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Nikola Bulatovic, of Morton Grove, dressed as Captain America for Halloween Family Fest in Morton Grove.

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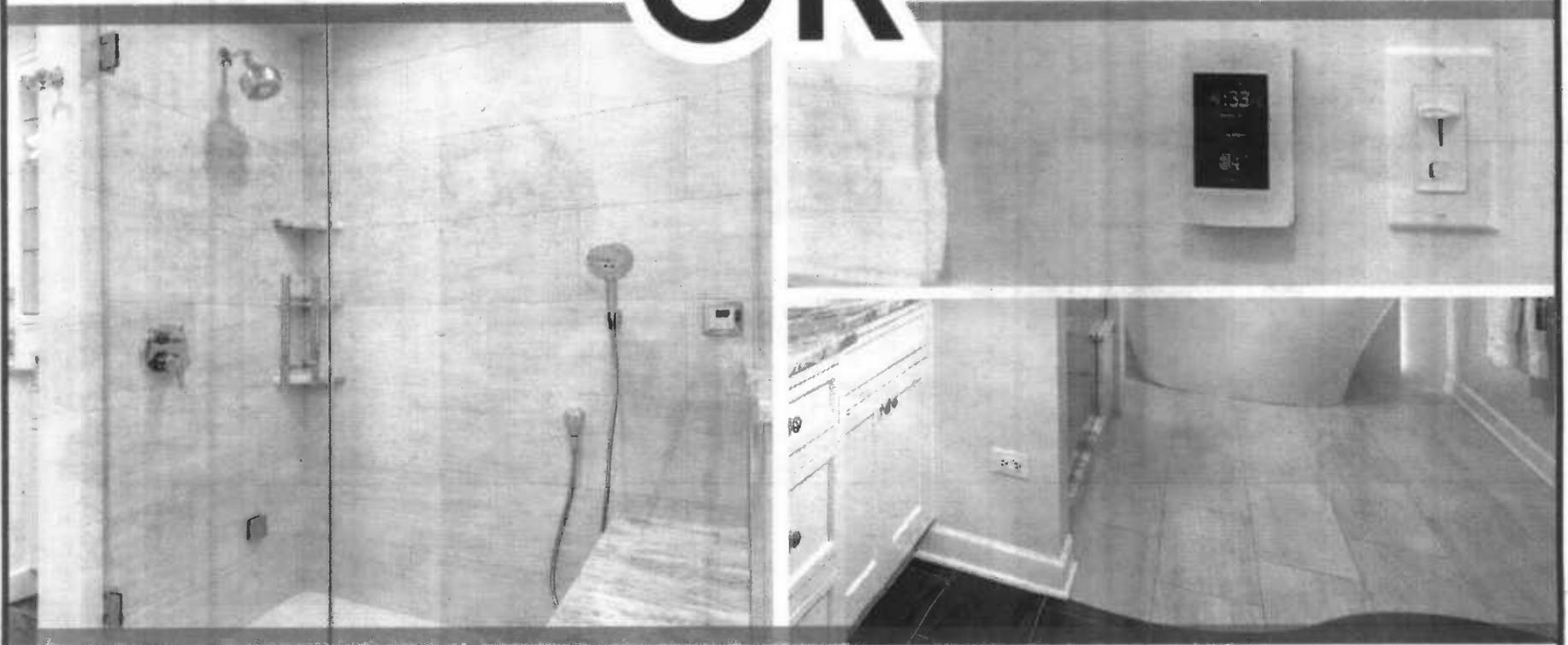
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Julie Morley, director of the Lincolnwood Chamber

Since taking the reins as the new director of the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Julie Morley has filled her schedule with hosting an annual golf outing for the chamber while getting to know residents, local officials and business owners.

Morley was chosen for the role after former director Jackie Boland left to take a new position as branch manager of The PrivateBank in Wilmette.

The Sauganash resident and alumna of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign recently discussed the plans for the chamber.

Q: Where did you work before coming to the Lincolnwood chamber?

A: I was the director of the wellness center at the University of Illinois at Chicago and worked on the university chancellor's staff. I also spent 14 years in mixed-use property management.

Q: What are you hoping to accomplish in your first year leading the chamber?

A: It is an exciting time to be in Lincolnwood. My top priority is to meet chamber businesses and organizations, to get a street-side banner program launched and to set next year's calendar.

Q: What do you feel is unique about Lincolnwood's business community?

A: I love the "legend effect" I was telling someone the other day, Lincolnwood is the place where legends are born. It's true. Where is the original Lou Malnati's? Right there on Lincoln Avenue. People travel from far and wide for New York Bagels and Renga Tae Japanese. We have the best water park, an incredible library facility, and easy access to transportation to Chicago and the North Shore suburbs.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I love live music (when I can stay up late enough — Loni Walker's Underground Wonderbar), day adventures with my family, Frisbee, and I'm a biblio-



JULIE MORLEY PHOTO

Julie Morley is the new director of the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

phile.

Q: Does the chamber have any group trips coming up?

A: We have a trip to Cuba planned. Registration is closing soon. With nephews living in Ireland, I would be most interested in a resurgence of the Celtic Tiger and taking a group that way. I am told that there is some terrifically interesting industry and software development in Cork, Ireland, these days.

— Natalie Hayes, Pioneer Press



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Halloween events attract hundreds

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

The annual Halloween Family Fest in Morton Grove drew an estimated 400 people looking for festive activities on Oct. 22.

Families consequently were treated to a free, three-hour event that included carnival games, fall crafts, pumpkin decorating, tractor rides and a sensory mystery room.

"It's just a family-friendly event that's safe for all age ranges," said Kari Redmond, recreation supervisor of the Morton Grove Park District, which hosted the event.

The district relied on 20 volunteers to pull off the event. They assisted numerous families with the Halloween-themed activities.

Morton Grove resident Colleen

Gray went for a tractor ride under sunny skies with her children Madison, 5, and Caitlin, 2.

"I grew up in this town and now I'm raising my kids here," said Gray, a Niles West High School graduate. "The Morton Grove Park District is the best."

In nearby Lincolnwood, the village Parks and Recreation Department also hosted the Halloween-themed "Pumpkins in Proesel Park" Oct. 22 for Lincolnwood families.

The free event featured games for children, crafts, a pumpkin bounce house and a DJ, the department said in a news release.

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Grant Wagner, 6, left, and brother Mason, 9, both from Chicago, dressed as Ghostbusters during Halloween Family Fest in Morton Grove.



Madison Gray, 5, of Morton Grove, considers her choices at the pumpkin patch during Halloween Family Fest in Morton Grove.



Arturo Gonzalez, 10, of Morton Grove, dressed as Pikachu and holds his pumpkin.



Caitlin Gray, 2, of Morton Grove, dressed up as the snowman Olaf from "Frozen," cradles her pumpkin.



VILLAGE OF NILES

Niles Village Manager Steven Vinezano (far right) and Mayor Andrew Przybylo (second from right) join village employees and local sponsors in planting the first crops at the Farm on Franks' ceremonial opening.

Niles sets application process for Farm on Franks garden

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

The first-ever community garden in Niles is expected to be completed by the start of next spring with applications for interested growers to be accepted at the beginning of 2017.

Last week, Niles officials attended a dedication ceremony at the garden, dubbed Farm on Franks, located at 7087 N. Franks Ave., just south of the Niles Public Services building and on the site of a former playground at Jozwiak Park.

As part of the ceremony, Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo and other village officials planted garlic as the first crop to be grown in the new garden.

The village received just under \$15,000 in grant and donation funding for the project, including an \$8,000 grant from ComEd and Openlands, a conservation organization focused on the Chicago region, according to news releases from the village.

Niles officials will begin accepting applications

from those interested in renting a plot on Jan. 3 through Feb. 28. The garden is expected to be open for planting in April.

Gardeners will be required to pay a \$25 fee to rent a plot, according to Mitch Johnson, communications and multimedia coordinator for Niles. If payment is not received in 10 days of the plot assignment, the plot will be released and reassigned to another resident, he said.

Plots also will be allocated on a lottery basis, Johnson said. Residents can only reserve one plot, while requests for additional plots will be put on a waiting list and only assigned if space is available.

Following the application period, residents will be notified by email or mail that they've received a plot assignment and may begin gardening in the beginning of April — weather dependent, Johnson said.

The gardening season would end Oct. 31.

All gardeners will be required to rid their plots of dead plants, produce remains, all structures and

items, including fencing and cages by the end of October, Johnson said.

If gardeners fail to comply, they'll be delayed a week from registering for a plot the following season.

"Work is underway to establish rules that ensure safety of residents and protection of the individual gardens, as well as ensuring compliance with all existing laws," Johnson said.

He said the full slate of application forms, rules and regulations will be posted on the village website shortly before the application period opens.

The garden also will include a demonstration and inter-generational garden bed manned by volunteers. All produce produced from those beds will be donated to the Niles Food Pantry, village officials have said.

Those interested in securing a plot can call the village, beginning Jan. 3, at 847-588-8010. For information, visit www.vniles.com/910/Farm-on-Franks.

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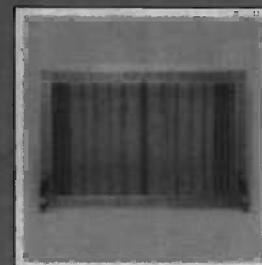
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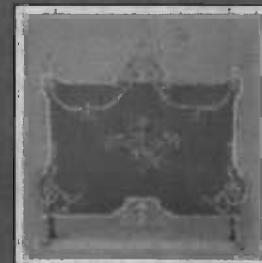
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Gold medalist visits Skokie swim program

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Gold medal-winning swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg has visited the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center in Skokie before, but this time he wanted to see a new program in action.

The All-In Swim program, now in its second year, is designed to teach water safety and swim skills to special needs kids in a comfortable and supportive environment, according to JCC Chicago.



Krayzelburg

"I wanted to see the program and talk to people about what they have been able to put together here," Krayzelburg said. "I want to hear about the impact this has had. Water is something that can really calm — especially with children with special abilities. It almost feels like it can open up a whole new world for them."

Certified instructors in the program teach "valuable life-saving techniques, recreational swim therapy and increased independence and self-esteem," according to JCC Chicago.

Krayzelburg, who swam in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics, won four gold medals and then opened the Lenny Krayzelburg Swim Academy. The swimming school holds classes at four JCCs in the Chicago area including Mayer Kaplan, according to JCC Chicago. Approximately 800 students are enrolled in the program, officials said.

This affiliation has Krayzelburg paying a visit to Chicago area JCCs just about every year, he said, but this year, he wanted to also take a peek at the new swimming program for



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Gold medal-winning swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg, the founder of the Lenny Krayzelburg Swim Academy, lets Carl Boquist, 8, wear his gold medal for a picture. Krayzelburg visited the JCC and observed a popular swimming program for special needs children in action.

special-needs children.

Many parents were on hand to sing its praises.

Eric Boquist of Wilmette called the program fantastic, adding that his son, Alex, has "a pretty complicated collection of special needs."

"It's been a great experience for him, he said.

"He can tread water and he can float and he really loves it," Boquist said. "He might not be the fastest swimmer, but he can be in water over his head by himself for a solid three or four minutes."

For nearly an hour on a

recent Thursday, Krayzelburg watched instructors working one-on-one with special needs children as they splashed and swam in the large pool.

Julie Pingel of Buffalo Grove said her son, Rylan, 9, loves the program.

"There are so few things out there for kids with special needs," Pingel said. "The problem we had was that he loved to swim, but there were just so few programs we could find to teach skills to kids with autism."

Tania Bedrosian, of Evanston, was on hand with

her son, Noah, 4, a student in the program.

"He loves it," she said. "We are so blessed. We're lucky we came across it."

The parents who brought their children to the appearance said they knew this session was going to be different. Having the chance to meet Olympian Krayzelburg was a special experience they were looking forward to, they said.

"It's so cool and I'm happy for Noah," Bedrosian said of meeting the swimming star. "He doesn't really know about who this



JCC Chicago swimming instructor Cassandra Dolan, top, aquatics director for Bernard Horwich and Mayer Kaplan JCCs, works with Alex Boquist, 8. In bottom photo, Dolan works with Alex Boquist, right, and twin brother Carl, 8.

is right now, but when he's older, I'm sure he'll think this was great."

Krayzelburg said he likes making these visits to see and hear about the impact swimming can have on so many students.

For years following his Olympic appearances, he said, he stopped swimming and only returned to the water more recently. He said swimming is a double-edged sword for him now because it makes him realize he is not in the same competitive shape he once was.

"I remember how fast I

used to go — even training-wise — so it's kind of sad, honestly," he said. "But then you can also look at it and say what incredible shape I used to be in."

Krayzelburg said he was in Skokie just to take in what the water can mean to young people.

"To see the impact swimming can have on kids and the improvements they can make in the water always reminds me why I'm doing what I'm doing now," he said.

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Police: Locals need to be alert following weekend crime spree

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood police said a recent crime spree in the village involving eight vehicle break-ins and a carjacking match the pattern of numerous car burglaries happening lately throughout suburban Chicago.

Authorities said the string of incidents in Lincolnwood started at 12:18 a.m. Oct. 16, when police stopped three juvenile males wearing dark-colored clothing walking south on the 6500 block of Central Park Avenue. The three matched descriptions of people who have been committing car burglaries in the surrounding suburbs, Lincolnwood police said in a news release.

The juveniles told police they were walking from the Lincolnwood Town Center to the South Side of Chicago.

"The mall had closed about four hours earlier and the suspects stated they had taken a train to Lincolnwood," according to the release.

After further investigation, police found the three had marijuana and a stolen check in their possession, Lincolnwood police said. The three youths each were charged with possession of stolen property and possession of marijuana, according to authorities. Their names were not released due to their ages.

The minors also were cited for curfew violations, police said. One of the three also ran away while being questioned by police, but he was caught a short time later, Lincolnwood police said.

As police were investigating the three, a resident reported seeing "one or two males" running along near-by Drake Avenue, police said. Officers ultimately caught two other male youths in the area, including one who allegedly had keys to a vehicle reported stolen from Lincolnwood on Oct.

14, police said.

After further investigation, officers found another vehicle stolen from the 2700 block of Jarlath Avenue in Chicago, police said.

Both vehicles were recovered on the 6600 and 6700 blocks of Drake Avenue in Lincolnwood, according to police and a handgun was found inside one of the vehicles.

Police said two male youths were charged with unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle, burglary to motor vehicle and possession of stolen property.

"There's a group of people committing crimes all over the suburbs."

— Bob LaMantia,
Lincolnwood police chief

As officers were wrapping up the investigation, they received a report of a carjacking at 2 a.m. on Oct. 16. A woman was approached by three male juveniles as she sat in her car on the 4100 block of Estes Avenue.

One of them showed a handgun and they demanded her phone and told her to get out of the car, police said.

Two of the woman's family members heard the commotion and came outside, police said. The robbers then demanded their phones before leaving in the stolen vehicle with all three phones, police said.

Descriptions of the robbers matched descriptions of those wanted for similar crimes in neighboring communities, Lincolnwood police said.

"Lincolnwood police believe this crime spree is connected," Lt. Randall Rathmell said in a news

release.

Officers in the village alerted Chicago police to check the area where the youths "are known to frequent" and police later recovered the woman's car on Oct. 17, finding it abandoned in a neighborhood on the 9300 block of South Indiana Avenue in Chicago, according to Lincolnwood police.

Although Lincolnwood police still are looking for the carjackers, they are investigating whether the Oct. 16 incidents are connected to a group from the South Side of Chicago being investigated by Morton Grove police for a string of car burglaries in late September, said Lincolnwood Police Chief Bob LaMantia.

Lincolnwood police have been working with authorities in nearby communities, including Evanston, Des Plaines and Park Ridge, LaMantia said.

Called the "South Side burglary crew" by Morton Grove Police Cmdr. Paul Yaras, the group is being investigated for 15 vehicle burglaries reported Sept. 30 in different residential areas in Morton Grove, Yaras has said.

"I would agree with (Morton Grove) police that what happened over the weekend is connected to the burglary ring," LaMantia said.

In August, Lincolnwood police issued a public safety alert regarding a crime trend in the Chicago area, detailing how youths and men in their early 20s travel to the suburbs in stolen vehicles looking to do armed robberies, vehicle thefts and burglaries. Most of the crimes reported in Lincolnwood follow the same pattern where the suspects search unlocked vehicles for loose change, sunglasses and electronics. But some of the recent incidents have escalated, LaMantia said.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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BATTERY

■ Abigail Vangine, 22, and Lakedrick Hill, 23, both of the 10000 block of Linda Lane in unincorporated Maine Township, were charged Oct. 10 with domestic battery.

■ A 32-year-old man from Mount Prospect told police he was dancing at a club on the 8700 block of Milwaukee Avenue Oct. 9, when another man bumped into him, shoved him and punched him in the face.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

■ A 45-year-old man from Skokie was ticketed Oct. 8 for public intoxication on the 7300 block of Lehigh Avenue dressed only in underwear and a shirt. ■ A 29-year-old Chicago man was ticketed Oct. 12 for

public intoxication on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue for a call of an intoxicated customer.

■ A 29-year-old man from Des Plaines was ticketed Oct. 11 for public intoxication at Touhy and Lehigh Avenues.

FORGERY

■ Eddy Odisho, 29, of the 8100 block of Kilpatrick in Skokie, was charged Oct. 10 with felony forgery and unauthorized possession of a prescription form. According to police, Odisho attempted to obtain the medications Adderall and Norco by using a fraudulent prescription form at a pharmacy on the 8700 block of Dempster Street. He was given a Nov. 3 court date.

THREAT

■ An employee of a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue told police that a woman returned to the store and said, "I'll be back for you," when she picked up her last paycheck Oct. 8.

BURGLARY

■ A business on the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue was reported burglarized Oct. 10 after a plumber discovered a cash register in the bathroom, police said. A flat screen TV and other items were reported stolen, according to police.

■ Police responded to three separate reports of residential burglaries Oct. 12. The burglaries occurred on the 8100 and 8300 blocks of Odell Avenue and on the 6800 block of Seward Street.

THEFT

■ Eighty-one wooden pallets were reported stolen from outside a store on the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue between Oct. 2 and 10. The pallets were valued at \$405, police said.

■ Between Oct. 7 and 9, tires and rims were stolen from two cars belonging to an auto dealership on the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue, police said. The items were valued at \$6,600, police said.

■ A woman entered a business Oct. 10 on the 8700 block of Dempster Street and attempted to buy food with a counterfeit \$100 bill on Oct. 10, police said.

■ Nine counterfeit \$20 bills were used at a business Oct. 9 on the 8700 block of Dempster Street, police said.

■ Medication was reported stolen Oct. 11 from an envelope that was delivered to a home on the 7000 block of Kedzie Street.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ Someone smashed the rear window of a parked car with a beer bottle Oct. 9 in a lot on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue, police said.

■ Eggs were thrown at a car parked on the 8600 block of Milwaukee Avenue between Oct. 11 and 12, police said.

■ Between Oct. 8 and 12, two soccer nets were cut up on the grounds of Gemini Junior High School, 8955 Greenwood Ave., police said. Damage was estimated at \$400, police said.

Cops: Man charged after making false police report

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A Des Plaines man who reported that he was robbed by two armed men in Morton Grove was charged after he told officers he made up the story to avoid paying a debt to his cousin, police said.

Kasif Motiwala, 26, of the 9100 block of Delphia Street in Des Plaines, walked into the Morton Grove Police Department on Oct. 21 and reported that two unknown men with guns robbed him of \$4,500 while he sat at a stop sign in his vehicle at Beckwith Road and Austin Avenue in the village, said Morton Grove Police Cmdr. Paul Yaras.

After receiving the report, Morton Grove police alerted area police depart-

ments with descriptions of the two men that Motiwala provided and set up a search area around Beckwith Road and Austin Avenue, Yaras said.

But later in the day, Motiwala was charged with felony disorderly conduct after investigators determined he fabricated the story, Yaras said.

Motiwala allegedly told authorities he owed that amount of money to his cousin and wanted an excuse to avoid paying him back, Yaras said.

Motiwala was released from police custody after posting a \$50,000 bond on Oct. 22, according to the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

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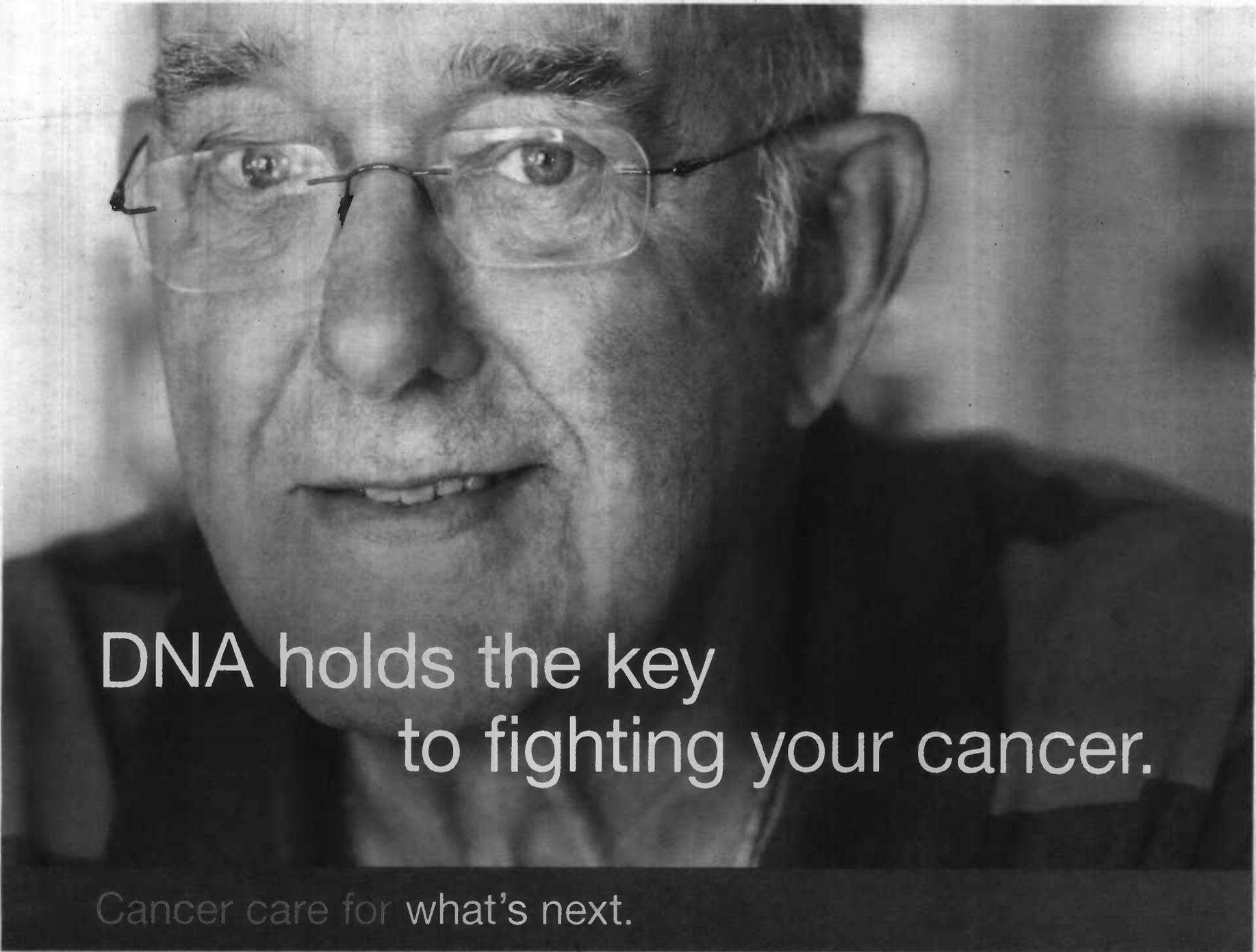
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Taking decorating to a spooky extreme

Skokie woman creates Halloween wonderland

By MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

If you're trying to get to Kathy Scherrer-Cieplinski's home in the 7900 block of Kildare Avenue this time of year, extensive directions are unnecessary once you get to the area.

Look for the skeleton and goblin in front, the witch plunged face-down in the flower pot, the handful of gravestones or the Frankenstein head elevated from the bushes.

Every year, Scherrer-Cieplinski — with the help of her husband, Chris — makes Halloween decorating a serious endeavor. She said it's a creative and time-consuming passion that she never let go of from childhood.

At age 62, she doesn't have young kids anymore, but she said that doesn't deter her from creating a Halloween wonderland.

"We're older kids," she said. "We're kids on the inside. We enjoy the holidays so much. It gives us something to look forward to."

It isn't just the outside of the building that gets the full October makeover. Inside Scherrer-Cieplinski's apartment, almost all rooms are decorated to the hilt — both with larger items like Lurch from "The Addams Family" to miniature pumpkins displayed on a fireplace mantle.

"We can't wait to start this whole thing every year. We start planning this a month before," she said. "We also name all of our characters out front. There's Freddy the Freeloader, Bobby the Ghost, Clara the Witch."

The set-up changes a bit every Halloween, Scherrer-Cieplinski said, but decorations have been collected for a long time and new ones are always sought. At times, the collection has grown so big that some items had to be given away, she said.

Scherrer-Cieplinski said she never gets grief from the neighbors about the grand display — only support.

"I love coming home and seeing this," said upstairs neighbor Doug



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Kathy Scherrer-Cieplinski's Halloween home in the 7900 block of Kildare Avenue has been decorated with small and large details both inside her apartment and outside her building.



Thomas. "It puts me in a good mood. Sometimes, I'm in a really 'caca' mood, and I come home and think, 'This is awesome.'"

Those on the block have even become inspired to do a little more around Halloween themselves, according to Scherrer-Cieplinski. But other homes in the area still don't come close to matching the holiday scene she creates.

Scherrer-Cieplinski said she

will be dressing as an eyeball on Halloween — a costume she helped create and one she has worn before. She and her husband are always in costume when they give away their candy, she said, and she also makes visits to various venues dressed up on Halloween.

"Our Halloweens are always safe and happy, and they're never too scary," she said, although she said sometimes young children are

a bit spooked to go into her apartment.

The display will stay up for only about a week after the holiday, she said, but there is good reason for that.

Starting as early as mid-November, Scherrer-Cieplinski said, she and her husband will begin working on the second part of their home decorating season — setting up an elaborate inside and outside

Christmas display.

"People really like that we do this," she said. "They walk their dogs or are just walking by and then they stop and are entertained. It's a happy story. We can't wait to do it every year, and I don't think we'll ever be too old to stop wanting to do it."

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Judge argues against transgender locker room ban

By DUA ELDEIB
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Writing that high school students do not have a constitutional protection against sharing locker rooms or bathrooms with transgender peers, a federal judge has sided against a group of parents who sued a Palatine school district seeking to deny locker room access to a transgender student.

Township High School District 211 came under fire for allowing transgender students to use the facilities of their gender identity. A group of parents and students sued the district and federal government, arguing that the district's decision trampled the students' constitutional right to privacy and created a hostile environment. The group went a step further in Au-

gust by asking the court to temporarily cut off the student's access to the locker room, as well as restroom access to other transgender students, until the lawsuit is resolved.

In a lengthy report and recommendation, U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Gilbert wrote that high school students "do not have a constitutional right not to share restrooms or locker rooms with transgender students whose sex assigned at birth is different than theirs." He also wrote that sharing those spaces with transgender students "does not create a severe, pervasive, or objectively offensive hostile environment ... given the privacy protections District 211 has put in place."

U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso will review the recommendation and make the final decision.

Gilbert praised the district for having "balanced the interests of all its students" when it granted access to transgender students. While the district had long allowed transgender students use of the bathrooms of their gender identity, it wasn't until one student filed a complaint with federal education officials that it granted that student, identified publicly as Student A, access to the girls locker room in January.

Sally Scott, an attorney representing District 211, reiterated the judge's remarks in a statement and added that the district "affirms and supports the identity of all its students." Scott, who had argued against the injunction blocking access to transgender students, said the recommendation means the district can continue to provide locker room access

for transgender students on a case-by-case basis.

District officials granted Student A access to the locker room after federal education officials found the district had violated Title IX, the federal law that bans discrimination on the basis of sex. Following months of rancorous community debate and facing the threat of losing millions of federal education dollars, the district agreed to allow the student to use the locker room. The district installed privacy stalls for any student wishing to change in private.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, which represents Student A, also heralded the Oct. 18 recommendation as a victory.

"The judge plainly recognized that the organizations who filed this case are

unable to demonstrate any harm to their clients from sharing restrooms and locker rooms with students they perceive as different, while Student A and other transgender students would have been isolated and stigmatized if they were forced out of the appropriate restrooms and locker rooms after using the facilities without incident for several years," the ACLU's John Knight said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the attorneys for the group suing the district and the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice urged the court to reject the judge's recommendations.

"School policies should protect the privacy and safety of all students, no matter who they are," Alliance Defending Freedom attorney Gary McCaleb said in a statement. "Young students

should not be forced into an intimate setting like a locker room with someone of the opposite sex."

The group of parents and students that filed the lawsuit argued that gender should be unambiguously defined as a person's sex at birth. In his report, Gilbert noted that recent court rulings are trending toward a more expansive understanding of sex to include gender identity.

Student A, who was born male, has identified as female for several years. She also has changed her name legally, obtained a passport that identifies her as female and received hormone therapy.

