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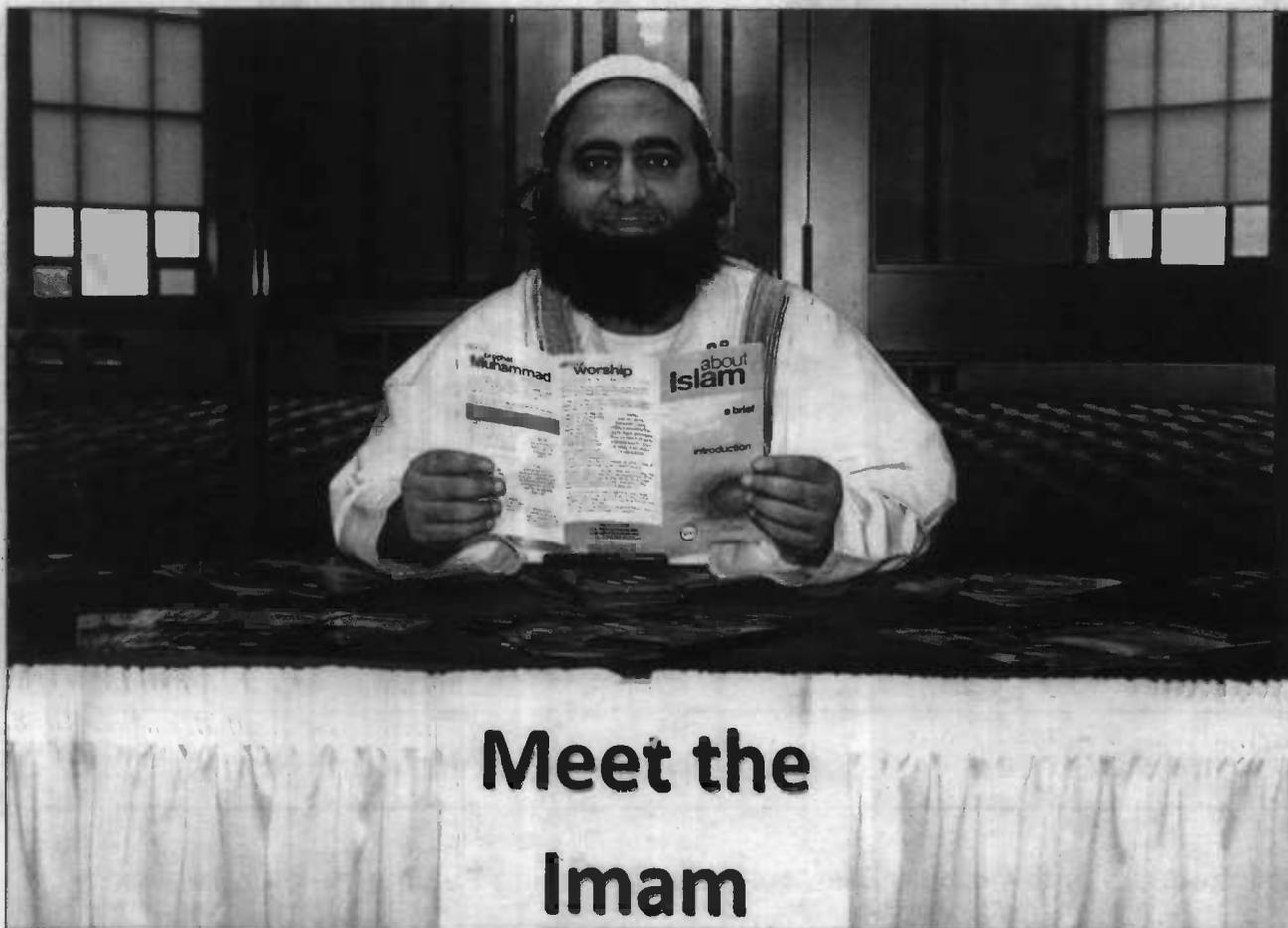
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Imam Nazim Mangera sits in front of the entrance to the Mosque, greeting visitors at the Muslim Education Center in Morton Grove during an open house.

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Bob Stewarts, avid bird watcher

Bob Stewarts recently cycled along the relatively new downtown Skokie bike trail - the southern half of the Skokie Rails to Trails Corridor.

"We wanted to try the new bicycle path," he said of coming there from Park Ridge. Stewarts said he has a daughter who works in Skokie so he makes his way to the village often.

He stopped on his bike trip to answer a few questions for The Skokie Review.

Q: What did you do for a living?

A: I was in telecommunications, but I retired about five years ago. I worked at Tellabs in Naperville.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Villa Park.

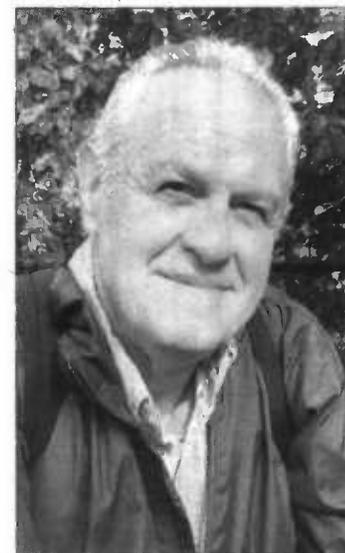
Q: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: Something like a fireman or a cop.

Q: Do you have a family?

A: I've been married a little over 15 years. I have five children.

Q: What is your favorite local



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Bob Stewarts

restaurant?

A: I'm not sure I have one in Skokie, but I like the new restaurant Holt's when I'm closer to home.

Q: What book are you reading and what book would you

like to read next?

A: I'm reading a book called "Spiritual Discernment" by Watchman Nee. The next book I would probably like to read is "Hawks in Flight" so I can identify them in the sky, which is really hard.

Q: What is a movie you'd recommend?

A: "August Rush." It's one I want to see right now. I've seen it before a long time ago and like it a lot, but it's one I want to see again.

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom?

A: What is man that we are mindful of him. It comes from the Bible.

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?

A: I used to love running 10K races. I did a lot of them. Now, we're avid bird watchers. We're looking forward to when my wife fully retires and we can travel the world. We plan to go everywhere. We'll probably start in the United States and then go to Europe.

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Building community by opening doors

Muslim Education Center takes part in open house event

By **LEE V. GAINES**
Pioneer Press

Morton Grove resident Jenny Montgomery said a young Muslim boy in her 4th-grade classroom asked her repeatedly to come to a recent open house at the mosque where the boy and his family worship.

Montgomery, a teacher with Chicago Public Schools, kept her promise to the boy and attended the event Oct. 16 at the Muslim Education Center in Morton Grove.

Amid a turbulent election cycle that's featured anti-Muslim rhetoric, Montgomery said children in her classroom are not immune to the things they hear spoken on the national political stage.

It's one of the reasons she decided to support her student at the open house.

"I see him struggling with feeling accepted," Montgomery said. "I think he feels like he's being singled out, and maybe is a little unsure and a little frightened about what people see when they at look at him."

Nazim Mangera, imam for the Muslim Community Center in Chicago, said the election season has led to misconceptions about Muslims.

Some politicians think that if they demonize a minority group, the majority of Americans will vote for them, he said.

Welcoming the community into the mosque is an antidote for that, Mangera said.

"When people get to know each other, that's when people are aware of each other's beliefs and values," he said.

The open house was a part of the Chicago Architecture Foundation's Open House Chicago, a free re-



DAVID KRAUS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dr. Saba Khan, of Morton Grove; Rashida Najiullah, of Skokie; and Atiya Usman, of Glenview, work at the cultural art display during the open house.

"Seeing them take the time to come in and listen to our speakers makes me pretty happy."

— Zara Usman a 10-year-old student at the center

gional event that opens buildings with architectural significance for tours.

It was the second year the Muslim Community Center and its associated school participated. The event also was sponsored by the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.

Zara Usman, a 10-year-old student at the Morton Grove center and a Chicago resident, said she's been personally affected by people who don't understand

her religion.

"When I'm wearing my hijab outside of school, some people look at me with a face as if I'm going to do something," she said.

Usman, a Girl Scout, said that having non-Muslims visit her school and her house of worship is a heartening gesture.

It also was an opportunity to dismantle common misconceptions and stereotypes about her religion and the people who practice it, she said.

"Seeing them take the time to come in and listen to our speakers makes me pretty happy," Usman said.

The open house featured tours of the Morton Grove mosque, calligraphy demonstrations, henna tattooing, a group of Muslim Girl Scouts eager to speak with visitors as well as falafel and pita snacks.

On Oct. 15, roughly 250 people attended an open house at MCC's mosque in Chicago, according to representatives from the organization.

The feedback from the event was "excellent," said Akhter Sadiq, chairman of MCC's interfaith outreach committee.

"People really appreciate it that we open the door to the community and every-

body else," he said. "That has been the main comment."

The event also helped showcase the organization's work in addition to its religious services. MCC helps register people to vote and congregants participate in numerous charitable activities, he said.

Sadiq led a tour through the vast marble and onyx men's prayer room and up to the balcony, where Muslim women gather for Islamic services.

Michelle Harris, a Girl Scout leader in Skokie, and her 12-year-old daughter, Eliza, tagged along for a firsthand look.

Both said they were encouraged to attend by their Muslim friends.

"I want to send a message

to my kids to carve time out to learn about what's different from ourselves and to connect that to our own home," Harris said.

Living in a diverse world is about more than tolerance, she said. It's also about appreciation and relating to others' experiences, Harris said.

Montgomery said she was so glad to have an opportunity to look inside a building she's passed by many times. She said she wanted to gain a better understanding and respect for her Muslim students' faith.

"I've certainly been very welcomed here," Montgomery said.

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

Lincoln Ave. project delayed

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood officials are pushing back a road project that was expected to start this fall to upgrade medians with landscaping along a two-mile stretch of Lincoln Avenue after construction bids for the work came in higher than anticipated.

After announcing plans earlier this year to spend \$850,000 on the medians along a main commercial stretch in the village, officials received bids from four contractors that all exceeded Lincolnwood's estimates for the project. Huntley-based Landmark Contractors Inc. submitted the lowest price quote, totaling about \$1.56 million, according to the village.

Village trustees during a committee meeting Oct. 5 agreed to postpone the project and request a new set of bids for the work, which originally was scheduled to

be completed by the spring. Village engineers now will redesign the project to try and reduce costs, although some trustees said the project needs to be a priority.

"Those medians are crumbling," said trustee Jesal Patel. "They're vastly inferior than what we expect and demand for our village."

Preliminary designs for the medians from village contract engineer Christopher B. Burke Engineering showed the bare, concrete medians being replaced with raised beds that would be covered with perennial landscaping and an irrigation system surrounded by a brick embankment. Under the initial design, six different types of vegetation would be planted, including varieties known for their colorful flowers that bloom in the summer and fall.

"It would make the village prettier but since the bids exceeded the best estimate

from our engineer, postponing it is what makes the most sense," said trustee Ron Cope.

Plans to redesign the medians along the Lincoln Avenue corridor, which runs along Lincoln Avenue from Jarvis Avenue south to Devon, have been in the works since 2009, when village officials approved the "Lincoln Avenue Streetscape Master Plan." The plan is intended to bring a sense of "new urbanism" to Lincoln Avenue through a combination of safety and aesthetic improvements, and make that commercial stretch more appealing to developers, village officials have said. Some projects identified in the plan have been completed during the past seven years, including a new brick promenade at Lincolnwood Village Hall, parking lanes and streetlights along Lincoln Avenue.

Natalie Hayes is a freelancer.

Matlin responds to report Trump called her 'retarded'

TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Oscar-winning actress Marlee Matlin on Oct. 14 responded to a report that Donald Trump called her "retarded" because she is deaf.

"The term is abhorrent and should never be used," Matlin tweeted. "The fact that we are talking about this during a very important moment in American history has upset me deeply."

Quoting anonymous sources, The Daily Beast reported on Oct. 13 the Republican presidential nominee insulted Matlin while she was a contestant on "The Celebrity Apprentice" in 2011. Matlin, a native of Morton Grove, lost most of her hearing at 18 months.

"I am deaf. There are millions of deaf and hard of

hearing people like me in the United States and around the world who face discrimination and misunderstanding like this on a daily basis. It is unacceptable," Matlin tweeted.

"So, what's my response? It's not about insults or taking each other down. As a person who is deaf, as a woman, as a mom, as a wife, as an actor, I have a voice. And I'm using that voice to make myself heard ... and vote."

Also this week, "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch, who competed against Matlin on "The Celebrity Apprentice," told People magazine Trump made "sexual comments" to the actress. Trump press secretary Hope Hicks told People that Hatch's comments are "completely false."

A Matlin representative



BARRY BRECHEISEN/INVISION/AP
Actress Marlee Matlin appears during the We Day Illinois in Chicago in this April 30, 2015, file photo.

did not return a Tribune request for comment. The reports come as Trump battles various accusations of impropriety.

Matlin, who starred on "The West Wing" placed second on "The Celebrity Apprentice." She participated in a Comedy Central roast of Trump in 2011. She stars on "Switched at Birth," which is set to premiere its final season in January on the Freeform network.

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Skokie police: Coordination reduces crime

Law enforcement agencies work together to curb car burglaries, theft

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Skokie police say coordination among a slew of police departments in combating car thefts and vehicle burglaries has led to a reduction in the crimes in the suburb in recent weeks.

According to Skokie police officials, the department helped identify a pattern of similar crimes — eventually learning they impacted some 50 suburbs — and worked to create more effective enforcement. In each of these cases, they said, suspects came from the far South Side of Chicago to break into vehicles in the suburbs and then returned to the city.

Skokie Police Chief Anthony Scarpelli said that in almost every case, the vehicles had been left unlocked. When cars were stolen, keys or fobs had been left inside, he said.

“They never once smashed a window or tried to force in a door,” he said.

Scarpelli said police first saw an increase in vehicle break-ins and motor vehicle thefts starting in May, but they did not yet know how widespread the issue was.

“Looking at our own data at the time, we saw an uptick in break-ins and motor vehicle thefts compared to the month before and the weeks before,” said Officer Sabih Khan of the Skokie Police Department’s Intelligence Unit. “We initially didn’t know this was wider spread than Skokie.”

He said they mostly were cases involving stealing unsecured cars or thieves trying to enter unlocked vehicles and take items from inside.

In some cases, night shift officers stopped people for curfew violations or in response to people being seen



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS

Skokie Police Chief Tony Scarpelli, left, and officer Sabih Khan look at crime statistics in Skokie. Skokie police worked to help identify a pattern of vehicle break-ins and thefts in the suburbs over recent months.

pulling on vehicle door handles, Khan said. Some of those stops led to arrests, others did not, he said, but the suspects’ backgrounds raised a red flag.

“We looked into who they were and noticed they were not locals,” Khan said. “They were from the far South Side of Chicago. We had never had interactions with these people before.”

According to Skokie police data, the suspicious incidents started in the late spring, with many weeks seeing at least two or three of them.

“We were curious as to why they were out at five in the morning and lived an hour-and-a-half away,” Khan said. “To come all the

way from the far South Side of Chicago seemed out of the ordinary.”

He said that unlike car break-ins committed by locals, in many cases, the thieves suspected in the larger pattern would not go after “small stuff” like change. They would try to enter many vehicles and take more expensive items or the vehicle itself if the opportunity arose, he said.

Skokie and Highland Park were among the earliest agencies to work together, according to Khan. What began as two or three agencies sharing information “morphed into more than 50 agencies,” he said.

A partial list compiled by Skokie police show im-

acted cities or villages other than Skokie include Evanston and Lincolnwood, Burr Ridge and Hickory Hills, Palatine and Barrington, Crystal Lake and Blue Island, among many others.

Officials said they eventually learned the crime spree traveled as far as East Moline.

“It was whatever highway they decided to get on that night,” Scarpelli said.

In July, police responded to a series of vehicle break-ins in an incident that left a police officer with a minor injury after a crash.

Scarpelli and Khan said that incident was part of the same spree.

Skokie police called a meeting so that information

could be shared among the different police departments, Scarpelli said. More than 100 investigators from some 30 agencies came to the Skokie Police Department to try to address the crime spree, he said.

According to Skokie police, agencies worked with an interactive map that clearly showed incidents were occurring all over the Chicago metro area. But recovered stolen vehicles were concentrated in one area on the South Side of Chicago, the map showed.

“Cars are being stolen with greater frequency all over the area,” Scarpelli said, looking at the map, “but they’re all winding up in the same spot.”

Khan said the crime spree wasn’t committed by people operating in a formal ring or an organized group. Word was spreading that the suburbs could be easier pickings because of expensive vehicles whose owners sometimes leave doors unlocked, he said.

“It was more word of mouth,” he said. “The suspects didn’t all necessarily even know each other.”

Scarpelli later called another regional meeting — this one of police chiefs who are part of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force.

“You could see, just by the number of towns involved, that no one law enforcement agency was going to be able to combat this,” he said. “We knew there had to be a coordinated approach.”

A newly formed task force was more easily able to share collected information among agencies, he said. The task force created a secure data-sharing website that allowed all agencies to get information almost in real time.

A second task force was later created — this one involving Chicago, which concentrated on the recovered vehicles, Khan said. The coordinated effort among agencies led to some important arrests in the city and suburbs, he said.

Skokie police said they regard the crime spree as “ongoing” but said incidents across the suburbs have been “significantly reduced,” according to Scarpelli. In Skokie, there has not been a reported incident matching the crime spree break-ins for months.

“Skokie has not been hit, but some communities are still seeing some activity,” Scarpelli said. “It’s a greatly reduced amount. Law enforcement in the entire region is now better equipped because we can more rapidly identify and react to these incidents.”

Moretti's wraps up financing deal with Morton Grove

By PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria will open in Morton Grove by the end of 2017 after the restaurant group recently agreed to a new financing deal with village officials.

Village Board members amended, 5-0, a December 2015 agreement that was approved before non-hazardous waste was discovered in soil analysis on the proposed site in the 6400 block of West Dempster Street.

Under the amended deal, Morton Grove officials will pay the cost of waste clean-up, while representatives with Moretti's agreed to remove a proposed video gaming cafe and two adjacent parcels from the proposal.

Mark Hoffman, owner of Moretti's and project developer Ala Carte Entertainment, said he simply was happy to reach a deal to build in Morton Grove.

"It took a long time to work out the details of this deal," Hoffman said. "It was a little more complicated than a normal acquisition.

Sometimes, the best things take awhile. Obviously, the village and I wanted to make sure it worked for both of us."

With the amended deal settled, village officials agreed to sell the property for \$1.525 million and loan Ala Carte Entertainment \$636,000 to cover eligible tax-increment-financing expenses, Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said in a report to the board.

If the Moretti's location stays open for 20 years, Morton Grove officials also will forgive the loan to cover TIF-eligible business development expenses, Czerwinski said. The mortgage the village agreed to with Moretti's also would be forgiven if the business stays open for 15 years, he said.

The restaurant is expected to generate more than \$120,000 a year in sales and property taxes, according to the village.

Hoffman said he had no problem agreeing to stay open for up to 20 years.

He noted how the Moretti's location in Edison Park has operated for 25 years at a building his family has owned for 44 years. Moret-

ti's also operates a location in nearby Mount Prospect and five other locations in the Chicago area.

"We're a family-owned and hands-on operation," Hoffman said. "We're building this to stay there for quite a long time. I want everyone to know we're here for the duration."

Ala Carte plans to break ground in the coming weeks, he said.

"Hopefully, if the weather cooperates, we'll get the first layer of asphalt binder down and the foundations in," Hoffman said. "We want to just get as much done as we can, so next spring we can get the building in and be open by fall of next year."

The size and timing of the project made it difficult to include the video gaming cafe. But the group possibly could add it in the future if the right opportunity presents itself with the village, Hoffman said.

The parcels removed from the amended agreement included 8733 Narragansett Ave. and 8720 Ferris Ave., according to the village.

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Panera closes in Niles, opens in Skokie

By NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Fast-casual restaurant chain Panera Bread recently opened a new location in Skokie, nearly a week after a longtime Niles location shuttered its doors.

The 4,300-square-foot Skokie Panera opened Oct. 13 at 5508 W. Touhy Ave. in the Touhy Town Center, a new development going up immediately north of the Village Crossing shopping center. The retail center is anchored by a standalone building that houses the drive-thru Panera. A 28,000-square-foot Goodwill thrift

store also is being built immediately behind the restaurant, and a drive-thru ATM was added to site plans earlier this month after the Skokie Village Board approved a special use permit.

The Panera in Skokie could be joined by another new Panera location planned for 9400 N. Milwaukee Ave in Niles.

Niles officials approved all necessary construction permits for the new building, which also will feature a drive-thru lane, according to Niles spokesman Mitch Johnson. Niles officials also have been told by Panera representatives that the new

Niles location will replace an existing location at 9465 N. Milwaukee Ave., Johnson said. A manager at the store declined to comment on a possible closing date.

"The village is not aware of a set opening date for the new location at this time," Johnson said.

The activity comes at a time when another Panera location in Niles at 7023 W. Dempster St. closed permanently on Oct. 7. Calls for comment left with the corporate office at Panera were not returned.

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Niles

THEFT

■ Carlos Green, 39, of the 4000 block of Crystal Street in Chicago, was charged Oct. 6 with retail theft after he allegedly stole items on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue, police said. He has a Nov. 21 court date.

■ Surveillance video from a business on the 8200 block of Golf Road showed a man stealing 50 wooden pallets Oct. 6, police said.

■ A woman reported Oct. 2 that she discovered painkillers missing after accepting a ride from a man she did not know, police said.

■ An employee of a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road told police someone stole a gift card Oct. 4 with \$490 worth of credit on it.

DUI

■ Sarah DePillo, 33, of the 2400 block of West Balmoral in Chicago, was charged Oct. 1 with driving under the influence after she was stopped for speeding just before midnight, police said. She was given a Nov. 3 court date.

BURGLARY

■ A unknown amount of money was reported stolen Oct. 1 after a burglary of a restaurant on the 7400 block of Milwaukee Avenue, police said.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

■ Tools and a GPS device were reported stolen between Oct. 3 and 4 from a car parked on the 8300 block of Octavia Avenue.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ A window on a mobile classroom at Mark Twain School, 9401 Hamlin Ave., was discovered damaged Oct. 3, police said.

Skokie

WEAPONS

■ Matthew Robert Wicks, 20, of the 7800 block of Keeler Avenue, Skokie, was charged on an in-state warrant Oct. 3 on the 7800 block of Keeler Avenue. Police said the warrant was issued by the Champaign sheriff's office for unlawful use of weapons and aggravated assault.

DUI

■ Arturo Garcia Martinez, 30, of the 1900 block of Warren Street, Evanston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Oct. 4 on the 9000 block of Keating Avenue.

FORGERY

■ Eden Sarah Watson, 26, of the 1600 block of West 66th Street, Chicago, was charged with forgery Oct. 3 at Westfield Old Orchard on the 4900 block of Old Orchard Road.

Morton Grove police looking for information on vehicle burglaries

By NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Morton Grove police are looking for information on a group of thieves who they suspect of trying to break into at least 15 vehicles parked on various residential streets throughout the village.

Among the 17 burglaries reported to Morton Grove police between Sept. 29 and Oct. 3, two garages were burglarized and 15 vehicles were broken into, police said. The thieves made off with various items, from a cheap flashlight and some over-the-counter medication to electronic devices, such as a laptop computer and an iPad, Morton Grove police Cmdr. Paul Yaras said.

No arrests have been made in the crime spree, he

said. But police are looking into a group of about 10 males wanted recently in connection with the burglaries who had been traveling in a vehicle that was later recovered in Wilmette.

"There haven't been any new burglaries since, but these crimes are related to a South Side (Chicago) burglary crew that steals cars if they can," Yaras said. "These thieves will hit multiple areas, usually between a time frame of 5 p.m. and 3 a.m."

Based on reports from witnesses, police described the suspects as a group of black male teenagers.

Aside from two of the burglaries reported between Sept. 29 and Oct. 3, all of the other break-ins reportedly occurred during the night of Sept. 30 on different streets

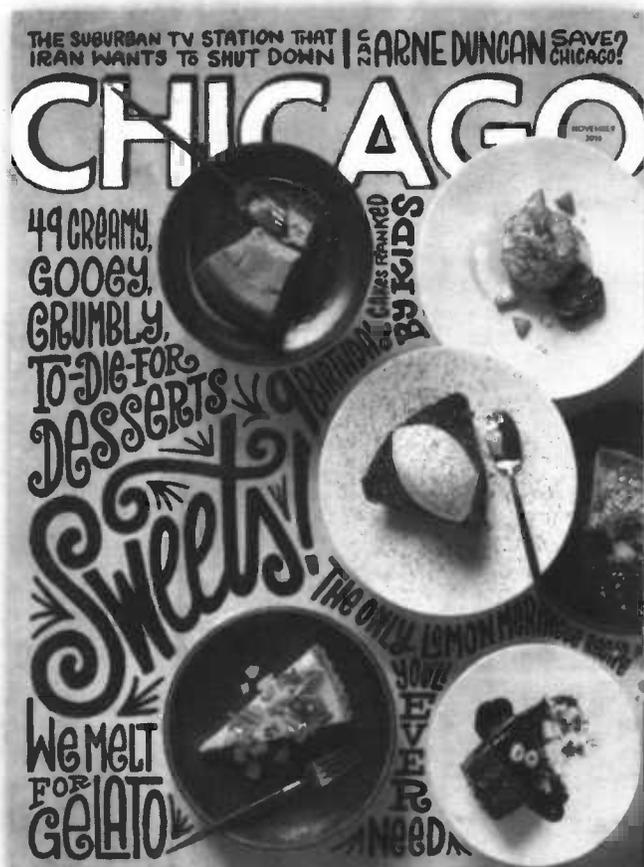
— the 8900, 9000 and 9100 blocks of Major Avenue, the 9100 block of Mansfield Avenue, the 9100 block of Menard Avenue, and the 8800, 8900 and 9000 blocks of Parkside, police said.

Yaras described the burglaries as crimes of opportunity.

When people leave their vehicles unlocked, thieves can quickly grab anything left inside the car, from loose change to smartphone chargers, sunglasses and clothing, he said. Vehicle owners who leave their keys in the ignition put themselves at risk for car theft.

"(The group of burglars) are known to enter unlocked cars and steal them if the keys are inside," Yaras said.

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White Sox fans, players talk Cubs playoffs

BY COLLEEN KANE

Chicago Tribune

Laura Williams is the ultimate White Sox fan.

She has attended 672 consecutive home games dating back to 2008, even while battling cystic fibrosis. She was named the team's Fan of the Year in an MLB.com vote and received a customized bat from Adam Eaton on the last game this year as her reward.

But this October, she's watching the Cubs. And she won't even be that miserable about it.

"I'm a baseball fan, so I'm going to watch," said Williams, 37, who grew up in Crestwood and now lives in Oak Forest. "While I may not be cheering for them as hard as if it was my team, I mean, I have so many friends who are Cubs fans. I'll be happy for them."

For Sox fans like Williams who saw their season end Oct. 2, there are choices to be made this month when it comes to that other team up north.

