look for the fingers. I serve it with rice and peas which becomes 'eyes of newt on a bed of maggots,'” she explains.

Halloween is one of Klein’s favorite holidays because “I love dressing up,” she admits. Klein entertains frequently for friends and family. She is chairperson of the Naperville Newcomers and Neighbors potluck lunch program and also is a member of the Willow Ridge Dinner Club, a neighborhood group.

“I have so much fun coming up with things for Halloween,” she says looking fondly at her dead man meatloaf floating in a pool of tomato sauce. “It was fun to make him.” Her favorite part of the dish is the “garnish” which is a knife stuck into the meatloaf man’s heart. Any meatloaf recipe can be used for forming the corpse which can be surrounded by tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce or barbecue sauce.

By adding a spider web to her no-bake cheesecake, she created the perfect Halloween dessert. “The spider web was easy to make. All I had to do was pipe on a spiral and then pull a knife through it,” she explains.

Klein shares her recipes for witches fingers and a no-bake cheesecake to make for your favorite goblins this Halloween.

Gnarly Witch Fingers

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 cup panko crumbs
1 cup canola oil
6 ounces black olives

1. Cut the chicken breasts into thin strips about 1/4 thick. Don’t cut them straight. The more crooked they are, the better they will look. Combine flour, salt, pepper, and paprika on a shallow plate. Set aside.

2. In a soup bowl, beat together egg and buttermilk. Pour panko crumbs onto a second shallow plate. Dust each chicken strip with the seasoned flour. Next, dip each strip into the egg mixture. Finally, roll each strip in panko crumbs. Heat oil in a frying pan and cook strips until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels.

3. To make “fingernails,” cut olives in half lengthwise. Trim into pointy nail shapes and place on ends of fingers. For a complete meal, serve with "coagulated blood" (barbecue sauce), "maggots" (cooked white rice) and "eye of newt" (cooked peas).

Klein’s culinary cue

Halloween dishes always improve when there is a face so look in your refrigerator for "features" like sliced olives for eyes, red pepper strips for tongues and corn kernels for teeth.

Find more of Klein’s recipes at trib.in/1kkp03kE.

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These gnarly “witch fingers” (chicken fingers) served with “eye of newt” (cooked peas) on a “bed of maggots” (white rice) were made by Carolyn Klein.
Dealership sold and no one responsible for reimbursement?

Dear Help Squad,

Five years (60 months) ago, I bought my car at Rosen Nissan in Gurnee. I purchased a 60-month Nissan Extended Services Plan for $732. Rosen and I signed a "Purchase Price Reimbursement Guarantee" which states: "Within 30 days after expiration of the plan, the Dealership agrees to pay to the Customer the sum of $732 (the purchase price of the plan) if (five specified) conditions are met."

As of Sept. 6, 2015, 60 months have elapsed. I followed the contract's stipulations completely and am due a refund of $732. This is when I find Rosen Nissan in Gurnee no longer exists. It is now Zeigler Nissan of Gurnee. I spoke to the finance department at Rosen Mazda (not part of the Rosen-Zeigler transaction). They said there would be no problem getting my money back. Just mail a certified letter and they would make good on it. I did so and got a call from Rosen Mazda's general manager saying they are not responsible. I called Nissan corporate. They say they are not responsible; Rosen is. It looks like I am out $732. Can you help?

Nancy, Evanston

Though the Nissan dealership where Nancy purchased her car changed hands, Help Squad was confident the sale documents identified either Rosen or Zeigler as responsible for the reimbursement program. For help in tracking this down, we contacted Sara Lorber, an attorney at FactorLaw in Chicago. She said, "The entity that appears to have issued the plan is still an active corporation according to the Illinois Secretary of State, and unless the corporation can prove that Zeigler assumed liability for the plan, Rosen Motor Sales should still be liable and should refund the consumer's money."

With this information in hand, we emailed Rosen's registered agent (as listed on the secretary of state's website), attorney Steve Bloomberg. Also, because we didn't know how or if Rosen Mazda fits into this puzzle, we called and spoke with manager David Douglas. Douglas explained that Rosen Mazda was not a part of the Zeigler transaction. Owner Jeff Rosen was made aware of Nancy's situation and he called her directly to let her know he would work on getting her refund.

Later, Help Squad spoke with Bloomberg, who said, "Zeigler was supposed to deal with the customer and advise us if we had an obligation to pay, which they didn't do. In the future, I don't want that to happen. We (Rosen) are going to pay Nancy. We are going to set up a procedure where customers are serviced by Zeigler and if they qualify for a return, Zeigler will let us know." Bloomberg then had Zeigler Auto Group CFO Dan Scheid call us.

Scheid described the situation this way: "Rosen forgot to disclose these contracts to us in the sale. It's an easy thing to miss because you forget about these things. (As a result), when customers came to see us, our guys didn't know what (the contracts) were and said Rosen is responsible. So the customer got caught in the middle." He added: "The last thing we want is a dealership with customers who are upset with us. So we've put a plan in place where any customer who has one of these contracts (and can prove they've met the conditions), can contact Zeigler Nissan's general manager Steve Hoggle. Zeigler will issue the refund checks and be reimbursed by Rosen." Scheid concluded: "We will reach out to Nancy today to apologize for being put in the middle of the confusion."

Nancy received a call from Steve Hoggle that day, and two weeks later, she received her check for $732.

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Halloween safety tips for dog owners

American Kennel Club

Dressing a dog in a costume may seem over the top to some, but with Halloween just around the corner — and whether or not your dog will don a frightening frock — the American Kennel Club reminds owners to follow certain guidelines for keeping your pet safe during Halloween:

- If you dress your pet in a "doggie" costume, supervise him at all times. Make sure it fits properly and is not in the way of his breathing, eyesight or hearing. If your dog swallows any elastic or decorative items, it could cause intestinal obstructions or choking.
- Chocolate and sweets can be dangerous for dogs. A dog's digestive system is not adapted for sweets, and chocolate contains theobromine, which can be harmful and sometimes fatal to your dog. Baking chocolate is especially high in this chemical.
- Walk your dog early on Halloween, while it is still light outside and the ground is visible. Your dog may find candy, wrappers and broken eggs on lawns and streets. Make sure that these "tempting treats" stay out of reach.
- Children in costumes can frighten dogs — especially when they're excited and loud. Make sure pets are in a safe and secure room when you answer the door to prevent them from running out, getting hurt and frightening your visitors.
- If you want your dog to greet trick-or-treaters, keep him on a leash. Your dog may be stressed by the noise, activity or simply the interruption of his normal routine.
- Don't leave your dog unattended outside on Halloween, even if he is behind a fence. Pranksters may target your dog with eggs, and passers-by may be tempted to give your dog treats and candy that can harm him.
- If you are having a Halloween party, consider confining your dog securely in one area of the house. Leave a radio or TV and lights on for the dog, and check on him regularly.
- Be careful about where you place candles and jack-o'-lanterns. They can easily be knocked over by your dog's wagging tail and burn your dog or even start a fire.
- For more tips on dog ownership, visit the AKC website.

Dreamsicle did not have the best start to life. She was found in a box in minus 2 degree weather. She can be a little nervous around people she doesn't know. Once she knows she can trust you, though, she'll be your constant companion. Playing with toys, watching wildlife from inside, and basking in sunshine are her favorite activities. Dreamsicle would be happiest as the only pet in the home. Children in her new home should be at least 8 years old.

Dreamsicle's adoption fee is $50. All animals at NAHS have been examined for health and temperament, are up-to-date on vaccines and have been microchipped. They are spayed and neutered at adoption. For more information, visit napervilleareahumanesociety.org.

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Is closure needed or over-rated in breakup?

When it comes to a couple's relationship in the aftermath of their breakup, every situation is unique. Some couples are able to remain good friends, others end up cordial but distant, and there are some who walk away bitter and angry and want no future contact with one other.

But there's one thing that happens after any relationship ends. Both people have all the time in the world to reflect on what went wrong and why. A person could spend hours, days, even years trying to make sense of what really happened, wondering what he or she could have done differently, or analyzing how the relationship could have been saved.

For the purpose of gaining a better understanding, putting the past to rest, and moving on, men and women sometimes seek closure from the other person. What does closure entail? Perhaps they call their former love or they send a text, an email or a Facebook message in hopes of getting answers, information or an emotional reaction that helps them "close" that chapter in their lives.

But is closure healthy and helpful, or does it just open up the door to memory lane, make us feel worse and set us back in the healing process?

For answers to these questions, I sought the opinion of Jason Price, a Northbrook-based Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who explained that closure can offer both positives and negatives.

"It's very hard to walk away from a relationship not knowing the truth about why it ended," said Price. "Getting an explanation via open dialogue with the other person makes it feel resolved and helps in moving on."

Price also said closure can be helpful in alleviating misconceptions and feelings of confusion or animosity, all of which might have been present during the breakup because it was fresh and therefore highly emotional. After some time has passed, things become more clear and defined.

However, be careful. Seeking closure has a potential downside.

"You might not get it," Price cautioned. "The other person might not be responsive and might give you a standard line of "It's not you, it's me," or they might deflect or show disinterest. That might have you feeling worse than you did before you sought the closure."

Price also said it's important to be honest with yourself about why you are seeking closure. In other words, are you trying to move on or do you have a secret hope of relkindling feelings?

Closure is a funny thing. Sometimes it's best to let things be, choose to remember the good parts of your former relationship and bask in the memories versus focusing on why it ended. Then again, it feels pretty darn good when you get the answers you've been wondering about for months, sometimes even years.

I'll give you an example. When I was in my 20s, I went out on a date with a man I really, really liked. Dinner was great, the conversation flowed and there seemed to be a mutual attraction. But, after dinner, he drove me home and never called me again. For years, I wondered why things played out that way.

A decade later, I happened to run into him at a party of a mutual friend. I found the bold strength to walk up to him and ask, "Why didn't you ever call me again?"

The guy gave me a gentle smile and said, "I had just broken up with my girlfriend of four years, and you were the first and only person I dated. We got back together, got married and now we have four kids." Closure for Jackie! Now, would I have been at peace never having run into this guy? Sure. But the unexpected closure was satisfying.