Attorneys have 14 days to file any objections to the judge's recommendation.

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Brookfield arcade is a game-lovers paradise

Other arcades disappointing, owner says

By **CHUCK FIELDMAN**
Pioneer Press

Doc Mack was looking to bring back a dying breed in 2010 when he opened Galloping Ghost Arcade inside of an Ogden Avenue storefront in Brookfield.

The 40-year-old lifelong Brookfield resident launched a production company in 1994 that mostly did behind-the-scenes work in the making of video games.

"I was looking at arcades that we might put games in, and they weren't keeping up; they weren't maintained," Mack said. "None of the arcades I looked at were like they used to be. I worked up a business model and put it on the back burner for awhile."

Opening the type of arcade he believed was pretty much missing took a spot on the front burner in 2010.

"I found a bunch of games for sale," Mack said. "Nobody I knew in the industry thought this would work, but I thought it would because I wanted to make it more of an experience."

That experience is different than what often is seen at other arcades, Mack said.

"I knew I didn't want to focus on the kids' market with redemption games, where you get tickets when you play and exchange those for prizes, and I knew I didn't want to focus on an adult market, which also has alcohol," he said.

While everyone is welcome at Galloping Ghost Arcade, Mack said, his target clientele is people who are serious about gaming.

"It's the hard-core players," he said. "That's a big part of what creates the experience here. Camaraderie and friendships are formed here, and we use the hype of the hard-core play-



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Owner Doc Mack offers 543 games for customers to play at Galloping Ghost Arcade.



Mark Toczek of Bridgeview enjoys a game at the arcade.



Damian Toczek, 5, of Bridgeview, plays a game.

ers to attract casual players."

Rather than have customers pay to play each game, a \$15 entrance fee is charged, which allows play for the entire day.

"Arcades were designed

to get money from you quickly," he said. "That's not our philosophy here: We want people to come in and spend the day with us."

Mack said he opened Galloping Ghost Arcade with 130 different games

and has continued to expand. He now has 543 games, and unveils a new one each Monday.

"We have only one of each game, without duplication," he said. "We opened with about 7,500

square feet and will be up to between 18,000 and 20,000 before the end of the year."

The games and age range of customers at Galloping Ghost Arcade run the gamut, Mack said. Customers range from young children

Galloping Ghost Arcade

Address: 9415 Ogden Ave., Brookfield
Phone number: 708-485-4700

Business hours: 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday to Friday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday

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to seniors. The oldest game is from 1977, "Death Race," Mack said.

"The most popular game is whatever we set up on Monday," Mack said with a smile.

Along with the huge selection of games to play, Galloping Ghost Arcade also hosts competitions and other special events.

"We have a lot of people who come back again and again," Mack said. "We also have had people come in from all over the world, and we have game designers hang out here. The hard-core players really enjoy the environment, being around others who have the same passion and interest, but it's also a fun place for families to spend time together."

Mark Toczek of Bridgeview brought his three young children to the arcade for some fun.

"We've been here before," Toczek said. "I like that it's one fee, and the kids can play all the games."

Brian Redering, 22, of Lisle, said he tries to go to Galloping Ghost Arcade as often as possible.

"I love playing the games; I've been into this for a long time," he said. "It's a great place to hang out and meet other people. I come sometimes with friends, but I've also met new people here."

GBS students run debate between Dold, Schneider

Topics discussed included immigration, combating terrorism, the minimum wage

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA
Pioneer Press

Hundreds of students, parents and community members gathered Oct. 20 in the Glenbrook South High School Watson Auditorium for a student-run debate between the 10th Congressional District candidates.

Republican U.S. Rep. Bob Dold and Democratic former Congressman Brad Schneider discussed topics including immigration, combating terrorism and the minimum wage. Some questions were written by students from three Advanced Placement U.S. government and politics classes, and the debate ended with questions submitted by audience members, said Tara Tate, an AP teacher and

debate moderator.

"We are delighted that there was a debate," Dold said. "I especially like that it was run by students."

"I thought (the debate) was fantastic. I think that (the students) came to do this ... shows how important they think the election is," Schneider said.

AP students ran the event, standing at the entrances of the auditorium handing out pamphlets and showing people to available seats. Two students sat in the front row holding laminated pieces of paper that warned the candidates how much time they had left to answer a question.

Students working as runners walked the auditorium passing out pieces of paper to gather audience questions. Those same students then took the questions and handed them to a group of students behind the stage.

Those students read through the questions and choose the best ones. The selected questions were

given back to the runners, who passed them on to the moderator.

Daniel Polyakov, an AP student and question runner, said the candidates answered all the questions and even attacked their opponent's position a few times, making for a lively debate.

AP student Camille Uzee posted fliers around the community to let residents know about the debate. She said she enjoyed Dold's charisma, but agreed with Schneider's ideals.

"(The debate) was a well-rounded event. They really talked about the issues," she said. "Now, I have a better understanding of how politics works."

AP teacher David Kane said he hopes his students learned a lot as they prepared for and ran the debate.

"My biggest thing is, I hope after being involved in something like this, they will be civically involved," he said.



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Brendan Schuler and Yoana Sidzhimova review questions for the Dold-Schneider debate at Glenbrook South High School on Oct. 20.

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Police: Evanston woman missing since November

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Stymied in their search for a 33-year-old woman who has been missing for almost a year, Evanston police are asking for the public's help as they continue an investigation that has reached as far as South Africa, authorities said Oct. 20.

According to a police statement, the husband of Nyameka Amanda Bell said Bell left their residence in November 2015 and that he has not seen or heard from her since. Although Bell was last seen by her husband almost a year ago, he did not report her missing until last month, authorities said. Police said that in this particular case, the 11 months between Bell's disappearance and her husband filing a police report was not necessarily unusual. They also said Bell's husband is cooperating with authorities.

"He said it was not uncommon for her to go away for extended periods of time," Cmdr. Joseph Dugan said. "He started reaching out to her family in South Africa. After speaking to them and they said they had not heard from her ... he decided to report her missing."

After checking with Bell's last known employer, detectives learned she never



EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nyameka Amanda Bell has been missing since November, 2015, according to Evanston police.

picked up her last paycheck, according to the statement. Detectives also have checked credit card, banking and cellphone records, as well as vehicle and travel information, and have been unsuccessful finding leads.

Bell is described as a black woman who is 5 feet tall and 150 pounds.

"It's a missing person investigation," Dugan said. "Any time somebody leaves for an extended period of time and through all our investigative means, checking different databases, checking records as much as we can, and we can't find anything, it is of course suspicious to us."

Bell is also known by the names Nyameka Malindi and Amanda Malindi, according to the statement. Bell's vehicle, a 2003 gray Volkswagen Jetta, with expired Illinois registration

V609349, is also unaccounted for, authorities said.

"Generally you find they got a traffic ticket or their license plate has been run somewhere or they got a parking ticket," Dugan said. "We're still waiting for some records to come back because we have to subpoena them. So far at this point, we don't have anything."

He said Evanston police are working with Cook County and neighboring police agencies in their investigation and said that at this point there is not a "person of interest" or suspect in Bell's disappearance.

"We always ask people 'What do you think happened?'" Dugan said. "But right now our main concern is just to locate her and we're asking anybody that has any information on her to contact the Police Department."

"We're just hoping something will turn up and it will be a happy ending," he added.

Anyone with information about Bell's whereabouts is asked to contact the Evanston Police Department at 847-866-5000 and ask for the detective bureau, or use Text-A-Tip at CRIMES (274637) and enter EPDTIP in the message line with the tip information.

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Man found dead in burning car ID'd

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

A man found dead in the driver's seat of a burning car in Skokie on Oct. 8 has been identified, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

The medical examiner said that a cause and manner of death for Thomas Damnitz, 50, of the 9100

block of Lawler Avenue, Skokie, are still being investigated.

Damnitz lived on the same block where the vehicle was discovered, according to the address provided.

Skokie police said someone made an emergency call around 5 p.m. Oct. 8 to report a car engulfed in flames in the 9100 block of

Lawler Avenue,

The Skokie Fire Department responded and put the fire out, police said. Damnitz was found behind the wheel and was pronounced dead on the scene at 5:39 p.m. Oct. 8, according to the Medical Examiner's Office.

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Men — 'You can be brave' and talk about it

Winnetka doctor who treated Ben Stiller urges PSA screening

By DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

In 2014, actor Ben Stiller was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Stiller's case required surgery, and with referrals, he was soon a patient of Edward Schaeffer, who moved to Winnetka less than a year ago.

"Ultimately, I found a wonderful surgeon named Edward Schaeffer who I felt comfortable with," Stiller wrote in an Oct. 4 post on the "Cancer Moonshot" blog run by the office of Vice President Joe Biden.

"He (Schaeffer) performed a robotic assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy," Stiller wrote. "Due to a lot of skill and a little beneficence from some higher power, he got all the cancer. As of this writing I am two years cancer

free and extremely grateful."

Schaeffer is chair of the urology department at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and, because of the attention drawn by Stiller's surgery, the 43-year-old has found a larger platform to advocate for PSA, or prostate-specific antigen, testing.

Born in Palo Alto, Calif., Schaeffer and his family moved to Western Springs when he was four. He eventually became interested in medicine — specifically urology — for family reasons: his father, Anthony, was a prominent surgeon in that field, and his grandfather died of prostate cancer.

Schaeffer graduated from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and became a surgeon and faculty member at Johns Hopkins University, where he performed Stiller's surgery.

He returned to the Chicago area late last year to chair the urology department at Northwestern, he said, succeeding his father, who

served in that role for more than two decades.

Stiller's celebrity has given Schaeffer more opportunity to talk about the disease and prevention efforts, including an appearance with the actor on Howard Stern's radio show.

"I think it is a big step forward for men, because it shows you can be brave and you can talk about it," Schaeffer said. "He wanted to bring attention to the disease and bring attention to the fact that men should talk to their doctor about being tested."

Unlike some in the medical field, Schaeffer is a staunch advocate of PSA testing to screen for prostate cancer. This year, nearly 181,000 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with the disease, and 26,000 will die from it, according to the American Cancer Society.

Schaeffer disagrees with the current recommendation from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, an independent panel of medical experts, against having a

PSA test.

The task force website says the PSA test often produces false-positive results, and the screening may lead to unnecessary treatment.

"The amount of overdiagnosis of prostate cancer is of important concern because a man with cancer that would remain asymptomatic for the remainder of his life cannot benefit from screening or treatment ... many men are being subjected to the harms of treatment of prostate cancer that will never become symptomatic" the website said.

But Schaeffer said prostate cancer rates have fallen tremendously since the early 1990s, as the rate of screening has increased.

"There is a lot of very clear data to suggest that PSA testing, when used correctly and when, considering the patient's personal history and other factors, is an effective way to identify cancers early when they are still curable," Schaeffer said.



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Edward Schaeffer is chair of the urology department at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

He agrees with American Cancer Society recommendations that conversations about PSA testing should begin at age 50 for men at average risk of developing prostate cancer, but earlier for men at high risk, including African-Americans and men with a family history of prostate cancer.

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Video gambling gets a hot hand in Illinois

4-year winning streak finds number of wagering machines in Illinois businesses at nearly 24,000, according to state report

BY BECKY YERAK
Chicago Tribune

The lounge at Bertrand Lanes bowling alley was the first Waukegan business to get a license to install video slot machines.

Ask owner George Lawrence why he decided to offer gambling and he rubs his thumb and index finger together — the gesture for money. “It keeps the doors open,” said the 78-year-old Lawrence.

Today, four years after Illinois began allowing licensed businesses to install up to five video gambling machines each, more than 50 Waukegan businesses, including bars and restaurants, have followed Bertrand Lounge’s lead and installed machines.

Some are shoehorned into nooks the size of coat-rooms. But video gambling’s legalization also has led to the opening of wagering cafes where the emphasis is on the slots, and the sale of food and beverages, like a \$1 coffee or a \$3 domestic beer, are incidental.

Add up all the video gambling machines scattered in small venues across the state — there are more than 24,000 machines, the equivalent of 20 casinos — and you’re talking real money. The amount of money left over after paying video gambling winners for the first time exceeded \$1 billion in fiscal 2016. That’s a 27 percent increase, making video gambling the hot hand in Illinois’ gaming industry.

But not all municipalities are scrambling to get in on the winnings, and other gambling formats are seeing anemic gains, at best. Overall, the Illinois gambling industry’s “hold” — money left after paying winners — was \$3.67 billion in 2016, up 5.6 percent from the previous year, said a report by the

state’s Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, a data provider to the General Assembly.

In Cook County, the games can be found in suburbs such as Berwyn, where Michael Anthony’s pizzeria had been rolling in a different sort of dough for about 26 years before it added video gambling terminals four years ago, after people started asking for them.

Revenues from the machines have helped the business upgrade its bathrooms and buy a stand-alone \$5,000 freezer, said president Nancy DiBiase.

“Some people were scared that it would bring in bad business, but it hasn’t,” she said. “In a month like February, when business is slow, it helps,” including to meet payroll, she said.

While Michael Anthony’s was around long before video gambling, legalization of the relatively new wagering format in Illinois has inspired some business start-ups.

Take Debbie Hanson. By day, she sells food-service equipment.

In her off hours, the Waukegan native owns Lucky Jack’s Gaming Cafe, one of the busiest video betting parlors in her hometown. It opened last year.

Earlier this year, Lucky Jack’s also opened parlors in Zion and in North Chicago, and it plans to open early next year in Park City.

Hanson’s son, brother, niece and sister work for Lucky Jack’s in various capacities, from construction to bookkeeping to management. The business is named after Hanson’s late father, who enjoyed gambling, and each location has a theme. The one in Waukegan, which opened last year, aims to conjure up a mini Las Vegas casino. The other

two have jazz and billiards themes.

“When I found out they legalized gambling here, if I wanted to play a machine, just going into a bar, I didn’t like the atmosphere, and so I thought, let’s open something focused just on gamers,” Hanson said. “It’s a family business, so it has been a lot of fun too.”

Most patrons are regulars, she said. Employees who notice a car idling outside, with motorists craning their necks to look inside, will give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down sign to convey whether any of the five machines is open.

Inside, gamblers can play between a penny and \$2 per spin on the Lucky Jack’s slots. Some machines have keno and poker. Seating is available for gamblers waiting for a machine, and individually packaged moist towelettes are in a bowl on the counter for patrons to grab.

Some customers have requested a TV be installed in a lounge area, which serves beer, wine, nonalcoholic drinks, chips and pizza. But Hanson decided against it because the serious gamblers say they like the quiet.

Shirley Winters, 63, has been visiting Lucky Jack’s three times a week for about six months. She said the atmosphere is “nice,” the staff “accommodating” and the place “clean.” She previously trekked to Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, in Milwaukee, when she wanted to gamble.

“By the time you drive up, and think about the gas and the time, this is more convenient,” said the retiree, who brings about \$50 with her each time.

Down the street, Gojo’s Cafe & Pancake House, established in 1978, has five machines that were installed about two years ago. Customers



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kayla Walker, left, and her grandmother Shirley Winters at a video gambling machine at Lucky Jack’s Gaming Cafe in Waukegan.

seem to enjoy them, and the restaurant hasn’t had any problems stemming from them, said Nick Gountanis, one of Gojo’s owners.

One couple, he says, regularly come in for breakfast and then play the machines, go home, return for lunch, and play some more.

Video gaming revenues, after payouts, are taxed at a flat 30 percent rate. Five-sixths of those tax proceeds go to the state and one-sixth to the local government. Remaining revenues — the other 70 percent — go to the establishments, like Lucky Jack’s, and the video terminal operators.

In the year ended in September, almost \$12.7 million was played at Lucky Jack’s in Waukegan, and \$11.7 million was won by gamblers, according to Illinois Gaming Board statistics. That means the terminals netted just shy of \$1 million. Of that, more than \$246,000 went to the state and about \$49,000 to Waukegan. The rest is split between Lucky Jack’s and Gold Rush Gaming, its terminal operator.

Lucky Jack’s competition in Waukegan includes Dotty’s, a chain of gambling cafes whose locations re-

semble coffee shops. Along a stretch of Waukegan’s Grand Avenue, Dotty’s has two cafes in quick succession. Signs on the door say one must be at least 21 years old to enter. Statewide, Dotty’s has almost 60 gambling cafes and 350 workers.

About 60,000 people work at licensed video gaming establishments in Illinois, said Steve Patterson, a spokesman for Dotty’s, which is a member of the Illinois Retail Gaming & Operators Association.

In Waukegan, a resolution passed in 2014 earmarked virtually all of its cut of gambling revenues for the underfunded pension plans of its police officers and firefighters. Were it not for video gambling, the resolution said, taxpayers might have to cover the shortfall.

Not every municipality, however, is looking at the terminals as a cash cow. Chicago, Naperville and Arlington Heights don’t allow them.

In Forest Park, where video gambling also is prohibited, a recent effort to put a ban on the ballot for a vote next month fell short of the required signatures. Parties opposed to video gambling say they hope to get the

binding referendum on the ballot next year. The wording would have been: “Shall video gaming be prohibited in the Village of Forest Park, Illinois?”

The cities with the most video gambling terminals are Springfield, Rockford and Decatur. The counties with the most machines are Cook, Lake and Winnebago counties.

Other forms of gambling aren’t faring so well, as gamblers reallocate where they’re doing their spending. The commission’s report showed the lottery’s hold rose an estimated 0.6 percent in fiscal 2016 to more than \$1.1 billion. Casinos’ hold fell 2.1 percent to \$143 billion.

The amount of money left over after paying winners at Illinois horse racing, once the dominant form of gambling in Illinois, is estimated to be down 3.6 percent for fiscal 2016, to \$129 million, the commission said. The ponies face an even bleaker outlook next year, reflecting the closing of two Illinois racetracks.

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U.S. has a complicated history of election rigging

The latest craziness to come out of this crazy campaign for president in 2016 is the idea from the Trump camp that the election is rigged.



RANDY BLASER

Most normal folks scoff at the idea of a rigged election. This is America, not some banana republic.

But one also has to scoff at the hysteria coming from the Democratic camp, that Trump – the personification of Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini – is out to destroy democracy with his claims that the election is rigged.

America's history is rich with vote fraud and cheating. Trump would not be the first candidate to claim that an election was rigged. Elections have been rigged before.

Hold on for just a minute, you're probably thinking. Am I falling for this Trump nuttiness?

Not at all. But a quick revisiting of modern American history tells

an interesting story. As an illustration, let's take a look at one man out of American history – Richard M. Nixon.

Nixon first ran for president in 1960, which turned out to be one of the closest elections in this nation's history. Nixon always believed that election was stolen – another word for rigged – by ballot stuffing in Cook County and in Texas.

But for the good of the country, Nixon decided to accept the verdict and move on.

And that's the difference. The threat to our democracy is not the thought, the idea or the charge that an election was stolen or rigged or unfair. It has happened. The threat to our democracy is the refusal to accept the verdict of the election.

Nixon was advised in 1960 to contest the election. He decided not to for the good of the country,

but that loss haunted him and fed his paranoia, which led to the scandal known as Watergate.

The tragedy of Watergate was never the second-rate burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters by Nixon campaign operatives. It was always the cover-up. And the cover-up was necessary because Watergate put at risk the entire Nixon operation to rig the 1972 election.

Nixon wanted to run against the weakest Democrat in 1972 – George McGovern. And with the help of tons of campaign cash, the Plumbers unit and dirty tricks, Nixon ended up running against McGovern.

I'm not suggesting that we have something on the scale of Watergate going on today. But the idea of rigged elections is a sad fact we need to face in this country.

Ask any Democrat: What's the first word that comes to mind to describe the 2000 election? I bet the answer is "stolen" or "rigged" or some other similar term. Al Gore was so convinced he was

being cheated in Florida that he contested that election, throwing the decision to the courts.

No one is satisfied with the job Congress had done this last term. President Barack Obama constantly rails against the Congress, complaining it blocks his agenda and the will of the American people at every step.

Yet over the last 50 years, the retention rate of Congress people seeking re-election is around 90 percent. How can that be if so many Americans are dissatisfied?

Could Congressional elections be rigged?

That's what many Democrats claimed in 2014, complaining that more votes were cast for Democratic candidates nationwide than Republicans, yet because of re-districting the GOP retained majorities in the House and in the Senate that they didn't deserve.

Gerrymandering districts is a way to rig the election long before anyone votes. Party leaders understand that if you can pack more voters of one party into a

district than the other party, then you can run any clown and still win.

So that's what they do. They come up with districts that vote solidly Democrat or solidly Republican so that party wins every time.

The people are getting tired of the blatant manipulation. Their frustration on this front, as well as others, explains the popularity of Trump and also Bernie Sanders, outliers who promise to change the status quo.

Sanders has good reason to doubt he was treated fairly by his party during the nominating process. But he has accepted his loss.

But not Trump. He doesn't have the manners or the good sense to keep quiet and say he will accept the verdict of the election, even for the good of the country.

And in the end, that's what will sink him.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Think about what message your Halloween costume sends

I am a Halloween costume.

I didn't know I was a Halloween costume until recently.

That information came to me via the mid-day news. You probably see one or the other of those daytime news shows – a cooking segment, a celebrity news segment, a fashion segment, a product-selling segment masquerading as information, car crash and explosion videos from around the world, 37 weather segments and, every once in a while, some news.

On this day, there was a Halloween-costumes-for-kids segment. The children came out costumed in the usual kinds of costumes kids wear.

I was only half paying attention when I heard the adult who had brought the kids say something like, "and here are Taylor and Tyler dressed as old people."

That got my attention. I looked up. And sure enough, there were



PAUL SASSONE

several adorable little tykes. They wore gray wigs. The boys wore suspended pants up around their chests. All the kids moved slowly and used

either a cane or a walker.

The newscaster anchoring this segment giggled, clapped her hands and gushed out words like "adorable," "precious," etc.

I didn't see adorable.

I saw mockery garnished with a bit of cruelty.

Halloween costumes usually are of supernatural creatures (such as ghosts, zombies and vampires), fantasy figures (like fairies or princesses), celebrities, occupations or heroes (including soldiers, police officers and firefighters).

Old people don't fit into any of these categories. Old people are, well, people.

These kids weren't dressed as people. They were costumed as clichés. They were costumed as



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Niko Byrd, center, 8 and of Harwood Heights, is dressed up as a Halo character, and Jan Woznik, right, 7 and of Harwood Heights, is dressed up as Marlo. The two had their costumes judged during a parade contest at the Harwood Heights Halloween Party on Oct. 15.

people who are infirm or disabled.

Not all old people wear their pants around their chest (though I do). Nor do all old people get

around by using a cane or walker (though, again, I do).

These kids weren't costumed as old people. They were costumed as a not-old-person's ste-

reotype of how old people look and act.

Yes, some old people (and some not-old people) need a cane or a walker to get around. For these people, walking is slow and painful. There is nothing funny, precious or adorable about human beings in pain. People use walkers because they have to.

Ageism, it has been said, is the last seemingly acceptable prejudice. It was sad for me to see children are being indoctrinated (however unintentional) with this prejudice.

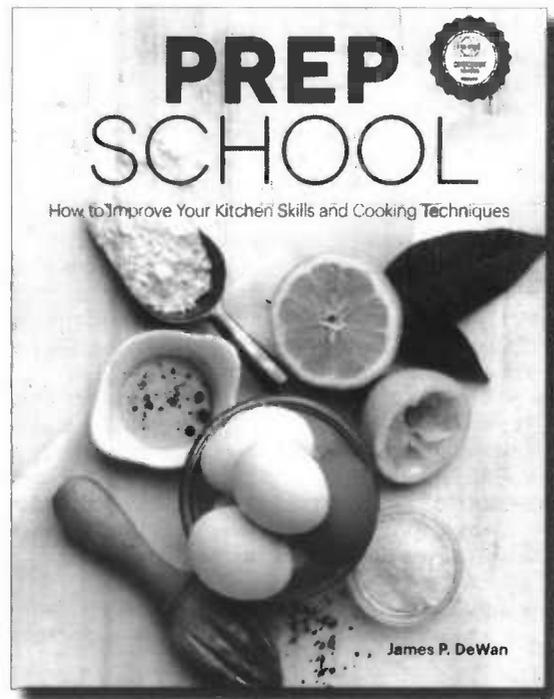
As of 2014, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 46.2 million people over the age of 65 in the United States, 14.5 percent of the population. By 2060 it is estimated there will be 98 million people over age 65 in this country, more than twice as many as in 2014.

Maybe by then old people will just be people, not costumes.

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OPINION

Absorbing the electricity of October baseball in Wrigleyville



DAN MORAN

"Tickets ... tickets ... who needs tickets?"

A literal question, asked in low tones by the random guys shuffling by you along Addison Street, trying to keep their possibly illegal activity on the down-low.

But for those of us with mortgages and car payments and college expenses to pay, the question can be turned on its head: Who needs tickets when all you really need is to enjoy the moment?

Not just any moment, but a truly rare one — October baseball in Wrigleyville. More accurately, it's deep-October baseball in Wrigleyville, with the 2016 National League Championship Series extending our summertime diversion not only beyond the changing of the leaves but also beyond when they start to pile up on Chicago sidewalks.

It was Oct. 15, and the decision was made to tackle the long drive from the wilds of Lake County to the wilds of the big city. Actually, this decision had been made four days earlier, when the Cubs had staged the first ninth-inning postseason comeback victory of nearly all current lifetimes, unless you know someone who was alive on Oct. 10, 1908.

Still flush with the thrill of that National League Division Series-clinching victory over the Giants — revenge for 1989 — we drove down on a remarkably clear Tri-State and Edens four hours ahead of the first pitch of the NLCS. It was almost reassuring when traffic tightened up before the junction. It was starting to feel too much like a zombie apocalypse.

Working my way through

side streets and along Elston Avenue and down Irving Park Road, the atmosphere began. Fans wearing the right shade of blue could be seen bailing out of cars for a long walk that would avoid parking fees in the \$70 range. Our plan was to find something north of Irving, where the resident-only penalties and threats of towing start to relax.

Fate smiled upon us. A wide-open space was found on southbound Clark Street just north of Irving, maybe a half-mile from the park. It would be a refreshing walk on a warm, breezy autumn afternoon.

We strolled past the high brick walls of Graceland Cemetery, the final resting place for Marshall Field, Daniel Burnham, George Pullman, Roger Ebert and, most appropriately of all, Ernie Banks.

We resisted the urge to feed our sweet teeth at Nuts on Clark. Tales were told of seeing Poi Dog Pondering at the Metro. From two blocks away, we started to smell the grills and see crowds lined up to get into the beer gardens at Bernie's and Casey Moran's (no known relation).

Finally, there it was: Wrigley Field, dressed up for postseason baseball, emerging from the screen of buildings and trees. Actually, the now-refurbished old lady is even more obscured than usual by ongoing construction of 21st-century buildings that, we're told, will improve upon the charm rather than overwhelm it. We turned down a half-crowded Waveland Avenue, already dotted with ballhawks as batting practice apparently was underway with the wind howling out. At the corner of Waveland and Sheffield, an immense exterior-studio set for Fox Sports had been assembled in a parking lot, lending more evidence of the rare air. We did not see Fox analysts Pete Rose or



DAN MORAN/NEWS-SUN

Ernie Banks and Wrigley Field, all decked out for Game 1 of the 2016 National League Championship Series.

Alex Rodriguez, and we did not want to.

We did see the transplanted Harry Caray statue, looking like a crazed leprechaun, in its place of honor behind center field. Those of us who grew up on Jack Brickhouse and remember Harry on WSNS moved along.

Heading south on Sheffield to Addison, we saw middle-aged men and women waiting to take a selfie in front of the statues of Ron Santo and Billy Williams, which were adorned with modern jerseys. West on Addison, the smartphones were all over the place to get snaps of the immortal red marquee. We performed that ritual, then walked over to rub Ernie Banks' shoe for good luck.

With game time nearing and a watch-party scheduled, we headed back north on Clark. A final stop was made at Wrigleyville Dogs, because this Chicago experience demanded the food of local lore, regardless of whether it's really something to brag about.

During the walk to the car, the leaves crunched under our feet, though they were a little damp and didn't have the true crunch that triggers the psychology of fall. Maybe the deeper we go into October, the autumn atmosphere will really take root, so we'll just have to keep doing this until we get it right.

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After further review, the NFL is worried about TV ratings



ERIC SCOTT

In case you haven't noticed, TV is making a big comeback.

No, not TV through your phone, watch, iPad or by simply opening your iLids (I made that last one up). But rather old school TV watching in the living room with snacks is making a comeback.

Election debates now are must see TV. "Saturday Night Live" versions of the debates and candidates are must see TV. And who can't get through a conversation without someone bringing up celebrities dancing or judging singing contests on TV?

With all the attention back on the small screen, I was surprised to read news of TV ratings for NFL

games being down about 11 percent through the first four weeks of the season compared to the first four weeks of last year.

Has our nation's most dominant televised sport finally peaked? Probably not, but you can bet there are still aftershocks from the financial earthquake that's rattling NFL headquarters.

So, what's causing fans to tune out? Well, let's put this in perspective. Fewer fans tuning into pro football is sort of like saying fewer teens are sending text messages. Maybe the NFL should focus on the "too much" aspect, instead of the "not enough and trending lower" fan components. It seems like no matter what the TV ratings say, the prodigious NFL-hype machine in full display on all its broadcasts keeps getting bigger, louder and braggadocios.