Do they resign themselves to a Cubs playoff run and watch respectfully? Or do they turn away from their TVs and social media accounts and go into hiding?

Do they support their friends who never have seen their team win the World Series, unlike (cough) the Sox (cough) who won it in 2005? Or do they remind the Cubs fans of all the reasons it's never going to happen?

Bill Cielinski, 33, grew up in Niles and has been a Sox season-ticket holder since 2004 because "my dad brought me up right," but he will have a hard time separating himself from the Cubs this month. His girlfriend is a Cubs fan, so he expects he will be forced to watch games on TV, if not in person.

"I will not be wearing Cubbie blue, but I won't necessarily be cheering



Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs fans wait for the start of a game at Wrigley Field in Chicago July 27.

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"I will not be wearing Cubbie blue, but I won't necessarily be cheering against them."

— Bill Cielinski, Niles native and White Sox fan

against them," Cielinski said. "If they get knocked out, I may be a fan of whatever team knocks them out in the long run.

"I've been through this (before), and I've learned my lesson now to not get too worried because somehow they probably will screw it up. I'll worry about it when they get into the World Series, and then I'll go on a long vacation somewhere probably."

It was all so much better for Sox fans in April, Williams said, when both teams were off to hot starts and Chicagoans were dreaming of a world where they met in the

World Series.

That hope quickly faded for the Sox, and Cielinski has received text messages from Cubs friends almost weekly this season giving him a hard time about the Sox's record, attendance and manager. But he also recalls many congratulations from Cubs supporters when the Sox won in 2005. Williams remembers differing reactions.

"There was a lot of mumbling and grumbling," Williams said. "Cubs fans, there are two different kinds. There are ones who razz you all the time. And there are the real die-hards who are fans of the game, and

they were happy for me and happy for the Sox, in general for their fans. I feel the same way (about the Cubs)."

A brief survey of Sox fans at a September home game found several who said they would cheer for the Cubs because any championship is good for the city — and a few who definitely wouldn't. A poll on a message board at SouthSideSox.com, a popular Sox fan site, had 43 percent of respondents hoping the Cubs are swept in the first round, while 22 percent voted "win the World Series and get it over with."

"I'll watch — I'll just cheer for the other team," joked Jacki Fabis, of New Buffalo, Mich., who attended the game with her husband. "We have been together 47 years, and this is the only team we can root for together. We won't be rooting for the Cubs."

Eaton would much rather be playing in the postseason, but he still plans to enjoy watching the playoffs this year. He's not going to flat-out cheer for the Cubs, but as an Ohio native and Michigan resident, Eaton is usually partial to Midwest teams.

"I'm not going to say I'll root for them; I'm not going to say I hope they do poorly," Eaton said. "I love the city of Chicago. I love the Midwest, and if the Midwest does well, I enjoy it. I'm just going to watch it unbiased and root for individuals, I guess, guys I played with or know personally."

Ken "Hawk" Harrelson has been a Sox broadcaster for 32 seasons, and he has no qualms about showcasing his affection for the South Siders.

But even he wants the Cubs to win the World Series — and said he picked

them to do so.

He thinks the Cubs are fun to watch, but his reasoning for hoping they win is based on his love for Chicago. He believes when one team wins in the city, it forces the others to better themselves, pointing to the early '80s when the Sox won their division in 1983, the Cubs won theirs in 1984 and the 1985 Bears won the Super Bowl.

"(The Cubs) are going to be there for a few years," Harrelson said. "They're going to get better, and I like that because it forces us to have to get better. (Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf) is a little long in the tooth now, and he's not going to let those guys kick our asses for the rest of his time here."

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NLCS a homecoming for one Dodger executive

Franklin Park native Ned Colletti remembers childhood as a Cubs fan

By STEVE SCHERING
Pioneer Press

Ned Colletti has come a long way since his days growing up in Franklin Park, yet he now finds himself in a very familiar place.

Colletti, a senior adviser to the president and CEO of the Los Angeles Dodgers, is currently facing the team he grew up loving in the Chicago Cubs. The National League Championship Series is a little bitter-sweet for the veteran baseball executive.

"When you grow up there and fall in love with baseball, it's some of your childhood,"

Colletti said. "Those moments when you grow up and into your teens and becoming a young adult, that's your team and you follow it. You look into the stands at Wrigley Field today, and it's been passed on from generation to generation."

Though born in Chicago, Colletti and his family moved to Franklin Park when he was only 5 years old to a home near George Street and Pacific Avenue.

The 1972 graduate of East Leyden High School recalls his first ever Major League Baseball game on April 15,

1961, a 9-5 Cubs win against the Milwaukee Braves at Wrigley Field. The starting lineups featured future Hall of Famers Billy Williams, Ernie Banks, Ron Santo, Eddie Mathews and Hank Aaron, and featured a walk-off grand slam by Cubs outfielder Al Heist.

As he visits Wrigley Field again this postseason, Colletti recalls spending days at the ballpark with his father, Ned Sr., mother, Dolores, and younger brother, Doug.

While growing up, Colletti played baseball, ice hockey and club soccer. He later attended Triton College and then Northern Illinois University to earn degrees in journalism.

After stints covering sports in Elmhurst, Chicago and Danville, he moved to Philadelphia to cover the National Hockey League. It was a chance connection in

Philadelphia that led to an opportunity back home.

"My dad was diagnosed with lung cancer, and the Philadelphia Journal folded in 1981," Colletti said. "I was fortunate that Dallas Green, who had managed the Phillies, had been hired by the Cubs in October of 1981."

According to Colletti, Green hired Bob Ibach to run the team's public relations department, which led to a perfectly timed phone call.

"My dad had lung cancer, my son was 5 weeks old, I had a mortgage in Philadelphia at 18.5 percent and I had no job," Colletti said. "I got a great phone call from Bob Ibach and said I've got a job here if I wanted to come home. I went home to spend time with my dad in his last months and made sure my brother finished college."

In 13 seasons with the

Cubs, Colletti experienced the postseason in 1984 and 1989. In 1994, he left for an 11-year run with the San Francisco Giants and in November 2004 became the general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 2016 NLCS marks the second time Colletti's teams have faced the Cubs in the playoffs, the first being a 3-0 Dodgers sweep in 2008. Though his team visits Wrigley Field every year, the postseason trips are extra special for Colletti as he returns to a place that has many memories for him.

"[Wrigley Field] is one of the most precious places I've ever been," Colletti said. "It's always an emotional tug when I go back. It's still there, and I love the park, but when we pull out of there in the team bus and there's an 'L' hanging on that scoreboard flagpole, you do

feel good about it."

Following the Dodgers' 1-0 win in the second game to even the NLCS at one game apiece, Colletti said he left Chicago feeling good about the return trip to California.

"When I left for San Francisco, I had to lock up my feelings for the Cubs in a box and put it aside," Colletti said. "One day, when I leave baseball, I'll probably go back and root for the Cubs and sit in the bleachers as I did as a teenager for many, many games. I've been in California for a long time. As much as I love the Cubs and Wrigley Field, I root for the Dodgers now. [Wrigley Field] is where I spent time with my dad, mom, uncles, brother and buddies as I was growing up. It will always be special to me."

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Colletti in 2007

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Metra pitches fare hikes by average of 5.8 percent

Board: Increase would be \$11.75 for monthly passes

By MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Squeezed for money to modernize its aging rail system, Metra's board proposed the third rate increase in three years Oct. 14, raising fares by \$11.75 for a monthly pass.

Under a \$1.06 billion budget for 2017 proposed at the board meeting, fares for the commuter rail service's 150,000 daily commuters would increase by an average of 5.8 percent, starting as early as Feb. 1. This follows a 2 percent increase approved for this year and an 11 percent increase that went into effect in 2015.

The increase is part of a 10-year, \$2.4 billion modernization plan put forward in 2014 that will raise fares annually to help pay for modernizing the agency's rail fleet. The entire proposed budget for 2017 is \$781.2 million for operating costs and \$279.5 million in capital costs.

Board members Oct. 14 acknowledged that fare increases are never popular, but said they are necessary to keep the railroad operating and that Metra fares remain below average for similar commuter railroads, such as the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in Boston or New Jersey Transit.

"You have to raise the fares if you want to run a railroad that's going to be here for tomorrow," said Ken Koehler, a Metra board member from McHenry County. Previous Metra leadership has been accused of waiting too long to raise fares.

The fare increase would



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Metra board member Norman Carlson makes comments during Metra's board meeting Aug 16, 2013 at their headquarters on West Jackson Street in Chicago.

generate an additional \$16.1 million for Metra's capital program. The modernization plan originally had an 8.5 percent increase scheduled for 2017, however, savings on operating costs such as diesel fuel prices allowed the agency to recommend a lower increase of either 4.8 percent or 5.8 percent.

By a vote of 8 to 2, board members chose the higher option, which will be discussed at public hearings around the region on Nov. 2 and 3, before a final vote by the board Nov. 11. A hearing will be held from 4-7 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Clarendon Hills Village Hall, 1 N. Prospect Ave.

Board members who favored the higher option noted that Metra has \$11.7 billion in capital needs, and the state has delayed enacting a capital budget, putting the agency behind in terms of both ongoing maintenance and the purchase of new equipment.

The increase would mean a 25-cent jump in adult one-way tickets, a \$2.75 increase for 10 rides and an \$11.75 increase on

monthly passes, which are used for most of the trips on the system. Hardest hit will be commuters within the city and the nearest suburbs in zones A through D, who will see the prices for passes increase between 74 percent and 12.3 percent.

Monthly passes from downtown to La Grange would jump from \$138 to \$149.75, while monthly passes for Western Springs, Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale stations would rise from \$159.25 to \$171.

The extra \$3 million that would be generated by the 5.8 percent increase instead of the 4.8 percent increase will be used to rehabilitate two locomotives, the agency said.

"It's a benefit that's going to serve them well," said board member John Plante, noting that the repairs would reduce delays.

Metra Chairman Martin Oberman, whose term expires Nov. 2, said the increase was more than was needed. He said the 4.8 percent increase was all that was required to comply with a Regional Trans-

portation Authority statute that 52.5 percent of operating revenues come from the fare box, and riders should not have to pay more.

Oberman said there was no doubt that more capital money was needed, because of the lack of capital money from the state, but he thought the higher increase was "shortsighted" given the agency's ongoing task of rebuilding its credibility with the public. Metra's reputation was damaged by the suicide of former CEO Phil Pagano following allegations of financial misdeed and the costly buyout for Pagano's successor, Alex Clifford.

"We have improved our credibility and our standing with the public because we have done what we said we were going to do," Oberman said. Board member Manuel Barbosa of Kane County and Oberman were the sole votes for the lower increase.

Oberman said that part of Metra's argument for 10 years of consecutive fare increases was a plan to buy 367 new rail cars — a plan that had to be scrapped in August because of a state shortfall in capital money.

"When we go to our riders and say we're going to hit you with another fare increase, I expect they're going to say 'Where are my new cars?'" Oberman said.

DuPage County board member John Zediker said the agency's credibility is based on its service, which would be improved with more capital investment. "Credibility rests with getting our passengers to their places of business and work and home on time," he said.

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Lawmaker pushes to ban bonuses after retirement

By DIANE RADO
Tribune reporter

A suburban Chicago lawmaker is pushing to ban the cash bonuses that some school districts give to retired educators, a practice that costs local taxpayers thousands of dollars.

State Rep. David McSweeney, R-Barrington Hills, said he wasn't aware of the so-called post-retirement bonuses until the Tribune last month highlighted the little-noticed payouts that are tucked into teacher and administrator contracts.

McSweeney filed legislation Oct. 7 that would prohibit suburban and downstate school districts from including post-retirement bonuses in contracts.

He said he may also include Chicago Public Schools in the legislation since the district, in its tentative contract agreement with the Chicago Teachers Union, has agreed to give cash bonuses to teachers who agree to retire at the end of the school year.

The educators would have to put in a notice by March 31, 2017, leading to a retirement date of June 30, 2017.

"I would definitely consider adding Chicago, but I want to see all the facts and read the (new CTU) contract," McSweeney said Oct. 11. "I certainly do not like the practice."

The CTU contract still has to be ratified by the union's House of Delegates and full membership. The tentative settlement was reached Oct. 10, averting a teachers strike.

The CPS "retirement incentive" program would provide eligible teachers a one-time, lump-sum bonus calculated by multiplying a teacher's years of CPS service by \$1,500, according to

the tentative agreement.

If a teacher had 20 years of service, for example, the payment would add up to \$30,000. Earnings toward the end of a teacher's career are a key factor in calculating pensions, but the CPS bonus is described as "non-pensionable," meaning it is not designed to impact the amount of a teacher's pension.

However, the CPS program has a caveat: It would require at least 1,500 eligible teachers to participate. If that doesn't happen, teachers could rescind their retirement notices.

The program is similar but not exactly the same as the bonus programs for retired suburban educators. The Tribune found that post-retirement payouts in some suburban districts came on top of consecutive 6 percent raises given to educators, sometimes for four years in a row to help increase pensions. Chicago has not engaged in that pattern of end-of-career raises, according to CTU officials.

According to suburban labor contracts, post-retirement bonuses are calculated in different ways. Sometimes it's a flat amount; sometimes it's a set figure multiplied by an educator's years of service; and sometimes it is a percentage of an educator's annual salary — which can be lucrative in affluent districts.

If approved by the General Assembly and governor, McSweeney's bill would prohibit bonuses given after an educator retires and starts getting pension payments. In addition, districts would have to report to the public about any post-retirement payouts in contracts, and identify educators who have received the bonuses.

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Highland Park restricts tobacco sales to curb smoking

BY KAREN BERKOWITZ
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Highland Park has joined Evanston, Chicago and Oak Park in a movement to curb teen smoking by banning tobacco sales to people under the age of 21.

The City Council unanimously approved a measure Oct. 10 that will ban cigarette and e-cigarette sales to individuals younger than 21 starting Jan. 1, 2017. Tobacco products and e-cigarettes can currently be sold to people 18 and older under the current ordinance, which follows state law.

The change affects 17 licensed tobacco vendors in Highland Park.

"Prohibiting access to tobacco products by our residents who are under the age of 21 will greatly reduce teens' ability to use and access tobacco," said City

Councilman Paul Frank. "I think the city is once again going to be a precedent-setting leader on policies that will be followed by other communities and, hopefully, the state of Illinois one day."

Highland Park is the first Lake County municipality to raise the age on tobacco sales.

As with alcohol sales, the person selling the tobacco products must be at least 21 under the revised ordinance.

Matt Maloney, director of health policy for the Respiratory Health Association, said 95 percent of adult smokers take up the habit before they are 21.

"Raising the tobacco purchase age keeps tobacco out of the schools," Maloney said, noting a majority of teen smokers rely on social sources to purchase their

cigarettes, and 21 is outside their social circle.

"We anticipate that Tobacco 21 (laws) will demonstrate public health gains for decades," Maloney said.

Highland Park was encouraged to pass its Tobacco 21 ordinance by Community The Anti-Drug and the Lake County Health Department.

"It is really starting to gain momentum," said Dr. Timothy Sanborn, a cardiologist with NorthShore University HealthSystem who advocated for Tobacco 21 in Highland Park in early 2015. He said Tobacco 21 legislation has been enacted by California and Hawaii, as well as more than 200 cities in 14 states.

"Nicotine is a highly addictive drug and it is very difficult for smokers to quit smoking, despite the smoke-free websites and smoking cessation ads,"

Sanborn said. "The success rate is only about six percent."

He said a study in Needham, Mass., showed that raising the age for tobacco sales from 18 to 21 resulted in a dramatic decline in smoking among high school students.

Evanston was the first Illinois municipality to adopt Tobacco 21 legislation in October 2014. Chicago approved a measure last May and Oak Park followed in July. Naperville is currently considering a similar ordinance.

A statewide ban on tobacco sales to persons under 21 passed in the Illinois Senate in May on a 32-22 vote, but was not considered by the Illinois House before the end of the legislative session.

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Highland Park has adopted a new ordinance that requires consumers to be 21 or older to purchase tobacco.


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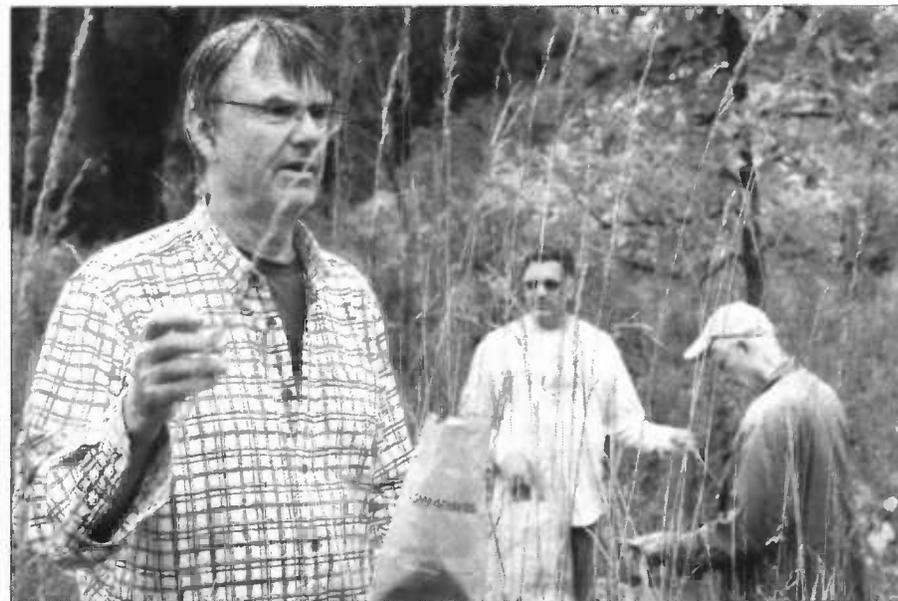
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Stephen Packard, left, discusses restoration efforts while Jim Hensel and Doug Gerleman collect preferred seeds.

Volunteers collect seeds in Northbrook woods

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Somme Woods and Somme Prairie in Northbrook were beneficiaries of helping hands on a balmy overcast 62-degree day.

Those volunteer hands, mostly gloved, collected seeds sourced from preferred Midwest plants on Oct. 15. Seeds will be planted in other Forest Preserve District of Cook County Somme lands earmarked for restoration.

"I'm thrilled to be here," said Lisa Youngberg of Northbrook, a volunteer.

"I love being grounded with the earth," said another volunteer, Norm Lau of Northbrook.

The three-hour workday opportunity was a collaboration with forest preserve volunteers, Go Green Northbrook and the Friends of the Somme Preserves.

"I'm counting my blessings every day," said volunteer Eriko Kojima of Glenview, apprentice site steward.

Fifteen to 20 volunteers, including Northwestern

University students, assisted.

"I love being out in nature," said Doug Gerleman, president and founder of Go Green Northbrook. "I feel rejuvenated."

While working the land, Gerleman talked about Go Green Northbrook, which promotes ecofriendly options.

"I am trying to get the village to do a better job regenerating residential and business property in Northbrook," Gerleman said. "Go Green Northbrook is also promoting a plastic bag ban and educating people about genetically engineered foods."

Stephen Packard of Northbrook, a volunteer with the Friends of the Somme Preserves, said unpaid helpers restore Somme land weekly.

Somme Prairie, with access points on Dundee Road, leads visitors into grasslands and wetland areas restored by caregivers. Somme Prairie also has wooded and thicket sections to the north, closer to the tollway.

"It's a place where you

can get in touch with the important things in life," said Helen Muirhead, a volunteer formerly of Glencoe and now of Tiburon, Calif.

"It's nice to be a part of the change," said Sarah Sanford, Go Green Northbrook coordinator of volunteers.

Woody buckthorn is a perpetual removal priority, Packard and Gerleman agreed. Somme Woods, east of Waukegan Road, also contains areas cleared of the invasive shrub.

Last winter, special attention was given to help save the rare and preferred shooting star flower in Somme Woods East. Buckthorn was cut and destroyed in managed brush fires.

At Somme Prairie on Oct. 15, Joe Walsh, Northwestern University professor, taught freshmen from his biodiversity seminar as they harvested seeds.

"This is how conservation gets done around Chicago," Walsh said. "It's volunteer-driven."

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Elevated lead levels found at area parochial schools

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Results of a recent water study conducted by the Archdiocese of Chicago show elevated levels of lead were detected in water collected from Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic School in Park Ridge.

Details of the study, conducted in July and released last week, show that lead amounts exceeding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's action level of 15 parts per billion were found in three sinks at the Park Ridge K-8 school.

According to the report from Chicago-based Weaver Consultants Group, which conducted the water sampling, laboratory testing found lead levels of 15.9 ppb in water from a sink inside the second-floor teachers' lounge and levels of 16.0 ppb

in water from a sink inside pre-school classroom 111.

The highest lead level was detected in a water sample taken from a sink in the kitchen of Wisdom Hall, a gymnasium on the school campus.

According to the Weaver report, the level was 40.2 ppb, more than twice the EPA's level for action.

Wisdom Hall is used for student activities and parish events and is available to rent, information on the parish and school websites indicates.

A total of 28 water samples were tested at Mary, Seat of Wisdom, with each water source tested twice, according to a letter from David Kedrowski, senior project director with Weaver Consultants.

The sinks in Wisdom Hall and the teachers lounge had lead levels far below the EPA



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Results of a recent water study conducted by the Archdiocese of Chicago show elevated levels of lead were detected in water collected from Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic School in Park Ridge.

action level of 15 ppb on the second of the two tests, after the water was run for 30 seconds, the findings show, while the preschool classroom sink reportedly showed the elevated lead level on the second test.

Anne Maselli, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese

of Chicago Catholic Schools, said all three sinks at the school were taken "out of service" based on the test results.

"They have remained out of service, and the school is working to install filtration systems on the sinks," Maselli said.

The school has been told to not use the sinks until the water is retested, she added.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom School Principal Julie Due and the Rev. Gerald Gunderson, the church pastor, could not immediately be reached for comment.

According to the Archdiocese of Chicago, a total of 180 elementary and high schools underwent lead testing this summer. Nearly 70 percent required no action, the archdiocese said, and no "school-wide or system water quality issues" were identified.

No action was required at other area Catholic schools like St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge, St. Juliana in Chicago's Edison Park neighborhood and St. John Brebeuf in Niles.

St. Zachary in Des Plaines, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview and Immaculate Conception in

Chicago's Norwood Park neighborhood were among area schools where elevated lead levels were detected in at least one water source, according to the archdiocese.

The complete list of test results is available online at the archdiocese's website.

This is the first time the Archdiocese of Chicago has conducted voluntary lead testing at each of its school buildings, Maselli said.

"The schools aren't required to do this type of testing, but things we've seen in other school districts across the country with lead in the water led us to proactively do this testing," she said.

Juan Perez Jr. contributed to this story.

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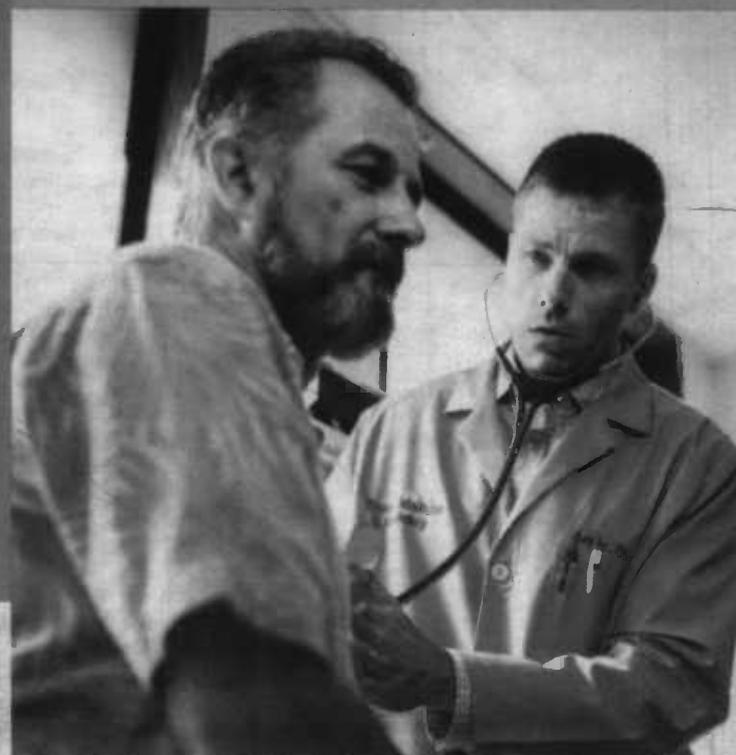
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Superheroes top super creepy in stores

Staff report.

Superheroes are outpacing super scary in sales of Halloween costumers so far this season, local store representatives say.

But super creepy is a category of its own, with publicity spurring sales of local clown costumes and apparel, some store representatives said.

Elmwood Park last week said patrols have increased around schools in the area after police were notified of a Facebook update involving a clown. Police Chief Frank Fagiano repeated that focus Oct. 10.

"There's no concern about Elmwood Park, but we are very vigilant around the schools," he confirmed.

Elmwood Park School District 201 Superintendent Kevin M. Anderson sent out an email to parents explaining the phenomena.

"What began as reports of persons dressed as clowns waiting to lure children in parks and bushes in southern states over the summer has turned into copycat epidemic of messages and hoaxes in most parts of the U.S.," he wrote.

At Spirit Halloween, 1850 N. Harlem Ave., Elmwood Park, some local police visited the store to see what clown apparel might be gaining kids interests, confirmed Terry Turner, district sales manager for the company.

As for sale of the items, it's been "feast or famine" regarding interest, with the national publicity a big factor, he said.

Among shoppers, "50 percent of the customers are scared of clowns and don't want to come close to them," he said, while the other 50

percent is interested in clown regalia "like crazy."

Those in the second group spurred a minor incident at the store, he said, with some young people putting on masks and running around the store, "kind of scaring customers," he said.

He said most people attracted to the costumes fall between 16 to 25 years old, intrigued by a "bad boy" image.

In an email response, Lisa Barr, handling the marketing for Spirit Halloween on a nationwide basis, said the company "does not encour-

age or associate with recent clown sightings and we don't comment on ongoing police investigations."

"But aren't these crazy times," she added in her e-mail response.

"With clowns terrorizing the streets and a real life joker running for president, we need Batman (another perennially popular costume) to save the day."

Outside of the clown phenomenon, super heroes such as those portrayed in the movie "Suicide Squad" remain a hot item, said Terry, whose 7,500-square-foot-store opened just after Labor Day.

That was true at Halloween City in the Harlem Irving Plaza, 4151 N. Harlem Ave., Norridge. Employees declined to go on record for comment but one manager stated that costumes of Harley Quinn, one of the characters in the movie, "were flying off the shelf."

In the store, though, two young customers, Gunnar Smith and friend Mark Diatte, both 10, accompanied by Mark's mother, were hunting for something dif-

"People pretty much stick with either the classics or go to what's new for the year."

—Jasmine Rodriguez, assistant at Halloween Land



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Jasmine Rodriguez, an assistant at Halloween Land, 4151 N. Harlem, says costume preferences for Halloween go for classic or something new.

ferent.