The best closure doesn't always result from hearing what your former love has to say, but rather it comes from within.

"It's your own, accurate story about why it wasn't a good fit," Price said. "It's making sense of what really happened for the purpose of getting closer and closer to knowing yourself and what you want in future relationships."

For answers to these questions, I sought the closure. In other words, are you trying to move on or do you have a secret hope of relkindling feelings?

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Last Ragged Breath

By Julia Keller, Minotaur, 384 pages, $25.99

The tragic past dies hard in former Tribune writer Julia Keller's latest effort featuring West Virginia prosecutor Belfa "Bell" Elkins. In 1972, more than 120 people died and hundreds were left homeless in the Buffalo Creek flood, a real-life disaster that resulted when heavy rains collapsed a dam illegally built on coal slurry sediment. When he was 2, Royce Dillard saw his mother and father — who gave up his life to save him — carried away by a torrent of black waste water. Now the reclusive Dillard, who as rascally as he is has never shown signs of violence, is being held for bludgeoning a harassing developer who was after his land. Having struggled to overcome violent events in her own past, Bell has a hunch that Dillard's surprising act sprang from a case of early trauma. Reeling from the shocking decision of town sheriff Nick, a childhood friend with whom she worked closely, to quit and become head of security at the Highway Haven convenience store, she's a bit distracted. She's also moaning over her ex-boyfriend Clay. But one of the things that sets Bell apart is her ability to use personal pain as a tool for understanding. As a thriller, "Last Ragged Breath" is a bit on the "lite" side. The connection between the historical disaster and unexceptional murder is tenuous, and nothing else in the plot is all that compelling. But Bell's natural appeal, seen in her relationship with a dog she reluctantly takes possession of, carries the day.

Make Me

By Lee Child, Delacorte, 416 pages, $28.99

As long as he has a diner to go to where a waitress can keep pouring him coffee, there's no place Jack Reacher would rather be than in the middle of nowhere — especially when, inevitably, he's threatened by locals telling him to stick his do-gooder's nose in someone else's dirty business. In "Make Me," Lee Child's one-of-a-kind drifter detains at a no-horse town in the far reaches of Oklahoma City because he's curious about its name, Mother's Rest. His interest is aroused even more by the appearance of an attractive private eye, Michelle Chang, who is looking for a missing co-worker. Something unsavory is going on here, but it's not until Reacher and Chang fly off to Los Angeles and Chicago to collect clues that they realize just how monstrous the secrets being kept in Nowhereville are. No one writes more compelling thrillers than Child, who is at the top of his form with "Make Me." But he's also an abstract stylist of the first order. Before putting his usual limb-shattering, brainsplattering hurt on opponents, Reacher sizes them up with the cold precision of a scanner; physical objects take on the heightened meaning they do in the novels of the great surrealist J.G. Ballard. I choose to believe that Reacher's finding a great romantic partner in Chang and ending up with a bad headache are not related (particularly since she is rather deferring). We'll learn more the next time they're stuck in a place without cellphone coverage.

CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "The Martian" by Andy Weir (Broadway, $15).
3. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner, $27).
4. "Circling the Sun: A Novel" by Paula McLain (Ballantine, $28).
5. "Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault That Changed a Presidency" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt, $30).

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NEW IN PAPERBACK

Not That Kind of Girl

By Lena Dunham, Random House, 293 pages, $16

The comedian, director and creator of the HBO series "Girls" reflects on a number of aspects in her life — from body image and weight issues, sexual relationships, sexism she has encountered in Hollywood, friendships and meditations on life and death — in this essay collection. The paperback edition of "Not That Kind of Girl" contains two new essays.

Let Me Be Frank With You: A Frank Bascombe Book

By Richard Ford, Ecco, 253 pages, $14.99

The star of Ford's acclaimed trio "The Sportswriter," "Independence Day" and "The Lay of the Land," Frank Bascombe returns in this novel that takes place in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, during which Bascombe attempts to make sense of a world undone by the disaster.

The Beatles Lyrics

Edited by Hunter Davies, Little, Brown, 376 pages, $19.99

Featuring more than 100 handwritten song lyrics on everything from a child's birthday card ("A Hard Day's Night") to the back of envelopes ("For No One"), "The Beatles Lyrics" collects the stories behind the band's catalog, including drafts that differ from the final produced song, such as an extra verse of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" in George Harrison's handwriting.

The Laughing Monsters: A Novel

By Denis Johnson, Picador, 228 pages, $16

Roland Nair travels to Sierra Leone to visit his old friend, Michael Adriko. Ten years ago, the two made a fortune taking advantage of the country's civil war. Now, they aim to get lucky again, and, with Adriko's fiancée Davida in tow, the three set out for the Uganda-Congo borderland — all the while keeping each of their purposes secret from one another.

Spending the Holidays With People I Want to Punch in the Throat

By Jen Mann, Ballantine, 198 pages, $16

The author of "People I Want to Punch in the Throat" turns her attention to the holidays in this humorous collection of essays. Topics include overzealous carolers, "sexy" Halloween costumes, Chinese New Year parties, Christmas cookie exchanges, Elf on the Shelf and awkward family photos with Santa.

— Jeremy Mikula
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In the Stars: A stellar assemblage

BY GAIL GRABOWSKI | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN

Across

1 Prefix for vitamin
6 Quite a while
10 "A likely story!"
14 Riding charges
19 Hr. after midnight
20 Rooster or drake
21 Went out, as a fire
22 Without assistance
23 Philatelists
26 Travel plan
27 They can use a welcome sight
28 Part of an Uncle Sam costume
29 Got edgy
30 Dull in color
31 Performance personnel
35 Band booking
36 Office conference:
37 Sprouted
38 Piled carelessly
39 Salon sweepings
40 Parting words
43 Sponged (off)
44 Short flight
46 Happen next
47 Stiller's partner
48 “Out” workers
49 Snow vehicles
50 Ukulele cousins
51 Smarten up
52 Strongly advise
53 Most abundant

Down

1 Forest floor growth
2 “Do others . . .”
3 Shakespearean monarch
4 Brought under control
5 Majestic
6 Biology 101 specimen
7 Square-dance ladies
8 90-degree shape
9 Socialize with
10 Suitcase label
11 Genomics, drug development, etc.
12 Occupational suffix
13 QB scores
14 Marco Polo destination
15 In the course of
16 Shake awake
17 Walk onstage
18 Origins
19 Printers’ primary color
20 British bloke
21 Demolition letters
22 Parting words
23 Splinter groups
24 Paints
25 Dog Chow alternative
26 Printer’s primary color
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58 Stephen Hawking
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60 Marked down
61 Situation Room Whistle (down)
62 Happy hour
63 Dramatist Coward
64 F. Scott Fitzgerald
65 Serbian tennis great
66 Height enhancer
67 Height enhancer
68 Race official
69 First Mrs. Trump
70 Access Facebook, say
71 B vitamin
72 Crib or cot
73 Bath powder
74 Copenhagen amusement park
75 First name shared by three Oscar actresses
76 MapQuest owner
77 Likenesses
78 "Beware the . . . of March"
79 Mural’s locale
80 Audio boosters
81 Golden Fleece
82 Hard to come by
83 Bleak
84 Viking Ship Museum city
85 Fallon’s predecessor
86 Timeline slice
87 Be deserving of
88 Tornado havens
89 No longer happening
90 Delayed student’s note
91 “Do others . . .”
92 The Faerie Queene poet
93 "I love, in Latin"
94 Impetuously, in a way
95 Bigwig, for short
96 Big name in their careers
97 Contribute
98 "Dinner’s ready!"
99 Washer contents
100 "Green" tote
101 Quaint lament
102 Weep rock genre
103 Tau predecessor
104 Tau predecessor
105 Go with the flow
106 Ownership document
107 Basic beliefs
108 Synagogue scroll
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111 Nine-digit IDs
112 451, in old Rome
113 Blood-bank supply
114 Airport shuttle
115 Nine-digit IDs
116 Organic farmers’ fertilizers
117 Color-guard members
118 Audio boosters
119 FBI investigator
120 Makeshift

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Last week's crosswords

"Pre-Columbus Day Sails"

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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

B(III) RICHARDSON; HIGH SCHOOL: Education enables people to be what they can be. It is education that allows us to see we are in this for the long haul and it is education that will give us the tools needed to build a better future.

Last week's Sudoku

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

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LOST TRACK OF THEM

"Birdseed"

PITS TAFT SALT SALS
DORA ACRO CREAM
QUAD GEER AMANA
CANARY ISLANDS
WIT ELBA TENSES
ADAGIO SARI
ROBINGIVENS BAR
ESS PIAGON BLOOD
RORY ARMAND
ACTORS ASTA DEY
CHICKEN LITTLE
RIZE FIRE INGE
RIDER AVER ZERO
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"Bringing Your 'A' Game"

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Interactive puzzles and games
Be aware of food allergies on Halloween

Teal Pumpkin Project offers safe nonfood treats for kids

By Kathy Cichon
News-Sun

When it came time for her daughter’s class to have its Halloween party, Julie Campbell knew she had to take a proactive approach to make sure her daughter didn’t come in contact with the peanut allergen.

Working with another parent, whose child had a dairy allergy, they provided the treats for the class.

“We sort of split it, and I made the peanut-free stuff and she made the dairy-free stuff, and the kids got what they needed, and it all worked out OK,” said Campbell, president of the Northfield-based Illinois Food Allergy Education Association.

Halloween can be a challenging time for those with food allergies, but there are several tips and suggestions to help those affected have a safe and fun holiday.

“At school, it’s really best if the parent of the allergic kid is in charge of the Halloween party. Just because it’s a very busy day, everyone’s excited, and you really need someone who lives with the allergy and understands it to be there to either bring the treats for the day or make sure things are brought in for the day that are safe,” Campbell said.

“It depends on what the policy in the classroom and school is. Maybe certain things are allowed in the classroom and certain things are not. They have to know the school policy, the classroom policy and bring treats that are safe for their kid and that everyone can enjoy also.”