C'mon NFL Network, it's just the Dolphins and Bengals — not the '85

Bears vs. The Incredible Hulk.

Outside of overflowing media hype and saturation, some other factors for low ratings may be the slow start by teams in the large TV markets of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Are some Bears fans occupying themselves with other things, instead of watching every minute of their team's loss to the not-so-mighty Jacksonville Jaguars. So, cheer up NFL. Worries over lower ratings may be a bit premature. Not every weekend is going to bring Super-Bowl-level excitement. But billing each game as a titanic battle eventually will cause fans to recognize they may have more important things to do than worry about backup quarterback.

You know, there may be another presidential debate on or something more interesting.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mainstream media only covers news against Trump

Our mainstream media only covers news against Trump. It is as though the media belongs to the Democrats and is their protective shield. As independent, registered voters who watch the debates, and read the newspapers and listen to ABC, NBC, CNN and CBS, we are totally disgusted by the blatant prejudices of the reports. Fox News is the only station that gives a fair assessment of the political race taking place in our country.

Donald Trump did not steal our money. He did not raise our taxes. Donald

Trump did not stir a race war. He did not leave our soldiers in Benghazi to be slaughtered and desecrated by Muslims. Donald Trump did not arm ISIS and systematically exterminate Christians throughout the Middle East. He did not provide financing and technology to Iran's nuclear weapons program. Donald Trump did not remove our nuclear missile shield in Poland at the behest of the Russians. He did not shrivel our military and betray our veterans or reduce their promised benefits. Donald Trump did not cripple our economy and increase our

debt to 20 trillion dollars. He did not set free all of the terrorists in Guantanamo Bay. Donald Trump did not grant amnesty to millions of people living here illegally and then offer them our social security retirement funds. Donald Trump did not steal our rights, violate U.S. Constitutional law or commit treason hundreds of times. Donald Trump is not a politician who is being paid by the large corporations. Yet, he is being ripped apart in the news non-stop.

— Ben and Kathleen Park, Niles

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W O N D E R

'Let's do the time warp again'

Why 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' tradition continues on

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

They come dressed as their favorite character, ready to sing along, shout at the screen and fling sundry objects on cue. Fans of the 1975 cult film, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," are a dedicated bunch.

This time of year, there are a variety of ways in which fans can get immersed in the adventures of the newly engaged couple who find themselves in the home of mad transvestite scientist Dr. Frank-N-Furter.

Theatre Nebula will present "The Rocky Horror Show — Live!," Oct. 28-29 at Cutting Hall in Palatine.

"Originally, it was performed in London," director Kevin Wiczter said. "It was from this script that it became really well known, and then the movie was made."

The film isn't screened by Theatre Nebula, but audience members can shout at the actors and purchase a Props Pouch of things to toss in the "Rocky Horror" tradition.

"People like the fact that it's interactive, that it's something that's unique," Wiczter said of fan loyalty. "You can't go to just any theater production and start throwing things."

You get the film and a live show with Midnight Madness at Chicago's Music Box Theatre, Oct. 28-29, 31 and Dec. 3. Midnight Madness has been presenting its "Rocky Horror" show since the company was formed 30 years ago, but the venue has changed several times. Music Box Theatre has been the home for about 13 years. The theater has exclusive rights to the Chicago showing.

"Sometimes Fox will make exceptions," Jeff Nurkiewicz, Midnight Madness' president and director, said.

"We have a full set of performers that act out the movie in costume while the movie's going on," Nurkiewicz said. "We don't obstruct the movie, but sometimes we do gags with the characters on the screen."

The Midnight Madness website includes a list of the 13 items included in its



MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Midnight Madness combines a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" movie with a live show at the Music Box in Chicago.

prop kit and how to use them. That includes a balloon, glow stick/flashlight, "How to Time Warp" flier, rubber glove, noisemakers, confetti, toilet paper, party hat, paper plates, bell, sponges, cards and rope.

"People like to experience what so many other people have experienced over all these years," Nurkiewicz said of the show's popularity.

Although Nurkiewicz hasn't acted in the show for a couple of years, he vividly recalled that "performing in front of several hundred people at the Music Box shows is a purely electric and euphoric experience."

Williams Street Repertory's first production in 2011 was the stage version of

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show." They reprised the show in 2012. This year, for the first time, the company will screen the film on Oct. 28-29 at the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake.

"In the lobby beforehand, we are going to have members of the Pride Club from McHenry County College that mounted a really successful drag show last year," said ensemble member Amanda Flahive.

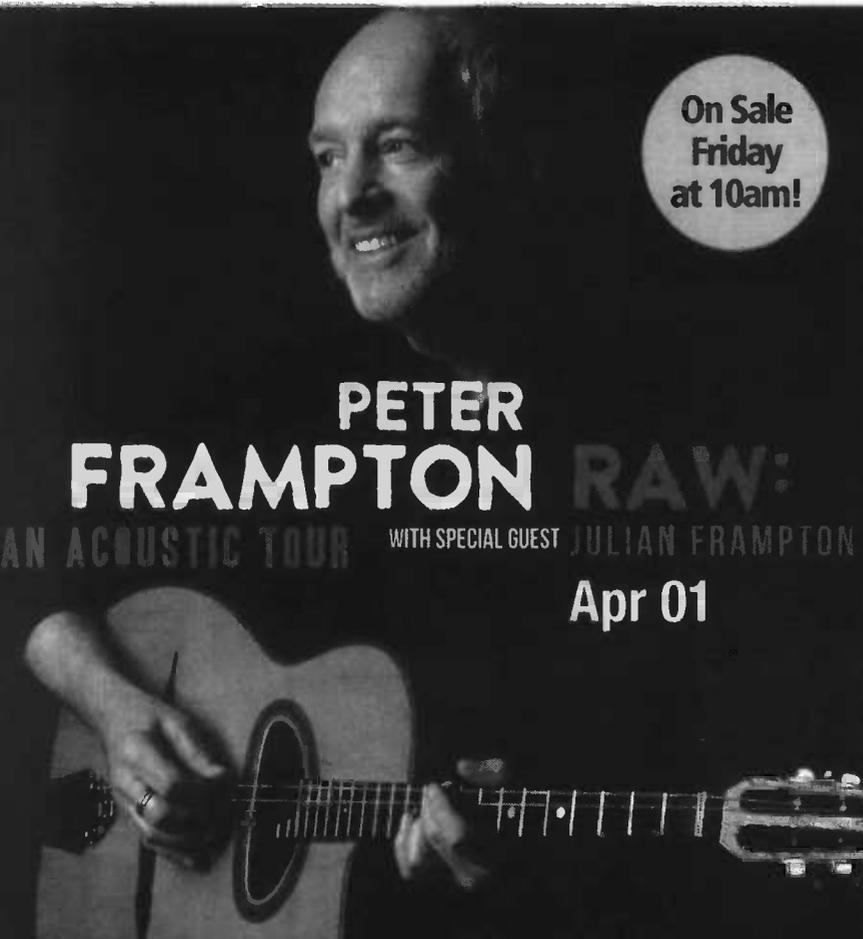
They will perform some numbers from the show. Inside the theater, there will be a costume contest.

"Then, to harken back to our production, myself and a couple of people from the original production will be leading the

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Local showings and events

- "The Rocky Horror Show—Live!," 847-202-5222; www.cuttinghall.org/rock-horror-show-live
- Midnight Madness screening and show, www.midnightmadness.org
- Williams Street Repertory's "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," 815-356-9212; www.rauecenter.ticketforce.com
- "It's Time Warp Time! A Rocky Horror Cabaret," 847-677-7761; www.skokiethattheatre.org
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TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Tim Curry is a sweet transvestite in the 1975 cult classic movie, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

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audience in a live performance of 'Time Warp' and 'Sweet Transvestite,'" Flahive said.

"It's really fun for people to do something that's so wild and crazy and outside of themselves," Flahive said of the enduring love people have for the show. "Obviously, the really iconic performances have a lot to do with it."

Flahive fondly remembers the two Williams Street Repertory's live performances of the show.

"It never got old having people screaming back at us," she said.

Cabaret artist, director and producer Daryl Nitz will focus on the songs in the show for, "It's Time Warp Time!: A Rocky Horror Cabaret" Oct. 30 at the Skokie Theatre. The cast will also perform Halloween-related songs such as "Monster Mash" and "Purple People Eater."

Nitz and music director Johnny Rodgers and a handful of performers presented this show at the theater last year to an enthusiastic response.

"Many people stayed on their feet the whole time and sang along, and danced when we danced," Nitz said. "What I also found to be interesting was that our audience ranged from



MICHELE V. KNIGHT

Amanda Flahive as Magenta and Kate Wilford as Columbia. William Street Repertory is hosting a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Raue Center Oct. 28 and 29.

people in their 20s to people in their 60s."

"It was a little ahead of its time," Nitz said of the film's debut. "Now, it's not very shocking, but it's still fun."

Acclaimed cabaret artist Honey West was in Nitz's show last year and is returning this year.

Although the show focuses on music, West said Nitz will give fun facts throughout the evening

about the making of the show and the time period.

"We go into the audience and encourage them to sing and dance and have fun," she said.

For those who can't wait a year to get their "Rocky Horror" fix, Hollywood Boulevard in Woodridge screens the movie every Saturday at midnight. Costumes are welcome and cast members lead the interaction.

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Mel's kitchen:
Play mad scientist
and whip up this
jiggly take on an
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Cheree Moore, with twin daughters Auri, 3, left, and Camille, and son Koye Jr., 4, at Longfellow Park in Oak Park.

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Left in a maternity leave lurch

Women who used disability insurance complain of partial pay, inflexible timing, post-baby paperwork Page 14

SUBURBAN COOKS

Making caramel apples takes some patience

By Judy Buchenot
Daily Southtown

When October rolls around, life just gets sweeter every day for candy maker Mike Tessone.

The Joliet resident has perfected the art of the caramel apple and fills orders for area pumpkin farms. "I go through about 2,000 apples a week," he said after taking a phone call for an "emergency order" for 200 caramel apples for a local pumpkin farm that had run out of the tasty treats.

He makes gourmet versions of caramel apples coated in chocolate and candy to sell at Candy and Corn (516 W. Mondamin St., Minooka; 815-255-2464; Facebook: Candy and Corn.com), the store he owns with his wife Christina Newcomb, but the big sellers at the farms are simple caramel apples, either plain or rolled in peanuts.

Tessone has found that making confections to sell at area festivals and farms often brings in more revenue than his retail store. "A standalone shop can't survive. Having the outside sales really keeps us open," he said.

Tessone, 43, has a family heritage in the food business. Both his father and his grandfather owned restaurants. He followed in his family footsteps and had opened a restaurant specializing in pizza in Crest Hill. Then one day he met Christina Newcomb, who had a candy store that hosted children's birthday parties. She was looking for a supplier for pizza for the parties and made a connection with Tessone.

One pizza led to another and before long, Tessone and Newcomb became partners in marriage as well as business. They opened a candy store in 2005 in Crest Hill and moved to the Minooka location about one year ago.

When Tessone first started making candy, he figured it was going to be easy. "I

Mike's Culinary Cue

When making candy, keep a close eye on your thermometer and do not let it touch the bottom of your pot. The bottom of the pot will not give the correct temperature reading and the candy may not set up properly.

remember that someone came in asking for chocolate-covered strawberries and I was thinking, how hard can that be? Melt some chocolate and dip in the strawberries. That was before I knew anything about tempering chocolate and everything else. I failed miserably," he said, laughing at the memory.

Tessone also thought he could master making caramel if he just followed the recipe. After nine frustrating attempts trying to make caramel, Tessone decided it was time to take some classes.

"You really need to see how it is done to understand how it works," Tessone said. When he makes caramel apples now, he usually starts four large pots at once. Each batch takes about seven hours of attention before it is time to dip in the apples. He can dip about 125 apples in each batch. Since there is no way to speed up the process, he said, "Sometimes I don't sleep for two or three days just trying to keep up."

When it comes to making caramel apples, Tessone warned that making good caramel is not easy. He has found that candy apples, which are apples dipped in a hard candy coating, are a little easier for beginners. "The most important thing if you are making any kind of candy is having a good thermometer," he said. He uses an instant-read, battery-powered, probe-style thermometer, which can be set to give out a warning alarm when the desired tempera-



JUDY BUCHENOT/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

It is caramel apple season for Mike Tessone, who makes about 2,000 caramel apples each week during the busy fall season at Candy and Corn in Minooka.

ture is reached. "Candy will not turn out if it doesn't reach the right temperature," he said.

Apples for dipping should be fresh, he said. "My personal choice are Granny Smith apples, because they are tart, which goes well with the sweet coating. But some people like red delicious."

When inserting the sticks for dipping, Tessone has found that it works best to put the stick through the blossom end for red delicious apples and through the stem end for Granny Smith apples. "The red apples are narrower at the bottom and will tip if you put the stick at the stem end," he said.

Another candy-making tip is to keep the sides of the pot scraped clean while cooking so that sugar crystals don't form. "The candy for candy

apples is extremely hot, so keep the children away while you are dipping. Protective gloves like the Ove Glove are great for protecting your hands from the heat," Tessone said.

Tessone said that another fairly simple candy that people may have success with at home is peanut brittle.

"You can really have fun with brittle by putting different things in it and adding flavors," he said. Most dried fruits and nuts can be added from coconut to pecans. "You can also dip the finished brittle in chocolate for even more flavor," he said.

Tessone shares a recipe for candy apples and a fall brittle for others to try at home.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

Candy apples

- 10 apples
- 10 sticks
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- food coloring
- 1/2 teaspoon candy flavor extract

1. Wash and dry apples. Remove stem. Insert a candy stick about half way through each apple. Set aside. Place sugar, corn syrup and water in a saucepan. Mix. Cook over medium high heat until mixture comes to a boil. Place lid on the pan for about one minute to allow the mixture to wash down the sides of the pan. Uncover and continue cooking to 300 degrees F. Remove from heat.

2. When bubbling stops, add food coloring to get desired color. To get a true red, add white food coloring first and then red. Add desired flavoring. Stir very slowly until combined.

3. Dip apples into the mixture and place on a sheet of parchment paper to cool. If candy becomes too thick, reheat for a minute until it thins. If desired, warm apples can be rolled in crushed candies or nuts. For best flavor, eat candy apples within two days. Pour leftover candy onto a parchment lined sheet and enjoy as hard candy.

Fall brittle

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups pumpkin seeds without shells
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- cooking spray

1. In a large saucepan, combine sugar, corn syrup, vanilla, water and salt. Cook over medium heat. When mixture comes to a boil, place lid on pan for about one minute to allow sugar to wash off the sides. Continue cooking until mixture comes to 280 degrees on a thermometer. Add pumpkin seeds and cranberries. Stir lightly. Continue cooking mixture to 300 degrees. Remove from heat. Add baking soda and stir.

2. The hot candy will foam up so be careful not to get burned. Generously coat a cookie sheet with sides with non-stick cooking spray. Pour mixture onto pan and spread evenly using a spatula to a thickness of about 1/4 inch. To hasten the cooling process, lift edges of the mixture, allowing air to flow under the mixture. Break into pieces.

3. Store in an airtight container up to two weeks. Other flavorings can be substituted. Other nuts and dried fruits may also be used.



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

Whip up a batch of spooky libations with these Old Fashioned-flavored gelatin treats.

SPOOKY SPIRITS

Play mad scientist and whip up this jiggly take on an Old Fashioned

Ushering little goblins from door to door in search of treats is commonplace on Halloween, but every evil genius knows the importance of whipping up a ghoulish grown-up treat too.

So slip on your lab coat, fire up the Bunsen burners and break out the beakers; it's time to channel your inner mad scientist and transform your kitchen into a libation laboratory.

Petri dishes are commonly used in laboratories for growing beastly bacteria, funky fungus and macabre mold, but takes a frenzied visionary to transmogrify a classic cocktail into a creepy gelatinous filling for a putrid petri dish.



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

While visually disturbing and fantastically freakish, this Halloween experiment is far from taboo and celebrates all the potent flavors of a proper Old Fashioned.

Anchored in old-school tradition, this mad scientist's version of an Old

Fashioned starts with a simple syrup made from sugar, water and bitters.

I opted to use cherry bitters for an additional sweet note and my unexpected addition of herbal rosemary adds a bit of complexity to an otherwise timeless flavor profile. These elements of rosemary and cherry pair perfectly with fiery Kentucky bourbon and notes of piquant orange.

Marrying the mixture with a smattering of

gelatin makes this dastardly dish come together.

Even the maddest of mad scientists must follow proper lab procedures; be aware gelatin needs to "bloom" before being heated. To ensure your final petri dish product has a smooth texture, allow the unflavored gelatin to sit on the surface of the cooled simple syrup and water before heating. The cool liquid will saturate each gelatin granule forcing it to expand and ultimately dissolve evenly. Skip this step and your experiment will fail in grand fashion.

One bite of this solidified experimental delight will have your grown-up trick-or-treaters feeling the buzz of electricity coursing through their veins and laughing maniacally with horrified glee.

Cheers to a happy Halloween!

Mad Scientist's Old Fashioned Petri Dishes

Makes about 1 dozen 2-ounce shots.

FOR THE CHERRY BITTERS-ROSEMARY SIMPLE SYRUP:

- 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup cherry bitters
- 1 rosemary sprig

FOR THE OLD FASHIONED GELATIN:

- 1 cup cold water
- 1 cup cold cherry bitters-rosemary syrup
- 1/4 cup Maraschino cherry juice
- 3 envelopes unflavored Knox gelatin
- 1 cup bourbon
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange

FOR ASSEMBLY:

- Orange peel
- Maraschino cherries
- Rosemary needles

1. To make the cherry bitters-rosemary simple syrup: Combine the sugar, water, cherry bitters and rosemary sprig in a small saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring frequently until the sugar has dissolved. Reduce heat and allow the syrup to simmer for 6-8 minutes. Remove from heat and strain the simple syrup into a small bowl and allow to cool to room temperature before refrigerating. Syrup can be covered and refrigerated for up to 5 days.

2. To make the Old Fashioned gelatin: Combine the water, simple syrup and cherry bitters in a small saucepan. Sprinkle all three packages of gelatin evenly over the liquid and allow it to sit for 5 minutes. After the gelatin is hydrated, bring the mixture to a simmer stirring gently until gelatin is dissolved. Remove the gelatin base from the heat and stir in the bourbon and orange zest.

3. To assemble the petri dishes: Place three halved maraschino cherries, a strip of orange zest and a few rosemary needles into the bottom of the petri dishes or small shallow bowls. Pour the Old Fashioned gelatin mixture over the garnishes to the depth of about 1/4 inch. Cover the petri dishes with their glass lids (or plastic wrap if using an alternate vessel) and refrigerate 3 hours until set. Can be made 1 day ahead.

MY PET WORLD

How dog food has evolved over the years

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: When I was a child it seems that we were able to feed our dogs any food my mother bought at the supermarket that week, and they all lived long lives. Now both my dogs — a poodle mix and a yellow lab — have food allergies. Other friends of mine that have dogs seem to have many of these same issues and I wondered why things have changed so much with dogs in the last 40 years? Has dog food changed so much since then?

— Pat Flynn, Las Vegas, NV

A: I do not think the dogs have changed that much, I just think we are more aware of their husbandry now than we were 40 years ago. Each dog is a unique individual with its own idiosyncratic responses to the foods it eats.

Some individuals tolerate almost any food while other dogs develop a variety of food intolerances. Nutrient-sensitive issues occur not when there is a defect in the diet but rather when there is a defect in the dog.

Dog foods themselves have improved drastically in the last 40 years. I clearly remember feeding my dogs back then a type of food that was basically cornstarch and red food dye that was ground up to look like hamburger meat though they sure seemed to like it. There was also a dry food that when water was added to it pro-

duced a “rich and meaty gravy” that must have been anything but real beef broth.

Dog food manufacturers today have a much better understanding of what dogs need to eat to stay healthy. Plus we pet keepers are much more sensitive and aware of our pet’s health than we were decades ago. A dog with a food allergy 40 years ago may have had that allergy all of its life. And the owner may have attributed the scratching and biting to fleas or hotspots rather than sensitivity with the nutrients in the dog food we were feeding it.

Back then there was really no alternative to those foods we fed the dogs anyway unless you made your own food. There were none of the premium pet foods to choose from as there are today. Plus people take their dogs to the vet a lot more these days than they did when I was a kid. So many other medical issues that dogs suffered from back then were never discovered or diagnosed.

So your question is really a bit of a gray area and these are just my thoughts on the subject.

Q: As a young boy I remember a neighbor who rescued two orphaned crows. He raised them up and released them, however they refused to leave and they stayed on his property. Since then, I’ve always wanted one as a pet. As an adult I researched crows or ravens as pets and found it was illegal to own one. They are

classified as a protected species. My question is why? They are not endangered, in fact, they are in abundance in New York. I know it’s legal to own an African crow as a pet, but what is the reasoning behind prohibiting owning a black crow or raven?

— Richard Davis, Atlanta, GA

A: Well the answer to your question really comes down to the proper management of our natural resources.

Historically when humans have unregulated access to any natural resource we have done a pretty horrible job controlling our use of it; thus many species of birds and other life forms are now extinct.

So biologists and scientists, hired by our government, have begun to keep track of their populations and decide if the numbers are correct for the habitat that they are living in. At this time there are no species of birds that are native to North America that we are allowed to keep as pets.

The only birds that you see in your backyard that you could keep are English sparrows, starlings, Quaker parrots and pigeons. Those species are not native to North America, but were introduced here and are now considered an invasive species.

When a native species is abundant and is something people like to hunt, such as quail or duck, then the government will allow the harvest of a certain amount of those birds each year. The money



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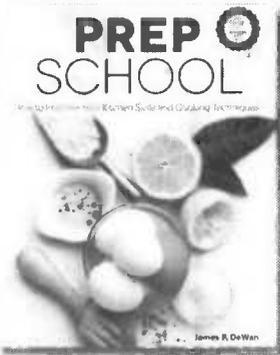
that people pay for the permits to hunt those birds allows the government to pay for the protection of those species that do need it.

The keeping of a native species as a pet is not allowed even through regulation. There are plenty of other birds that you can keep as a pet, so there is no need to make things more complicated.

As you pointed out you can keep an African Pied Crow as a pet since they are native to Africa; they are perfectly legal to buy and sell here in America, and they make just as nice a pet as a North

American Crow. While you may not see one for sale in your average pet store there are quite a few breeders in America who do breed babies each year and sell them as pets.

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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Can consumers really control their web data?

A reader recently asked me if I knew anything about Acxiom's AboutTheData.com, an online portal that purportedly allows consumers to view and edit data that has been gathered on them to create a precisely targeted marketing profile. I had to admit I was not familiar, so I decided to investigate and share my findings.

To obtain more details on this site, and better determine if it's actually beneficial to consumers, I reached out to both Sheila Colclasure, Acxiom VP global executive for privacy and public policy, and Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy, a digital privacy and consumer protection organization.

Via email, Colclasure said: "AboutTheData.com, launched in September 2013, is the first online consumer portal of its kind, designed to allow U.S. consumers to view and update core data elements that are part of the information Acxiom makes available to advertisers for digital marketing. This portal ... provides educational tools to help consumers gain a better understanding of how marketing data is used ... (A) consumer can make the decision to edit their

information and/or opt out completely."

When I inquired about the portal's limitations, Colclasure conceded that AboutTheData's information is neither complete nor entirely correct, explaining that the latest data isn't always available. She also pointed out that "(AboutTheData) allows consumers to edit data about themselves and curate it the way they'd like. They may change correct data to incorrect data, such as (changing their) age from 52 to 43, for example."

Colclasure said the portal's data is gathered from "different permissible sources" and includes demographic data, recent purchase categories, household interests, self-reported consumer surveys, warranty registrations and public records. Next to each entry, consumers can click an icon that lists the data sources.

When I asked Chester about Acxiom's AboutTheData portal, his take was, not surprisingly, a bit different.



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Said Chester: "AboutTheData launched with great fanfare, but now it's a little known secret. I think Acxiom launched it because they were under pressure from digital privacy advocates like me and (Massachusetts Sen.) Ed Markey and the FTC. Then they

stumbled on success when they acquired LiveRamp and found themselves at the center of the big data storm."

LiveRamp is an "onboarding" service acquired by Acxiom in May 2014 that enables the merging of offline and online consumer data, such as where a person lives and how they behave online (via cookies) to create a consumer profile.

Though Chester acknowledged that Acxiom's AboutTheData provides a useful service, he argued that rather than just being allowed to edit Acxiom's "core data elements," consumers should be able to opt out of collection of their data completely.

Chester suggested I check out Acxiom's list of featured partners for a better under-

standing of just how integrated all our data really is. Acxiom has partners that geolocate you via your mobile phone, ones that track your viewing habits, others that capture what you look at online.

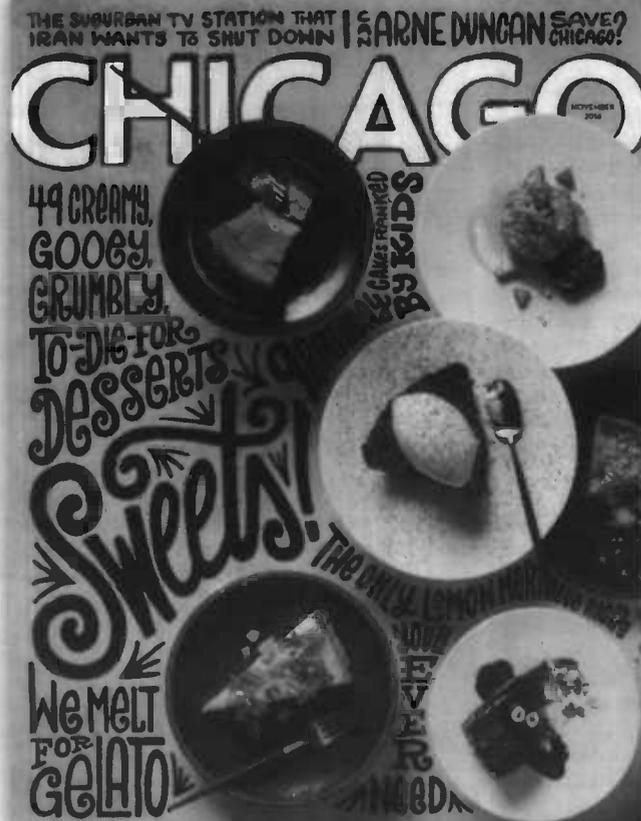
Because of the magnitude and speed of "big data," no single company — even one as powerfully interconnected as Acxiom — can truly provide a consumer access to all of his or her data; at best it can present a single slice from a single snapshot in time.

So where does that leave you, dear consumer? Basically caught between a rock and a hard place. You can log into AboutTheData.com (by providing your name, address, date of birth and last four digits of your SSN) and selectively edit your "core data elements," but in reality you can't opt out entirely because new data is being gathered, analyzed, shared and sold about you every single day.

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After the frights of the 2016 presidential campaign, readers will have earned some postelection treats.

Making book on the postelection

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

There are two books I am anticipating above all others, and yet I have only the vaguest idea as to when they're going to be released.

One of the books is the inevitable chronicle of the 2016 election to be written by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, done in the mode of their 2008 election volume, "Game Change."

Much of my monitoring of the election has been done through parted fingers as I worry about the outcome. But once the orange blob of hate is successfully sent back to his shiny tower, I will revel in the blow-by-blow accounting of what happened.

As a journalist, Halperin is somewhat suspect, his frequent television appearances featuring a combination of conventional wisdom and horse race commentary that add little insight, but that essential blankness makes him highly qualified as a receptacle of gossip, and you know there are dozens of people orbiting the Trump circus who will be more than willing to throw each other under the retreating campaign bus.

The carnage will make an amazing spectacle, and Donald Trump's vellum-thin skin means he won't be able to resist

striking back.

Pass the popcorn. As fun as that clown show may be, there is a political book I'm looking forward to even more, and that's President Barack Obama's presidential memoir.

We know the president is an excellent orator. For my money, his homily to the congregation of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, S.C., at the memorial service for the slain Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney ranks up there with the all-time great works of rhetoric.

And based on what we've seen in his first book, "Dreams From My Father," the president is also a very fine and thoughtful writer. The traits that he's occasionally criticized for — his deliberative nature — are ideally suited to the long, difficult work of producing a quality manuscript.

"Dreams From My Father," a book written when Obama was a young man of promise, not yet a politician, benefits from a candor missing from the later "The Audacity of Hope," which is far better than the average candidate book, but nonetheless suffers from being, you know, a sanitized version of reality, maximally palatable to a majority of people.

There are signs that the president is ready to stop being polite, and start get-

ting real.

In a recent Vanity Fair interview with historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, the president said, "There's a big part of me that has a writer's sensibility. And so that's how I think. That's how I pursue truth. That's how I hope to communicate truth to people."

In the same interview, Obama says he's been constrained from expressing those truths because of the "institutional obligations I have to carry out that are important for the president of the United States to carry out, but may not always align with what I think would move the ball down the field on the issues that I care most deeply about."

We should be impressed with that discipline. Prudence is an unsexy virtue, but lack of it is why, ultimately, the electorate is going to reject Trump.

Part of me wishes that as president, that writer self had more opportunity to come out. I suppose the problem is that writer selves often feel free to express doubts, to see complexity, and admit to gray areas.

In a political climate where any sign of doubt is rife for exploitation, and each day is a pitched battle between opposing sides, gray areas get lost.

