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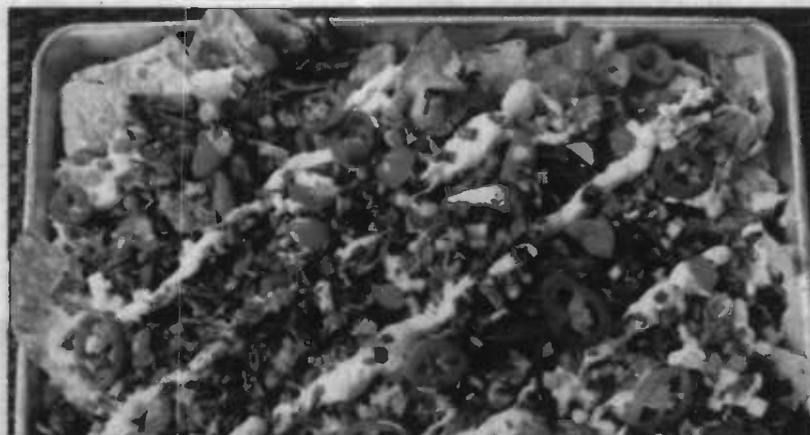
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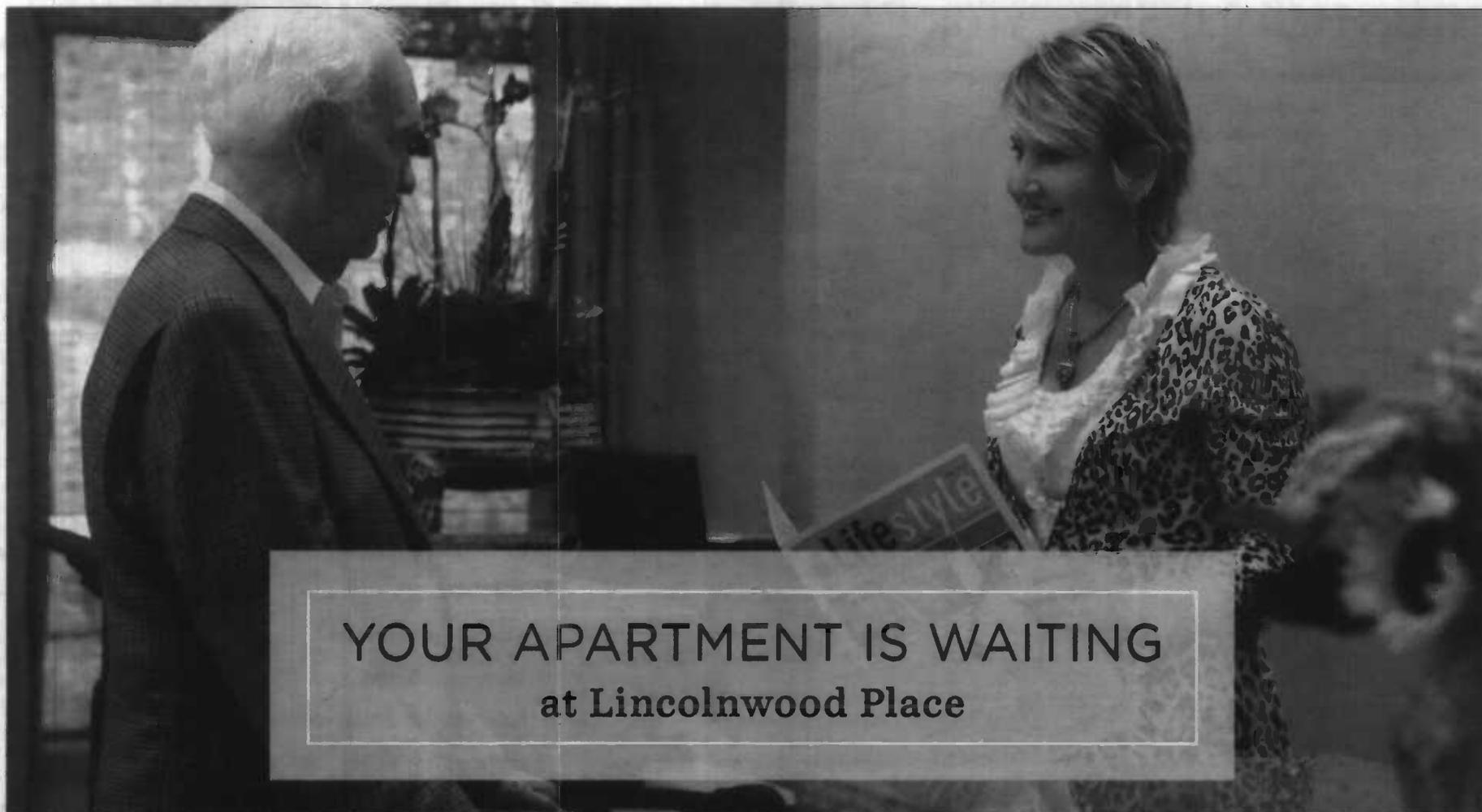
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## SHOUT OUT

# Sue Matassa, hiker and explorer

Sue Matassa may live in Chicago, but says she's a frequent visitor to Skokie, where she likes the "peace and quiet" of the Emily Oaks Nature Center. Walking the Emily Oaks grounds with camera around her neck, she recently stopped to answer some questions.

**Q: Why do you often come to Skokie?**

**A:** I'm a big hiker. I love road trips; I love hiking. If I can't get "away" away, I'm looking for places just like this and I love when I find them. (The Emily Oaks Nature Center) is like being away but not away from the city.

**Q: Why do you find Emily Oaks so special?**

**A:** The first time I came here, I was amazed that it didn't seem like you were anywhere near a city, a town, a village. It just seemed like you were in nature.

**Q: What did you do for a living?**

**A:** I was activity director for a nursing home in Niles.

**Q: What book are you currently reading and what book**



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Sue Matassa

**would you like to read next?**

**A:** I'm currently reading, for probably the sixth time, "One Man's Wilderness." I want to read "Blue Highways."

**Q: What was your first job?**

**A:** I worked for the University of Illinois treasurer's office downtown.

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

**A:** I wanted to be like the

people I read about in books. I wanted to just go out, see the world, go backpacking.

**Q: Do you have children?**

**A:** Yes, three. One just turned 30, one is 34 and one is 38.

**Q: What is your favorite charity?**

**A:** Alger County Animal Shelter in Munising (in Michigan) and the National Park Service.

**Q: Do you have any words of wisdom?**

**A:** Do what makes you happy while keeping in mind to be kind, because you never know what's going on with anybody else. Nature is important. Get out there and enjoy it, but respect it at the same time.

**Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?**

**A:** I like traveling solo. Trips by myself are the most peaceful, calming things — not to say I wouldn't take somebody, with but road trips by myself, where I know I'm going hiking, are the best.

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# D219 students help restore forest preserves

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC  
Pioneer Press

With the help of adult chaperones and volunteers, 50 students from Niles Township High School District 219 over the past week-end helped restore two areas managed by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

"It's fun," said Myra E-mail 16, a Niles West High School junior from Morton Grove. "We get to cut down trees and clean up the forest with friends, so it's even better."

As part of the sixth annual District 219 Environmental Service on Oct. 8, students from Niles West and Niles North high schools did restoration work alongside volunteers from the North Branch Restoration Project.

The project has worked to restore forest preserves along the north branch of the Chicago River for more than 30 years, said Niles West biology teacher Tom Jodelka, who worked with students on Oct. 8.

"What we mean by restoration is getting rid of the plants that don't belong here," said Jodelka, who also sponsors the NARWALS Ecology Club at Niles West.

Along with the club, known as "Through Natural Areas Restoration We Help All Living Species," students who did restoration work came from biology classes at Niles West, AP environmental science classes and the WHO Club, a volunteer service group from Niles West and Niles North.

Students worked at the Blue Star Memorial Woods in Glenview and also the Watersmeet Prairie Grove in Northfield, Jodelka said. The work primarily involved cutting and burning invasive plants, such as buckthorn and honeysuckle.

"When you restore the natural area, it opens up a lot of light," Jodelka said.

Two large managed brush fires at Blue Star Memorial Woods will help combat mosquitoes, he said. Stu-



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Volunteer Allen Giedraitis, left, of Park Ridge, tosses debris into a brush fire during Environmental Service Day at Blue Star Memorial Woods in Glenview.



Rett Donnelly, site steward with the North Branch Restoration Project, volunteers during Environmental Service Day at Blue Star Memorial Woods in Glenview.



Christopher Atsaves, 14, a Niles West freshman from Lincolnwood, brings the trunk of an invasive tree to the brush fire during Environmental Service Day at Blue Star Memorial Woods in Glenview.

dents used hand saws and pruners, or tossed pieces of wood to make the brush fires.

"I feel like I accomplished

something today — just to help out and give back to the environment," said Christopher Atsaves, 14, a Niles West High School freshman

from Lincolnwood.

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## Interim treasurer named; board fills vacant posts

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

A slew of individuals will take over vacant posts within Niles village government after being appointed by Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo at a recent board meeting.

Tom Parala was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board, Laurie Nannini was appointed interim village treasurer and Joe Bialko was tapped to fill a vacancy on the Board of Ethics.

Angelo "Ginger" Troiani retired from the Planning and Zoning Board several months ago. Przybylo said he recommended Parala because his background "lends itself to zoning and planning."

A 40-year resident, Parala worked for more than four decades as corporate safety

officer for Midwest Dental and is a member of the Niles Senior Center, according to a biography provided by village staff.

Przybylo said Bialko first came to his attention because of his service to their church, Our Lady of Ransom, and his work on the village Economic Development Neighborhood Renewal Commission.

"I saw what kind of talent he brought forth and energy," Przybylo said. "Because I knew he was a high ethical person and someone of faith, I knew he would be excellent for the ethics board."

The board investigates unethical conduct and allegations involving village officials and employees.

Bialko, who is retired, worked at Niles-based Crome Nameplate Company, Midwest Litho Plate and

Fort Dearborn Litho, according to a biography provided by village staff. In addition to his work for Our Lady of Ransom, Bialko also drives a school bus for Resurrection College Prep.

He will fill a board seat left vacant by Randy Greco, who died on May 3.

Nannini will fill the village treasurer post left by Scot Neukirch, who resigned as village finance director earlier this year. Nannini, who has worked for the village since 2004, is currently assistant finance director for Niles.

"They're really some very good people who are donating their time, intelligence and energy to make a better village," Przybylo said of the appointments.

Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

## D64 still operating in the black, school board president says

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

Nine years after voters approved a referendum to increase property-tax revenue in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, the district is still operating "in the black," according to Board President Anthony Borrelli.

Borrelli's remarks came after the board unanimously approved the district's 2016-17 budget Sept. 26. The budget contains \$72.7 million in expenditures and \$73 million in revenues, according to district officials.

Total expenses across all funds, including capital projects and debt service, are \$83.6 million, according to budget documents.

"At the time of its passage in 2007, referendum money was expected to be exhausted, with another refer-

endum looming and necessary by 2017, as the financial projections indicated insufficient funds to maintain operations," Borrelli said. "Instead, we find out today the district is operating in the black and not operating within a deficit spending pattern."

According to the budget, the largest district expense involves salaries and benefits, which total \$53.16 million for 2016-17, an increase of \$1.86 million over the 2015-16 actual budget.

The school board on Sept. 26 adopted a new contract with the district's teachers, and negotiations with teacher assistants are continuing.

In the last five years, Borrelli said the board has also allocated \$41 million for construction and rehabilitation work to district buildings, including work that

will take place over the next two summers.

District 64's budget also contains a fund balance, which includes monetary reserves. The District 64 School Board has set a goal of having a fund balance that represents at least 30 percent of the total budget, said Luann Kolstad, chief school business official. As of June 2016, the district's operating fund balance was reportedly \$48.1 million, or 60 percent — twice the school board's target.

The board is scheduled to discuss a recommended property tax levy, the total amount that will be collected in property taxes, Nov. 14, with a public hearing and adoption set for Dec. 12, Kolstad said.

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# Debate begins on whether Lincolnwood businesses should turn off signs at night

BY NATALIE HAYES  
Pioneer Press

When Craig Klatzco closes his Lincoln Avenue mini-golf course and eatery each night, he always follows the same habit of turning the lights off inside the restaurant and the exterior sign that advertises the Bunny Hutch to motorists passing through the busy street.

Klatzco, who balances the duties of running his family-owned business while working as a Lincolnwood Village Board trustee, recently noticed as he was driving home one night that many of his neighboring businesses weren't following the same practice after closing for the evening.

"A lot of businesses leave their lights on all night, and

I started thinking there's no rhyme or reason as to what the village allows and doesn't allow," Klatzco said.

A stipulation in the village zoning code requires businesses to turn exterior lights off between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. unless employees are inside working, but Steve McNellis, community development director for Lincolnwood, said a business last was cited for a violation in 2011. Prompted by Klatzco's inquiry about whether such an ordinance existed, the police sent officers out between 12:30 and 3:20 a.m. Sept. 14 to count how many business signs were illuminated. Out of the 380 commercial wall signs in the village, 70 signs, or about 18 percent, were still lit during those hours, according to the village.

"I can guarantee that 90 percent of these businesses don't realize they're violating the sign code," said Village Manager Tim Wiberg. "We talk all the time about being business-friendly while balancing that with the residents' (needs), so we want to see whether the board still supports having this regulation in place."

The village hasn't logged any recent complaints from residents bothered by light from signs. Some officials also cited benefits to businesses for having signs illuminated past business hours and questioned whether the village needed to change its enforcement efforts.

"It doesn't appear to be causing any problems," said trustee Ron Cope. "I'd like

to wait and see if we start getting complaints about the lights and in that case, we could start looking at the situation."

Other neighboring communities, including Des Plaines, Evanston, Park Ridge and Skokie, have no commercial sign regulations that pertain to overnight illumination other than to limit the intensity of the lights. Morton Grove does regulate business signs located near residential areas, placing nighttime restrictions on commercial lighting in those areas between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. For Klatzco, the decision to turn off Bunny Hutch's oversized ceramic rabbit mascot on the front lawn of the business each night is simple. It saves money on energy costs and electricity

waste, he said.

"I shut mine off because why burn the extra kilowatts?" Klatzco said.

Trustee Larry Elster said darkened streets help preserve the character of Lincolnwood as motorists cross through from Chicago.

"It is nice to come home on a Saturday night and see the business signs turned off," Elster said.

After a brief discussion on the possible signage enforcement during a committee meeting Oct. 5, trustees decided to send the question to the Committee on Ordinances, Rules and Buildings — a group of officials and staff members who review and recommend policy changes.

*Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.*

## D74 BOARD BRIEFS

Lincolnwood School District 74 board members acted on or discussed the following items Oct. 6.

### STAFFING CHANGES APPROVED

Megan Ahern, a paraprofessional at Rutledge Hall School, resigned Sept. 5. Regina Shalzi, communications director for District 74, will resign Oct. 28. Kristin Kennedy, a psychologist at Rutledge Hall, was granted a parental leave request, starting in early April.

### CONFERENCE EXPENSE APPROVED

Board members approved \$3,915 in expenses for Superintendent Joseph Bailey to attend a series of conferences in Springfield later this school year. The program will help Bailey develop a transition process when he retires next year, according to the district.

Kim Nasshan, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the district, was tapped to fill Bailey's role next year.

### PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT PLANNED

District 74 will host Parent Education Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 20 at Lincoln Hall School.

### PTA FUNDRAISER BRINGS IN \$100

A monthly fundraising dinner hosted by the Parent-Teacher Association at Oberweis in Lincolnwood raised \$104 last month, according to the school district. The next fundraiser is scheduled for Oct. 20 at The Halal Guys, 3616 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie.

### HEALTH TAKES CENTER STAGE

The annual Lincoln Hall Wellness Day Oct. 31 will feature different speakers from the health industry, district officials said.

### WHAT'S ON TAP?

The next meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave.

— Natalie Hayes

# Proposed bike path neighbors raise safety concerns

BY NATALIE HAYES  
Pioneer Press

Most of the sidewalks that would connect neighborhoods to a new bike path along the old Union Pacific railroad tracks in Lincolnwood will not be built after residents raised security and privacy issues.

A handful of neighbors, representing 10 people from Columbia Avenue who signed a petition against the village's plan to build four sidewalks connecting the mile-long Union Pacific Path to side streets on the east side of Lincolnwood, spoke out against the project during the village board meeting Oct. 5.

Leanne Ellis, one of the residents who opposed the sidewalks, said she was so uncomfortable with opening up her quiet street to people from outside of the community that she gath-

ered petition signatures from 10 of her 11 neighbors on nearby Wallen Avenue.

"It (would) compromise the safety and privacy of our block," Ellis said. "The response from every resident has been a powerful and negative one, which was surprising because we have a lot of people on the block who ride bikes."

After hearing from the residents, trustees collectively decided to eliminate most of the sidewalks from the bike path project, which will connect cyclists and pedestrians between Devon and Touhy avenues.

"The path is going to invite hundreds of people to come right past these homes, so I can understand why these people feel their privacy will be invaded," said trustee Ron Cope. "To have visible entryways or exit-ways is to invite people from outside of Lincolnwood to make use of those

streets and to perhaps invade privacy."

Sidewalk connections to the two new paths in the village — the Valley Line Trail and the Union Pacific Path — were planned as part of a \$1.9 million bike path project initiated by the Lincolnwood Public Works Department in 2006 to make the village more pedestrian-friendly. Plans for both paths included connections leading to sidewalks in residential neighborhoods bordering the paths.

The Valley Line Trail opened in September with sidewalk connections leading to Chase, Morse, and Albion avenues, according to Andrew Letson, assistant to the public works director. None of the residents who live near that Valley Line Trail opposed the connections publicly.

But the upcoming completion of the Union Pacific

Path drew heavy criticism from neighbors. Sidewalk plans for the Union Pacific Path included connections on Columbia, Albion, Wallen and North Shore avenues.

The revised plan trustees agreed on Oct. 5 eliminates all but one of those connections. Only a sidewalk at North Shore Avenue will be built, according to village manager Tim Wiberg, who said the purpose of the \$1.59 million in Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality grant the village used for the projects was meant to encourage connectivity.

"The idea (of the federal grant program) was to encourage people to use non-vehicular options to get (around), and these connectivity points accentuate that," Wiberg said. "It defeats the purpose of the grant — to encourage people to easily be able to get to

the trails."

When the \$955,000 trail corridor opens next month on land the village bought from Union Pacific, it will connect to bicyclists from Skokie to Chicago, village officials have said.

Neighborhood privacy has become a concern this year since construction on both paths started. The village also has accommodated neighbors by loosening parts of the zoning code that regulate fence height for the homes that border the Valley Line Trail. Lincolnwood Mayor Jerry Turry said the village should have publicized the sidewalk connections to the residents before the path was so close to being completed. The path is still an active construction site, according to the public works department.

*Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.*

## Man charged with harassing a Morton Grove employee

BY NATALIE HAYES  
Pioneer Press

An Indiana man is accused of using a Morton Grove Public Works employee's information on fake Craigslist ads, soliciting sexual requests and a buyer for a vehicle that was never for sale, in retaliation for losing work, police said.

Ryan Haseman, 39, of the 12000 block of Parke Court South in Crown Point, Ind., was charged Sept. 23 with three counts of harassment by electronic means, according to Morton Grove police.

Haseman is accused of publishing at least six Craigslist ads between July and September that included the work phone number and other identifying information of an employee of the Public Works Department, police said.

Haseman worked as a foreman for Franklin Park-based Galaxy Underground, a water main and sewer installation company that was contracted to complete a project for the Public Works Department. The company was fired from the project for undisclosed reasons and Haseman was banned from working on any future projects for Mor-

ton Grove, police said.

A Public Works employee started receiving calls in July on his work phone from people inquiring about a vehicle that was listed for sale on Craigslist.

The vehicle matched the description of the employee's work vehicle. His village-issued cellphone number also appeared in the ad, according to police.

The employee told the Public Works Department about the calls and had his work cellphone number changed. Calls and texts started again on Sept. 2 when personal ads soliciting sexual requests, including the employee's phone number, started appearing on Craigslist.

Police said four such ads were found in the Craigslist "personals" section that request photos of male genitalia along with a headshot-style photo. At least one of the ads included a photo taken from Facebook of the victim and his girlfriend, police said.

A search warrant executed by police connected Haseman's IP address to the postings, police said.

A message left for a supervisor at Galaxy Underground was not returned.

The digital age has changed the nature of harassment cases, which used to happen through the phone or in person before the internet, police said.

"There have always been people out there who were doing these crimes, but I do think there are more of these crimes happening on the internet now than before," Morton Grove police Officer Gina Lietz said. "There are so many programs and applications that people use now versus before, and technology is a big part of people's lives now, where before it really wasn't."

Victims of online harassment should call police before attempting to make any unwanted online postings disappear, Lietz said.

"They should come to the police and we can guide them from there," she said. "From an evidence perspective, we would like to, and need to, see (the posting) before it gets taken down."

Haseman has been released from Cook County Jail on bond. His next court appearance was scheduled for Oct. 11 at the Skokie courthouse, police said.

*Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.*

## Police: Man charged with DUI after hitting six parked vehicles in Niles

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

A Des Plaines man was charged with driving under the influence after he was accused of crashing into six parked vehicles in Niles early the morning of Oct. 9, police said.

Darrel N. Gatewood, 43, of the 8900 block of Knight Avenue in Des Plaines, was charged with driving under

the influence, and cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and operating a vehicle without proof of insurance, according to a statement from Niles police.

Police responded to a multi-vehicle crash in the 8500 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 4:10 a.m. Oct. 9. Officers discovered a 2006 Volkswagen, driven by Gatewood, had hit six parked cars while headed north-

bound on Milwaukee Avenue, authorities said.

The Volkswagen was found overturned in the road, police said. Gatewood refused medical attention at the scene and was subsequently arrested, according to police.

Gatewood is due in court Nov. 3 in Skokie.

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#### FIREARM OFFENSE

■ Danny Kim, 23, of the 3100 block of Bryn Mawr in Chicago, was charged Sept. 25 with unlawful possession of a firearm, defacement of firearm markings and battery. Police said officers contacted Kim after he was accused of grabbing a man and attempting to pull him out of his chair inside a bar on the 6900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, Kim had a .45 caliber semi-automatic gun in his car but did not have a firearm owner's ID card or a concealed carry permit. The serial number on the gun also was partially removed, police said. Kim was given an Oct. 7 court date.

#### THEFT

■ Lis Grazyna, 57, of the 6300 block of West Roscoe

in Chicago, was charged Sept. 28 with retail theft after police said she stole \$544 worth of jewelry from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She was given a Nov. 3 court date.

■ A 14-year-old girl from Des Plaines was charged Sept. 29 with retail theft after she allegedly stole \$344 worth of clothing and cosmetics from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center, police said. A juvenile court petition was pending.

#### RECKLESS DRIVING

■ Charbel Malko, 18, of the 8600 block of Milwaukee Avenue in Niles, was charged Sept. 26 with reckless driving after a ComEd crew reported that a car was driving through the company's field on the 8100 block of Golf Road, police said. He was given a Nov. 7 court date.

#### LEAVING THE SCENE

■ A 14-year-old boy from Chicago was charged with

leaving the scene of an accident and driving without a license Sept. 24. According to police, the teen was driving his father's car when he struck a vehicle on the 8200 block of Olcott Avenue and drove away. He was given an Oct. 24 court date.

■ Amir Skenderi, 20, of the 8800 block of Knight Avenue in unincorporated Maine Township, was charged Sept. 30 with leaving the scene of an injury accident. According to police, Skenderi was involved in a hit-and-run crash at the intersection of Touhy and Caldwell Avenues. He was taken into custody at his home and given an Oct. 27 court date.

#### TRESPASS

■ Bernard Berg, 49, of the 7400 block of Cicero Avenue in Skokie, was charged Sept. 30 with criminal trespass. Police said Berg was seen on the property of the YMCA residential facility at 6300

Touhy Ave., even though he had been arrested previously for trespassing. He was given an Oct. 24 court date.

#### PUBLIC INTOXICATION

■ A 61-year-old Niles man was cited Sept. 25 for public intoxication after he reportedly was found passed out next to a light pole on the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

■ A 50-year-old man from Harwood Heights was cited Sept. 29 for public intoxication after police received a call of an unwanted person at a business on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

■ A 45-year-old Niles man was cited Sept. 30 for public intoxication after police said he was seen falling down and sitting in the street on the 7000 block of Touhy Avenue. According to police,

the man was unable to stand and was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

#### THEFT

■ Cash and jewelry were reported stolen Sept. 22 from a home on the 8600 block of North Terrace after a man claiming to do landscaping work lured two residents outside, police said.

■ A 57-year-old Des Plaines man reported Sept. 22 that his Rolex watch was stolen in May during a doctor's appointment on the 9000 block of Golf Road.

■ A resident of Morton Grove reported that his village vehicle sticker was stolen between Sept. 22 and 23 while the car was in for service at a dealership on the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue, police said.

■ Seven phones valued at \$4,900 were reported stolen Sept. 27 from a store on the 7200 block of Dempster Street. An employee told police that three men en-

tered the store and started grabbing phones off a display, ripping them free from security cords.

■ All four wheels were stolen off a 2014 Honda parked on the 8400 block of Madison Drive overnight between Sept. 26 and 27, police said.

#### BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

■ A computer and clothing were reported stolen Sept. 29 from a car in a parking lot on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue, police said. The items were valued at \$1,200, police said.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ A 33-year-old man told police that the driver of a car parked next to him Sept. 26 on the 7400 block of Harlem Avenue opened his car door and purposely struck his car several times after "complaining about the parking situation," police said. An investigation was pending, according to police.

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# EDUCATION

## District 219, Niles mull over bus storage site

By LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

The future of bus service for high school and elementary students in parts of Niles, Lincolnwood, Skokie and Morton Grove remains uncertain while officials in Niles consider whether to allow Niles Township School District 219 to turn a property on Howard Street into a school bus terminal and maintenance facility.

At a recent Niles Planning and Zoning Board meeting, the board once again tabled consideration of a special-use permit that would allow the district to build a maintenance facility and store its fleet of buses on the property. Despite the board's seeming apprehension with the implications of the proposal, Niles officials said they are trying to work with the district to hammer out an agreement acceptable to both parties.

The issue was tabled for the second time in five months to allow attorneys for both the village and the district the opportunity to look over a lengthy list of conditions attached to the permit. The special-use permit was first considered at a Planning and Zoning Board meeting in June.

The facility, if constructed, would serve 4,700 students in District 219, Niles Elementary School District 71, Morton Grove School District 70 and Lincolnwood School District 74. Though the buses would serve students in all of the districts, District 219 owns the property and will oversee the service, which will be run by bus contractor First Student, Inc. District 219 serves students from Lincolnwood and portions of Niles, Skokie and Morton Grove in Niles Township.

When asked after the meeting whether the district expected a lengthy permit approvals process when school officials opted to purchase the Niles site, District

219 Assistant Superintendent of Business Eric Trimberger said, "We did not anticipate this. Otherwise we would not have bought this property."