Bringing your own food is always the safest thing, she said. It’s always a good idea to talk with other parents helping you and the teacher so they are aware of the situation.

“You have to work at it. You have to sort establish a nice working relationship at the beginning of the year so you can come in at crucial times. And Halloween is a crucial time for food allergies,” Campbell said. “So is Valentine’s Day, to be honest with you. Those are two of the most worrisome holidays ... because of all the different candy and things coming in.”

When it comes to trick-or-treating, it’s up to the parent and child to go through their whole bag of candy to check it for any ingredients that pose an allergy risk.

“Perhaps the parent can privately stock candy that’s safe for them that they like, and then they can swap out the candy that’s unsafe for the candy that is safe,” Campbell said. “That’s one way of dealing with trick-or-treating. If you’re the house that the kids are coming to and you don’t want to give food, I suppose you could give out plastic prizes like they do at the birthday party.”

Giving nonfood items is something Food Allergy Research & Education recommends. The national organization, which has a Midwest regional office in Skokie, launched the Teal Pumpkin Project last year to encourage those handing out nonfood items to trick-or-treaters to place a teal pumpkin outside their homes so those with allergies know the treats are safe.

Started by a local food allergy support group in Tennessee, Food Allergy Research & Education took the idea national last year, said Veronica LaFemina, vice president of communications.

“We’ve been thrilled to see just how many people nationwide and in other countries, actually, have been participating in the Teal Pumpkin Project,” LaFemina said. “It’s possible to be allergic to almost any food, so in order to be as inclusive as possible of trick-or-treaters with food allergies, providing a nonfood treat is a great way to ensure that every trick-or-treater who is a home leaves with a smile and a treat they can enjoy.”

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Here's what's hot for Halloween 2015

What to wear and how to decorate for the season

By Annie Alleman
The Beacon-News

Halloween 2015 drinking game: take a shot every time a Mutant Ninja Turtle comes to the door. You’ll be sloshed an hour into trick-or-treating. Of course, since Halloween is on a Saturday this year, you may still be drunk from the night before. And that’s OK — it’s Halloween, and no one is judging you. Halloween is all about disguising yourself.

Monday, you can disguise yourself as a valuable employee. For now, it’s OK to put on the gorilla suit and make some bad decisions.

“This year, with Halloween falling on a Saturday, it’s kind of like a holiday weekend,” said Trisha Lombardo, marketing and public relations supervisor with Spirit Halloween. “So people are going to be partying Friday night, Saturday and even into Sunday. So whether you need a costume to trick-or-treat, party with your friends or party with your family, everyone is going to need more than one look this year.”

So what are the hot looks this year?

“Ninja Turtles, we’re anticipating to be a big item in both kids and adults,” she said. “We have items ranging from kids to adults so that tells a really great family story. (The Disney movie) ‘Descendants’ is very popular right now. That’s one that’s already having early popularity with consumers. Another big thing this year is obviously ‘Star Wars,’ with the movie coming out in December. We definitely anticipate a lot of customers coming in wanting to dress up as classic characters or new looks from ‘The Force Awakens.’ I think they will both be equally popular this season. ‘Star Wars’ is everywhere.”

A “Star Wars” theme would also make a fun and easy group costume. If you really want to be original, go as the Cantina Band.

Read that again: not one character from “Frozen” was mentioned. Hallelujah, pass the fun-size Twix.

If you can’t find the costume you’re looking for, make it yourself. DIY costumes are exploding — thanks, Pinterest — and sometimes you just have to trust your own ingenuity.

Spirit carries different pieces — from masks to skirts to hats — to give the wearer a different look for as many costumes as they can dream up. If you want to bring the funny this year and be political at the same time, get a “candidate” mask or blond comb-over wig. If you want to be political but are super lazy, wear baggy clothes and a sign saying.

Turn to Halloween, Next Page
that's part white and gold (and the other one can wear a dress that's part blue and black, the other one can wear a dress that's part white and gold (and clearly, the actual colors of the dress). Walk in a party together and count down the seconds until someone yells at you that "it is BLUE AND BLACK, for crying out loud."

Another costume that's sure to get a smile is Left Shark, from Katy Perry's Super Bowl performance. Get some blue and white felt and make your own fin-tastic costume that's sure to send record needles screeching across vinyl when you walk in the door.

**Decoration**

Decorating for Halloween has become as big as decorating for Christmas (although arguably less competitive among neighbors).

"We have some great animatronics and decor, and we have something for every shopper and price point," said Lombardo.

Two scenes they have in their stores include a bayou swamp with spooky trees, a cackling witch, a three-headed dog and a zombie in a barrel. The other scene is of a Zombie outbreak set in a subway station. All of the animatronic creatures are horrifying, which is probably the point.

The nice thing is, you don't have to do a scary cemetery in your front yard this year. Put up a haunted schoolyard or a gypsy caravan. Be creative. Garbage-pick items and re-purse them to fit your theme. Someone's old desk is your skeleton's office.

"Star Wars" is even a popular outdoor theme — inflatable Darth Vader holding a pumpkin, anyone?

If you're just looking for things to have at a party, Sugar Skull is very on trend, Lombardo said, as is anything skeletal; including cats, dogs, rats, spiders and crows.

And if you're stuck for ideas or short on time, you never go wrong with a good, old-fashioned jack-o-lantern.

**Dress to offend**

No matter party you go to this year, someone will be something outrageous. A sexy Minion, a pregnant nun, Caitlin Jenner. For every innocent scary clown, Dracula and Little Red Riding Hood, there is someone dressed to offend.

Ken Gray, professor of psychology at the College of DuPage, has some theories on that.

"Offensive Halloween costumes are, in most cases, intended to be funny, so there is a lot of similarity between the costumes and jokes. A large part of the humor of certain types of jokes comes from the fact that they surprise and shock. For these jokes to be successful, they should get close to the 'offensive' line without going over it. Some jokes, of course, overshoot that line and land firmly on the offensive side," he writes in an email.

"So far, everything I have said about jokes applies equally well to Halloween costumes. There is another important factor that applies specifically to Halloween costumes and suggests that offensive costumes might be more common than offensive jokes. Wearing a Halloween costume is an occasion during which you are allowed to be someone you are not. This temporary release from your personal identity can also be a release from social conventions that bind the real you. So a person who might never tell an offensive joke in public might feel freer to offend by wearing a costume."

So, if you're faced with a "too happy priest" or a "doctor" with an unprintable name, there are options, Gray writes. If the offending person is a stranger or casual acquaintance, the best course might be to say nothing and avoid. There's often very little to gain from confronting the offender, especially if he's been drinking.

If you know the person well, take a stab at confronting him about his costume — if you can do so in a nonthreatening manner, he advises. Chances are good your buddy was trying to be funny and not offensive, so resist the temptation to "educate" him. Rather, think of it as an opportunity to lead the other person to have more empathy.

"Use 'I' and 'me' a lot when trying to explain the issue. You are trying to convey how the costume makes you feel, not to blame the other person for being insensitive and rude," he writes.

"You can explain why the costume makes you uncomfortable. Remember, this is someone you know well, so you might be able to share some personal information. Don't be dismayed if the person doesn't immediately change the costume. Increasing empathy can be a long process, but it can be done. If you have remained calm and the other person has remained polite and receptive, you have made a difference."

Then there's the other kind of offending: when a costume offends as a fan of the genre — I'm looking at you, sexy Stormtroopers. No. Just no.

Annie Alleman is a freelance writer.

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A sexy Princess Leia costume is one of the popular choices for Halloween 2015, according to Spirit Halloween.
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Antibacterial study sides with plain soap

Research: Antiseptic not more potent for regular hand-washing

By Alan Mozes
HealthDay

When it comes to ridding your hands of bacteria, plain old soap is just as good as many “antibacterial” soaps, new research contends.

Lab tests conducted by a team of Korean researchers revealed that when bacteria are exposed to the standard over-the-counter antibacterial ingredient known as triclosan for hours at a time, the antiseptic formulation is a more potent killer than plain soap.

The problem: People wash their hands for a matter of seconds, not hours. And in real-world tests, the research team found no evidence to suggest that normal hand-washing with antibacterial soap does any more to clean the hands than plain soap.

“(The) antiseptic effect of triclosan depends on its exposure concentration and time,” explained study co-author Min Suk Rhee, a professor in the department of biotechnology and the department of food bioscience and technology at the College of Life Sciences and Biotechnology at Korea University in Seoul.

But most people who wash their hands with antibacterial soap do so for less than 30 seconds, Rhee noted, using formulations containing less than 0.3 percent triclosan — the maximum allowed by law. And that combination, he said, is “not adequate for having an antibacterial effect.”

Rhee and his colleagues outline their findings in the Sept. 16 issue of the Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy.

Triclosan is the antibacterial component of liquid soap. In bar formulations, it's triclocarban, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. These ingredients have been somewhat controversial. Some contend there is no scientific evidence to back up claims that these products are more effective than regular soap. Others have argued that these ingredients aren't safe.

But there isn't any proof that triclosan is unsafe, the FDA said. However, the FDA cautioned that animal studies have raised concerns that the antiseptic may interfere with normal hormonal regulation, or may contribute to antibiotic resistance.

To address both issues, in 2013 the FDA proposed passage of a new rule that would, as of 2016, require soap manufacturers to provide more solid safety and effectiveness research to back up all antibacterial claims related to triclosan. If the rule is ultimately approved, failure to provide such evidence would result in either the relabeling of triclosan soap packaging to remove all antibacterial claims, or the removal of triclosan.

To see if triclosan made a difference in controlling bacteria in the current study, investigators placed 20 strains of bacteria into laboratory test tubes. They exposed the test tubes to both plain soap and soap containing 0.3 percent triclosan. The tubes were preheated to mimic typical hand-washing temperatures, the study said.

When bacteria were continuously exposed to triclosan for very long periods of time — nine hours or more — the antiseptic demonstrated “significantly” stronger antibacterial properties, the researchers said.

However, lab exposure to just 10, 20 or 30 seconds of triclosan soap translated into no more antibacterial benefit than similar exposures to plain soap, the study revealed.