I suppose politics in black and white is OK, just as long as it's not orange.

Book recommendations from The Biblioracle

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

1. "The Pale King" by David Foster Wallace
 2. "Heroes of the Frontier" by Dave Eggers
 3. "Slade House" by David Mitchell
 4. "If on a Winter's Night a Traveler" by Italo Calvino
 5. "Wolf in White Van" by John Darnielle
- Joshua S., Chicago

For Joshua, a sharp, taut novel that deals with some of the existential questions this list seems to reflect. "The Red Car" by Marcy Dermansky

1. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
 2. "A Confederacy of Dunces" by John Kennedy Toole
 3. "The Big Short" by Michael Lewis
 4. "Indignation" by Philip Roth
 5. "The Girls" by Emma Cline
- Linus P., Racine, Wis.

My Biblioracle sense says that "Mis-laid" by Nell Zink is the right book for Linus to read next.

1. "Get Shorty" by Elmore Leonard
 2. "The Wrong Side of Goodbye" by Michael Connelly
 3. "The Second Life of Nick Mason" by Steve Hamilton
 4. "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
 5. "American Tabloid" by James Ellroy
- Tim P., Buffalo Grove

A mystery fan. I'm hoping that Tim is not yet acquainted with Easy Rawlins, Walter Mosley's legendary protagonist. "Devil in a Blue Dress" is the first of the series.

What should you read?

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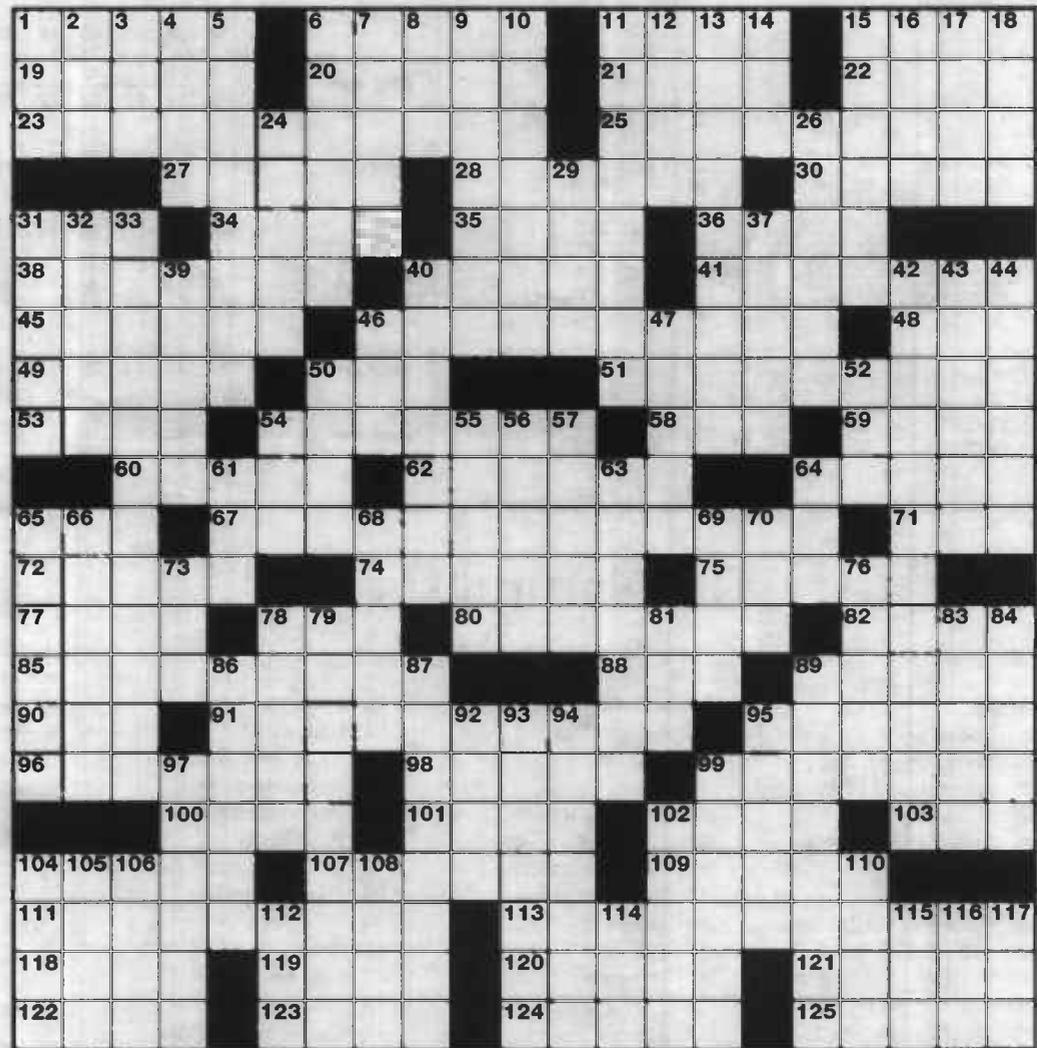
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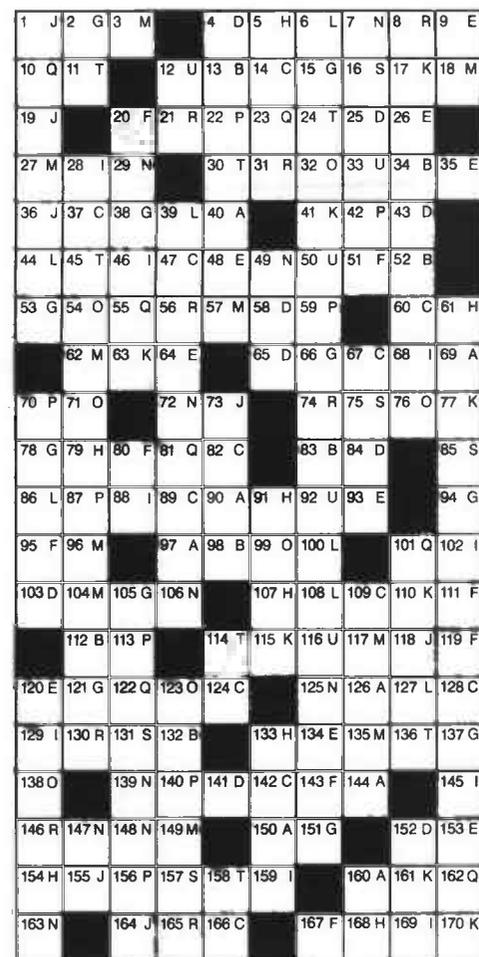
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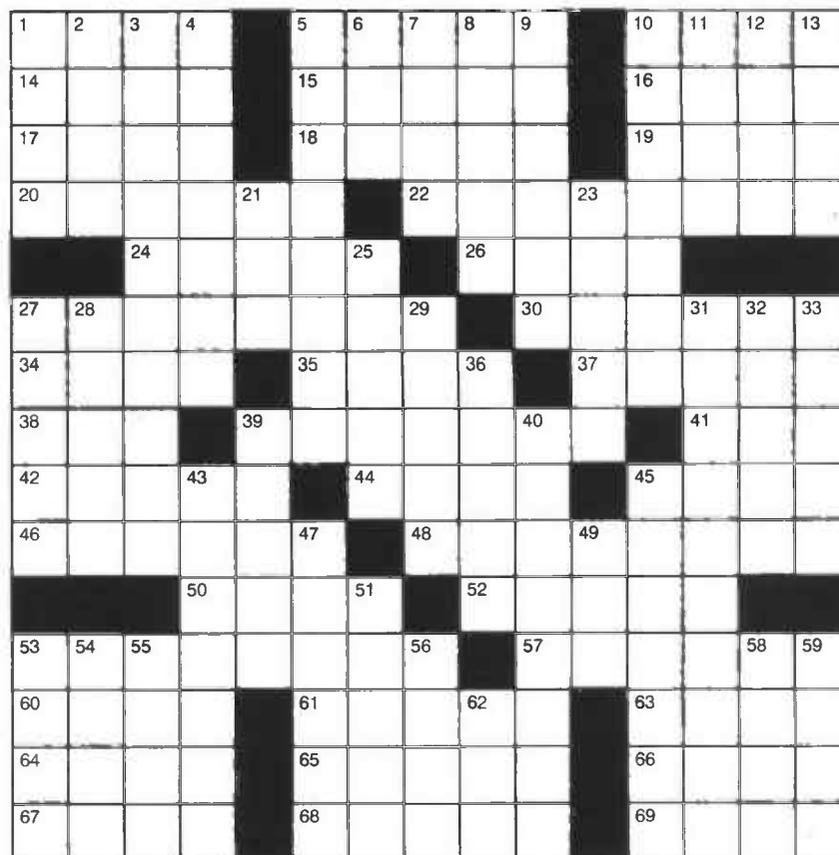
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2 Famous Broadway character
3 Diving ducks
4 Billy Bones and Captain Flint
5 Wheel changer's tool
6 Fictitious name, at law
7 ___ much as
8 ___ tube: for measuring fluid velocity
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10 Earthworm
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12 Enormous
13 "___, poor Yorick!"
21 Abbreviated boat
23 Poetic for valleys
25 Push gently
27 Scraper: Sp.
28 Stravinsky's
29 Paradises
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33 Fathers
36 Las Vegas machine openings
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PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Tips to make reading fun and engaging for kids

It can be hard to keep kids in a learning mindset outside of the classroom. If you are a parent struggling to help your children discover reading success, the trick is to use downtime to make reading both fun and engaging.

"Identify strategies and approaches to stay organized and help your child stay motivated," says Christine Willig, president of McGraw-Hill Education's School Group. "Savvy parents use evenings and weekends wisely to keep reading skills fresh."

Willig offers parents the following tips to keep kids in a reading and learning mindset:

Make it entertaining: Reading should be fun. Let kids pick their own material to ensure the subjects engage them and help them develop a love of reading.

Play games: Reading board games can be very useful in helping kids build their spelling, vocabulary and comprehension skills. Games can reinforce skills in ways that are fun and memorable, so concepts truly stick.

Take advantage of free library programs: Many community libraries offer special programs for kids, particularly on weekends and in the afternoons. Take advantage of these opportunities whenever possible.

Incorporate technology: There's no denying it, children today are comfortable using all forms of technology, whether computers, tablets or smartphones. Getting kids to enjoy reading and to do it more often could be as simple as presenting it in a preferred medium. Many great books for kids of all ages are available digitally and provide interactive experiences that



bring reading to life.

For example, Fusion Reading, a mobile learning app from McGraw-Hill Education, is a comprehensive, research-based reading intervention program for students in grades 6-12. It features interactive lessons and games to make reading fun, so struggling students can quickly become fluent, competent, and confident

readers. To learn more about how educational games like Fusion Reading are helping kids get a jumpstart on literacy, or to buy the \$0.99 mobile app visit <http://bit.ly/FusionReading>.

Build on schoolwork: Parents should stay involved with their children's schoolwork to help them build on progress made throughout the school year. Many classrooms are

improving the way reading is taught in order to make it fun, modern and interactive, while ensuring students meet state and national standards.

To help improve grades across the board, make reading a priority in your home. For greater success, find opportunities to read that are fun, stress-free and engaging.

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Ways to give back to schools

Schools frequently serve as a home away from home for millions of students. Although children regularly spend six or more hours per day inside the classroom and schools are instrumental in shaping the lives of students, many schools are making due with very few resources.

The Center of Budget and Policy Priorities says that, in the United States, education budgets are providing less per-pupil funding for kindergarten through 12th grade than they did just a few years ago.

Schools have various needs that must be addressed. Financial donations and/or volunteer work is one way to address those needs. The following is a look at how people can support their schools and ensure they deliver the best education for students.

Shop smartly. A simple way to give back to school is to buy supplies from



brands that give a portion of their profits to schools or those that match purchases with donated items. When shopping, purchase extra materials for schools, which are often short on supplies. Many teachers regularly tap into

their own money to buy supplies or to help students who are in need.

Volunteer to help in the classroom. Large classroom sizes can pull teachers in many directions. Volunteering in the classroom a few hours per week

can make it easier for teachers to devote their energy to those who need it most and to provide one-on-one attention more frequently.

Give when you can. Financial donations can help schools offset budget cuts. Donations can be made via one-time contributions or by participating in school-organized fundraisers.

Volunteer in other ways. Volunteer to lead a committee or to work in the school library. Funding may be cut for specialized programs, so investigate any opportunities to organize activities during school or after school when many kids have nothing to do.

Make other donations. Check your home for old musical instruments, books, sports equipment, and other items that schools can put to good use.

With some ingenuity, people can give back to schools throughout the year.



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More parents saving more money for college

The number of parents saving for college and the amounts they are saving are both at four-year highs, according to "How America Saves for College 2016," a recent national study by Sallie Mae and conducted by Ipsos.

The new report reveals that 57 percent of today's parents are saving for college, up from 48 percent in 2015, and the average amount saved is \$16,380, up from \$10,040 the year prior.

In this climate of increased savings, over half of all parents feel confident they'll be able to meet college costs, and the vast majority of parents who have set a savings goal are confident they'll meet their goal.

"These higher levels of optimism, confidence, and savings correspond with other economic trends we're seeing, such as declines in unemployment and increased optimism about the economy among the U.S. public," says Julia Clark, senior vice president, Ipsos Public Affairs.

Here are some of the reports key findings:

Millennials most committed

Millennial parents — age 35 or younger — feel more confident than other generations about meeting college costs, and they're more committed to saving for college. More Millennials are saving (65 percent, vs. 50 percent of Gen X parents and 61 percent of Baby Boomer parents), and Millennials have saved more money (\$20,155, on average, vs. \$12,428 for Gen Xers and \$18,323 for Baby Boomers).

When it comes to paying for college, a greater percentage of Millennial parents believe the parent should be solely responsible compared to their Gen X and Baby Boomer counterparts.

More 529 College Savings Plans

While use of 529 college savings plans among parents rose to 37 percent, up from 27 percent the prior year, these tax-advantaged plans still lag far behind general savings accounts, despite the fact that those



who use 529 plans save roughly 25 percent more, on average.

More parents making plans

The proportion of parents with a plan to pay for college rose to 51 percent in 2016, up from 42 percent in 2015. Parents with a plan save significantly more: \$18,389, on average, compared to the \$10,468 reported by parents without plans.

Additionally, nearly three-quarters of parents agree that students are more likely to attend college if they know

savings have been set aside for them.

"Preparing for college requires significant personal and financial commitment, and it's gratifying to see so many parents, and especially younger parents, taking proactive measures to make college possible," says Raymond J. Quinlan, chairman and CEO, Sallie Mae.

The full "How America Saves for College 2016" report and a related infographic are available at SallieMae.com/HowAmericaSavesForCollege. Join the conversation at Facebook.com/SallieMae or #HowAmericaSaves.

If your family is currently saving for college or planning to get started, the experts at Sallie Mae recommend the 1-2-3 approach: first, open a savings account; second, set a goal and make deposits regularly; and third, explore tax-advantaged options such as 529 college savings plans.

"Above all, these study results provide tangible evidence of the value parents continue to ascribe to higher education," says Quinlan.

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How to keep your cool packing school lunches

Your everyday family routine is busy — homework, sports practice, and everyone's favorite hate-it/love-it activity: packing school lunches.

Nalgene, a leading reusable water bottle, lunch box and food storage container brand recently asked parents for their take on packing lunch. Below are some tips based on their feedback to help you keep your cool on hectic weekdays.

Remember: It's just lunch

How you pack lunch doesn't go on the college application. This is an area where it's okay to simplify. However, three-fifths of parents surveyed say that school lunch packing is a reflection on one's parenting style. Interestingly, dads feel more strongly on this point, with nearly 70 percent of them agreeing with the sentiment versus 55 percent of moms.

"Lunch doesn't have to be 'Pinterest-board worthy' to be nutritious," says Peggy O'Shea Kochenbach, a Registered Dietitian. "Keeping it simple can be just as good — or even better from the nutrition side, and you'll appreciate the extra time to focus on family."

So skip the spaceship-shaped sandwich if it means an extra hour with the kids before bedtime.

Don't let it get smushed

This election year, kids are getting out their message too. At the top of their agenda: "I will not eat smushed food!"

Two out of five parents say their kids will not eat their lunch if it gets smushed before lunchtime. Heck, some parents even feel the same way (just don't tell the kids that!). Do yourself a favor and put an end to the whining with a durable, hard case lunch box that you can pack a variety of ways.

Check out the Nalgene Lunch Box Buddy, which possesses all the great qualities of the brand's popular reusable water bottles. Its hard case is durable, dishwasher safe, and includes an adjustable cool pack to accommodate a variety of lunch preferences. No matter the journey to school or cafeteria, sandwiches and snacks stay perfectly preserved. Information on lunch boxes, water bottles and food storage containers is available at Nalgene.com.



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There are worse chores than packing lunch

Put things in perspective. Packing lunch is definitely not the worst household chore. When asked if they'd rather clean the toilet than pack school lunches for their children, 72 percent disagreed. Packing lunches is the clear preference.

Packing lunch may be better than cleaning the toilet, but it's still its own beast.

More than one-third of parents surveyed brace themselves for the horrors they might find inside their

child's lunch box. Do yourself a favor in combatting dirty containers, crumbs, spilled liquid and leftover food. Wisely choose easy-to-clean lunch boxes, reusable water bottles, and food storage containers, so that the dishwasher

Periodically reboot good habits

Two out of five of parents surveyed say that meeting the various requests and tastes of kids for an acceptable packed lunch can be "overwhelming." Resolve to get smart and take advantage of free online websites and mobile apps to help you with meal planning, grocery shopping trips and packing lunches.

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School news

Baker Demonstration School

Baker Demonstration School, established in 1918, is an independent elementary school serving 318 students in grades pre-school through eight.

Baker art teacher Julie Toole, will be having a visiting researcher Jill Hogan from Harvard University observing classes at Baker. Hogan will be gathering research for a new elementary version of the book "Studio Thinking: The Real Benefits of Arts Education." Hogan will be visiting Baker at the end of October.

Through her advocacy work and teaching at MassArts in the summer, Toole met the authors and they wanted to visit her studio at Baker for possible inclusion in next book. Lois Hetland from Harvard's Project Zero is leading the project.

Baker Demonstration School is located 201 Sheridan Road in

Wilmette. For more information, call 847-425-5800 or visit bakerdemschool.org.

East Lake Academy

The heart of East Lake Academy's mission is to form Catholic leaders. The school is dedicated to cultivating academic excellence, spiritual growth, character formation and service to others, in its students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

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An open house will be held at



Baker Demonstration is an independent elementary school in Wilmette.

9:30 a.m. Nov. 10: Prospective parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, observe instruction and learn more about the school's mission and philosophy.

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Sager Solomon Schechter Day School, the K-8 program at Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago, was awarded National Blue Ribbon School status from the U.S. Department of Education.

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- U.S. Naval Academy
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- and many more...

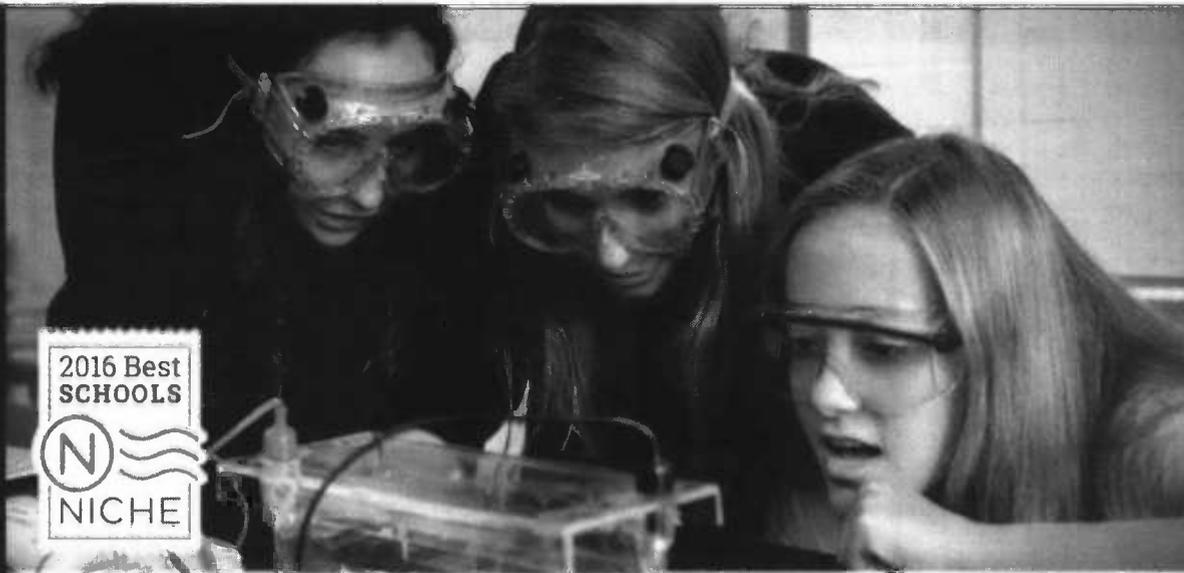
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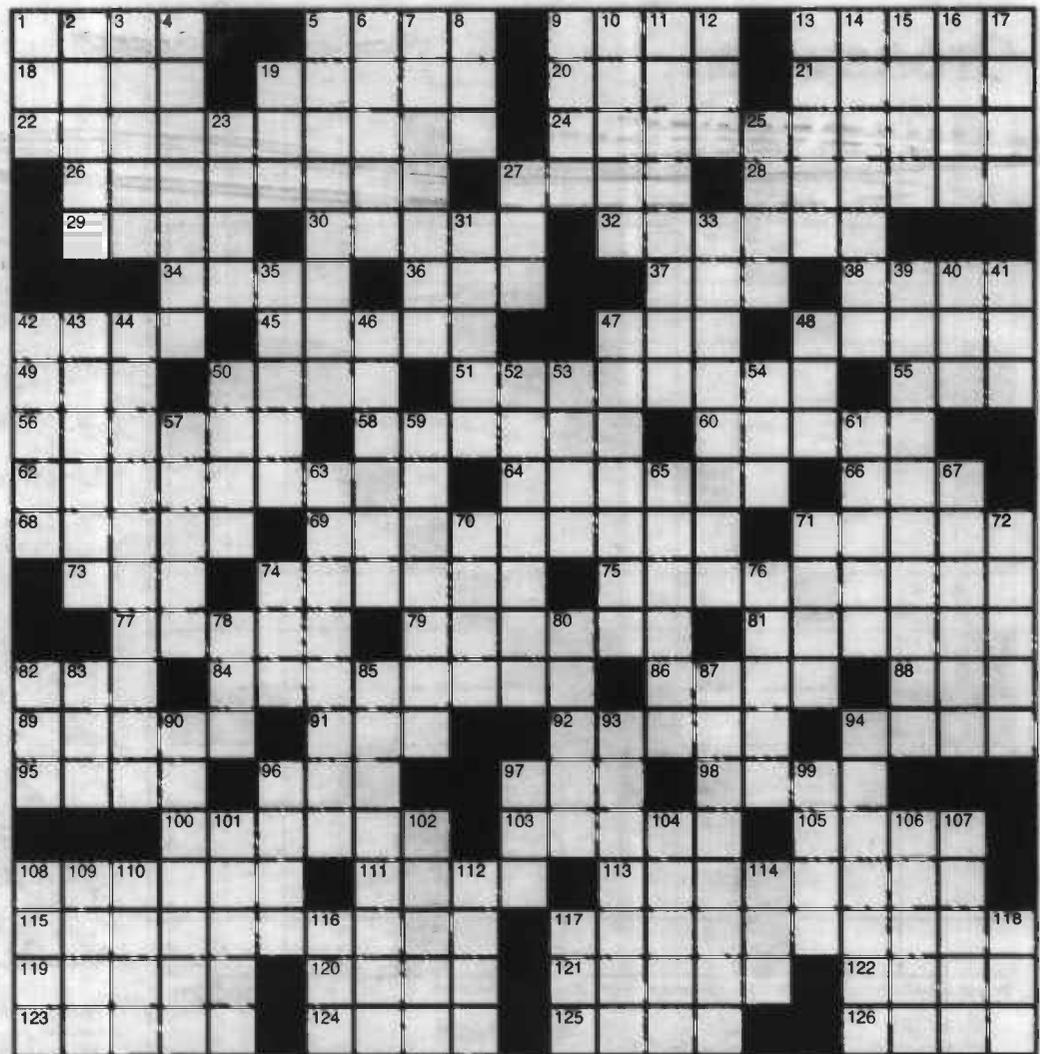
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Twinkler
 5 Block from the White House
 9 Sunburn salve
 13 Others, in Oaxaca
 18 Almond —: candy
 19 Like jeggings
 20 Fist bumps
 21 Talked a blue streak?
 22 Ill-kept confidence
 24 Seasonal drink
 26 Tossed a bone to
 27 Playground retort
 28 Up-to-the-minute
 29 "I never — purple cow ...": Burgess
 30 New Mexico county bordering El Paso
 32 Dance partner
 34 Mr. or Mrs.
 36 Hard-to-imagine period
 37 It's charged
 38 Winds up or winds down
 42 *English surgeon Henry
 45 Talks like Daffy
 47 Mo. town
 48 Like a paddling surfer
 49 With 113-Across, "Funeral in Berlin" author
 50 Waikiki wingding
 51 Sounded nostalgic about
 55 Tiger, e.g.
 56 Churchill, notably
 58 Curaçao cocktail
 60 American Red Cross founder Barton
 62 Frankster's missile
 64 "Popeye" pirate
 66 Racing Unsers
 68 Zen garden piece
 69 Match made in heaven
 71 Kept from squeaking
 73 Lifesaver, initially
 74 Potted dwarf
 75 *Noted WWII lifesaver
 77 Sticks figure
 79 Drive-thru burger chain whose name has two hyphens
 81 Make a home
 82 Squat
 84 Summary
 86 It has Air, Mini and Pro versions
 88 Part of a circ.
 89 Fervently wishes
 91 Stogie with a bowl haircut
 92 Center of Florida?
- 94 Govt. guidelines
 95 Name on the 1984 album "My Kind of Country"
 96 Cologne cooler
 97 NYC commuter letters
 98 Thunder sound
 100 Pains
 103 Courier and Roman
 105 King with a pipe
 108 Very destructive
 111 Nursery cry
 113 See 49-Across
 115 1990 #1 rap hit
 117 Specialized slicing tools
 119 Chugged, say
 120 Links seen at pga.com
 121 Doctoral candidate's hurdles
 122 Furry sci-fi creature
 123 Huffly states
 124 Duma vote
 125 Lose intensity
 126 Prevent
- DOWN**
- 1 Letters connected to theater capacity
 2 Collectible baseball card brand
 3 Boston-to-D.C. rail service
 4 Took off
 5 *Second-longest reigning British monarch
 6 Blue heron kin
 7 Peter Benchley thriller
 8 Giants great Mel
 9 *First of all?
 10 Slip
 11 Facing
 12 Bilingual subj.
 13 Award declined by George C. Scott
 14 Company with a blue bird logo
 15 Used Lyft, say
 16 Mining haul
 17 Barcelona-born muralist
 19 Leaves for a Chinese dinner
 23 Line crosser
 25 SpaceX CEO Musk
 27 Chicago's — Center
 31 Carlo —: wine brand
 33 Money immediately available
 35 Book jacket entry
 39 Consequence of the telemarketing boom
 40 It's in our genes
 41 Disappeared from view
- 42 Looks really happy
 43 Upgrade, as on Yelp
 44 Vet student's workplace
 46 Send for
 47 Type of massage
 48 Student advocacy gp.
 50 Folk tales
 52 Ownership claim ... and a hint to the relationship of each answer to a starred clue to a word it intersects
 53 Earth goddess
 54 Subj. with unknowns
 57 Approaching the hour
 59 Coarsely insulting, as language
 61 Vice squad incursions
 63 Classic for which Pavarotti won a Grammy
 65 Frenzied
 67 Did some farm work
 70 Legal scholar
 71 Lacking width and depth
 72 Worst of the worst
 74 Drink, in Dover
 76 Hot
 78 Foreman stat
 80 Have a loan from
 82 "Fresh Air" aier
 83 Country on St. George's Channel
 85 *Memorable 1968 role for Mia
 87 Treat on a stick
 90 "Really, Captain Obvious?"
 93 *First human woman, in Greek myth
 94 Scheduled
 96 Perry's creator
 97 CalArts degree
 99 Eight, to Mozart
 101 Street fare seekers
 102 Luxurious fur
 104 Bonnie or Clyde
 106 Lerner collaborator
 107 Company with an ironically crooked logo
 108 Shadow targets
 109 Beige shade
 110 Marsh duck
 112 Computer game title island
 114 Gloomy fellow
 116 Ballerina's hairdo
 117 Tool for Cupid
 118 Hawk's domain