The district bought the parcel in question, which includes properties at 6119 Howard Street and 6100-6140 Gross Point Road, located to the west of Lehigh Avenue, more than a year ago for \$2.5 million, according to Trimberger. Additionally, the district also spent nearly \$5 million on a fleet of 75 school buses about a year and a half ago after looking for a new bus service and determining the most cost-effective option for the district would be to own its own fleet and hire another company to operate it, he said.

The buses currently are stored on the district's Niles West High School campus in Skokie. Trimberger said Skokie's zoning code does not allow for storage of buses on the school property and the district was given until the end of December to keep the vehicles on the Oakton Street campus.

The district is obligated to provide bus service to students who live 1 to 1½ miles away from their school. Trimberger said school officials were unsatisfied with the service provided by the previous company the district hired to get students to and from school. He added that the district fined its provider \$35,000 for contract violations.

After going out to bid for bus service and receiving offers nearly 50 percent above what the district previously paid for bus service, Trimberger said the school board opted to look for a site to construct its own terminal and maintenance facility. By law, the district must build the facility within two miles of the district's boundaries.

The Niles location was identified and purchased by the district in September of last year, Trimberger said.



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Niles officials continue to discuss whether to allow Niles Township School District 219 to turn a property on Howard Street into a school bus terminal and maintenance facility.

A recent lawsuit involving Crystal Lake High School and a set of massive bleachers the school installed without approval from city officials ultimately led to an Illinois Supreme Court ruling and a new state law that requires school districts comply with local zoning rules when building new school buildings or other school facilities.

Trimberger said the district initially believed it would be able to park its bus fleet on the Niles West and Niles North high school campuses, but the new law means Skokie can use its zoning code to prohibit the district from storing buses on the campuses.

When the issue first came up for consideration in Niles in June, members of the village's Planning and Zoning Board expressed deep concerns about the impact the facility would have on traffic in the area, particularly around the railroad crossings at Lehigh and Tou-

hy Avenue and Lehigh and Howard Street.

The district returned to the board with a modified traffic plan that assuaged most of the concerns Niles staff and an engineering consultant hired by the village had about the proposed terminal. The district also agreed to reduce the number of buses stored on the site from 75 to 52 to ease board members' concerns. Trimberger said the district doesn't yet know where the remaining 23 buses will be stored if the Niles project moves forward.

The board appeared nearly ready to recommend village trustee approval of a special-use permit and attached list of conditions, but Trimberger expressed concerns over language that would allow the village the option to rescind the permit if a study determines that the district's traffic plan or any other actions taken by the district and the company hired to operate the buses

adversely affects health, safety and welfare of village residents.

"I have a concern about investing somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4 million in taxpayer money that something unforeseen would cause adverse affects of the health, safety and welfare of the village of Niles," he said.

The board's chairman, Thomas Kanelos, said he understood Trimberger's worry, but said he had his own concerns about the village's ability to take action if the site and the way it's operated negatively affects the health and safety of residents.

Trimberger said the district's attorney would look over the proposed conditions, and the board agreed to consider the special-use permit, a landscaping variation and a plat consolidation request for the site once again at a meeting scheduled for Nov. 7.

The Village Board has

final say on whether or not to approve the permit.

If village trustees opt not to approve the special-use permit, Trimberger said the district will need to find an alternative location within two miles of district boundaries. He said securing such a property would be exceedingly difficult; given most land in the area has already been developed.

He said the district can also seek recourse under the same law that requires schools to abide by local zoning rules. The law stipulates that while districts must comply with zoning regulations, the respective municipality must "act in a reasonable manner that neither regulates educational activities ... nor frustrates a school district's statutory duties."

"We have a statutory obligation to transport children," Trimberger said.

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# D64 official: Washington, Field schools are of 'concern'

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

Enrollment is going up in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64.

In a presentation to the Board of Education last month, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Joel Martin reported that six-day enrollment figures show the student population at 4,429 children, which is 57 more students than last year's six-day enrollment totals and 49 more students than end of last year's totals.

Martin said the numbers show enrollment is trending between the middle and high point projections that were provided to the district in 2013 by an outside consultant.

The school with the greatest increase in enrollment is Washington School,



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Washington School gained 21 students since the end of the 2015-16 school year.

which gained 21 students since the end of the 2015-16 school year, data provided by the district shows.

"Washington is going up — we have seen that for

awhile," Martin said.

Growing enrollment at Washington will have an impact on Lincoln Middle School, he added, since Washington students move

on to Lincoln after 5th grade. Lincoln, the data shows, experienced a growth of 19 students since last year, while Emerson Middle School, on the northeast side of the district, gained 10 students.

"Washington remains a concern for us," Martin said. "There's limited space there."

Field School is also a concern, as the building is close to its maximum capacity, he said.

"We've been keeping an eye on Field because of some of the new construction — those town homes that are popping up — to see what impact that might have," Martin said.

In addition to the 29 new town houses at Northwest Highway and Washington Avenue and 23 town houses under construction near Hinkley Park, a 115-unit

luxury apartment building, Park 205, was recently built at 205 W. Touhy. According to a District 64 attendance map, all three housing developments are within the Field School and Emerson Middle School attendance boundaries.

"We're a couple of classrooms away from a real problem," Martin said of Field.

Farther south, Roosevelt School experienced a decline in enrollment, Martin said, adding that this "typically doesn't happen" at the school. According to the district data, there are 16 fewer students enrolled at Roosevelt this year compared with the end of the 2015-16 school year.

While enrollment overall is up, the number of school staff, including all classroom teachers, is down slightly, Martin said. Staff-

ing is determined based on where the enrollment growth is occurring and whether new class sections must be added because top class size numbers have been reached, he said.

School board President Anthony Borrelli explained that enrollment figures are used to determine staffing, budgets and how much space is needed.

"Buildings have a limited space to them, and we have to know what the maximum capacity would be," he said.

Martin said the district will be looking at the enrollment numbers "in greater detail" as the school year moves on. Updated projections will be shared with the board this winter, he added.

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# 'It seems like a perfect fit' | Synagogue welcomes first female and openly gay rabbi

By PHIL ROCKROHR  
Pioneer Press

After taking over at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston in August, Rachel Weiss is the synagogue's first openly gay senior rabbi.

But the significance of that distinction lies more in the changes that have occurred in the last 30 years than in Weiss herself, she said.

"One of the things that is important is that a generation ago an out, gay rabbi would have had very limited access to a mainstream congregation," Weiss said. "Generations ago, you couldn't be ordained if you were out of the closet."



Weiss

"Today, thanks to the work of all the rabbis on whose shoulders I'm standing, my sexuality informs who I am as a human being and as a rabbi."

Weiss, 40, a graduate of Evanston Township High School, expressed excitement about returning home from New York City, where she served as the associate rabbi at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, New York City's 43-year-old LGBT synagogue.

"This is thrilling," she said. "Most rabbis don't have the opportunity to come back to their home congregation with their family in tow. My family is still at JRC, and I'm bringing my (current) family to the congregation. This is really the beginning of a wonderful, wonderful new chapter."

Weiss grew up as a member of JRC, where she became a bat mitzvah and served as a religious school teaching assistant.

"JRC was a community



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS

Rachel Weiss is the new rabbi at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston. Weiss is the synagogue's first female and openly gay rabbi.

that I knew very deeply was important to be part of," she said. "I was a strange kid who asked to go to Hebrew school because I wanted to know more. It expressed the values of my family and me in the Jewish language."

Weiss learned to be "present and engaged" with all parts of her life in connection with her faith, she said.

"I did not have to abandon religion," Weiss said. "My religion is big enough to hold my place."

In its search for a new rabbi, the JRC board was impressed with Weiss' resume, but bowled over by her services, said board president Robin Trilling.

"She had amazing energy," Trilling said. "She was easy to connect to. Because she had grown up here, it was an added special com-

ponent. She had such joy leading services. I was personally very impressed with that."

Weiss' strong education background and experience at a synagogue that valued inclusion and boasts the largest gay congregation in the country "were extremely important to us," Trilling said.

"We loved the way she spoke," she said. "For example, she did not speak down to children. She uses everything as a teaching moment and a way to illustrate our connection to each other."

Evanston Community Development Director Mark Muenzer, who also serves as the city's LGBT liaison, said he was not surprised by Weiss' appointment.

"The faith-based community in Evanston has

always been very supportive of the LGBT community," Muenzer said. "This is a reflection of that. Whenever you have individuals in positions of influence, whether at a church or school or synagogue, as positive role models, that reflects well on the community at large."

Muenzer said it makes perfect sense to him that Weiss grew up in Evanston.

"It speaks so highly of Evanston that this is a place that recognizes diversity of all types, including LGBT," he said. "I'm always happy when an Evanston native comes back home and takes a position of positive influence."

Trilling, who did not grow up attending JRC, said she was thrilled that Weiss wanted to come home.

"To know that somebody who had these years of

experience here wanted to come back, there is an enormous amount of pride in that," she said. "She came back as a different person to a different synagogue in a different time. It seems like a perfect fit."

Weiss is also the first female senior rabbi in JRC's 52-year history, according to JRC communications and program coordinator Nina Litoff.

"It's a pretty big deal," Weiss said. "It's not such an anomaly in the liberal Jewish world anymore. More women are becoming rabbis than men."

"It's hugely significant," Trilling said. "It makes me very proud that for the first time in our 52-year history we have a woman as senior rabbi. The fact that she's openly gay is wonderful. It speaks to who we are as a

community. It's great to have her at the helm because we are all about inclusion."

Inclusion and social justice are among Weiss' top priorities, Weiss said.

"JRC has always been home for me," she said. "I want to make sure the doors are open to anyone who wants to come in and be part of a diverse community."

"Part of doing that means making sure congregants — whether families or singles, 20- to 30-somethings or empty-nesters, parents or non-parents, LGBTQ or straight, of the same skin color or not — have the chance to pull up a chair and say, 'I belong here,' to say, 'In 2017 this is what Judaism looks like.'"

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# Nate Silver at NU: Cubs probably won't win this year

By LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

A day before the Chicago Cubs made their 2016 MLB playoffs debut, political prognosticator Nate Silver put a damper on Cubs fans' excitement at a Northwestern University event in Evanston.

When asked at an appearance last week whether the Cubs would win the World Series and whether Democrats would win a majority of seats in the U.S. Senate next month, Silver said "the answer to one of these is no and the answer to the other is yes."

Explaining that he does not expect the Cubs to win big this year, Silver said "the best baseball team doesn't win most of the time"



Silver

Silver, the founder and editor in chief of **FiveThirtyEight.com**, a website that focuses on political, sports and economic polling analyses was invited to speak at the university after his 2012 book, "The Signal and the Noise: Why So Many Predictions Fail — but Some Don't," was chosen as this year's campus-wide book selection for all first-year students. Silver and his website have been widely praised for their accurate electoral predictions in the

2008 and 2012 elections. Silver, who got a late start due to technical difficulties, focused much of his address on summarizing the key takeaways from his book. He spoke to an enthusiastic

crowd that packed the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston. He told the audience a plethora of data is not the only key to better predictions. "Ninety percent of data was created in the past two years, but that doesn't mean that 90 percent of all useful data was created in the past two years," he said. Though he's made a career accurately predicting elections and World Series champions, Silver's book focuses on some of the failures of statistical analyses to accurately predict events like earthquakes and terrorist attacks. "One of the challenges is when you have big data and people assume in the abstract that more information is always better, and in practice sometimes it isn't. At the very least, it creates

more room for interpretation and errors," he said.

Silver encouraged the hundreds gathered to hear him speak to "think probabilistically," or to, in other words, account for a certain level of uncertainty rather than assume your prediction is always spot on. Data alone won't provide an accurate forecast, but data combined with technology, theory and a certain amount of human insight informed by experience will offer a fuller scope of possible outcomes, he said.

Taking an accurate, honest account of your own assumptions and biases is also key to a successful forecast. Referencing his own website's failure to predict Donald Trump as the Republican presidential nominee this year, Silver said "no one, including FiveThirtyEight, is coming out

of this election cycle with a clean bill of health." Even data journalists, who are described as relying on empirical evidence to tell more accurate stories, can fall victim to complacency and their own assumptions. Everyone in the media, he said, has "looked like idiots" at some point this election season.

In response to a question from a student, Silver also offered a critique of contemporary reporting. "Most mistakes we make and most of the mistakes journalists make come from trying to publish things too quickly," he said. In a rapid click-and-quantity-driven digital news environment, Silver said he tries to differentiate his brand of statistical analysis and data journalism by "being disciplined and rigorous and having a method com-

ined with not being in a rush to say something."

Silver also shared with students his own evolution when it comes to thinking about diversity in the workplace.

He said he's come to understand that "there are too few people doing data science of various kinds and, of the people doing it, a lot of them are men and a lot of them are white."

Only hiring white men presents a problem, especially in his business because it creates a room full of individuals with similar backgrounds and similar biases, he said.

Solving the diversity problem starts on college and university campuses, he said. "That's the talent pool we're drawing from," he said.

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As Hawaiian Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, left, looks on, Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen lays flowers at the feet of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi Oct. 2.

## Community, special visitors celebrate Gandhi's birthday

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

A year ago, hundreds visited Skokie's life-size statue of Mohandas K. Gandhi, not only to celebrate the venerated Indian leader's 146th birthday, but also to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the statue itself.

The celebration surrounding Gandhi's 147th birthday on Oct. 2 was a quieter affair, but it was no less meaningful, according to the Gandhi Memorial Trust.

"Although the day was dismal and rainy," the Gandhi Memorial Trust said in a statement following the event, "Gandhi's prayer service for world peace, held at the Gandhi statue in the Skokie Heritage Park, was clear and dry — as though Gandhi had wished it so."

The celebration was actually a two-part commemoration. In the morning, people including acting Consul General of India D B Bhati and Consul O.P. Meena attended the traditional morning prayer service, officials said. Later in the afternoon, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, toured the statue for the first time and brought a



Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii places flowers on the statue.

rose bouquet to lay beneath it.

According to the congresswoman's biography, Gabbard was vice-chair of the Democratic National Committee until this year. Elected in 2012, she became the first American Samoan and the first Hindu member of Congress.

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, his wife, Susan Van Dusen, Gandhi Memorial Trust Chairman Omprakash Kamaria, and other members of the trust were also on hand as she viewed the statue and the site. Kamaria said he presented a photo of the statue to Gabbard before speaking about world unrest

and how Gandhi's message of peace and harmony have become as relevant today as ever before.

Like last year, Van Dusen said the statue — with its tranquil flowers and accessible seating — has become a place of peace and contemplation for visitors to the sculpture park. About a dozen years ago, the Gandhi Memorial Trust unveiled the statue for the first time — the first life-size rendering of Gandhi erected in Illinois. The Gandhi Memorial Trust and the village have said the statue is one of the most-visited venues in Skokie.

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# Artist brings surrealism to Lincolnwood Village Hall

BY NATALIE HAYES  
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Despite being well into what should be his retirement years, 77-year-old Dik Muller isn't quite ready to tuck away his art supplies and continues to use art to satisfy his lifelong curiosity for exploring the unknown.

Like many retirees, Muller sees his retirement as a golden opportunity to explore his true interests.

During the five decades he spent working for commercial clients designing promotional and other marketing campaigns, he often used his free time to attend fine arts classes at the Art Institute of Chicago, where he learned to develop the personal side of his inner artist.

The result is a personal collection of sculptures and 3-D mixed media images

influenced by surrealism and abstract expressionism.

A collection of 15 pieces of Muller's work, titled "50 Years of Art," explores the abstract imagery associated with altered states of consciousness — particularly when people fall asleep and start to wake.

Muller's pieces will be on display at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., through Oct. 31.

For years, Lincolnwood village staff has maintained a tradition of inviting artists to display their work every other month to help fill the white walls of the main hallway to the building.

In many of his works, Muller said, he tries to capture the subconscious human mind and the far-reaching places it can go.

He does his best to savor the images he experiences

in his sleep by making a habit of jotting his dreams down as soon as he wakes up.

Those notes and sketches become a starting point for each new piece of artwork, he said.

To recreate a dream or other fragments of the subconscious mind, Muller said he needs much more than a flat canvas. So, he builds out his paintings with the use of sculpture, which, he said, adds a multi-dimensional aspect that invites the viewer to experience his work from different angles.

"We spend more of our lives in the subconscious state of mind," Muller said. "The conscious mind has limitations, but the subconscious can go anywhere."

Art, of course, is best understood through the eye

of the viewer.

In the case of Muller's collection, the viewer is in for a real eyeful.

After spending most of his career working as a commercial artist, Muller eventually decided to focus his energy into fine arts making. That decision, he said, was a way to satisfy his deep urge for personal expression and counter the pressures associated with producing client-driven commercial art over the years.

"Having worked for others most of my life, I am always aware that I'm making art not just for myself, but for others," Muller said. "I want the viewer to have an engaged and even intense visual experience."

Muller delivers political statements and other facets of personal expression through his art.

That bold expressionist style is evidenced in one of his favorite pieces, which features a vintage bank safety deposit box from the 1920s painted in ominous red and black colors and branded with a "666" to symbolize the "unholy" reputation of big banks, Muller said.

He said he acquired the box from a family friend who owned a bank for many years before it was shut down by the federal government during the late-2000s recession.

Inside the locked box, which can only be opened with a key that Muller possesses, is a long lava-covered tunnel illuminated with lighting and mirrors to take the viewer on a visual trip to what is supposed to signify the "end of the world."

The "666" on the box

signifies what Muller describes as the evils of big government.

"The friendly neighborhood banker is no longer there," Muller said. "Ever since the feds changed the rules, nothing is the same — there are no friendly faces at the bank anymore."

Beyond the political statements found in some of his works, Muller's collection is dotted with sculptures of everyday men and women from recent decades — one of which symbolizes the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s.

Other '80s-inspired themes are found throughout his work, including a sculpture of a woman popping out of a TV screen, titled "Zenith TV Lady," and a painting of Pac-Man.

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A sign near Dempster Street and Lincoln Avenue advertises the "future home" of a Moretti's restaurant in Morton Grove.

## Officials: Non-hazardous waste near proposed restaurant will be removed

BY PHIL ROCKROHR  
Pioneer Press

Morton Grove officials expect Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria to continue with plans for a new location along Dempster Street despite the discovery of waste in soil analysis during initial construction planning.

The "special waste," said Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski, is not hazardous and will be removed when new storm sewers are installed near Dempster Street and the Metra tracks as part of the village's plan to entice commercial developers to the downtown area.

"The soil is not able to be disposed of as normal waste," Czerwinski said. "It has to be handled as special waste, but it is not hazardous waste."

The special waste was discovered following soil testing during the early phases of construction of a Moretti's in the 6400 block of Dempster, he said.

The waste probably was left during previous uses of

the site at times when the type of waste in question was not regulated as closely, he said.

"Over the last 100 years occupations at that location have been varying degrees of industrial and restaurant use," Czerwinski said. "In today's day and age, banks and other organizations look at what's on the site and what the level of contamination is."

But he declined to speculate on the type or source of the waste.

"I'm unable to pin that down," he said. "There was a pickle factory, a mill in the area, a dump in the area. It has progressed through various stages of industrial and commercial use. At this point, we're going to clean it up."

The Moretti's restaurant group is still "very interested" in the site, he said.

Village officials believe the restaurant could open as early as mid-2017, joining other locations in Edison Park, Mount Prospect and five other locations in the

Chicago area.

"They're working through their value engineering and loan," he said. "We see resolve of any design and financial work in the not-too-distant future, but economic development is often slower than you would like it to be."

Des Plaines-based Mauro Sewer Construction Inc., which was awarded a \$429,838 contract last month to build the stormwater system, is aware of the waste and will remove it, Czerwinski said. The removal is stipulated in the construction contract, he said.

The stormwater system, needed to develop Morton Grove's downtown development plan, would serve an area bounded by the Metra tracks, Dempster, Narragansett Avenue and Hennings Court, according to village engineer Chris Tomich.

The work, set to be completed before winter, is necessary to separate stormwater from the sanitary system to improve drainage and

meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Czerwinski said.

Any incremental costs in the cleanup of the waste will be funded with tax increment financing dollars.

Morton Grove has \$4.3 million set aside in the Lehigh-Ferris TIF fund to pay for infrastructure and other improvements near Dempster and the Metra tracks, as well as a second area just south near Ferris and Capulina avenues.

Like other area communities, Morton Grove is targeting a demographic that prefers the suburbs but wants the amenities of an urban area, Czerwinski said.

"We're looking to develop a transit-residential blend with commercial and a restaurant in that area," he said. "People want destinations, quick connections to mass transit and then have a walkable, enjoyable area."

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## Cook County approves paid sick leave law

BY ALEXIA  
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The Cook County Board voted Oct. 5 to require that employers give workers paid sick time, bringing the suburbs in line with a Chicago law approved in June.

The county ordinance, which largely mirrors the city's and also goes into effect July 1, allows employees to earn one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked. Employees can accrue a maximum of 40 hours of paid sick leave per year, or about five work days, unless their employer sets a higher limit.

Cook County joins nearly 30 local jurisdictions across the country that have adopted paid sick leave laws in recent years in the absence of a broad federal law. The U.S. Department of Labor late last month issued a final rule requiring that federal contractors let employees earn up to seven paid sick days a year.

Business interest groups including the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association oppose the measure, saying it contributes to an unfriendly business climate.

"This mandate will lead to greater uncertainty for employers and fewer employment opportunities," Tanya Triche, vice president and general counsel of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said in a statement.

More than 900,000 people in Cook County don't currently have paid

sick leave, including 420,000 in suburban Cook County. Low-wage workers are the most likely to not receive paid sick days, and advocates say they are the least able to afford forgoing their wages or risking their jobs to take a day off for their health.

With a lot of job growth happening in the service sector, where employers typically don't offer benefits, the law is "as much about dignity and fairness as it is about a healthy workforce," said Commissioner Bridget Gainer, co-sponsor of the legislation with Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and seven other commissioners.

The legislation applies to employers of all sizes and to anyone who works at least 80 hours for an employer within any four-month period, so most part-time workers qualify.

Paid sick time can be used if a worker or a family member becomes ill, and also in the event of domestic violence or the closing of a school or business due to a public health emergency.

Like the city's ordinance, the county law does not apply to construction workers. Employees with collective bargaining agreements could decide to waive the sick leave requirements in their contracts.

The County Board approval came after the Finance Committee voted in favor of the law with 11 yes votes, 4 no's and 1 commissioner voting present, according to Cook County Board spokesman Frank Shuftan.

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# Donald Trump thinks you are a moron



PAUL SASSONE

Politicians often say things that make it clear they think we are morons. But, this is just too much. For the last few days I have been watching stooges for Donald Trump on TV claiming Trump's not paying income tax is a good thing.

The possibility (probability?) that Trump legally didn't pay income tax for years is touted as a mark of genius. What his apologists don't mention is the reason Trump might not be paying income tax is that though he may be a genius in dodging taxes, he is not a genius in business. Apparently, the reason he doesn't pay income tax is because he lost almost a billion dollars in bad business ventures.



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, in Henderson, Nev.

Hold on, though. That Trump doesn't pay income tax, his mouthpieces say, shows how messed up the tax code is. So, who better

to fix the tax code than someone who takes advantage of every loophole to slither through? But, we may wonder,

what is Trump's incentive to fix the tax code? A fixed tax code would mean Trump, and other rich people, would have to pay

more (any) income tax. And for many years, Trump has demonstrated he doesn't want to pay income tax.

How can we believe Trump would change a tax code that brings him so much benefit?

Trump's whole mindset is that taxes are something to be avoided. It's fair to point out that if everyone behaved as Trump does - if no one paid income tax - there would be no money for the military, police and fire protection, Social Security and so many other necessary services and needs Americans have. This country would be just one big smoking crater without the revenue from income taxes.

We can quibble over how much we should have to pay in income tax. Few of us, though, would say we should pay no income tax at all.

And, yes, no one (so far) has said Trump's avoidance

of income tax is illegal.

But is that the point? Saying his tax avoidance is legal simply means Trump can't go to jail for it. But, is that where we set the bar for a candidate for president of the United States? That he can't be indicted for not paying taxes?

Paying for the services this country needs to exist is the duty of every American citizen.

Not fulfilling that duty by clever manipulation of the tax code is not an act of good citizenship, even if legal.

Trump and his stooges should stop bragging about putting one over on all the rest of us who pay income tax.

They should remember, if they ever knew, that holding office is a way to serve the public, not the other way around.

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# Presidential candidates leave much to be desired on jobs



RANDY BLASER

Today's column is about jobs and why I don't think we've heard one word yet from the candidates for president about what can be done to put America back to work. It may be a bit disjointed, but once pieced together I think it makes sense.

First a few stories:

I used to talk before high school groups about the exciting world of journalism and how you can discover the bad things public officials do. Back then, journalist worked from a

truth agenda and had yet to meld into party spokespeople.

How quaint.

Anyway, I recall giving the talk at Oak Park and River Forest High School and opening it up for questions. One lad asked what I thought about the impact of the global economy their teachers were so earnestly preparing them for.

I decided to tell them the truth.

"When you hear the term 'global economy,'" I said, "think reduced American wages. That's all you need to know."

They looked at me as if I were insane. It was obvious they had never heard such a thing. One questioned what I was talking about. The global economy, I explained, means that

wherever products can be produced for the least amount in labor costs, that's where it will be done. To compete, American companies will work to keep their labor costs down.

They were all going to college anyway so it probably didn't matter to them.

Fast-forward about five years and I'm selling Boy Scouts popcorn in front of a store with another dad and our two boys. To pass the time, we started talking about work.

Turns out my new friend worked for one of the largest men's underwear manufacturers in the country. Only, as I soon learned, the underwear wasn't manufactured in the country.

His job with this great company was to set up the

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factories outside of the United States and he recently returned from a stint in Central America.

"You just wouldn't believe the poverty in these countries" he told me, with no hint of the irony that his job was to take gross advantage of that poverty so this American company could pay dirt wages to these poor laborers instead of expensive American workers in an American factory.

In addition to talking to high-schoolers, my job

back then was to interview candidates for local office. One chief issue that candidates would talk about was jobs. Putting Americans to work is probably Job 1 of the political candidate.

Anyway, after identifying the problem, the candidates would put forward their solutions.

The answer, the bulk of candidates would say, is retraining displaced workers for the jobs of the 21st century.

It didn't take long to figure out this was a scam

and nobody had any idea about what to do about jobs. I get that same feeling today. The one idea of substance from the candidates is a debate on whether to increase the minimum wage.

Think about that. We've gone from job creation, to labor force retraining and now to increasing the minimum wage as the way to bolster the middle class. Today, when I talk to high school-age kids, I tell them that if you pick a job that can be done anywhere, sooner or later, it will be done where labor cost is the cheapest.

Of course, there's always government employment, which is always expanding.

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# My checkout woes with melting ice cream



SUSAN DUBIN

While doing my weekly shopping recently at a local grocery store, I picked out some ice cream on my way to the check-out line.

As I perused the check-out situation, I reminded myself how I'm the shopper who always chooses the wrong line. Because of this, I really concentrated this time and chose the checkout line where the other customer — let's call her Cynthia — looked like she was almost finished.

My Fudgsicles would have the slimmest chance of melting, I thought.

As Cynthia's last grocery item was being scanned, I overheard her say to the cashier, "Hey, do you know if they sell potting soil here?"