A follow-up test involving 16 healthy adults confirmed these findings. All participants first had their hands exposed to bacteria. They then washed their hands and lower forearms in warm water for 30 seconds with either plain soap or 0.3 percent triclosan soap, the study said.

The result: While both soaps were largely effective at eliminating bacteria, the difference between the two soaps was “nonsignificant.”

Still, Rhee stressed that this result is not the final word on all antibacterial soap products.

“Our study (only) means that the triclosan in soap does not always guarantee higher antimicrobial efficacy during hand-washing.”

Brian Sansoni, a spokesman for the American Cleaning Institute in Washington, D.C., said his organization believes that “antibacterial soaps and washes remain a part of effective daily hygiene routines for millions of people who want the extra germ-killing benefit that these products offer. They have a long track record of safety and effectiveness, backed by decades of scientific data and research.”

Dr. Leonardo Trasande, an associate professor with the department of pediatrics, population health and environmental medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center in New York City, said that “this study clearly reinforces the common sense notion that soap and water work just fine.”

The FDA has raised concerns about the safety of triclosan, and this study shows it may not provide any benefit anyway,” he said. “So, I would say that in most cases plain soap does the trick. Which is what moms have been saying since the 1930s and '40s. Turns out they were right.”
New-construction home in St. Charles: $950,000

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By Deborah K. Dietsch
The Washington Post

Haiti, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Ukraine are just some of the places where Ethan Arnheim, 25, has worked as an adviser with the United States Agency for International Development.

Souvenirs from his trips are displayed throughout his home in Washington, D.C. Showcased on the main level are large, colorful artworks collected during a 20-month stay in Pakistan that were made to decorate trucks.

Arnheim's travel interests extend to hosting out-of-town visitors. Three small dwellings on his property -- a basement apartment, a carriage house and a converted storage unit -- are listed on Airbnb and have attracted a steady stream of business travelers and tourists.

"Airbnb is a great way to get visitors into LeDroit Park, which is a very special neighborhood they might not otherwise visit," says Arnheim, who helped plan the heritage trail signs in the neighborhood. "I like participating in the sharing economy and have met some really remarkable tenants."

Renters have included actors from the Kennedy Center production of "Book of Mormon," members of the rock band Grizfolk playing the 9:30 Club and an Uzbek political dissident who testified before Congress on civil rights in Central Asia.

Arnheim bought his 1890s brick rowhouse in 2010 for $595,000 with the idea of renovating and leasing its lower level to the floor below. Now, Arnheim lived in the space for a few months while renting out his rowhouse. "Living there in a partially finished state helped me iron out some of the remaining kinks."

One of those kinks was moisture seeping through the brick wall near the desk next to the bathroom where the floor is set below the ground. "I'd repointed the exterior, but hadn't dug down to the foundation," Arnheim says. "This led to a bit of mold in the area where there is the least light." So after unearthing the foundation, he coated the exterior with a moisture-resistant paint.

Other fine-tuning included applying a frosted coating on the bathroom's glass door after visiting friends complained they didn't have enough privacy. A planter was installed in one of the windows to block the glare from a neighbor's security lights.

By spring of this year, the ERA apartment was ready for its first tenant. Arnheim booked his first Airbnb guests, an Israeli couple, and has since had steady bookings.

Of his three rental units, the homeowner admits his favorite is the ERA since he did most of the renovating himself. He attributes his pride to the IKEA effect: Consumers feel a greater attachment when they've been more involved with the assembly of something. Arnheim says the compact, open-plan loft is more my style than the ornamented rooms of his Victorian row house.

"It would live in the ERA, but it would require some serious downsizing."

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Children's costume parade leads to Pickwick Theatre for Halloween concert

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Pioneer Press

Want to hear some scary music? The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra has plenty.

From "Also sprach Zarathustra" by Richard Strauss used as the opening theme from the 1968 film "2001: A Space Odyssey" to Andrew Lloyd Webber's Suite from "The Phantom of the Opera," the community ensemble will present top-notch spooky music during its Oct. 28 Halloween concert.

"Berlioz to Batman: Family Halloween Concert" also will feature the "Witches Sabbath" from "Symphonie Fantastique" by Berlioz and the theme music from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977) and "Indiana Jones" (1981) by five-time Oscar-winning Hollywood composer John Williams. Film music is supposed to set a mood, so conductor Victor Muenzer has also chosen Hans Zimmer's theme from the 2008 film "The Dark Knight." Andrew Lloyd Webber's medley from the Broadway hit "Cats," will also be played.

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's Halloween program is now in its third year. "This time our concert starts with the iconic sunrise from the Strauss piece used in Stanley Kubrick's "2001,"" Muenzer said. "My 16-year-old son had never seen the movie and after he watched the whole thing, he thought it was one of the scariest he'd ever seen. I thought it was one of the scariest films ever made.

The concert isn't the only part of the festivities. Muenzer and the orchestra's executive director

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's 'Berlioz to Batman: Halloween Family Concert'

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28
Where: Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge
Tickets: $15; $5 for age 18 and younger; $25 for family of four
Information: 847-692-7726; www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org

And as at the two previous Halloween concerts, student musicians from Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 middle schools will sit on stage with the orchestra and play a selection with them. This year they will perform Zimmer's music from "The Dark Knight."

"I'm always looking for ways to entice these kids to improve their skills," said Brian Jacobi, who is the district's curriculum specialist for instrumental music. "I've been working with the band and orchestra for at least 20 years, and I know that they try harder when they play with the pros. They aspire to be better, to rise to a higher level."

For audience members who don't have to go to school the next morning there will be an Afterglow Organ Concert by Matt Haider on the theater's mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ, which dates from 1928 and was restored in 1984.

Bela Fleck, Abigail Washburn make music a family affair

BY LILLI KUZMA
Pioneer Press

Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn have been called "banjo royalty" since their marriage in 2009 that officially harmonized two of the instrument's finest players. But the more recent collaboration of 15-time Grammy winner Fleck and superb musician and vocalist Washburn has proven that their lives can be in concert both on and off the stage. They perform Oct. 25 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

"We tailor the show to the audience that's there, and we are very responsive to their energy," Fleck said. "We're excited about some covers we've been working on and might try those out and see how they flow."

In touring in support of their 2016 self-titled album, and this past August with the EP "Banjo Banjo," the talented Nashville-based couple has thrilled fans and audiences with the intriguing melding of their styles. They have further charmed fans by choosing to tour with their now 2-year-old son, Juno.

"When we finally decided to be a duo, it was right when we had our baby, so we were doing all of our creative work, and our recording and our building of this whole repertoire as very exhausted people," Fleck said. "So that was the challenging part. But we get results, and find the middle, and I think our differences are the best thing about us. Plus Abby is much more of a communicator, so we spar and tell jokes, and that's a whole different chemistry than I've had with anybody."

Washburn recalled the couple's first gig as a duo and eight or nine years ago. "The first time that we ever really played together as a duo was at the request of my grandmother, June Carvell, who was a long-time resident of Evanston, where I was born and hail from," she said. "She went to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Evanston and asked us to play a concert there to raise money for the YWCA. As soon as we got off the stage, it was like, 'Wow, that was fun, we need to do this some time!'

Said Fleck: "It sounded really great, and we had a lot of natural chemistry talking to the audience. So every couple years we'd say we should be a duo, and when we had Juno, we said, 'It's time!' This is the way to keep our family from being fragmented, and we really didn't want that to happen."

Fleck, 57, widely considered to be the best banjo player of all time, performs 3-finger style with a technical proficiency that dazzles. He has achieved acclaim and fame for his involvement with the New Grass Revival, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, and many other projects, including his award-winning film, "Throw Down Your Heart," about the origins of the banjo in Africa and his journey there to meet and play with local musicians.

Washburn, 37, didn't set out to be a banjo player or a professional musician, but her stunning voice and distinctive clawhammer style quickly drew the attention of other musicians and music executives, and this gave her the confidence to pursue music and forego a planned career as a lawyer.

Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn
When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25
Where: North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
Tickets: $45-$65
Information: 847-673-6300; www.northshorecenter.org

Married couple Abigail Washburn and Bela Fleck decided to become an official onstage duo. The banjo greats have toured the world, often with their son Juno in tow.
Kids can pick a pumpkin from a Pumpkin Patch for free during Westfield Old Orchard's Harvest Fest, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 24 at Skokie Boulevard and Old Orchard Road, Skokie.

“Everything is family-oriented. It’s a community event that focuses on seasonal activities,” said Marketing Director Gayle Gleespen. She said the daily decorated center offers a “beautiful fall backdrop” for the free event.

Children are encouraged to come in their Halloween best to compete for prizes in costume contests at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Other activities will include face painting, carriage rides with Patticakes the Pony and live entertainment by the students of Top Note Music Academy. There will also be giant lawn games and other activities, including making noodle necklaces. Free snacks will be provided by Shake Shack and California Pizza Kitchen, as long as supplies last.

Families can drop in or RSVP at the Westfield Old Orchard website.

For details, call 847-673-6800 or go to www.westfield.com/oldorchard.

Who knew?

The hidden secrets of a favorite fall food will be revealed at Pumpkin Palooza Campfire, 1-2:30 p.m. Oct 24 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. Families will play pumpkin games, make a pumpkin craft and prepare a pumpkin treat. Cost is $5 per person. Registration is required.

For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.

Dave brings things on strings

Count Dracula Von Tippie Toes, Juggling Pumpkin Jack O'Lantern and mad scientist Boris Von Puppenschpiel are a few of the wacky characters that will be part of Halloween Hi-Jinks with Dave Herzog's Marionettes, 2-3 p.m. Oct. 25 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Make reservations for this fun-filled, non-spooky show.

For details, call 847-677-5277, ext. 232 or go to www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Creepy crafts

Kids 12 and under are invited to drop in during Spooky Craft Day, 1-3 p.m. Oct. 24 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. There will be “spook-tacular” craft projects in Kids World.