"I'm probably going to be a S.W.A.T. team guy," declared Gunnar.

"I really haven't decided," said Mark. "I think I'll be the Joker."

The two have been mulling choices, going back for months, said Mark's mother, Carla Diatte, patiently standing to the side as they cruised aisles.

With a half-day off of school, she suggested, "let's go in and take a look."

Jasmine Rodriguez, an assistant at Halloween Land, 4151 N. Harlem Ave., Norridge, confirmed Suicide Squad's popularity. Marvel costumes are doing well, such as the Avengers.

"I've been here five years," she said. "People pretty much stick with either the classics or go to what's new for the year."



"Suicide Squad" costumes are a big seller this Halloween, some local store representatives say.

Has the U.S. hit rock bottom yet?



RANDY BLASER

About 10 minutes into the second presidential debate Sunday, I wanted to change the channel, turn off the TV and go into another room. I was at the same time nauseated and revolted. I wanted to take a shower.

I was embarrassed to have this programming come into my family living room with my family present.

And that tells you a lot about this presidential race. Disgust, revulsion, depression.

Of course Donald Trump is the author of the latest lowest low. But guess what? He didn't invent it.

Later, it hit me. I'm watching Frankenstein and

Frankenstein's monster. The Clintons created the publicly played out presidential sex scandal. That monster they created is threatening to burn down the village.

I wanted Trump to apologize for his vile talk, be shamed and contrite. Instead, he continually excused the inexcusable as "locker room talk."

I wanted Clinton to say that Trump apologized for his dirty talk, and then say she has no interest in discussing such matters further because she wants to discuss the important issues facing the United States.

But she didn't. Which raises the question so many people have asked throughout this long, awful campaign: Is this the best we can do?

I know when people ask that question, they are hearkening back to the days of Eisenhower, Ken-



DOUG MILLS/NEW YORK TIMES

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump listen during the presidential debate Oct. 9 at Washington University in St. Louis.

nedy and Johnson. Even Nixon looks like a genius compared to these two.

But as the campaign unfolds and we trudge to its eventual end, I fear the answer to that question is

"Yes, this is the best we can do." We reap what we sow. Maybe we deserve these two.

Take a look at today's society, where shock jocks like Howard Stern are

wildly popular and paid millions to talk about the type of trash that Trump talked about. We love our "Game of Thrones" or other TV shows where sex and betrayal and violence are venerated.

New scandals are revealed on an almost weekly basis, which proves to regular Americans that the system is corrupted. Trump knows Americans feel this way, and even though he is part of it, it's his main campaign theme.

To the Trump backers and many others, Clinton is the personification of the corruption of the last 30 years and her escapes from Whitewater, Benghazi and now the email scandal prove it.

Yet, we live in a world growing more dangerous day by day. We've left the Middle East to Russia and Iran. China builds islands in the ocean to extend its territory.

At home, the respect for authority is crumbling in the face of the shootings of African-Americans at the hands of police and random retaliations against police.

We've made no progress on housing or education. A former president calls the Affordable Health Care Act "crazy."

Yet our candidates for president are mired in the mud. And why not; it's where American pop culture lives.

Trump has no vision and Clinton can't explain what hers is.

In a recent conversation about the debate, a friend said he thinks of the country as being an alcoholic. Maybe we have to hit rock bottom before we'll do anything to change, he said.

Have we hit rock bottom?

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Indoors are best for domestic cats



PAUL SASSONE

It was a beautiful orange tabby cat.

It lay there just outside my garage. When it didn't scurry away at my approach, I started to talk to it. And then I noticed this beautiful animal was dead.

There wasn't a mark on it that I could see. No telling how it died, except that it probably died from being outside.

Lots of things can happen to a cat that is allowed outside - most of them bad.

They can be hit by a car. They can pick up disease

and parasites. They can be attacked by dogs, other cats, coyotes and other wild animals. They can ingest poisons (rat poison) and toxins (antifreeze). They can be the target of cruel and vicious humans.

Outdoor cats also can be a source of danger, as well as recipient. When I was a reporter, I met a woman who wanted her town's officials to require that any outdoor cat must be on a leash.

You see, the woman liked to feed birds. She had a bird feeder in her back yard. But a cat had figured out that the feeder was a good place to hunt and kill birds.

The woman failed in her efforts. Village officials pointed out to her that leash laws applied only to

dogs, not to cats. They also told her the cat was most likely feral and belonged to no one, anyway.

But the woman had a point. Feral cats aren't the only killer of birds. Cats are cute, cuddly, affectionate, friendly, self-cleaning - and predatory.

Cats hunt. And cats kill. It's not their fault. They are not cruel. This is just what they are and what they do.

Even house cats that are allowed outside can and do kill.

This is just one of the many reasons I already mentioned why people should not let their cats outside.

The Humane Society of the United States says those who let their cats out are inviting tragedy and short-

ening the life of their pet.

And really, there is no reason to let cats out. Cats are adaptable and creative. They find all manner of adventures inside their home. They love to play with and just be around their humans. They spend a lot of time sleeping. And cats don't need to be walked in the rain and snow and dark. There is the litter box.

It won't be long before winter is here. Cold and ice and snow present a whole new set of dangers to outdoor cats.

Please, keep your cat inside.

Don't have a cat? Think about adopting one. You'll be happy if you do.

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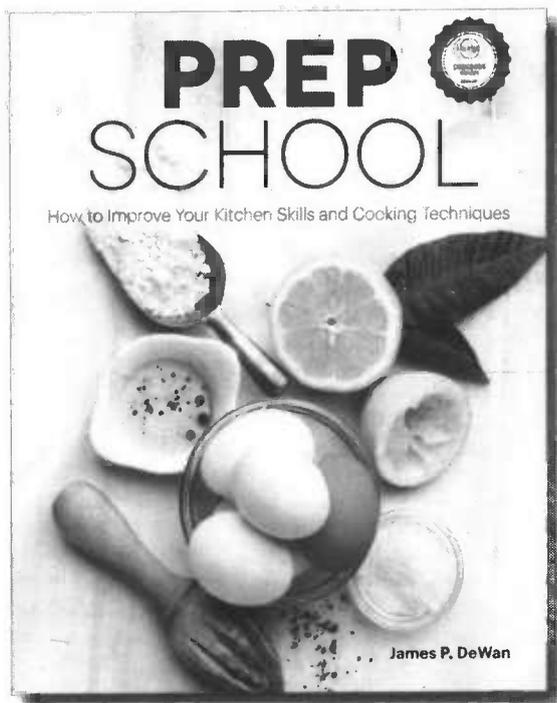


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OPINION

Whether clowns or politicians, there's plenty to be scared of

In the old days, by which I mean earlier this year, I couldn't imagine questioning which were scarier, clowns or politicians?

Now, however, I'm not sure I can even tell the difference between the two. Well, that's not true. I've yet to hear of a politician lurking in the woods. In theory, Billy Bush was caught on tape talking to a politician, not a clown. OK, yes, I get it. The lines get blurry.

Every news source imaginable feeds a growing sense of panic over both, and not without justification. No one would describe the current presidential election climate as warm and fuzzy. Headlines refer to Clinton and Trump with words like "dangerous" and "corrupt" and "fearmongering." The candidates pursue votes in "battleground" states.

But I want to take a minute and ignore the clowns running for office. Let's talk about the other clowns



SALLY HIGGINSON

wreaking havoc in the news. Over 39 states have reported sightings of creepy and potentially dangerous clowns.

The October issue of Time claims, "The Creepy Clown Craze Is Now Taking Over the World: It Is Very Alarming." And www.theverge.com claims we are in the midst of the "Great Clown Panic of 2016."

Let that sink in for a minute. We are experiencing a "Great Clown Panic." At some colleges, students are forming posses of vigilante clown-hunters. At numerous elementary schools, administrators are sending warning letters home to parents. Sinister clown sightings are trauma-

tizing children and adults alike. It's enough to cause an epic outbreak of coulrophobia.

Of course there's a word to describe the abnormal dread or terror of clowns. Thank you, Greek language, for creating a linguistic foundation elastic enough to accommodate the most irrational, unwarranted, disabling, persistent and ridiculous fears. Now, more than ever, there's a need to describe dislike, hatred and fear with greater specificity.

With his addiction to Tic Tacs, Trump suffers halitophobia, fear of bad breath. Judging from Hillary's updated wardrobe, she's got melanophobia, fear of the infamous black pantsuit.

What's worse? Coulrophobia or politicophobia: fear of clowns or politicians? It's a draw. Time to get rid of all of the Bozos.

Sally Higginson is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why my vote is for Trump/Pence

Americans, in general, have always been for the underdog. While many of you do not think of Donald Trump as being an underdog, consider the following:

1. All the major media outlets are focusing on Trump's alleged indiscretion with women - who seem to come out of nowhere. That's fine, but only if these same media outlets give equal time to Hillary Clinton's email scandals, WikiLeaks, the Clinton Foundation, Benghazi, Libya, etc. The media's bias against Trump is overwhelming. Journalism is dead.

2. The Republicans in power are two-faced and against Trump.

3. When Bill Clinton met with Attorney General

Loretta Lynch on a private plane in Phoenix while Hillary was being investigated by the FBI was unconscionable to me. The collusion and dealings of the Clintons and this administration and its appointees is disgusting. Our legal system is against Trump.

4. After FBI Director James Comey gave a pass to Clinton for her mishandling of classified information, using an unauthorized private email server, I no longer have any confidence in any of our government or judicial systems from the top down. The FBI is against Trump.

5. Bill Clinton criticized President Barack Obama's signature health care policy, calling Obamacare "the

craziest thing in the world." "So you've got this crazy system where all of a sudden 25 million more people have health care and then the people who are out there busting it, sometimes 60 hours a week, wind up with their premiums doubled and their coverage cut in half. It's the craziest thing in the world," Clinton said.

Trump may not be a saint but at least he's been productive over the last 30 years.

As Colin Powell is quoted as having written in hacked emails that were made public, "Everything [Hillary Clinton] touches she kind of screws up with hubris."

— Frank Brown, Deerfield

The case for raising a generalist



**NICOLE
RADZISZEWSKI**
Mama's Gotta Move

I remember the highlight of my gymnastics career like it was yesterday. We stood on a springy blue floor, patiently waiting our turn. My tall, gangly 8-year-old self walked to where my coach was standing and took my place on the white line. The task: Do a 180-degree jump and stick the landing to earn a sucker. I jumped. My eyes lit up as I looked at the coach. "Good job," she said, handing me a Blow Pop.

I walked out of gymnastics practice feeling like a queen that day.

Other childhood sports memories include my first and only figure skating competition (I took third out of five girls but from my reaction, you'd think I'd won an Olympic bronze medal), and being praised for my stamina on the soccer field. I wasn't the best ball handler and/or kicker, but I made up for it by chasing down every loose ball I could get my feet on.

I am naturally tall, awkward and uncoordinated. So my parents clearly were capitalizing on my potential when they signed me up for gymnastics, soccer and figure skating. Or not. Actually, I think my parents had no agenda other than to keep me moving and having fun. At this, they succeeded. But they also unintentionally gave me a whole lot more. Here's what I gained from my experiences playing youth sports.

■ I developed movement skills that would later keep me from being awkward and embarrassed as a teenager and adult. For instance, when we had our gymnastics unit in freshman P.E. class, I could at least do a somersault and a



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Players with the U-17 girls Oak Brook Soccer Club do knee exercises during practice in August 2014.

The power of play

The Oak Park Park District launched a new program this fall. Read more about its "The Power of Play" program at chicagotribune.com/oakpark.

cartwheel and didn't have to learn this stuff at age 14. A few years later when I went ice skating on a date, I didn't fall on my face and even was able to show off a bit.

■ I developed aspects of fitness that later served me in other sports and in life. I didn't know it at the time, but my sports of choice helped me build single-leg stability, flexibility, mobility, strength and power.

■ Despite being sub-par at these sports, I had fun doing them. I believe this is partly because there was little pressure to focus on the outcome, so I was free to enjoy the process itself. I developed a healthy relationship with movement and active play.

By junior high, I came to terms with my lack of grace and my height and gave up gymnastics and ice skating. I was encouraged to take advantage of my endurance and commit to cross-country and track. But instead, I chose to play the sports that I thought were fun. In high school, I tried out for and played on the volleyball, soccer and basketball teams, challenging my strength, power, coor-

dination and agility. My experiences playing team sports in high school shaped who I am today - not just physically, but in my appreciation for and application of teamwork, communication and camaraderie. As an introvert, these things did not come naturally to me. In fact, I'm conjuring up an image of who I'd be today without my involvement in sports. My guess is a socially awkward, clumsy, scrawny, cautious, perpetually injured runner who still doesn't know how to do a somersault.

Instead, I'm a generalist who loves everything from lifting weights to natural movement to running to swimming to hiking. I move with friends, I move by myself, I feel like I can jump into any sport and at least not embarrass myself. Not because I'm a natural athlete, but because I've had so many different athletic experiences. But for now, all that matters to me is that my kids love to move and that their love of physical activity endures.

Nicole Radziszewski is a freelance columnist.

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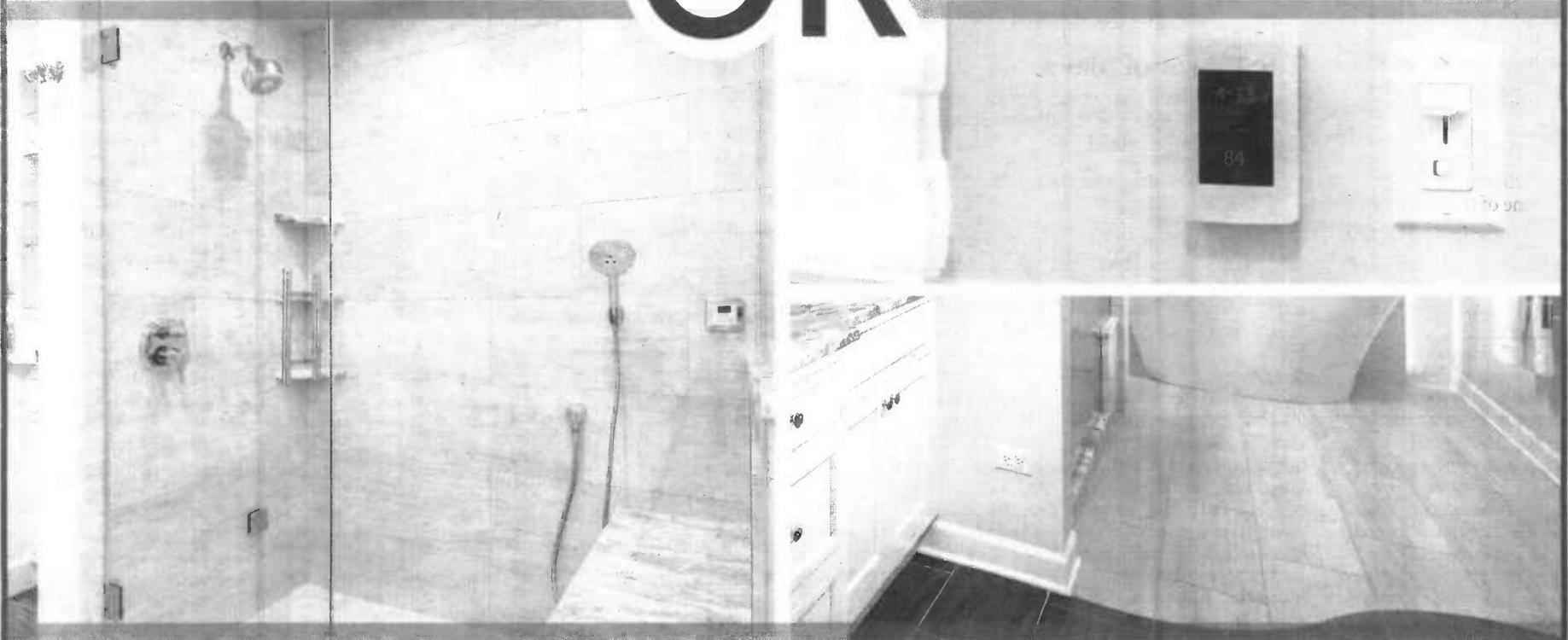
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Fall colors late, but worth the wait

BY ANNIE ALLEMAN
Pioneer Press

Thanks to the extended summer we've experienced, the foliage is a little behind.

But very soon, the yellows, reds, oranges and golds will flourish, putting smiles on the faces of leaf peepers everywhere. So take a drive, take a ride or take a hike and take some pictures.

Here some top regional draws for fall colors.

The Morton Arboretum

4100 Illinois 53, Lisle. Admission is \$9-\$14. 630-968-0074; www.mortonarb.org.

At the Arboretum, it's a constant show of color, said Ed Hedborn, manager of plant records at the Arboretum.

"One of the advantages of the Arboretum is we've been collecting plants from essentially all over the world, so our fall color season and color palette has extended or

is broader than most places you can go to in the natural area in the Chicago region," he said.

Chicago Botanic Garden

1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Admission is free; \$25-\$30 parking fee. 847-835-5440; www.chicagobotanic.org.

The Chicago Botanic Garden has more than two million plants across 385 acres of land, featuring 27 display gardens in four natural habitats. According to its website, an ideal fall-color tree walk begins at the Visitor Center and proceeds south along the Garden's East Road, culminating at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Science Conservation Science Center. Along the way, you will see the native trees, shrubs and wildflowers bursting with color that lasts well into late fall.

Take note of the giant maples, the bright red sour gums, the oaks, the Chinese pear trees and the Fall Fiesta sugar maples,



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Starved Rock State Park

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[vedrockstatepark.org](http://www.starvedrockstatepark.org).

For the ultimate fall color experience, you can't do much better than Starved Rock State Park in Utica. The whole place, which sits on the Illinois River bluff, is a masterpiece of reds, yellows, oranges, gold and browns.

Climb to the top of Starved Rock to enjoy the panoramic

view, where you can behold a plethora of trees including maples, cedars, white and black oaks, hickories, cottonwoods and ashes.

Indiana Dunes State Park

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton. Admission is \$7-\$12 per vehicle. 219-926-1952; www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2980.htm.

Indiana Dunes lies at the north end of State Road 49 in Porter County and includes more than three miles of beach along Lake Michigan.

For the ultimate fall drive in Northwest Indiana, Kosky recommended the Dunes and Lake Driving Loop, which has its own tab on www.indianadunes.com/cars/. Click on The Dunes and Lake. There web surfers will find the best route, complete with a map to take for a scenic drive that includes tree-lined roadways, historic homes, colorful marshlands and even places to stop and walk the trails.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra tunes up for Halloween

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

Calling it "an instant community tradition," Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Executive Director Mary Wynn Ryan said she expects this year's annual Halloween concert to come close to filling the 900-seat Pickwick Theatre auditorium — as it has in its three previous years.

The family-friendly performance is preceded by Halloween festivities at 5 p.m. at Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland Ave., including trick or treating around the Halloween displays, games, storytelling from the Park Ridge Library and coloring with the Kalo Foundation. The free event concludes at 6:30 p.m. with a costume parade led by the Maine South High School marching band and acting Mayor Marty Maloney to the Pickwick Theatre for the orchestra's Halloween concert, "Bones, Mummies and Tomb Raiders." The concert program will in-



PARK RIDGE CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Conductor and music director Victor Muenzer, in Indiana Jones garb, celebrates Halloween with the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra.

clude Paul Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue," Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals," Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony" and pop-cultural favorites such as themes from film series such as "The Lord of the Rings," "Indiana Jones" and "Harry Potter." And the concert will conclude with a mysterious

masked figure playing Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera Suite" on the Pickwick's vintage pipe organ.

"We're not going for all-out spookiness," said Ryan, noting that the Halloween show is one of the innovations of conductor/music director Victor Muenzer with the goal of reaching younger audienc-

'Bones, Mummies and Tomb Raiders'

When: 7 p.m. Oct. 26

Where: Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge

Tickets: Family tickets (two adults and two children) are \$25. Adult and senior tickets are \$15. Youth tickets are \$5.

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www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org

es in the area by mixing pops programs with more serious classical fare. "It's a family concert, so we try to stay away from things that might be too much for very small kids."

The concert will begin the 23rd season of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, the professional 75-piece orchestra founded in 1994 by Edgar Muenzer, former first violinist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and his wife Nancy, who was largely responsible for

making the orchestra thrive through her fundraising efforts. The Muenzers died within a month of each other this summer.

"They were really a dynamic duo," Ryan said. "As their son Victor would say, 'Mom did everything but conduct.'"

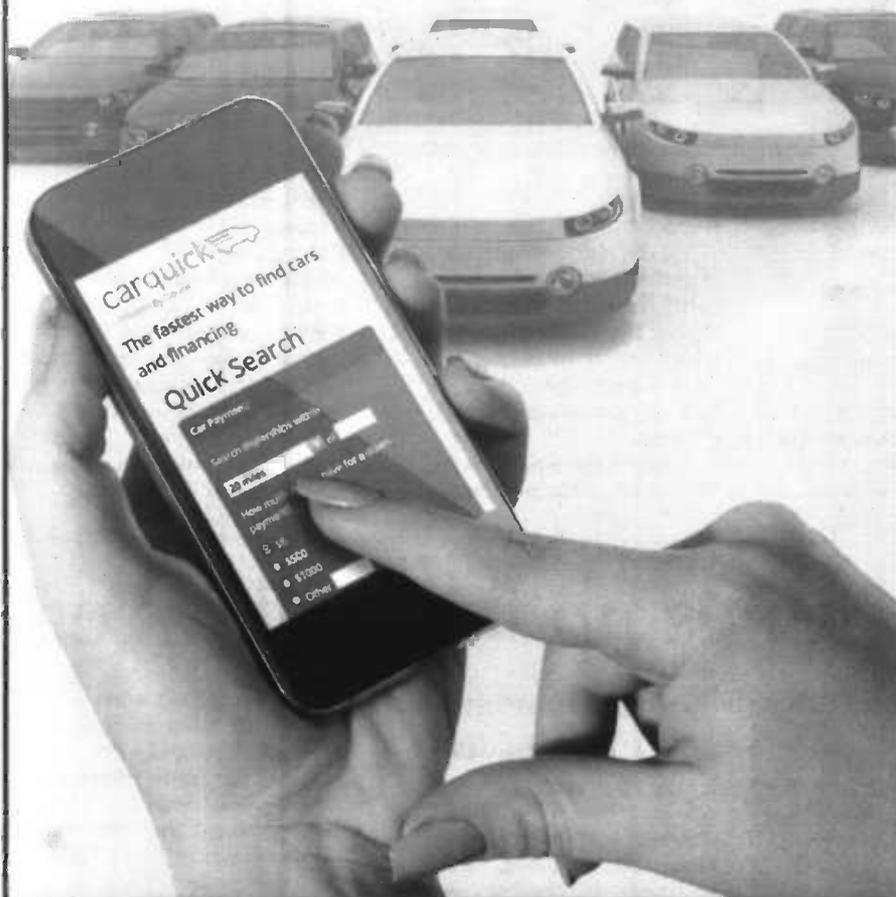
Ryan said the Muenzers goal was "to bring this kind of good music to people in their hometown who might not have sought it out in Chicago — or who might not have felt they could afford it. But, just as importantly, I think they wanted to cultivate the next generation of classical music audience members and the next generation of musicians."

Ryan added that the comparatively low cost of the concert is one reason it has become so popular so quickly. A family of four — two adults and two children — can attend for \$25.

"It's an exciting experience that's also very affordable," Ryan said. "People come from all around the area to be part of this."

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Duo shares songs that came out of Brill Building

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Once upon a time, scores of songs that became standards were created in one Manhattan structure. Celebrated cabaret artists Anne and Mark Burnell will take audience members to that time and place when they present “The Brill Building Songwriters,” Oct. 28 at the Skokie Theatre.

“It’s our American Standard building,” Anne Burnell said, noting that it was where writers of rock and roll as well as some of the writers of Tin Pan Alley worked. “It was the last era that songwriters were writing songs for other people. There was still that feeling of songwriting as a profession separate from the performer.”

Mark Burnell was drawn to this project by “the fascination of the building as a giant music factory. It’s 10 or 11 floors and in its heyday there were over 160 music businesses — from composition to producing to recording studios. There were all these rooms with a piano and a chair, and all these composers writing songs at the same time. The sound was bleeding through the walls and they were hanging out together and having romances and inspiring one another.”

Anne Burnell added that sometimes those songwriters “would create songs and then go from floor to floor and sell the songs to get money for the weekend.”

The building opened in 1931 but the Burnells’ show focuses on the especially productive period of the 1960s and ‘70s. They originally presented a version of this show in 2010 at Maxim’s in Chicago. Steven Anders, former comedy writer for Acme Vocals, helped the pair craft the



JENNIFER GIRARD

Anne and Mark Burnell will share songs by noted songwriters who worked out of New York’s Brill Building such as Leiber and Stoller, Carole King and Burt Bacharach.

Anne and Mark Burnell present ‘The Brill Building Songwriters’

When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28

Where: Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie

Tickets: \$25

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www.skokie theatre.org

patter for the show.

“It won’t be like a learning presentation — slides or anything like that,” Anne Burnell laughingly related. The show, which is filled with humor, was designed to give people “the feeling” of the building, including how “haphazard” the creation of some of those brilliant songs were, she noted.

Mark Burnell’s attraction to Brill Building songwriters started early. “When I was in high school playing piano, I was drawn to Carole King and Burt Bacharach,” he said.

Almost all of the songs in

the show are from songwriting duos, including Leiber and Stoller, Goffin and King, Mann and Weil, Bacharach and David, and Sedaka and Greenfield.

“We’re doing a little medley from Leiber and Stoller,” Mark Burnell said. “We don’t have a lot of medleys because we think these songs can stand on their own.”

The playlist will include, “You’ve Got a Friend,” “I Feel the Earth Move,” “Up on the Roof,” “Save the Last Dance for Me,” “Will You Love Me Tomorrow?” “The Look of Love,” “One Fine Day,” “Make Your Own Kind of Music” and “Laughter in the Rain,” among other familiar numbers.

Music will be provided by singer/pianist Mark Burnell, as well as a drummer, bassist and saxophonist.

Both performers are excited about the selections they will be singing, praising the talents of the Brill Building Songwriters.

“They wrote amazing hooks,” Mark Burnell said.

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SUBURBAN COOKS

Couple brings South Africa to the suburbs

Naperville residents make the classic dishes they can't find in local stores

By **Judy Buchenot**
Naperville Sun.

Several times a year, Jannie and Christa Wentzel host a boerewors making party in their Naperville home.

Boerewors is a type of South African sausage.

The couple moved to Naperville about 13 years ago from a town about four hours south of Johannesburg, South Africa. Although they could find many of the same ingredients they had used at home in area grocery stores, the one thing they could not find was boerewors.

"It means farmer's sausage, and it is very popular in South Africa, like the hot dog is here," said Jannie, 46. Since they couldn't find it here, they figured out how to make it and invited other area South African couples to come help with the task.

"It take about six to eight hours to make it. The rule is that you only get to take home some sausage if you are here to make it," he said. The couple purchase bottom round beef and pork loins to make the sausage. "We use about two-thirds beef and one-third pork." The meat is cut into 1-inch cubes before being sent through a sausage grinder to be coarsely ground.