I was crossing my fingers that Cynthia was making casual conversation about the types of items sold at the store. But that was not the case.

"Hmmm ... I think so," said the cashier Wanda. "Shall I call the pharmacy side of the store?"

"Sure," Cynthia replied as my Fudgsicles started forming condensation on the sides of the package.

"They said they have potting soil," Wanda said. "Shall I go and get a bag for you?"

"Yes, that would be great," Cynthia said.

Wanda left her post for what seemed to be more minutes than Fudgsicles should be allowed out of the freezer and returned with a huge bag of potting soil.

Cynthia took one look at the bag and said, "Do you have any other types of potting soil?"

Oh my gosh, was she serious? Was I on some sort of candid camera, prank show? Or was Cynthia truly in need of two varieties of potting soil?

Of course, I couldn't change lanes since all of my

items were already on the conveyor belt. But I definitely felt like leaving everything there, walking out the door and never coming back.

This time, Cynthia went to fetch the other bag of potting soil herself. After hemming and hawing over what bag to purchase, she finally decided to buy both bags.

Interestingly, Cynthia never turned to me or the other patrons waiting in line to say she was sorry for taking so long or explain why she was having some sort of potting soil emergency.

Wanda also let Cynthia know she needed to begin a new transaction for the potting soil since her current transaction was too far along in the process to add something new. So now,

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Cynthia had to pay and be rung up two separate times.

At this point, I started pacing back and forth a little bit, and began practicing some deep breathing techniques I read about in a self-help magazine at the checkout line.

When my turn finally arrived, Wanda turned to me and says in a total deadpan expression and voice, "And how are you today?"

"Well, we all know I'm massively patient," I said with a sarcastic, light-

hearted tone.

"If you think that was bad, you should have seen the rest of my day," she replied.

Everyone I've told this story wanted to know why in the world I did not yell at Cynthia or say something to the cashier. It was extremely difficult not to say anything or glance negatively at Cynthia, but I noticed she had her teenage daughter with her. I didn't want the daughter to feel bad about her mom, so I let it go.

Also, what if Cynthia was shopping for a sick relative or neighbor who desperately needed potting soil for some autumn planting? How could I get angry about that? And the cashier was just trying to be really helpful, which is what everyone wants during their turn at the register.

I actually did call the manager of the store a few days later to see what the protocol is for a situation like this.

The manager said someone else should have brought the item to the cashier and then the cashier should have called up the service desk to have the customer finish up there. The manager also agreed with me that the cashier was just trying to be helpful.

One good thing that came out of all of this — I learned Fudgsicles really last a long time on conveyor belts. They were a little mushy when I got home, but they still were pretty solid and delicious!

I'm interested in hearing from readers about any crazy situations or rude behavior they've encountered while at the checkout lines. Feel free to email me at [gabbin@susandubin.com](mailto:gabbin@susandubin.com).

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# Hero worship blinds to coaches' intolerance

As you come to see life more clearly, sharper images do not always make you feel better about the world.

Sometimes you recognize how wrong you have been for so long. It's embarrassing.

Over the many years, you admired the tenacity and focus of some leaders without having to be fans of their particular cause.

They seemed to know what they were doing, and you could respect their results.

So you could credit coaches Bobby Knight, Mike Ditka and Lou Holtz for what they brought to, respectively, Indiana University basketball, Bears football and Notre Dame football.

They transcended the institutions that hired them. At least they — and you — might have bought the illusion, for a brief while.

But admiring them as human beings requires a psychic jujitsu.

We infer sports coaches are deeper wells of thinking, but alas, there is no proof. They were coaches. Nothing more, though they still demand to be taken seriously.

Whoever the three were in prime time, they now are doddering nincompoops whose hidden life views have been unmasked and encouraged by the arrival of Donald Trump.

They think what Trump thinks; which makes me shudder.

But it's not Trumpian policy they share as much as fake yearning for the perfect past. They have become resistant, intransigent and hostile to 2016.

They want all their perks from 1960. But 1960 is gone.

Old men always dream of past lives because they were important then.

Now, they sound like



DAVID RUTTER

angry old men enlisting their admirers to share the aging frustrations.

If you feel that urge rising in yourself, fight it. It does not wear well.

Trump's gift to America has been this cynical manipulation of aging white apprehension. Bring in the old props.

So now that fear has a face and a chorus. Knight, Ditka and Holtz all launch into pro-Trump diatribes against commies, foreigners and imprecise sexuality. And, of course, who has sufficient patriotism.

Each loves Trump for varying policy reasons.

For example, how Trump invented "The Apprentice." He not only didn't invent the show, he never owned it. He was employed by NBC.

There are also illegal immigrants who are running rampant (actually net immigration to Mexico has gone negative) though Asian immigration is spiraling upward.

But mostly, Trump is a man (thus obviously skilled and qualified) and Hillary Clinton is a woman (enough said).

Misogynists never see the lie of misogyny.

With every campaign appearance, the elderly men who used to be good coaches betray their dismissive distrust of any woman being in charge. They cling to their spawning grounds. It's personal and revealing. Sadly.

Knight could not spurn Trump calling women "pigs." As Knight noted in 1988 when asked by NBC's Connie Chung how he handled stress, Knight said,

"I think that if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it."

As for Holtz, he commingles affection for his native West Virginia and coal mining. He blames Clinton for turning her back on bituminous gold, though that's the market victory of natural gas, not politics.

His misplaced nostalgia hails Bill Clinton, but disdains her.

And Ditka?

He was a superficial jerk when he coached the Bears, and now he's a geriatric jerk living off faded "Iron Mike" glories. He hasn't run an NFL team for 17 years, but presents himself as Napoleon, one phone call away from being summoned from Elba.

Ditka is the guy who sent players with concussions back into games. He's more conciliatory on the topic now. But former players now say he never cared about anyone but Iron Mike.

When Ditka — like Trump — suggested NFL protester Colin Kaepernick should "find another country," it was the same racial dogwhistle that the KKK has been tooting for years: "Go back to Africa."

You had hoped time would have transformed them into sages and sagamores. Didn't work.

All three eventually thought they were bigger than the institutions that hired them. That was our fault.

They were shown the door because winning games was superseded by the nausea they caused. That was their fault.

Now they are old men who won't get off the stage.

But just for the sake of old memories, you wish they would.

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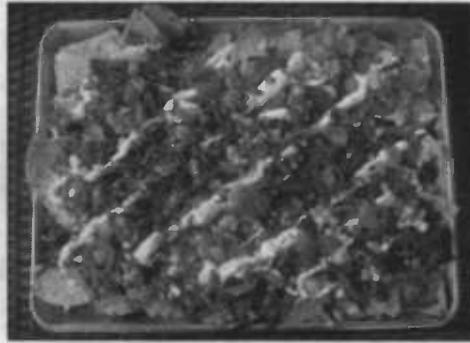
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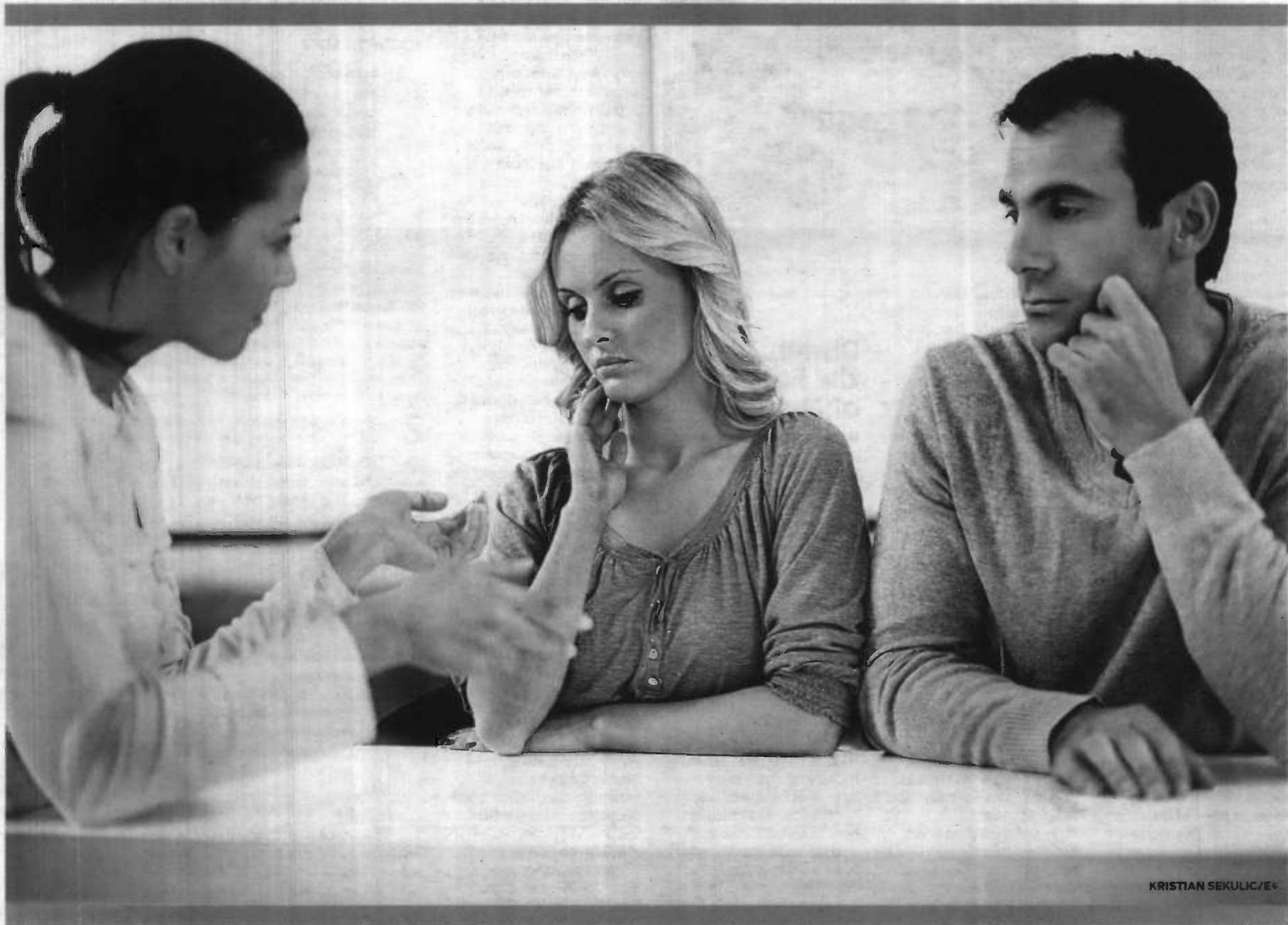
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## SUBURBAN COOKS

# It's time to celebrate Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights

By Judy Buchenot

The Beacon-News

Although the United States has traditionally been called "a melting pot," in recent years it has become more of a buffet as Americans strive to appreciate the cultures of their neighbors while still preserving their own.

Instead of experiencing a hybrid, most people appreciate authenticity when they explore the food and the traditions of other countries. One of those opportunities for cultural appreciation will be on Oct. 22 at Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora when the Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board hosts Diwali, the Festival of Lights.

"We welcome everyone to the festival," said Gautam Bhatia, an Aurora resident, who is the current leader for the group.

"It is like Christmas," said Bhatia. The festival timing is based on the lunar calendar, but it usually falls in late October or early November and has a Hindu origin.

As with many festivals, other traditions have been added over time and it has become more of a secular, rather than a religious, festival for many.

The members of the advisory board are from different parts of India and make it clear that there is no one way to celebrate Diwali. In some parts of the country, it is a five-day festival while in others, activities last 15 days.

"For traders, it marks the end of the year but for farmers, the year does not begin until spring," said Sanjeev Pandey, an Aurora resident and board member who owns Indian Harvest restaurant in Naperville.

But the one thing all the



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This is a typical selection of dishes that might be set out for guests to enjoy during Diwali.

board members agreed upon was that Diwali is a time for wonderful food. Pandey recalled being a child and "waking up very early to pray. We prayed to a different deity each day. Then we got dressed, shot off fireworks and then went to go visit others and eat." During the festival, children and adults are welcomed into homes to share homemade sweets and traditional foods.

"It is also a time when everyone gets new clothes," said Shabbir Shikora, another Aurora resident. "We were also given money by the elders. Then we would visit our neighbors for snacks, which were all homemade. ... We knew which houses had snacks, and we all had our favorite houses to visit."

When the board members were children in India, the foods were homemade. Families only made them for Diwali, because they took a lot of time. But in recent years, these holiday specialties are now being produced commercially and can be purchased year-round.

One of the more popular holiday dishes often served as a snack or appetizer is dahi vada, which is ground

## Diwali, the Festival of Lights

**When:** 5:30-9 p.m. Oct. 22. Fireworks at 8:45 p.m.

**Where:** Waubonsie Valley High School Field House, 2590 Odgen Ave., Aurora

**Admission:** Free

**More information:** Facebook: Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board

lentils and spices that are shaped into balls, deep fried, and served with yogurt.

Urad dal, a type of lentil used in the recipe, can be found in grocery store imported food sections.

"It takes time to learn how to shape the batter," said Poonam Pandey, who is married to Sanjeev Pandey. "I make it in a doughnut shape with a hole in the middle so that it cooks more evenly." The hole closes up while the mixture is fried.

Dahi vada is served with tamarind chutney, a sweet condiment that is somewhat like barbecue sauce because it has sweetness with a kick of spice.

"Tamarinds are a tropical fruit," said Poonam Pandey. She said that when green, the pod-like fruit is sour. When it is ripe, it is very sweet but sticky. Tamarind chutney is a popular condiment easily found in the imported sections of grocery stores.

A sweet that is often served during Diwali is gulab jamun. These resemble doughnut holes but are soaked in a sweet syrup. Khoa is one of the ingredients in this recipe.

"Khoa is whole milk that has been reduced to a solid," Poonam Pandey said. She noted that during the summer in India when water is in short supply, the cows are too dehydrated to make milk so it is often impossible to get khoa during these dry months. Gulab jamun is often served warm and is especially good with a scoop of ice cream.

There are multiple facets of Diwali, including dances, costumes, songs and art. The festival at Waubonsie will include rangoli, an intricate pattern created on the floor using lentils, flowers, colored sand and other materials.

Admission to the celebration is free.

"This will be the third year for the festival," said Bhatia. "We were pleasantly surprised when 3,000 people attended the first festival. We expect 4,000 to 5,000 to attend this year. We are the fastest growing minority in Aurora, going from 2,000 to 10,000-plus in eight years. We invite everyone to come join us for this celebration."

Poonam Pandey shares two recipes for others to try to make for their own Diwali celebration.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

## Dahi Vada

### VADA

- 1 cup skinless urad dal
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 green chili
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 inch fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- Oil for frying

### YOGURT SAUCE

- 3 cups of plain yogurt
- salt to taste
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon roasted cumin powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon chopped cilantro
- Tamarind chutney

1. Wash and soak urad dal for 4 hours or overnight. Drain. Place urad dal, water, chili, salt and ginger in a blender and grind it. Put in a mixing bowl and add cumin seeds. Heat enough oil to deep fry vada in a pan over medium heat or in a deep fryer. While oil is heating, whisk the dal batter for 3 minutes with spoon. Batter should be light and fluffy after this. Slightly wet your hands and drop about 1 and 1/2 tablespoon of batter for each vada in the oil. Fry them till golden brown. Drain them on paper towel. Then soak the fried vadas in a deep bowl of water for 10 minutes to remove excess oil.
2. Make yogurt sauce by whisking yogurt, salt and 1/2 cup of water together.
3. After vadas are done soaking, remove from water and squeeze excess water out of them. Arrange in a single layer in a serving dish. Pour the yogurt mixture on top of it covering each vada. Sprinkle with cumin powder and chili powder. Garnish with cilantro leaves. Enjoy topped with a tamarind chutney.

## Gulab jamun

- 2 cups of sugar
- 3 cups of water
- 1 teaspoon of cardamom powder
- 1 cup grated Nanak khoa
- 1/3 cup flour
- Pinch of baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ghee
- Milk
- Vegetable oil to fry

1. In a sauce pan, combine sugar, water and cardamom powder and heat to boiling. Once this syrup is boiling, reduce heat to simmer and simmer for 10 minutes. Turn the heat off. Set aside.
2. Mix khoa, flour, baking powder and ghee together in a bowl. Add small amount of milk, a few teaspoons at a time to make it in soft dough. Keep dough covered with damp cloth and allow to sit for 10 minutes.
3. Heat oil on medium low heat to deep fry dough. Divide the dough into 15 portions. Shape each portion into a round ball. Fry on low heat until dark brown. Drain them on paper towel. Reheat the syrup you made earlier. Soak the fried gulab jamun balls in syrup for 4 hours. Serve.



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Barbacoa beef nachos with a chipotle lime cream sauce.

## Messy Barbacoa Beef Nachos

This recipe makes a generous portion of beef, which also is delicious wrapped in soft corn or flour tortillas with a garnish of onions and cilantro.

### FOR THE SLOW COOKER BARBACOA BEEF:

- 4 pound boneless beef chuck roast
- Kosher salt and coarse black pepper
- 1 large red onion, peeled and thickly sliced
- 8 garlic cloves, smashed
- 2 ounces bittersweet chocolate
- 1 7.5 ounce can chipotle in adobo, 2 chilies reserved
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dried Mexican oregano
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 bay leaves
- 3 limes, halved
- 1 14.5 ounce can reduced sodium chicken stock

### FOR THE CHIPOTLE LIME CREAM:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 reserved chipotle chilies, finely chopped
- Zest and juice of 1 lime
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced

### FOR THE NACHOS:

- 1 16 ounce bag sturdy lightly salted tortilla chips (I use El Milagro)
- 1 cup queso quesadilla cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded American cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 3 cups barbacoa beef
- 1 15 ounce can pink beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 small white onion, minced
- 1/4-1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- Cilantro lime cream
- 4 scallions, snipped
- 1 cup halved grape tomatoes
- Hot pickled nacho peppers (optional)

**1. For the beef:** Season the roast liberally on both sides with salt and pepper. Sprinkle half the onion, all the garlic and the chocolate in the bottom of a 6- to 8-quart slow cooker. Add the roast to the cooker and top with the remaining onion, chipotle chiles and all the adobo sauce, brown sugar, oregano, cumin, cinnamon and cloves. Tuck the bay leaves and onions around the roast and pour the chicken stock over the whole thing. Cover the slow cooker and cook on low for 8 to 10 hours until the meat shreds easily with two forks. Remove the limes and bay leaves before shredding all the meat. Whisk the liquid in the pot and moisten the meat with some of that chocolatey goodness. Shredded meat can be covered and refrigerated for two days before proceeding with this recipe.

**2. For the chipotle lime cream:** Mixed all the ingredients in a small bowl. Cover and refrigerate the cream overnight to allow flavors to blend.

**3. For the nachos:** Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Spread the chips in an even layer on the baking sheet. Combine the cheeses in a medium bowl. Sprinkle half of the cheese over the chips. Top with the shredded barbacoa beef and the pink beans. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top of the nachos and place in the oven for 15 minutes until the cheese is melted and beef is hot. Remove the sheet pan from the oven and sprinkle the entire thing with the onions and cilantro. Drizzle or dollop the chipotle lime cream over the entire tray of nachos. Garnish with the scallions, tomatoes and pickled pepper slices. Serve at once — with loads of napkins.

# Messy barbacoa beef nachos perfect for any game day



MELISSA ELSMO  
Out of Mel's Kitchen

Game day around my childhood home was serious business. To this day my dad is a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan. He holds season tickets. My parents grew up in the small city known as "Packerland," lived within walking distance of the Packer Hall of Fame and even went trick-or-treating at Bart Starr's house.

Despite my dad's undying loyalty to the Pack, he will watch just about any sporting event played by any team at any time. Sunday afternoons at our house were filled with sounds of football announcers and crushing tackles.

It would have been a totally relaxing scene except my father, who generally is a soft-spoken guy, is a passionate sports fan. His frequent outbursts aimed at the

television could easily scare the daylights out of an unsuspecting guest. When my dad settled in to watch teams clash on the field he would become so agitated that I'd often seek some quiet in my room.

My mom would attempt to lure me out for some quality family time with a batch of her nachos. I never was a big football fan and much preferred reading a book to taking in a sporting event, but a good game-day snack could easily entice me to bring my book downstairs and endure my dad's fan rants.

As I'd nibble on a nacho and gaze at the pages of my book, out of nowhere my dad would scream things like, "Aw, come on!" or "Go, baby go."

It was jarring to be startled out of my Sunday trance, and I soon realized it was just as shocking to my mom. My dad's outbursts would cause her to gasp aloud and toss her J.C. Penney catalog into the air before exclaiming, "For heaven's sake, Paul, calm down!" He would quiet down for a bit, but his ears and face would

get redder and redder until he exploded again. Like clockwork, my mom would chastise him and the pattern would repeat itself again and again. Every Sunday, for my entire childhood.

Even the nachos always were the same. My mom would line up round tortilla chips on a sheet pan and place a thin square of cheese precisely on the top of each chip. She would place one pickled nacho pepper on half of them and bake them just until the cheese started to melt. They were the tidiest looking nachos I've ever seen.

I think my mom's neat nacho creations were the perfect foil for my dad's chaotic rush of football-fueled emotions, but over the years I've come to believe nachos are better when prepared in a fashion that closer represents my dad's state of mind on game day — an explosion of ingredients in one gloriously messy pile.

Whip up a batch of my messy barbacoa beef nachos the next time you plan to take in a game. The reader and the screamers in your life will both love them.

## MY PET WORLD

# Adding pumpkin to dog's diet may help with weight loss

By Marc Morrone  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: We were watching some of your hilarious YouTube videos and caught one where you were talking about adding pumpkin to a dog's food so that it would lose weight. Could you please explain in more detail why a dog would like pumpkin? My Boxer is very overweight, and we have tried everything else and nothing has worked so we are willing to try anything.**

— Mike Larsen, Las Vegas

**A:** Many carnivorous animals like pumpkin — not just dogs. Many zoos give pumpkin to their big cats and wolves. There is just something about the smell and texture of it that they enjoy.

Canned pumpkin has lots of fiber and hardly any calories, so if your dog is overweight and you add the pumpkin to its dinner, then the dog feels full, yet it is getting fewer calories.

When my dogs grew older and were not as active as they used to be, they all had weight problems. So what I did was to remove half of the normal ration of food and replace it with the pumpkin. I would give them one cup of dog food and one cup of the canned pumpkin. They loved it and did not feel at all like they were miss-

ing out on anything. I am proud of how good their conformation was in spite of their inactivity.

The only time you may not want to do this is if your dog is on one of those special prescription diets — in that case you must always consult with your vet before changing your dog's diet.

**Q: My green cheek comure is a great pet, but every time I put his dish of parrot pellets in the cage he eats a few and then spends the rest of the day flinging the rest all over the floor. Is there any way I can put some kind of cover over the dish so he cannot do this anymore? It cannot be because he is bored; his cage is so full of toys.**

— Terry Richards, Allentown, PA

**A:** Pet stores do sell certain covered dishes and splash guards that force a bird to stick his head into an opening of the cup in order to eat, preventing him from scattering the pellets about.

However, if he enjoys playing with his food after he is done eating, most likely he will still figure a way to do even with the covered dish. It seems as if throwing his pellets around is more entertaining to him than playing with all the toys that you gave to him.

I would advise you to put the



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Pumpkin is high in fiber and has few calories, making it an ideal food supplement for an overweight dog.

dish of food in the cage for an hour in the morning before you go to work and then an hour at night when you get home. He will have plenty of time to eat as much as he needs of the pellets, but after he is full he will not have access to them.

If you feel guilty about leaving him during the day without any food in his cage then you can put a dish of vegetables cut into large chunks that take a long time to chew up, such as sweet potatoes, carrots or celery.

**Q: My son has a 5-month-old guinea pig that has lost quite a bit of fur on his back and the bridge of his nose. His skin is raw and red, and he is scratching at it all the time. He has never been sick or had any other problems since we bought**

**him three months ago. Our dog has a similar problem and the vet said it was a food allergy and put her on a special diet. As long as we keep her on that diet her skin is fine. Can a guinea pig have an allergy as well?**

— Sally Duffy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

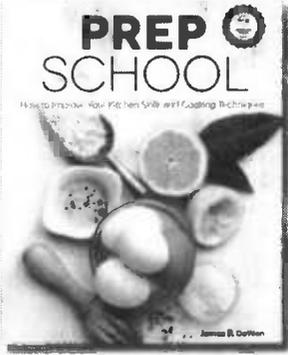
**A:** I am not a vet nor any kind of educated professional, so I am not qualified to give out medical advice. However, I did graduate with honors from the school of hard knocks and have kept a lot of guinea pigs.

From my experience, I would say that most likely your guinea pig has an infestation of skin mites — they are microscopic arthropods that live under the animals skin and their presence is what causes the skin irritation. They are very uncomfortable for the guinea

pig and must be treated as soon as possible.

Since they are living under the skin there is nothing you can put topically on the skin of the guinea pig to kill them. They must be treated with a medication called Ivermectin that must be administered by a vet that has experience with small animals. Without the care from the vet they will never go away, but with the prescribed medication it is quite correctable.

*Marc Morrone has kept almost every kind of animal as a pet for the last half-century and he is happy to share his knowledge with others. Although he cannot answer every question, he will publish many of those that have a general interest. You can contact him at petxperts2@aol.com; please include your name, city and state.*



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# Truck's warranty end date, mileage incorrect

Dear Help Squad,  
I'm writing to you because I saw your recent column, titled "Consumer learns new car warranty started prior to purchase."

I purchased a new GMC Denali truck on July 23, 2016, from Edmark Superstore in Nampa, Idaho. When I signed the paperwork, it said the odometer reading was 135 miles when it was actually 152 miles. So I went online and looked at my ending power train warranty date and it said it ended on March 31, 2021 (about four months shy of my five years). It also originally showed warranty ending mileage of 60,135. I called the dealership and they said they would take care of it. I waited a few days and saw no changes, so I called again and was told: "GM knows about the problem, there's a glitch in the system."

From our end, the [dealership] owner said if there's a problem with anything, we'll take care of it." I thought that was odd considering that a simple phone call [from the dealership to GM] would correct the error.

Since then, my warranty ending mileage

has been updated to 60,152, but the ending date is still March 31, 2021. I've now called GM directly, left four messages and replied to their original email. I really think they put my truck into service on the last day of the quarter (March 31) to get some incentive from GM or something.

Edmark also quoted me a 3.99 percent interest rate over the phone, then the paperwork said 5.64 percent! For the first year alone it was going to cost me over \$650 MORE than what I would have paid at the rate they initially quoted me. I told them they needed to make this right and asked if they would throw in some accessories. They said they couldn't do that.

Also, the dealership told me: "Since you contacted GM directly, it's now out of our hands."

*Scott, Wenatchee, Wash.*

Let me begin by stating that Scott was nothing if not meticulous in documenting



CATHY CUNNINGHAM  
Help Squad

his issue. He had all of his sales paperwork, warranty information, a video from the sales person showing the truck and its mileage, the dates and content of all his calls and screen shots of his online warranty account and text messages.