For details, call 708-867-2298 or go to www.eisenhowerlibrary.org.
The North Shore-Barrington Association of Realtors held its 96th Annual Awards & Installation Luncheon at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling on Oct. 1. The new NSBAR Board of Directors President is Keith Hancock, a resident of Morton Grove.

During the event, outgoing NSBAR President Wayne Paprocki of Northbrook announced that the winner of the 2015 Distinguished Service Award is Marilyn D. Glazer of Skokie. The NSBAR Boardroom is being renamed in her honor. For more information, see nsbar.org.

More than 400 people attended The 11th annual “A Sterling Event” to benefit the programs of A Silver Lining Foundation (ASLF) on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago.

**Silving Lining Foundation goes sterling**

**Event:** A Sterling Event

**Benefiting:** A Silver Lining Foundation, a nonprofit that works to ensure dignified, respectful and equal access to quality cancer education and services for all.

**Date:** Oct. 3

**Location:** Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago

**Attendee:** 400+

**Raised:** $300,000+

**Website:** asilverliningfoundation.org

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LIBERTYVILLE

This five-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath-room brick Colonial-style home is located in the Regate Woods neighborhood of Libertyville. The floor-plan offers large rooms and a bathroom for each bedroom in the home. The basement features a finished bedroom with full bath. The backyard offers a brick paved patio. The lot is located on a cul-de-sac and abuts a conservation area.

Address: 14294 W. Lyle Court
Price: $650,000
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $15,005
Agent: Juli Noll/Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff Realty Group

NORTHBROOK

The four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom Colonial-style home is located on a cul-de-sac and features a large family room that opens to the kitchen. The master bedroom, updated in 2013, offers a private bathroom and custom closets. The kitchen offers under-the-counter lighting and two pantry-sized closets. The home has a finished basement with first-floor laundry room and hardwood floors throughout. New roof, columns and tuck pointing completed in 2015.

Address: 1234 Blue Hill Terrace
Price: $875,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: $10,132
Agent: Kati Spaniak/@Properties

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

This custom-built four-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bathroom home features a two-story foyer with mechanical chandelier lift, granite flooring and marble inlay. The kitchen has high-end appliances, granite countertops, and island and eating area. The two-story family room features a built-in entertainment center and gas start fireplace. The master bedroom offers walk-in closet and full master bath with whirlpool tub and dual sinks.

Address: 416 Periwinkle Way
Price: $724,900
Schools: Wheeling High School
Taxes: $19,073
Agent: The Stick with Steve Team/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

WILMETTE

This four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom home features a family room with fireplace and built-in media center. The updated kitchen offers stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. The home offers a finished basement, main-level laundry room and a two-car garage.

Address: 3429 Riverside Drive
Price: $680,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School
Taxes: $10,789
Agent: Nancy Gibson/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Northbrook

Evanston Legend: The Art of Peggy Lipschutz
The City of Evanston sponsors a month-long show of the paintings and drawings of Peggy Lipschutz. 10 a.m. daily, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

5th Annual Buckthorn Barbecue
Ben Helphand and Jean Lister will share the history of Chicago's 606/Bloomingdale Trail and its growing national recognition. Evening proceeds will support the restoration of Glencoe's Green Bay Trail. More info and tickets at www.bgtrail.org. 6 p.m. Thursday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, $10, 847-274-7489

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America
Features 18 G-scale trains chugging along 1,000 feet of track past replicas of American landmarks including the Statue of Liberty. 10 a.m. Thursday-Sunday, 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 croquet. For more information and to schedule a game, contact Tanya Vovk at 847-409-5526 or Tanya@TanyaVovk.com. 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Wednesday, Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road, Glencoe, free

150th Anniversary of the End of the Civil War
Oral histories are presented in authentic civil war era uniforms. 9 a.m. daily, Glencoe History Center, 1121 Waukegan Road, Glencoe, $5 suggested donation, 847-724-2235

Adult Literacy Classes: Full Session
An opportunity for native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. 9:15 a.m. Thursday and Tuesday, Glencoe Public Library, 1930 Glencoe Road, Glencoe, free, 847-635-1426

Facebook Basics
Get started with the basics, including signing up, creating a profile and adding friends. A valid email account is required. Registration and a Glencoe Library card are required. 2 p.m. Thursday, Glencoe Public Library, 1930 Glencoe Road, Glencoe, free, 847-729-7500 ext. 7700

Battle of the Books: Glencoe 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. Open to registered participants & guardians. 9 a.m. daily, Glencoe Public Library, 1930 Glencoe Road, Glencoe, free, 847-729-7500

Character Counts Week for Grades K-8: Stop by Youth Services to share how you've shown good character, enter the drawing for a Character Counts gift basket and collect a button. 9 a.m. Thursday-Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glencoe Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Story Walk: "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

Computer Basics
Explore basic computer concepts and the Windows operating system. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Lights Out, Everybody: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio
Radio historian Steve Darnall returns with a program designed to thrill you and chill you with sound clips from radio's scariest shows and examples of how radio was the theater of the mind. 1 p.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Everybody Move: 8-Week Session:
Ages birth-2 years with caregiver. Registration required. Celeste Cifala Roy, 847-263-5061, has planned an hour of activities and exploration including scarves, balls, hoops and instruments to get children moving, singing and dancing. 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. 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 register go to www.worknetmc.com. Email djunta@bcwiliml.org with questions. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

House of Torment
7 p.m. daily, House of Torment Chicago, 8240 Austin Ave., Morton Grove, $24.99-$29.99 general admission, 224-888-1031

World Language Storytime: Polish
Share stories and songs in Polish (with a bit of English). This storytime is for ages 3 and up with a parent or caregiver. 10 a.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Food Drive in Skokie
Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. All donations can be dropped off at Walgreens during regular business hours. Daily, Walgreens, 3945 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Wonder Ground Open Lab!
Look, touch, tink and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. A drop-in visit is meant to last about 15 minutes. 4 p.m. Thursday and Tuesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Dramatic Program at Northbrook Community Synagogue
A dramatic program about Estee Lauder, cosmetics entrepreneur. The program is presented by Leslie Godeard, actress, author and historian. The cost includes dinner. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court, Northbrook, $36, 847-509-9204

Highland Park Players Present "Avenue Q"
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, $18-$22, 847-291-2995

Screening of "Sammy: The Journey"
A documentary about the remarkable life of Sam Harris, one of the youngest survivors from the Holocaust and the President Emeritus of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. The film is recommended for ages 12 and older. 7 p.m. Thursday, Willow Creek Community Church North Shore, 315 Waukegan Road, Northfield, free

Reader's Theatre
Open to adults 18 and over, brings storytelling and radio theater to life. Register in advance. 10 a.m. Thursdays, 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. Thursdays, Park Ridge Park District Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $76 member, $84 guest, 847-692-3597

Oktobefest at Hofbrauhaus Chicago
Celebrate Bavarian culture, cuisine and beer. Festivities include authentic Bavarian entertainment, freshly brewed "Oktoberfestbier" inspired by the original Hofbrauhaus in Munich, Germany, daily food specials and celebrity keg tapping ceremonies. 11 a.m. daily, Hofbrauhaus Chicago, 8500 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-671-2739
**CALENDAR**

**Friday, Oct. 23**

**Twentieth Annual Haunted Hike:** Hosted by the Lakota Lodge, Boy Scouts of America. 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday, Historic Methodist Camp-Ground, 1900 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, $7-$9, 847-637-6300

**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 Allen Poe, Washington Irving, Saki and more. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Leela Arts Center, 1900 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, $7-$9, 847-637-6300

**How Many Psychologists Does It Take to Make a Crowd Laugh?** The Therapy Players Improv Comedy Troupe, Chicago’s premier all-psychotherapy improv troupe, presents its new revue. 7 p.m. Friday, 27 Live, 1012-1014 Church St., Evanston, $17, 847-869-5483

**Nia: Holistic dance fitness:** Develop flexibility, agility, mobility, strength and stability. 11 a.m. Friday, Monday and Wednesday, Raydient Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, $11, 847-869-6477

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**Haunting History with David Parr:** The magician takes people on an eerie interactive tour of the historic Dawes House. 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Evanston History Center, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston, $20, 847-475-3140

**Justin Payne:** 10 p.m. Friday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**5Rhythms Dance:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Tuesday, Foster Dance Studios, 915 Foster St., Evanston, $15, $10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

**Roadside Flower Sale:** Shop for arrangements and gift items created from natural plant materials and dried flowers in the Regenstein Center. 10 a.m. Friday-Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

**Anime and Manga Club:** Watch anime, discuss favorite manga series and plan special events like cosplay parties, mochi making and more. All teens 13-18 are welcome. 4 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Knights of Niles Chess Club:** Kids in grades 1-8 can drop in and learn chess or improve their skills through winning strategies. Caregivers must stay in the room with children through second grade. 4-6 p.m. Friday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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**Duplicate Bridge: The senior citizen offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. 9 a.m. Fridays, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5217

**Tiffany Haddish:** The comedian, as seen on VH1’s “Best Week Ever,” performs standup. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, $22 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0848

**“Supernatural” Convention:** Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins and other stars from “Supernatural” will be present. 9:30 a.m. Friday-Sunday, Hyatt Regency O’Hare, 9000 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, starts at $30, 818-409-0960

**Dracula** - **Megan Wells:** A one-woman performance of the original novel. 8 p.m. Friday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $22, 847-677-7761

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**HallowFest:** Make your way through a spooky bat cave in the Bridge Gallery to get to the haunted forest in the Joutras Gallery, or take the friendly path to activities. 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, $14-$22, 847-835-5440

**North Shore United Methodist Church rummage sale:** Includes gently used men’s, women’s and children’s clothing, jewelry, furniture, housewares and more. 8:30 a.m. Saturday, North Shore United Methodist Church, 413 Hazel Ave., Glenview, free, 847-955-1227

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**Sixth Annual Quilt Auction Benefits Heifer International:** More than 100 quilts are auctioned off and others are available for purchase. All proceeds help children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts that help them become self-reliant. Hand crafted items also available. 9 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Community Church, 100 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