A key part of the sausage is the seasoning.

"It's a mix of coriander, salt, pepper, garlic and other spices. We purchase a spice mix when we visit South Africa and bring it home," said Christa, 47. After grinding and seasoning the meat, it is stuffed into sausage casings. "After we finish, we cook a batch for everyone to have. Then we split up the rest for everyone to take home. Sometimes we make close to 200 pounds of sausage in one day."

Boerewors is usually grilled, much like a hot dog or bratwurst. "Sometimes we make a tomato and onion stew to put on top of it but chutney goes well with it also," said Jannie. Their favorite brand of chutney, Mrs. H.S. Ball's Original Recipe Chutney, can be found in the United States. It is a sweet mix of apricots, peaches and spices that is used as a condiment.

Jannie said that meat is an important component of meals in South Africa. "But the meat is mostly lamb. I grew up on a cattle farm so there was a lot of meat. Our cattle was grass-fed though." Jannie enjoys many different lamb dishes. His favorite is an interesting twist on leg of lamb. After marinating a boneless leg of lamb, Jannie grills the meat for about one hour. Then he



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Jannie and Christa Wentzel work together to pour the filling for a milk tart into the shell. It will then be baked until set.

Jannie and Christa's Culinary Cue

When carving meat, first lay out several layers of paper towels on the counter. Set the cutting board on the paper towels. The juices from the meat will be absorbed by the paper towels and create less mess.

slices the meat, dips it into a mushroom sauce and grills it lightly again for a moist and flavor-filled dish.

A popular South African dessert that is seldom found in the United States is a milk tart. Similar to a custard pie, the milk tart is standard fare for family gatherings in South Africa. "The most important thing to remember is to pour the hot milk very, very slowly into the flour or you will get lumps," said Christa. If the flour does clump, use a stick blender to dissolve the flour. The mixture needs to be very smooth for a tasty dessert.

Christie has found it unusual that Americans use regular forks for dessert. "We have small forks for desserts," she said, pulling out an ornate fork about half the size of a regular fork. The couple also believe in having a "proper cup" for tea and have a space in the cabinet dedicated to china teacups and saucers.

"South African tea is very much like British tea," said Jannie. "It is less bitter than American tea."

The Wentzels are looking forward to Thanksgiving, when several area South African families gather for dinner at the New Covenant Church in Naperville.

"They started meeting before we arrived and I took over organizing the event a few years ago," said Christa. "Thanksgiving isn't celebrated in South Africa but we adopted the holiday. We don't have family close by so we found some. We usually have about 50 to 80 people." There are some turkeys on the table but also leg of lamb and milk tarts. "It is open to anyone who would like to come," she said.

The Wentzels share the recipes for the lamb and the milk tart for anyone wishing to try South African cuisine.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

Leg of lamb on the grill

Makes eight to 10 servings.

- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 4-5 pound boneless leg of lamb
- 1/2 gallon milk
- 2 10.75-ounce cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 pound sliced mushrooms

1. Mix red wine, soy sauce and mustard. Inject the lamb in several places with the mixture. Place in a one gallon plastic bag and place in the refrigerator. Allow to marinate in the refrigerator for 24 hours. When ready to prepare, heat grill (preferably charcoal) to medium. Grill lamb for one hour, turning twice. While lamb is grilling, heat milk in a Dutch oven. Add soup and mushrooms. Heat and stir until mixture thickens.

2. When lamb has been grilled one hour, remove and slice into 1/4-inch thick slices. Dip each slice into the mushroom soup mixture. Put back on the grill for a few minutes. Dip slices in mushroom mixture again and grill on the other sides. Place slices into the soup mixture after grilling and then serve.

Milk tart

Makes six to eight servings.

- Prepared 9-inch pie crust
- 2 cups milk (whole or 2 percent)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 eggs
- cinnamon sugar

1. Line pie pan with unbaked pie crust. Bring milk to a boil in a saucepan over low heat. In a bowl, combine sugar, flour, and cornstarch. Slowly add hot milk to the flour mixture, stirring constantly. Return to the saucepan and cook and stir constantly for five minutes until thick and smooth. Remove pan from heat and add butter. Allow mixture to cool slightly.

2. Beat eggs in a small bowl. Add to milk mixture and combine well. Pour mixture into prepared pie shell. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 400 and bake 10 more minutes. Sprinkle top of pie with cinnamon sugar. Serve warm.

Scary ingredients

By Veronica Hinke
Pioneer Press

Flavors over fears. That's the bottom line when it comes down to working with ingredients that can seem a little scary.

Chef Eusebio Garcia at Mesa Urbana in Northbrook has a simple and flavorful recipe for butternut squash soup, but there's one scary ingredient — nutmeg.

"Nutmeg has a very strong flavor and if you add too much of it, it's going to taste awful," Garcia said. "With nutmeg, you really have to pay attention and make sure you use the right amount. I am not a big fan of measuring my recipes, but with nutmeg, it's important."

Garcia said a little nutmeg and cinnamon also is perfect in pumpkin soup, and the recipe is similar to butternut squash soup.

Nutmeg is the perfect spice to add to his beautiful blend of ingredients, which also includes maple syrup, white wine and celery. The soup is poured tableside into a bowl with a tiny heap of caramelized apples. Garcia dices the apples, then cooks them slightly over the stove top in sugar, cinnamon, and of course, just a touch of nutmeg. For a final touch before serving, he sprinkles nutmeg over the bowl of soup, adding a pop of color and flavor.

"Nutmeg has a unique flavor, and when it is mixed with cinnamon and apples it satisfies the smell I look for this time of year," Garcia said.

Mesa Urbana's mixologist Berto Esparza is facing a scary bar ingredient this season — serrano peppers.

"If you catch a real spicy one, they give you the heat," Esparza said.

"Serrano peppers can be scary to work with because they can go south," Mesa Urbana owner Moe Taleb said. "It's the type of pepper that can be mild or very spicy."

Taleb knows plenty about working with some of the scariest, trickiest ingredients. Until 2011, he and brother Ash Taleb were owners of Kith and Kin in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, where Chef Andrew Brochu famously pounded out sauerkraut by hand with Riesling.

At Mesa Urbana, Esparza takes a similar artisan approach, muddling celery and crushing serrano pepper seeds to make his El Diablo Margarita. He rims the glass in a mix of sugar and — what else? — nutmeg.

In September, Chef Sergio Lorenzana celebrated 30 years at Alex's Washington Gardens in Highwood. Few ingredients scare him, but when pressed to pick one, he also treats lightly around peppers. For Lorenzana, crushed red pepper flakes are what get his attention fast.



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At Mesa Urbana in Northbrook, Chef Eusebio Garcia pours freshly made butternut squash soup over a pile of diced apples that have been caramelized in sugar and nutmeg.

He is careful to strike the right balance when working with crushed red pepper flakes in the house specialty Arrabbiata sauce, which is a spicy marinara sauce. Scariest yet is the even spicier Fra Diavolo sauce.

At Mama's Boy in Chicago, Executive Chef Massimo Gaffo has a new recipe for Halloween. He is working with squid ink to make pasta black. He is calling the pasta Freaky Fettuccine. "Timing is everything," Gaffo said. "You need to be sure to cook it at

Chefs face their fears over some of the season's trickiest foods

Spiced Butternut Squash Soup

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 whole butternut squash, peeled and cut into small cubes
- 2 white onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons garlic, chopped
- 1/2 bunch celery, chopped
- 4 Granny Smith apples, peeled and chopped
- 3 cups white wine
- 2 quarts of heavy whipping cream
- 6 quarts of water
- 1 tablespoon of nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon of cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups maple syrup
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste

1. Combine butternut squash, onions, garlic, celery and apples in a deep pan and saute for 10 minutes olive oil. Add wine and let it simmer for 10 minutes on low. Add heavy whipping cream and let simmer for another five minutes on low. Add water and simmer for 30 minutes on low. Add remaining ingredients and cook five minutes. Let cool at room temperature for four hours. Blend soup in food processor. When ready to serve, heat and enjoy. Sprinkle nutmeg over soup before serving.

— Chef Eusebio Garcia, Mesa Urbana

El Diablo Margarita

- 7 pieces celery, muddled
- 1 tablespoon serrano pepper, diced
- 2 ounces tequila
- 3/4 ounces Cointreau or triple sec
- 1 ounce simple syrup
- 1 1/4 ounces fresh lime juice

1. Shake and strain. Rim glass with cinnamon sugar mix. Garnish with 2 to 3 slices of chiffonade-cut serrano pepper slices.

— Berto Esparza, Mesa Urbana

the proper temperature and length of time to ensure the most flavor from the pasta. The squid ink gives an intense oceanic flavor, and you really need to be careful with how much you use."

He also has used squid ink to color risotto with calamari. "I love the intense black color and the texture is soft and the flavor is incredible," he said.

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MY PET WORLD

How to build an efficient dog pen

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My son recently got a Labradoodle puppy. She is now 4 months old. He has had her since August. He just finished building a dog pen. It is large about 20 feet long. The problem is she won't poop or pee in the pen, which is on a cement slab. She holds it till she is on the lawn. My son puts her poop in the pen to show her, no luck. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

— Daphne Winter, Las Vegas, NV

A: Well it is obvious that she regards the pen as her home and she does not want to soil it. So the best thing to do would be to make part of her pen different from the rest of it so she does not feel like she is violating her instincts.

The best way to do this is to get some wooden garden ties that are used for creating borders around a lawn and nail them together to create a square in the pen about 4-by-4 feet. Then fill the resulting square with pea gravel and sprinkle some grass clippings on top of the gravel to entice her.

Most likely she will use it right away and you can then scoop out the poop and hose out the gravel bed. All my dogs used such a set up and they would always gravitate off the lawn to pee or poop in

their "dog toilet."

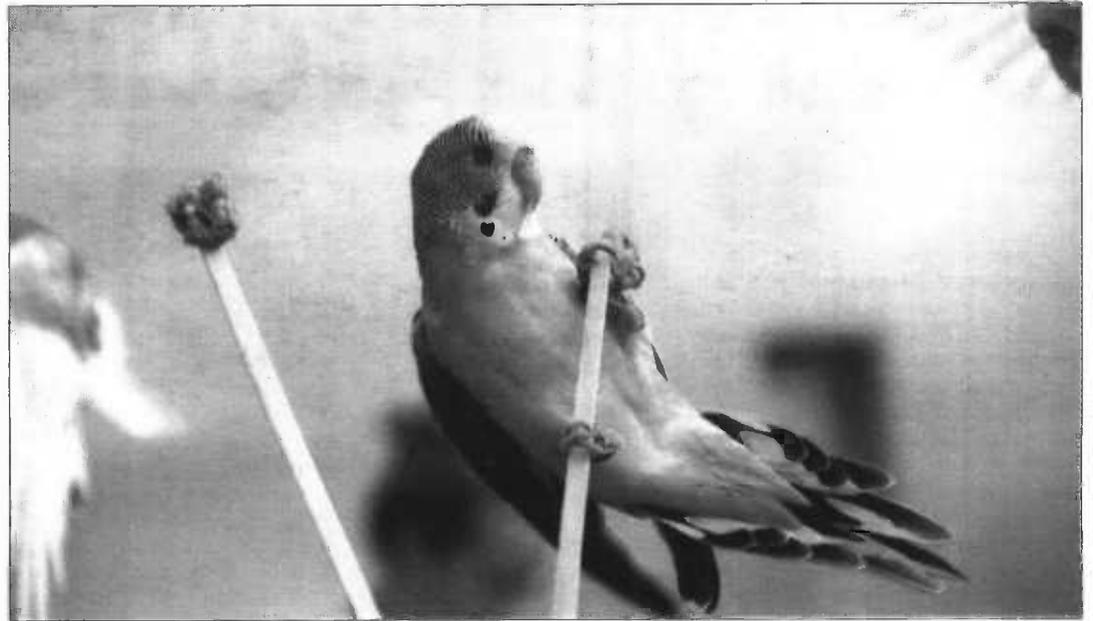
Q: We have two parakeets — a male and female — and they have been together for three years now. I swear that they are in love with each other and their devotion is quite humbling. They never leave each other's side and do everything together. I believe they love each other as we human beings do, but my husband thinks animals cannot love like humans do. What is your opinion on this topic?

— Shira Goldstein, Chicago, IL

A: This is a hot question, as love is not totally understood in humans, let alone in animals. I certainly am not qualified to answer such a question.

However, just about everything I learned about animals was from the works of the late great scientist Konrad Lorenz, who won a Nobel Prize in 1973 for his work on the organization of social behavior in animals.

He kept many greylag geese and jackdaws and often said that some pairs had clearly fallen in love; other scientists took him as being too sentimental about this. His reply to the scientists was: "It is the accurate term for a real phenomenon for which there is no other name. I consider the term appropriate to any species, if that is in fact what they do."



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A Chicago reader asked Marc Morrone if parakeets can love each other like humans do after observing devotion between her male and female birds.

So forget my opinion, Konrad Lorenz would say that your parakeets are indeed in love and as far as I am concerned that is the end of that.

Q: We adopted a hound mix from a rescue group. They take care of the animal getting spayed and neutered. This dog is a sweetheart and just loves people. Though, he has one bad habit — he goes out of his way to mount our legs. Why would a neutered dog do this? I always thought that neutering removes these behaviors?

— Annie Young, Allentown, PA

A: Neutering a dog will remove all testosterone from its body,

thus in theory all the behaviors associated with it. However, the timing of it determines the efficacy of the operation. The earlier it is done the greater the likelihood of success since the unwanted behaviors have yet to be established.

In your case, the dog was most likely neutered later in life, and so the mounting behavior he manifests is now a learned behavior and hard wired into his head.

The key here is to never give the dog the opportunity to do it. If he starts, just get up and walk away or push him off quickly and with no drama. The whole family has to be consistent — if he tries to do it 10 times and is foiled but on the 11th time he gets to do it,

then he will continue to try all the harder.

Some dogs though are chronic in this way. My Cairn Terrier was neutered late in life, and he was a habitual mounter. We were able to teach him to leave us alone, but we were never able to stop him from doing it to pillows or whatever other house hold object that he found attractive.

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.

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Be careful about gaming a promotional offer

This week's column originates from a complaint I received from an individual who said he received misinformation from a third-party iPhone retailer regarding a buy-one-get-one-free promotion. The customer asserts he was told he could work around a very important promotional requirement: that one of the phones be tied to a new AT&T cellphone line. This situation ultimately became a he-said-he-said with regard to what was orally presented during the transaction. In the end, the decision as to who was "right" fell not on what one or the other said, but rather on the language contained in the promotion and the contract.

My objective in writing this column serves as a three-fold warning.

1. If you are tempted to game the system, you'd best do your homework and read all the fine print, because there can be back-end consequences for not thoroughly adhering to the letter of a contract.

2. Don't simply hear what you want to hear, or for that matter believe what a salesperson is telling you, if it doesn't sync with information you already know to be

fact.

3. In the end, it may be time and money better spent to go directly to the service provider (in this case AT&T), as their staff is trained in-depth on the company's service offerings. Third-party retailers are often required to possess an understanding of numerous companies' products, occasionally resulting in less depth of knowledge and important details being inadvertently omitted.

In this instance, a gentleman wished to take advantage of a cross-promotion that AT&T and Apple were offering via a big box retailer. The specific offer was "Buy an iPhone 6S, get another one free when you add a second line." The customer wanted the free second phone, but didn't need the second line; instead, he hoped to port an existing mobile number to the new "free" phone. The customer stated he was told by a big box employee that the porting could be done. It could, and it was.

But this is where the accounts part ways.



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

Upon receiving his AT&T bill, the customer was shocked to learn that even though the existing phone number had been successfully ported over to the new phone, the "second line" was still a monthly line item. That is because the phone would be free only after

receiving 30 months worth of credits. This meant the second line had to remain.

A manager at the retailer didn't claim misunderstanding the customer's desire to port the existing phone number to the new phone. As he pointed out, porting the number didn't equate to closing the new phone line. And the question that was asked, according to the manager, was: "Can I port an existing number to the new phone?" not "What will happen to the new line?"

When asked why the question of porting didn't raise a red flag for the salesperson, the manager explained that customers doing the math may decide to "save" \$300 dollars on the price of an iPhone by simply signing up for the promotion, canceling the

second line and paying off the phone balance. Everyone signing up for the promotion received a \$300 gift card to the store.

Now it might be the case that the two individuals involved in this transaction were simply talking past one another. The customer didn't ask the right questions, and the salesperson didn't explain the porting scenario to its logical conclusion. However, the manager was willing to offer this dissatisfied customer a full refund, if he was willing to return the iPhones. Unfortunately, within three days of purchasing, the customer said he had sold the old phones.

So what's the take-away? Thoroughly read a promotion's verbiage. Should you be inclined to do something slightly outside its parameters, don't be clever and assume you have things figured out; rather, ask how any changes might affect your final costs, and locate evidence in the contract.

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Adult coloring books are responsible for boosting nonfiction sales. They are said to have a calming effect.

Novel approaches to passing time

By John Warner

Chicago Tribune

Publishing needs to start thinking about its next phenomenon.

I'm not talking about a hot new literary author, or the next "Harry Potter" or "Game of Thrones."

When it comes to the health of publishing's bottom line, it's adult coloring books that are providing a significant boost.

Year-to-year comparison for the first six months of 2015 vs. 2016 shows that units sold in the crafts/hobbies/antiques/games category (which includes adult coloring books) increased by 133 percent, which all by itself accounts for approximately half of the 12 percent increase overall in total nonfiction sales.

As reported by Publishers Weekly, two Harry Potter coloring books and something called "Color Your Own Deadpool" (as in the profane comic book character) led the way in terms of sales.

My inability to color inside the lines almost kept me from starting kindergarten in the first place, and I don't think my skills have improved since, so I have little interest in these diversions, but I guess I'm happy for anything that helps improve the financial fortunes of publishers. If people want to color until their fingers fall off, all blessings from me.

But of course, adult coloring books are a phase that's going to fade. Remember Sudoku?

Yeah, me neither.

To find the next fad, we need to understand the appeal of the current fad. As I understand the phenomenon, fans of adult coloring books find the activity calming, a way of occupying one's brain at just the right intensity. It requires focus, but, unlike Sudoku or crossword puzzles, coloring taxes our coordination rather than our cognition.

Coloring books are well-suited to be an antidote to our contemporary age of hyper-stimulation. Maybe the next novelty could be found in the book-related games of my youth.

For a long time the "Invisible Ink Yes & Know" books were a personal favorite. Any long car trip came with a fresh volume — "appropriate for ages 8-88" — that would occupy me with its combination of puzzles and games. On reflection, though, we can see them as very low-tech versions of the games we now have on the phones that we're trying to escape from.

I remember hours of enjoyment working through a series of "Klutz" books that provided activities oriented toward mastering a skill. The juggling and rope-tying volumes were my favorites. Once you get the hang of it, juggling is quite relaxing. If you're going to try to keep four beanbags in the air, your mind can't be concerned with anything else.

And should I ever find myself on a tramp steamer, my sheepshank knot should come in handy.

Shrinky Dinks? Remember those? What about adult-themed Shrinky Dinks? We could have Election 2016 edition with extra orange pencils for you-know-who. Or what about a celebrity tabloid series where you can decorate a Gwyneth Paltrow figurine becoming consciously uncoupled from Chris Martin? I bet a Brangelina divorce set would sell like gangbusters.

Or maybe it's not possible to predict the next novelty. We are a nation of fads. Rubik's Cubes, Pet Rocks, Pogs, swing bands, GoPros. These things — like adult coloring books — arrive, and, for a while, we wonder how we ever lived without them.

The novelty of the adult coloring book will fade. I imagine many of those purchased will sit unmarked. But there's an interesting, more enduring word inside "novelty": "novel."

The novel in English is 350-400 years old (depending on what book you think first meets the definition). It's just a young thing, relatively speaking, but it looks as if it's here to stay.

Coloring books are fine, but when I need leave of this world, I turn to a novel, not a novelty.

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Book recommendations from The Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you read

1. "Here I Am" by Jonathan Safran Foer
2. "Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead
3. "A Little Life" by Hanya Yanigahara
4. "Everybody's Fool" by Richard Russo
5. "Fates and Furies" by Lauren Groff — Yancy T., Chicago

A reader after my own heart, with a lot of new fiction represented here. But sometimes, staying on top of the new can put us in a rut, and it's fun to go back to something not quite so current and let the stream of new titles pass us by. We'll never keep up with the flood. (That's advice to myself as much as anyone.) In that spirit, here's a fun, historical novel that's reminiscent of the work of E.L. Doctorow, "Carter Beats the Devil" by Glen David Gold.

1. "Shoeless Joe" by W.P. Kinsella
2. "Sophie's Choice" by William Styron
3. "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather
4. "The Member of the Wedding" by Carson McCullers
5. "The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro — Pete R., Seattle

We have a bit of the opposite here, someone who's primarily drawn to some thoroughly vetted classics. There's a comfort in choosing these books, which have been validated by so many readers before. But it can also be fun to be like Yancy above and feel the pulse of the present. Pete should try out "The Association of Small Bombs" by Karan Mahajan.

1. "The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo" by Amy Schumer
2. "Inside the Real Amy Schumer" by Ian Fineman
3. "Bad Feminist" by Roxane Gay
4. "Little Failure" by Gary Shteyngart
5. "Based on a True Story" by Norm Macdonald — Ariel P., Chicago

A clear interest in comedy on display here, which makes me think of Judd Apatow's book of interviews with comedians, including Amy Schumer, whom Ariel appears to be particularly interested in, "Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy."

What should you read?

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YOU NAME IT: An inventive bunch

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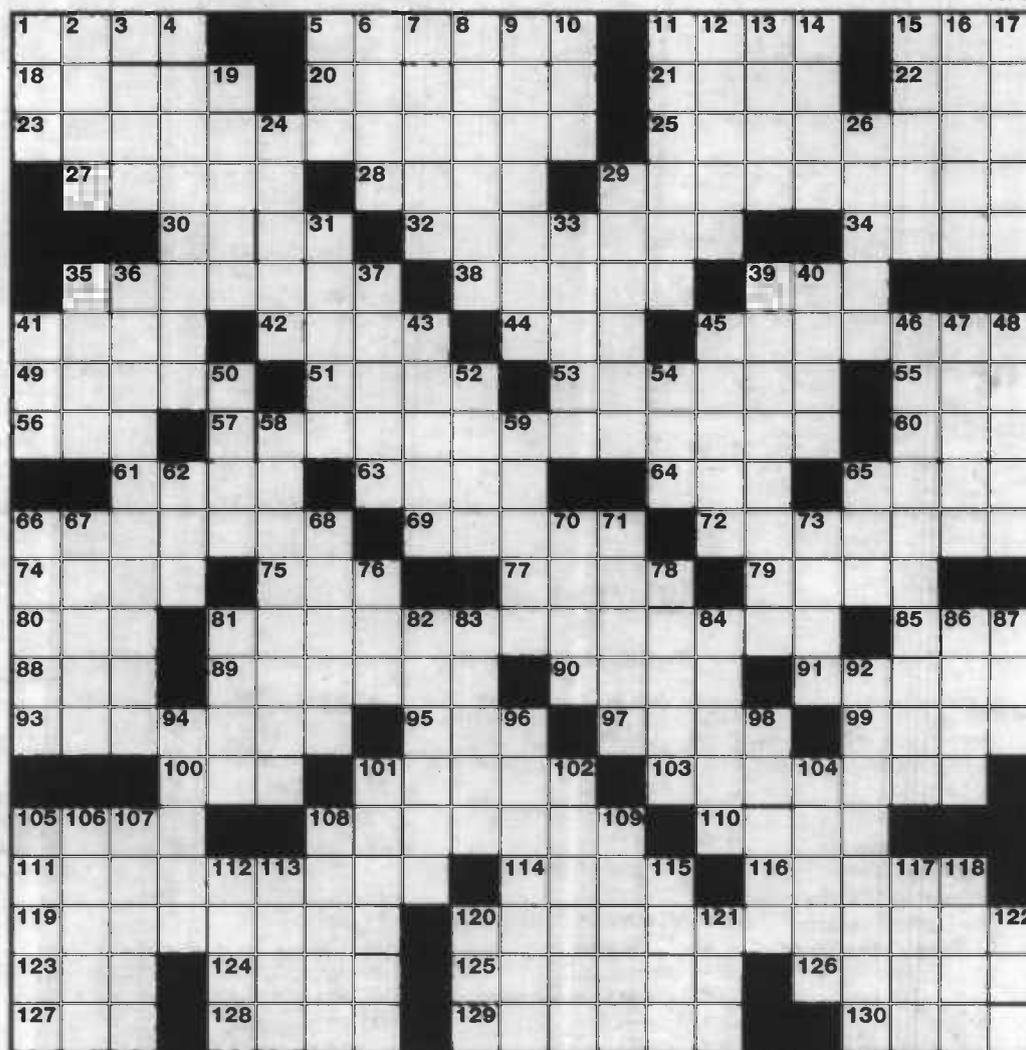
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82 Tooth exterior
83 Broadcast again
84 Three-note chord
86 Attack with snowballs
87 Portray
92 Blots on the landscape
94 Certain seasonal numbers
96 'Tis memoirist
98 Ascent

- 101 Shows ill will toward
102 Gist
104 Come _ of the rain
105 Showing little emotion
106 Artist Matisse
107 Japan's third-largest city
108 Karaoke performances
109 Dreadlocks wearer

- 112 Homecoming attendee
113 Feel concern
115 Most born in August
117 "Just you wait, _ 'iggins ..."
118 Actor Laura or Bruce
120 Cote comment
121 _ half bad
122 Whole-wheat alternative

Quote-Acrostic

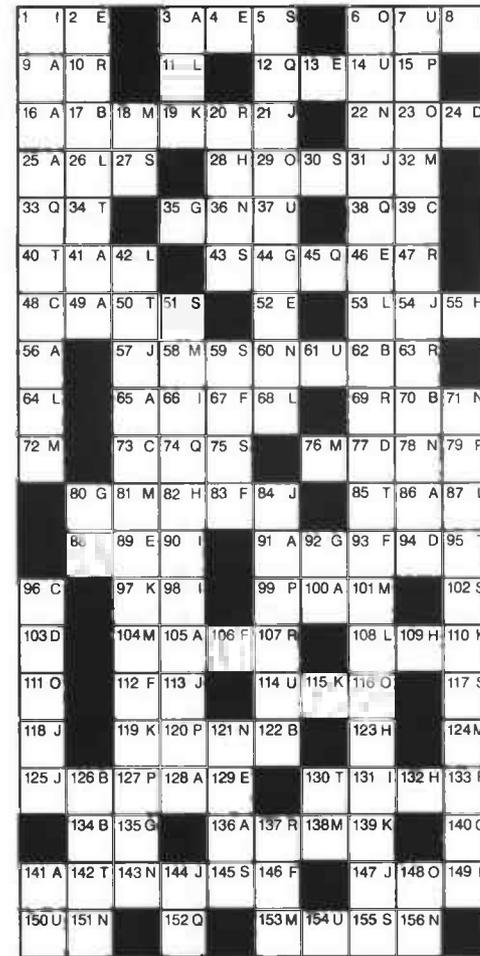
1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the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

Clues

Words

- A. Pertaining to mankind
86 128 3 41 105 56
16 100 9 141 136 25 91 49 65
- B. Critique
17 62 126 70 122 134
- C. Comparative conjunction
96 48 73 39
- D. Safe house
77 88 24 103 94
- E. Open wide
13 2 4 52 89 129 46
- F. Fame
146 83 93 106 112 67
- G. Song of praise
92 35 44 140 135 80
- H. Medicine man
55 109 132 28 123 82
- I. Bad luck
131 8 98 90 66 1

- J. Suburb of Oakland
31 147 118 21 84 144 125 57 54 113
- K. Insult
97 139 19 110 119 115
- L. Rousing
53 108 64 149 42 87 11 26 68
- M. Mosquito-borne virus: 2 wds.
32 18 124 153 81 76 104 58 138 72 101
- N. Famed jockey
151 22 36 156 71 78 121 143 60
- O. North American capital
29 111 116 148 6 23
- P. Healer type
99 120 127 133 15
- Q. The Big Apple
74 38 33 45 152 12
- R. Paid
47 20 107 137 79 69 10 63
- S. USMC goal: 4 wds.
59 155 5 117
27 75 43 51 102 145 30
- T. Rural village: 2 wds., sl.
85 95 130 40 34 142 50
- U. Design technique
150 37 14 7 154 61 114



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Keep Cool!