Though it took nearly three weeks to get the Denali's power train warranty corrected, Scott's persistence with customer service and the irrefutable evidence he had compiled paid off.

The final sticking point was Scott's request to be compensated for the difference in the interest rate. We also wanted an explanation for why the warranty discrepancies occurred in the first place.

When Scott called GM customer service, the senior adviser with whom he spoke offered him a \$250 accessories certificate as compensation for the interest rate discrepancy. When Scott explained a \$500 certificate would be more reasonable compensation, the adviser said he would have to get back to him. When, after a week,

Scott heard nothing, I reached out to GM spokesperson Pat Morrissey. Two days later, Scott was informed he would receive a \$500 certificate. However, when, three weeks later, he still hadn't received the \$500 certificate, I reached out to Morrissey once again. As of this writing, Scott's "certificate is in the mail."

The question no one would answer was why Scott's truck was recorded placed into service four months prior to its purchase.

If a car has been a demo, dealer courtesy, or company car — or it has been classified as sold so a dealer can benefit from a limited-time manufacturer's incentive (say at quarter- or model year-end), its initial in-service date is the warranty's start date. Whether one of these scenarios was the case for Scott's Denali, we don't know for sure, but those shopping for cars should add this line of inquiry to their due diligence.

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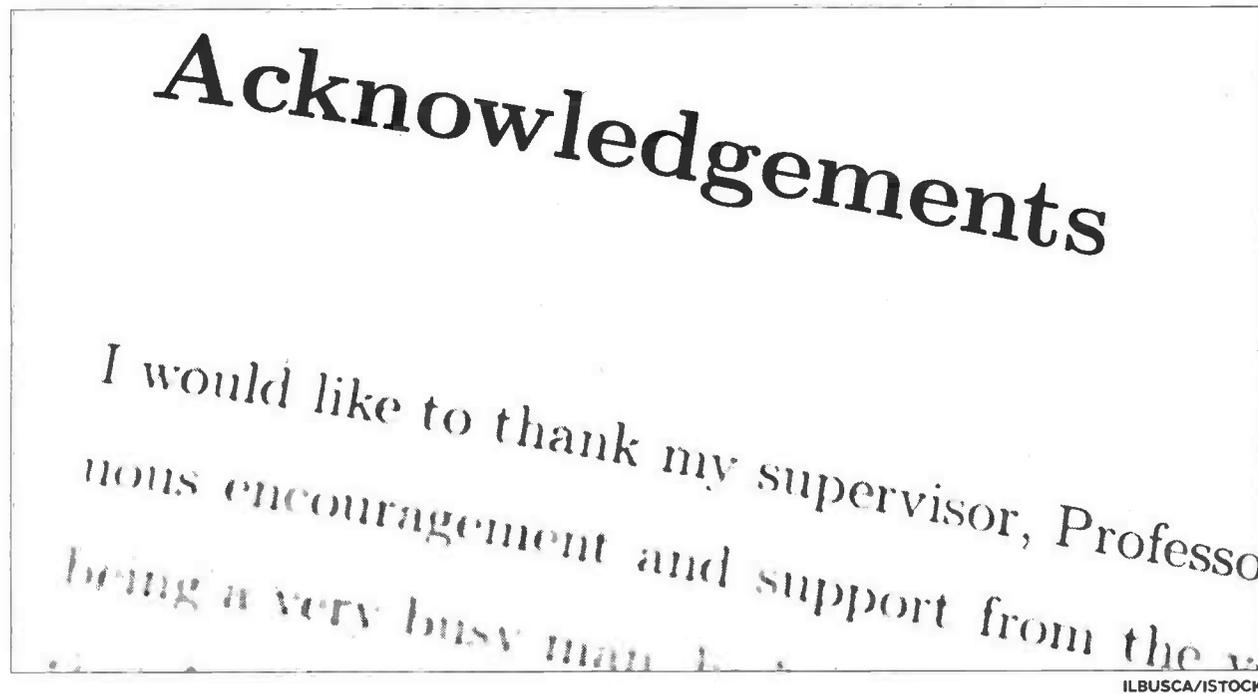
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# This is the thanks you get

By John Warner  
Chicago Tribune

When I get to the end of a book, I love seeing an acknowledgments section. Good book, bad book, doesn't matter. I like the chance to look under the hood, get behind the scenes, fire up the electron microscope and take a gander at the book's DNA.

Not everyone is a fan. Writing in *The New Yorker*, critic Sam Sacks called acknowledgments "a gratuitous supplement to the dedication page" and bemoaned that they're "at the conclusion of virtually every published novel, often running to as many as three pages and thanking scores of people."

It's true, the worst of the form can seem to thank anyone the author has ever come into personal contact with, but for me, by and large, they are an intriguing window into the author's world.

When I read a book that fails to live up to the hype, I go looking (and sometimes find) evidence of publishing industry connections or powerful mentors, and I get to comfort myself that the fix was in for this particular author. Whether this is true or not doesn't matter; it makes me feel better.

After finishing a great book, the acknowledgments read like a much better version of an acceptance speech at an awards show. While writing is a solo sport, we know that even with individual endeavors, when it comes to success it often takes a village. Where would those gold-medal-winning gymnasts be without their families gyrating along with each movement in the stands?

When acknowledgments demystify the process of writing and publishing a book, I think they do both readers and other writers a favor. It's often hard to appreciate everything that went into creating that final product. Having read many books pre-publication (mine and others), I can tell you that, objectively, the initial completed draft — itself the product of years of authorial sweat — is often not so good and definitely

not in the same shape as what readers have come to experience.

Yes, sometimes acknowledgments can get a little long and a little humblebraggy. Thanking the gang at the Iowa Writers Workshop is a not-so-subtle way of reminding the audience of your pedigree. Thanking your childhood buddies who were always there for you but also didn't know the book existed until it was finished may be nice but not strictly necessary. Once given the microphone, any of us can go on past the point of sense. As Sacks says about effusive acknowledgment sections, "the most stinging social critic suddenly becomes Sally Field winning an Oscar."

But so what? If you can't be proud and effusive and thankful over publishing a book that may represent years of work, what's the point?

In fact, I'm overdue for an acknowledgments section for this column, which recently celebrated its five-year anniversary, thank you very much.

So ... thanks to my mom, who had the good sense to open a bookstore when I was a year old, which got me reading in the first place. A giant bunch of thank yous to the readers who ask me for recommendations. A somewhat smaller bunch of thank yous to readers who don't ask me for recommendations. I love you, just not as much.

Umm ... let's see. Thanks to my dog, Oscar, who feigns interest when I read drafts to him. Thanks to Apple for inventing the computer I write on. Thanks to Col. McCormick for founding the Chicago Tribune. Thanks to Gutenberg for his printing press, and Edison for his electricity.

I mean, with the exception of the lovely Mrs. Biblioracle, I probably could've done it without you, but thanks to all anyway.

*John Warner is a freelance writer whose most recent book is "Tough Day for the Army."*

## Book recommendations from The Biblioracle

Readers list the last five books they've read — and John Warner suggests a sixth.

1. **"Here I Am"** by Jonathan Safran Foer
2. **"The Next"** by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney
3. **"Barkskins"** by Annie Proulx
4. **"Your Heart Is a Muscle the Size of a Fist"** by Sunil Yapa
5. **"When Breath Becomes Air"** by Paul Kalanithi  
*Tina S., Atlanta*  
A book from a few years ago that I loved at the time. Funny, a little dark, but also big-hearted, **"Model Home"** by Eric Puchner.

1. **"The Big Short"** by Michael Lewis
2. **"The Checklist Manifesto"** by Atul Gawande
3. **"Rise of the Robots"** by Martin Ford
4. **"Hillbilly Elegy"** by J.D. Vance
5. **"Chaos Monkeys"** by Antonio Garcia Martinez  
*Thomas T., Santa Barbara, Calif.*  
Lots of books that hopefully help us better understand the world we live in. In that vein, one of my recent reads that helped me see the dangers in data-driven public policy. **"Weapons of Math Destruction"** by Cathy O'Neil.

1. **"Stoner"** by John Williams
2. **"The Heavenly Table"** by Donald Ray Pollock
3. **"Zero K"** by Don DeLillo
4. **"The Sellout"** by Paul Beatty
5. **"The Sound of Things Falling"** by Juan Gabriel Vasquez  
*Richard P., Chicago*  
For Richard, I'm recommending a novel by Donald Antrim, who is one of those writers who one day will have a big, breakout book, and then everyone will go back and read everything he's written. Richard will get a jump-start by trying **"The Verificationist."**

## What should you read?

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### Across

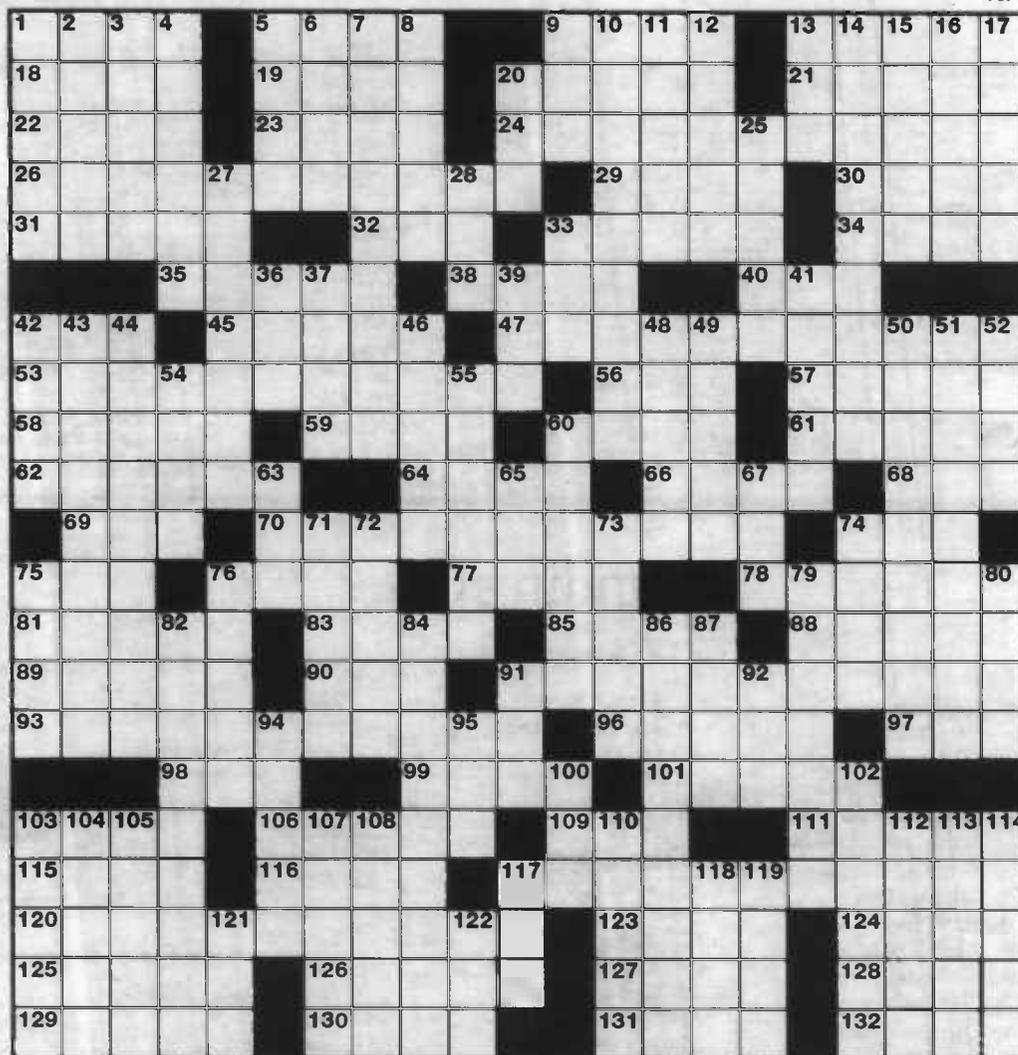
- 1 Diner freebie  
5 Confab  
9 Prefix for culture  
13 Lecturer's accessory  
18 Reed instrument  
19 Car radiator connection  
20 Of birds  
21 More than enough  
22 *The Lord of the Rings*, e.g.  
23 African snakes  
24 Homey place for photos  
26 Unfettered  
29 Informal turnaround  
30 Apollo 11 name  
31 Traveler tracked by NORAD  
32 Bar bottle  
33 Ship of 1492  
34 Bookie's calculation  
35 — *d'art*  
38 Duchess of Cambridge, familiarly  
40 Pampering place  
42 Fr. title  
45 Postembryonic  
47 Think of as ideal  
53 Any of the Decalogue  
56 In the past  
57 Actor's delivery  
58 Province in Iraq  
59 — lily (Utah state flower)  
60 Toucan claim to fame  
61 Blue-pencils  
62 More concise  
64 *Garfield* waitress

- 66 Films, for short  
68 Yin/yang concept  
69 Hairy bovine  
70 Word like "brunch"  
74 USAF officer  
75 Org. regulating ads  
76 Fey or Turner  
77 "I cannot tell \_\_\_"  
78 It's spotted in South America  
81 Get up  
83 Wimbledon ailer  
85 Discern  
88 Jazz singer Cleo  
89 Signs a lease  
90 — moment's notice  
91 Palm reader  
93 Delusions of grandeur  
96 Zip code component  
97 Taxation ID  
98 UK flyers  
99 Approve  
101 Must, so to speak  
103 Crow's-nest support  
106 Clued in  
109 Sushi tuna  
111 Golfer Els  
115 Singer Guthrie  
116 Singer Del Rey  
117 Reverse, as an order  
120 Ricky Nelson tune, and alternative puzzle title  
123 Footrest in a bar  
124 Italian wine  
125 Minor memento  
126 Pretend  
127 Ye — Inne  
128 *Sainte Jeanne* —  
129 Vaseline pitchers  
130 Religious offshoot

- 131 Very short time, for short  
132 Oodles

### Down

- 1 Derby winner's bouquet  
2 Two-Grammy president  
3 Boston airport  
4 Crude shelter  
5 Spiced tea  
6 EMT destination  
7 Artificial sweetener  
8 Irritable  
9 Actress Gardner  
10 Home-loan facilitator  
11 Betray  
12 All thumbs  
13 Spot for a napkin  
14 Protein part  
15 Velocity  
16 National hero of Spain  
17 Staggers  
20 Semiconductor giant  
25 Minimal  
27 Certain meter reading  
28 Comics cry  
33 "See other side": Abbr.  
36 Aniston, in gossip columns  
37 LAX listings  
39 Mobile, for instance  
41 Oodles  
42 Exam for would-be drs.  
43 Parent, to some kids  
44 Adopting eagerly  
46 On the level



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- 48 Tequila source  
49 Finnish technology company  
50 Rendered *this way*  
51 *Chicago* Oscar winner  
52 Exxon ex-name  
54 Scuba accessory  
55 William I, for one  
60 Expel  
63 NY tech school  
65 Prefix for content  
67 Small group  
71 Night-shift hr.  
72 Ska fan, perhaps  
73 Lukewarm  
74 Have in mind  
75 Sow and hoe for dough  
76 California car company  
79 Din  
80 Gull cousin  
82 Begin again  
84 Wide-view  
86 Unique people  
87 Diner request  
91 President after JAG  
92 Cambridge sch.  
94 "You, — people!"  
95 Omar's WWII colleague  
100 NBA retiree Ming  
102 Fighting flotilla  
103 Paint variety  
104 Missile with feathers  
105 Quench  
107 Lost sheep  
108 A year in Provence  
110 Lake holding Saginaw Bay  
112 Sounding congested  
113 Opening words  
114 Royal order  
117 *The Eighties* ailer  
118 Surfer's concern  
119 TVA product  
121 USN officer  
122 FBI investigator

## Quote-Acrostic

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

## Clues

## Words

A. Dirt

52 22 2 89

B. Lid

96 148 133 73 119

C. Traditional bit of lore: 3 wds.

94 150 60 33 130 81 140 32

157 111 51 42

D. Seesaw: hyph.

160 55 21 5 103 139

127 35 79 39 14 116

E. Rodin sculpture: 2 wds.

10 121 113 93 158 143 43 77 62 54

F. Confab

64 115 26 48 82 149

G. Confuse

141 9 117 87 129

H. Boulevard

57 72 44 161 123 92 153 105

95 23 13 132

I. Brink

112 102 30 46 15 128 155 83 152

J. Natural gas component

65 163 97 40 137 110

K. Fictional doll: 2 wds.

47 37 125 145 70 31 104

59 8 114 90

L. Casing

80 126 154 3 24 34

M. Not on target: 3 wds.

99 18 156 53 164 118 69 7 76 41

N. Israeli city

144 75 28 98 109 56 19 61

O. Wizards/witches competition

1 124 86 66 107 88 16 138 20

P. Not tested

162 147 67 135 27 78 38

Q. Length x width

106 131 151 68

R. Innocent

4 84 136 45 12

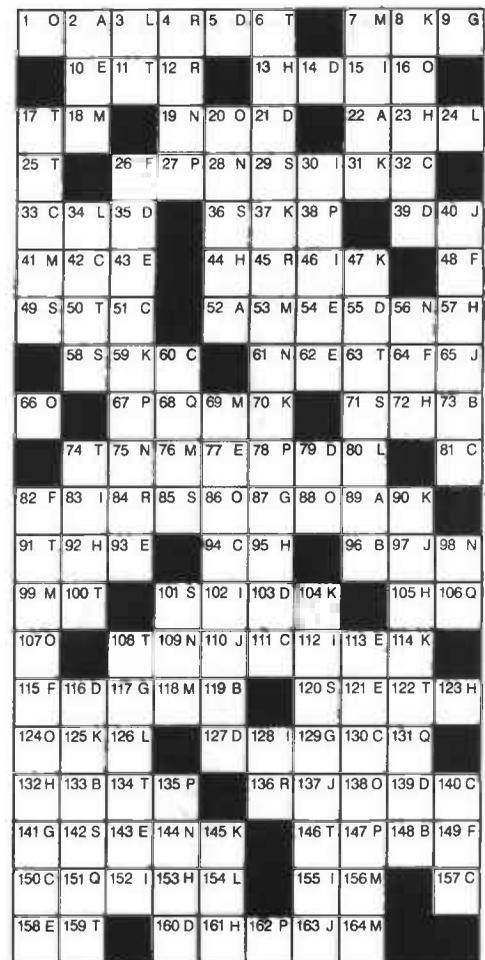
S. Done!: 2 wds.

71 36 49 120 142 85 58 29 101

T. 221B Baker Street resident

6 11 134 122 50 17 108 146

25 91 63 74 159 100



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## Sounding Off

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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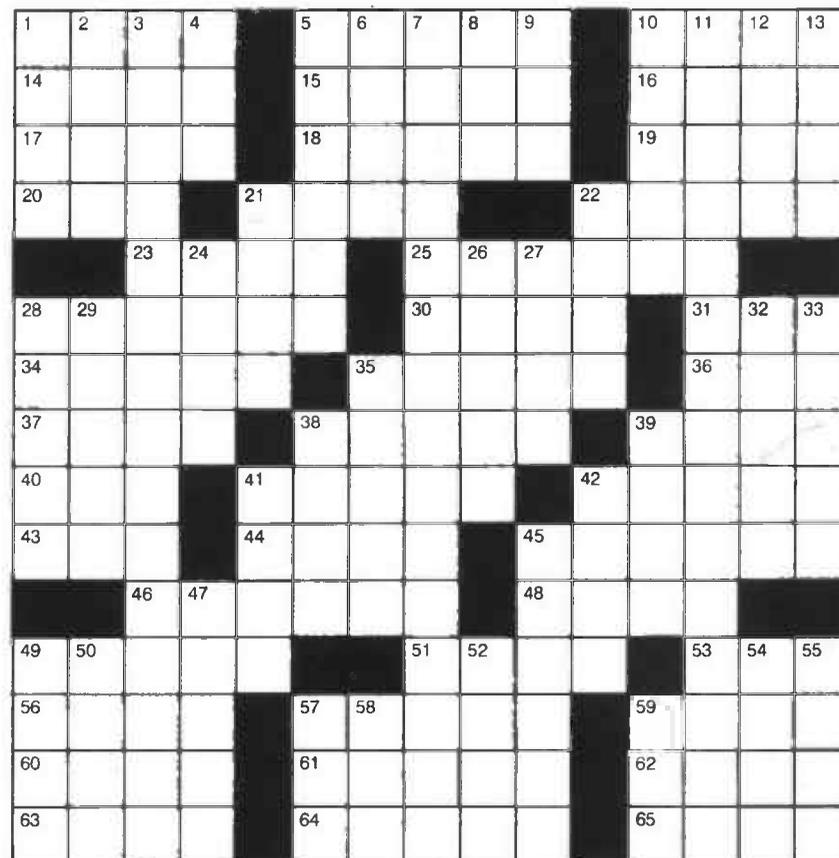
- Entertain
- \_\_\_ up: in hiding
- Normandy town
- Kind of examination
- University of Maine location
- Exclamation
- Very black
- French painter
- Network
- Garland
- Chinese dynasty
- Natural weapons
- December song
- Blue dye
- Actor James \_\_\_
- Immunizing agents
- Servicemen: abbr.
- Anything of value
- Sheepish sound
- Compass pt.
- Spanish rivers
- Like some eyes
- Mine entrance
- Greek letter
- Calloused
- Ski locale

- Massachusetts cape
- Impressed deeply
- Hiker
- TV hit program
- Exclamation
- Dirt
- European capital
- World power
- Miss Turner
- Mature
- Mighty monarch
- Incites
- Light craft
- Abundant
- Loch \_\_\_
- Terminated
- Refrigerates

## Down

- Thwart
- Sea eagle
- Finding out how things stand
- English cathedral city
- Sermon
- Algerian city
- Eastern body of water
- Compass dir.

- Dowry
- Small branch
- Julie Andrews movie
- Baltic dweller
- Is in arrears
- Proper
- Decree
- Folding money
- In want
- Low cart
- Magna \_\_\_
- Person from Pakistan.
- Bog bird
- Linear unit
- Kentucky college
- Hollywood \_\_\_
- Century plant
- Martyr of '76
- London district
- Stopped
- Accumulate
- Forest valley
- Blow one's top
- Plumlike fruit
- Kind of cracker
- Greek war god
- Fearless flyer
- Israelite tribe
- Angle or pod

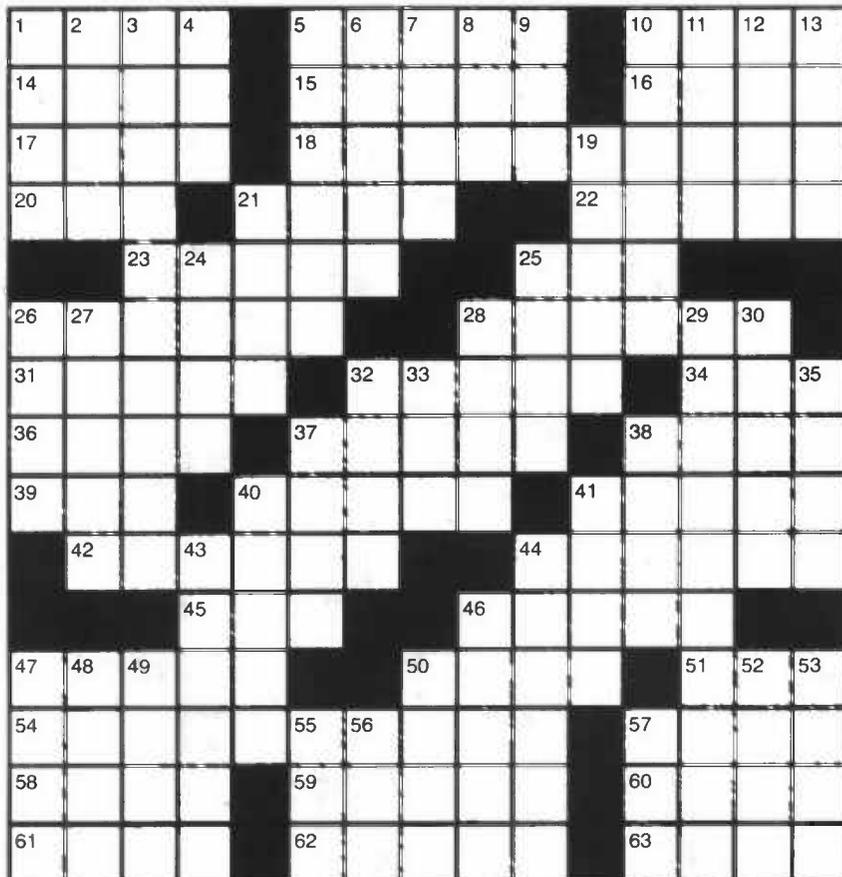


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# Crossword



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## ACROSS

- 1 Fabric store measurement  
5 Clothing for the upper body  
10 Bench board  
14 Was in the red.  
15 Courtyard  
16 Word after masking, duct or Scotch  
17 Hurricane wind  
18 As bad as ever  
20 Certain vote  
21 Most common conjunctions  
22 Pile up  
23 Wood furniture blemishes  
25 Short high-pitched bark  
26 Like a tune that stays with you  
28 Perceived; felt  
31 Narrow street  
32 Popular pickles  
34 Pigeon's sound  
36 Told fibs  
37 Last  
38 Toe callus  
39 Pounds: abbr.  
40 Shuteye  
41 \_\_\_-depressive; bipolar  
42 Magazine editions

44 Remove from the throne

- 45 Chop down  
46 Tribal pole  
47 Got up  
50 Ties the knot  
51 "\_\_\_ Now or Never"  
54 "Alice in \_\_\_"  
57 Dundee native  
58 Elderly  
59 Self-confidence  
60 Unusual  
61 Too inquisitive  
62 Alma \_\_\_; one's former school  
63 Killed

## DOWN

- 1 Meditative exercise  
2 Out of town  
3 Persistent  
4 ...FDR, HST, \_\_\_ JFK...  
5 High-spirited and gutsy  
6 Win \_\_\_ down; triumph easily  
7 It's or 'tis  
8 Edge  
9 Spinning toy  
10 Walks with heavy steps  
11 Molten rock  
12 Primates  
13 Turner & Knight

## Solutions

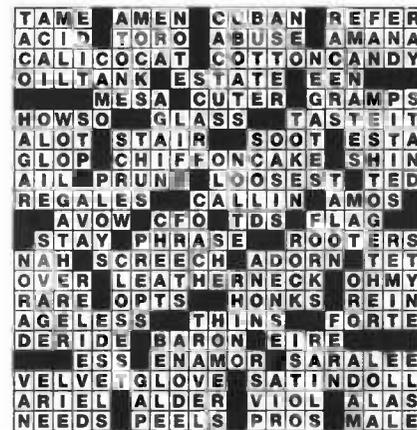


- 19 \_\_\_ cats and dogs; pours  
21 Sore  
24 \_\_\_ tea; cold beverage  
25 Holler  
26 Summon  
27 Excuse  
28 Smack  
29 Cost-effective  
30 Day or Roberts  
32 Perishes  
33 Ending for Carol or Max  
35 A single time  
37 Went by plane  
38 Cloak  
40 Napped leather  
41 New York team  
43 Cheaply made  
44 Walk unsteadily  
46 Not relaxed  
47 Waterbird  
48 African nation  
49 Singles  
50 Be patient  
52 Ripped  
53 Worry; fret  
55 Record speed letters  
56 Mauna \_\_\_  
57 Yrbk. section



## Last week's crosswords

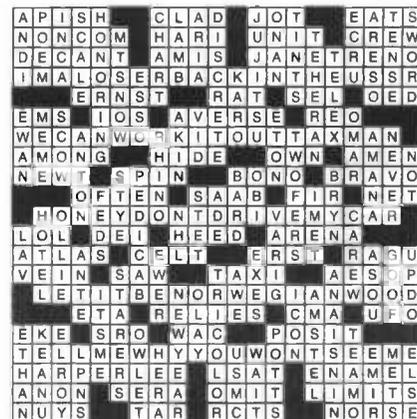
### "MATERIAL WITNESS"



### "Compound It!"



### "Beatles Mash-Up"



## Last week's Quote-Acrostic

C(hristina) BINKLEY: (The) SHORN IDENTITY: Bald is hot. Contrary to the ego shrinking stereotype of baldness, the minimalist look gives gents mettle, suggesting combinations of intellectual depth and machismo. Plus women find your shaved head sexy.