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**Fall Fun with Cultural Care Au Pair:** Face painting, crafts, games, pizza and more. Golden Ski Swim School Evanston and Banner Day Camp will host trick or treating stations and more children’s activities. Little ones can come in costume. 3 p.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glencoe, free, 847-657-1506

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**Halloween Parade and Mr. Klipsey’s Magic and Puppets:** This event is for up to age six with an adult, to include a costume parade followed by a friendly Halloween puppet show. Call to register. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1500 Rainbow Road, Glencoe, free, 847-729-7500 ext. 7900

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**Zombie lock-in:** Camouflage yourself as a zombie with the aid of a professional makeup artist, then help save Lincolnwood from a full-on zombie outbreak by defeating the undead disguised as one of their own and finding a cure. Grades 6 through 10. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 200 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-956-4220

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**Making the most of social security:** This presentation discusses the different filing options available. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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**Family Movie:** Disney Nature’s “Monkey Kingdom”: Drop in for a big movie and a little snack. 2 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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**Halloween Pumpkin Festival:** A family-friendly event featuring pumpkin decorating, face painting, live music, a children’s costume contest, and more. 4 p.m. Saturday, Shore United Methodist Church, 213 Homer St., Evanston, free, 847-724-2210

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**Northfield Senior Center:** Celebrate Halloween with a costume contest, pumpkin decorating, and a special performance. 2 p.m. Saturday, Northfield Senior Center, 161 Northfield Blvd., Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

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**Latino Thru Arts:** Experience the culture of Latin America through music, dance, and art. 4 p.m. Sunday, Northfield Public Library, 1900 Old Willow Road, Northfield, free, 847-272-6224

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**Halloween Wonders:** A family-friendly event featuring a costume contest, face painting, and a special performance. 4 p.m. Sunday, Shore United Methodist Church, 213 Homer St., Evanston, free, 847-724-2210

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**Minimalist Yoga:** A gentle yoga class designed to help students find their own inner peace and calm. 4 p.m. Sunday, Shore United Methodist Church, 213 Homer St., Evanston, free, 847-724-2210

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

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**5th Annual Franz Liszt Birthday Gala:** The American Liszt Society Chicago/Midwest Chapter will be celebrating Franz Liszt’s 204th birthday with a grand evening of his music performed by some of the Midwest’s finest pianists. Performers include: Duo pianists Claire Auberskold & Ralph Neiweem, Alexander Djordjevic, Young Rising Star Andrew Guo, Daniel Paul Horn, Brian Lee, George Radosavljevic, Nicholas Roth and Aaron Stampfl. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free-$15, 630-677-6777

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**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. For grades six to 12. Noon Saturday, Northfield Public Library, 1900 Old Willow Road, Northfield, free, 847-272-6224

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**Signature Entertainment Presents:** LOL Saturday: Adult Comedy hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sullfield and Mark Simmons. 9 p.m. Saturday, Chicago’s Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, $15 advance, $20 at the door. 847-521-6340

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**Champlin Menard:** 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Northfield Public Library, 1900 Old Willow Road, Northfield, free, 847-272-6224

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**Fail Fun with Cultural Care Au Pair:** Face painting, crafts, games, pizza and more. Goldfish Swim School Evanston and Banner Day Camp will host trick or treating stations and more children’s activities. Little ones can come in costume. 3 p.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glencoe, free, 847-657-1506
Sunday, Oct. 25

North Shore Harmonics: Take a musical trip back in time at the presentation "I Believe in Yesterday: Songs of the Sixties" with this independent women's a cappella barbershop chorus. 3 p.m. Sunday, Lake Street Church of Evanston, 607 Lake St., Evanston, $15; children ages 12 and under free, 847-454-7535

Special Screaming - or was that Screening: "Cat People": The storyline follows a young newlywed who is stricken with an ancient curse in this haunting, atmospheric black and white film. Expect special Halloween treats. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

"Putting on the Heart of the Risen Christ: Hospitality": With Dr. Keith Muccino from Loyola University Medical Center. This is a lecture and discussion with prayer. 12 p.m. Sunday, St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

Halloween HI-Jinks with Dave Herzog’s Marlonettes: Join Mad Scientist Boris Von Puppenchiel and his crazy creation Frankie Monster as they celebrate Halloween in style. 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Critic’s Choice: "Stations of the Cross": A film about a pious young woman who struggles to balance her own desires within the constraints of her family's fundamentalist faith. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Musica Luminia: "Magnificat": This third concert of the season, this performance with Conductor Marek Rychalski leading the Northbrook Metropolitan Chorus and with the Musica Luminia Orchestra. 3 p.m. Sunday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 847-966-8145

Fine Arts Fall: Concert: The Northbrook Public Library's 23rd season of Fine Arts Fall brings an array of instrumentalists and vocalists to the Library’s Auditorium. Come each Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

YMCA Spooktacular Halloween Party: A Halloween festival of fun for all, with haunted houses, costume contests, bounce houses and Spooky Boat Ride. 2 p.m. Sunday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, $20 per family for non-members; free for members, 847-272-7250

Myasthenia Gravis 101: What Every MG Patient Should Know: Hosted by Matthew Merighi, MD, noted MG neurologist and research scientist from Rush University Medical Center, speaks to MG patients. Lunch is included. Call or register online. 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, free, 800-888-6208

Disturbia: Screams in the Park: The haunted features more than 35 rooms where guests determine their own fate based on the choices they make. 7 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, $25-$45, 847-349-5008

Legal Rights of Older Persons: Aimed at lawyers, judges and lay people. Starts with a morning session at 9:15 a.m., breakfast at 10 a.m. and the program at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required. 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4111

Skokie Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500

Monday, Oct. 26

Gift of Music Organ Recital: Julia Brucek, minister of music at St. David's Episcopal Church in Glenview, plays works by J.S. Bach, Brahms, Craig Phillips, C.V. Stanford, Sweelinck and Widor. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Presbyterian Homes - Elliott Chapel, 3131 Simpson St., Evanston, free, 847-492-2915

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: The Mudflaps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5011

Lego Club: For students in kindergarten through eighth grade to join in on this club on the fourth of each month to create masterpieces. No registration is necessary. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Keeping Your Cool on Hot Topics: Psychology professor Cynthia Langtwig of the Chicago School of Professional Psychology teaches valuable skills for better communication in the most difficult conversations. 7 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7082

TEDxNorthbrookLibrary: "How is Art Created?": Join in as the library-screens three prerecorded TED Talks and have a discussion afterwards. 3 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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

Networking Event: Join in a lively discussion on topical issues of the day: politics, the economy, international happenings, science, the diverse society, local issues, and more. 9 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 NSSC member; $25 non-member, 847-784-6000

Gold fitness class: Join Angie, one of Stay Fit's physical therapists, for a workout tailored to seniors. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Stay Fit Physical Therapy and Core Wellness, 235 N. Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, $14, 847-518-5455

Open House: RSVP to Anita McGing at anita.mcging@ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org. 9:15 a.m. Monday, Ronald Knox Montessori School, 2031 Elmwood Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-256-2922

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Rotary Club of Evanston Light House: 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

Supervision Group: Chicagoland's credentialed music therapists are invited to this networking event, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dempster Street Theatre, 2008 Dempster St., Evanston, $5, 847-448-8337

Tuesday Morning Music: Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances in the McGinley Pavilion overlooking Evening Island. Music varies from string quartets to Native American flutes, and are focused toward an older crowd. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

LEG.O Club for first through third grades: The Legos are provided. Space is limited, so register at 847-729-7500 Ext. 7900. 4 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

YMCA Preschool Art Classes (for ages 3-5 with an adult): Register at 847-729-7500 Ext. 7900. 4 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

CJE SeniorLife Counselling: Counselling includes: selecting the appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs and identifying supportive resources. To make an appointment, call 773-508-1054. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

Homework Help Center: Thirty-minute sessions for homework, reading and math skills provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Just drop in. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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**Pumpkin Savory and Sweet:** A chef shares recipes, cooking techniques and a tasting of fall’s favorite squash. Register at 847-729-7500 Ext. 7600; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

**Movies, munchies and more:** Lights out, everybody: Radio announcer Steve Darnall presents a Halloween mystery with illustrations and sound effects. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**When the Reaper Comes: Mystery Writers Share Their Secrets:** “Evening with the Author” presents authors and their novels: Lori Rader-Day (“The Waterfall”), Jamie Freveletti (“Running from the Devil”) and Lynne Raimondo (“Dante’s Wood”). 7 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library; 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Life Transitions Group:** A group for men and women who have been widowed for one to four years. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, $5, 847-720-4170

**Wednesday, Oct. 27**

**Pumpkin Savory and Sweet:** 
Preschool Story Time: Stories and songs for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

**Health Hack: Healthy Eating Workshop Series:** Nutritionist Michelle Gillespie leads this six-week, science-based, healthy eating workshop series. Register online. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Creative Coworking, 922 Davis St., Evanston, $65 for six-week series

**LEGO Club for grades 4-6:** The Legos are supplied. Space is limited, so register at 847-729-7500 Ext. 7900; 4 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

**Baby Signs (for ages 0-23 months):** Pre-readers learn sign language with their families. Led by Jamie Stevens, ASL interpreter and certified Baby Signs instructor. Tickets are given out to Glenview Library cardholders beginning 30-minutes prior. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Friends of the Lincolnwood Public Library:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

**The Big Halloween Balloon Show with Smarty Pants:** A vaudeville-style stage production featuring magic, comedy for all ages, interactive storytelling and balloon props. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

**Teen Library Council:** Discuss and plan library programs, clubs, services and more. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Classics on Wednesday Film Series:** 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Distinguished Speaker Sayed Kashua:** Sayed Kashua, speaking on “The Arabs in Israel: Living with Dual Identity.” Kashua is a Palestinian citizen of Israel, author, and journalist, known for his books and humorous columns including a satirical weekly column in Hebrew. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

**Playreading with Vivian Mitchel:** Learn about the playwright and discuss the play. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $39 member; $45 non-member, 847-784-6030

**Halloween Concert for All Ages:** Trick-or-treat activities at Hodges Park, the Library, and Pickwick Building launch at 5:30 p.m., with costume parade at 6:45 p.m. leading from the park to the Pickwick. The 7:00 p.m. concert. Music includes Saint-Saens’s Danse Macabre and highlights from “Batman: the Dark Knight.” 7 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, $5-$15, 847-692-7726

**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. The evening starts with dinner, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

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“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 vamp (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

“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. — 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.