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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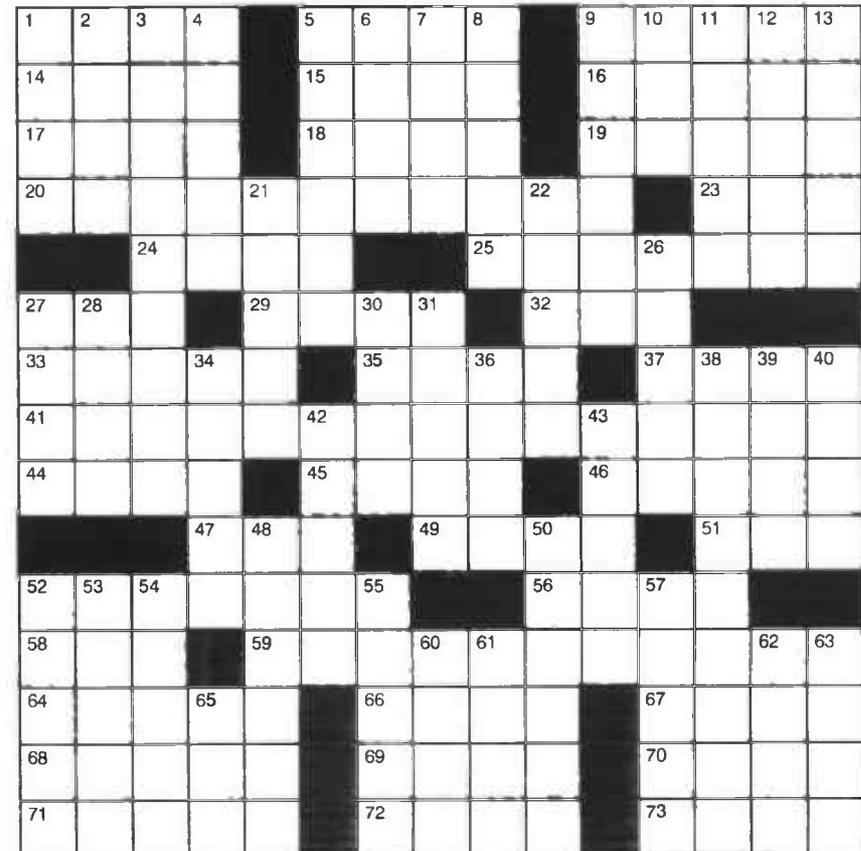
- 1 Dry stream bed
5 Native American Tribe in Arizona
9 Nasty bug
14 Western state: abbr.
15 Stratford river
16 Comedian Murphy
17 *Das Kapital's* Marx
18 Dickens's Miss Trent
19 To sponge
20 Physical exertion
23 Schoolboy
24 Sailor's chanty
25 City on the Hudson
27 Executed
29 Indigo dye
32 Shoshone Indian
33 Old song, *Robin* ___
35 Triton
37 Price list word
41 Get one's dander up
44 Examination
45 Zoo sound
46 Disconnect
47 Cooler
49 Cut with a sickle
51 *Te* ___: Sp. lover's avowal
52 Have title to

- 56 Threshold
58 Behave
59 Where social graces are purveyed
64 Part of a fish hook
66 NM river
67 It sailed from Thessaly to Colchis
68 German philosopher
69 Colleague
70 Evening: It.
71 Crested mountain ridge
72 Beholds
73 So be it!

Down

- 1 Stopped sleeping
2 USSR sea
3 Exciting times at Epsom
4 Arctic abode
5 Persist tenaciously
6 ___ and out
7 Native of Poznan
8 Dental work
9 Newly come
10 Seraglio room
11 Confound
12 Cheroot
13 Pays attention

- 21 Embarcadero
22 Pierre's *mid*
26 NH summer resort
27 Tetched
28 Bootless
30 "___ the wild blue yonder"
31 Hungarian composer
34 Scintillas
36 Used to be
38 According to the value: L.
39 Former pitcher Labine
40 Protagonist
42 Impudent
43 Molded salad
48 Frame for a paper-maker's mold
50 Analyzes
52 Mustapha Kemal title
53 Yellow to orange pigment
54 The theater
55 Old Icelandic narratives
57 Site of Jokang temple
60 Vex
61 *Jeune fille*: abbr.
62 Hobgoblin
63 Banking transaction
65 Lepidopterist's need



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Get With It

BY MATT MCKINLEY

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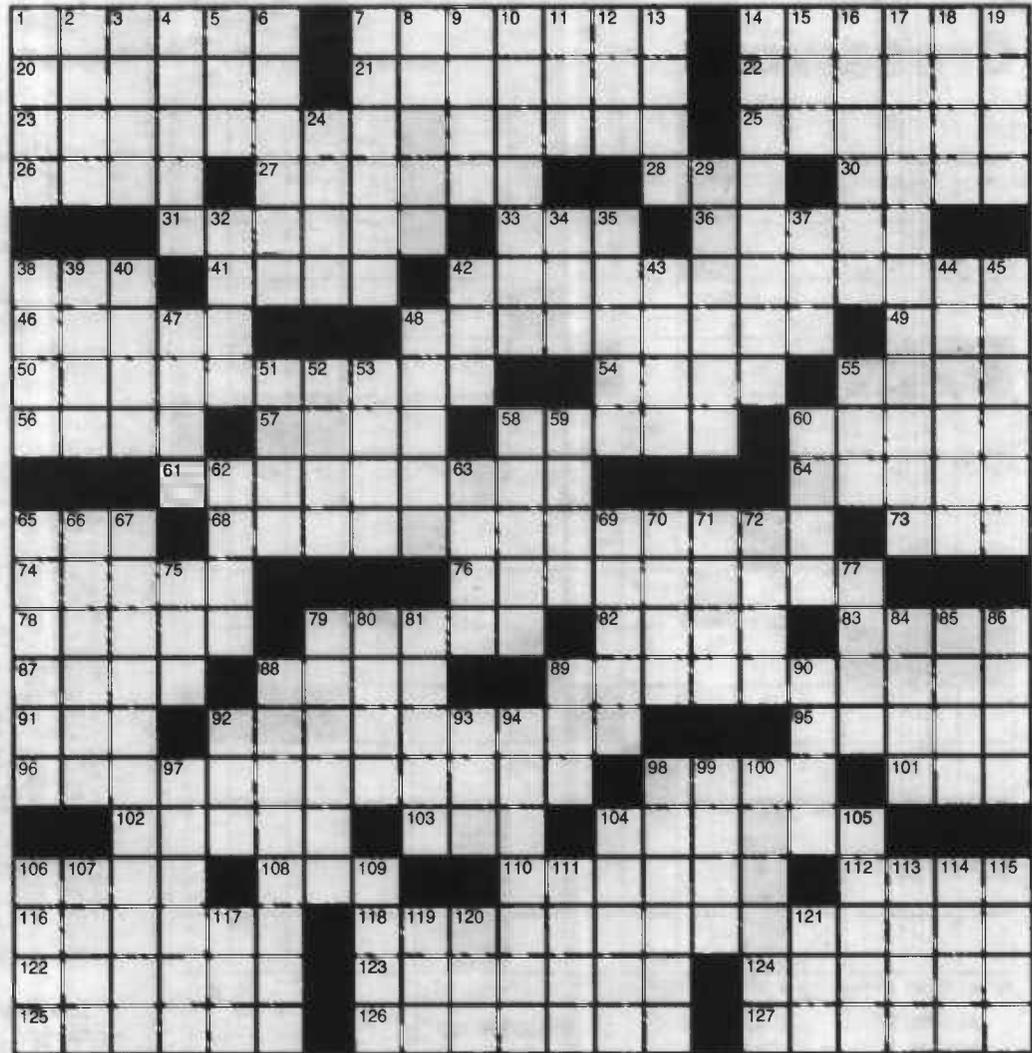
- 1 Using currency
- 7 Reacted to a late night out
- 14 Frozen dessert
- 20 Snack chip
- 21 Derogatory statement
- 22 Puddy tat's quarry
- 23 Away
- 25 Baggage porter
- 26 "___ difference"
- 27 Throat tissue
- 28 Org. associated with long lines
- 30 2016 Olympics golf gold medalist Justin ___
- 31 Honey brand
- 33 Something to soak in
- 36 "Recapping .."
- 38 Blanc with many voices
- 41 Resort NE of Los Alamos
- 42 By
- 46 Pizza parlor lure
- 48 "Duh!" evoker
- 49 Stick in a parlor
- 50 Hitched
- 54 Street ___
- 55 Pond growth
- 56 Hanging on by a thread
- 57 Vintage autos
- 58 Throbbled
- 60 Frozen drinks
- 61 Ounce
- 64 Patriot Silas
- 65 Round fig.
- 68 Wise
- 73 In medias ___
- 74 In full view
- 76 Literary motto words
- 78 Securing strings
- 79 See 51-Down
- 82 Setting of Camus' "The Plague"
- 83 Wind with keys
- 87 Soon, in verse
- 88 One way to fly
- 89 On
- 91 AFC South, e.g.
- 92 Typical fast-food offering
- 95 Tossed in a chip
- 96 Even
- 98 Bedside toggle switch
- 101 Crafty
- 102 Fence pieces
- 103 Case in Eng. class
- 104 Like some dress patterns.

- 106 Only president who was also chief justice
- 108 Norse war god
- 110 Algonquin kin
- 112 "Exodus" novelist
- 116 Land, say
- 118 Ahead
- 122 Metaphor for the good life
- 123 Explorer of new territory
- 124 Connecticut town on Long Island Sound
- 125 Hits involving trots
- 126 Leading position
- 127 Bergman and Borg

Down

- 1 Middle March
- 2 Smoked salmon
- 3 Compensate for prior laziness, perhaps
- 4 Hill workers
- 5 Sault ___ Marie
- 6 It may be herbal
- 7 Discomfiting displays
- 8 Oversight
- 9 Fair-haired sci-fi race
- 10 Soda can feature
- 11 "That's more than enough!"
- 12 Business issue
- 13 Natasha's no
- 14 Broken down, say
- 15 Must pay
- 16 "The Shining" word with two mirror-image letters
- 17 Through
- 18 T-storms may delay them
- 19 Sort
- 24 Bindle carrier
- 29 Broke a Commandment
- 32 "Point Break" FBI agent Johnny
- 34 Former 37-Down
- 35 Vacation spot
- 37 Abbr. on Cold War maps
- 38 Shoes may be left on them
- 39 Lake that anagrams 43-Down
- 40 Movie mogul Marcus
- 42 Clever remark
- 43 Land that anagrams 39-Down
- 44 City south of Salem
- 45 Kids

- 47 Ozarks, e.g.: Abbr.
- 48 Polite refusal
- 51 With 79-Across, 2003 N.L. Cy Young Award winner
- 52 Lane co-worker
- 53 "It's ___ good sign"
- 55 Golfer's thrill
- 58 Unaccompanied
- 59 Put behind bars
- 60 Country poem
- 62 Scratching post users
- 63 Dianetics creator Hubbard
- 65 Piña ___
- 66 "Terrible" tsar
- 67 Over
- 69 On the bad side (of)
- 70 Expected result
- 71 Deceitful lure
- 72 Lois' "Superboy" counterpart
- 75 Stimp's chum
- 77 Bird on Canada's dollar coin
- 79 Give some slack, with "on"
- 80 What there oughta be
- 81 Relinquish amateur status
- 84 Nocturnal mammals
- 85 Russian city northeast of Kiev
- 86 Hot tub feature
- 88 Stray caretakers
- 89 Spree
- 90 Auburn rival, familiarly
- 92 Cinematic FX
- 93 Criminal element, with "the"
- 94 Legally prohibits
- 97 Indigenous
- 98 Uncle in a McCartney hit
- 99 Trims the lawn
- 100 Phonies
- 104 McGarrett's force, familiarly
- 105 Immoral profit
- 106 Dash instrument
- 107 Woody's son
- 109 Absorbed
- 111 "Go Anywhere. Do Anything" vehicle
- 113 Senate minority leader
- 114 "Of course"
- 115 Tax form IDs
- 117 Bible transl., e.g.
- 119. 1955 labor merger gp.
- 120 I follower
- 121 Cry close to the ears



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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CRACES

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Sudoku

10/16

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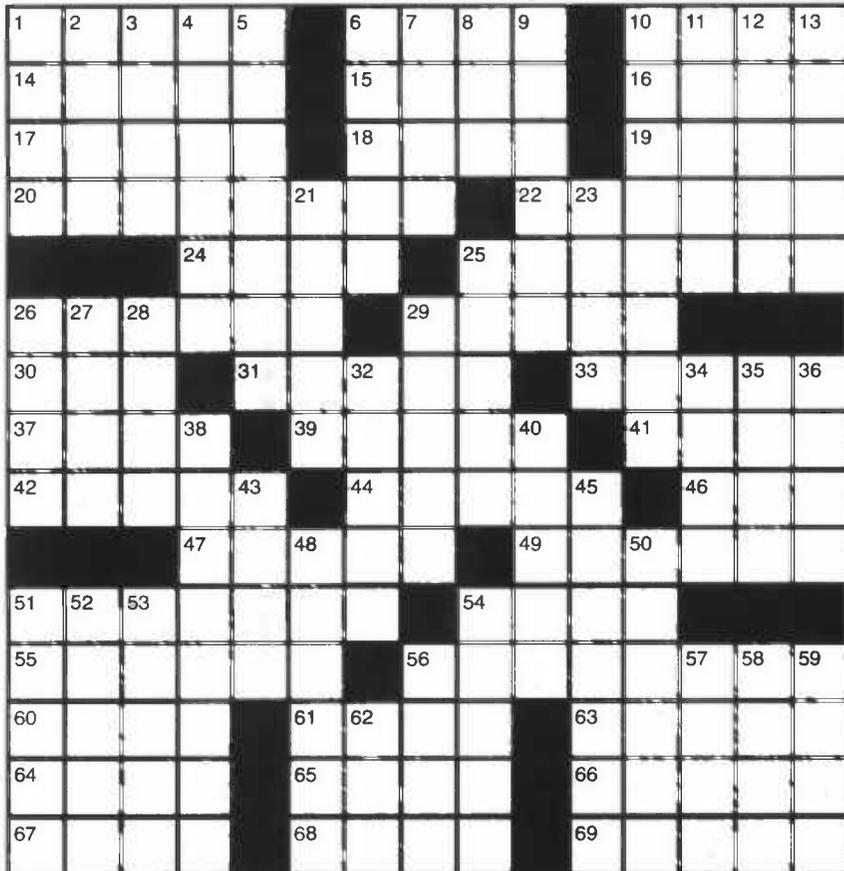
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Argues; squabbles
6 Varieties; types
10 Graceful waterbird
14 "To be, ___ to be..." (Hamlet)
15 Make progress
16 Bum
17 Henry or Peter
18 Peru's capital
19 Drive out
20 Property tax determiner
22 Swiss or Edam
24 "The Buckeye State"
25 Lost traction on an icy road
26 Graduation cap feature
29 Sat for an artist
30 Very late bedtime
31 Slumber
33 Bursting at the ___; too full
37 Night twinkler
39 Pleasure craft
41 Twofold
42 Fodder towers
44 Nitrogen and hydrogen
46 ___ Lanka
47 Ladies
49 Relaxed
- 51 Tremble
54 Envelop
55 Antenna
56 Journal keepers
60 Baseball's Ruth
61 Had bills to pay
63 Neighbor of Montana
64 Perón & Gabor
65 Schnoz
66 At no time
67 Monthly bill, for many
68 ___-deep; superficial
69 Say "Hello" to

DOWN

- 1 Couch
2 Experts
3 Blyth & Jillian
4 Ropers' competitions
5 Stores away in a hidden place
6 House of snow
7 Lion's home
8 Actress ___ Basinger
9 Munchies
10 Tore to bits
11 Courted
12 Mistreat
13 Famous
21 ___ as a goose
23 Rushes

Solutions



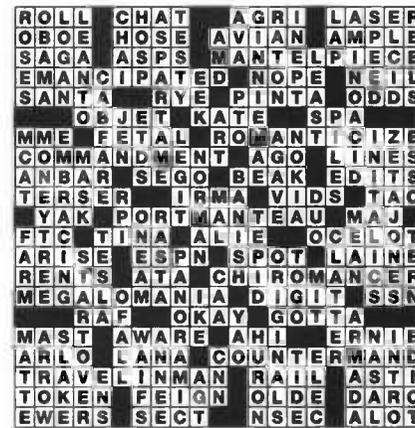
- 25 Tenth-graders, familiarly
26 Throw
27 One opposed
28 Barking marine mammal
29 ___ pie; nut-topped dessert
32 Rarin' to go
34 Smallest continent: abbr.
35 Foal's mother
36 Went down a fire pole
38 Most boisterous
- 40 ___ firma; land
43 Soft drink
45 Cooking quickly
48 Large fruits
50 Muffet's terror
51 Fencing sword
52 Lift and throw with difficulty
53 Not rural
54 Expand
56 Mr. Arnaz
57 Keep for later
58 You, biblically
59 ___ of; rather
62 Stir-fry pan



puzzle island solutions

Last week's crosswords

"LEFT TO RIGHT"



"Sounding Off"



"Big Time"



Last week's Quote-Acrossic

SCOTT PATTERSON: (The) QUANTS: Quants and the rest of the math wizards who had taken over Wall Street had helped tame the market's volatility. Out of chaos they had created order through their ever increasing knowledge of the Truth.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

TUMBLE INFORM SCARCE
TALLER UNCLOG OCCUPY

When choosing a new yacht, you need to choose the one that —

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Interactive puzzles and games

Dating someone who is hot and cold leads to freezer burn

I can still remember how I felt several years ago when I was dating a guy who was hot and cold. On our first date, he took me to a really nice restaurant where the ambience was romantic, the wine was expensive and the sparks were flying. He acted attentive and kind and affectionate, and he made me feel like I was the only woman who mattered. At the end of the night, we kissed goodnight in my kitchen, and I felt like I was floating on a cloud. I went to bed that night feeling hopeful and happy.

The next day, I was hoping for a text saying something like, "Thanks for a nice night." Nothing. The day after that: still nothing. A week went by. No call. No text. Nothing. It is these kinds of experiences that make women really hate dating. The promise of Prince Charming takes us as high as the moon, only to have it plunge us deep into disappointment.

I managed to move on, but I always thought about him. Then, out of nowhere, two months later, a text from him: "Been thinking about when we can get together again." Oooh, I burned with anger. How dare him! Yet at the same time, my heart pounded with excitement. I instantly began rationalizing. Maybe he wasn't over his last girlfriend. Maybe it was bad timing. Maybe it took being away from me to make him realize how much he liked me.

We went out again. The experience was just as great as the first date, even better. We laughed and talked and kissed and even held hands. But, the roller coaster ride continued, as after the second night he retreated back into his coldness. I got no call or text from him. A few days later, I called and confronted him.

"I'd really like to know what's going on. You're hot and cold with me and I'm not sure why," I said.

"Look, I really, really like you," he responded. "Trust me, I do. But I was badly burned in my last relationship, and I'm really scared to get serious with someone."

Foolishly, I bought it. In my mind, I was going to save this poor, sweet guy who had been hurt by some mean girl.

So, we went out a third time. This time, we went to a party. He was acting very platonic, distant and cool, like we were just friends. I pulled him aside after a little while and asked, "What are we? Are we friends? Are we more? Can you tell me?"

"I need another drink for that conversation," he replied jokingly.

I went to bed that night really sad. I laid



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

there thinking, "What can I do to make this man love me? To act like he did on those first couple dates?" I realize now that I was addicted to the hot in his hot-and-cold treatment of me. It was like I needed a hit of his drug — the one that made me feel like the

only woman on earth. It was killing me that I couldn't have more. It was a horrible feeling of lack of control.

Things went on like this with us for a few more months, a pattern of hot and cold, which resulted in super-high highs mingled with constant disappointment and resentment. Then, one day, I said to myself, "Screw this. I deserve better." I realized I deserved my man to be hot and hot versus hot and cold. And that was the end of the hot and cold guy.

Dating someone who is hot and cold just makes you feel bad about yourself. When the person is hot, you are on top of the world, only to be pulled down (with hurricane-force winds) when he or she decides to be cold again.

So, why do people choose to be hot and cold in certain relationships? What you have to realize if you are dating someone like this is that it has absolutely nothing to do with you. The person could be unhappy in their own life, perhaps is in a bad place and maybe has self-esteem issues.

It's hard to see it at the time, and any man or woman who has dated in their life will tell you that we have all tried to be the fixer at one time or another in a relationship. Guess what? You can't fix the hot and cold person. Accept it and get out of the relationship.

A deep, meaningful relationship is one that is hot and hot. It consists of feeling warmth and of feeling loved and cherished all the time — not just sometimes. It is the best feeling in the world.

Looking back at the hot and cold guy, I don't feel animosity toward him because I think I was an enabler for awhile, letting him treat me hot and cold. That's on me. I also feel sorry for him because I don't think he is capable of the kind of emotional intimacy I want in a romantic relationship. And lastly, I feel lucky I had the strength and courage and wisdom to realize I needed to get out of such a toxic situation.

Dating someone who is hot and cold can never turn into a healthy romantic relationship. On the contrary, it ends in freezer burn.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.

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HEALTH

Choose toothpaste with fluoride (and don't forget to floss)



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Ask Doctor K

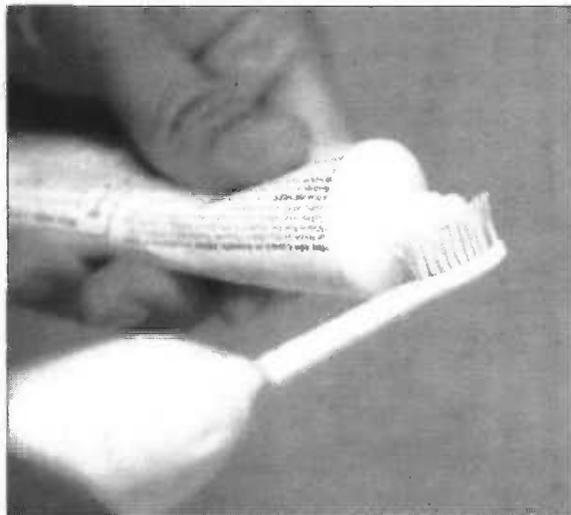
Dear Doctor K: I'm confused by the many types of toothpaste on pharmacy shelves. What should I look for in a toothpaste?

Dear Reader: To prevent cavities and tooth decay, you need to brush away plaque — that sticky, bacteria-laden material that builds up on teeth. It's best to brush at least twice daily: once after you eat breakfast, and then again before you go to sleep.

When it comes to plaque removal, your toothbrush does most of the heavy lifting. If you were forced to give up either the toothbrush or toothpaste, you'd give up the toothpaste. Fortunately, it's easy to have both.

And toothpaste definitely helps, in several ways. It removes stains and leaves your mouth fresher. Commercial toothpastes are a concoction of abrasives, foaming agents, water and binders. Flavor, color and sweeteners are added. They may also contain agents to prevent cavities, combat gum disease, make teeth less sensitive or whiten teeth. Here are some ingredients you may see highlighted on labels:

- **Fluoride.** Choose a toothpaste that contains fluoride, which helps prevent tooth decay.
- **Triclosan.** This ingredient helps fight the gum disease known as gingivitis. It also helps reduce plaque, inflammation and bleeding of the gums.
- **Anti-sensitivity ingre-**



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It is best to use toothpaste that contains fluoride and has the American Dental Association Seal of Acceptance.

dients. Some toothpastes are designed to reduce sensitivity of teeth to heat and cold. It might take a few weeks of using an anti-sensitivity toothpaste before you notice any improvement. You can use anti-sensitivity toothpastes that also contain fluoride as your everyday toothpaste.

■ **Abrasives.** When choosing a toothpaste, consider its level of abrasiveness. A little bit of roughness helps remove plaque and stains, but too much can strip away tooth enamel. Using a toothpaste that's too abrasive can lead to permanent tooth damage, particularly around the gum line. If you don't smoke and have few stains, a low-abrasive toothpaste is best for you. The American Dental Association (ADA) issues its Seal of Acceptance only for toothpastes that are mildly to moderately abrasive. So look for the ADA seal of approval on the tube.

■ **Whiteners.** Toothpaste makers have bombarded the marketplace with products that claim to whiten teeth. All whitening toothpastes contain mild abrasives that help remove surface stains.

Whitening toothpastes that display the ADA Seal of Acceptance also have chemical or polishing agents that boost their stain-removal power.

A patient asked me once, "I know you're not supposed to swallow the toothpaste, but is there any danger if you do?" Swallowing small amounts of toothpaste, which occasionally happens with all of us, carries no risk. However, some people apparently deliberately swallow larger amounts of toothpaste (don't ask me why). That can cause problems. The fluoride and the triclosan, in large amounts, can cause abdominal symptoms and even more serious problems, including seizures.

Finally, don't forget to floss regularly. No matter how thoroughly you brush your teeth, it's impossible to reach the plaque and food debris that lodge under the gum line between your teeth. Your teeth and gums will thank you.

(This column originally ran in October 2014.)

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

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Hypertension? Hibiscus may be your cup of tea

By Joe Graedon
and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: At my last physical, my blood pressure was 158/90, the highest reading I've ever had. (I chalked that up to white coat hypertension.) It had been running 135/82 or so, which still concerned me.

I bought a high-end BP monitor that keeps records on my smartphone. I started drinking hibiscus tea — 20 ounces iced per day, minimum. After six months, my readings average out to 109/71. I don't add salt when I cook, and I avoid food with added sodium. I'm sure that has helped. I read about the DASH diet online and found it very enlightening. I'm a 54-year-old menopausal woman who exercises regularly.