## Last week's Sudoku

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

## This week's Jumble

ONWARD PIRACY UNIQUE  
FONDUE VISUAL RATHER

The models walked down the runway in an —

ORDERLY  
FASHION



# Relationship branding could keep love alive

There are certain days when I just don't feel like going to the gym and working out. On those days, do you know what I say to myself? "Just do it."

Did I come up with that line? Nope. That would be Nike. "Just Do It," along with other branding techniques, clearly contributed to the athletic company's sales of \$7.8 billion last year.

"Branding defines your company's message to yourself and to the public," said Alisa Bay, public relations director for Winger Marketing, which has offices in Northbrook and Chicago. "So, you have to dig deep within yourself to figure out what that message is that you wish to convey. If you're living your brand, it keeps your business' momentum going and keeps you living by your mission."

You might be wondering if "Love Essentially" just got renamed to "Business Essentially." It did not. So, why am I talking business? I got to thinking, if branding is a proven method of success in the business world, then why not brand our romantic relationships to ensure their success and longevity?

For example, maybe you and your spouse would define your "brand" as "love laughing together" or "trust and loyalty" or "great sex" or "similar values." Labeling a relationship in two or three words isn't easy, and it might take some time to think about it. But, if you can clearly state your brand, that's a really good thing.

Why? Because as Bay said, having a brand — a clear message and vision — helps you live by your mission. And if a couple can't define their brand, maybe they don't have a mission — or worse, maybe they don't have the same mission.

Looking back at my failed marriage, my ex and I did not have a unified mission or a brand. We weren't a team, which is what any successful company (or union) is.

That's not to say if you are reading this and you can't think of a brand right this minute, you are headed to divorce court. But try this: Sit down with your partner over a glass of wine and talk about your brand. What are the things that are most important to both of you? If you were a company, what would be your slogan? What is your mission? It actually might turn out to be a fun and fulfilling exercise, and could enhance, improve or even help a relationship in trouble.

The following information from the website HubSpot.com might be helpful in this process. Here are four characteristics



JACKIE PILOSSOPH  
Love Essentially

to a great slogan:

1. It's memorable.
2. It includes a key benefit.
3. It differentiates the brand.
4. It imparts positive feelings about the brand.

For couples that can already define a brand,

communicate it to each other and repeat it consistently so it becomes an expectation, inspiration and something special that both of you value and live by on a daily basis.

"If the public is hearing your message over and over again on a consistent basis, it becomes ingrained in people's heads," Bay said

My point is, if you say your brand in your head fairly regularly, the repetitiveness can be powerful in getting through the toughest of times together.

Single people also need a brand. You know how people talk about that single guy who is still single because "he doesn't know what he wants"? Maybe there is truth to that. Maybe that means the man has no mission and no brand.

Figuring out your relationship goals, knowing who you are and having self-awareness is key to branding yourself. "Want to be with someone who gets me," "Fun-loving and not sweating the small stuff these days," or "Genuine, caring and committed" are all brands that sound attractive, don't they?

There is a reason I go to Starbucks almost every morning. Putting aside the fact that coffee is really good, there's something else I believe drives me there: that green mermaid (or whatever she is) on the cup is deep-rooted in my brain. When I see her, she relaxes me and takes me to a happy place. One glance at her and I know I'm going to be warmed and awakened by what's inside her cup.

I'm not going to pretend love is the same as business. It's not. But if you can look at your partner like I look at the Starbucks cup or the same way you view a brand you love, it's safe to say your relationship brand is solid. You know exactly what you're getting, you like it, you love it, you feel comfortable with it, you're excited by it, warmed by it, you trust it, you feel good around it and you know sticking with it feels right. You're sold!

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## HEALTH

# Allergy shots are time-consuming but effective for most



**DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF**  
Ask Doctor K

**Dear Doctor K: I'm plagued by seasonal allergies. Should I consider immunotherapy?**

Dear Reader: Many people know all too well the misery of allergies — the sneezing, runny nose, postnasal drip, watery eyes and itchy throat. They try to fight back with allergy medications. But immunotherapy, also known as allergy shots, may be a better option.

I spoke to my colleague Dr. Paul Hesterberg, an instructor in medicine in the allergy and clinical immunology unit at Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital. He noted that people often resist allergy shots because they fear injections and turn to them only as a last resort. But the shots can be an effective way to control symptoms that interfere with daily life. They can also help reduce dependence on allergy drugs.

Allergy shots will not eliminate your allergy. They change your immune response to better tolerate it. Medication treats symptoms; allergy shots help prevent the symptoms from occurring in the first place.

The shots are given with a small needle, just under the skin — not deep into the muscle. Sometimes there is temporary tenderness and redness at the spot where the shot has been given. On very rare



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Allergy shots are given with a small needle, just under the skin — not deep into the muscle.

occasions, there is a serious reaction called anaphylaxis that can cause a drop in blood pressure and breathing problems.

A recent study of adults aged 65 to 75 found allergy shots reduced symptoms by 55 percent after three years of therapy. The study also showed that the amount of medication this group needed to relieve symptoms dropped by 64 percent.

Shots are available for certain pollens, dust mites, mold, cat and dog hair and insect stings. There is no proof they work for food or drug allergies.

Shots are done in two phases: buildup and maintenance. The buildup phase involves receiving increasing amounts of the allergen — the substance that causes the allergic reaction — once or twice a week. This phase lasts three to six months.

The maintenance phase begins after reaching the full dosage. During this period, patients are injected on a monthly basis for up to three to five years.

As with any kind of treatment, allergy shots

may not work for everyone, and they are not recommended for people with certain risk factors. These include some types of heart disease and severe, poorly controlled asthma.

If you are uneasy about injections, immunotherapy options that can be taken by mouth are available for certain allergies. They also are less likely to cause side effects than allergy shots and can be taken at home after your first dose in the doctor's office. Oral immunotherapy is fairly new, and it is still not clear which therapy — injected or oral — is better.

The main question most of my patients ask when considering allergy immunotherapy is how much time it will take. As you can see from my description of what's involved, it does involve many visits to the doctor's office. Only you can trade off the amount of time it is going to take against the importance of reducing your allergy symptoms.

*Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School.*

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## No love for cortisone use dealing with tennis elbow

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: I suffered with tennis elbow in both arms for more than a year. It is no joke and quite painful.**

**I found cortisone shots made the pain worse. How is that possible?**

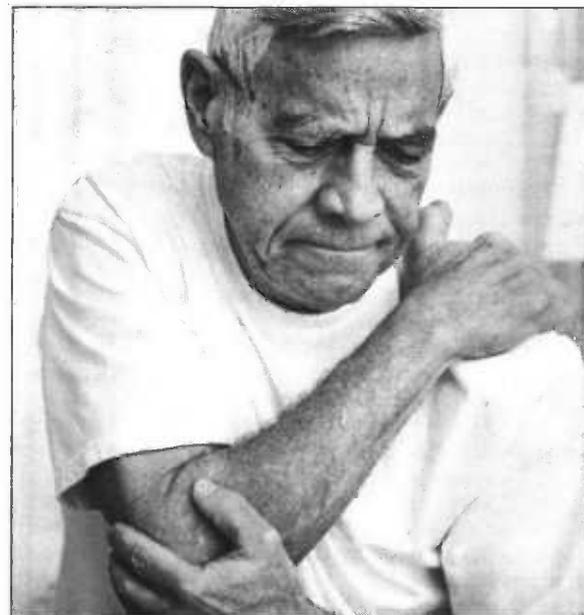
**A:** Cortisone injections are a common treatment for joint pain such as tennis elbow (lateral epicondylitis in doctor-speak). Although such shots can often provide some immediate relief, there is evidence that the benefits fade over time.

In an Australian meta-analysis of 12 international studies, corticosteroid injections resulted in more pain than other treatments (including placebo) after six months (Lancet online, Oct. 22, 2010). More recently, a Norwegian study found that steroid injections eased discomfort at six weeks but produced no significant difference from placebo at 12 weeks, and by 26 weeks had led to worsening of symptoms (BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders online, May 20, 2015). Most people with tennis elbow recover within a year regardless of the treatment.

**Q: I had cold sores for 30 years before I found a solution. You recently mentioned L-lysine, but it didn't work for me. Summer sunburns, icy-cold winters and a stressful job all brought cold sores on frequently.**

**Many dermatologists through the years prescribed things that did not work. When I complained to my internist, he said I needed Valtrex. It's usually prescribed for genital herpes, and the generic name is valacyclovir.**

**For the past 10 years, I have taken Valtrex when**



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Two studies found that cortisone injections for joint pain led to greater discomfort in the long term.

**I feel a tingling coming on. I've not had a cold sore since getting that prescription.**

**A:** Cold sores (herpes labialis) are caused by a virus, herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1). That's why a medicine that treats genital herpes (HSV-2) also is quite effective for cold sores. Thank you for sharing your success.

**Q: Because of a total cholesterol level of 200, I was put on simvastatin for 18 months. I couldn't understand why I had trouble going up stairs. I had shocklike aches and pains in my legs that would make me jump just sitting watching TV.**

**I was then diagnosed with diabetes. My blood sugar was 499, and my HbA1c hit 12, which is way too high. With diet and medication, I was able to bring my glucose levels back toward normal. I wonder if the diabetes epidemic is partly caused by statins.**

**My doctor switched me to a different statin, saying that it probably would not affect me. It did. I cannot tolerate these drugs, so what else can I do?**

**A:** Muscle pain and weakness are potential complications of statins. Some people also develop diabetes or have a hard time controlling blood sugar on such drugs.

A cholesterol level of 200 is no longer considered a tipping point for treatment unless there are other risk factors.

A Mediterranean-type diet has been shown to be at least as good as statins in preventing death from heart attacks (European Society of Cardiology annual meeting, Rome, Aug. 28). Please discuss the new research with your doctor.

*In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).*



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# Trying to heal after an affair

**Saving a marriage post-infidelity takes honesty, forgiveness**

**By Danielle Braff**  
Chicago Tribune

There once was a man who had an affair, and he loved the woman more than he loved his wife, said Janis Abrahms Spring, clinical psychologist and author of "After the Affair," speaking about her clients.

The man sought therapy because he decided to save his marriage for the sake of his religion and his family.

"But he was resentful. He was angry that he had to give up the person and said he loved her more than he loved his wife," Spring said.

After two years of therapy, the man finally turned to his wife in the session and told her that he loved her and was where he wanted to be.

"And she looked at him, and she said, 'It's not good enough,'" Spring said. "You've hurt me so deeply."

Statistics on affairs run rampant, some showing that 30 to 60 percent of all married people will have an affair at some point.

And the statistics for those who stick with their partners post-affair are even murkier. But psychologists say it can be done, even in the most dire situations.

For the man who said he loved his mistress more than his wife, then two years later, after therapy, realized he really wanted the woman he married?

"They're still together," Spring said. "I told them, 'Maybe this is as good as it gets, because this is the way it works.'"

Often when we get back together again, it's not because of these grand feelings of love, but it's because there are other reasons to get back together again, she told them. You've learned to be there for each other in ways that matter.

"This is what love is, not the quick pitter-patter of the heart," Spring said.

While psychologists are quick

to agree that not all marriages are made to last forever, and certainly some should be disabled after an affair, there are many that can be repaired post-infidelity if both partners are willing to put in the work.

The first step is to start talking, said Marty Martin, licensed clinical health psychologist and director of the health sector management MBA program at DePaul University in Chicago.

"To rebuild trust will require open communication, clear expression of feelings, articulations of genuine remorse and forgiveness, and developing a plan outlining the best case, the most probable case and the nightmare case," Martin said.

He estimated that this dialogue will take several weeks to several months and should be facilitated by a therapist who specializes in affairs rather than a therapist who specializes in divorce.

During therapy, it's essential that the person who is hurt must be able to forgive, said Andrew Brimhall, a licensed marriage therapist in Greenville, N.C.

"Once we've gotten burned, we have a hard time trying to risk vulnerability again," Brimhall said.

So if a person brings home flowers to try to make a nice gesture, you could either see this as a nice gesture because your partner is working hard toward restoring the relationship, or you could see it as trying to cover something up again.

"They can view it through skepticism or fear or hurt," Brimhall said. "Then the person who feels like they are trying to restore things might feel like they can't do anything right anymore, and it cycles through a negative dynamic."

The person who had the affair must be open and willing to talk about anything that the injured partner needs to discuss, Brimhall said.

"Often, the person who had the affair has guilt and shame about it and wants to move past it as quickly as they can. They say, 'Why are you bringing it up again?'" Brimhall said.

The problem with suppressing



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it, however, is that it builds inside and will eventually blow up and will come out in a negative way. On the other hand, if you constantly discuss it and accuse your partner in a negative way, this isn't good either.

The healthy way to talk about the affair, and this can make the relationship stronger, is to allow the injured spouse to have reassurance and validation whenever they need it.

"Acknowledge that it's a bad

day; ask for love and reassurance," Brimhall said. "The partner needs to be able to sit in the pain and not run away from the shame and provide the reassurance."

The length of time it takes to move past the affair and to trust and love fully again can vary depending on the couple and the degree of deception, Brimhall said.

"If it was a one-night stand versus something that was going on for two to three years, it will

**While psychologists are quick to agree that not all marriages are made to last forever, and certainly some should be disabled after an affair, there are many that can be repaired post-infidelity if both partners are willing to put in the work.**

require less healing process, but it also depends on how willing they are able to engage in the process," Brimhall said. "Most of us don't like being vulnerable and feeling out of control."

He had one couple who had an extensive affair but worked through it in two to three months because they did the work they needed to do. But he's had others that took six months to a year because they had to do a lot of work to get back to a good place.

First, the pain, fear and anger will shrink to a manageable size, and then it will stop being a constant presence in your life, said Mira Kirshenbaum, therapist and author of 14 books, including "When Good People Have Affairs."

No matter how long it takes, however, it's key that the person who had the affair doesn't ask the injured partner, "When are you going to get over this?" or "The way you keep harping on this, there must be something wrong with you," Kirshenbaum said.

You'll have to remember that, after the affair, this isn't about you anymore; it's about being there with someone you've damaged.

"If you can't hang in there as long as it takes to heal, there's no reason ... to ever trust you," Kirshenbaum said.

Danielle Braff is a freelancer.



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## THEATER

# Park Ridge native returns for premiere of 'Grizzly Mama'

BY CATEY SULLIVAN  
Pioneer Press

The Park Ridge Library was onto acclaimed playwright George Brant early. Today, Brant's plays are sought after by the likes of Anne Hathaway and New York's Metropolitan Opera. His success deemed "meteoric" in no less than the New York Times.

But the library was perhaps his earliest champion, back in the 1970s when Brant was in grade school at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary.

"I entered a story contest," he said. "If you won, the library laminated your book and put it on the shelves for a year."

Brant won with the 12-page "Comic Book Kid," a yarn about a kid with special powers.

This month he has more cause for pride. His latest play, "Grizzly Mama" is having its Midwest premiere at Chicago's Rivendell Theatre. Running through Oct. 15, the drama is set in Alaska, and features a politician who may or may not be able to see Russia from her house. "Grizzly Mama" follows the adventures of a mother and daughter who move in next door to said politician, and the daughter's dawning realization that her mother might have plans for their neighbor that aren't exactly Welcome-Wagon approved.

"This is not a parody of Sarah Palin," Brant said, "That would have had a very short shelf life. Plus, I think Tina Fey pretty much did that as well as it could ever be done already. But I feel like the language in this election cycle has reached such a toxic level, and words have such power — I wanted to make that one of the concerns of the play. How do you raise a kid in a culture like this? How do



MARK TUREK

"Grizzly Mama," by playwright George Brant, a Park Ridge native, is getting its Midwest premiere at Rivendell Theatre.

you survive it yourself?"

"Grizzly Mama" director Megan Carney describes the piece as fearless, provocative and timely.

"('Grizzly Mama') refuses to indulge denial or any attempt at minimizing the potential consequences of hateful rhetoric," Carney said. "It's disarming. It gets you laughing and engaged in these outrageous fantasies of vengeance — then, in that insidious way that it happens all the time in the real world, it reveals hostile rhetoric becoming violent behavior."

Despite his early recognition, Brant didn't start out with playwrighting aspirations. At Maine South High School, he was involved with the theater department primarily as an actor. When he got to Northwestern University, he earned a degree in acting. But the struggle to find work in a field where the unemployment rate hovers around 80 percent at any given time wore on Brant.

"As an actor, you're always at the mercy of the people who are going to cast you or not," he said. "I wasn't necessarily getting the parts I wanted, so I

## 'Grizzly Mama'

**When:** Through Oct. 15  
**Where:** Rivendell Theatre, 5779 N. Ridge, Chicago  
**Tickets:** \$32, \$22 seniors, students, military  
**Information:** 774-334-7728; www.rivendelltheatre.org

decided to do something creative on my own. Which led to more and more writing and self-producing."

For years, Brant produced in Chicago via the company he started himself — the now defunct Zeppo Theatre. Eventually, he pulled up roots and moved to Texas where he earned an MFA in playwriting from the University of Texas at Austin.

His playwriting career has been on a steady incline for years, with commissions from theaters across the country and stagings of numerous works. But Brant's lightning-strike, high-profile break-through arrived with "Grounded," a taut, one-woman show about a drone operator who rains down death from 9-to-5 and then goes home to her life as nurturing mother. The piece won the prestigious Smith Prize in 2012, and caught the attention of "The Lion King" director Julie Taymor and Oscar-winner Anne Hathaway. With Taymor directing and Hathaway in the lead, "Grounded" became a high-octane, multi-media hit for New York City's Public Theatre, where it played on a stage opposite a then-little-known musical by the name of "Hamilton."

"It was trippy, overwhelming," Brant said. "For any one of those things to happen — Taymor, Hathaway, the Public — would have been amazing. For all three to happen? I was pinching myself"



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Creatures of the night, like this moth, left, and a nighthawk, will greet visitors at "Things That Go Bump in the Night" Oct. 14 and 15 at Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie.

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Come meet the night life  
of Skokie's Emily OaksBY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Creatures that are often misunderstood will have their say during "Things That Go Bump in the Night," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 14 and 15 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie.

"Folks will be joining us on our Night Patrol to meet three sets of costumed characters — those that hunt at night, deer and coyote; those that fly at night, moths and nighthawks; and things that used to go bump in the night, bobcat and bear," said Nature Center Manager Lee Hansen. "We're excited to say that the bear and the bobcat do go bump in the night in parts of Illinois because they are coming back."

A tour group will leave every 15 minutes for 10-minute presentations at each stop. Afterward, participants will have hot apple cider and cookies, and sing songs about the critters around a campfire.

Tickets are \$5. Advance registration is encouraged.

For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to [www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center](http://www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center).

## Come in costume

Start the holiday early at a Halloween Family Fest, 3-6 p.m. Oct. 22 at Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove. There will be carnival games, fall crafts, pumpkins to decorate, hayrides and a sensory mystery room at this free event that's best for ages 3-12.

For details, call 847-965-1200 or go to [www.mortongroveparks.com](http://www.mortongroveparks.com).

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## Boys and girls will chill

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**Date:** Sept. 14

**Website:** prcommunityfund.org



Alexander Barton, president of the Barton Marketing Group, from left, Emily Wilderman, owner of WineStyles, and Jaime Roman, vice president of Liberty Bank for Savings and the 2017 Campaign Chair for PRCF.



Ken Wallace, Supt. of Maine Township School Dist. 207, left, and Michael Pressler, principal of Maine East H.S. A school-based health center serving all of Dist. 207 students was given some funding by PRCF.



Gail Haller, from left, executive director of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce and the Park Ridge Community Fund, Gayle Mountcastle, executive director of the Park Ridge Park District, and Police Chief Frank Kaminski.



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Jaime Roman of Liberty Bank and 2017 Campaign Chair for PRCF, from left, Mary Wynn Ryan, executive director of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra; Kathleen Barton, PRCO Board member; and Sheri Roche, president of PRCF. The orchestra received some funding for its special program for Down Syndrome youth.



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Kelley Szany, director of education at Skokie's Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, from left, Ken Cooper of Skokie and Fritzle Fritzshall of Buffalo Grove, a Holocaust survivor

## Luncheon raises \$5.16M for U.S. Holocaust Museum

**Event:** Risa K. Lambert 'What You Do Matters' Chicago luncheon

**Benefiting:** U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.

**Hosted by:** Museum's Midwest Regional Office, Highland Park

**Location:** Sheraton Grand Chicago

**Date:** Sept. 14

**Attended:** 2,000

**Special guests:** More than 250 Holocaust survivors attended.

**Raised:** \$5.16 million

**Website:** ushmm.org



Ruth Herzog of Northbrook, with her father-in-law David Dragon of Niles, a Holocaust survivor



Carol Dragon of Highland Park, left, with her father-in-law David Dragon of Niles, a Holocaust survivor, during the ceremony memorializing all who died in the Holocaust

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## HOME REMEDIES

# Empty nesters? Transform all those spare bedrooms

BY STACI GIORDULLO  
Angie's List

You've done it. You've raised your kids and they're ready to be on their own. Maybe they're leaving for college, or maybe moving out for good (fingers crossed), and you'll be left with an empty nest. What should you do with all the extra, empty bedrooms?

One thing to keep in mind is, the more specialized the room becomes (like turning it into a photography darkroom), the harder it will be for a future buyer to visualize the space as a bedroom.

"If the homeowner plans to downsize to a smaller property within a short time, it would be prudent to design spaces that can easily convert back to a bedroom when it comes time to sell their home," says Joseph Browns, president of In-Sync Home Design in Dallas.

But if you're not quite ready to downsize, here are some ideas for turning your empty nest into a fully utilized house.

**Offices:** Creating separate dedicated rooms for both the king and queen of the castle can go a long way to keeping peace in the kingdom.

"Husbands and wives typically are thrilled when they can get his-and-hers home offices," says Sarah Gaffney, design manager at Case Design & Remodeling in San Jose, Calif. "We see a lot of clients taking an extra bedroom and turning it into 'mom's chic retreat,' a space where the wife can get away and relax."

**Wine room:** Who wouldn't want to visit your own personal wine room after a long day at work? Designing a dedicated



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Turn an empty bedroom into a wine room to store, display and enjoy a glass on your own or with friends.

room to store, display and enjoy a glass of wine on your own or with friends makes for a unique experience.

If your budget allows, install tile or hardwood flooring for easy cleanup of the inevitable spilled merlot. Consider hiring a plumber to explore the possibility of adding a sink or small dishwasher. And if you want cheese with your wine (who doesn't?), install a mini-fridge for snacking convenience.

**Greenhouse:** If the bedroom includes many windows and receives a fair amount of natural light during the day, you might want to turn it into a garden room. Strategically place shelving so your favorite indoor plants can benefit from the sun; south-facing windows receive the most light. Add an oversized chair for a cozy reading spot. The garden room can also house any outdoor plants you need to shelter from harsh winter conditions.

"Some people find plants and gardening relaxing," says Lisa Mason, owner of Inspirations for Your Home in Sandy Hook, Conn.

**Home gym:** It might be cliché to automatically turn one of the extra rooms into

a home gym, but it can be a practical move. By storing some free weights, yoga mats and workout DVDs just down the hall, you won't find any more excuses to avoid a quick workout.

"Many clients will convert a spare bedroom into exercise space, finally taking the treadmill and exercise bike out of the garage and locating them in a designated exercise room in the house," Gaffney says.

**Guest room:** Yes, it's probably a good idea for you to keep at least one room as a guest room. At the very least, try to include a pullout sofa or Murphy bed in your newly transformed craft/sewing room in order to accommodate any overnight visitors.

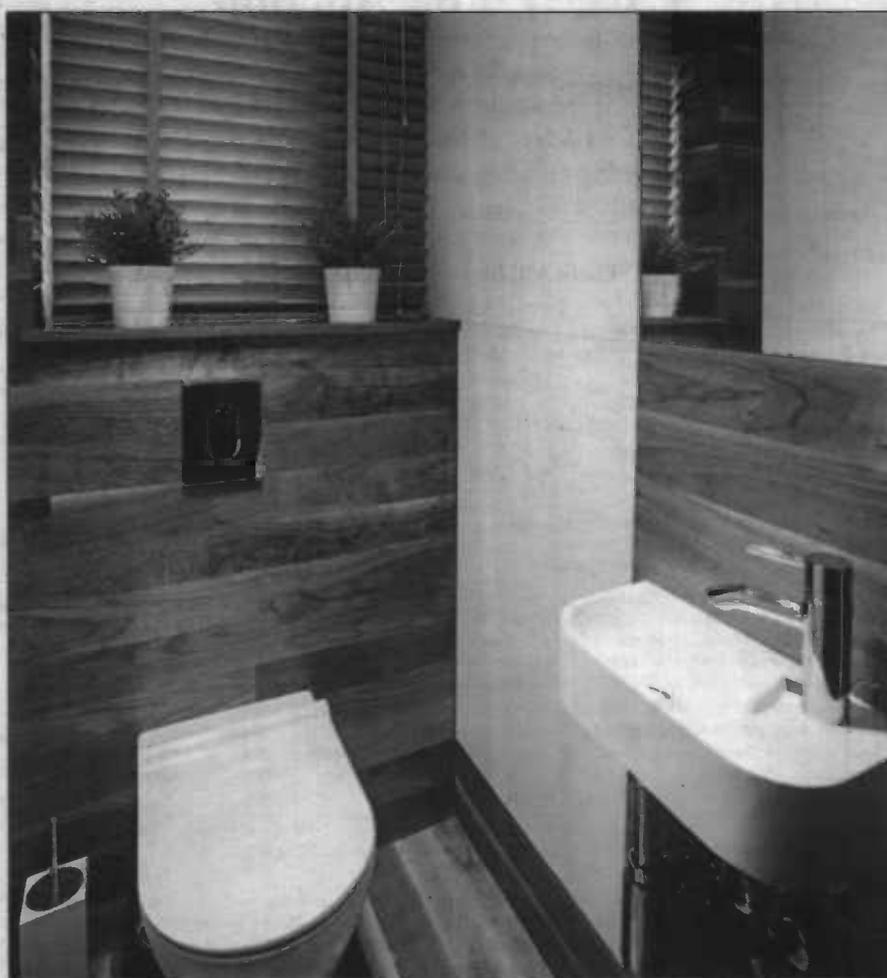
"This (guest) room should be decorated in the most welcoming of ways," Mason says. "Have a queen-sized bed, which most couples, or even two small children, can sleep on. Use beautiful bedding and window treatments or shades. Lighting on the walls in the way of sconces or table lamps for bedtime reading is helpful. Having a desk or vanity is also helpful, as well as proper storage for clothes."