“Pan” ★
PG, 1:51, fantasy
In “Pan,” young Peter learns he can fly in the grimmest possible context, as he plummets to his presumptive death. In the new film directed by Joe Wright, Neverland lies high above the clouds, with much of its real estate turned over to a miserable steampunk mining village. Kidnapped slave boys dig for Pixum and Blackbeard's war against the natives grinds on in another part of this cesspool. Back on Earth it's 1940, and London endures the Luftwaffe blitz. But life's no easier for an orphan boy in Neverland, where unlucky newcomers are greeted with a menacing male chorus of Nirvana's “Smells Like Teen Spirit.” That's a lot of lousy ideas crammed into the first 30 minutes. The whole movie's like that. — M.P.

“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 director Denis Villeneuve is sleek, terrific pulp. The second half of “Sicario” (in Mexico, slang for “hitman”) settles for more conventional bloodshed and storytelling. — M.P.
Boden, William R. "Bill"

William R. "Bill" Boden, 73, of Stokie, IL died Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at Presence Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL. Bill was born March 16, 1942 in Evanston and was a long-time resident. He graduated from Evanston Township High School. He was an auto mechanic and maintenance worker. Married to Patricia Didier 1963-1993. Life long member Loyal Order of Moose, active in the Gages Lake Snowmobile Club. He was a member of A.A. for 28 years where he also volunteered his time in many different areas from Sponsor to Treasurer. He also volunteered at Evanston Hospital. Many grew to know him for his “Happy Day” greetings.

Survivors include his children, Kimberly (W. Carl) Bannion of Greenwood, IL, Kristi (Steve) Sulek of Ingleside, IL, and Karl (William) Millican of Zion, IL; ten grandchildren, Anna, Jeremiah, Joshua, Eli and Liam Millican, sister, Barbara Boden of Frederick, MD; significant other, Bonnie Brandt. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Dorothy.

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West, Karen L.

Gail L. West, age 65, of Evanston. Beloved wife of Presbyte B. West, loving mother of Kerry, Laura, and Scott (Sarah) West; dear daughter of the late Jack and Betty Brusberg; dear sister of Greg (Som) Brusberg and the late Garey (Beth) Brusberg; fond aunt of Michael (Michelle), Mark (Laura) and Luther Brusberg and Peter (Lisa) and Sam (Elena) West. She was a native of Beloit, WI and graduated from R.M.H.S. Gail received her B.S. and M.S. in Speech Pathology from Northwestern Univ. and was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She served as president of the Homewood Jr. Woman’s Club (1985-86). She worked as a speech therapist in the south suburbs and Chicago. She was a dedicated long-term volunteer at the Presbyterian Home, a member of the Off-Campus Writer’s Workshop and participated in the League of Women Voters. She was active in the Northminster Presbyterian Church community for nearly 30 years. A Memorial service was held on Sunday, October 11, 2:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2515 Central Park, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friends of Chicago North Shore, Heifer International or the American Speech Language Hearing Foundation. Info (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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White, John William ‘Jack’

John ‘Jack’ William White, Il, 94, born in Chicago and raised in Park Ridge, passed away October 5, 2015. Jack was the beloved husband of the late Marjorie Abel White; cherished father of the late Donald (Frances) Abel, the late John William White III, and Cynthia (the late Keith) Magnuson; fond grandfather of Ross Zachary (Kim) Abel, Donald (Rachel) Abel, Matthew White, Patrick (Jessica) White, Daniel (Lauren) White, Kevin (Mary Clare) Magnuson and Molly (Benjamin) Graham; loved great-grandfather of Aidan, Collin; Anastasia, Olivia, Sterling, Henrik and Gunnar. Jack was a proud World War II Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He brought a smile to many lives and will be remembered as a true gentleman and friend. Family services and interment will be held privately at Lake Forest Cemetery.

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George, George Edward

George Edward Warner Jr, age 75, of River Forest; beloved husband of Mary Ellen nee Jobson and the late Diane Marilyn nee Nelson; loving father of Cynthia Diane (Joseph) Ross, George "Kir" Warner and Kathryn "Paige" (Cory Edward) AhToong; cherished grampa of Laila Kathryn and Noelani Elizabeth AhToong; dear brother of Ann Warner (James) Depenbrock; fond uncle of many; devoted son of the late George Edward and Mary Ann nee Gillespie Warner. Mr. Warner was a 1954 graduate of St. John’s Military Academy in Delafield, WI, he served in the U.S. Army and was a graduate of Elmhurst College. Before his retirement he was the President of Warner Wallcoverings, The Warner Company in Chicago. Services have been held.

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Associated Press

Electric vehicle-maker Tesla Motors has mastered the sporty two-seater and the elegant sedan. Now it wants to conquer the family hauler.

After nearly two years of delays, the official launch of the Tesla Model X — one of the only all-electric SUVs on the market — happened in late September near the company's Fremont, Calif., factory. It was one of the most anticipated model launches of the year.

CEO Elon Musk says the Model X sets a new bar for luxury SUVs, with unique features like rear falcon-wing doors, which open upward, and a driver's door that opens on approach and closes itself when the driver is inside.

"If Tesla's going to be a more significant player, they need more products, and SUVs are what the market is demanding," said Michelle Krebs, a senior analyst with the car-buying site AutoTrader.com. Musk said Tesla expects half of its sales to be SUVs.

But there are drawbacks. Only a fraction of the sippy-cup set will be able to afford the Model X, even with a $7,500 federal tax credit. A fully loaded performance model is $142,000; exact pricing of the base model hasn't been released, but Musk said the Model X will cost $55,000 more than an equivalent Model S, or about $93,000. Musk said the company will eventually offer a less expensive variant with a smaller battery.

The Model X is the third vehicle from 12-year-old Tesla, after the Roadster, which was discontinued in 2012, and the Model S sedan. It should attract new customers, particularly women, to the brand, and it goes on sale as the market for luxury SUVs is booming. U.S. luxury SUV sales were up 17 percent through August, five times better than the industry as a whole.

"I'm not sure anyone would want to conquer the family hauler," said a Toyota source. "If Tesla's going to be a more significant player, they need more products, and SUVs are what the market is demanding," said Michelle Krebs, a senior analyst with the car-buying site AutoTrader.com. Musk said Tesla expects half of its sales to be SUVs.

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The Model X shares a platform and motor with the Model S, which is made at the same factory. But unlike the S, which has several battery options, the X only has a 90 kilowatt-hour battery and only comes with all-wheel drive. The 90D version will go 257 miles on a full charge, while the P90D performance version will go 250 miles. Tesla's high-speed "ludicrous mode" is offered on the P90D; it goes from 0 to 60 mph in 3.2 seconds. The base model goes 0 to 60 mph in 4.8 seconds.

The Model X has three rows and seats seven; on a test ride, the back row could fit an adult and had a surprising amount of headroom. The front windshield, which Tesla says is the biggest in the industry with a broad view like that in a helicopter, sweeps back and over the front seats. Navigation, music and cabin controls are accessed through a 17-inch dash- board touch screen.

"The goal was to create an aperture more functional than a minivan," Musk said.

The falcon-wing rear doors open up to a three-seat second row, which all move independently. Push a button and the second row moves forward to let passengers in the two-seat third row without having to remove child seats. The second row also has a flat floor, so backpacks and laptops can be stored under the seat.

The doors were among the reasons the Model X's launch was delayed several times. Musk announced plans for the Model X in 2012; it was initially expected to go on sale in early 2014.

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But Musk says Tesla is still on track to sell 500,000 vehicles by 2020. It expects to reach that goal with the introduction of its next car, the lower-priced Model 3, due out in 2017.

The Model X is alone, for now, in the all-electric luxury SUV market. Its closest competitor is the plug-in hybrid Porsche Cayenne S, which starts at $77,200.

But others, spurred by Tesla, are planning their own all-electric models. BMW will start selling a plug-in hybrid X5 later this year, starting at $63,095 with standard all-wheel drive. Audi said this month that it will have an all-electric SUV by 2018.

At the lower end of the market, there's the $32,000 Kia Soul EV, an electric crossover, but it only has a 93-mile range. Toyota briefly sold an electric version of the RAV4 SUV, but that was discontinued last year.

Tribune Newspapers Robert Duffer contributed.
Meet your October winner!

Conor O'Neill, Notre Dame senior

Notre Dame senior goalie Conor O'Neill helped the Dons have a fine week in the middle of September. The Dons beat St. Rita 1-0 (Sept. 14), St. Francis de Sales 10-0 (Sept. 17) and Joliet Catholic 8-0 (Sept. 19). O'Neill earned his third shutout of the season in the East Suburban Catholic victory over the Hilltoppers.
BY MATT HARNESS

North Shore Country Day senior Drew Miles might be one of the most unlikely golf state champions. Miles and his coach, Cy Oelerich, even said as much. Nevertheless, Miles will be forever etched in Illinois high school history after shooting a 2-under 140 at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University in Normal to finish first at the Class 2A state tournament on Oct. 17. Miles did it in dramatic fashion, playing the final six holes in 3 under to beat Metamora senior Trey Tussey by three strokes.

"I knew I had to step up and go big," Miles said. "I knew I had to finish strong."

Miles needed to survive a playoff on Oct. 12, to get into the state tournament and was the only North Shore player who advanced out of Freeport Sectional. After that, he said he thought about not making the trip to Normal.

"I didn't really want to go without my team," Miles said. "I was under the weather and had a lot of school work to do."

Miles said he had one 30-minute practice session in preparation for the first round on Oct. 16, and it wasn't at the Weibring Golf Club, a course he had never played or seen. He didn't arrive in the Bloomington-Normal area until the night before his 9:42 a.m. tee time.