A: Hibiscus tea is made from the petals of the bright-red flowers of *Hibiscus sabdariffa*.

Hibiscus tea seems to act as an ACE inhibitor, similar to the blood-pressure drug lisinopril. It was tested head to head with lisinopril in a small study and found to be about equally effective (Indian Journal of Pharmacology, September-October 2015).

The same clinical team found that it worked better than hydrochlorothiazide, a standard blood-pressure medication (Nigerian Journal of Clinical Practice, November-December 2015).

We discuss white coat hypertension, blood-pressure measurement and other nondrug approaches such as chocolate, beet juice, grape juice and pomegranate juice in our "Guide to Blood Pressure Treatment." Anyone who



ALMOST EDEN

Hibiscus tea is made from flowers of *Hibiscus sabdariffa*.

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Q: As a fifth-generation Floridian, I know that the most effective prevention for chigger bites is sulfur powder applied lightly to the skin below the knees. It lasts all day and is effective.

After gardening or tramping in the woods, take a soapy shower and use a soapy washcloth to scrub the skin, especially around the ankles and behind the knees. No more chiggers. Forget the DEET, except for mosquitoes.

A: Powdered sulfur, also called flower of sulfur, can be purchased online or in some drugstores. Your technique of bathing or showering with a heavy soap lather and plenty of scrubbing also is endorsed by the University of Minnesota Extension service.

Now that Zika is spreading in Florida, you'll want to keep the DEET handy

and use it whenever you might be exposed to mosquitoes.

Q: I used Crest Complete Cinnamon toothpaste for three days. Now I have sores under my tongue, on my gums and inside my mouth. I feel there should be more of a warning for toothpaste. I love cinnamon and can eat it.

A. You are not the first person to report a reaction to cinnamon. People have reported mouth irritation from cinnamon in chewing gum, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash and lip balm. The concentration of cinnamon oil in such products may be higher than in food.

Another reader had an unpleasant reaction when using cinnamon as a facial mask: "I applied a cinnamon mask to my face just to give it a try after reading about it online. As soon as I had put it on, my face started burning. I quickly washed it thoroughly, but it was too late. It left my skin beet-red and burning. I won't try that again."

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

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Art historian helps cops, others observe better

Book on visual intelligence uses artworks as tool

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

Do you consider yourself visually intelligent? (And no, eyesight has nothing to do with it.)

Amy Herman's book "Visual Intelligence" will make you think twice about answering in the affirmative. In it, art historian Herman discusses using art to help people improve their observation and communication skills. She features art of naked women with breasts sagging on their stomachs and sculptures made from urinals and makes you look at Monet's paintings and Michelangelo's David in new ways to learn how to see.

She's been doing so for the likes of first responders, intelligence operatives, Fortune 500 CEOs, students and civil servants for the last 14 years under her Art of Perception program — the impetus for "Visual Intelligence." The book focuses on the mechanics of how we see the way we see, and the science of perception.

"We act as if there is only one true way to see. Our brains can only see so much and can process even less," Herman said. "I'm trying to use art as the great equalizer to point this out to people, so that they are receptive to the fact that we see things differently, literally and figuratively. Everything from our inherited biology to our learned biases influences the way we take in the world. Not only do we, as individuals, observe, notice and gather information differently, we also perceive what we've gathered differently."

Some ways perception can hinder us: tunnel vision, or seeing what we want to



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Amy Herman, left, in June at the Arts Club of Chicago, helps law enforcement officers, medical experts and others improve their observation skills.

see; functional fixedness, or the habit of seeing things from only one perspective. And "willful blindness," to denote the things we choose, even unconsciously, not to see.

"Perceptual filters are a product of our upbringing, education, associations, experiences ... making us see things a certain way," Herman said. Herman teaches people how to notice their "seeing" weaknesses and rise above them on a daily basis to improve their lives.

"It's seeing versus observing," Herman said. "Technically, biologically, we can wire our brains to see better; that's where art comes in. Art provides exercises that improve one's attention and memory, both

of which are integral to observation skills."

Herman says observation can be mastered with practice and developed by cultivating the habit of watching things with an active, inquiring mind. She offers these tips for seeing and communicating better:

- Say what you see, not what you think.
- Don't rely on technology. "No matter how helpful technology has become, it is no match for a good set of eyes and a brain," Herman says.
- Don't mistake biases for facts; instead use them to find facts.
- Always ask questions, especially of yourself. To crystallize your communication, assume that person you are communicating

with can't see what you're seeing at all. Use objective words when communicating (such as numbers, colors, sounds, materials, location).

■ Gather what facts you can by looking at both the big picture and the small details, step back, consider other perspectives, analyze, prioritize, ask questions, and communicate clearly and concisely.

"There's a lot of data out there, but we have to call our attention to it," Herman said. "If you simply engage all your senses, they will deliver everything you need and more. Your brain is more powerful than any gadget. Just turn it back on."

Herman, former head of education for The Frick Collection in New York, is

on a mission to open the eyes of as many people as possible. The former lawyer has opened the eyes of members of the Chicago Police Department, The New York Police Department, and FBI and CIA agents doing surveillance. She's taught those in the military sector, IRS, DEA and financial institutions. Her perception prowess has been called invaluable by the Department of Defense.

"People say, what do cops need to learn about art? But cops aren't learning about art — I'm helping cops do their jobs more effectively by learning to see things differently. It's not rocket science, but it's resonating in a way that I would never have imagined," Herman said. "I realized everybody

needs this on a base level."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheri Mecklenburg, former general counsel for the Chicago Police Department, has taken Herman's class a number of times. She says the class is often referred to as "useful, interesting and fun."

"After my course, I'll have people tell me, 'I need to go back to my crime scene photos,'" Herman said.

"When you look at a crime and there's a problem that won't go away or a case you can't solve, it's a skill to know you should go back and look at it from a different perspective to get results," Mecklenburg said.

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Agent: Michael Mitchell of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Glencoe office, 847-910-0146

At press time, this home was still for sale.

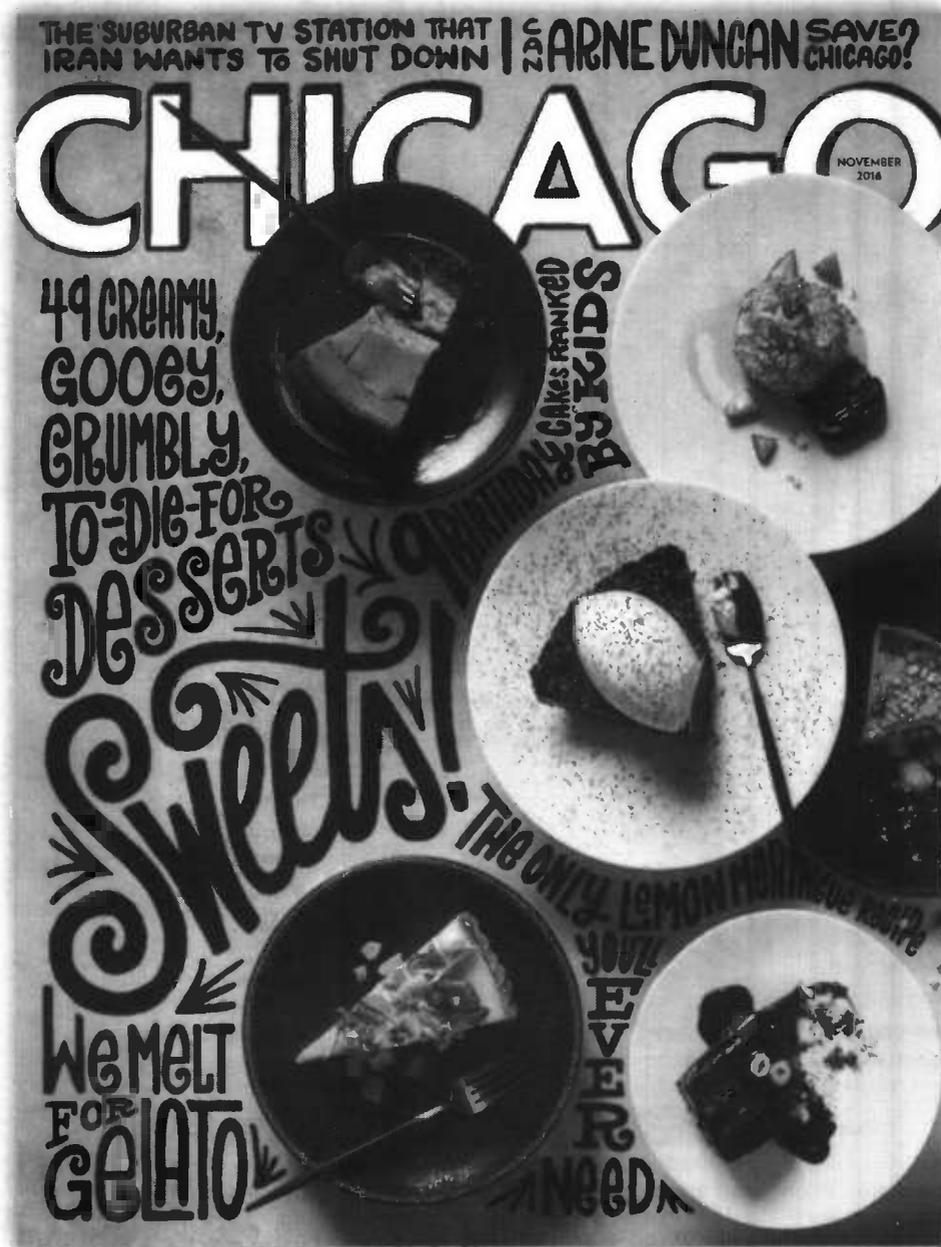


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PROGRAM

A peek at the mudslinging, muckraking of elections past

BY DONALD LIEBENSON
Pioneer Press

Just when you thought the presidential campaign could not get any nastier, the candidates, once professed to be friends, upped the ante on ugly insults and slurs. Just a few that were exchanged: "mean-spirited," "criminal" and "tyrant." Sound familiar? No, it's not Donald Trump vs. Hillary Clinton 2016; it's John Adams vs. Thomas Jefferson 1800.

"Believe it or not," says Terry Lynch, "if you think this (year's) campaign is toxic, it doesn't compare to others in the past." Lynch will bring tales of past campaign controversies to the Park Ridge Public Library at 7 p.m. Oct. 27.

Lynch, an actor, is usually in character as an historical personage on behalf of Histories for Kids, which he created with his wife, Laura, an educator. But for this program, "Mudslinging, Muckraking and Apple Pie: Presidential Campaigns, the Great American Pastime," he presents cringe-worthy but true campaign stories dating back to Abraham Lincoln.

The Jefferson/Adams contest, he said, was one of the worst. "If you can beat that one," he said with a laugh, "then we have a new low. Each side's supporters was spreading rumors about the other candidate — sex parties in the White House, whether one candidate was alive or dead. John Adams was labeled as having hermaphrodite qualities. So you see we haven't gotten that bad. But we're getting close."

Lynch is a veteran Chicago stage and voice actor on radio. "Mudslinging, Muckraking and Apple Pie" was developed out of a trade show appearance at which he portrayed Benjamin Franklin. "This was around 2008 and people were already fed up with negative campaigning," he recalled. "People told me (as Franklin), 'We wish we could have people like you (in politics today). I told them some of the campaign stories and they couldn't believe they were true.'"

Other campaigns that Lynch will discuss will be the contest between John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson in 1824, Abraham Lincoln's 1858 debates with Stephen Douglas, and Theodore Roosevelt's third-party run from 1912, a bitterly contested campaign.

Every four years, beginning with the primary season, Lynch is inspired anew to take "Mudslinging, Muckraking and Apple Pie" on the road again. During post-performance Q&A, he endeavors to find the throughline from past campaigns to the current presidential race.



TERRY LYNCH

Actor Terry Lynch presents a program on the election mudslinging of the past Oct. 27 at the Park Ridge Public Library.

'Muckraking, Mudslinging and Apple Pie: Presidential Campaigns, the Great American Pastime'

When: 7 p.m. Oct. 27

Where: Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave.

Admission: \$5 for non-Park Ridge Library card-holders

Contact: To register, call 847-825-3123 or go to www.parkridgellibrary.org.

Take Hillary Clinton's recent bout with pneumonia. Lynch cites the 1830 contest between Whig party candidate William Henry Harrison and Democrat Martin Van Buren. The Democrats derided Harrison as old and lacking stamina, a charge Donald Trump has leveled against opponents in the primaries and the current campaign. Harrison prevailed and delivered a two-hour inaugural speech in inclement weather. He contracted pneumonia and died a month later, the shortest presidential term in this country's history.

"People seem to be shocked, but what modern campaigns know is how to use what worked in the past," Lynch states. "And what worked is negatives and innuendo. Any kind of sex scandal is good for the opponent's campaign."

"Fortunately, or unfortunately," he jokes, "the worse (politics) gets, the busier I get."

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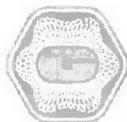


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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Strike up the band for Halloween fun in Niles

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Most children love parades so your youngsters should be thrilled to be part of one during Niles Park District's annual Halloween Parade & Party Oct. 29. Costumed children will start marching at 9:30 a.m. from Oak Park at Main St. and Ottawa. They will arrive at Grennan Heights, 8255 N. Oketo Ave., around 10 a.m.

“We have a band leading our parade this year,” said Julie Jentel, director of marketing. “At Grennan, we have games, a craft, a hayride, an inflatable jump house, refreshments, face painting and a pumpkin patch outside with pumpkin decorating.”

Activities will run until noon.

The park district promises that the stroll will be bewitching and that spooky surprises await children at Grennan Heights.

The event is for ages 1-12 with an adult. The cost per child is \$10 for residents; \$12 for nonresidents.

Early registration is encouraged because the event is very popular.

For details, call 847-967-6633 or go to www.niles-parks.org.

Another pumpkin patch

That will be one highlight of Harvest Festival, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 22 at Messiah Lutheran Church and Child Care Center, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge. Adults should enjoy browsing at an indoor craft fair but the younger set will likely prefer the bounce house, children's games and craft projects.

For details, call 847-825-3767.



NILES PARK DISTRICT

Kids should dress in costumes and join the fun at the Niles Park District's Halloween Parade & Party on Oct. 29.

Play it cool

There will be on-ice games and prizes at the IceLand Scary Skate, 12:30-1:45 p.m. Oct. 22 at IceLand Skate, 8435 Ballard, Niles. Children will compete for prizes in a costume contest at this family event. The first 50 kids who arrive will receive a gift bag. The cost is \$5 per person: \$3 for skate rental.

For details, call 847-297-8010 or go to www.niles-parks.org/facilities/ice-land-skate.

The price is right

Halloween-themed games and refreshments, crafts, a bounce house, a DJ, face painting and a photo booth will keep kids

entertained during Pumpkins in Proesel Park, 1-3 p.m. Oct. 22 at 6915 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood. Best of all, the event is free. Costumes are encouraged.

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

Dynamic duo

Kids ages 3-6 will be up and moving throughout Dance, Play and Sing with Miss Wendy and DB, 2-2:30 p.m. or 2:45-3:15 p.m. Oct. 23 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Registration is required for this event that is educational as well as entertaining.

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

Jessie Close speaks on mental illness in Skokie

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

Jessie Close, sister of Golden Globe- and Emmy-winning actress Glenn Close, went through decades of estrangement from her family. For years, her undiagnosed bipolar disorder and alcoholism wreaked havoc in her life and the lives of those around her.

Seven years ago, however, when she saw her eldest son Calen badly hurt after a schizophrenia diagnosis caused most of his friends to turn their backs on him, Close turned to her famous sister for help. Glenn Close and her family founded Bring Change 2 Mind, a not-for-profit organization that works to change people's perceptions of mental illness.

"It's one thing to deal with the effects of stigma in your own life, but when Calen lost all his friends, I couldn't bear it," Jessie Close said.

After finally being correctly diagnosed and treated for her own illness, Jessie Close is an ambassador for Bring Change 2 Mind. She also co-authored the memoir "Resilience: Two Sisters and a Story of Mental Illness" (Grand Central Publishing, 2015) with her sister.

Jessie Close tells her story at a Nov. 6 fundraiser in Skokie for No Shame on U, a program created by Highland Park native Miriam Ament, who has also struggled with mental illness.

"I believe hearing real life stories helps people who are also battling mental illness, or have a family member faced with that struggle, and lets them know there is hope," Jessie Close said.

And there is definitely



GRAND CENTRAL PUBLISHING

Actress Glenn Close, top, and her sister Jessie co-authored the memoir "Resilience: Two Sisters and a Story of Mental Illness," about Jessie's battle with bipolar disorder.

Jessie Close speaks for 'No Shame on U'

Where: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
When: 7 p.m. Nov. 6
Tickets: \$20 advance, \$30 at door; VIP tickets for 6 p.m. reception \$150
Website: www.noshameonu.org

hope, she added, though often it didn't seem that way.

"I'm 63 now and I didn't get the proper diagnosis or the proper medication until I was 50," she said. "So most of my life was... it was as though something was cutting a swath through a cornfield, knocking everything down. My life was completely dictated by my illness and it had extremely destructive effects.

"And back then, in my earlier years, people didn't even take mental illness into account. You were just

a wild thing. My family, even my sister at the time, never considered it. She used to think — my whole family did — that I was just a wild and highly irresponsible person."

Jessie Close said she recommends that anyone who thinks they may have a mental illness seek help by finding a physician and searching for an effective treatment.

"A lot of research and compassion has gone into developing these medications," she said. "Some will work and some won't, depending on the individual. I've been on two that didn't work for me. You need to be persistent."

Her greatest wish is that people will learn that mental illness is not a hopeless condition.

"More than anything, I'd like to see people understand that mental illness is simply another illness like cancer or diabetes," she said. "It's something that can be treated. I'm a great example of that and so is my son."

SCARY TALES AT HARP AND FIDDLE IN PARK RIDGE



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Declan Stapleton, owner of The Harp and Fiddle at 110 Main St., Park Ridge, from left, with author Christian A. Larsen and Bill Scharringhausen will host Scary Storytelling from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 30. Larsen will offer some scary tales from his ghosts and gangsters novel, "The Blackening of Flesh." Also on hand will be Cynthia "Cina" Pelayo who writes with a Latin American slant, and draws inspiration from superstition, folklore, legend and myth. See more at www.theharpandfiddle.com.

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Lilly Brown, from left, with parents Rob Brown, UNICEF Chicago board chairman and national board member, and Amy Brown, committee member, all of Park Ridge, were among 400 supporters at the UNICEF Chicago Humanitarian Awards Luncheon, held Sept. 23 at the Ritz Carlton, Chicago. The event, benefiting UNICEF's lifesaving programs that put children first, raised \$100,000. See more at www.unicefusa.org.

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Address: 863 Vernon Ave.
Price: \$525,000
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Agent: Kim Hoegler, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Glencoe



HAWTHORN WOODS

Four-bedroom, 4.5-bath home with golf course views. Features two-story foyer, hardwood floors, custom window treatments, moldings and custom finishes, living and family room with volume ceiling and dual view fireplace. Basement with rec room, workout room, full bath and office. Jacuzzi, patio, deck and landscaped yard. Near parks and shopping.

Address: 13 Eagle Ridge Drive
Price: \$629,000
Schools: Mundelein High School
Taxes: \$15,681
Agent: Helen Oliveri, Keller Williams Realty Partners



GLENVIEW

Three-bedroom, 2.5-bath ranch style built in 1961. Gourmet kitchen with subzero refrigerator, Wolf double oven range, granite countertops large sink & limestone backsplash. Family room and rec room both have built-ins. Master suite has update bath, patio, mud room, two-car garage, Pella Windows, hardwood floors and double sliding doors. Near schools, park district facilities, and Metra.

Address: 1032 Terrace Lane
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PALATINE

Three-bedroom, two-bath home built in 1957 in Pleasant Hill neighborhood. Hardwood floors throughout, wood exterior, asphalt roof, cherry wood cabinets in kitchen and stainless steel appliances. Both baths updated. Family room, attached garage, patio and fenced-in yard. Near schools, parks, Metra and downtown Palatine.

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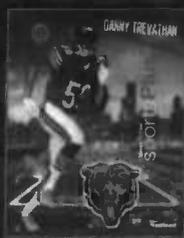
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D.R. Horton has unveiled plans for approximately 35 single-family home sites at Sable Ridge, an existing master-planned clubhouse community in Joliet. Conveniently located west of I-55 and north of I-80, Sable Ridge consists of townhomes and single-family homes, as well as a clubhouse with party room, full kitchen and exercise facility, two outdoor swimming pools, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, biking/walking trails and numerous parks and playgrounds.

"Buyer interest is high at this recreationally rich community served by Minooka High School and our VIP list is growing daily," said Chris Naatz, Vice President of Sales for D.R. Horton's Chicago division. "Ranch and two-story homes will be offered with prices starting from the mid-\$200s. On-site sales are expected to begin when our professionally decorated Eastwood model opens in October, but buyers are encouraged to add their name to our VIP interest list or view home plans on our website today."

Homes at Sable Ridge will range from 1,825 to 3,101 square feet in size with two to four bedrooms, two or two-and-a-half baths, basements and attached two-car garages.

The Eastwood model, which is anticipated to open for touring in October, is a two-story home offering 2,197 square feet of living space, including three bedrooms and a spacious family room that is open to the kitchen with a walk-in pantry and breakfast room. A first-floor flex room can be used as a den, living room or formal dining room.

"Today's buyers really appreciate the flex space that we incorporate into our home designs," Naatz said. "Every home owner's needs are different, and this flex space allows them the opportunity to customize that space to best fit their family's needs."

Upstairs, the master bedroom features a large walk-in closet and private bath. Two secondary bedrooms are served by a hall bath. A spacious loft, which can be designed as a fourth bedroom, as well as a convenient second-floor laundry room are also found on the second floor of the Eastwood.

In addition to the amenities within Sable Ridge, Joliet offers convenient commuter access with I-55, I-355 and I-80 nearby, as well as Metra train service in downtown Joliet. Restaurants, shops and the historic Rialto Theater, featuring shows, plays and concerts, are also in downtown Joliet. The Louis-Joliet Mall is minutes from Sable Ridge, as is shopping along Ridge Road and Plainfield Road.

The Joliet Park District consists of more than 1,650 acres and 78 community parks, including three golf courses and the Splash Station Water Park. Children attend District 111 Minooka High School, as well as Jones Elementary School, Minooka Middle School, and Minooka Junior High School.

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7037 Ticonderoga Rd, Downers Grove	Fulvio Compagnone	Aron Pohlmeier	09-01-16	\$322,000
4131 Seeley Ave, Downers Grove	Erik V Lynch & Katharine I Lynch	Robert J Smith	09-01-16	\$370,000
930 Curtiss St, # 310, Downers Grove	William T Marsh & Donna M Marshall	Thomas T Shenberger	09-01-16	\$445,000
5234 Lyman Ave, Downers Grove	Michael J Lane & Stacey M Lane	Nicholas Ablan	09-01-16	\$635,000
100 W Butterfield Rd, # 304N, Elmhurst	Miloslav Spurny & Marta Becker	Gary M Nillissen	09-01-16	\$130,000
841 N York St, # 321, Elmhurst	Engjellush Sadik & Ermira Sadik	Michael D Anderson	09-01-16	\$149,900
751 S Parkside Ave, Elmhurst	Sean Mcmillen & Joseph Vasilevski	John P Moles	09-02-16	\$300,000
855 S Hillside Ave, Elmhurst	Jon Michael Trolla	Michael C Farina	09-01-16	\$331,500
907 S Stratford Ave, Elmhurst	David Lakhani & Jasmine Siler	Thomas J Pezza	09-01-16	\$342,500
772 S Fairview Ave, Elmhurst	Jason Oehler & Shereen Basith	Igor Shostak	09-01-16	\$744,500
378 E Harrison Ct, Elmhurst	James Delbridge & Christina Delbridge	Cartus Financial Corp	09-01-16	\$780,000
201 E Columbia Ave, Elmhurst	Raminder Heera & Sneha Heera	Mark Poppert	09-01-16	\$885,000
335 The Ln, Hinsdale	Mark Barham & Linda Barham	Carlos M Pineiro	09-01-16	\$1,400,000
9 Elder Ln, La Grange	Justin A Waldeck & Laurie M Waldeck	Joshua M Wiersma	09-13-16	\$710,000
1547 Cleveland Ave, La Grange Park	Julie R Grey	Private Acquisitions Llc	09-13-16	\$190,000
430 Walnut Creek Ln, # 2306, Lisle	Peter Tepler	Reich Trust	09-02-16	\$96,000
2788 Weeping Willow Dr, # C, Lisle	Carmen L Gallego	Priscilla Watkins	09-01-16	\$161,500
4716 Lacey Ave, Lisle	Roberto L Marzaroli & Erin E Evans	Joseph V Antonacci	09-02-16	\$287,500
1504 S Fairfield Ave, # 14B, Lombard	Milorad Lacic & Milka Lacic	Jose L Robles	09-01-16	\$102,000
855 E 22nd St, # 208, Lombard	Anthony M Janacek & Ann M Janacek	Michael Yucus	09-02-16	\$175,000
1143 E Addison Ave, Lombard	Zain M Hussain	West Suburban Bank	09-02-16	\$180,000
719 N Garfield St, Lombard	William Matuszak	Frank J Pope Jr	09-01-16	\$231,500
342 Buckingham Ct, Lombard	Jeremy W Agrest	Jennifer Olivares	09-02-16	\$265,000
601 Pinebrook Dr, Lombard	Salman A Mohammed & Qamer F Syeda	Artor Gjata	09-01-16	\$273,000
221 S Grace St, Lombard	Ashish Varma & Narissa N Varma	Nathan C Palmer	09-02-16	\$285,000
331 W Harding Rd, Lombard	Shafeequr Rizwan & Syeda N Rizwan	Raymond Middel	09-01-16	\$545,000
1104 N Mill St, # 304, Naperville	Esther Lee	Dupage County Sheriff	09-01-16	\$72,500
1634 Kemper Dr, Naperville	David Peace	Eileen Gaidosz	09-01-16	\$170,000
1812 Paddington Ave, Naperville	Bayani Acuesta & Christyn Carino	Julie L Nankee	09-01-16	\$234,000
1752 Coach Dr, Naperville	James M Bailey Iii & Melissa L Mandra	Eric Chen	09-02-16	\$306,000
55400 Vest Ave, Naperville	Bradley Hunter & Stephanie Hunter	Hesselbaum Trust	09-02-16	\$319,000
1513 Auburn Ave, Naperville	Abelardo Ramirez Hernandez & Yadira Gaona Rodriguez	Yanan Ma	09-01-16	\$339,500
1544 Swallow St, Naperville	Anthony J Granatelli & Maxyne W Granatelli	Christine Stachke	09-01-16	\$345,000
1401 Fallcreek Ct, Naperville	Julie Wittenburg & Michael C Wittenburg	Robert C Wittenburg	09-01-16	\$385,000
456 Menominee Ln, Naperville	Sara V Dabrowski Newby & John Paul Dabrowski	Ryan A Miller	09-01-16	\$387,000
615 N Main St, Naperville	Amy E Leclair & Michael Leclair	Patricia Nora Smith Estate	09-02-16	\$420,000
410 S Grove Ave, # A, Oak Park	Judith Davy	Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee	09-13-16	\$174,000
1015 Wesley Ave, Oak Park	Billy G Moulden & Kristen L Moulden	Mark Pedigo	09-13-16	\$336,000
947 N Taylor Ave, Oak Park	Martin V Torres & Natalia Torres	Scott Miller	09-13-16	\$362,000

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HOME REMEDIES

Tempered glass needed for home safety reasons

By C. DWIGHT BARNETT
Tribune News Service

Q: Is it required to have tempered glass in patio windows? The home inspector's report said they needed to be replaced.