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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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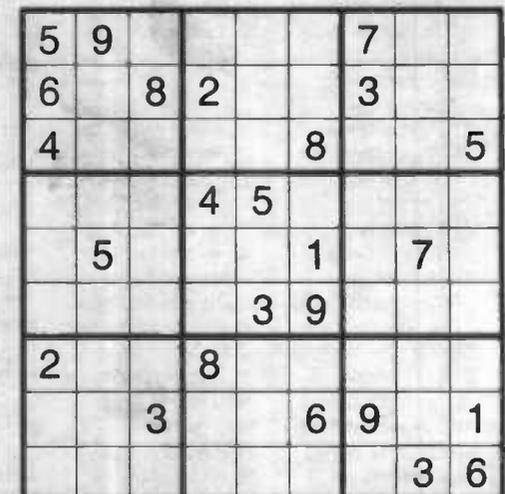
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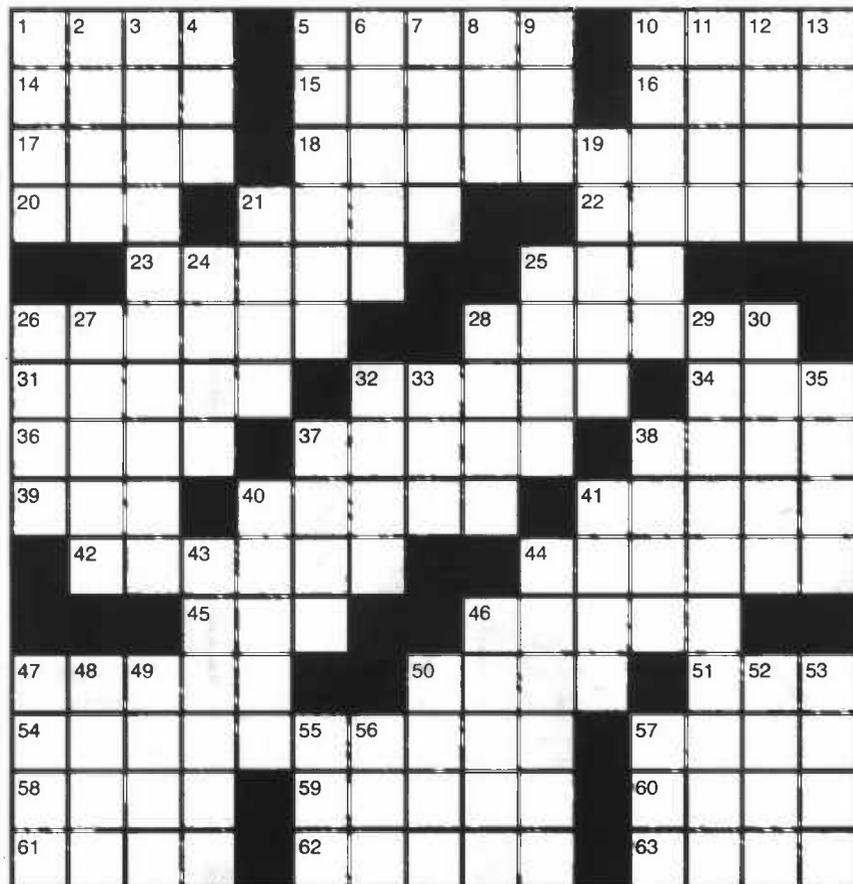
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Can tops
- 5 Wood for a model airplane
- 10 Sunup
- 14 Cincinnati, ___
- 15 Epic poem by Homer
- 16 Canyon sound
- 17 Prying
- 18 Located the exact position of
- 20 Student's avg.
- 21 Daring deed
- 22 Expenses
- 23 Loses hair
- 25 Prune stone
- 26 Rises sharply, as a fever
- 28 Capital of Montana
- 31 TV's "Kate & ___"
- 32 Nonsense
- 34 Word with head or plant
- 36 Put on weight
- 37 Late Morley ___
- 38 Lima's nation
- 39 Take a load off
- 40 Creamy drinks
- 41 Carnival attractions
- 42 Bundle of energy
- 44 Thin straw-filled mattress
- 45 Afternoon hour

DOWN

- 1 Yearn
- 2 Pancake house
- 3 Reason to use a handicapped parking spot
- 4 ___ sauce; teriyaki liquid
- 5 2-footed beings
- 6 Assumed name
- 7 Dryer residue
- 8 Gullible person
- 9 Useless fuss
- 10 Signify
- 11 Play divisions
- 12 Sharpen, as an appetite
- 13 ___ off; dozes
- 19 In a very unfriendly way
- 21 Escape

Solutions



- 24 Related
- 25 Look closely
- 26 Hangs limply
- 27 Kilt pattern
- 28 Garden tools
- 29 Embroidery
- 30 Concur
- 32 Ring of light over a saint
- 33 Many a time
- 35 Rush of wind
- 37 Identical
- 38 Aspirin or Advil
- 40 Unreasonable enthusiasm
- 41 Hit the ceiling
- 43 Nary a soul
- 44 Handbags
- 46 Obligated
- 47 Regulation
- 48 Mocked
- 49 Boast
- 50 Night light
- 52 One opposed
- 53 Home of twigs
- 55 Record speed letters
- 56 Wrath
- 57 Car fuel



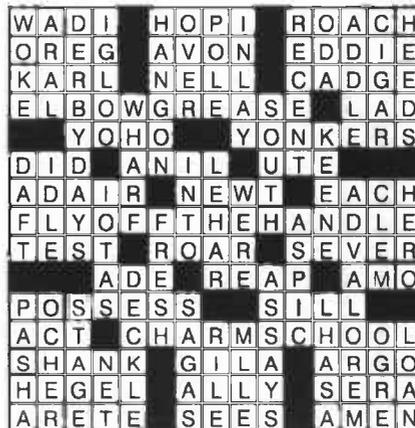
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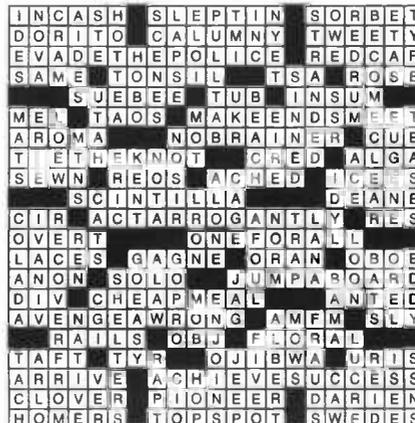
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"Keep Cool!"



"Get With It!"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

ARTHUR ASHE (and Arnold Rampersad) DAYS OF GRACE (A Memoir): On the whole, I much prefer having money to not. On the other hand, I also learned a long time ago what money can and cannot do for me. From what we get, we make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

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After a full day of parachute jumps, the skydiving instructor hoped he would —

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Love yourself, inside and out, every day

I seriously cannot remember a single time in my life when I haven't critiqued my body — either positively or negatively while catching a glimpse of it in the mirror.

There have been times I spotted things that made me gasp, like a new wrinkle, some pronounced varicose veins or a larger-than-usual muffin top. Other times, I noticed good changes, like more muscle in my arms or a temporary flat belly after a few days of eating no carbs.

But like most women I know, our bad thoughts often outweigh (no pun intended) the things we like about the way we look. Women — and men, too — are undoubtedly their own worst critics when it comes to physical appearance.

So when I heard that Oct. 19 was Love Your Body Day, I was intrigued and visited the website of the National Organization for Women, the organization that spearheaded the day.

According to the NOW website, Love Your Body Day is aimed at challenging the message sent by the media and by the beauty industry that a woman's value is best measured by her willingness and ability to embody current beauty standards. In other words, it sounds like they're telling us to ignore the supermodels' airbrushed photos and just love your body!

But what exactly does it mean to love your body? To answer that question, I talked with Dr. Susan McClanahan, licensed clinical psychologist and certified specialist in eating disorders. McClanahan said loving your body means being kinder and gentler to yourself.

"In the media, it is not OK to be a grandma anymore. There's a bias against getting old and gaining a few pounds, and it is perceived that if you don't have that perfect body, you are complacent or lazy," said McClanahan, who is the founder and president of Insight Behavioral Health Centers and the chief development officer for Eating Recovery Center. "Being gentler to yourself means recognizing and appreciating the amazing things our bodies can do. That means breath, movement, walking and expressing ourselves."

She said negative body image is an extension of other negative feelings, such as guilt, inferiority or lack of self-love.

"When you are feeling bad about something or experiencing insecurity, fear or anxiety — something totally unrelated to your physical appearance — it's easy to



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Love Essentially

blame your body," she said.

Some of the dangers of bad body image include lack of self-confidence, social isolation, poor work performance, avoidance of job interviews and eating disorders.

According to the National Eating Disorders

Association, 43 million adult women in the United States are dieting to lose weight at any given time, and another 26 million are dieting to maintain weight.

I find that as I've gotten older, I've learned to have gratitude for health and body functionality, and I focus less on looks than I used to. Does that mean I think it's OK to eat deep-dish pizza for dinner every night or that there's no need to hit the gym anymore? Absolutely not. But regular workouts and healthy eating have countless benefits that mean a lot more than having a perfect physique, one of which includes loving your body.

I know if I work out for several days in a row and eat lots of healthy foods — greens, fruits, nuts and seeds — I not only feel better emotionally and physically. I like myself more for the simple reason that I am nurturing my body by feeding it food that fosters productivity and better overall well-being. The weight loss is a side effect and bonus of this behavior and thinking.

Also, there is something to be said for enjoying life, and to me that does mean eating deep-dish pizza if I want it. Food is enjoyable, and everyone deserves to treat themselves once in awhile.

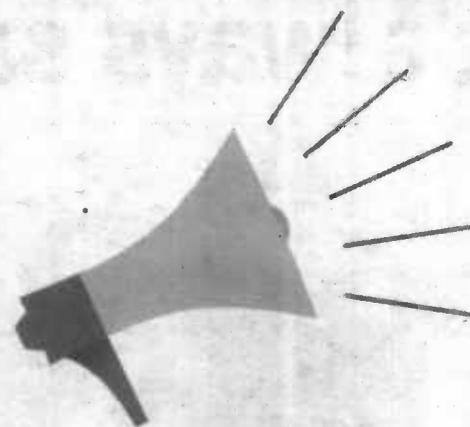
It also is important to love your body when you are with your spouse.

"When women are having sex, a lot of times they are focused on body parts that they are embarrassed for someone to see or touch," McClanahan said. "Men tend not to be as self-conscious about their bodies and are just enjoying the connection. They are thinking about how good the sex feels, not about the wife's muffin top."

I recently had a conversation with a guy who just broke up with a woman because she was too uncomfortable in bed and didn't like her body.

It's great to celebrate Love Your Body Day, but you should love your body every day. Your body is the shell of the soul God gave you. Treat it well, protect it, nurture it, be kind to it and look in the mirror and appreciate you — inside and out.

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Swaddling babies is not always safe



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Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: The other day I swaddled my niece before putting her down for her nap. My sister told me that's dangerous. Really?

Dear Reader: My colleague Dr. Claire McCarthy, assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, confirmed that your sister is right.

To swaddle a baby is to wrap cloth (such as blankets or large towels) tightly around the baby, making it harder for the infant to move his or her arms and legs. My mother said that when I was an infant, I used to bang on the bars of my crib with my hands and feet. I guess, even at 6 months old, I longed for freedom and independence. Or maybe I was just ornery. In any event, when I got that way, she swaddled me.

Perhaps you have swaddled your babies and with no ill effects. In fact, swaddling has been part of caring for babies for centuries — millennia, really. It makes a baby feel like he's back inside the womb, or being snuggled close. It calms many babies and helps them sleep better.

It also can really help some parents get their babies to fall and stay asleep on their backs. And that's what pediatricians recommend to help prevent sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, which is more likely when babies sleep on their stomachs. Babies who are swaddled are also less likely to startle



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themselves awake.

But there are down sides to swaddling. Because swaddling keeps the legs together and straight, it can increase the risk of hip problems. And if the fabric used to swaddle a baby comes loose, it can increase the risk of suffocation.

The most recent warning about swaddling comes from a study published in the journal *Pediatrics*. Although swaddling can help babies to sleep on their backs, that's not what parents sometimes do. The study found that when swaddled babies were put on their sides or bellies, instead of their backs, their risk of SIDS went up a lot. For those put on their bellies, especially babies more than 6 months old, the risk doubled.

The study can't tell us exactly why the risk doubled. But one can imagine that a tightly swaddled baby might not be able to get her head up

if she started having trouble breathing. And if that swaddling blanket came loose and she was face down, it also might make smothering more likely.

Here's what parents should consider when they think about swaddling:

■ Always put your baby to sleep on his back. This is true no matter what, but is especially true if he is swaddled.

■ Make sure that whatever you are using to swaddle can't come loose.

■ Babies' legs need to be able to bend up and out at the hips for healthy development. If your baby is going to spend a significant amount of time swaddled, use a swaddling sleep sack that lets the legs move. It may not be quite as effective in calming the baby, but it is safer for the baby's hips.

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

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Aches on a plane! Aspirin lessens blood-clot scare

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: I will be traveling overseas soon and am worried about the effects of sitting for 10 hours on the plane. I have heard that aspirin might prevent a blood clot in my legs. Is this true?

A: People who have experienced a blood clot in their legs (deep vein thrombosis, or DVT) are more prone to another clot. Low-dose aspirin has been found to reduce the risk of recurrences (*European Journal of Internal Medicine*, January 2014). Ask your doctor whether aspirin would be safe with any other medications you take.

Q: About 18 years ago, I moved to a region with high seasonal allergy triggers that affected me at least six months every year. My doctor prescribed Zyrtec and Flonase. They were both prescription-only at that time I was to take Flonase in the spring and Zyrtec every day year-round. I have been on Zyrtec for at least 10 years.

Due to weight gain and brain fog, I decided to stop the Zyrtec and learn to live with my allergies. Little did I know what a nightmare it would be to stop this drug.

I stopped cold turkey. The intense itching started around day three. Itching everywhere: scalp, underarms, inside ears, arms, legs, back. It seemed to lighten up after week two, but not much. It is now week five, and the itching is almost as bad as in week one.

Is my body ever going to be capable of handling histamine normally, or will I suffer from this withdrawal effect for



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years?

A: Cetirizine (Zyrtec) is a popular antihistamine that is now available over the counter. On our website, hundreds of people have reported similar complications when they stopped this drug suddenly.

Some people have found that switching to a different antihistamine such as fexofenadine (Allegra) or loratadine (Claritin) can ease the itching from cetirizine withdrawal. One reader shared this experience: "I used fexofenadine for a few weeks after stopping the cetirizine. It worked pretty well; when I stopped the fexofenadine, I had some mild itching, but it went away in a few weeks."

Other readers have reduced the dose of cetirizine gradually instead of stopping abruptly. This seems to ease the hives and itching, though it may take several weeks for them to disappear.

Q: Please clarify whether Voltaren Gel used topically on my knee or spine carries the same risk as NSAID pills. I use a fingertip-size portion on a knee and a fingernail-size portion on one irritated vertebra

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A: A review of 61 studies of topical NSAID pain relievers like Voltaren Gel concluded that these products provide "good levels of pain relief in acute conditions such as sprains, strains and overuse injuries, probably similar to that provided by oral NSAIDs" (*Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, June 15, 2015).

This analysis found very few systemic adverse events like digestive-tract irritation or cardiovascular complications. Nevertheless, some people are extremely susceptible to NSAID side effects. A few readers have reported stomach pain or abdominal cramps associated with Voltaren Gel use.

We discuss topical NSAIDs and a variety of other treatments for painful, inflamed joints in our "Guide to Alternatives for Arthritis."

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

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Left in a maternity leave lurch

Disability insurance often poses hassles for new mothers

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

When Nancy Fendley Novosel's twin boys were born prematurely at just 26 weeks, she tried to negotiate the timing of her maternity leave: Could she take her six weeks of paid leave a few months down the line, when the boys were expected to come home from the hospital?

The answer, she learned, was no. At the Chicago real estate company where she was a vice president, maternity leave was funded by short-term disability insurance and could only be used when the mother was physically recovering from childbirth.

"It was shocking, and I had to figure this out postpartum," said Novosel, whose babies were both born dangerously tiny, weighing in at less than 2 pounds each.

"(My husband and I) were focused on, literally, whether my children gained grams. My son coughed up a teaspoon of blood, and we thought he was going to die, and we had the chaplain perform a baptism, and I woke up the next morning contemplating, 'What are we going to do?'"

At a time when paid maternity leave is an increasingly high-profile issue, with a Fortune-Morning Consult poll showing 74 percent of registered voters support paid leave for new parents, public discussion still tends to focus on the extremes: Netflix employees, who can get up to a year of paid leave, and minimum-wage workers, who often get none.

But what about a surprisingly sizable group of women who are caught in the middle?

About 10 percent of working first-time moms use disability insurance to fund their maternity leaves, according to a 2011 U.S. Census Bureau report that's widely considered the best source on the topic. That suggests that of the women who get any kind of paid maternity leave at all, including vacation days, roughly 1 in 5 are using disability insurance.



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Cheree Moore got paid leave for the birth of her twin 3-year-old daughters Auri, left, and Camille, but says insurance paperwork was discouraging.

In a half-dozen interviews with Chicago-area mothers who have taken disability insurance-funded maternity leave, most said they deeply valued the paid time off and that they give their employers high marks for doing more than most. But the mothers also complained of paperwork hassles, Catch-22s, partial pay and inflexible timing. One mother said she had to run out to have medical documents scanned at a time when she was caring for newborn twins, and several said that the pay, often 60 percent of a worker's salary, was too low, or that they had to return to work too soon.

"It was better than nothing, but that's not saying a lot," said Molly Allen, a Chicago-based sales executive who burned through all

her sick time and vacation time to supplement six weeks of disability pay at 60 percent of salary. She emerged from a 12-week leave, including three weeks unpaid, with a new baby, a full-time job and zero accumulated days off.

"You have your own doctor's appointments — and the baby's," said Allen, 36, who relied on flexible scheduling as she accumulated new vacation days. "It was brutal."

Cheree Moore, 33, said that she felt very fortunate to get paid maternity leave when she worked in the development office at a local university, and her employer was remarkably supportive and accommodating. The problem lay with the insurance company, which required a lot of paperwork at a time when she was

caring for newborn twins:

"You got all these letters and you had to reply by a certain time, and I was like, 'I can barely remember to take a shower, let alone call you at a certain time on a certain day,'" said Moore, who was breast-feeding and had a toddler son. "I know, for a lot of women, that could be very discouraging because you're just like, 'What if I forget? I don't want to owe any money.' It wasn't very straightforward."

Moore said she trusted her employer, but if she hadn't, she would have been reluctant to even use the benefit.

She also points out that men don't get paternity leave under a disability-based system.

"You kind of feel like a single mom," she said of caring for her

babies while her husband was at work. He had taken time off to coincide with her expected due date, and he couldn't change it when she delivered later, so he was able to take off maybe two days after the girls were born, she said.

Some of the moms' key complaints are addressed by the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act, which is now before Congress. The bill provides 12 weeks of paid leave for new parents, people caring for seriously ill family members and workers with serious illnesses. Employers and employees would each pay 0.2 percent of wages (or 2 cents for every \$10) to fund the program, said Vicki Shabo, vice president of the National Partnership for Women & Families. The self-employed would pay 0.4 percent.

New parents would get 66 percent of their salaries under the plan, they'd be able to preserve some of their sick time, and leave would not have to be taken immediately after the child's birth, Shabo said. Congress is unlikely to act on the bill this year, she said, but it has more support than ever before.

Novosel, the mom with premature twins, said that she went back to work when her boys were about 6 weeks old. Then, when both boys were home from the hospital after 17 weeks, she simply didn't go to the office.

"I just stopped. I knew I had to take care of my kids," said Novosel, 48, whose story has a happy ending. She got an extra six weeks or so of time off to care for her twins (now 14 and, "miraculously, totally fine"), and she returned to work only when she was ready to do so.

But in the interim, she says, there was a lot of stress and uncertainty.

"It's a terrible feeling to have no idea, no idea, whether you're employed, not employed, have benefits, are getting paid," she said. "There should be some maternity leave. You should have some period of time to take care of the needs of your family."

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Apollo Chorus brings annual traveling show to Park Ridge

Free show set for Nov. 6 at St. Paul of the Cross Church

BY SAMANTHA NELSON
Pioneer Press

Founded in 1872 as a way to raise the city's spirits in the wake of the Chicago Fire, the Apollo Chorus of Chicago has been performing ever since.

"Although Apollo may be the oldest musical organization in Chicago, any musical organization has to keep adapting and enlarging its musical programming. We have done that," Stephen Alltop, Apollo Chorus music director and conductor, said. "I think the Apollo has remained very current in that sense and remained very vital and adaptive."

The Apollo Chorus has expanded its repertoire beyond classical music to include Broadway show tunes and hits from the Beatles. The group also has stayed relevant by constantly building its audience and members are hoping to win over plenty of new fans on Nov. 6, when they will perform a free show at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge. The event is part of the group's Music in the Neighborhood concert series, which has seen the Apollo Chorus travel to a different Chicago area neighborhood every fall for more than 15 years.

"We get members of the congregation or members of the neighborhood who may never have been to an Apollo Chorus concert before," Alltop said. "That's one of the main reasons we do it. It's a terrific outreach opportunity."

Members of the chorus or its board of directors suggest venues, often trying to bring the group to places



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The Apollo Chorus of Chicago brings its annual, traveling Music in the Neighborhood concert to Park Ridge this year.

Music in the Neighborhood

When: 3 p.m. Nov. 6

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where it's never performed before, such as the St. Paul of the Cross Church or the Second Presbyterian Church in Chicago's South Loop, where last year's concert took place.

"It's a large chorus so we have to make sure that the chorus will fit and the acoustics are suitable for the situation," Alltop said. "We have a site visit to make sure that it will work. So far all of them have."

Alltop said he enjoys the challenge that trying new venues produces.

"The chorus has to be adaptable," he said. "We usually have one full rehearsal in the venue and then we're able to adapt our presentation to the space. That can be different every time, how we present ourselves around the audience. Personally I find it fun. It's a nice challenge to be in different places and fit what we do into them."

The show provides a preview of the concerts the Apollo Chorus has planned for the coming year, plus a

look back at the Broadway program the group ended its last season through a performance of a medley from "Hello, Dolly!" that was written for the chorus.

Along with being a great way to reach new audiences, the shows also lets the performers get extra practice with the pieces they'll be singing later in the season.

"It's always great as artists to live with music for as long as possible," Alltop said.

The Apollo Chorus already has plenty of experience with one of the works it will be previewing: Handel's "Messiah." The group has been performing the piece every year since 1879, presenting it in its entirety annually since 2000, and it will be running at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Chicago Dec. 10-11.

"It's a great tradition," Alltop said. "It should be on everybody's bucket list to see the Apollo Chorus sing that piece at least once."

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Young cast of 85 tells the colorful tale of 'Joseph'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Favoritism leads to jealousy among siblings in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Eighty-five performers, ages 8-18, will perform in Spotlight Youth Theater’s staging of the Tim Rice (lyrics) and Andrew Lloyd Webber (music) retelling of the Old Testament story.

“It has always been one of my favorite shows,” said director Jane Layoff. “It’s been a dream show of mine to direct.”

Layoff noted that they are staging the show traditionally but that some characters are onstage longer than usual. In addition, they are using a children’s chorus extensively.

Layoff praises “Joseph” as “a great way for the kids to express their passion for theater and also their love for the Lord and in a way that brings this Bible story to life onstage.”

Performances are Oct. 28-30, Nov. 2 and Nov. 4-6 at Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Tickets are \$12 adults; \$10 for 2-17 and seniors in advance; \$2 more at the door.

For details, call 847-516-2298 or go to www.spotlight.org.

Do say “Boo!”

Weather conditions won’t matter when your kids trick-or-treat 4-6 p.m. Oct. 31 at Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood. After they have gathered their goodies, bring your children to Center Court for Boo Bash where a DJ will provide music for dancing.

For details, call 847-674-1219 or go to www.lincolntowncenter.com.



SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATER

Joe Moerschel, top row, from left, Jason Schmidt and Matthew Schroeder, and Weston Anderson, center, with Kaylee Hayden, front row, from left, Danielle Klein and Amanda Spencer, perform in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” at Prairie Lakes Community Center.

March in October

Costumed kids ages 2-6 will hear holiday stories and then march around the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., during Halloween Stories and Parade, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 31. Drop-in event includes trick-or-treating in the library.

For details, call 847-673-7774 or go to www.skokielibrary.info.

No trick, just a treat

Your children won’t want to miss Halloween Comic Book Day, noon-3 p.m. Oct. 29 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. They will

also have a chance to meet local comic artists Angel Onofre and Kurt Wood.

For details, call 708-867-7828 or go to www.eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Zombie-free zone

Those undead are not the Creatures of the Night you and your children will hear about, 2-3 p.m. Oct. 29 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. The River Trail Nature Center will bring a live owl plus animal specimens to the family event. You will learn about nocturnal wildlife that can be found in the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

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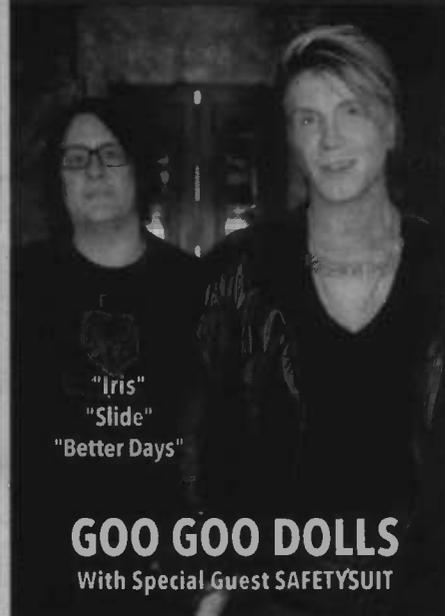
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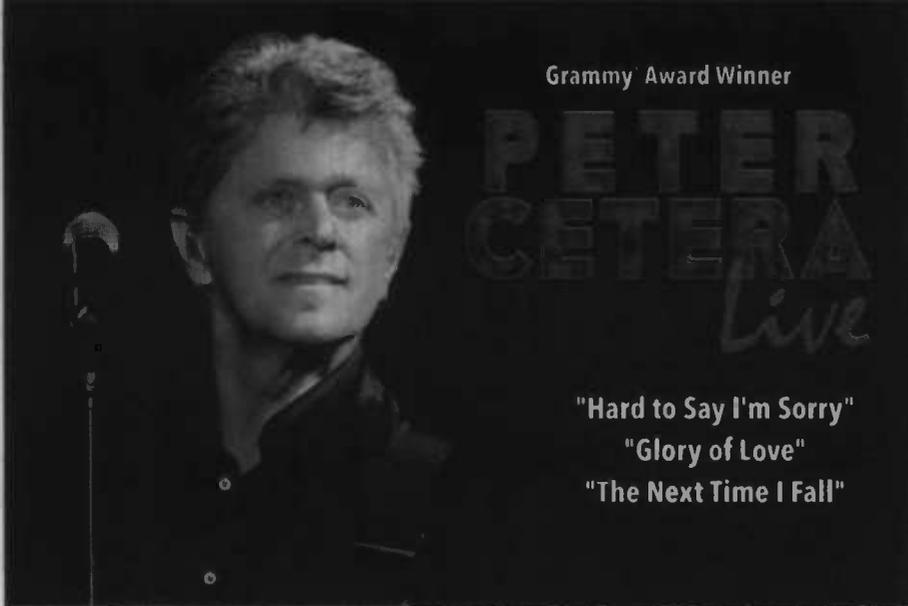
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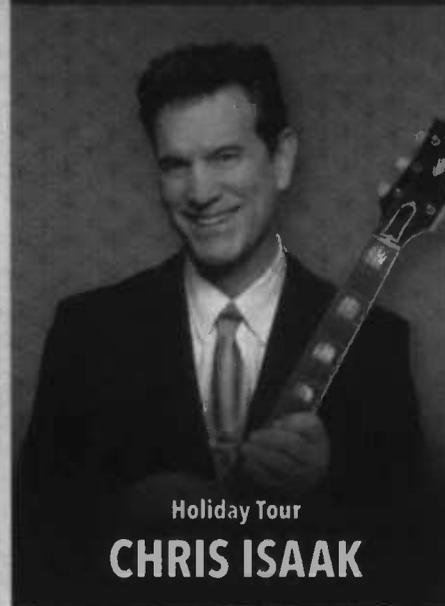
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FACES & PLACES

Suburban holiday bazaars and boutique guide

By **DEBORAH HOPPE**
Pioneer Press

'Tis the season for shopping at holiday bazaars and boutiques, with hand-made gifts and homemade treats all ready for the festive days ahead.

2016 Antiques & Modernism Show

Presented by The Woman's Board of the Winnetka Community House at 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, opens with a Preview Party 6:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 3. Tickets \$135 if purchased by Nov. 1, \$160 after. Shopping for fine antiques, art and goods from top national/international vendors; special events with designers and artists. Show runs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 6. Tickets are 3-day admission, in advance, \$15; at the door, \$20. Proceeds benefit the Winnetka Community House. For complete information, visit www.thewinnetkashow.com.

Holiday Bazaar

"Treasures and Trinkets" will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 5 at Park Ridge Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Handmade holiday crafts, sweaters and afghans, baked goods, yesterday's treasures, and more. Snacks and lunch available for purchase. Supports the Centennial Activity Center. Free admission. For more information, call 847-692-3597 or go to www.orprparks.org.

Holiday Boutique & Tours

Takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 5-6, at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. International boutique features local artisans work and international fair trade goods, designer jewelry and purses, homewares and books, and one-of-a-kind Judaica from around the world. Tours of "Women Hold Up Half the Sky," 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and "Karkomi Holocaust Exhibition," noon and 2 p.m. Free to the public. For information, go to www.ilholocaust-museum.org or call 847-967-4800.