"I was not expecting all that much and no one expected much from me," Miles said. "It was really weird how not nervous I was. I usually get tense for tournaments. That's what makes those two rounds so special."

Playing the back nine first on Oct. 16, Miles started the tournament by chipping in for birdie on No. 10 on his way to a 3-under 32 and an overall 69. It was the first time this season Miles carded a round in the 60s.

"He didn't overthink anything," Oelerich said. "He just grabbed clubs and hit shots. What he did was very unexpected. It was fun to sit back and watch it."

Miles said, "I was close to not playing at all."

New Trier

The Trevians outplayed Hinsdale Central by seven strokes on Oct. 17, but it wasn't enough to overtake the Red Devils, who finished second in Class 3A for a fourth year in a row. New Trier took second after posting 314-310 for a 48-over 624 at The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course in Bloomington. The Trevians finished three shots back of Hinsdale Central (304-317-621).

"I'm thrilled with [my] top 10," Huber said. "I wasn't even thinking about it this year, and I had no idea until I was in and looked at the scoreboard. I was kind of shocked, actually. It was a great year, and I learned a ton about my game."

Loyola

Sophomore John Kryscio rebounded from a first-round 82 at The Den at Fox Creek to fire a 75 and tie for 19th at the Class 3A state tournament. As a freshman, Kryscio tied for 67th.

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Niles West

A year after narrowly missing out on the qualifying for the Class 3A state tournament, senior Skylar Le Vine got back to Bloomington and tied for 34th following rounds of 81-79 (160).

Northridge

Senior Paul DiFranco posted rounds of 85-83 (168) to tie for 27th at the Class 1A state tournament at Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington.
Bacalla poised to make another run at state

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
AND MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

Sophomore Michelle Bacalla's initial taste of the state tournament was a bitter one. She lost her first match at state a year ago, but followed it by winning five straight matches. Bacalla, a five-star recruit according to www.tennisrecruiting.net, showed her talent during her run in the consolation draw. Her talent also was evident in a narrow, three-set loss to Northside's Nicole Roc, who's also a five-star recruit, in the Niles North girls tennis sectional singles final on Oct. 17.

Bacalla fell 1-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4 to Roc, a sophomore. Even though Bacalla was disappointed to lose, she said she was encouraged by the way she played against Roc.

“Last year, I lost in straight sets [to Roc at the sectional],” Bacalla said. “Just knowing that I put up a really good fight in three sets, that comforts me.”

The way she played against Roc, combined with the experience she amassed at state a year ago, bodes well for Bacalla this year. The state tournament begins on Oct. 22 and runs until Oct. 24.

“I'm not as nervous as last year,” Bacalla said. “I just feel like I have more going [for] me -- an advantage of knowing the environment, the level of play and what type of competition is there.”

Niles West

Junior Eliza Kirov entered the Niles North Sectional thinking that she would face a near-impossible path to the state tournament. The singles field included Northside's Nicole Roc and Niles North's Michelle Bacalla -- two sophomores who are five-star recruits on tennisrecruiting.net -- as well as New Trier senior Cammy Frei. That meant Kirov would probably have to beat Loyola standout Maggie Hines, a sophomore, for the fourth and final singles berth in arguably the best sectional in the state.

But when Kirov arrived at the Niles North Sectional, she learned that Hines had moved to doubles. Hines and junior Caroline Wirkowski were the No. 1 seed in doubles.

“Honestly, I was really happy when I found out because I was like, ‘Oh, I have a chance,’” Kirov said. “I thought I had no chance, coming into this tournament.”

Kirov ended up qualifying for state in singles. She beat New Trier sophomore Sophie Brown 6-2, 6-4 in her quarterfinal match on Oct. 17. Kirov’s tournament ended with losses to Bacalla and Frei -- Kirov finished in fourth place -- but she was still ecstatic to advance to the state tournament.

“It feels so good,” Kirov said. “It feels amazing.”

Maine East

Blue Demons coach John Schwan called his doubles team of senior Stuti Desai and junior Joanne Joseph resilient.

They sure proved him correct on Oct. 16 at the Glenbrook South Sectional tournament.

In a first-round match that lasted more than three hours, Desai and Joseph outlasted the St. Viator doubles team of Kathryn Jamieson and Sarah Toomey 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (6). The Blue Demons were down 5-2 in the tiebreaker.

“That was an amazing match,” Schwan said. “They were hanging on by their shoestrings, but they persevered.”

Desai and Joseph lost 6-0, 6-1 to Prospect's Hannah Haeberie and Karina Petrunova in the second round to end their season.

Sarah Choi was Maine East's other winner at the sectional. The sophomore beat St. Viator's Robin Teraji 6-4, 6-2 before losing to Glenbrook South sophomore Kendall Oldham in the quarterfinals.

Choi was one win away from qualifying for the state tournament.

“I felt pretty good with how we ended up,” Schwan said. “This was a growing year for us because we had only two seniors on the team and one at the sectional. We have a strong group coming back, and that bodes well for the future.”

Maine East finished fifth out of eight teams with 6 points.
Niles North's Jordan LaBelle (10) tries to sprint past a pair of Glenbrook North defenders during the Vikings' 34-30 loss on Friday, Oct. 16, in Skokie.

**By Eric Van Dril**

A direct consequence of the 20 straight points Glenbrook North scored in the second half of its 34-30 victory over Niles North was that the Vikings were eliminated from the Central Suburban North race.

Another consequence of Niles North's loss to the Spartans (7-1, 4-0) on Friday, Oct. 16, is that the Vikings are in a must-win situation in their final week of the regular season. Niles North (4-4, 2-2) has to beat Highland Park on Friday, Oct. 23, in Skokie in order to reach the five-win mark required to become playoff eligible.

“We've just got to stay together as a unit,” junior wide receiver Jordan LaBelle said. “We can't let this game put us down. It was a tough loss, but we can get through this because we got through it last year. We've just got to play harder and do things better.”

Niles North was in a similar situation a year ago. It was 4-4 after consecutive losses to Glenbrook North and Highland Park, the eventual Central Suburban North champion. Then, in Week 9, the Vikings trailed 49-35 in the third quarter against Deerfield, but came from behind to win 56-49.

That win earned Niles North its first playoff berth since 1992. A similar response will be needed against Highland Park (3-5, 2-2) on Friday, Oct. 23, for Niles North to become the first team in school history to qualify for the postseason in consecutive years.

The Vikings could be aided by the return of senior Craig “Dutch” Dawkins, who is on the verge of coming back. The running back/wide receiver was electric in Niles North's first game of the season --- he had five rushes for 108 yards and two rushing touchdowns against Shepard, as well as a kickoff return for a touchdown --- but a torn left meniscus has kept him sidelined for the past seven weeks.

“He might [play]. We've still got to run some tests, make sure he's fine,” Niles North coach Mark Egofske said. “We think we've got the doctor's OK, but he's got to pass my test. I've got to feel good that we're not doing any harm to him.”

If Niles North is able to defeat Highland Park, it will then play the waiting game to see if it has enough playoff points to get into the 32-team Class 7A field.

Niles North currently has 35 playoff points. It's the 35th-ranked team in Class 7A, according to www.IHSA.org, and one of 11 teams with a 4-4 record.

If the postseason began today, Niles North wouldn't be in. It will need help from other teams if it beats Highland Park, but one thing holds true for the Vikings.

“What we know for sure is if we don't win, it doesn't matter,” Niles North assistant coach Jim DiMaria said.

“Exactly,” Egofske said.

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It was in the immediate aftermath of Notre Dame's 50-12 victory at Marian Catholic on Oct. 16 when senior wide receiver Ethan Jennings first heard the news.

Over in Lisle, Tim Heneghan told Jennings, Benet was on the verge of upsetting Joliet Catholic. The Redwings were ahead by 10 points in the fourth quarter against an undefeated Hilltoppers team that had been the clear-cut front-runner in the East Suburban Catholic ever since it beat defending Class 6A state champions Nazareth on Oct. 9.

Jennings and Heneghan, who's one of the Dons' assistant sophomore coaches, both knew what a Joliet Catholic loss would mean for Notre Dame (7-1, 5-1). It would give the Dons an opportunity to win a conference title, which would be coach Mike Hennessey's first in his 29 years as the program's head coach. Notre Dame last won a conference championship in 1981.

Jennings didn't keep the news to himself.

"Jennings] screamed it out, that Benet was up 24-14 with like three minutes left to go," Notre Dame senior defensive lineman Marko Pehar said. "We were so excited."

Jennings added: "It was really kind of a surreal moment, where everybody just realized, 'Hey, maybe we can win this thing. We can win conference.'"

Joliet Catholic scored a late touchdown with 1:26 remaining in the fourth quarter, but the Hilltoppers couldn't come all the way back. Benet won 24-21.

Notre Dame and Joliet Catholic are now tied atop the East Suburban Catholic standings with identical 5-1 records. The Hilltoppers (7-1) play host to Marist (5-3, 4-2) on Oct. 23, while the Don's play host to Carmel (3-5, 3-3), a school they haven't defeated in 17 years, at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

The key to ending the losing streak to the Corsairs, defensively, is to "shut down their run," senior running back/strong safety Jimmy Topping said. "We haven't stopped it in a while, so that's all we have to do. Be big up front."

Pehar agreed. Limiting the effectiveness of Carmel's option attack would put Notre Dame in excellent position to beat the Corsairs, and to provide Hennessey with his first East Suburban Catholic title.

At practice on Oct. 18, Pehar, Topping and Jennings were each asked about what winning a conference title would mean to the senior class, and the program as a whole.

"It would definitely mean a lot," Pehar said. "I think we're doing it more for coach Hen, because he really wants one."

Jennings and Topping echoed that sentiment.

"[Hennessey] is pretty much all we're doing it for," Jennings said. "We're trying to get coach Hen a conference title. He's been the heart and soul of our team all year. He's really my hero. He's one of the best coaches I've ever had. He stands by us, game after game -- whether we make a mistake or not. ... He deserves this, and we're going to try to give him one."

"This one's for him. We're going to bring it home, hopefully," Topping added.

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Several local girls tennis players advanced to this week’s state tournament.
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