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972 Providence Ln, Buffalo Grove	Dale Anne Jekov & Zhivko Zhekov	Glenn L Goldstein	08-17-16	\$335,000
1412 Caren Ct, Buffalo Grove	Saju Sreedharan Nair & Vrinda Ramachandran	Ying Feng	08-18-16	\$412,000
12 Chestnut Ct E, Buffalo Grove	Tinaz D Sevak & Deepak S Sevak	David Gutterman	08-18-16	\$427,500
491 Thorndale Dr, Buffalo Grove	Swaminathan Subramanian & Gayathri Cidambi	Ryan Ebner	08-17-16	\$540,000
2880 Orchard Ln, Buffalo Grove	Girish S Deshmukh & Gayatri A Deodhar	Jesus Aquino	08-18-16	\$545,000
2860 Roslyn Ln E, Buffalo Grove	Roopendra Ramineni & Kalpana Garigipati	Kyung S Han	08-18-16	\$565,000
9562 Park Ln, # 1H, Des Plaines	Syed Ashraf	Shaju Easo	09-07-16	\$65,000
1243 Brown St, # 3E, Des Plaines	Tina Chang	Community Savings Bank Trustee	09-02-16	\$70,000 <sup>1</sup>
1164 S Wolf Rd, Des Plaines	Michael Wawreszuk	US Bank Na Trustee	09-06-16	\$147,000
960 S River Rd, # 602, Des Plaines	Alan Shabo	Anna Piotrowicz	09-07-16	\$148,500
647 Metropolitan Way, # 602L, Des Plaines	Panvard Tetiwat	Violetta Mickiewicz	09-02-16	\$158,000
1683 White St, Des Plaines	Hassan T Atabbi	Taseen Atabbi	09-02-16	\$190,000
1224 S 3rd Ave, Des Plaines	George A Bennett & Angelica R Bennett	Jorge A Gomez	09-02-16	\$260,000
787 Graceland Ave, # 403B, Des Plaines	George Bakakos	Gina M Cacioppo	09-02-16	\$279,000
759 Laurel Ave, Des Plaines	Laura C Mori	John Armour	09-06-16	\$287,000
1301 Pennsylvania Ave, Des Plaines	Jose J Vega & Maria G Montoya	Janusz Szygenda	09-02-16	\$288,000
422 Ardmore Rd, Des Plaines	Salvia Abraham	Najju Abraham	09-06-16	\$319,000
670 Nelson Ln, Des Plaines	Amy Goodman	Dariusz Krol	09-07-16	\$357,500
2350 Eastview Dr, Des Plaines	Amanda Messere	Joseph M O Callaghan	09-06-16	\$425,000
1302 Jeannette St, Des Plaines	Thomas Saji & Bindu Saji	Marzena Kmietek	09-02-16	\$576,000
1314 Hartrey Ave, Evanston	Patricia K Furman	Exquisite Expansions Llc	09-02-16	\$122,000
149 Callan Ave, # 1W, Evanston	Timothy Blackmore & Laura Bachman	Ashwin Shafiani	09-07-16	\$127,500
1402 Hinman Ave, # 3, Evanston	Kateryna Lushchenko & Rosylaw Lushchenko	Stephen R Bastien	09-06-16	\$174,000
807 Reba Pl, # 1, Evanston	Sylvan J Spencer	Jason R Hansen	09-02-16	\$205,500
1212 Pitner Ave, Evanston	Long A Hoang & Dung V Hoang	Luan Cong Tran	09-02-16	\$220,000
2141 Ridge Ave, # 3E, Evanston	Benjamin J Fisher & Erin H Fisher	Jan Sieradzki	09-02-16	\$220,000
622 Sheridan Sq, # 3, Evanston	Alexis C Wellwood & Travis Brown	David Graves	09-06-16	\$222,500
1524 South Blvd, Evanston	Esther Wallen	Esperauza Flores	09-07-16	\$265,000

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
1228 Emerson St, # 205, Evanston	Nlandi Xiang & Lingling Zhang	Grandbend Llc	09-07-16	\$298,000
1201 Cleveland St, Evanston	Cory M Wilcsek & Morgannah F Wilcsek	Diana Anton	09-07-16	\$429,000
821 Michigan Ave, # 1N, Evanston	Robert Neems & Audrey Neems	Paul R Sanders	09-06-16	\$550,000
735 Mulford St, Evanston	Herman Barnor Hesse	In Site Investment Group Llc	09-02-16	\$625,000
600 Cobblestone Cir, # E, Glenview	Mineshkumar Gandhi & Nikita Gandhi	Jacob Petre	09-02-16	\$140,000
4520 W Lake Ave, Glenview	Nicholas T Phillipas & Connie M Phillipas	47 Corniels Llc	09-07-16	\$295,000
2001 Glenview Rd, Glenview	Thomas Lally & Shellar Lally	Troy A Boyer	09-07-16	\$382,500
2022 Dewes St, Glenview	Babu Monie	Harry Bedenian	09-06-16	\$436,000
2928 Covert Rd, Glenview	Sebastian Walas	Jan Bogdan	09-07-16	\$470,000
3163 Coral Ln, Glenview	Vladimir Rykov & Marina Rykov	Matthew S Engle	09-02-16	\$470,000
716 Indian Rd, Glenview	Ayesha Ahmed & Rizwan Syed	Marek Chaj	09-07-16	\$658,000
1805 Ridgewood Ln W, Glenview	Gary Briggs & Sabrina Briggs	E Trade Bank	09-02-16	\$716,000
2405 Indian Ridge Dr, Glenview	C Anthony Nelson & Ashleigh Nelson	Wilmington Sav Fund Soc Ttee	09-07-16	\$770,000
704 Darby Ct, Indian Creek	Paul M Driscoll & Carol J Driscoll	Heinrich F Haegerich	08-17-16	\$395,000
3275 Stratford Ct, # 1A, Lake Bluff	Megan D Mrowiec & A Kenneth Mrowiec	Jane B Mccarty	08-17-16	\$132,000
110 Hemstead St, Lake Bluff	Randall C Hammett	Lewis D Clarke	08-18-16	\$172,000
307 E North Ave, Lake Bluff	David J Tillotson & Ann M Tillotson	Todd O Perry	08-18-16	\$895,000
119 E Laurel Ave, # 107, Lake Forest	Stacy Mahoney	David E Neumeister	08-18-16	\$510,000
165 Marion Ave, Lake Forest	Erik J Madsen & Ashley Anne Madsen	Joseph Dhamer	08-17-16	\$675,000
101 E Louis Ave, Lake Forest	Michael T Bosau & Keely R Polczynski	Lk Homes Llc	08-17-16	\$1,300,000
935 Brush Hill Ln, Lake Zurich	Kevin J Flynn & Sarah B Dargis	Heidi Anderson	08-18-16	\$241,000
760 White Birch Ln, Lake Zurich	Nikita Kibardin & Anna Kibardin	David Gonzales	08-18-16	\$245,500
876 March St, Lake Zurich	Paras Patel & Dhara Patel	Cartus Financial Corp	08-17-16	\$263,000
930 Brittany Rd, Lake Zurich	Norbert Koch & Urszula Koch	Garvey Trust	08-18-16	\$305,000
5510 Lincoln Ave, # B 304, Morton Grove	Muhamed Alkadic & Sena Karacic Alkadic	Pnc Bank	09-07-16	\$127,000
8947 Central Ave, Morton Grove	Elisabeta Butcu	Champlon Mortgage Co Inc	09-07-16	\$231,000
6265 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove	Ramita Shrestha & Addy Shrestha	Rebekah Rancho	09-07-16	\$307,000
308 Narragansett Ct, Morton Grove	Derrick Mcclinton & Regina L Burton Mcclinton	Peter T Ricchio	09-07-16	\$362,000
9344 Ozark Ave, Morton Grove	Nahida A Saiyed	Harschfeld Trust	09-02-16	\$367,500
8336 Concord Dr, Morton Grove	Melissa Catala	Lexington Station Llc	09-07-16	\$390,000
7944 Arcadia St, Morton Grove	Mohammed Abdul Bari & Sabiha Sultana Bari	Azan Khan	09-02-16	\$485,000
9405 Nashville Ave, Morton Grove	Thomas J Albrecht & Oksana Lexell	Katz Trust	09-02-16	\$535,000
7563 N Waukegan Rd, Niles	Jennifer Jarmutha	Al Development Enterprise Inc	09-06-16	\$235,000
8243 N Washington St, Niles	Peter M Daoud & Katherine Foley	Charles Bennett	09-02-16	\$279,000
8810 N Ozanam Ave, Niles	Dipen R Patel & Indiraben R Patel	Senin T Paulose	09-06-16	\$343,000
7840 N Octavia Ave, Niles	Kostadin G Tchobanov & Milena G Petrova	Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee	09-07-16	\$485,000
221 N Greenwood Ave, Park Ridge	Ryan Boyles & Zora Popovic	Roberts Trust	09-06-16	\$180,000
2500 Windsor Mall, # 12 1 A, Park Ridge	Yaryna Cholach & Nazar Cholach	Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee	09-02-16	\$210,000
2324 Edna Ave, Park Ridge	Alexandru Muresan & Angela Muresan	Zimney Trust	09-02-16	\$257,500
1705 Pavilion Way, # 201, Park Ridge	Munktulga Batsaikhan & Uranbileg Tserendorj	Vanja Cuk	09-06-16	\$275,000
1013 S Washington Ave, Park Ridge	Nikolay Rebreev	Anthony J Flowers	09-07-16	\$329,000
733 S Delphia Ave, Park Ridge	Nicholas Onelli	Magdalena Kouvalis	09-07-16	\$365,000
170 N Northwest Hwy, # 207, Park Ridge	Michael Mersch	Prd Nw Highway Llc	09-07-16	\$400,000
827 S Greenwood Ave, Park Ridge	Jan Sylwester Korzeniewski & Jadwiga Korzeniewski	James Humphrey	09-02-16	\$430,000
16 Wilsner St, Park Ridge	Jack Rustman & Maria Rustman	Robert A Vondale	09-07-16	\$447,000
1306 Castle Dr, Park Ridge	David Kosk & Dominique Kosk	Gary B Katz	09-07-16	\$489,000
906 Harrison St, Park Ridge	David J Kuchar & Marcella R Kuchar	Carolyn T Gibbs	09-02-16	\$493,000
615 Ottawa Ave, Park Ridge	Clayton Hutchinson & Kendra Hutchinson	Degrazla III Trust	09-07-16	\$550,000
800 S Clifton Ave, Park Ridge	Robert L Huddleston & Courtney Huddleston	Richard G Price	09-02-16	\$605,000
1320 Granville Ave, Park Ridge	Phillip B Sloan & Maayan G Sloan	Robert J Colletti	09-07-16	\$634,000

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Because guest bathrooms tend to be small, don't overcrowd the space.

## Homeowner do's and don'ts for a grand guest bathroom

**BY CATHY HOBBS**  
Tribune News Service

Guest bathrooms are often an integral part of the home, typically the one and only bathroom seen and used by guests. In styling or laying out a guest bathroom, there are some basic do's and don'ts to help ensure a guest bathroom is always guest-ready and showcased in the best possible light.

### Do's

- Do make your guest bathroom a functional space in your home. Ideally, a guest bathroom should not be used for storage or cleaning products or supplies, and should feel fresh open and airy.
- Do use florals. While fresh flowers are ideal, in many instances it simply is not feasible. An attractive artificial arrangement will do the trick.
- Do incorporate color into your guest bathroom. A pop of color can go a long way.

- Do have a fresh set of towels hanging. Many guests may be turned off by the idea of using the towels you and your family use for bathing.
- Do infuse fresh fragrance in your space in the form of candles. Candles can also help add color.

### Don'ts

- Don't make your guest bathroom an afterthought. Guests will certainly not feel welcome in a space that does not feel clean and fresh.
- Don't ignore the opportunity to include artwork. Artwork helps to add interest, especially in small spaces.
- Don't only showcase your guest bathroom when guests are on the way. Ideally, a guest bathroom should always be guest-ready.
- Don't ignore lighting. A well-lit bathroom is always more appealing.
- Don't overdo it. Guest bathrooms tend to be small, and you will not want to overcrowd your space.

## Large Public Auction

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### There will be two auction rings.

**Harley Davidson:** 2005 Harley Davidson - Heritage Soft tail, 11,500 original miles, Leather saddle bags, Stainless steel forks, stainless steel grips, drop down, front guard with feet, windshield, screaming eagle tail pipe, many chrome pieces, new helmet, Garage Kept - VERY CLEAN, VERY GOOD SHAPE!, Large assortment of Harley Davidson flags and Route 66 flags.

**Tractors:** John Deere 790 utility tractor - diesel, 4 speed Hi-Low shift with 4 suitcase weights, roll bar, driving lights, 3 point hitch, rear PTO, 121.3 hrs - LIKE NEW!, King Kutter 3 point PTO Mower, Exmark Zero Turn mower with fold down roll bar, Lazer Z Advantage Series, gas with 241.8 original hours - LIKE NEW!, pull type lawn roller, Agrifab Pull type dump cart, 3 point auger with 2 augers, Bombardier - 4x4 Quad gas 861 hrs.

**Tools & Equipment:** Hose and cabinet, chain hoist, wood split fence posts, aluminum canoe, park bench, industrial floor fan, 2 post hole augers, TruTemper Wheel Barrow, gas weed eater, DeWalt upright Air Compressor with air hose and reel, portable ramps, electric tank heaters, fuel cans, Keller fiberglass step ladder, back pack sprayer, wood tackle box, 4 partial rolls of plastic electric fence, counter scale, case mosquito barrier, misc. lumber, 25 rough-cut 3/4" lumber, 24' aluminum extension ladder - type III, wood work bench, black and tackle, planting spades and shovels, 2 double iron planters, Reese cargo carrier with mesh bed, 3 door steel wall cabinet, pull type wire drag, electric chain hoist, Stihl leaf blower, electric chain saw, pitch fork, lawn and garden tools, mole traps, industrial large vise, electric smoker, fishing poles and gear, hardware, Bear 65-70" pull cobra with arrows and case, Reese hitches, central pneumatic sand blaster pot, heavy duty chain hoist, Ryobi power washer, Coleman power mate 6500 watt generator, booster charger starter, black and decker pedestal drill press, guardian 5 speed drill press, shop refrigerator and microwave, rigid hard post digger, handy man jack, bulldog vise, Chicago 3.5 gallon parts washer, Chicago 1/2 hammer drill, DeWalt jig saw, Husky air wrenches, Craftsman socket and wrench set, air brad nailer, 16 gallon shop vac, air tank, floor jack, large channel lock pliers, hammers, sledge, air greaser, log chains, large bolt cutters, nut drivers, hand wrenches, screw drivers, pliers, etc.

**Horse:** Male Quarter Horse 30+ years - Very Nice!, 2 horse feed tubs, horse bridles, feed buckets, riding saddle with bridles, leather saddle bag, barn supplies, feed tubs, 4 steel wire saddle racks, Troya Bogota Saddle, 25-30 bales of alfalfa hay.

**Household:** New pots and pans, cookware, stainless steel bowls, silverware, round oak table, 1 leaf and 4 brass back chairs, oak dining room set with 6 bentwood chairs - 2 leaves, oak glass door hutch with mirror, leather double recliner sofa set, 10' tall wood carves cowboy, 6' tall wood carved wolf, concrete fox, Webber gas grill, portable fire pit, lawn furniture and 2 bird baths, hula hoops, snow skis, new Pegasus bath faucet, 2 white plastic folding tables, Vizio 50" flat screen TV, oak cabinet, oak cabinet, oak lamp table, small oak curve glass cabinet, ornate candle sticks, antique 3 drawer oak dresser, bronze stamped by Fredrick Remington, ornate iron door lattice, elk antler hat rack, elk antlers, antique glass door 3 drawer cabinet, decoys, large pine duck decoy, 7 duck decoys E.S Stampon Mallard Duck, ducks unlimited decoys, Decoy Canadian goose, red head duck by Bob Bolle, canvasback ducks - Audubon society reprint, 3 duck decoys - 1 composite, Ducks unlimited by Bill Black Jr., loon, 6 wood decoys, blue bill by BJB, white canvas back, Spielman - Drake and heis, old carved decoy, GW Teal by BJB, Miles Hancock 1968 carved decoy set, Miles Hancock 1969 carved decoy, small display case, mission oak bed with bedding, oak chest of drawers, platform rocker and foot stool, Indian print, antique oak serpentine dresser with ornate mirrors, bronze looking back, checker board table, lobster trap - wood, wood raise panel desk, oak desk chair, oak American heritage pool table with taper legs - with cues and balls, bally strikes and spares pinball machine VG Shape!, image 15.0 R treadmill, couch and love seat, 3 piece wood carved water buckets, pedestal fan, 4 drawer carves sea chest, 7 drawer carved sea desk and chair, full-size bed, Kenmore chest freezer, small oak table, hand tools - hardware and supplies, check writer, 2 door display case, rushing war eagle by Ben Doolittle, 2 bears of the blackfeet by Bev Doolittle, Hornwick Bros - Stoney point oak hall Virginia - signed, decanter decoy, 2 rigski decoys - B. Stafford Green wing teal, girl Indian dress with head work, 2 war clubs, 1 round war club, 1 bone tomahawk, 2 bone breast plates horse shoe game, badminton, crochet set, fisher price kids toys - sleds, picnic table sand box.

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**Let Me Entertain You: Jule Styne's Greatest Hits:** Our most iconic stars performed these great songs, like Barbara Streisand, Marilyn Monroe, Tony Bennett, Harry Connick, Jr., Frank Sinatra, and more. 2 p.m. Oct. 13, 8 p.m. Oct. 14, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 15, 2 p.m. Oct. 16, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$30-\$60, 847-920-5360

**Society Artwork In Residence Program:** The Evanston Art Center launches an inaugural artwork-in-residence program, inviting six artists to move-in to the second floor of the center's project space for 4-week residencies. From June 2016-March 2017, the Art Center proudly hosts artists: Adriana Kuri Alamillo, Judith Brotman, Joseph Cruz, David Giordano, Kirsten Leenaars and Pedro Valez. Each of the artists chosen by curator Jessica Cochran address the residency theme Society during their stay. 9 a.m. Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

**"Tseng Kwong Chi: Performing for the Camera":** Tseng Kwong Chi produced a large body of witty, playful, performance-based photography that both captured the pivotal downtown Manhattan art and club scenes of the 1980s and reflected the increasingly globalized movement of people across nations and continents. "Tseng Kwong Chi: Performing for the Camera" is the first major solo museum exhibition of his works. 10 a.m. All week, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art and Pick/Laudati Auditorium, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

**Evanston Charity Wine Walk:** Enjoy the rare combination of charity, endorphins and guilt-free shopping as we celebrate the third annual Evanston Charity Wine Walk. We will be contributing to the nonprofit Mudlark Theater by donating a \$125 gift certificate, along with a Tahitian Pearl to the main raffle, and also hold our own raffle of a specially-made Eve necklace. 5 p.m. Eve J. Alfille Gallery and Studio, 623 Grove St., Evanston, \$30 presale, \$35 the day of the event, 847-869-7920

**Meditation Healing Circle:** The Well-

ness Source hosts a Guided Meditation Healing Circle with Katherine Trinity, a life-long student of mystical arts and sciences. Call for reservations. 7:30 p.m. The Wellness Source, 1245 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, \$20, 224-413-3500

**44 Plays for 44 Presidents:** Ninety-minute romp through U.S. Presidents. 8 p.m. Oct. 13-Oct. 16, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$35, 847-834-0738

**Google Drive:** If you are new to Google Drive and its features, then come learn how to create/upload/manage content and collaborate with others. A Glenview Library card and Gmail account are required. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or by calling. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Parkinson Wellness Recovery Brain-Body Training:** Parkinson Wellness Recovery/PWR! is Parkinson-specific exercise, scientifically designed to target symptoms of PD. It includes boxing training for endurance, agility and stability. The instructor is Drew Surinsky, is an exercise physiologist. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$12-\$17, 847-502-0630

**Restorative Yoga Gong Meditation:** Spend an evening in deep relaxation, with the class featuring Kenny Kolter, a musician and certified reiki healer. Admission is \$20 for residents; \$25 for nonresidents; \$35 at the door if space is available. Please bring your own yoga mat. 6:30 p.m. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$20-\$35, 847-724-5670

**Rally for the Cure:** Get in the Pink and join in this shotgun start game to take a swing against breast cancer. Rally for the Cure is a breast cancer awareness campaign and fundraiser sponsored by Conde Nast to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For additional information and to register, please call. 9 a.m. Glenview Park Golf Club, 800 Shermer Road, Glenview, \$60 for non-pass holders; \$40 for pass holders, 847-724-0250

**Books 'N Bites:** This is for third through fifth graders to read individual book selections and join in a casual, fun book discussion once a month (snacks are provided). After registering, pick up a complimentary copy of the book at Youth Services. This book discussion is held offsite and features "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH" by Robert C. O'Brien. Meet at the Lincolnwood Library at 4 p.m. and as a group walk to Meatheads. 4 p.m. Lincolnwood Public

Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Everybody Move:** Everybody Move takes place on Thursdays, Sept. 22 to Nov. 10, for infants to 2-year-olds, with caregiver. Celeste Cifala Roy, from Evanston's early childhood movement and music program Everybody Move!, has planned an hour of activities and exploration. 9:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Presentation: Understanding Medicare:** John Larson, a Medicare insurance specialist, explains Medicare and Medicare Advantage, as well as Medicare supplement and prescription drug coverage. 7 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Niles Songwriters:** Local songwriters meet on the Second Thursday of the month at the library's Lower Level to discuss their craft and play their music. Acoustic instruments are welcome. 7 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings:** Chicago Fly Fishers Club meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays from October through May. Demonstrations of fly tying are performed by an experienced demonstrator. The members have an opportunity to tie the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

**Park Ridge Garden Club Meeting:** Celebrate the Fall Season demonstrates how to create your own Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving designs using fresh outdoor materials, candles and trim. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-0993

**S.T.A.R. Opera Arts Club:** This month's opera lover program, "Orfeo Ed Euridice" is hosted by Leo Rizzetto. Call to register in advance. 12:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, Free to members, \$2 guests, 847-692-3597

**Get Your Paperwork In Order-Family Caregiver Bootcamp:** Identify strategies for efficient and easy access to health, financial, and legal information so you are able to retrieve information efficiently and advocate for your loved one. 6:30 p.m. Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, \$15, 847-951-3365

**Busy Bees Playgroup for Ages Birth to 4 with adult:** Join in for a story, a song and lots of playtime. Siblings are welcome. 11 p.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-4527

**Thrilling Thursdays: Bug-ology! for Grades K-3:** From butterflies and bumblebees to scorpions and tarantulas, join us for an exploration of the wonderful world of insects, arachnids and other arthropods. 4 p.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-4527

**Halloween Hoopla:** Carve a pumpkin, stuff a scarecrow, jump on a hayride or enjoy s'mores and apple cider. Advance registration required. 6:30 p.m. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, \$31 resident family; \$50 non resident family, 847-692-5127

**Park Ridge Toastmasters Meeting:** This is the Park Ridge Toastmasters Bi-Weekly meeting. All are welcome to join for impromptu speaking, prepared speeches, jokes and much more. 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, free, 224-715-5128

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

**Lindsey Stirling:** 8 p.m. Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$27.50+, 847-671-5100

**Joey Coco Diaz:** Joey Coco Diaz performs original stand-up. 8 p.m. Oct. 13, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Oct. 14, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$25 + 2 item minimum food/beverage purchase, 847-813-0484.

**Rock In the Park Free Summer Concert Series:** 7 p.m. Bub City, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 312-610-4200

**Hofbrauhaus Chicago's Oktoberfest Celebration:** Festivities include a variety of 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. All week, Hofbrauhaus Chicago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-671-2739

**The City of Conversation:** Two generations clash over partisan politics at a 1979 dinner party. 7:30 p.m. Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie,

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\$30-\$57, 847-673-6300

## Friday, Oct. 14

**Cornerstone Chorale and Brass concert:** Bruce Valentine's Cornerstone Chorale and Brass, present a new production entitled "They Shall Mount Up With Wings." Jeff Award winning actor, Brian Parry, will be the special guest narrator. The program features a unique combination of traditional choral and instrumental music woven together with newly composed musical themes. 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston, free, 847-673-8564

**Piccolo Theatre The Memory of Water:** A comic and touching account of three sisters on the occasion of their mother's death, each haunted by their own demons. The irreverent and witty dialogue among the sisters gives way, finally, to the deeper bond they share. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 14 and Oct. 15, 3 p.m. Oct. 16, Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$10-\$25, 847-424-0089

**The Life and Works of William Shakespeare:** Love and loyalty do battle, both real and rhetorically, with conspiracy and tyranny in Shakespeare's masterpiece of political intrigue. Join us for this feast of language and persuasion. 6:45 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-6407

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

**Ringling in the Ears?:** The bells or buzzes that you hear could be a symptom of a hearing issue, or normal aging. This seminar, with Dr. Michael Jones from Hearing USA, will give you some options on what action to take. 3:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, Free members, \$2 guests, 847-692-3597

**Franco Escamilla:** Franco Escamilla performs original stand-up comedy. 8 p.m. Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$39+, 847-671-5100

**Disturbia Screams In the Park:** This acclaimed interactive horror experience returns to the basement level of the MB Financial Park parking garage. The sinister attraction, features 20,000 square feet of terror with more than 35 rooms. New are: multi-level under-

ground sewer where dark and ominous waters await; and a petrifying swamp. General admission tickets are: \$25 per person Sundays through Thursdays; and \$30 per person Fridays and Saturdays. VIP tickets, allowing ticket holders quicker access and less wait time for the haunt, are \$40 per person. 7 p.m. Oct. 14-Oct. 16, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, \$25-\$40 per person, 847-349-5008

**Scream Scene:** At this time of year, the abandoned for the season Skokie Water Playground becomes host to the most frightening experience in Skokie. With its chainsaw maniacs and insane clown maze, Scream Scene has been terrifying visitors since 1997. 7 p.m. Oct. 14 and Oct. 15, Scream Scene, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, \$10, 847-933-4969

**"Defending the Caveman":** Ben Tedder stars in the 25th Anniversary off-Broadway tour of the longest running solo show in Broadway history. This prehistoric look at the battle of the sexes is full of wonderful scenarios that celebrate the differences between men and women, making it a perfect entertainment option for couples, or girls' night out. The show has also been seen and recommended by thousands of marriage and family therapists and counselors, for its humorous look at the inherent differences between the sexes. 8 p.m. Oct. 14, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 15, 2 p.m. Oct. 16, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$40, 847-677-7761

**The City of Conversation:** Two generations clash over partisan politics at a 1979 dinner party. 8 p.m. Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$30-\$57, 847-673-6300

## Saturday, Oct. 15

**Polyglots Toastmasters meeting:** Polyglots is the only Toastmasters International Club in the United States that conducts its meetings in German. If you speak German or want to keep it fresh or improve it, visit this club. This is not a language school, but a place where you can speak and listen to German and, above all, have a good time with those at all levels and ages! Go to their website at polyglotstoastmasters.org/ and their meetup at meetup.com/Polyglots-Toastmasters-German-speaking/. Please email andrewweiler.uiuc@gmail.com for the current location, as sometimes they meet at places other than the Des Plaines Library. 9:30 a.m. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood Street, Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

**Opulent City:** Opulent City features a variety of burlesque starlets, daring pro-

aerialists, provocative circus performances and vintage vaudeville entertainers. 6:30 p.m. Rivers Casino, 3000 S. River Road, Des Plaines, \$15, 888-307-0777

**Evanston Farmers Market:** Shop for fresh produce, meat, cheese, baked goods, flowers and more from 51 vendors. Please note: Dogs are not allowed at the market (service animals accepted). LINK cards are accepted. 7:30 a.m. Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

**Robble Fulks:** 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$18-\$36, 847-492-8860

**Fonseca Cup International Karate Tournament:** International Athletes come to Evanston, to the high school's Beardsley Gym to participate at the Fonseca Cup. This serves as the final tune-up for athletes competing in the World Championships next month. 8:30 a.m. Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, \$10 all day pass, 847-866-0200

**Overeaters Anonymous:** Overeaters Anonymous meets Saturdays. New-comer meeting on the last Saturday of the month. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For information, call Hannah. 9 a.m. St Matthews Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-0609

**Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday:** Adult Comedy every Saturday night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sculfield and Mark Simmons. National Headliners with movie and television credits on stage. Awesome venue with full bar and dinner menu. 9 p.m. Saturday, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 adult advance; \$20 at the door, 847-521-6434.