Fair Trade Market

Held 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 6 at St. Paul of the Cross Church Parish Life Center, 320 S. Washington, Park Ridge. Sale goods include hand-crafted jewelry, accessories, crosses, baskets, art, chocolate, coffee and more from world artisans. Free admission. See www.spc-church.org or call 847-825-7605.



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Copperware will be among of the many fine works for sale at the 2016 Antiques and Modernism Show, Nov. 3-6 in Winnetka.

Holiday Shopping Spree

Held noon-4 p.m. Nov. 6 at Queen of All Saints School Gymnasium, 6230 N. Lemont Ave., Chicago. Handmade items, jewelry, clothing, accessories, holiday decor and more. Raffle features 40 custom baskets. \$5 admission, QAS Women's Auxiliary members and seniors are free. See www.qasparish.org or call 773-736-6060.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale

Queen of Peace Guild hosts a craft and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 12 and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Paluch Hall, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles. Featuring handmade crafts, gift baskets, American Girl Doll handmade clothes, ornaments, afghans, home decor, jewelry, bakery sale, turkey booth, raffle and more. Free admission. Call 847-823-2550 or see www.olransom.org.

Arts & Crafts Fair

Held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12 at Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Over 170 vendors feature hand-crafted gifts, seasonal decor, jewelry and treats. Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 seniors; free for children under 10. Lunch served in the cafeteria. See www.reshs.org or call 773-775-6616.

Christmas Wonderland Fair

Held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at St. Brebeuf Catholic Church Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Event features a variety of artists, vendors and crafters selling regular and holiday items; homemade baked goods, holiday entertainment and much more. Admission is \$1. Call 847-966-8145 or see www.sjbrebeuf.org.

Holiday Boutique

Held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 by the Sisterhood of Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Gifts, personalized items, jewelry, children's books and games. Call 847-675-4141 or see www.ehnt.org.

Artisan Faire

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, presents its annual "Artisan Faire" 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 20. Items include children's clothes, jewelry, hand-dyed clothing, terrariums, scarves & mittens, cards, fused glass, pottery, prints, soaps, Judaica, cookbooks and more. Free gift wrap. Free admittance. Raffles and food for purchase. For more information, call 847-675-0951 or see www.tbiskokie.org.

Niles Holly Jolly Market and Tree Lighting

Held 3-9 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Niles Park District Oasis Fun Center, 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Tree Lighting Ceremony and fireworks at 5:30 p.m. Festivities include live music, food and beverages for purchase including beer and wine, children's crafts, horse-drawn sleigh rides (free with a donation to Toys for Tots or a non-perishable food item), a petting zoo, poinsettia sales and craft vendors. Admission is free. Cash only for food and beer. Visit www.vniles.com/hollyjolly or call 847-588-8000.

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Held Dec. 1 to Dec. 4, at the Merchandise Mart, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago. More than 600 juried artists offering hand-crafted work in a variety of media, categories, and price points. A portion of ticket sales will benefit Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. Tickets are \$12 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Special ticket packages, daily hours and complete information at www.oneofakindshowchicago.com.

Holiday Lights Gift & Craft Fair

Lamb's Farm of Libertyville holds its 36th annual Holiday Lights Gift & Craft Fair 1-9 p.m. Dec. 1, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 2 and Dec. 3, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 4 at Arlington Park Racecourse, 2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights. Hundreds of vendors will feature wreaths, ornaments, candles, toys, hats, scarves and gloves, gourmet treats, quilts, jewelry, yard ornaments, children's books, pet gifts and more. Admission is \$8 (children under 15 free). Parking is \$7 (cash only). See www.holidaylightslambsfarm.com.

Empty Bowls

Held 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3 at Ten-Hoeve Center, Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Local artists create handmade bowls and other gift items.

Choose your favorite bowl, \$15 donation, then share in a meal of soup and bread and keep the bowl. Raffle of artwork, tickets are \$3 each, four for \$10. Other art pieces also be available for purchase.

Admission is free. All proceeds go to local food banks. Call 847-635-1600.



LIBERTYVILLE

Four-bedroom, 2.5-bath birch and cedar exterior, traditional design, built in 1994. Hardwood flooring, crown molding, freshly painted exterior in 2016, remodeled master bath in 2013 and chef's kitchen (with center island) in 2012. Main level den/library, entry with two-story window. Full basement, main level laundry/mud room, fenced yard.

Address: 1425 Braxton Road
Price: \$595,000
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: \$11,765
Agent: Leslie McDonnell, RE/MAX Suburban



WHEELING

Three-bedroom, one-bathroom, 920-square-foot ranch design built in 1956. Features entral air, range/oven, refrigerator, carpet and linoleum /vinyl flooring, 2.5-car garage with workshop and storage addition, and a concrete parking pad that accommodates up to 6-8 cars. Asphalt roof. Walking distance to Wheeling Metra.

Address: 151 George Road
Price: \$125,000
Schools: Wheeling High School
Taxes: \$3,932.06
Agent: Tracey Galitz, Baird & Warner Libertyville



HIGHLAND PARK

Totally rehabbed three-bedroom, two-bath, mid-century modern ranch on oversized lot. Newer kitchen includes upper end stainless steel appliances. New flooring throughout, new central HVAC, wood beamed ceilings with sliding glass doors opening to park-like backyard, garage.

Address: 1874 York Lane
Price: \$399,000
Schools: Deerfield High School
Taxes: \$8,205.92
Agent: Margie Brooks, Baird & Warner Highland Park



NILES

Newly renovated five-bedroom, four-bath, two-story home. Crown molding throughout. Kitchen has cherry cabinets, granite counters and stainless steel appliances, new stove and microwave. Vaulted ceilings, skylights, hardwood floors, finished basement with second kitchen and garage.

Address: 8326 N. Caldwell Ave.
Price: \$460,000
Schools: Niles West High School
Taxes: \$11,463.67
Agent: Ying Kenney, CENTURY 21 McMullen

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HOME REMEDIES

Proper venting of roof can save on energy costs

C. DWIGHT BARNETT
Tribune News Service

Q: We are scheduled to get a new roof in a few weeks, and I need some ideas on attic venting. The roof salesman said he would install a ridge vent. Will that work on a hip roof with no overhang? I have read that a ridge vent needs soffit vents to work.

A: Looking at a box-style home similar to yours without soffit or overhang vents, installing a ridge vent alone would be, in my opinion, a bad idea. A typical-sized home in your neighborhood, without soffits vents, would need approximately 43 lineal feet of ridge venting. That's not

possible on a home with a hip roof design where there are only about 8 to 10 feet of ridge available that can be vented.

According to the website Cor-a-vent.com, "a ridge vent can only be used in conjunction with soffits vents." The website goes on to offer a solution with a product called In-Vent. Where there are no soffits to vent, you could ask the roofing contractor to install an In-Vent system that is applied on top of the shingles, down low near the bottom of the roof. The location of the In-Vent system will depend on the weather conditions in your area. The In-Vent system will give you the proper intake ventilation for the ridge vent.

Without an air intake

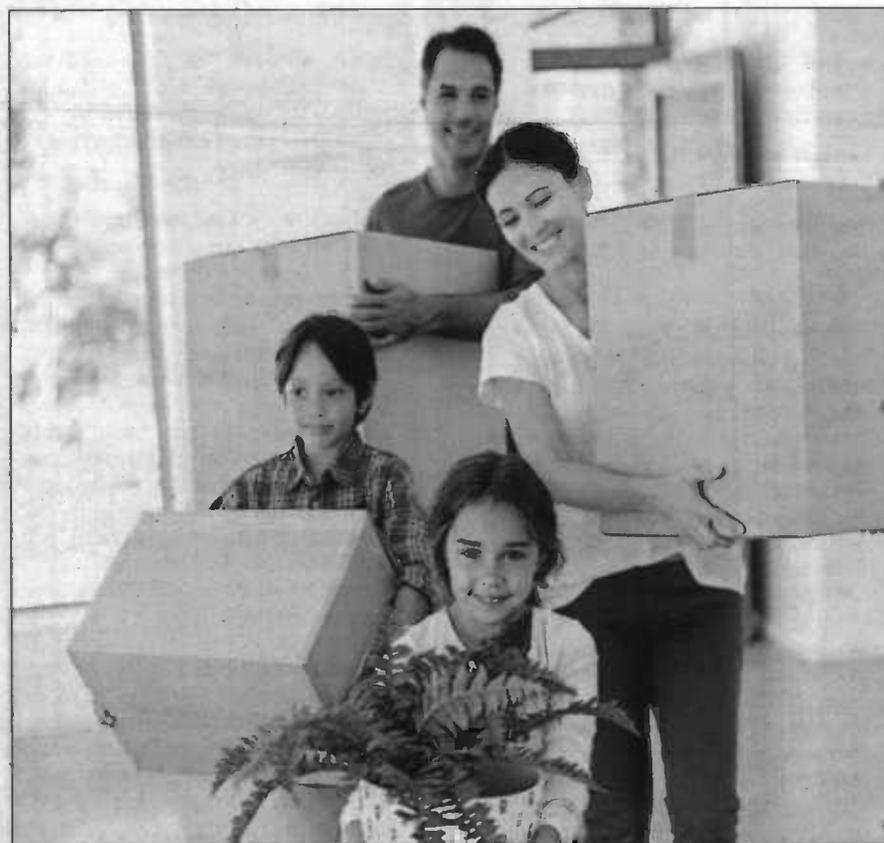
system, the ridge vent could allow rain or snow to enter the attic space, damaging insulation, personal items or the ceilings below. Vent systems such as turbines, box vents and power vent fans that are used without soffit vents can actually pull conditioned air from inside the home. A properly vented roof attic space can help save on energy costs and extend the life expectancy of the new shingles. It is important to do it right this time while new shingles are being installed.

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

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ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	DATE	PRICE
1101 E Algonquin Rd, # 16, Arlington Heights	Kuang Nguyen & Chinh Nguyen	Ilias L Alimissis	09-09-16	\$48,000
2315 E Olive St, # 3G, Arlington Heights	Bozena Prokopek	Sarah C Crosby Estate	09-22-16	\$76,500
1216 S New Wilke Rd, # 204, Arlington Heights	Young In Yim & Hak Seon Yim	Jeffa Bodinet	09-14-16	\$79,000
1118 N Dale Ave, # 1G, Arlington Heights	Iuliia Bondarenko	Joseph S Ferretti	09-08-16	\$83,000
100 N Lincoln Ln, # 2D, Arlington Heights	Rasho S Galaboy	Aaron J Mcmahon	09-19-16	\$95,000
833 S Dwyer Ave, # D, Arlington Heights	Melinda Gonzalez	Philip B Murphy	09-09-16	\$99,000
812 N Chicago Ave, Arlington Heights	Alexandra Lerner	Robert Lohens	09-12-16	\$115,000
1675 W Partridge Ln, # 4, Arlington Heights	Brenda Dickinson	Ryan Mroz	09-22-16	\$132,000
1205 E Hintz Rd, # 306, Arlington Heights	Anton Atanasov	Piotr Niedojadlo	09-22-16	\$136,000
20 S Fairview, # 4S, Chicago	Trudy Bers	Fairview Station South Llc	09-12-16	\$560,000
9956 Holly Ln, Des Plaines	Badri Sarda & Sheela Sarda	Famal Khan	09-09-16	\$45,000
905 Graceland Ave, # 12, Des Plaines	Stella Kazimirova	Patryk Mateusz Maklowicz	09-12-16	\$72,500
1754 E Oakton St, Des Plaines	Samuel Cortez	Richard T Behnke Estate	09-21-16	\$75,000
1650 Mill St, # 203, Des Plaines	Rayko G Todorov	Smeriglio Trust	09-22-16	\$76,000
1479 E Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines	Georgia S Motter	Barbara A Hardin	09-08-16	\$90,000
659 S Des Plaines Ave, # 2B, Des Plaines	Kwan Soo Ham & Jennifer Ham	Catherine M Braun	09-22-16	\$92,500
825 Pearson St, # 4H, Des Plaines	Shannon Hanover	Palmowski Trust	09-08-16	\$97,000
9418 Bay Colony Dr, # 1N, Des Plaines	Zygmunt Figol	Michael R Collet	09-15-16	\$99,000
9409 Bay Colony Dr, # 3E, Des Plaines	Lior Avraham	Joseph J Kurtzke li	09-08-16	\$110,000
9375 Landings Ln, # 207, Des Plaines	Dona Sargon	Porto Trust	09-19-16	\$129,000
1230 Brown St, # 3W, Des Plaines	Jadwiga Adamus & Krzysztof Adamus	Bari 3 Llc	09-19-16	\$130,000
8894 Knight Ave, # 312, Des Plaines	Elvis Kujukovix	Patryk Mateusz Maklowicz	09-08-16	\$134,000
9444 Potter Rd, Des Plaines	Lissy Mathew	Hord Trust	09-21-16	\$134,000
1666 Orchard St, Des Plaines	Antonio Avina Jr	Richard Parisi	09-09-16	\$168,000
8828 Dee Rd, # B, Des Plaines	Mohammad T Siddiqui & Ismail Siddiqui	Margarita V Tungcab	09-08-16	\$175,000
2189 Estes Ave, Des Plaines	Peter Kokosoulis	Daniel R Reed	09-22-16	\$186,000
1062 Hollywood Ave, Des Plaines	Maureen Kirby	Geoffrey M Stevens	09-22-16	\$190,000
2124 Halsey Dr, Des Plaines	Hanifa Gabeljic	Zohreh Goodarzi	09-14-16	\$199,000
9032 W Emerson St, Des Plaines	Mohammad Iftikhar & Saira Iftikhar	Michael J Goldstein	09-14-16	\$200,000
9098 W Church St, Des Plaines	Bijay Regmi & Pratima Regmi	Alan M Jacob	09-08-16	\$226,000
1075 W Villa Dr, Des Plaines	Paul F Schaefer	Coreen Heisler	09-14-16	\$230,000
430 S Western Ave, # 509, Des Plaines	John P Kelly	Stone Gate Of Des Plaines Llc	09-21-16	\$230,000
1291 Center St, Des Plaines	Deji E Kuforiji	Robert A Ochs	09-21-16	\$234,000
311 Munroe Cir, Des Plaines	Dianne Lovett	Matthew W East	09-14-16	\$235,000
740 E Golf Rd, Des Plaines	Miguel A Hernandez & Veronica Sanchez Garcia	Wagner Realty Group Llc	09-22-16	\$240,000
519 Harvey Ave, Des Plaines	Peter Otoole	Nicholas J Pianetto	09-19-16	\$250,000
961 Oakwood Ave, Des Plaines	Michelle C Adamowski	Robert A Ochs	09-08-16	\$250,000
125 N Wolf Rd, Des Plaines	Bhaveshkumar Patel	Raffe Papazian	09-21-16	\$253,000
1186 S 2nd Ave, Des Plaines	Irina Felska Lush	Jonathan Karl Lindahl	09-19-16	\$260,000
524 Crestwood Dr, Des Plaines	Refugio Maldonado & Araceli Maldonado	Calos Araque	09-22-16	\$260,000
747 Sanborn St, Des Plaines	Don Puangco & Young Hee Kim	Ched E Pagtakhan	09-08-16	\$264,000
783 Sanborn St, Des Plaines	George B Pavlis & Aleksandra C Pavlis	Bobby J Oommen	09-21-16	\$264,500
720 Hanbury Dr, Des Plaines	Adrian O Moraru & Raluca I Horvat	Razat Nohria	09-12-16	\$265,000
760 Cordial Dr, Des Plaines	Jayleshkumar Patel & Parsott Ambhaip Patel	Grazia Cozzi	09-19-16	\$265,000
934 Alfini Dr, Des Plaines	Cipriano H Librea & Margarita Tungcab	Michael M Lorek	09-12-16	\$280,500
345 S Westgate Rd, Des Plaines	Janelle L Stolz & Richard J Sloma	Maria Denisowski	09-08-16	\$290,000
310 Wildflower St, Des Plaines	Peter M Banas & Melissa R Egge	Anthony C Monks	09-21-16	\$295,500
981 E Walnut Ave, Des Plaines	Bill Petrovic & Irena Vaitkute	Matei Scheau	09-08-16	\$299,000
460 N 6th Ave, Des Plaines	Justin J Zummo	Krzysztof Kmiec	09-21-16	\$306,000
656 Nelson Ln, Des Plaines	Jintu M John	Hanna Kwasniewska	09-20-16	\$312,000
787 Graceland Ave, # 506, Des Plaines	Maciej J Kozlowski	Darlene D Serrano	09-15-16	\$329,000
1013 Hollywood Ave, Des Plaines	Juan P Romero & Marie M Guerra	Robert J Schmid	09-09-16	\$330,000

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2032 Plainfield Dr, Des Plaines	Daniel Kulikowski	Urszula Topolewicz	09-08-16	\$360,000
361 Pinehurst Dr, Des Plaines	Geoff Young & Jennifer B Young	Florence S Oprondek	09-22-16	\$375,000
990 Carlow Dr, Des Plaines	Sohel Patel	Piechocki Trust	09-15-16	\$557,500
5500 Lincoln Ave, # 400W, Morton Grove	Dalla Z Sawa & Lenda Z Sawa	Oanh H Ho	09-14-16	\$142,000
8600 Waukegan Rd, # 505E, Morton Grove	Ahmed Ail	Rebecca Retondo	09-14-16	\$165,000
8440 Calle Ave, # 305, Morton Grove	Claire Sungha Kim	K And D Calle Llc	09-15-16	\$239,000
7048 Emerson St, Morton Grove	Rodu Morar	Richard M Podkowa	09-21-16	\$246,000
8340 Calle Ave, # 401, Morton Grove	Donghyun Kim	Thomas D Yang	09-08-16	\$253,000
7229 Emerson St, Morton Grove	Kata Knezevic & Andelka Knezevic	Eric T Engstrom	09-12-16	\$265,000
8614 Georgiana Ave, Morton Grove	Kenneth Rathunde & Lisa Rathunde	Ovidiu G Neamtu	09-22-16	\$275,000
9009 Menard Ave, Morton Grove	Ivan Jajo & Vivian Jajo	Rodney Roberts	09-20-16	\$290,000
7023 Wilson Ter, Morton Grove	Nicholas Chaisuksant & Linda W Luk	Long Dinh La	09-21-16	\$320,000
8666 Narragansett Ave, Morton Grove	Richard Park	Diane Beveridge	09-15-16	\$325,000
7141 Church St, Morton Grove	Rafael Nunez & Rocio Rivera	Alex Beck	09-14-16	\$340,000
9218 Menard Ave, Morton Grove	Haris A Baweja & Baweja Marrigo	Trinity Invesiments Inc	09-09-16	\$388,500
9078 W Heathwood Dr, Niles	Cheryl Herr & Joseph Herr	Laura V Halli	09-16-16	\$115,000
7021 W Touhy Ave, # 504, Niles	Dzenan Vojnikovic & Amila Vojnikovic	Rafal Kulesza	09-22-16	\$195,000
7450 N Waukegan Rd, # 207, Niles	Elizabeth A Rolla	Mitchell S Miklas Estate	09-08-16	\$200,000
8907 W Heathwood Cir, Niles	Abebech A Gebrie	Lodhika Investments Llc	09-15-16	\$215,000
9013 N Clifton Ave, Niles	Rakesh Patel & Trupti Patel	Mark D Andrey	09-15-16	\$218,000
8213 N Oriole Ave, Niles	Miroslav Ivanovic	Adrian A Batista	09-16-16	\$225,000
7536 N Nora Ave, Niles	Khusalbhai A Patel & Kokilaben K Patel	Geneva Maddalozzo Estate	09-21-16	\$260,000
7158 W Greenleaf St, Niles	Anthony C Zografos & Anastasia Zografos	George De Laa	09-21-16	\$260,000
7712 N Neva Ave, Niles	Catherine Jotzat & William Jotzat	Joanna Holub	09-20-16	\$269,500
7519 N Neva Ave, Niles	Jorge Bahena & Lissett E Bahena	Carl D Brown Jr	09-21-16	\$274,000
8149 N Field Dr, Niles	Thomas Halvorsen	Mark T Mcdonald	09-08-16	\$341,500
9254 N Loras Ln, Niles	Lalan K Dev & Saksham Chaudhary	Marcela Mercado Henson	09-22-16	\$345,000
9905 N Wendy Way, Niles	Laurenttu O Mehedintt & Kiana Atenf Mehedintt	Jusien Yong	09-09-16	\$349,000
7018 W Main St, Niles	Marcel Nedelcu & Vlorica L Nedelcu	Brown Flesk Llc	09-15-16	\$665,000
2610 Oakton St, Park Ridge	Gabriel T Georgiev & Margarita P Stoyanova	Azin Zareh Najafabadi	09-12-16	\$120,000
1905 Parkside Dr, # 1A, Park Ridge	Syed Danish Aftab	Guillermo Manzanres	09-19-16	\$161,500
2460 W Talcott Rd, # 217, Park Ridge	Mirela L Birsan	Jca Fund 11 Llc	09-12-16	\$195,000
101 Summit Ave, # 300, Park Ridge	Anca Brad	Anthony M Pinto	09-14-16	\$230,000
1731 Pavilion Way, # 508, Park Ridge	Gary M Stern & Joanna Mcdermott	Klucnec Trust	09-14-16	\$235,000
1031 Frances Pkwy, Park Ridge	Brian Syzdek & Hyo Suk Park	Siriporn Hriensaitong	09-09-16	\$300,000
1114 Park Ridge Blvd, Park Ridge	John Dicristofano & Nancy Crockatt	John E Large	09-16-16	\$307,000
712 N Broadway Ave, Park Ridge	Kevin Kuta	Brett Porter	09-19-16	\$371,000
1309 Lois Ave, Park Ridge	Louis T Calvano & Mary E Calvano	Michael Donaghy	09-08-16	\$390,000
1012 Frances Pkwy, Park Ridge	Arek Mazurek & Gosia Mazurek	James J Lampres Jr	09-21-16	\$434,000
1806 S Fairview Ave, Park Ridge	Robert J Rosell & Phvaong K Rosell	Michael Gillan	09-15-16	\$460,000
732 Goodwin Dr, Park Ridge	Michael Vaughan & Deborah Vaughan	Sylwia Duda	09-08-16	\$465,000
710 N Hamlin Ave, Park Ridge	Brittany K Crawford	Andrzej Gajda	09-09-16	\$487,000
313 S Northwest Hwy, # 4, Park Ridge	Norman S Maciver & Lisa M Maciver	Michael H Sejman	09-19-16	\$540,000
324 S Rose Ave, Park Ridge	Christopher Vlasich & Emily Vlasich	Kate Gorman	09-22-16	\$620,000
30 Meacham Ave, Park Ridge	Scott Allen Lieske	Junkley Park Development Llc	09-15-16	\$645,500
1417 S Fairview Ave, Park Ridge	Scott A Serrano & Rachel R Serrano	Margaret I Schuetz	09-21-16	\$749,000
725 Park Plaine Ave, Park Ridge	Kelly Walker	Mark A Iralson	09-16-16	\$825,000
1801 Birch St, Park Ridge	Teddy Homatas & Jill L W Glockner	Michael D Vaughan	09-20-16	\$840,000



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Three strategies make moving more tolerable

By SOPHIE MIURA
Domaine

Moving house can be an exciting transition, but when the buzz from finding your new home and planning the decor has dulled, there's one task that fills most movers with dread: **unpacking**. If the prospect of unboxing your possessions in your new home seems daunting, you could use a great moving strategy (or three).

One of the worst jobs? **Unpacking**, in which you sift through all the stuff you tossed into boxes during the inevitable time-crunched process of getting out of your old place. John-Morgan and Lauren Bush are experts on that nightmare. They are the founders of Unpacked NYC, a packing service that promises to take the pain out of moving. How? The husband-and-wife duo will

do the task you dread most and unpack your boxes for one room — or an entire house. Yes, while they take care of those boxes and style your new home with items you already own, you're free to have brunch, hit the gym or do whatever you please.

The entrepreneurial pair tells Elle Decor that unboxing your wares doesn't need to be a chore. They mastered the art of moving during a transition from Boston to New York and have developed some handy tips to take the pain out of the process. Here are the expert tips they swear by.

1. Unload boxes straight from the van to their designated room: Load the van so boxes for each room are stored together, then unload them directly into their new space. Putting boxes in an entry-

way or holding area might seem fast, but it's a short-term solution that will increase your workload.

2. Style your bedroom first: According to John-Morgan, this is the most important room to prioritize. "Create a perfect bedroom to retreat to so that you can relax when it seems like everything else in your place is falling down," he says.

3. Don't delay unpacking your closet: "People often save their closet for last, because it takes the most time," Bush tells Elle Decor. "But you can get rid of some of your biggest boxes that contain most of your day-to-day stuff if you tackle your closet early on." Refresh your closet by tossing mismatched hangers and replacing them with one style for a coordinated, clutter-free look.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, Oct. 27

Eric Lindell: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$32, 847-492-8860

Ana Vidovic Art of Guitar: Award winning Croatian classical guitarist, Ana Vidovic, performs a breathtaking program ranging from Bach to the Beatles displaying the incredible artistry of the guitar. Ms. Vidovic has performed 1000 concerts since entering the public stage in 1988. 7:30 p.m. Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, General Admission \$30; VIP tickets \$40, 847-272-7003

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

Contemporary Native Women Opening Doors to Change: Join the Mitchell Museum for the opening of its latest exhibit, Contemporary Native Women Opening Doors to Change. Welcoming reception at 1 p.m., curator led tour at 2 p.m. and a panel discussion from 3-4:30 p.m. All week, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults and Tribal members free, 847-475-1030

"Keep the Shadow, Ere the Substance Fade": By juxtaposing objects and artworks related to mourning from the Victorian Era and during the AIDS crisis, "Keep the Shadow" examines two analogous cultures of bereavement. 10 a.m. All week, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art and Pick/Laudati Auditorium, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

Salaam Cinema: 50 Years of Iranian Movie Posters: Dating from the 1960s to 2010, the posters in the collection document the social history of film in Iran and offer a unique visual representation of over a half a century of dramatic political turmoil and change.