A: In my state, the building codes require tempered glazing in "hazardous locations." You should check with your local or state building official before considering expensive repairs or replacement.

The International Residential Code section R308.4 requires tempered glazing in all glass sliding doors, bifold doors, swinging doors, shower doors and storm doors. Sidelight glazing for all doors under certain conditions need to be tempered. Most doors sold in my area must be tempered glass, and I rarely find any problems with door glazing.

In conditions such as the following, windows are required to meet safety standards:

1. Any window with more than 9 square feet of glass in a single panel, (a double hung window is not a single panel).

2. The bottom of the glass is 18 inches or closer to the floor and the top edge is more than 36 inches above the floor.

3. There is a 3-foot walking area near the glass (this can be on either side of the window).

4. All glazing in a bathroom that is within 60 inches vertically of a standing or walking surface. This would include a shower or a tub drain.

I occasionally find homes that do not meet these safety standards, and, with possibly thousands of dollars in replacement costs at risk, considerations have to be made on how to



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proceed.

If you have large windows in your home, and you want to find out if they are tempered, look for a "temper" mark that is etched in between the two panes of glass. The mark is usually in a corner of the glass and may be difficult to find unless you use a flashlight shined at an angle or use a magnifying glass and search all four corners of the glass. Be aware that some manufacturers mark the glass

with their seal, company name or other information. If the word "tempered" is not found, and the window is in a restricted area, the glass should be considered for replacement. The glazings in doors are similarly marked.

C. Dwight Barnett is a certified master inspector with the American Society of Home Inspectors.

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Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, Oct. 20

Chad & Jeremy: 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$35, 847-492-8860

Fall Pumpkin Sales at Wagner Farm: Add fall color to your yard and dress up your house for the season with: pumpkins, cornstalks, Indian corn, gourds, mums and more. 10 a.m. All week, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-657-1506

44 Plays for 44 Presidents: Ninety-minute romp through U.S. Presidents. 8 p.m. Oct. 20-Oct. 23, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$35, 847-834-0738

Internet Essentials: Uncover tactics for using browsers, search engines, search strategies and website navigation in this hands-on class. A Glenview Library card is required and please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 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 book-mark. 9 a.m. Oct. 20-Oct. 22, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

"Being Mortal End of Life Decisions": A PBS Frontline documentary follows renowned New York writer and Boston Surgeon Atul Gawande who explores the doctor/patient relationship as death becomes imminent. The documentary screening is followed by a guided discussion led by JourneyCare facilitators. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling the library. 7 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

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

Hot Ticket: "Me Before You": "Me Before You" (2016, PG-13). Cast: Emilia Clarke and Sam Claflin. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Wonder Ground Open Lab: Look, touch, tinker and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. A drop-in visit is meant to last about 15 minutes. Activities are repeated each week from Tuesday to Thursday. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Social Security Your Questions Answered: Learn about your Social Security benefit options, when to start claiming and how much money you may need from other sources to supplement your retirement income. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Joseph Campbell The Power of Myth: Joseph Campbell was the pre-eminent scholar of the world's mythic traditions. Over three weeks, Jim Kenny examines the power of myth and opens a door to understanding how themes and symbols of ancient myths can bring meaning to your life today. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$35 NSSC member; \$44 non member, 847-784-6030

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

Rockin 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. Oct. 20-Oct. 23, Hofbrauhaus Chi-

cago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-671-2739

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 underground 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. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, \$25-\$40 per person, 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. All week, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Tickets start at \$11, 800-843-9658

Sisterhood Hosts Sukkah Party Skokie Synagogue: A fun-filled Sukkah party, honoring Jewish women prophets from the Talmud. The party is hosted by the Sisterhood of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation and held in the front-yard Sukkah at the synagogue. Judy Frank, president of the Sisterhood states that a discussion of seven famous women prophets takes place during the afternoon and refreshments are served. 1:30 p.m. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$5 per person RSVP; \$8 at door, 847-675-4141

Skokie Photographic Society: The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. All levels of photographic skill are welcome. 7:30 p.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-677-8324

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

Friday, Oct. 21

Lucy Kaplansky: With Ralph Covert. 7 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$35, 847-492-8860

Davy Knowles: 10 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$25, 847-492-8860

Therapy Slip N' Shop Night: Enjoy special discounts, raffles, refreshments and giveaways from participating retailers. 6 p.m. Central Street shopping district, 1800-2700 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-864-5565

Talze Prayer Service: Join in this-meditative service of reading, prayers, silence and singing. 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. 21 and Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Oct. 23, Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$10-\$25, 847-424-0089

Friday Night Meltdowns: A DJ plays today's hits and disco lighting shines on the ice throughout the night. Bring your own skates or rent a pair for the evening. Rental skates are \$4 per pair. 8:15 p.m. Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, \$8, 847-724-2800

Fabric Mosaics for Grades 3-8: Be prepared to get creative and maybe a little messy, too. Participants construct unique pieces of fabric art and have the opportunity to display them during the library's December Art Show. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

"The Meddler": Lonely and heart-broken, an aging widow from New York City (Susan Sarandon) follows her daughter to Los Angeles in hopes of starting a new life after the death of her husband. She begins interfering with her daughter's life, but soon meets other people who are more in need of her assistance, giving her a new purpose in life. Just drop in to see this PG-13 rated-movie. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Halloween Spooktacular: This family-friendly indoor Halloween party is created especially for children featuring inflatables, entertainment, face painting, creepy crafts and ghoulish games. Designed for ages 2 to 10 with their parents. 5:30 p.m. Glenview Park Center,

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2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, Adults and children under 2 are free, \$5 per child, 847-724-5670

Niles Park District Monster Bash:

This special event is perfect for the whole family who want to experience some Halloween fun. Wear your costume and be prepared to move to the music. 6 p.m. Niles Park District, 6676 Howard St., Niles, Niles resident \$15, non resident \$18. Fee includes pizza, games, and dancing, 847-967-6633

Cabaret Night Celebrating 90 Years of the MGCCI:

The "Cabaret Night," the Chamber's big event, which may be even their biggest of the decade, helps celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce. A wonderful meal, refreshments and live entertainment make it the "bees knees" for all who attend. The fun begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, dinner at 7 p.m. and singer Jack Miuccio performing live at 8 p.m. 6 p.m. Lone Tree Manor, 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, \$45 per person, 847-965-0330

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

Huge Fall Rummage Sale and PreSale:

There is a \$5 Pre-Sale entrance fee for everyone over 18 charged on Friday from 6-8 p.m. On Saturday, the entry is free. There is 3200 Square feet of clothes, household items and decor, small appliances, fabrics, toys and sporting goods, books, DVD's and CD's, jewelry, collectibles and baby items. Also make your purchases from the department of upscale merchandise, and do not miss the \$5 bag sale and 1/2 price sale, both from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday. 6 p.m. Oct. 21 and 9 a.m. Oct. 22, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, pre-sale time \$5 entry; Saturday free entry, 847-823-4135

Crafternoons:

Come make a craft in the children's department. 4 p.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-4527

Mana:

8 p.m. Oct. 21 and Oct. 22, All-state Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$45-\$240, 847-635-6601

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. 21 and Oct. 22, Scream Scene, 4701 Oakton St.,

Skokie, \$10, 847-933-4969

Lost Dogs and Mixed Blessings: The Songs of John Prine:

Tom Carey and members of the widely acclaimed, nationally touring Eagles tribute band, Heartache Tonight, perform an evening of acoustic music celebrating the timeless songs of Chicago born singer-songwriter, and American icon, John Prine. Rounding out the band will be John Forrest on bass, Scott Bahry on keyboards and Bean Weng on percussion and Eric Ramsey on guitars, mandolin and various other stringed instruments. The band will perform their own arrangements of Prine classics. 8 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$29, 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. 22

The Art of Fashion Fashion Show:

Holy Apostles Church Philoptochos Society holds their luncheon and fashion show and this year's beneficiaries are JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and Philoxenia House. For information contact Nia Kouchis 630-363-7430. 11 a.m. The Empress Banquets, 200 E Lake St., Addison, \$50 adults; \$25 children 12 and younger, 630-910-8224

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 excepted). LINK cards are accepted. 7:30 a.m. Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

Mason Jennings:

7 p.m. and 10 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$40, 847-492-8860

Tim Reynolds & TR3:

8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$36, 847-492-8860

Franz Liszt Birthday Concert:

Liszt Times Two: 7:30 p.m. Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10 (Liszt Society Members); \$20 General Admission

FUSE: Studio:

Drop-in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12. Mid-night, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

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. Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 adult advance; \$20 at the door, 847-521-6434

2nd Annual Infant and Toddler Fair:

9 a.m. Chiaravalle Montessori School, 425 Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-864-2190

Cursed Costumes A Spooky Circus:

You are never too old for Halloween, so at the annual Halloween Block Party, everyone dresses up: grownups, kids, pets, even the mayor. But what happens when a mysterious curse hits and all the trick-or-treaters turn into their costumes. 4:30 p.m. Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$15, 847-328-2795

Free recycling and paper shredding:

The Northfield Road District will offer free recycling as well as paper shredding at the Road District garage. For information about appropriate items to recycle, go to the Northfield Township Road District website. 9 a.m. Northfield Township Road District, 1928 Lehigh Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-7055

Caramel and Chocolate Covered Apples for Ages 13-18:

Make and take home a sweet Halloween treat. Have fun dipping and decorating caramel and chocolate covered apples with M&M's, sprinkles, and more. This is led by Kelli McDonald, Glenbrook South Foods and Nutrition Instructor. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Juliette Gordon Low A Special Matinee Performance:

Actress Betsey Means of WomanLore portrays the fascinating life of the Girl Scouts of the

USA founder, Juliette Gordon Low. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 11 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

St. Joseph Services 12th Annual Fall Festival:

This year's event honors 20 of St. Joseph Services' longest serving, adult literacy volunteers, including two from the Glenview area. The evening will feature entertainment by One Way Band, hors d'oeuvres, drink tickets and a sensational silent auction. 7 a.m. Brede-mann Lexus, 2000 Waukegan Road, Glenview, \$50 (advance); \$60 (at the door), 773-278-0484

Trail Walks:

Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals and those who are interested in nature. 11 a.m. Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie/The Tyner Center, 2400 Compass Road, Glenview, free, 847-299-6828

Halloween Family Fest:

Join in an afternoon filled with carnival games, fall crafts, with pumpkins to decorate and take home. Also enjoy a hayride and sensory mystery room all while wearing your favorite costume. 3 p.m. Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0971

Compass To Care 5K for Kids With Cancer:

Registration at 7 a.m. Race begins at 8 a.m. Medals will be awarded. This family-friendly 5K race will raise money to help kids with cancer travel to treatment. 8 a.m. Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 773-657-3269

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

Harvest Festival Open House and Pumpkin Patch:

The Harvest Festival at Messiah Lutheran Church and Child Care Center offers: a pumpkin patch, an indoor craft fair and open mic music. Also enjoy a bouncy house, children's games and craft projects. The Pumpkin Patch is open during the Harvest Festival and the pumpkin sales continue the following week Monday through Friday at the church. To be a crafter, email: juliehscrapbook@aol.com. Go to their website www.messiahparkridge.org. 9 a.m. Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 - Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-6984

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Roxy Bellows LIVE: Experience Roxy's ribald wit and amazing musical talent as she belts out show stoppers and croons sweet ballads just for you. 8 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$22, 847-677-7761

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. 23

David Wilcox & Beth Nielsen Chapman: 7 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$18-\$34, 847-492-8860

Newberry Consort Kemp's Jlg: A selection of bawdy music and dances from Shakespearean England, complete with costumes and sets, a violin band, lute and guitar, athletic dance, and theatrical shenanigans. 3 p.m. Mary Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 70 Arts Cir Drive, Evanston, \$35-\$45, 773-669-7335

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Practicing Mercy in a Permissive Culture: Faith Formation/ Education. Noon, St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

Critic's Choice "My Love Don't Cross That River": "My Love, Don't Cross That River" is not rated and is in Korean with English subtitles. This documentary follows a pair 100-year-old lovebirds in Korea that have been inseparable companions for the last 76 years. A blockbuster in its native Korea, where it would go on to become the country's biggest independent film of all time, it presents an unforgettable story of true love that transcends both generations and cultures. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Wendy and DB Concert for Kids: Wendy & DB get kids singing, wiggling, jumping, dancing and just having a great time with their original songs. 2 p.m. 2:45 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

A Talk on "Nosferatu": Join John Nygro, lecturer, actor, translator, narrator and musician in a one-hour talk about this classic silent horror film featuring digitally restored highlights. Participants will view the visual artistry of this frightening classic to gain a deeper understanding of its beauty, as well as the psychological implications of what inspires fear. 2 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-6407

Niles Metropolitan Chorus Perform Haydn's The Creation: Rehearsal days are going on now from 7-9 p.m. every week on Tuesdays prior to the performance. Contact Marek Rachelski, Director of Music at SJB at 702-806-8421 or the Parish offices at 847-966-8145. 3 p.m. St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 702-806-8421

The Creation Musica Lumina Concert: Come see the opening of the Musica Lumina 2016-17 concert series with The Creation by Joseph Haydn. The first of three Rudcki commemorative concerts scheduled this season will be performed by the Niles Metropolitan Chorus and the Musica Lumina Orchestra at St. John Brebeuf Church, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 847-966-8145

Trans-Atlantic Instrumental Project Release CD Tour: This October, this duo is on a US album release tour for their debut record. Swedish nyckelharpa player Anna Gustavsson and American fiddler and banjo player Laurel Premo have forged a collaboration that weaves together the driving dance-based music traditions from their home countries. 7:30 p.m. Seman Violins, 4447 Oakton St., Skokie, \$20, 847-674-0690

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

Handel's Alexander's Feast: Al-

exander's Feast is a dramatic, vividly colorful work that moves listeners from heartfelt pity to fiery revenge and from tender love to transcendent joy. The harp concerto heard at its London premiere rounds out an evening celebrating the "Pow'r of Musick." 7:30 p.m. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$38-\$75, 312-551-1414

Monday, Oct. 24

Blue Mondays featuring Omar Coleman: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$8, 847-492-8860

Book Bables: Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

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

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

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. 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

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

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

Tuesday, Oct. 25

French Wine Dinner: Join us for a wonderful evening of food and wine as

Chef Jose prepares a French inspired multi course dinner that will be paired with beautiful French wines. Tristen Lozach, Brand Ambassador, will be on hand to share his knowledge of France and the wines. 6 p.m. Sunrise Grill, 1930 Touhy Ave., Des Plaines, \$70-\$75, 847-518-9463

Rotary Club of Evanston Light-house: 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

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

Word 2010 Styles Tables and Images: Format documents and learn how to work with pictures and clip art. Basic Word skills and a Glenview Library card are required. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Drop in Homework Help Center for Grades 1 to 8: High School volunteers are on the job for homework rescue. Thirty-minute sessions are offered for homework, reading and math skills practice, provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so just drop in. Children may be grouped by subject and grade level. 6 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Time Travel Tuesday for Grades 3 to 6: Register at glenviewpl.org/register or call, to explore and experiment with science of the past. Leave all Flux Capacitors and TARDISEs at home. 4 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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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

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Movies, Munchies & More: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2": In this sequel, it is revealed that Toula's parents were never actually married, and her family's antics reach high gear as another big fat, Greek wedding is planned. Meanwhile, Toula struggles with spicing up her marriage and dealing with her daughter going away to college. Cast: Nia Vardalos, John Stamos, John Corbett. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Wonder Ground Open Lab: Look, touch, tinker and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. A drop-in visit is meant to last about 15 minutes. Activities are repeated each week from Tuesday to Thursday. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

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

Garden St., Park Ridge, \$5 per session, 847-720-4170

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. 26

Adam Torres: With Thor & Friends and Daniel Knox. 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$20, 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., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

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

CJE Senior Life Counseling Appointments: CJE SeniorLife Resource Specialists provide counseling to adults 60 and over, their families, and caregivers. Counseling includes topics such as selecting appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs, and identifying supportive resources. For more information and to make an appointment, call Kathy Gaeding at CJE SeniorLife, (773) 508-1054. 9:30 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 773-508-1054

Online Genealogy Resources For Free: Discover free genealogy websites to help you build your family tree and break down your "brick walls." 10 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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 required. 3 p.m. Northbrook Public Li-

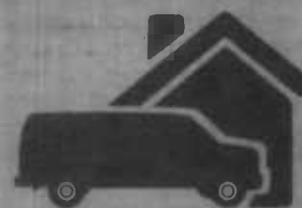
brary, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Monster Bash: Visit the Children's Department to enjoy some spooky games and activities. Drop in any time between 5 - 6:30 p.m. Then join the Park District costume parade from Hodges Park to the Pickwick for the 7 p.m. Halloween concert by the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra. 5 p.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, free, 847-825-4527

Promised Land Screening with Director Todd Morehead: Come and screen a visually stunning exploration about surfers, the Holy Land and the quest for peace. For tickets see website. 8 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, free, 847-677-7761

Senior High Youth Group: For all youth grades 9 to 12 to enjoy fun and friendship while engaging in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. 6:45 p.m. First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

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"The Girl on the Train" ★★

R, 1:52, suspense/thriller

In "The Girl on the Train" actress Emily Blunt is persuasive enough, both in angsty, raging extremis and in wary voyeur mode, to play a sort of shell game with her own messed-up movie. So why does the film, even as it zigzags its way to an act of extreme and justified killing, just sort of lay there? It's filmed all wrong. Director Tate Taylor and cinematographer Charlotte Bruus Christensen favor handheld, Rachel's-eye-view close-ups, by the woozy hundreds. The toggling editing rhythms get to be a bit of a chore. This film wants in on the "Gone Girl" action so badly, it practically drools. But the "Gone Girl" film version was a vise grip; this is more like a lukewarm handshake. — *Michael Phillips*



"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. — *M.P.*



"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 hollow remake of the classic Western is all over the place. 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. Antoine Fuqua's remake has its moments: Some of the straightforward 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, 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 what you make of it. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

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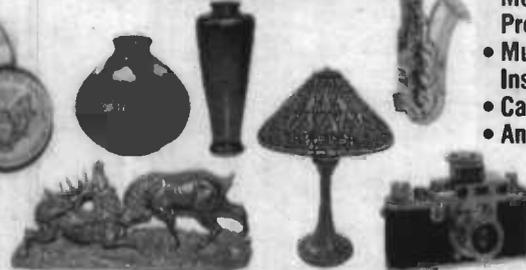


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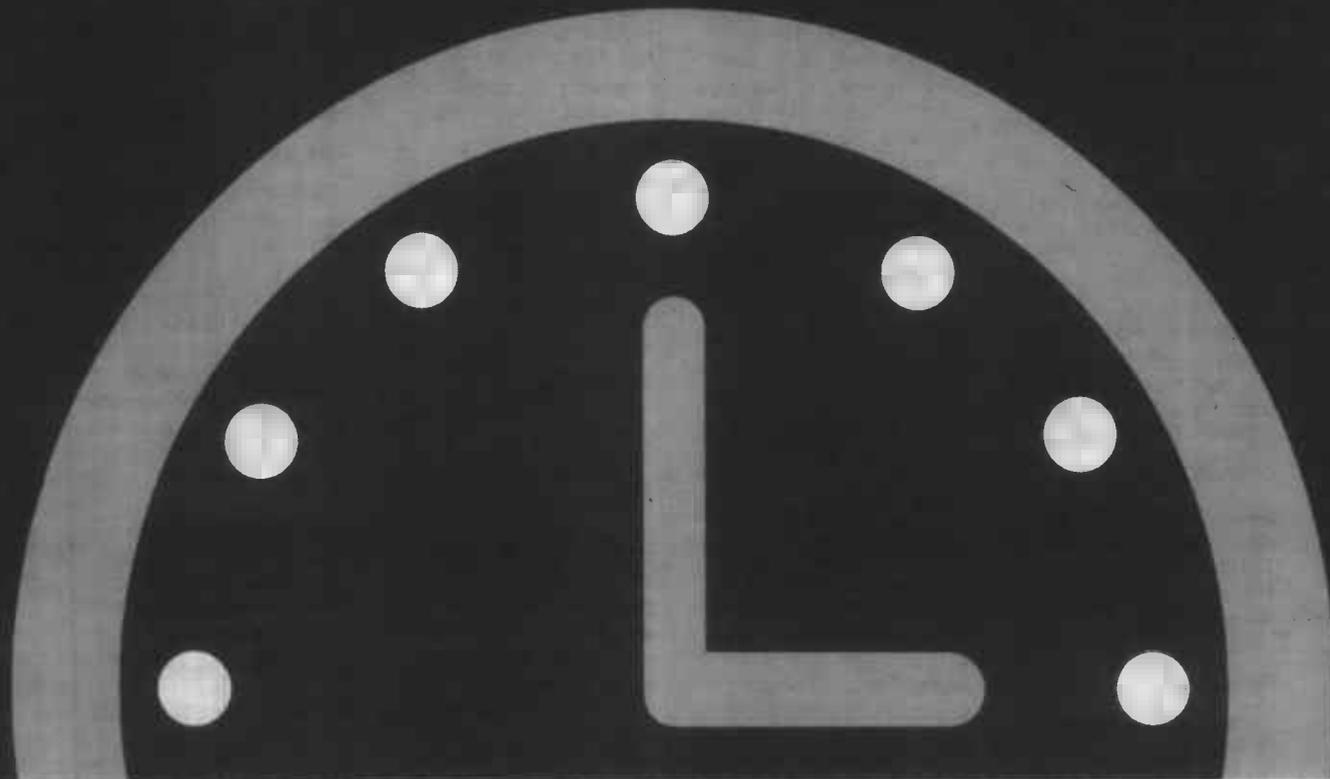
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From Alfa Romeo to Volvo, from luxe trucks to hot hatches, here's ...

What's new for 2017

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
AND TOM KRISHER

Associated Press

Here are new or significantly refreshed cars and trucks coming in the 2017 model year, by brand:

ALFA ROMEO

Giulia: Base model has a 276-horsepower, 2-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that takes the car from zero to 60 mph in 5.5 seconds. High-performance Quadrifoglio goes zero to 60 mph in 3.8 seconds with a 191 mph top speed, propelled by a 505-horsepower 2.9-liter twin-turbo V-6. Giulia starts around \$40,000; Quadrifoglio starts around \$70,000.

AUDI

Q7: The three-row crossover has a crisper design, arrowlike LED running lights, standard panoramic sunroof and a towing capacity of 7,700 pounds. Powered by a 333-horsepower 3.0-liter V-6 with an eight-speed transmission. Went on sale early this year starting at \$54,800.

BENTLEY

Bentayga: The super-exclusive Volkswagen brand's big SUV gets an all-new W-shaped 12-cylinder twin-turbo engine that puts out 600 horsepower and can take the SUV to 60 mph in 4 seconds. The Bentayga starts around \$229,000.

BMW

3 Series: The new engines go into the 3 Series small sedan, which also gets number changes. Gone is the 328i, which becomes the 330i and gets the new four-cylinder engine. The 335i becomes the 340i and gets the new inline six. The 330i starts at \$42,650 excluding shipping, while the 340i starts at \$47,600.



TODD KOROL/TORONTO STAR

The 2017 Lincoln Continental is unveiled in January at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Ford's luxury brand is bringing back its flagship name after 14 years.

BUICK

LaCrosse: Brand flagship gets a new grille inspired by Buick's Avenir concept car. Also new is a revamped 3.6-liter V-6 with 310 horsepower, and a new eight-speed automatic transmission. The changes push the front-wheel-drive version to 31 mpg highway, up 3 mpg from last year's V-6. The car starts at just over \$32,000 excluding shipping.

CADILLAC

XT5: First of a new generation of GM midsize sport utility vehicles, the XT5 is longer and 278 pounds lighter than the SRX it replaced. New 310-horsepower 3.6-liter V-6 engine and eight-speed automatic transmission. Starts at \$39,990 excluding shipping.

CHEVROLET

Bolt: Long-awaited, all-electric Tesla fighter goes 238 miles on one charge. Five-passenger hatch is priced about \$37,500 excluding a \$7,500 tax credit.

FORD

Escape: The Escape small SUV gets major updates for

2017. Buyers have two new EcoBoost four-cylinder engine options, a 1.5-liter and 2.0-liter, both with slightly improved horsepower. Starts at \$23,600.

GENESIS

G90: The flagship of Hyundai's new luxury brand looks like a Bentley with a hexagon front grille. The G90 is powered by either a 3.3-liter twin-turbocharged V-6 with 365 horsepower or an optional 5-liter V-8 with 420 horsepower, both mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission. On sale in September. No price released.

HONDA

Ridgeline: Honda is reintroducing its midsize pickup. The new truck ditches the old, funky styling for a more rugged look. Can tow up to 5,000 pounds. Comes with a new, 3.5-liter V-6 that with 280 horsepower is 30 more than its predecessor. Starts at \$29,475.

HYUNDAI

Ioniq: The new Ioniq is about as unique as it gets, offering three methods for making it move — battery

power, gas and electric hybrid, and a plug-in hybrid that can travel over 25 miles on battery alone. No prices announced.

INFINITI

QX30: Infiniti enters the hot small SUV market with the QX30. Under the hood is a 208-horsepower, 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine and a seven-speed transmission.

JAGUAR

F-PACE: Jaguar's first SUV went on sale in spring with its platform mate, the XE compact sedan. It has three engine choices, including a 2-liter four-cylinder diesel and a 3-liter supercharged V-6. Starts at \$40,990 excluding shipping.

LAND ROVER

Land Rover Discovery: This family-oriented large SUV has room for seven adults in three rows. The seats can be rearranged remotely through a smartphone app, and the second and third rows can fold flat in 14 seconds. There's power for towing, with three diesel variants of 180, 240 and 258 horsepower, and a 340

horsepower gasoline engine. Prices range from \$57,000 to \$84,000.

LEXUS

IS: Lexus' smallest sedan gets a refresh for 2017 with a more aggressive, angular version of the brand's spindle grille to better match big siblings like the midsize GS. The engines are carried over from the previous model. On sale in October.

LINCOLN

Continental: Ford's luxury brand revives the flagship 14 years after the last one rolled off the line. Top-of-the-line engine is a new, 3-liter twin-turbocharged V-6 with 400 horsepower that gets 29 mpg on the highway. Goes on sale this fall in the U.S. and China starting at \$44,560.