**"Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories":** "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories" are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. Oct. 15 and Oct. 16, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

**Trail Walks:** Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals and those who are interested in nature. 2 p.m. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6096

**Fall Harvest Festival:** Experience harvest time from an earlier era at His-

toric Wagner Farm. 10 a.m. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, \$5 per person, and free for children 2 and under, 847-657-1506

**Craft Fair and Bake Sale:** Vendors sell their crafts and wares, along with a bake sale with homemade goods. Enjoy made-on-the-spot donut balls as well as freshly-made hot or cold box lunches. 9 a.m. Glenview United Methodist Church, 727 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, \$1 donation per family, 847-729-1015

**Get Hooked Crafts: Spooky Pop-Ups:** Create spooky pop-up cards perfect for Halloween. Materials will be provided. 10 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Morton Grove Farmers Market:** Shop for locally produced fruits and vegetables, flowers, crafts, baked goods, pantry items, body products and more at this weekly market. Extras include live music and entertainment for kids. 8 a.m. Dempster Street and Georgiana Avenue, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436

**Robot Expo:** Robots! Tinker with Ozobots, Spheros, and Lego WeDots. Plus, make your own little robot using common household items. 10 a.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-6407

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk:** Join Team Park Ridge Chamber led by board member, Emily Wilderman, owner of Winestyles. Join with the Park Ridge community to support each other, honor those touched by the disease and raise awareness and funds. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and walk begins at 9 a.m. For more information go to [www.makingstrideswalk.org](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org). 9 a.m. Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, \$15 T-Shirt, 847-825-3121

**Park Ridge Farmers Market:** Shop for fresh produce, soap, olive oils, flowers, pickles, pasta baked goods and meat. The weekly market also features live music and kids activities. Help give back to the community by bringing canned goods to the market to donate to the New Hope Food Pantry. 7 a.m. Prairie Avenue and Main Street, 15 Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-309-2433

**Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding:** A \$5 per car is a suggested donation. To offset the \$5 per-car fee, each car (driver) receives a Park Ridge Chamber coupon worth \$5 off any \$20 purchase at the Chamber members listed on the coupon. 9 a.m. Park Ridge Public Works Center, 400

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Busse Highway, Park Ridge, \$5 suggested per car, 847-825-3121

**MB Financial Park's Family Fall Festival:** MB Financial Park's Family Fall Festival will take place October 15 from 1 p.m. through 6 p.m. Families can enjoy free horse-drawn hayrides around MB Financial Park's inner drive through 4 p.m. Other free activities include balloon sculpting, face painting, magic acts and pumpkin painting available until 5 p.m. 1 p.m. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

**Chicago Wolves Professional Hockey:** The four-time champion Chicago Wolves deliver top-flight hockey and top-notch, live entertainment from October through April at Allstate Arena. The fun starts with the pre-game show that features fireworks and pyro. Go to the website for the team's schedule. 7 p.m. Oct. 15-Oct. 19, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Tickets start at \$11, 800-843-9658

**The City of Conversation:** Two generations clash over partisan politics at a 1979 dinner party. 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$30-\$57, 847-673-6300

**Preserving Survivor Stories:** Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and natural language technology software will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

## Sunday, Oct. 16

**Jim Messina:** 7 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$32-\$88, 847-492-8860

**John Williams' Sunday music session:** 3 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**"Maggie's Plan":** This is a terrifically fun, sophisticated urban drama which is rated R. It is about a young woman (Greta Gerwig) who is longing to start a family. She falls in love with a married man (Ethan Hawke), then devises a strategy to reunite him with his former wife (Julianne Moore) three years later. 1:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Character Counts Week for Grades K to 8:** Visit Youth Services throughout the week to share how you demonstrated good character in Glenview.

Enter the drawing for the Character Counts book basket and receive a bookmark. 1 p.m. All week. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Playing in the Bluegrass:** Join Lincolnwood Library at Lincolnwood Place for "Playing in the Bluegrass," an interactive musical presentation by Colby Maddox. Colby Maddox shares how bluegrass music began as a cure for the modern sorrows that came with working in the new industrial centers of the early twentieth century. Also he demonstrates some of the musical elements that make bluegrass bands tick. 2 p.m. Lincolnwood Place, 7000 N. McCormick Blvd., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Chicago Bride Bridal Fashion Show & Expo:** Brides-to-be and their loved ones can explore exhibitors from every field of the bridal industry. Enjoy seminars, giveaways and some of the most experienced wedding professionals around. 11 a.m. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, free

**Skokie Farmers Market:** Farmers and vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin sell fresh-picked vegetables, fruits and flowers along with cheese, baked goods, coffee, sauces and spices. 7:30 a.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500

**The City of Conversation:** Two generations clash over partisan politics at a 1979 dinner party. 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$30-\$57, 847-673-6300

## Monday, Oct. 17

**The Mudflapps live every Monday:** The Mudflapps sing and play their hearts out every Monday in the pub from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. Food and drink served late. 8 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Learn To Be A Shark:** Come to the north shore's only coworking space and entrepreneur incubator. Vcapital speakers Ryan Kole and Jim Vaughan explain how to invest in early and mid stage companies, joining investor networks and be a part of venture funds. 6:30 p.m. Callan Building, 1939 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-414-7342

**Knitting Roundtable:** Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Call 847-929-5101 or go to

www.mgpl.org for more information. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend, Breathe:** Kids ages four through eight can learn yoga poses and breathing techniques and feel relaxed and energized afterward. There is no experience needed. Bring a large bath towel or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes. 4:30 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Oktoberfest:** Register in advance to welcome back Alpine Thunder to perform a lively show of yodeling, schnitzelbank, beer, hall songs and other great German songs for our Oktoberfest. We will feast upon Chicken Schnitzel, German potato salad, veggies and a delicious dessert. 12:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$17 member, \$19 guest, 847-692-3597

## Tuesday, Oct. 18

**Maria Muldaur:** With Kristin Cotts. 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$16-\$34, 847-492-8860

**Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse:** This community leadership group boasts 80 members and meets every Tuesday. 7:15 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

**Alpine Thunder Returns:** Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Oktoberfest performances by these German folk musicians. Enjoy upbeat, toe-tapping tunes and interesting regional musical lore. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Digital Demos in the Lobby:** Explore the Library's digital movie, TV program, music, ebook, audiobook, and magazine collections, through hoopla, MyMedia-Mall, and Zinio, and learn how to download items to your portable device. Information and instruction are available for the library's online databases also. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Financial Planning Appointments:** Schedule a free one-hour consultation with a certified financial planner, for a financial tune-up. Call and ask for extension 7700, or visit the Reference Services Desk to register. 9 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Beginning Square Dance Classes:**

Have fun and learn to square dance; beginner lessons are sponsored by the Glenview Square Dance Club and Glenview Park District. No experience necessary. 7:30 p.m. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free first lesson; Registration for 9-week session \$46/\$54., 847-724-5670

**Veteran Center Services:** An informational table about readjustment services available to eligible veterans and their families in the form of counseling, benefits info, job referral and employment assistance. Noon, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Movies, Munchies & More: Film: "A Beautiful Planet":** "A Beautiful Planet" (2016, G, 1 hr 30 min) A breathtaking portrait of Earth from space, providing a unique perspective and increased understanding of our planet and galaxy as never seen before. Made in cooperation with NASA. Narration: Jennifer Lawrence. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Wine 101:** The Twentieth Century Club of Park Ridge welcomes its members and guests to the first General Meeting of the 2016/17 season. The speaker is Emily Wilderman, owner of Park Ridge Winestyles. She discusses different types of wine, their origins, and more. Also at this meeting, Past Presidents' Day is celebrated and the new president, Helen Ideno, is introduced. 1 p.m. Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4135

**Lehrhaus Confirmation Class:** Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah teenagers are invited to participate in this program which teaches young people how to utilize Jewish resources when faced with making a decision. This is a fascinating three-year program. 7 p.m. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$420 for entire year plus book fees, 847-675-4141

## Wednesday, Oct. 19

**Harold Lopez-Nussa:** 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$25, 847-492-8860

**Live Music Wednesdays with the Josh Rzepka Trio:** Hear the music of Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other classics of the era played by the Josh Rzepka Bebop trio. Reservations can be made online or by calling. 6:30 p.m. Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evans-

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ton, free, 847-868-8945

**Musicians open mic:** Bring your instruments and bring your friends. 6:30 p.m. The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

**Diane von Furstenberg A Life Unwrapped:** Enjoy a light lunch and a most interesting presentation about this fascinating designer who changed the fashion world. Author Gioia Diliberto will show slides, tell stories and answer questions. Noon, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$20, 847-998-1514

**College Planning Workshop The Application:** This is for high school students and parents as C2 Education presents an informative series for those looking to navigate their way through the college process. Learn important tips for planning careers and majors, admissions and the college application. Register for one or all sessions. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Sukkot:** Ketura Hadassah is celebrat-

ing Sukkot. Join them as they shake the lulav and etrog in a festive sukkah. In keeping with the theme of the holiday, their program is Hospitality in Jewish Tradition: From the Bible to Our Beautiful Homes presented by Lori B. Sagarin R.J.E., Director of Congregational Learning Temple Beth Israel, Skokie. 12:30 p.m. Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A.G. Beth Israel, 7117 N. Crawford Ave., Lincolnwood, \$3, 847-676-0491

**Podcasts Tech Help Drop-In:** Stop by for this drop-in session. Have your device's account information, and learn how. Also, get recommendations for where to start with some amazing podcasts. 10 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Chess Club:** Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a beginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome at this new, weekly Chess Club. Chess sets and clocks provided. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Drop-In Genealogy:** Drop-in for a 15-minute guided search of your family history. This is located near the Reference Desk and no registration is re-

quired. 3 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Author Event with Richard Peck:** Award-winning author of over 30 novels, Richard Peck, will appear at the Northbrook Public Library. Join us in celebrating Peck's amazing books with a presentation followed by a reception. 4 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Free Workshop: Inflammation and Your Diet:** Marlo Leaman, registered nutrition and dietary technician, leads an informal discussion about the impact of nutrition on inflammation. Find out what foods can help reduce or prevent inflammation. This presentation is offered free of charge and open to the public as part of the YMCA's Wellness Wednesday adult education series. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee, [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org). 10:30 a.m. North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

**Northbrook Farmers Market:** Shop for farm fresh fruits, veggies, cheese, baked goods and more at this not-for-profit community farmers market. The

market is open rain or shine, except in the event of severe weather. 7 a.m. Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free

**Knitting Studio and Workshop:** Each Wednesday afternoon, certified knitting instructor Mary Staackmann provides personalized instruction, answers any questions about knitting, and perhaps gets you started on a new project. 1:30 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6060

**Wine & Charcuterie 101:** This class is all about learning what charcuterie like salami, speck, and prosciutto. We'll taste a variety of charcuterie and cover general pairing guidelines and specific pairing suggestions. 6 p.m. WineStyles Park Ridge, 105 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, \$15-\$20, 847-518-9463

**The City of Conversation:** Two generations clash over partisan politics at a 1979 dinner party. 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$30-\$57, 847-673-6300

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## NOW PLAYING

**"Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" ★★**

PG-13, 2:07, fantasy

Now and then, "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" reminds you director Tim Burton still has it, in bulk. The characters shoot fire from their fingers, levitate, spit millions of bees out of their mouths and transform into falcons. Jacob (Asa Butterfield) is drawn to Emma (Ella Purnell), the floating girl with the galumphing metal boots, worn to keep her from gliding away. It's promising screen material, but the film plays out in an

odd, haphazard, overcrowded fashion. Burton's never been especially good at finding the internal motor or the rhythmic drive within a scene. This, I think, is why "Miss Peregrine" stalls, again and again. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Deepwater Horizon" ★★**

PG-13, 1:47, action/adventure

Characterizing director Peter Berg's film as a rousing night out, or in, misses the mark. Even with a full share of heroics, it's a necessarily grim sort of disaster picture. It's also pretty gripping. The 2010 Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explosion scattered Deepwater Horizon's employees like rag dolls, hit with a punishing variety of metal and glass. Without turning his character into Superman, actor Mark Wahlberg takes care of business and

saves as many lives as he can. Berg sticks to the job at hand, imagining what it was like to be there, and to be the victim of sloppy, deadly safety practices in the name of a good day on Wall Street. — *M.P.*

**"The Magnificent Seven" ★★**

PG-13, 2:13, action/adventure

This starchy, hollow remake of the classic Western is all over the place, trying too hard to be all Westerns to all sensibilities. The time: 1879. The town: Rose Creek, whose citizens are being ripped off and wiped out by a robber baron portrayed by Peter Sarsgaard. Time for a cleanup crew! In they ride, these seven, reflecting the full multiethnic diversity of the Old West. Director Antoine Fuqua's remake has its moments: Some of the straight-

forward action is pretty slick, and it's certainly great to hear a newly orchestrated rendition of the Elmer Bernstein theme. The movie may take death seriously in the final chapters of a very simple story, but getting there it's mostly anonymous, frenzied mayhem. — *M.P.*

**"Storks" ★★ 1/2**

PG, 1:29, animated

Writer-director Nicholas Stoller has created a little movie about where babies come from. In this world, the old wives tale of storks delivering bouncing bundles of joy is real history, though the birds have been relegated to delivering packages for Corner-Store.com. Through human orphan Tulip's misguided helpfulness, the baby factory is fired up once more, and Tulip and Junior the stork must deliver a new baby to a family. The emotional

core of the film, with Junior and Tulip bonding through their adventures, is that family is what you make of it. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

**"Sully" ★★ 1/2**

PG-13, 1:36, drama

"Sully" tells the story of Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who made a forced water landing on the Hudson River with 155 passengers aboard a U.S. Airways flight. Clint Eastwood is an efficient, restrained and methodical filmmaker, an approach that lends well to the temperament and character of Sully as he is portrayed by Tom Hanks. "Sully" is about good people doing their jobs thoughtfully and at the height of their abilities, work-

ing together under extraordinary circumstances. Sometimes all of those things come together to create a miracle, and "Sully" is a warm reminder of that. — *K.W.*

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### Death Notices

#### **Redlin, Lorraine Adeline**

of Beverly Hills, CA, died at the age of 92 on September 21, 2016, in the arms of Christine Redlin, one of her daughters. Born on New Year's Day in 1924 in Chicago, IL, Lorraine was married 60 years to Lawrence Norbert Redlin raising their 5 children in Skokie, IL. She was witty, bright and the inventor of the adjustable Lor-Bet Bonnet for babies, that sold in Chicago department stores. Since 2007, when her husband passed away, she spent retirement near a couple of her children in Beverly Hills, CA. Mrs. Redlin is survived by her daughters, Christine Redlin, (significant other, Mark Castaldo) and Rosemary Redlin, (husband, Tom Litsky); her sons, Larry Redlin, (wife, Pixie) and Richard Redlin, (wife, Marielle); her grandchildren; Jennifer Redlin and Larry Redlin Jr.; and her great grand-daughter Makenzie Redlin. She was predeceased by her daughter, Lhuri Redlin.

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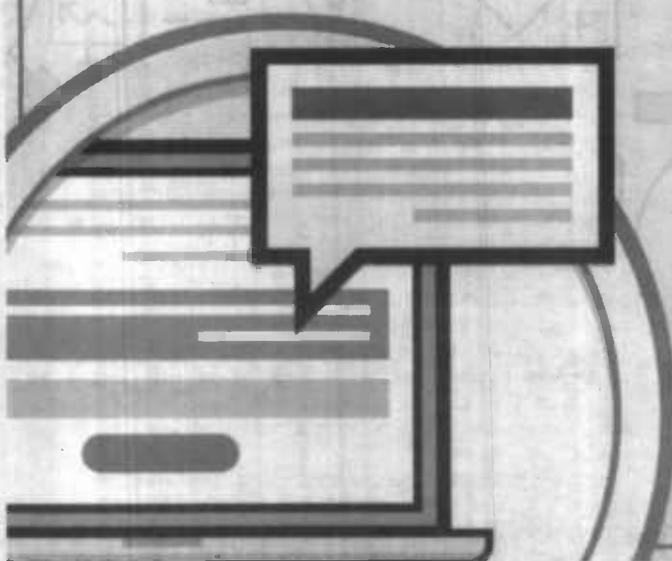


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# 5 best times to buy that new car



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Car dealers can be motivated to sell at a lower price in the last few days of a month if they can earn a bonus by hitting a certain sales number, but it's not easy to identify those dealers.

By PHILIP REED | NerdWallet

That chill in the air signals not only the onset of autumn but also cooling auto sales. For bargain hunters, this could be a great time to get a good deal on a new car.

But sales downturns aren't the only time to buy a new car. New model rollouts, carmakers' redesign schedules and other events can uncover bargains for those who know how to read the tea leaves of the auto market.

Just picking an opportune time isn't enough. First, cover the basics: Arrange financing, check local dealer inventories and research pricing guides for the current market value of your desired vehicle.

Then consider these five potential opportunities to up your chances of snagging a bargain.

## End-of-month pressure

Of all the days of the month, traditionally the last five are when dealers have the greatest incentive to sell.

That's because some carmakers offer bonuses when dealers hit certain sales numbers, says Christian Wardlaw, an analyst for the *New York Daily News'* autos section. "Dealers know they can take a loss on that vehicle because they know they'll get the bonus for hitting their quotas," Wardlaw says.

These kinds of bargains are more common at high-volume domestic dealers. However, it's hard for the average consumer to know which dealers are facing the pressure to hit quotas, said Steven Szakaly, chief economist for the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Shopping at the end of the month can help you better your odds. "You're hoping you are the lucky person who walks in at the end of the month and the dealer is missing the one sale he needs," he says.

## Model changeover

The big three U.S. carmakers launch their new models in August and September while some foreign carmakers sprinkle new-vehicle introductions across the calendar. Most buyers are drawn to the newest models, which pressures dealers to offer deeper discounts and incentives to clear their inventory of the previous year's models.

"We're at a critical time where dealers need to clear out 2016 inventory to make room for 2017s, and that's good news for shoppers who will see some great deals on outgoing models in the coming weeks," says Jessica Caldwell, an analyst at car shopping site Edmunds.com.

That means "as a consumer I'm not going to have to arm-wrestle or play the back-and-forth game to get a good price," says Dave Cavano, AAA's car buying expert. Dealers "are much more likely to cut to the bone more quickly — so it's less of a hassle."

Current bargains are available in compact sedans and luxury vehicle segments, while pickup trucks and SUVs still are commanding higher prices, says Szakaly.

Auto sales dropped 4 percent year over year in August, but Szakaly calls it a "plateau." In fact, 2016 is shaping up to be a strong year with an expected sale of 177 million vehicles, the association predicts.

Meanwhile, figures from car shopping site TrueCar show the average transaction prices for 2015 and 2016 dropping across the summer and into fall while sale incentives remain high — which is a good combination for buyers.

Cavano warns that buyers shopping for newly redesigned or recently introduced models will pay dearly for wanting to be the "first on the block to own that car." Manufacturers "trickle out" a few vehicles for each dealer to drive up interest. Eager buyers will have to pay sticker price and sometimes a bit more.

## Year-end sales

The final week of the year brings with it some great deals, particularly from luxury carmakers such as Lexus, Mercedes and BMW, Cavano says. It's when "manufacturers are trying to eke out those last few sales, and they will push money out to their dealers and say, 'OK guys, let's get this done.'"

Keep in mind, however, that with dwindling inventories, you might not be able to get your first choice of color and options.

## Model redesign

When manufacturers redesign models, dealers have both the outgoing and new models for sale at the same time. That leads them to offer incentives and discounts to get rid of older models. Of course, the resale value of the vehicle would be lower. And sometimes, the new model may be "heads and tails better than the outgoing model," Wardlaw says.

## Last year of a model's production

This tip is for serious penny pinchers. When a car is being discontinued or "rebranded" as a different model, the outgoing model's prices drop even more dramatically. Examples on the market include the 2016 Dodge Dart and Chrysler 200, according to Edmunds' handy list of best leftover cars for 2016. Current pricing in California for the Chrysler 200 shows a savings of nearly \$5,000 off the sticker price, according to TrueCar's pricing.

Times when you shouldn't buy a car follows a simple pattern, according to these experts. When there is plenty of foot traffic on the car lot, the dealer will keep prices higher, believing there will be a better offer from another shopper. So weekend afternoons aren't optimal because besides higher pricing, the sales staff will be busy and test-drives will be rushed. Instead, shop midweek, communicating with dealers via text or emails.

Swapping advice about car buying is a great sport for buyers, and Wardlaw has a final recommendation: Don't be lured by the promise of crazy deals. "When it comes down to it, the best time to buy a car is when you really need one," he says.

## COLLEGE NOTES

# Elliott shows kicking range for Memphis

BY SAM BRIEF  
Pioneer Press

Senior kicker Jake Elliott, a Lyons graduate and Western Springs native, has continued his outstanding career with the Memphis football team. Elliott made seven of nine field goal attempts in the Tigers' first five games, including a 50-yarder in Memphis' 43-7 win over Kansas on Sept. 17. Elliott holds the school record for longest field goal, a 56-yarder in 2013, and has kicked four of the program's five longest field goals in history.

Through five games, Elliott had made all six of his field goals from 40 yards or more, helping the Tigers get off to a 4-1 start on the season.

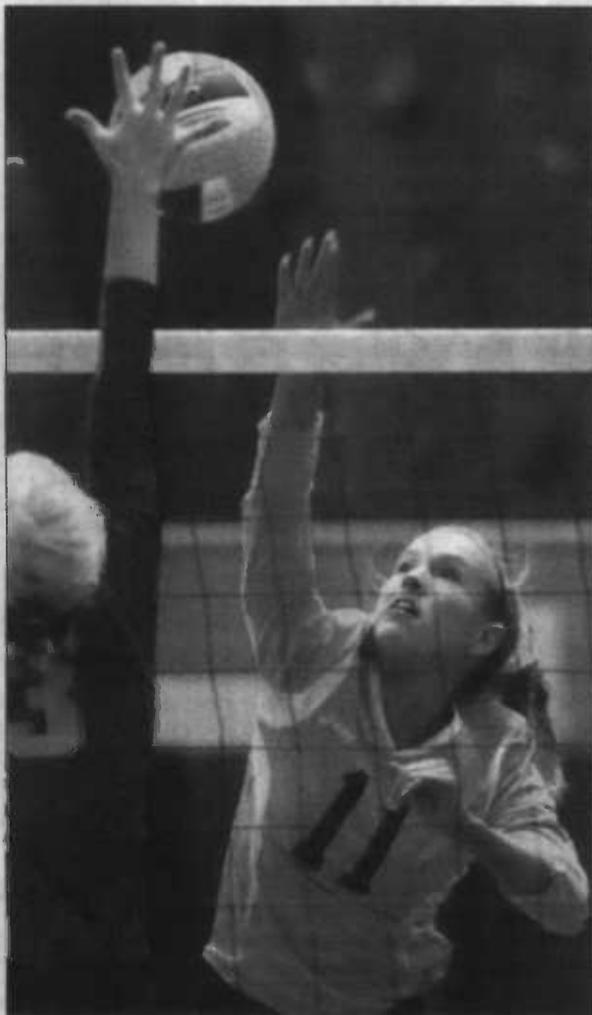
## Tworek helps UW-Whitewater volleyball start strong

Carmel graduate Elizabeth Tworek has helped the Wisconsin-Whitewater women's volleyball team get off to a 16-5 start. Tworek has recorded 22 service aces and 183 digs on the season.

The Warhawks, ranked No. 12 by Division III coaches on Oct. 4, also have Carmel graduate Morgan Meade, Hinsdale South graduate Elizabeth Niesstrom and Evanston graduate Angelika Pointer on the roster.

## Lake Forest grad contributes for Wolverines field hockey

Lake Forest graduate Morgan Dever saw action in eight of the first 11 games this year as a redshirt junior,



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Carmel graduate Elizabeth Tworek (11) has stepped up as a contributor for the Wisconsin-Whitewater women's volleyball team this fall.

for the Michigan women's field hockey team. The Wolverines started 7-4 and have been nationally ranked all season.

## McGinnis finds scoring touch for Badgers

Junior forward Sydney McGinnis, a Maine South graduate, has two goals and an assist for the Wisconsin women's soccer team, which was 5-4-5 through Oct. 6. Those goals were the

first of McGinnis' collegiate career, after appearing in 14 matches as a freshman and 19 as a sophomore.

McGinnis is joined on Wisconsin by Highland Park graduate Grace Quirk, a sophomore goalkeeper, and Evanston graduate Jamie Donohue, a sophomore defender.

Have a suggestion for College Notes? Email Sam Brief at [brief-sam@gmail.com](mailto:brief-sam@gmail.com).

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Lyons graduate Jake Elliott continues to excel as the Memphis kicker.