10 a.m. All week, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art and Pick/Laudati Auditorium, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

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

Evanston Legend: The Art of Peggy Lipschutz: The City of Evanston sponsors a month long show of the paintings and drawings of Peggy Lipschutz with an Opening Reception between 2-5 p.m. on Oct. 4, with musicians including Rebecca Armstrong, Peggy Browning, Mark Dvorak, Maura Lally and Kristin Lems. 10 a.m. All week, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

44 Plays for 44 Presidents: Ninety-minute romp through U.S. Presidents. 8 p.m. Oct. 27 to Oct. 30, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$35, 847-834-0738

Opera Lecture Series: This evening moderated by former Lyric Opera docents, of "Les Troyens" by Hector Berlioz. This is part of the tales of intrigue, love, and death from the 2016/17 Lyric Opera of Chicago season. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

YMCA Preschool Art Class for Ages 3 to 5 with adult: The North Suburban YMCA Art Academy provides opportunities for preschoolers to create art. A parent or caregiver must be present. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 1:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Adult Literacy Classes Fall Session: A unique opportunity for native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. A small, friendly group led by a teacher and volunteer tutors meets twice weekly. Classes are conducted by Oakton Community College in the Glenview Library's Community Room West. Call

847-635-1426 for details. (no class Nov. 24). 9:15 a.m. Oct. 27 and Nov. 1, 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

Senior Resource Specialist: Stop by and find out information regarding the selection of appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs, identifying supportive resources and much more. Hosted by Kathy Gaeding from CJE SeniorLife. 10:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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

A Podcast Listening Party: Come to hear some of the podcasts that are capturing the imaginations of listeners everywhere - The Moth, Serial, Fresh Air, Reply All, The New Yorker Radio Hour, or Wormwood: A Serialized Mystery to name a few. After listening to one 30-minute podcast, stay to discuss the show and talk about similar podcasts you can try. 6:30 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Edge Power Employment Workshop: Employment coaches from Illinois Worknet discuss resumes and cover letters, online job applications and interviewing to help you in your job search. 9:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Karaoke: A's Karaoke Bar has karaoke every day from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. 8 p.m. A's Karaoke Bar, 8751 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, free, 224-534-7158

Mike Toomey: Mike Toomey performs original stand-up. 8 p.m. Oct. 27 and Oct. 28, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Oct. 29,

Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22 two item minimum food/beverage purchase, 847-813-0484

A Night at Zanies to Benefit Park Ridge Community Fund: Join the Park Ridge Community Fund for a night of laughter at Zanies Rosemont. The donation goes to the PRCF and you are asked to just buy two items at Zanies. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. 7 p.m. Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$20 donation, 847-825-3121

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

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

Pentatonix: 8 p.m. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$35+, 847-635-6601

"Jerusalem Center of the World": The most incredible city in the world, Jerusalem, is highlighted in a movie, "Jerusalem: Center of the World," presented by the Men's Club of Ezra-Habonim. 1 p.m. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$5 per person, 847-675-4141

Screening of "Promised Land": Come meet Todd Morehead, the director of "Promised Land: Israel Through

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The Eyes of Surfers" and watch this visually stunning exploration about surfers, the Holy Land and the quest for peace. 7 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$2, 312-560-5680

Friday, Oct. 28

Fruit Bats: 10 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$32, 847-492-8860

Webb Wilder: 7 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$25, 847-492-8860

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. 28 and Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Oct. 30, Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$10-\$25, 847-424-0089

OLPH Trunk-Or-Treat: Join us for the 2nd Annual OLPH Trunk-Or-Treat from 5-7 p.m. to enjoy treats, food, music and raffles. Buy tickets ahead of time and skip the line by visiting us on Facebook and Eventbrite at OLPH Trunk-Or-Treat OLPHTrunkOr-Treat@gmail.com. 5 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, \$5 per child, 847-729-1525

MGPL After Dark Movie night "10 Cloverfield Lane": Watch this suspense thriller, "10 Cloverfield Lane" which is rated PG-13, about a woman who wakes up after a terrible accident in a cellar. She finds that she's locked in with a doomsday prepper, who insists that he saved her life and that the world outside is uninhabitable following a catastrophe. The cast includes: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, and John Goodman. 7 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Halloween at the Leaning Tower YMCA: 6 p.m. Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, free, 847-410-5108

Trivia Night: Come join us for a night of brain-twisting fun at the Park Ridge Chamber's Trivia Night. Prizes will be given to the top three scores. BYOB--snacks provided. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$20 per person or \$115 for team of six, if paid by one person by Oct. 14, 847-825-3121

Women In Business with Kimberlee

Kaye Raya: Join the Park Ridge Chamber for our Women in Business Networking Breakfast this October. Kymberlee Kaya Raya will be present and a delicious breakfast will be served. 8:30 a.m. Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$10 members, \$15 prospective members, 847-825-3121

MB Financial Park's Halloween Bar Crawl: Halloween weekend kicks off with participants enjoying a variety of drink specials. Bar crawl tickets are now available for purchase online for \$10 or sold onsite at the event for \$15. 6 p.m. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, \$10-\$15, 847-349-5008

Kelth Urban: Keith Urban is coming to Allstate Arena on Oct. 28. Don't miss your chance to see this country superstar (and former American Idol judge) live. 7:30 p.m. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Starting at \$61, 847-635-6601

Chicago DanceSport Challenge: All DanceSport athletes are invited to compete in this National Qualifying Event and WDSF events, and all those who love ballroom dancing are invited to come watch the competition. For general information, contact Tim Place at 773-895-4602 or ltpdetroit50@yahoo.com. For competitor questions on events, entry forms, event changes, spectator tickets, and/or to check the status of your registration contact Owen or Carol Jacobsen, registrars, at 847-303-0384 or chicagochallenge@live.com. For competitor questions on entry rules, eligibility, age classification, etc., contact Kelly Batchelor at 630-466-0786 or Kelly.batchelor@mchsi.com. 6 p.m. Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont, contact or see website, 773-895-4602

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. 28 to Oct. 30, Scream Scene, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, \$10, 847-933-4969

Anne & Mark Burnell: The Brill Building Songwriters: Anne and Mark Burnell and their special guests bring you an unforgettable evening of music. In the 1960's music producer Don Kirshner put the best and the brightest songwriters in the Brill Building, almost all duos: Lieber and Stoller, Goffin and King, Mann and Weil, Bacharach and David, Sedaka and Greenfield. 7:30 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

Siberian Virtuosi with Jullan Milkis: Celebrated Canadian clarinetist Julian Milkis and acclaimed Russian ensemble Siberian virtuosi to perform as a part of their American Tour. 8 p.m. Northshore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$40-\$60, 508-752-0888

Saturday, Oct. 29

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

Dia de los Muertos activities in Des Plaines: After the Halloween Parade in downtown Des Plaines, children are invited to decorate sugar skulls and view Dia de los Muertos altars. Go to the website or call the History Center for more information. 11 a.m. Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, \$3 per child, 847-391-5399

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

Samantha Fish: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$34, 847-492-8860

JUBALANI: A Concert of Remembering and Rejoicing: A unique music and arts event to celebrate the launch of the Center for Music and Worship in the Black Church Experience at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. JUBILANI will feature a multicultural, multi-generational, interdenominational mass choir, the Jubalani ensemble, an orchestra and band, and over 10 premiere musicians from across the United States and abroad. 6 p.m. Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, Adults: \$20 | Students: \$7, 847-866-3936

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

Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories: "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories" are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. Oct. 29 and Oct. 30, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

CHF Homegoing Across Centuries In Africa and America: Tracing the descendants of two sisters torn apart in eighteenth-century Africa, "Homegoing" written by Yaa Gyasi, is a riveting, kaleidoscopic novel about race, history, ancestry, love and time. Stretching from the wars of Ghana to the coal mines of the American South to twentieth-century Harlem, Gyasi's tale captures the troubled spirit of our nation. 12:30 p.m. Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Center for the Musical Arts, 70 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$5 - \$12, 312-494-9509

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. Oct. 29 and Oct. 30, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$15, 847-328-2795

Boo Bash Kick Off Show The Silly Spooky Magic Show: Wear your costume and join us as we kick off the annual Boo Bash; followed by games, trick-or-treating, and more at The Glen Town Center shops. Register at theglen-towncenter.com. 2 p.m. The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Spooky Saturday: Brave souls are invited to listen to spooky stories, eat a sweet treat, show off their costume and go trick-or-treating in the library. Parents are welcome to attend, and attendees may come in their costumes if they wish. Noon, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-6407

Niles Park District Halloween Party: Get your costume ready and register early for the annual Halloween Party. Once at Grennan Heights there will be ghoulie games, ghoulie goodies and spooky surprises. 10 a.m. Grennan Heights Park, 8255 N. Oketo Ave., Niles, Niles resident \$10, non resident \$12, 847-967-6633

Park Ridge Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce, soap, olive oils, flowers, pickles, pasta baked goods and meat.

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Auto Parts & Supplies: [Car] Corvette with Hardtop, Engine Block 8885911 Straight 6Cylinder with 3 carter CR Single barrel carburetors, **Engine and Chassis Completely Restored**, dual exhaust, power glide transmission, 5 wheels with red rims, many boxes of accessories for this vehicle. [Car] 1954 Chevrolet convertible Corvette - Title No. H4244423, VIN E5445001678, Color: Red, 6cylinder, HP/ccm 29.4, 10,000 miles, Previous Title No. J0395865, Francis J Walter & Lavonna M Walter, [Car] 1950 Ford convertible, Title No. K4559888, VIN B0LB154658, Color: Tan, 8cylinder, HP/ccm 32.5, 10,247 miles, Francis Walter & Lavonna Walter, [Car] 1941 Chevrolet Coupe, Serial Identification No. AA15824, Color: Blue, 6cylinder, HP/ccm 30.4, [Engine] 460776 with transmission, [Engine] 852 876, [Trans] 3885010 US pat 3088336 GM, [Complete Engine] Chevy 327 or 283, 2 engine blocks, [Complete Engine] Chevy V8, manual for 1953-54 Corvette, parts books, windshield, retractable roof frame and fiberglass cover, set of hub caps, spare tire, original interior pieces, headlight frames, steering wheels, trunk lid, fiber glass, fuel tank, assortment of fiber glass pieces, wheel wells, pair of chrome side windows, dash gauges and speedometer, Ford upright chrome 1950 new old stock. Ford 1950 carburetor, new old stock & rebuilt carburetors, manifolds, single, 2 barrel, 4 barrel carburetors, front hoods ornament, brass welding rod, lead pot, set of Jaguar Type C aluminum valve covers, auto spot lights, auto bumpers, Victor Jr. Edlebrock 4 barrel manifold, auto bumpers and grills, Auburn front engine hood, Model T windshield, removable trunk, 1920s firewall section for a Model T, assorted hub cap sets, auto radios, front axle and hubs, generators, alternators, steering wheel and column, autoslide windows, tapered window frame, tear drop side window, auto radiators, auto fuel cans, leaf springs, auto rims rings, 2 barrel and 4 barrel manifolds, chrome light, assorted chrome, auto transmissions, auto wheels, auto chrome pieces.

Coins: Silver Dollars, Liberty (11)1887, (8)1883, (2)1889, 1921, (2) 1904 V Nickels, 1911 V Nickel, 164 proof set, (3) 1971, (4) 1972, (20) 1974, 1776-1976 Eisenhower Liberty Dollars, 100s of Wheat pennies, 1920-30s Buffalo Nickels (275), 1893 Columbian Exposition Chicago 1/2 dollar, 100 buffalo Nickels, (11) Jefferson Nickels, Kennedy Bicentennial 1/2 Dollar, (2) Kennedy 1964 1/2 Dollar, 1958 Liberty 1/2 Dollar, Liberty Standing 1/2 Dollar 1940-1944, 1907 Liberty Quarter.

Antiques & Collectibles: Nesco ware radiator water can, metal chicken waterer, apple basket, old road maps, glass insulators, ammo box, Socony motor oil porcelain sign standard oil, blue speckle graniteware, 1939-48 zinc plates, wire baskets, archer super solidified oil, grease - 11 tubes, Havoline Texaco Motor oil, Archer oil cans, Texaco oil grease cans, 6 wood kegs, wire auto basket carrier, old fuel cans, Kelly Supreme gas can, Lowenbrau Beer neon light, Mobil Oil outboard, ribbed fuel cans, wide spout gas can, 1930s gas cans, Super Permalube oil can, Havoline Oil motor oil, Amolube motor oil, ornate fluted light pole base with yard light, mustang 2+2 3 wheel golf cart, oak wall phone, galvanized water can, collection of brass gas nozzles, industrial fabric sewing machine, wood wagon tailgate panels, antique picture frame, oak school desk, wood 16 drawer apothecary cabinet, 2 man saw, industrial 4 wheel cart, iron wheel, fluted glass service station light, wood freight cart, standard oil gas cans, steamer trunk, metal art pieces, fire chief pedal car body, Auburn pedal car, Murray pedal tractor, pedal car, 15 vintage fishing poles with 4 boxes of fishing tackle and lures, old coin changers, brass spittoon, wood door jam level.

Tools & Equipment: Oxygen and Acetylene Torch set with cart, sand blast pot, chop saw, Lincoln welder, Linde 160 gas welder and tank, bearing press, Titan Pr finish pump, sheet metal roller, house jacks, bottle jacks, meal break, machinist drill press, aluminum ramps, roller conveyor, wire shelving, paint pot, retractable hose reel, aluminum adjustable plank, Equipto 16 drawer high by 6 drawers across metal organizer, metal detector, cable cutter, pedestal shear, safety gas can, parts organizer, electric cable winch, mechanical bender, electric chain hoist - NEW, pedestal buffer with wire wheel, HD jack stands, pedestal double wheel grinder, 8 ton cherry picker hoist on wheels, auto ramps, industrial tool cabinet, stack tool chest, bar clamps, industrial steel pedestal stand, 2 auto dollies, large industrial vise, air tanks, bottle jacks, house jacks, large machine vise, power caddy, spot welder, upright air tank, large horizontal air compressor, large industrial sand blast cabinet, 2200 PSI power washer, Toro snow blower, MasterCut push mower, ready heater, sport 1600 generator, MTO Rototiller, multi-speed machine lathe with Equipto work bench, assorted hand tools, wrenches, pliers, hammers, auto tools, air tools, power hand tools, stack on 4 piece tool chest 2 drawer middle - 3 drawer bottom - side door with 2 doors inside.

Owner: Francis & Lavonna Walter

Note: The Walter family has been collecting all of their lives. They are moving and have many items of interest in this auction. This is the 1st of 2 Auctions.

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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

The Peggy Lee Legacy: After selling out in May 2016, Jazz vocalist Jenifer French brings back "The Peggy Lee Legacy" this time to Skokie Theatre on Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. Enjoy the hits of one of the greatest jazz vocalists and singer-songwriters of the 20th century, Peggy Lee. Songs include "Big Spender," "He's a Tramp," "Is That All There Is?," "Fever," and many more. Features Jenifer French, Chuck Christiansen (drums), Ann McGregor, Daryl Nitz, Joe Policastro (bass), Johnny Rodgers (piano), and Eric Schneider (sax). 8 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$28, 847-677-7761

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. 30

Magik Dick & Shun Ng: With The Slide Brothers. 7 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$18-\$30, 847-492-8860

The Pearl Society: Crafting With Pearls: Join the Pearl Society this fall as we showcase Edie Kasten, and her knitted pearl creations. For more information, or to RSVP, call or contact@evejewelry.com. 3 p.m. Eve J. Alfille Gallery and Studio, 623 Grove St., Evanston, free, 847-869-7920

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

Glenview Community Church 75th Anniversary Events: Mission Fest features displays and representatives from church-supported organizations and agencies with special historical display. 11:15 a.m. Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

Silent Horror: Soak in the spirit of the Halloween season through the silent movie genre. Film aficionado John Nygro shares clips from the 1925 version of "The Phantom of the Opera" to gain an understanding of the striking

emotional range and haunting beauty of this lost art form. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Harp and Fiddle hosts scary storytelling: Hometown author Christian A. Larsen is joined by Cynthia (Cina) Pelayo to do some scary storytelling to celebrate Halloween Eve. Larsen wrote "The Blackening of Flesh" inspired by an actual Park Ridge crime and Pelayo writes fiction and poetry with a Latin American slant, especially superstition, folklore, legend and myth. 5 p.m. The Harp and Fiddle, 110 Main St., Park Ridge, free, 847-720-4466

National Association for Down Syndrome Fashion Show: Funds are raised to support the programs that the National Association for Down Syndrome provides for children and adults with Down syndrome and their families. This year's event, hosted by ABC7 News anchor Tanja Babich, features children and adults with Down syndrome modeling their own fashion style. 10:30 a.m. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$65 per person, 630-325-9112

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

It's Time Warp Time: A Rocky Horror Themed Cabaret: Get ready for a rockin' and Rocky Halloween as music from everyone's favorite Halloween camp classic, "Rocky Horror Picture Show," is paired with rock songs from the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s and presented in a cabaret-concert style. Audience members are encouraged to dress-up and interact with the cast: sing, play and dance along. 7 p.m. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

Monday, Oct. 31

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

Boo Bash: Trick-or-treat around the mall, then dance the night away at the Boo Bash with a live DJ. The schedule is Trick-or-treating: 4-6 p.m.; Boo Bash: 6-8 p.m. 4 p.m. Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy, Lincolnwood, free, 000-000-0000

Knitting Roundtable for Adults: Ronnie Rund, an expert knitter, shows attendees how to knit or how to solve knitting challenges. Bring one's current project(s) and needles. 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

The Salem Witch Trials: Historian Joyce Haworth tells the story from 1692, of four preteen girls in Salem Village, Massachusetts. What followed were months of trials, community hysteria, and the execution of 20 people. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC member; \$13 non member, 847-784-6030

Maritime Canada: Enjoy a virtual tour to see the world's highest tides, the home of Anne of Green Gables, Canada's most photographed village and ground zero for Titanic rescues and the final resting place for so many of her victims and artifacts. Also visit British Columbia, including Vancouver and the capital city of Victoria on Vancouver Island. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC member; \$13 non member, 847-784-6030

Trick-or-Treat at the Library: Stop in anytime all day to get a special Halloween surprise. Show us your costume at each of the public desks to get a treat. 9 a.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-4527

Tuesday, Nov. 1

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

Let's Talk @ Lunch: At this drop-in program, participants can talk through the issue of racism and practice honest conversation skills by looking at our own experiences in light of what we're learning about how racism affects us all. 1:30 p.m. YoFresh Yogurt Cafe, 635 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-864-8445

Tuesday Morning Music: Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances on Tuesday mornings in the McGinley Pavilion

overlooking Evening Island. After the concert, visitors can board a 25-minute narrated tour on the Bright Encounters Tour, a close-up view of the gardens on the main island, or the Grand Tram Tour, an overview of the Garden's history and highlights. Tram tickets may be purchased in the Heritage Garden or any ticket location. 10 a.m. Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

Career Counseling Appointments: Consult with a career expert for resume help, job search strategies and more. Counseling is available for any stage of your career, but only four 30-minute appointments are available, so call extension 7700 or visit the Reference Services Desk to register. 6:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Carol Burnett Queen of Comedy: Meet one of the funniest women on television, stage, and film. Carol Burnett is also known to be one of the nicest, most thoughtful, and well-respected women in the business. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Beginning Square Dance Classes: Have fun and learn to square dance; beginner lessons are sponsored by the Glenview Square Dance Club and Glenview Park District. 7:30 p.m. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free first lesson; Registration for 9-week session \$46/\$54., 847-724-5670

Northbrook Chamber of Commerce's Annual Auction & Taste: Join in an exciting evening of fun, food and frolic. Bring along co-workers, family and friends. 5 p.m. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, Admission \$30 before Oct. 25; \$40 after Oct. 25, 847-498-5555

The Breakfast Club: Start your day right at The Breakfast Club, where you can network over breakfast. This event is hosted by Park Ridge Chamber Ambassador, Dave Donovan. 7:30 a.m. Lola's Diner, 920 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, \$11 members; \$15 prospective members, 847-825-3121

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. 7 p.m. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$420 for entire year plus book fees,

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Wednesday, Nov. 2

Reckless Kelly: 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$40, 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. 6:30 p.m. Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

The Barnes A Singular Museum's Past Present and Future: Thom Collins, director of The Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, PA discusses the changing field. Artists / speakers are: Thom Collins, S. Hollis Clayson. 6 p.m. Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art and Pick/Laudati Auditorium, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-467-4602

Open Mic Night in Evanston: Hosted by Daniel Fiddler. 9 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St.,

Evanston, no cover, 847-864-1679

New Hours and Programs: The museum is doubling the hours it is open to the public, including Thursday evenings and first and third Saturdays. New programming for students and collectors, access to research library and collection, a Blog and special exhibits are in the making. See website for hours. 10 a.m. Wednesday, American Toby Jug Museum, 910 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 877-862-9687.

East Wing Candy Cane Holiday Bazaar: Find heirloom crafts, handmade gifts, beautiful artwork and delicious baked goods, all created by East Wing crafters and talented vendors. Enter the raffle to win a handmade quilt and other great prizes. 9 a.m. The East Wing Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free

NaNoWriMo Write-In: Set your own writing goal for the month and challenge yourself to write a little daily. Meet up with fellow writers in the Teen Underground biweekly to share your work and get constructive feedback. 4:30 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Knitting Studio and Workshop: Each

Wednesday afternoon, Certified Knitting Instructor Mary Staackmann provides personalized instruction, answers any questions about knitting and perhaps gets you started on a new project. Bring your supplies or project in progress. 1:30 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6060

Women Making Music: Though women have made notable contributions to all areas of musical performance, few have dared to invade the male-dominated realm of composition. Over two weeks, Michael Vaughn will explore the lives and careers of several exceptions, including Barbara Strozzi, Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schuman, and Amy Beach. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 NSSC members, \$25 nonmembers, 847-784-6030

Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings: Chicago Fly Fishers Club meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, from October through May. An experienced demonstrator does demonstrations of fly tying, with members tying the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

Tony V.: Tony V. performs original stand-up. 8 p.m. Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22 two item minimum food/beverage purchase, 847-813-0484

Senior High Youth Group: For all youth grades 9 to 12 to enjoy fun and friendship while engaging in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. The evening starts with a tasty dinner, sometimes chicken, sometimes pasta or pizza. 6:45 p.m. First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

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"The Accountant" ★★

R, 2:08, action

Geographically and otherwise, "The Accountant" is all over the place. It's an odd, thickly plotted, two-faced action movie. Screenwriter Bill Dubuque solemnly offers various statistics and symptomatic descriptions relating to autism while building scenarios designed to let our hero, played by Ben Affleck, kill anonymous goon after anonymous goon, with a "wow, cool" array of firearms and anti-aircraft weaponry. The character at

the center of the story is treated with respect and admiration, but in dramatic terms he's about as real-world plausible as Batman: an assassin who can out-Bourne Bourne, and who can out-compute the entire cast of "The Imitation Game." — *Michael Phillips*



"Kevin Hart: What Now?" ★★ 1/2

R, 1:36, documentary

Comedy juggernaut Kevin Hart isn't content to merely share the screen in buddy comedies like "Ride Along" and "Central Intelligence." He wants to own the screen, as he does in his latest stand up comedy film, "Kevin Hart: What Now?" For his latest trick, he sold out Lincoln Financial Field in his hometown of Philadelphia, a record-breaking, history-making crowd. Hart commands the packed football stadium with his manic energy

and Gatling-gun delivery. Hart has matured and that shows in the material. His jokes are about his family, kids, fiancée and his new life as a movie star, and he doesn't attempt to project anything other than what he is and what kind of life he leads. — *Katie Walsh*



"The Girl on the Train" ★★

R, 1:52, suspense/thriller

Emily Blunt is an excellent and wily actress. In "The Girl on the Train" she's persuasive enough, both in angst, 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 inevitable 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. 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 wise grip; this is more like a lukewarm handshake. — *M.P.*



"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. — *M.P.*



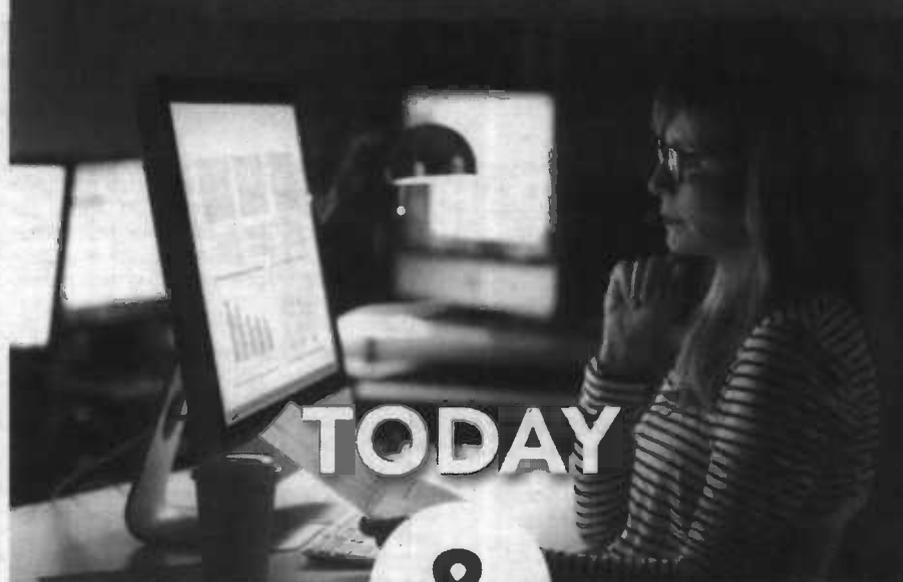
"Deepwater Horizon" ★★ ★

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. 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.*

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Raymond L. Gray, of Chicago, passed away on October 21, 2016. He was born on March 8, 1935 in Luzerne, KY. Beloved father of Kimberly (Anthony) and Carmen (Mohamed), proud grandfather of Leila and Zachary Litliti and Christopher Immenhausen. He is also survived by his brother Delbert Gray and his uncle William L. Raymer Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents Gladys and Elmer Gray, his sister Coreen Bush and his son Donald Gray. Raymond was a talented lighting fixture engineer before retirement and enjoyed Chicago team sports, fishing, western movies and books and visiting Puerto Rico with his many friends and family there. His sense of humor and kindness will be sorely missed by his many loved ones. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army and will be laid to rest with honors at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on Friday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m.

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Jager, Viola Mae Mack

Viola Mae (Mack) Jager, born on December 1, 1918 in Mechanicsville, Iowa, has passed into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior on October 20, 2016. She has joined her dear mother Estella Elizabeth Zerbe (Bartholomew) Lind, her father, Robert Lind, her three sisters, Edna, Dorothy, and Esther, her three brothers, Bob, Jim and Lloyd, and her



loving husband and the father of her children, Zeno Joseph, as well as her second husband, George Christopher. She is survived by her loving and devoted children, Carole Burval (Steve), Craig Mack (Kathy), and Connie Mack. She has passed on her loving spirit to her five wonderful grandchildren, Brent (Jessica), Heather, Christopher (Erica), Ryan, and Ryan, her four amazing great-grandchildren, Bradley, Courtney, Audia, and Callen, and her dearest friend, Carol. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and had an extraordinary zest for life that stayed with her until the very end. Her passion was singing, either in the choir, on the stage, or at her senior living facility. Her peaceful, friendly Christian presence, her glorious gardens, her never-ending love, her beautiful voice, and her gentle spirit brought joy to so many throughout her life. Services and visitation will be private. In lieu of sending flowers, please plant seeds of love and kindness. For information, please contact Davenport Family Funeral Home, 847-381-3411. For online condolences please visit www.davenportfamily.com.

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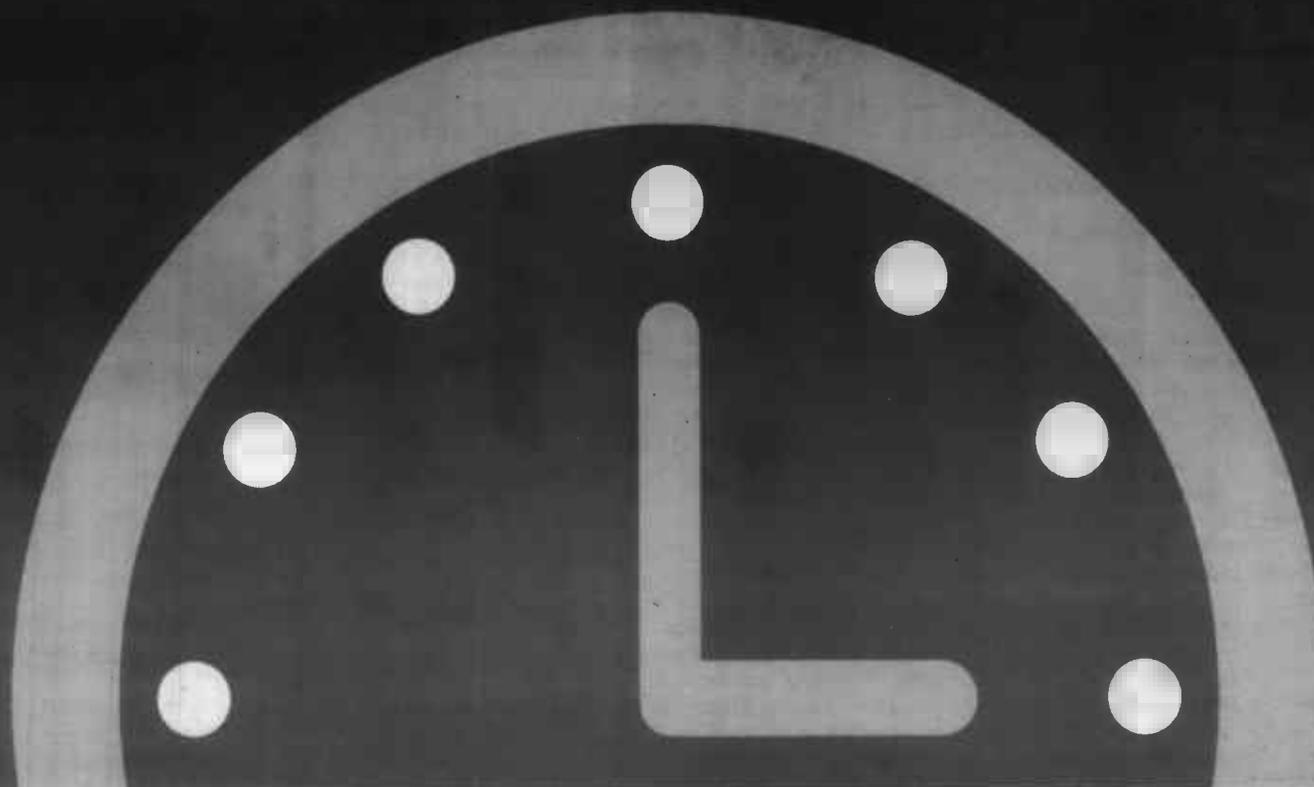
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CLASS 8A FOOTBALL PLAYOFF
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Notre DameBY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press**First-round matchup:** 2 p.m. Saturday at third-seeded Palatine (9-0)**Record:** 6-3 (5-2 East Suburban Catholic)**Best win:** 31-21 over St. Viator on Friday. The Dons secured a playoff berth with an impressive 28-point second half to knock off the Lions in Arlington Heights. The Dons placed third in a conference in which seven of the 10 teams are competing in the playoffs. "Coming off a huge overtime loss (in Week 8 to Marian Central) and to get in the playoffs and make our mark and get a higher seed makes this our biggest win yet," Dons sophomore running back Ty Gavin said.**Offensive MVP:** Gavin. He is an electric player with

the ball in his hands. He creates problems for defenses when he plays quarterback in the Wildcat formation and runs the ball because of his speed and cut-back ability. He torched St. Viator for 123 yards rushing and three touchdowns. "He's an athlete and we saw athletes all over the ESCC, but he's a good football player and he's tough to stop" St. Viator coach David Archibald said.

Defensive MVP: Senior linebacker Thomas Hackett has helped the Dons hold six teams to 17 points or less this season. "Our defense has been scary (good) all year," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said. "They have been our ace in the hole all year and Thomas Hackett has been the guru and leader of the team. He doesn't say much, but he

TRACY ALLEN/PIONEER PRESS

Notre Dame's Ty Gavin, left, attempts to break free from St. Viator's Cole Kmet on Friday in Arlington Heights.

is what we are. No question."

Scouting report: "They have a very good team and

can attack you in a number of ways," Archibald said of the Dons. "Gavin is a talented player and their de-

fense forces turnovers and is very good."