MASERATI

Levante: U.S. buyers can choose between two variants of the Ferrari-made twin-turbo 3-liter V-6 SUV. Starts at \$72,000.

MERCEDES-BENZ

E-Class: Tenth-generation E-Class midsize sedan is longer than its predecessor

and has the elongated hood and sloped roof of the S-Class and C-Class. Gets 25 mpg in city and highway driving. Starts at \$52,150.

NISSAN

Armada: Full-size SUV gets major redesign. New 5.6-liter V-8 with 390 horsepower, up from 317 previously. Armada can tow up to 8,500 pounds. New safety features include forward collision and blind-spot warnings. On sale in fall at a starting price of \$44,400. It gets 14 mpg city, 19 mpg highway.

SUBARU

Impreza: The fast-selling all-wheel-drive brand rolls out two new Impreza compacts: the four-door sedan and a five-door hatchback. The Impreza is built on a new, stiffer platform for improved handling and better crash resistance.

TOYOTA

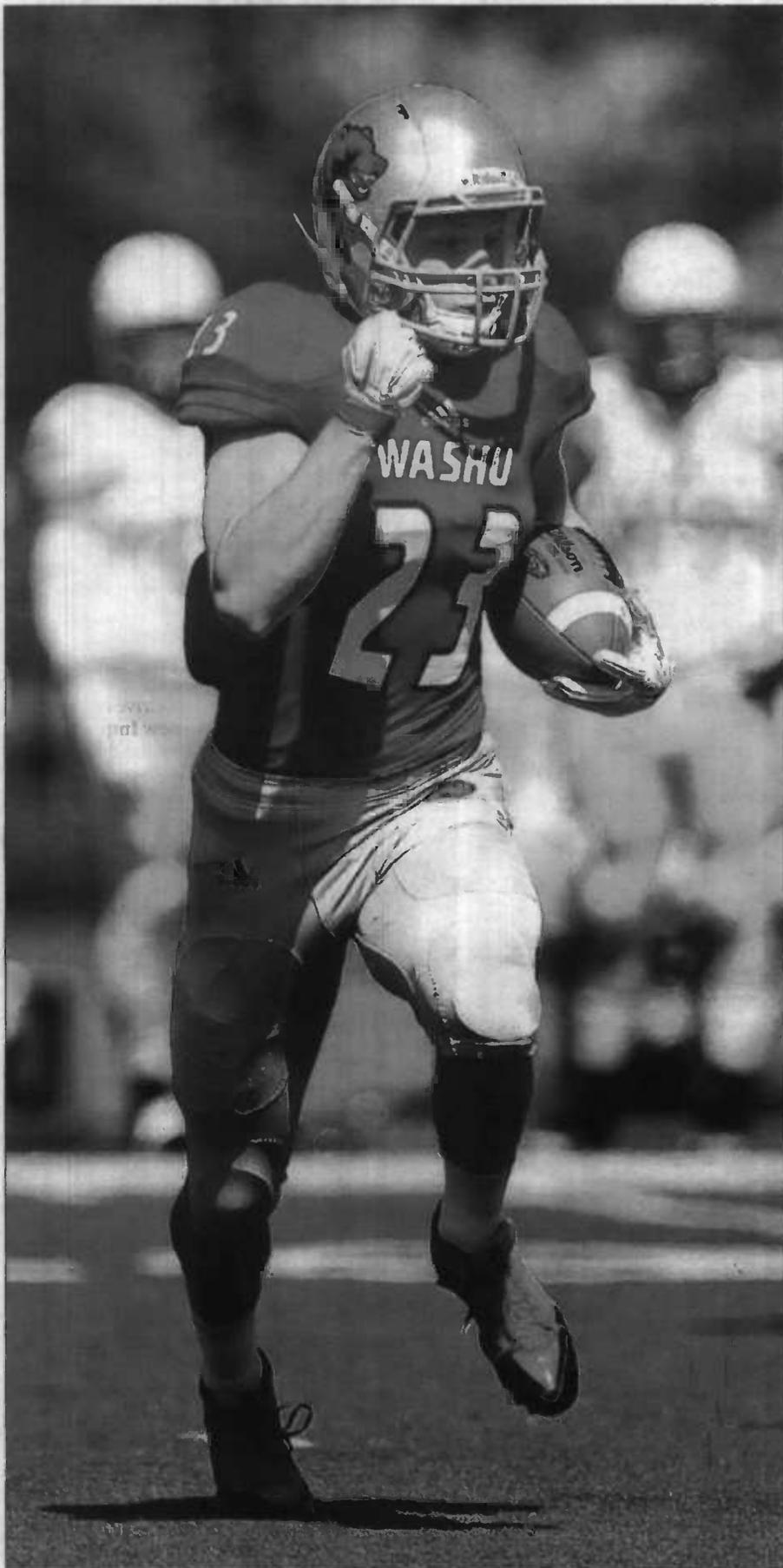
Prius Prime: Plug-in hybrid version now dubbed the Prius Prime. It can drive in electric mode for up to 22 miles, double the range of its predecessor, and can go up to 84 miles per hour in electric mode. Drivers can go more than 600 miles on a full electric charge and one tank of fuel.

VOLVO

S60, XC60, V60: Volvo is losing its 5- and 6-cylinder engines, replacing them with 2-liter four-cylinder turbocharged or supercharged power plants. S60 midsize car starts at \$33,950 without shipping while the V60 SUV starts at \$36,150. XC60 SUV starts at \$40,950.

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Chicago Tribune's Robert Duffer contributed.



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St. Viator graduate Kevin Hammarlund is a senior wide receiver on the Washington University football team.

Hammarlund leads local standouts for Wash U

BY SAM BRIEF
Pioneer Press

Senior wide receiver **Kevin Hammarlund**, a St. Viator graduate, led the Washington University (St. Louis) football team in catches (46) and receiving yards (525) through the Division III team's first five games. Hammarlund also has five touchdowns for the Bears, who are 4-1. In the Bears' 56-35 win over Rhodes on Oct. 8, he reeled in 10 catches for 171 yards and two touchdowns.

Hammarlund ranks second in school history in receptions (181) and is third in receiving yards (2,266).

Jake Coon, a Barrington graduate, has 3.5 sacks and three interceptions as a sophomore linebacker for the Bears. Another Barrington graduate, **Johnny Davidson**, is Washington U's starting punter, and Lake Zurich graduate **Jerry Bauer** is a senior captain on the offensive line.

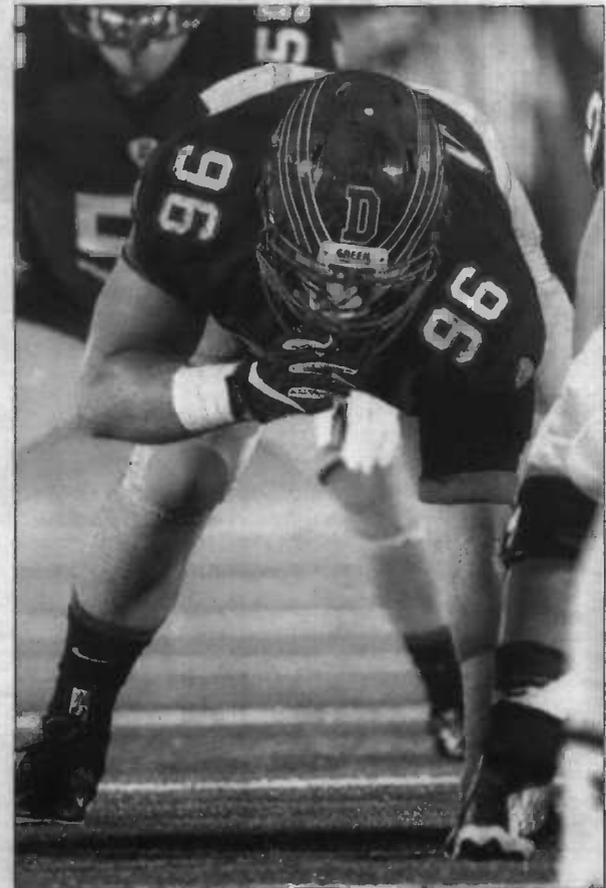
Tashima moves up Northwestern record books

Taylor Tashima, a New Trier graduate, has moved into sixth place on the list of Northwestern women's volleyball career assist leaders. Now a junior with the Wildcats, Tashima recorded her 2,538th assist against Illinois on Oct. 5 and ended the match with 2,554 total.

Through 19 matches this season, Tashima had tallied 544 assists, the 12th-highest total in the Big Ten.

Mundelein grad receives scholar-athlete honor

Haley Morelli, a Mundelein graduate and senior outfielder on the Wisconsin-Whitewater softball



MARK WASHBURN PHOTO

Loyola graduate Charlie Pontarelli is a junior defensive lineman on the Dartmouth football team.

team, was named as an Easton/NFCA Division III Scholar-Athlete by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Morelli is a two-time member of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honor roll.

Morelli batted .313 as a junior last spring with three home runs and 18 RBIs. Buffalo Grove graduates **Julia Camardo** and **Caitlin Catino** are also on the team.

Locals shine on Dartmouth's defense

A group of local alumni have made an impact for the Dartmouth football team this season. Junior defen-

sive lineman **Charlie Pontarelli**, a Glenview native and Loyola graduate, recovered a fumble in the Big Green's Oct. 8 loss to Yale. **Jack Traynor**, a Lake Forest graduate and linebacker, was seventh on the team with 16 tackles through four games. Junior defensive lineman **Brennan Cascarano**, a Glenbrook South graduate, had 13 tackles with two sacks.

Also on the team are **Zach Husain** from Evanston, **Phil Berton** from Oak Park-River Forest and **Matt Kaskey** from New Trier.

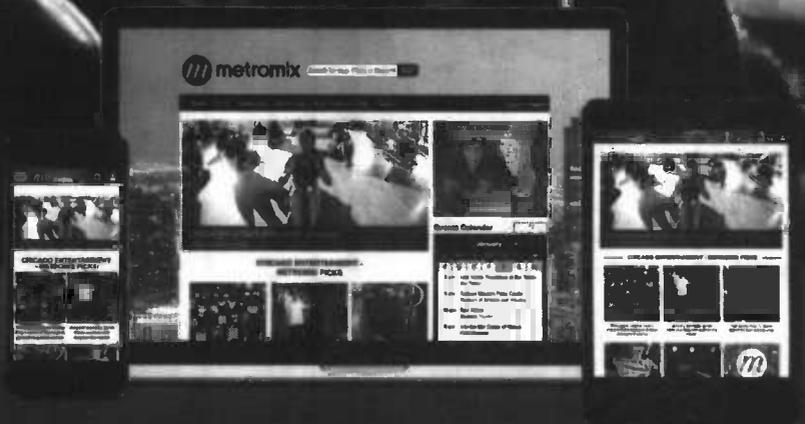
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Meet your October winner!

Annika Wagner, Maine South freshman

Maine South freshman swimmer Annika Wagner broke four school records during the first full week of September. Wagner now holds the Hawks' records in the 200-yard individual medley, 100 breaststroke, 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

"I figured she would come into Maine South and break records for the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke, but in the last 12 to 18 months, she has become an exceptional freestyler, too," Maine South coach Don Kura said.

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Loyola players raise their helmets near the end of the national anthem before their game against Providence on Saturday in Wilmette.

WEEK 8 SCORES AND WEEK 9 PREVIEW

CATHOLIC LEAGUE BLUE

Loyola 42, Providence 7
Loyola at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Ramblers (8-0, 3-0) and Crusaders (8-0, 3-0) are playing for the CCL Blue title and a shot to be the top seed in Class 8A.

CENTRAL SUBURBAN NORTH

Deerfield 28, Maine West 21
Highland Park 55, Maine East 12
Vernon Hills 26, Glenbrook North 25
Deerfield at Maine East, 7 p.m. Friday: The Warriors (4-4, 1-3) need a win and should get in on playoff points. The Blue Demons (1-7, 0-4) can only be spoilers.
Glenbrook North at Maine West, 7 p.m. Friday: The Spartans (7-1, 3-1) need a win and a Vernon Hills loss to win the CSL North. The Warriors (4-4, 2-2) must win to be playoff eligible.
Vernon Hills at Highland Park, 7 p.m. Friday: The Cougars (6-2, 3-1) win the CSL North with a victory. The Giants (6-2, 3-1) need a win and a Glenbrook North loss to claim the title.

CENTRAL SUBURBAN SOUTH

Evanston 17, Niles North 14
Maine South 55, Niles West 33
New Trier 38, Glenbrook South 28
Maine South at Evanston, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Hawks (5-3, 3-1) should get in on playoff points but can secure a playoff berth and better seed with a win. The Wildkits (6-2, 3-1) haven't beaten the Hawks since 1999.
New Trier at Niles West, 7 p.m. Friday: The Trevians (6-2, 4-0) already clinched the CSL South and are playing for a first-round playoff home game. The Wolves (4-4, 1-3) must pull off the upset to be a bubble team.
Niles North at Glenbrook South, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Vikings (1-7, 1-3) and Titans (0-8, 0-4) are playing for pride.
EAST SUBURBAN CATHOLIC
Carmel 27, St. Patrick 24
Marian Central 21, Notre Dame 14 (OT)
Nazareth 20, St. Viator 17
Carmel at Benet, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Corsairs (5-3, 4-2) should make the playoffs regard-

less of the outcome but will get a playoff primer against the Redwings (6-2, 5-1).

Marian Catholic at Nazareth, 7 p.m. Friday: The Roadrunners (4-4, 2-4) need to beat the Spartans (1-7, 0-6) for a shot at defending their two state titles.

Notre Dame at St. Viator, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Dons (5-3, 4-2) and Lions (5-3, 4-2) both need a win to secure a playoff spot, though both should squeak in despite a loss.

METRO SUBURBAN RED

Elmwood Park 47, Walther Christian 0
Ridgewood 47, Guerin 2
Aurora Central at Elmwood Park, 7:15 p.m. Friday: The Tigers (3-5, 3-1) can win their fourth straight to close the season by upsetting the Chargers (7-1, 3-1).
Chicago Christian at Guerin, 1 p.m. Saturday: The Crusaders (1-7, 1-3) can end the season on a bright spot against the Knights (2-6, 1-3).
Ridgewood at Walther Christian, 1 p.m. Saturday: Only the Broncos (0-8, 0-4) stand between the Rebels (6-2, 4-0) and a second straight conference sweep.

Lee learns from just missing state last year

Niles West senior tied for 80th at Class AA state tournament

By GARY LARSEN
Pioneer Press

Past failure can be seared into a golfer's memory, and the burn that Niles West's Amanda Lee felt after falling just short of advancing downstate last year remains.

Lee missed the cut to advance to the Class AA state finals by only two strokes. She nearly had a downstate berth locked up, but made a crucial error before playing the last two holes at Cog Hill No. 1 in Lemont.

"I started adding up my scores," Lee said. "I realized pretty quickly that I shouldn't have done that because then I had a score in mind. I hit a bad tee shot on 17, and it went downhill from there.

"My whole summer and my whole school season this year was dedicated to getting downstate. Knowing I should have qualified last year definitely motivated me."

Lee used last year's failure to great effect in 2016, becoming the first state qualifier in the four-year history of the Niles West girls golf program.

After carding a tournament-low 83 at the Conant Regional, Lee shot an 81 to advance through the Schaumburg Sectional. The senior then shot rounds of 84 and 87 to finish tied for 80th in the field of 110 state qualifiers in Decatur on Saturday.

"During the (regional) round I had a couple bogeys and doubles, so I had no idea I posted the low score," Lee said. "So when I finished and saw the other scores, I was definitely surprised I had the low score."

Lee had a season of milestones thanks to her



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Niles West's Amanda Lee putts at the Class AA girls golf state tournament on Saturday in Decatur.

ability to shave nearly 10 strokes off of her scoring average from last year.

"Off the tee she was more consistent and longer, her short game improved and her commitment to getting better improved during the offseason," said Rich Lee, Niles West's coach and Amanda's father.

"Mentally, she was more focused on each shot this year. She didn't let distractions bother her," he

continued. "She had a better game plan in attacking courses, too. She did a lot of work to get ready."

Amanda Lee averaged between 240-250 yards with her driver this season, but she focused on improving every aspect of her game since last year.

"I worked hard over the summer," Amanda Lee said. "I knew I needed to cut strokes just to have a chance to get to state without wor-

rying too much about being on that borderline."

In addition to becoming her school's first state qualifier and earning low-scoring honors at a regional, Amanda Lee also shot under 80 this year for the first time in her life.

She shot a 77 during a practice round at Fox Run in Elk Grove Village.

"I knew it was possible," she said. "I tried not adding up my scores and I could

tell I was playing really well. I had a feeling that score would be under 80."

Amanda Lee's older brother Nate, now a junior golfer at Carthage College in Wisconsin, was a four-time state qualifier for Niles West. She's also considering golfing in college, and is looking at Division III Lake Forest College.

Dayton, a Division I school, is another option. If she chooses Dayton, she'll

likely leave golf behind.

"I'd play at a small D-III school. I just don't want my entire college experience to be about golf," Amanda Lee said. "I'll see which college is a good fit, and that will determine whether I play or not."

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CLASS 2A GIRLS TENNIS SECTIONAL NOTEBOOK

Ptak reaches state in possible last season

BY DAN SHALIN | Pioneer Press

Maine South sophomore Jen Ptak found a way to get results even though she was not at her best at the Class 2A Glenbrook South girls tennis sectional.

Ptak came in second at the sectional on Saturday, earning a berth at this weekend's state meet. As a freshman, Ptak reached the fifth round of the consolation bracket.

The Park Ridge resident went 3-1 at the sectional, improving her 2016 record to 21-9. But Ptak said she knew early on Friday she did not have her A-game.

"In my first match, I kind of realized I wasn't moving as well and was just not executing my shots as well as I would like," Ptak said. "I made sure to play more carefully because usually I'm very aggressive. I did not try to hit winners off every shot possible."

She added: "It was like a big confidence booster that I still was able to win (three matches) even though I wasn't playing my

best.

Ptak defeated Glenbrook North's Grace Chatas 6-4, 6-3 in her quarterfinal match to reach the top four and qualify for state. A 7-6 (3), 6-2 semifinal win over Highland Park sophomore Lily Tiemeyer earned Ptak a spot in the final, where she fell 6-0, 6-1 to Deerfield sophomore Emily Casati.

Ptak said she may have put extra pressure on herself at the sectional because of her decision to give up high school tennis after this season in favor of playing more USTA events.

"I was kind of nervous to not qualify for state in my last time playing high school tennis, and that played a big role in my game," said Ptak, who left the door open for a return to high school tennis in 2018. "The nerves took over me, but I started to find my balance after I qualified (for state)."

In previous years, Ptak would look to build on her 4-2 record at last year's state tournament. But the new two-class system means the first Class 2A meet is unlikely to



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Maine South's Jen Ptak hits a forehand at the Class 2A Glenbrook South girls tennis sectional on Saturday in Glenview.

have many easily-winnable matches.

"State is going to be much more difficult," Maine South coach Jerry Smith said. "Instead of (128) or so, there are only (64) entries, and there are not going to be those early-round matches that you are going to win easily. Every match is going to be tough."

Maine South's other qualifiers were the senior doubles players Kamila Czosnyka and Marti Wind, who finished third at the sectional. The pair has reached the consolation semifinals at state in each of the last two

years.

Maine South (19 points) came in second at the sectional.

Maine East

The Blue Demons did not earn a point at the sectional.

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New Trier qualifies three entrants for state

BY LEE BOSCH

Pioneer Press

The New Trier girls tennis team had the best showing among the nine schools at the Class 2A Niles West Sectional, advancing one singles player and both of its doubles teams to state.

In the singles matches, Trevians freshman Ali Benedetto won her first match 6-2, 6-0. She then fought her way back after being a set down, and trailing in the second 2-0, to defeat Niles West's Eliza Kirov 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals on Friday. With the win over Kirov, Benedetto qualified for state. The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams at the sectional made it to the three-day state tournament, which begins Thursday in the northwest suburbs.

Benedetto finished fourth in singles at the sectional on Saturday.

New Trier sophomore Emily Dale also rallied from a set down, defeating Leyden junior Jessica Minkov 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 in her first match. However, she fell short of an appearance at state when she lost to Evanston junior Anastasia Goncharova 6-2, 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

In doubles, sophomore Michelle Capone and junior Amia Ross dominated their

match 6-2, 6-0 on Friday. They earned byes for the first two rounds, so the win qualified them for state. Capone and Ross went on to win the doubles title at the sectional on Saturday.

The Trevians' other doubles team featured seniors Michelle Buyer and Natalie Kalter. Buyer played in state last year, while Kalter is a first-time qualifier. They won their first match 6-0, 6-0, and closed out the second one 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-2 to reach state.

"I'm super happy we qualified," Buyer said. "The second set was rough, but the third one was probably the best set we've played."

Buyer said the excitement of the first set may have slowed them down going into the second one. But in the third, she said they focused on quick feet and being more aggressive.

Buyer and Kalter finished third in doubles at the sectional.

Evanston

Evanston junior Anastasia Goncharova, playing in her first season with the Wildkits, won the singles title at the Niles West Sectional and advanced to state.

While she dropped just three games in her first three matches, Goncharova strug-

gled early on against New Trier sophomore Emily Dale. Goncharova trailed 2-1 in the first set after a few unforced errors, but she stormed back and didn't lose another game.

"I wasn't moving my feet enough which caused me to reach for some shots," Goncharova said. "I just focused on what I was doing wrong and adjusted."

Junior Lola Knight filled in at singles for sophomore Valerie Abushevich, who was not able to participate because of an illness. Knight lost her first match to New Trier freshman Ali Benedetto 6-2, 6-0.

Niles West

Niles West didn't qualify any singles players or doubles teams for state, but Wolves coach George Bravos was upbeat about how his players performed.

"They played well," Bravos said. "The luck of the draw wasn't on our side, but the girls never gave up. They continue to get better every day."

Wolves senior Eliza Kirov was the only Niles West player to advance to the quarterfinals, but she suffered a tough loss to Ali Benedetto. The New Trier freshman ended up placing fourth in singles at the sectional. After winning the first set, Kirov led 2-0 in the second. However, Benedetto

pulled out a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 win.

"I think she expended a lot of energy in that first set and it was tough for her to keep it up throughout the match," Bravos said. "But I'm proud of her and I'm proud of her opponent. They played a great match."

Niles North

Niles North was on the cusp of something special on Friday. Vikings junior Michelle Bacalla had already qualified for state in singles — she finished in second in the sectional on Saturday — and both of Niles North's doubles teams played in quarterfinal matches. With a win they'd join Bacalla at state.

However, Loyola's Caroline Witkowski and Maggie Hines beat Niles North's Judy Kim and Charmee Kamdar 6-1, 6-0. And Loyola's Nicole Morales and Elizabeth Witkowski beat Anna Ysabel Gonzalez and Sabrina Palavra 6-7 (6), 7-6 (1), 6-4.

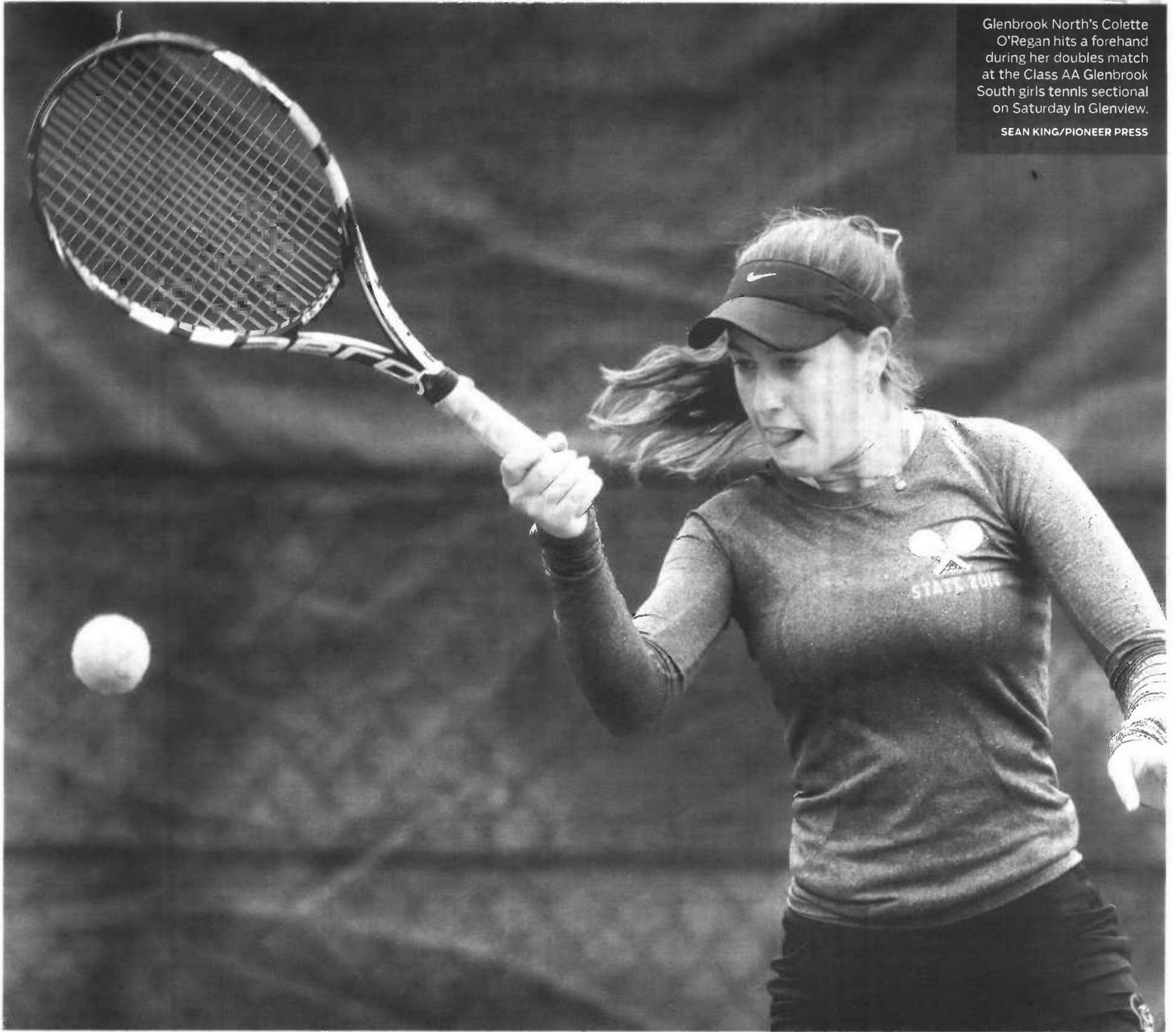
"Every position showed how much better they had gotten from last year," Niles North coach Andy Klamm said.

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Glenbrook North's Colette O'Regan hits a forehand during her doubles match at the Class AA Glenbrook South girls tennis sectional on Saturday in Glenview.

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DOUBLE THE CHALLENGE

Area girls tennis players compete in two-class state series for first time. Page 45

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