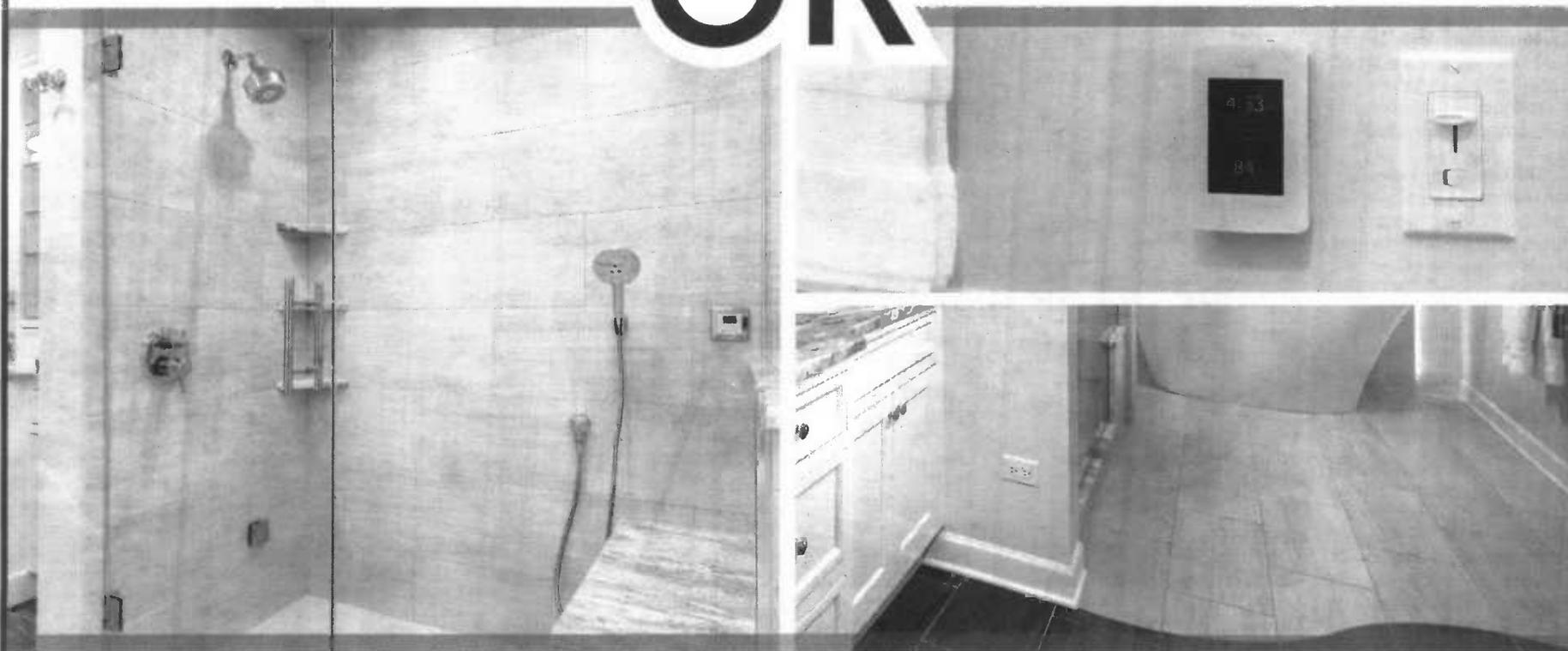
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# 'THAT WAS CRAZY'

## Lau, Kopeny survive four-hole playoff to reach girls golf state tournament

BY GARY LARSEN  
Pioneer Press

It was nearly too dark to continue playing golf. The temperature had dropped considerably since the start of a warm, sunny day, and mosquitoes were swarming golfers as they stood over the ball.

But for Glenbrook South's Sophia Lau and Hersey's Megan Kopeny, it didn't seem to matter, considering the poise each displayed during a four-hole playoff at the Class AA Buffalo Grove Sectional.

Kopeny, Lau, Loyola's Kellie McCabe and Libertyville's Simone Mikaelian finished tied with a score of 79 after 18 holes at Buffalo Grove Golf Club, triggering the playoff. Kopeny and Lau survived to become the final two golfers at the sectional to advance to this year's state tournament.

"That was crazy," Kopeny said.

The two-day state tournament begins Oct. 14 at Hickory Point Golf Club in Decatur.

McCabe bogeyed the first playoff hole to drop out, and Mikaelian missed a par putt on the fourth playoff hole to fall short of a state berth. Lau, a junior, and Kopeny, a senior, each advanced to state for the first time.

Approximately 40-50 friends, parents, teammates and coaches followed the golfers from hole to hole during the nerve-racking ordeal.

Kopeny hit arguably the putt of the tournament.

On the third playoff hole, Lau and Mikaelian had short putts for par, while Kopeny faced an 18-footer for her par. She drilled the putt to stay alive.

"That was fun," Kopeny said. "I was trying to be relaxed, I was humming, I was trying to keep it fun. And I knew the line (of the putt). I had a few swing thoughts and I just pictured it going in the hole."

Lau was mad that she needed to survive a playoff to advance downstate. Sopho-



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Glenbrook South's Sophia Lau, who is pictured Oct. 5, advanced to the Class AA girls golf state tournament.

more teammate Hanna Tanaka also advanced through the sectional.

"I was angry, and not so much nervous," Lau said. "I went in very determined. I was angry at my score today, because I tend to go over every stroke in my head that I should have made."

Lau parred each playoff hole, charging up every fairway after a quartet of nearly perfect tee shots.

"I was confident because I played well on the front nine here today. But it feels unbelievable to get downstate, especially doing it in a playoff."

Lau also won in a playoff at this year's Central Suburban League tournament.

"She got into that (determined) mode, which was awesome," Glenbrook South coach Michelle Caporusso said. "I think a playoff brings a whole different aspect out with her."

Mikaelian may have missed the putt that would have kept her hopes alive on the fourth hole, but the senior played quite well.

First, she chipped a ball to within a foot or so of the hole on the first playoff hole. Then she buried another short putt

on the second playoff hole to stay alive. She also had to follow quality shots from Lau and McCabe, seemingly on every hole.

"It was a great playoff," Caporusso said. "All of these kids are such great people, especially when you get to know them. As a coach it feels great to see your kids advance but you can't help but feel for the ones that don't."

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### BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

Note: Top three teams, plus 10 individuals, advance from each sectional.

#### Boys golf

**Class 3A Loyola Sectional**  
Glencoe Golf Club, Glencoe | Par 72

**Medalist:** Charlie Nikitas, Glenbrook South, 69

**Advancing teams**  
1. Glenbrook South 298  
2. Loyola 298  
3. New Trier 301

**Other local teams**  
4. Prospect 208  
5. Maine South 310  
6. York 311  
7. Lyons 312  
8. Fenwick 327  
9. Hersey 330

**Local advancing individuals**  
Sample Length, School name, score

Tom Manning, York, 73  
Patrick Akanroj, Lyons 74  
Griffin Wasz, Lyon 76  
Joe Tonioni, Maine South, 76  
Robert Garmoe, Prospect, 76  
Nick Tenuta, Prospect, 76  
Charlie Busch, Prospect, 76  
Matt Chapman, Glenbrook North, 77  
Jack Curcio, Maine South, 77  
Charlie VanCleave, Glenbrook North, 77

**Class 3A Machesney Park Harlem Sectional**  
Atwood Homestead Golf Course, Rockford | Par 72

**Medalist:** Ryan Magee, Mundelein, 73

**Advancing teams**  
1. Mundelein 306  
2. Barrington 307  
3. Highland Park 308

**Other local teams**  
4. Lake Forest 308  
5. Stevenson 312

**Local advancing individuals**  
Michael Watt, Libertyville, 73  
Michael Seaman, Lake Forest, 75  
Nick San Miguel, Lake Forest, 75  
Derek Calamari, Libertyville, 76

**Class 3A Oswego Sectional**  
Blackberry Oaks Golf Course, Bristol | Par 72

**Medalist:** Brendan O'Reilly, Hinsdale Central, 69

**Advancing teams**  
1. Hinsdale Central 296  
2. Geneva 298  
3. Wheaton South 303

**Class 2A St. Rita Sectional**  
Glenwood Golf Club, Glenwood | Par 72

**Medalist:** Raymond Sullivan, Lemont, 71

**Advancing teams**  
1. Lemont 323  
2. Chicago Christian 324  
3. St. Ignatius 325

**Other local teams**  
4. Nazareth 330

**Local advancing individuals**  
Jack Keivan, Nazareth, 77  
Michael Cross, Nazareth, 82

**Class 2A St. Viator Sectional**  
Old Orchard Country Club, Mount Prospect | Par 70

**Medalist:** Tyler Anderson, Carmel, 68

**Advancing teams**

1. Carmel 303  
2. Vernon Hills 318  
3. Marmion 320

**Other local teams**  
6. St. Viator 324

**Local advancing individuals**  
Nolan Doherty, St. Viator, 77  
Timmy Crawford, St. Viator, 79  
Peter Miles, North Shore, 79

**Class 1A Westminster Christian Sectional**  
Randall Oaks Golf Club, West Dundee | Par 71

**Medalist:** Marcus Smith, Winnebago, 71

**Advancing teams**

1. Granville Putnam County 308  
2. Byron 314  
3. Aurora Christian 320

**Other local teams**  
5. IC Catholic 326

**Local advancing individuals**  
Trey Morris, IC Catholic, 78

#### Girls golf

**Class 2A Buffalo Grove Sectional**  
Buffalo Grove Golf Club, Buffalo Grove | Par 72

**Medalist:** Penelope Tir, New Trier, 71

**Advancing teams**  
1. New Trier 304  
2. Barrington 310  
3. Prospect 330

**Other local teams**  
4. Loyola 333  
6. Lake Forest 354  
7. Buffalo Grove 360  
8. Libertyville 360  
11. Carmel 381

**Top 10 individuals**

Hanna Tanaka, Glenbrook South, 74  
Lena Benjakul, Lake Forest, 77  
Haeri Lee, Buffalo Grove, 77  
Megan Kopeny, Hersey, 79  
Sophia Lau, Glenbrook South, 79

**Class 2A Schaumburg Sectional**  
Schaumburg Golf Club, Schaumburg | Par 72

**Medalist:** Amy Kucera, Fenwick, 73

**Advancing teams**

1. St. Charles North 312  
2. Wheaton South 325  
3. St. Charles East 340

**Other local teams**  
4. Fenwick 346  
8. OPRF 385  
12. Maine South 417

**Local advancing individuals**  
Amy Kucera, Fenwick, 73  
Stephanie Mroz, Fenwick, 78  
Amanda Lee, Niles West, 81  
Katie Latham, OPRF, 86

**Class 1A Pontiac Sectional**  
Pontiac Elks Golf Course, Pontiac | Par 72

**Medalist:** Maddie Hurt, IC Catholic, 75

**Advancing teams**

1. Marian Central 378  
2. El Paso-Gridley 393  
3. Johnsburg 411

**Other local teams**  
5. St. Viator 427  
10. Trinity 451

**Top 10 individuals**

Maddie Hurt, IC Catholic, 75  
Susie Carlson, St. Viator, 90

# Niles West's Peiser 'playing smarter' this season

BY GARY LARSEN  
Pioneer Press

A high school student daydreaming in class is nothing new, it's just that Jake Peiser's daydreams are always specific.

"I'll be sitting in class during eighth period, looking out the window thinking, 'God, I wish I could be hitting golf balls right now,'" said Peiser, a Niles West senior. "I'm hooked."

Peiser was a baseball player before his father introduced him to golf in seventh grade. He quickly fell in love with the sport and gave up baseball to focus on golf.

He played on the Wolves freshman team and then moved to varsity as a sophomore. He qualified for the sectional his junior year and has seen his game take another step forward since last year.

Peiser advanced through this year's Class 3A Glenbrook North Regional by carding a 76, a three-stroke improvement from last year's regional. He was scheduled to play in the Loyola Sectional at Glencoe Golf Club on Oct. 10. Peiser was one of five Wolves who shot a career-best score at the regional on Tuesday, Oct. 4, but Peiser was the only one who advanced against the tough field.

Loyola, Glenbrook South and New Trier advanced their entire teams through the regional at the Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook. Peiser was one of 10 individual golfers who advanced. Five of the individuals came from Glenbrook North.

But there's a difference between Peiser and the golfers from those annually elite high school programs.

"Like many of the golfers I get at Niles West, Jake is pretty much a self-made player," Wolves coach Mitch Stern said. "He's had some lessons but nothing consistent. His hard work and determination have gotten him where he is now, with very little instruction."

With a junior membership at the Wilmette Golf Club, Peiser played nearly every day over the summer. His game changed for the better once the high school season started.

"Golfers tend to want to hit the coolest shot possible. It's fun to try to hit a big cut around a tree to put one close," said Peiser, a Morton Grove resident. "But most of the time, it ends up hurting you."

He added: "Last year, I took too many of those risks. Now, I'll chip out, get myself back in the fairway and try to get up and down from there, rather than doing something stupid that can hurt you. I'm playing smarter this year."

Peiser shot several even rounds in nine-hole events this season. His chipping and putting have improved, and he has relied on a long and straight drive that keeps him out of trouble.

He also doesn't get cheated when he takes a swing.

"He hits the ball a ton. He takes a rip at everything," Stern said. "He doesn't hold back and you know it's Jake hitting when he hits it."

Peiser intends to play golf in college and his confidence was as high as it's ever been after this year's



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS

Niles West's Jake Peiser has improved his chipping and putting this season. He is pictured at the Class 3A Glenbrook North Regional on Oct. 4 at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook.

regional.

"Last year I was a lot more nervous in regionals," Peiser said. "I got tense and I'd start gripping the club too tight. This year at the regional I had the mindset that it's just a regular round of golf, and to just go out and play it.

That's how I have to think. I'm a good enough player to compete with the best golfers in the state. I just have to play my game."

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# Niles North's Egan strives to remain confident

BY GARY LARSEN  
Pioneer Press

Niles North's Michael Egan had one stretch of outstanding golf in 2016 to build on next season.

Egan, a junior, shot scores of 43, 38 and 43 in three consecutive nine-hole competitions in September, and was the medalist in two of those meets.

"I struggled with having confidence in my game during my freshman year, and even last year," Egan said. "But when I was on that streak, it felt like I couldn't do anything wrong. And even when I would do something wrong, I was confident that I could make up for it on the next shot."

Confidence is a vital, but sometimes elusive, quality in golf, and players have always chased after it. Egan found it and kept it during his September hot streak.

"We know he has that in him," Niles North coach Tom Zera said. "For him, it's almost all confidence. He's got the swing, he's got the tempo, and he always makes a good swing on the ball."

"I think what happened that week was that he began believing, 'Maybe I can do this.' Now we're working on having him carry that over to most of the season when he's a senior."

Egan's junior season ended when didn't advance out of the Class 3A Glenbrook North Regional on Oct. 4.

At 5-foot-6, Egan is not one of the biggest hitters off the tee in the high school game. But what he lacks in distance, he learned to make up for in 2016 with accuracy.

Egan kept the ball in play more this year, largely

avoided taking penalty strokes or posting big scores on holes and tightened up his short game.

"My course management can still get a lot better, but my putting and short game have gotten better," Egan said. "My putting, most of all, has improved. I got used to reading the greens much better this year."

Egan already has the physical tools he needs to excel. His mental approach is now catching up to him.

"He has our best swing, he's mechanically our best player, and now his mindset is kind of approaching his skill set," Zera said. "He's not his own worst enemy, the way he has been at times in the past. He played with more confidence this year and that translated in to how he swings the golf club."

The Glenbrook North Regional featured New Trier, Loyola, Glenbrook South and Glenbrook North, and Egan knows that the quality players on those teams represent the next mental hurdle he has to clear.

"It's such a mental game. That's what it always boils down to," Egan said. "You can't focus on the people you're playing against. Focus on your own game."

"I was really happy with the way I golfed in the beginning and middle of the season, but then I started to fall off because I put too much pressure on myself at conference and in the regional. But overall, I was pretty happy with the season. I took a step forward."

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# Metz wants to play as much as possible for Niles West

BY DAN SHALIN  
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Niles West senior wide receiver and safety Matt Metz was on the field for much of his team's 56-42 home loss to rival Niles North, and that's the way the three-year varsity player likes it.

"(I want to be on the field) as much as I can. I just want to help my team as much as I can," said Metz, who lives in Morton Grove.

With just 36 players on the roster, several of the Wolves are forced to play both ways, which is a test of stamina on Friday nights and can create issues during the week as players struggle to get enough practice at both positions.

Metz said he often prepares for offense by taking reps at practice, while defensive preparation is more about studying game film of the upcoming opponent.

Niles West coach Scott Baum said Metz has learned how to prepare both mentally and physically for the demands of playing two positions. Baum said he tries to get Metz and other two-way players some rest during games, but Metz actually wants to be on the field more, not less.

"He wants to stay on the field," Baum said. "The other night, he asked me if he could play special teams. He wants to play

and knows he can rest on Saturday and Sunday."

Against Niles North in Central Suburban South action on Oct. 7, the 6-foot-1, 174-pound Metz turned in a memorable performance on offense. He caught nine passes for 104 yards and scored twice, reaching the end zone on a 10-yard catch and a 12-yard run.

Yet, Metz and the rest of the Wolves were left frustrated by the team's struggles on the other side of the ball.

"I had a pretty good offensive day, but I'm really unhappy with the 56 points," Metz said. "I feel really responsible for that. We have to be better than that."

For a second straight week, Niles West's potent offense was not able to make up for the Wolves' defense. It was a similar scenario in the Wolves' 42-35 loss at Evanston in Week 6.

This past week, the Wolves (4-3, 1-2) gained 528 total yards, yet it wasn't enough against the previously winless Vikings (1-6, 1-2).

The teams traded touchdowns throughout the first three quarters until Niles North returned an interception for a touchdown in the third quarter. That put the Vikings up two scores and proved to be an insurmountable lead.

"That defensive score

was big for them," Baum said. "We knew we could come back from one (score down), but that one changed the momentum."

Meanwhile, the Wolves could not come up with a big defensive play like they had in wins earlier in the season. In fact, it was Metz who grabbed a pivotal fourth-quarter interception in both the 28-25 victory over Buffalo Grove in Week 1 and the 48-34 win over Elk Grove in Week 4.

Senior wide receiver and cornerback Matt Galanopoulos said those interceptions, and Metz's offensive performance against Niles North, are just a few examples of how Metz makes his presence felt on both sides of the ball.

"He's a huge player for our team, someone we can rely on when we need a big play," Galanopoulos said. "He's a deep threat and when we need a big play on a big possession, he can get it. On defense, he's always in the right spot to make big plays."

Galanopoulos added: "(Metz) is a great kid, great leader. He's always making sure teammates are doing what they have to do. He's a hard-working kid and he always wants to be on the field and help the team."

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Above left: Niles West's Rafael Aguayo wraps up Niles North's Bruno Prosper-Kanam.  
Above right: Niles North's Dylan Ramirez sacks Niles West's Johnny Pabst.

## Vikings win rivalry game

Led by junior running back Bruno Prosper-Kanam, the Niles North football team beat Niles West 56-42 on Oct. 7 in the annual Skokie Skirmish.

Prosper-Kanam ran for 298 yards and five touchdowns on 34 carries, which equates to an average of 8.8 yards per carry, to help the Vikings (1-6, 1-2) win their first game of the season.

It was also first-year coach Mike Garoppolo's first win.

Vikings senior quarterback Andrew Francis was efficient. He completed 11-of-13 passes for 219 yards in the Central Suburban South game at Niles West.

The Wolves dropped to 4-3 overall and 1-2 in conference.



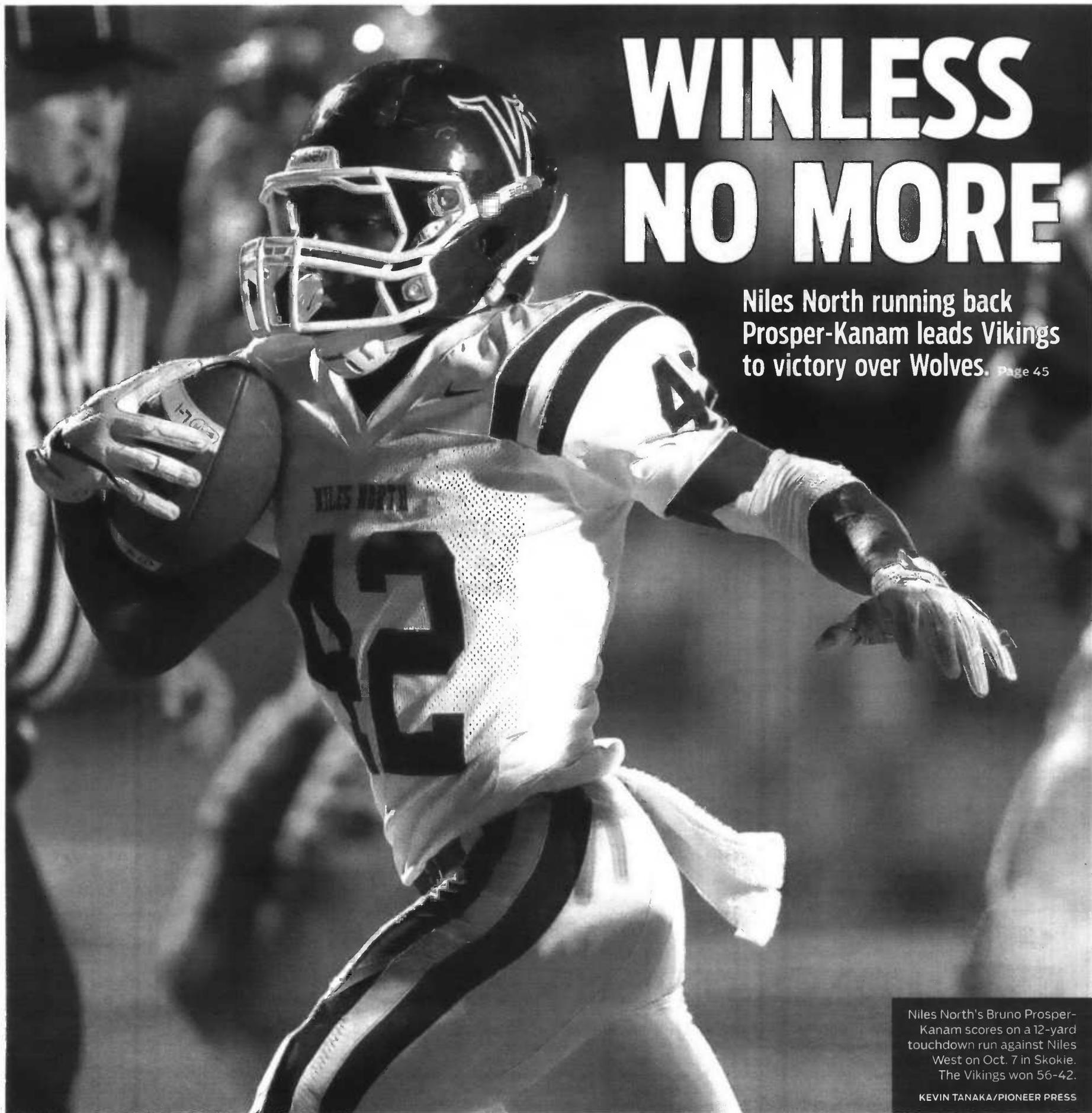
Niles North's Jordan LaBelle catches a pass for a first down in front of Niles West's Matt Metz.

— Staff report



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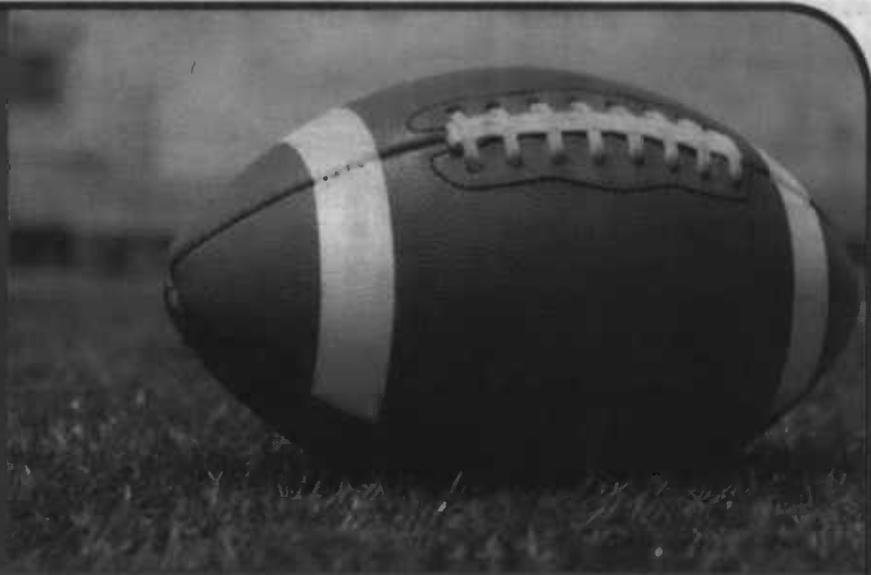
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Niles North running back  
Prosper-Kanam leads Vikings  
to victory over Wolves. Page 45

Niles North's Bruno Prosper-Kanam scores on a 12-yard touchdown run against Niles West on Oct. 7 in Skokie. The Vikings won 56-42.

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Morton Grove... New Listing! Stunning Totally Renovated 2 Story 10 room Colonial located across the street from Forest Preserves & Bike/Bridle Trails! 2 blocks from Park View School/Harrer Park/Pool! Sought-after open floor plan with 4 bedrooms & 3 1/2 baths. Huge living room, separate dining room + eat-in kitchen. 24' master bedroom with master bath. Full finished lower level with family room, game room, full bath & plenty of storage. Fabulous balcony from master bedroom overlooks forest preserve. Large yard with deck. 2 1/2 car attached garage.....**\$511,000**



### **ELEGANT COLONIAL BUILT 2005!**

Niles... Just Listed! Simply spectacular Brick Colonial with many fabulous upgrades! Located in Maine South School District 207! Beautiful kitchen with heated ceramic tile floor. 4 bedrooms & 4 baths. Beautiful 26' family room with vaulted ceiling and stone fireplace. Master bedroom suite with full bath. Trey ceilings in all bedrooms. Brick driveway, brick walkways and gorgeous brick patio in large yard. Zoned heat. Full unfinished basement awaits your finishing touches. 2 car attached garage with direct entry to house. Park Ridge Schools & Niles Free Bus!!.....**\$695,000**



### **A PLACE TO BEGIN!**

Northbrook... New on the market! Conveniently located 4 room Condo with loads of amenities. Large living room and separate dining area with wood laminate floors. Large bedroom with oversized walk in closet. Very well maintained unit with ample parking, laundry and storage in building. Amenities also include outdoor pool. Nice size balcony for outdoor enjoyment! Very affordable real estate taxes and monthly assessment. Located in Glenbrook South School District #225!! Close to shopping, restaurants, bus, forest preserves and much more! Won't Last at.....**\$93,900**



### **DESIGNED WITH DISTINCTION!**

Morton Grove... Spectacular 4 br-2 1/2 bath brick Colonial Built in 2006! Dramatic two-story foyer. Open kitchen-family room concept for entertaining plus a separate formal dining room & living room that can be used as a library/office. Gorgeous island kitchen with 42" custom cabinets, SS appliances & Granite countertops. Oak floors throughout, Oak staircase, crown moldings +2 fireplaces. Master BR with FP, dramatic trayed, walk-in closet, 8' glass door to Juliet balcony & master bath with Jacuzzi +shower. Wood deck + fenced yard. 2 car garage.....**\$599,000**