Bob Narang is a freelance

reporter for Pioneer Press.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Glenbrook North grad receives soccer honor

BY SAM BRIEF
Pioneer PressOccidental College sophomore **Ethan Glass**, a Glenbrook North graduate, was named Division III Men's Soccer HERO of the Week by HERO Sports, a college sports news website.

Glass received 57.27 percent of the vote based on his four-goal performance in Occidental's 10-1 win over Caltech on Oct. 1.

The four goals are Glass' only goals on the season, matching his total from his freshman season.

Locals contribute
for Augustana
footballA group of Chicagoland alumni stuffed the stat sheets for the Augustana football team in a 43-35 loss to Millikin on Oct. 15. **Danny Lattner**, a Fenwick graduate, caught 10 passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns. Lattner, a senior, had 598 yards and four scores on the season through Oct. 15. **Bobby Jarosz**, a Prospect graduate rushed for 57 yards and caught three passes for 45 yards and a touchdown. **Ethan Jennings** from Notre Dame Prep added four catches for 68 yards.Defensively, the Vikings were led by Hersey graduate **Frank Kalble**, a defensive back who recorded 10 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss. **Jack Asquini** and **John Asquini**, Buffalo Grove graduates, recorded eight and five tackles, respectively.Hinsdale Central
sibs compete at
CornellHinsdale Central graduates and siblings **Gabrielle Rutkauskas** and **John Rutkauskas** are athletes at Cornell. Gabrielle enters her senior equestrian season after placing third as a junior in the novice fences compe-tition at last season's Ivy League Championships. John is a freshman defensive lineman on the Cornell sprint football team and recorded a tackle on Oct. 7 against Army West Point. He's joined by Barrington graduate **John Nicoletti**, a wide receiver.Schafer finds the
net for Illini
soccer**Summer Schafer**, a senior midfielder and Oak Brook native, has scored two goals this season for the Illinois women's soccer team. Schafer, who trans-

AUGUSTANA SPORTS INFORMATION

Fenwick graduate Danny Lattner (middle) is a senior wide receiver for the Augustana football team.

ferred from Memphis after the 2013 season, hadn't scored for the Illini until this season. Through Oct. 16, Schafer had started in every game this season for the Illini.

Schafer is accompanied on the team by York graduate **Ellie Ordonez**, NewTrier graduate **Jenna Miller** and **Kelly Maday**, and Hinsdale South graduate **Sarah Warren**.Have a suggestion for College Notes? Email Sam Brief at briefsam@gmail.com.

Sam Brief is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

CLASS 3A LOYOLA GIRLS CROSS
COUNTRY REGIONAL NOTEBOOKRekoske steps in at
last minute, helps
Loyola advanceBY JAKUB RUDNIK
Pioneer Press

At the Class 3A Loyola girls cross country regional in Glenview, the host team showed off its depth, with six runners finishing between 15th and 30th in the field of 61. That was good for a fifth-place finish in the team standings and a spot in this Saturday's Niles West Sectional.

Loyola's two underclassmen paced the team. Sophomore Raegan Robertson (19 minutes, 23 seconds) and freshman Jenna Rekoske (19:28) finished 15th and 19th, respectively, on Saturday. Rekoske was not expected to run the regional race, but she was used as a last-minute fill-in for a teammate.

"We decided literally 10 minutes before the race to run Jenna for an injured athlete," Loyola coach ChrisJon Simon said via email. "She was awesome. (Robertson and Rekoske) stepped up and came through for us on what was a tough day for our veteran girls."

Simon said many of his older runners were dealing with sickness or injury. Senior Allie Zahn was 24th (19:40), junior Payton Hoag was 26th (20:04), senior Margot Dooley was 27th (20:07) and junior Emily Plodzeen was 30th (20:10).

Maine East

After failing to qualify for the sectional race in 2015, the Maine East girls cross country team finished sixth in 2016 to move on to the sectional.

"The team was really excited to qualify as a team this year," coach Scott Schultes said via email.

"This was one of our goals heading into the season and we worked hard all week to prepare for how to try to beat a Niles West team that, on paper, is better than us."

Maine East finished with 200 points, while Niles West took seventh with 210 points.

Two of the Blue Demons who qualified for the sectional as individuals last year, Kayla Gregorio and Kajal Modi, ran the top times for Maine East this year. Gregorio finished 29th (20:09) and Modi was 36th (20:54).

"Both of those ladies ran tough that day," Schultes said. "(Modi) and Kayla both have their eyes set on going for PRs this weekend at sectionals."

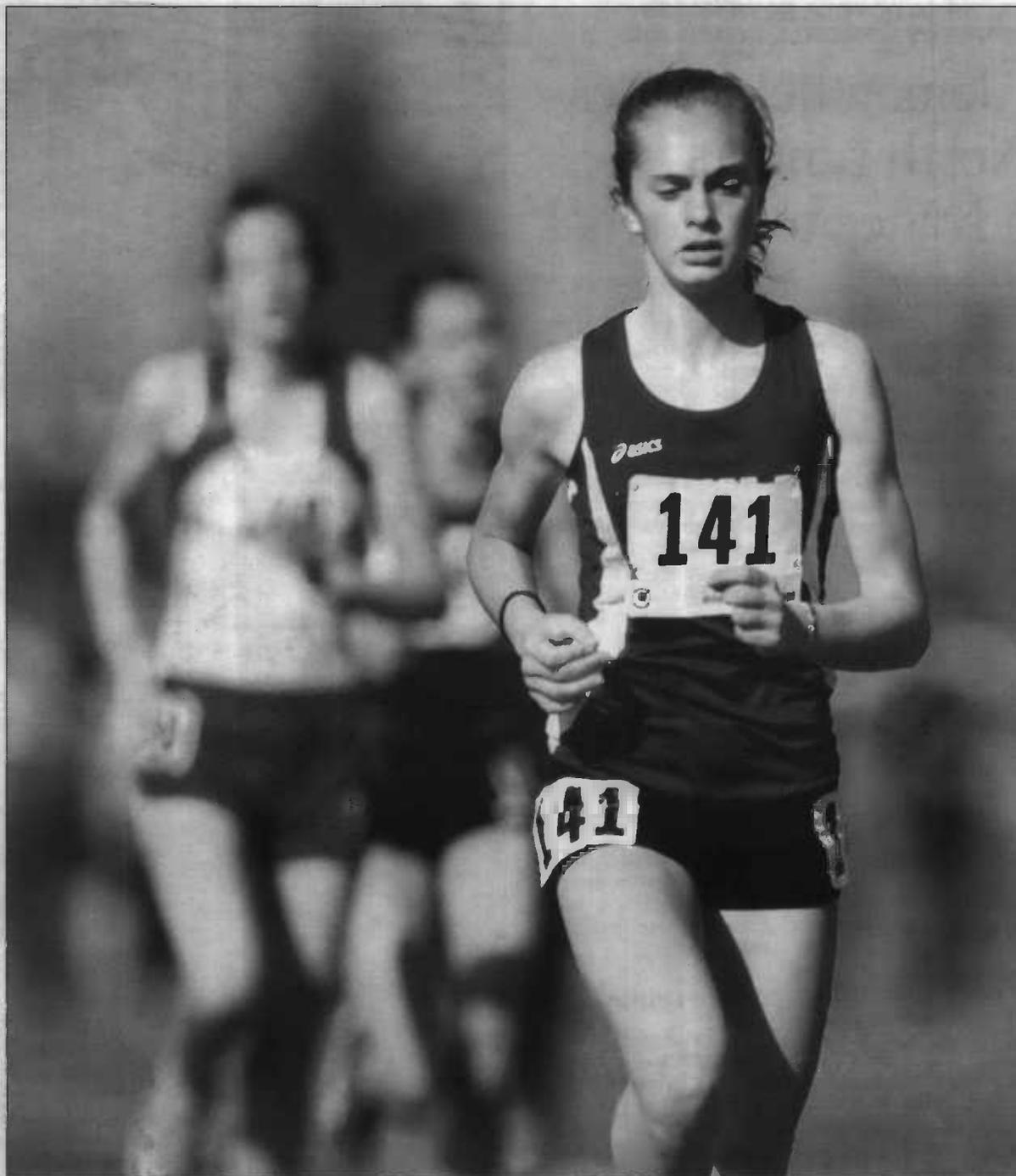
Behind those two, junior Laura Pokorski finished 39th (21:23), freshman Priscilla Romero finished 47th (21:57), sophomore Abigail Flood finished 49th (22:07) and senior Hannah Flood finished 52nd (22:25).

Niles North

The Niles North girls cross country team qualified two individuals for the sectional race.

Senior Teresa Knudson (21:02) and sophomore Christine Fleming (21:09) finished 37th and 38th, respectively. Niles North coach Andrew Swedberg said the course at Loyola's Munz campus in Glenview made the race difficult for athletes from every team.

"The course was new to everybody, it was the first (cross country) race there ever," he said in an email. "So, with all of the turns, varying terrain, difficult turns, it's no wonder that everyone was a little slower."



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Loyola's Jenna Rekoske runs in the Class 3A Loyola girls cross country regional on Saturday in Glenview.

Swedberg said the Vikings had great leadership all season from Knudson and fellow senior Lani Stein. Fleming will be expected to help lead next year.

"(Fleming's) a very talented athlete and an even better student," Swedberg said. "So, I know that she'll keep on working hard and have a strong track season. We have high aspirations for her the next two years."

Niles North took eighth as a team with 235 points.

Niles West

The Niles West girls cross country team also qualified two individuals for the sectional race. Senior Merima Mackic finished 33rd (20:40) and sophomore Diana Panoutsos was 41st (21:38).

"We were actually shooting for a team qualifying position and were not able to be in the top six teams," coach Anne Heselton said by email. "Merima and Di-

ana ran very consistent efforts. They were very disappointed that the team did not qualify, but were pleased to find out they made it as individuals."

Niles West placing seventh with 210 points. Maine East earned the sixth and final berth in the sectional after scoring 200 points.

Mackic has finished 42nd or better at a regional meet for the fourth consecutive year. Panoutsos finished 27th in 2015.

"Diana had some setbacks from her freshmen season and worked steadily to get back to the level she was at as a freshmen," Heselton said. "If she continues to work hard, she should bring her times back to where they were freshman year."

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CLASS 3A LOYOLA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL NOTEBOOK

Aleman helps Niles North runners advance to sectional

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Martin Barr and Dhruvil Patel may be in college, but the pair still had an impact on the Class 3A Loyola Regional in Glenview.

That's because Niles North junior Carlos Aleman, a key contributor for the Vikings, said Barr and Patel had inspired him as a runner. Barr, a freshman at Villanova, and Patel, a sophomore at North Central College, even helped convince him to give up soccer in favor of cross country this fall.

"I always looked up to (Barr and Patel). They both gave 110 percent during practices and meets," said Aleman, a Skokie resident who was a track teammate of Barr and Patel and has continued to train with them in recent summers. "When I saw them run 4:20 (Patel) and 4:21 (Barr) in the mile (at the 2015 Dan Horyn Track Invite), I set out to be like them.

"They always told me to do cross country (which meant year-round training) if I ever wanted to run that time. And so this year, I chose to run cross country, and I'm starting to love it."

The Vikings love having Aleman.

At Saturday's regional, junior Conor Perreault, a returning state-qualifier, finished fifth (15 minutes, 39.5 seconds). But the performance by Aleman (28th, 16:42.5) was instrumental in Niles North finishing sixth (143) and edging out Evanston (seventh, 170) for final team-qualifying spot in Saturday's Niles West Sectional.

Aleman was 35th mid-way through the regional race, but passed several runners down the stretch.

Only one Evanston runner finished ahead of him.

"We were watching (Aleman) quite a bit. He caught a ton of people," Niles North coach Dave Shafron said.

Perreault said Aleman has been a welcome addition to the Vikings cross country program this fall.

"(Aleman) has been great," said Perreault, a Skokie resident. "It's his first year of cross country, and when he came in we were wondering where he'd be on varsity, and suddenly he's our third guy. That's kind of incredible. It's great to have him on the team."

Also for Niles North, senior Zach Harris came in 22nd (16:29.3), senior Jay Patel was 41st (17:00.7), senior Jordan Francis finished 47th (17:14.6), senior Brandon Nguyen came in 53rd (17:32.3) and junior Youel Andemichael was 56th (17:39.8).

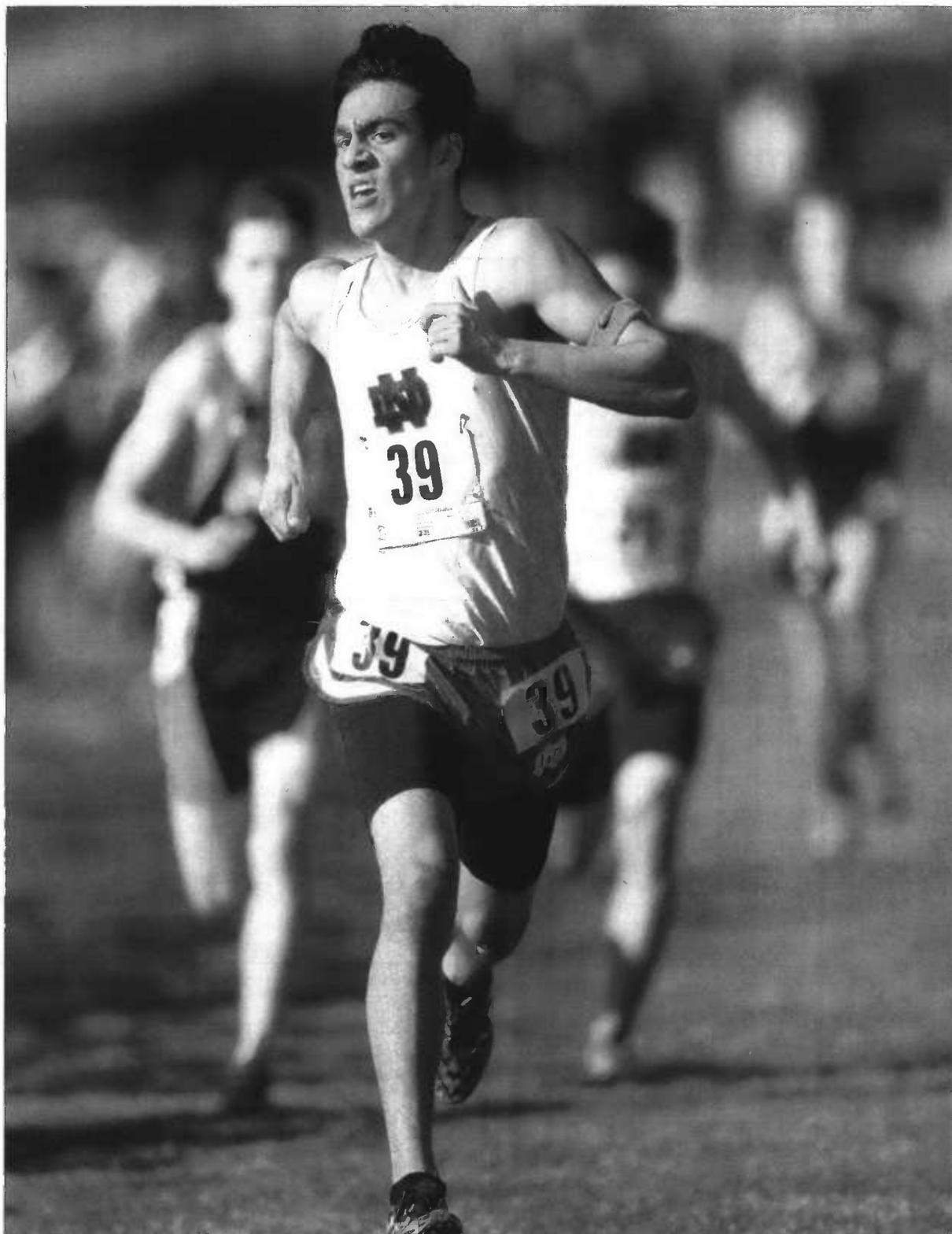
Notre Dame

Junior Jeremy Ermilio (42nd, 17:06.1) and senior Braulio Alvarez (45th, 17:08.3) were the Dons' top two finishers at the regional, but neither advanced to the sectional.

Though Alvarez will graduate, Ermilio is scheduled to return next fall. Coach John Barrett said the program also has a talented sophomore class.

"(Ermilio) is a hard worker and a good kid," Barrett said. "We have a nice group of sophomores, who had some good experience on the lower levels this year. With Jeremy, and with them coming up to be juniors, I think we're OK for the future."

The Dons (249 points) came in ninth at the 10-team regional.



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Notre Dame's Jeremy Ermilio competes at the Class 3A Loyola cross country regional on Saturday in Glenview.

Maine East

A young Blue Demons squad occupied the final seven individual spots at the regional. But coach Chris Peters said he was pleased to hear his runners talk about their desire for

future success.

"Our young guys are disappointed and want to improve," Peters said. "They improved over the course of the season, but when you come in without summer training, you're not going to be competitive in this area.

If they want to be competitive, they have to put in the work in the summer, run 300 to 400 miles in the summer."

Maine East's lineup featured three seniors, three sophomores and a freshman.

Maine East (330) came in last in the 10-team regional.

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Improved serve, composure help Bacalla finish 4th

BY GARY LARSEN
Pioneer Press

A couple days prior to the Class AA girls tennis state tournament, Niles North held a send-off party for junior Michelle Bacalla. During the party, Niles North coach Andy Klamm made an announcement.

"The seedings came out on the same day," Klamm said. "I said, 'By the way, the number one seed in the state this year is Michelle Bacalla.'"

Bacalla, who finished sixth in Illinois under the single-class system last year, was initially a bit unnerved by the announcement. But she quickly regained the proper perspective.

"If I'm a number one seed, OK, but it's just a number. I don't want to be overconfident about it. I just want to keep playing my game," Bacalla said.

"Because it doesn't matter who you play. It's all about you, on your own terms, and what you do in each and every match."

Bacalla ended up finishing fourth in state, falling to Palatine's Asuka Kawai 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 in the third-place match Saturday.

Through her first two matches of the state tournament, Bacalla lived up to the top billing. She only dropped three games in a pair of straight-set wins.

However, Bacalla was tested in her third match, a 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 victory over Grant's Gaby Schoenberg. Bacalla advance to the

quarterfinals with the win.

A dicey start against Schoenberg forced Bacalla to fall back on one of her strengths, her composure.

"That third set was tough," Bacalla said. "I reminded myself to take my time, I took a few breaths, relaxed and played my game. I reminded myself that I played (Schoenberg) before, and I've beaten her before."

Klamm said that Bacalla's composure under pressure has improved since last season.

"She has a really cool mix of calmness and unbelievable intensity," Klamm said.

"She has been in some tense situations this year — been down a set or had a couple calls go against her — and she has always found a way to refocus and reset."

Bacalla, who became the first Niles North girls tennis player to earn a state medal by placing sixth last year, entered this season bent on improving upon last year's finish.

She improved mainly in one key area.

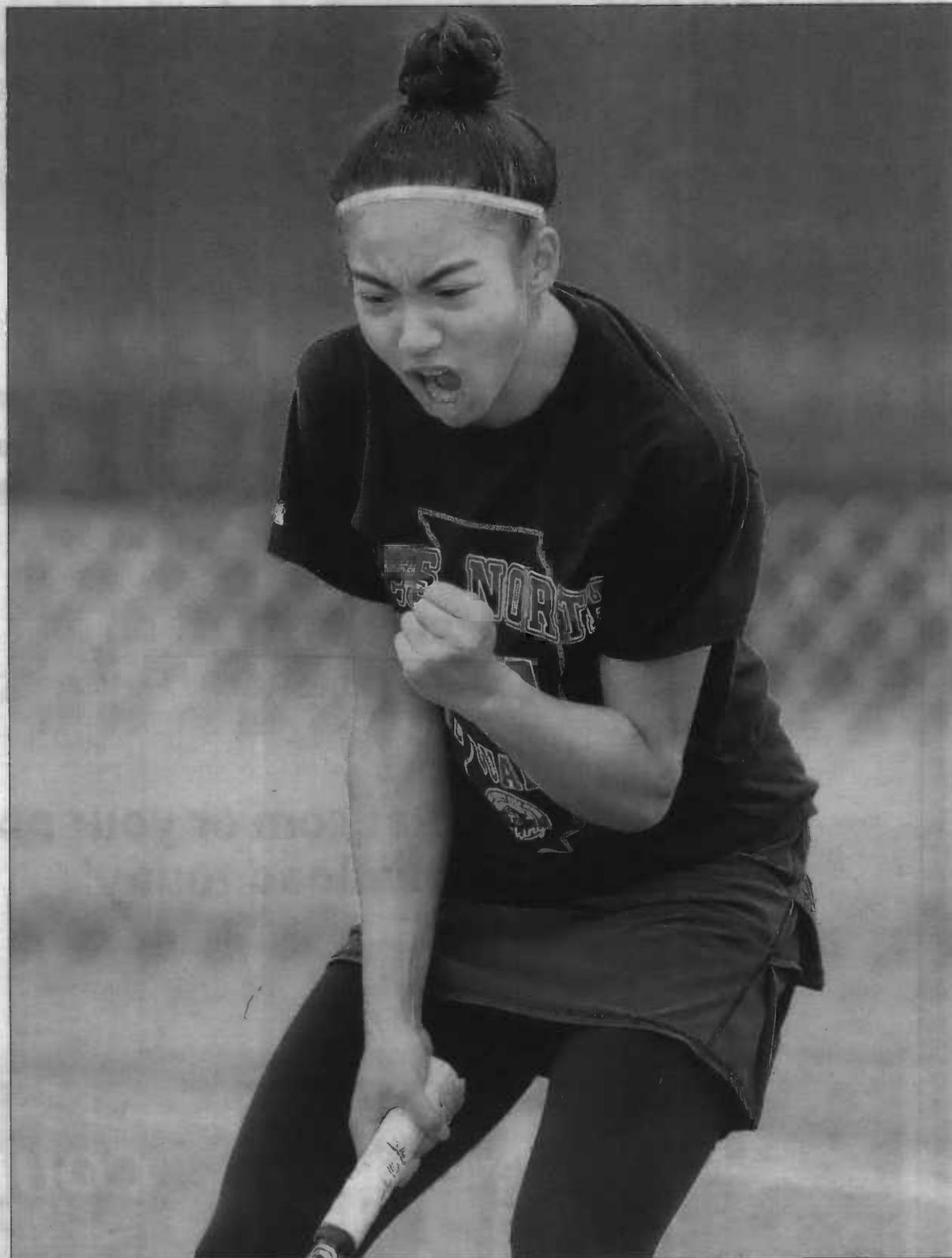
"I've worked on every single shot, and tweaked whatever I've needed to tweak," Bacalla said. "But my serve is definitely better than last year."

In her quarterfinal match on Friday against Elk Grove's Jelena Vujanic, Bacalla had her serve working in a 6-4, 6-3 win.

However Bacalla lost to Lyons' Lahari Yelamanchili, the eventual state champion, 6-1, 7-6 (3) in the semifinals.

"I want to stay humble. I don't like anyone saying, 'I'm better than her,' because it's always more a matter of who's working harder."

— Michelle Bacalla



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS

Niles North's Michelle Bacalla celebrates a point during her quarterfinal match at the Class AA girls tennis state tournament on Friday in Buffalo Grove.

"The margin between winning and losing at this level is so thin," Klamm said. "Every girl does everything well. It's just a matter of who's going to execute one or two more balls in a

20-shot point more often." Bacalla didn't change everything in 2016.

"She's still an unbelievable teammate and competitor," Klamm said. "As a coach, those are the qualities

you kill for in a kid."

Bacalla said it's important how she conducts herself.

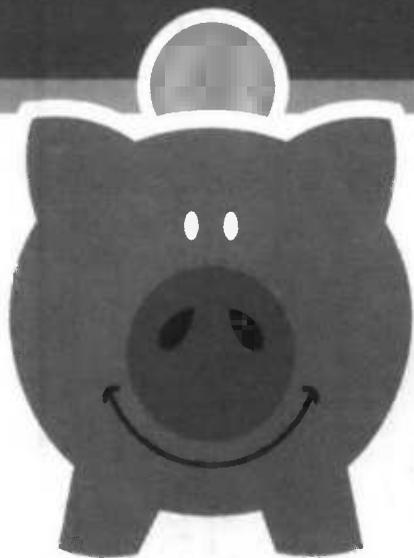
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Trzeciak works hard to become starting goalie

BY BRETT CHRISTIE
Pioneer Press

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Niles North senior goalkeeper Pawel Trzeciak fell to the ground inside his 18-yard box in anguish. He lay there for a little while after the whistle, on his knees, face down with his hands on the back of his head.

The Vikings had just lost 1-0 to host New Trier in the Class 3A regional semifinals on Oct. 18 in Northfield.

Trzeciak was far from the only Niles North player whose high school career ended — 17 of the team's 23 players are seniors — but you would be hard pressed to find someone who worked harder to be a starter in the postseason match, Vikings coach Filip Cejovic said.

Trzeciak spent his sophomore and junior seasons playing goalie on the JV team and was expected to serve as the varsity backup this year to fellow senior Zac Sward, who was the starter last season. Trzeciak, however, had other ideas. He said he dedicated the off-season to improving his weak points as a goalie, including communication with defensive teammates, coming off his line more decisively and dealing with crosses in traffic.

The significant improve-

ment was evident to Cejovic as the season approached, which led him to divide playing time between Sward and Trzeciak.

"I think the work ethic that Pawel displayed from this summer on raised the level of expectations for Zac, who was our starting goalie last year and is a terrific goalie as well," Cejovic said. "I feel it inspired our other players to raise their level of practicing and commitment, because he wanted to play so badly. He displayed his desire to play by working hard at practice and it forced others to take notice. He truly became a leader for us from the back."

Trzeciak said he experienced profound disappointment last season when he got the news that he had failed to make the varsity roster. But that moment ultimately became a catalyst for his ascension to a starting role this season.

"It was really heartbreaking, because I was expecting to be on varsity," said Trzeciak, a Morton Grove resident. "But after taking a couple days for it to sink in, I decided I might as well make the best of the situation I'm given and I did."

Alem Zukancic, the Vikings' captain and a three-year starter on defense, said Trzeciak's presence in net shored up the Vikings' back line and that his passion and

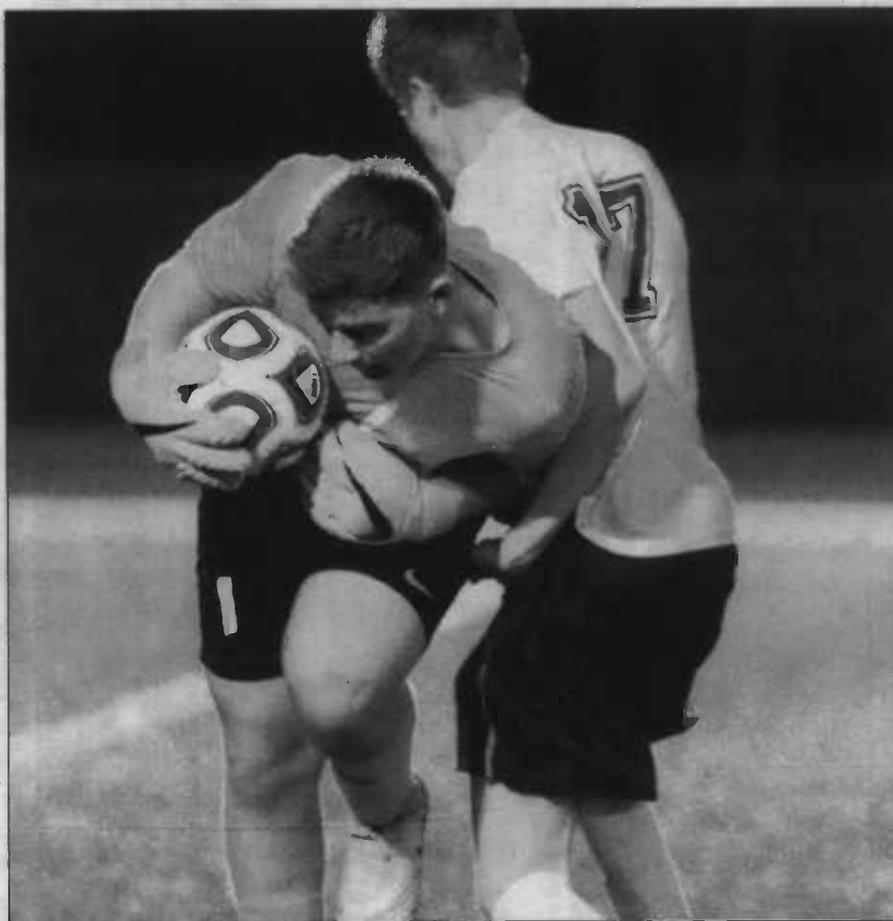
drive were noticed by the rest of the team.

"He really added a lot of stability in the back and he really became our number one goalie toward the end of the season," said Zukancic, a Skokie resident. "It's a really great story. I mean he worked probably the hardest on our team and really focused on getting that starting spot, because he really hasn't had a starting spot for most of high school. Ever since he's come to the team and been a regular player, he just made the defense more stable, the back more stable. He's always talking, he's always leading us from the back, so he really added to the team a lot."

Trzeciak posted four shutouts and allowed 12 goals in 13 starts for Niles North, including an impressive 1-0 victory at Glenbrook South on Sept. 15, which he pointed to as his breakout performance. In the win, Trzeciak made three noteworthy saves to help keep the shutout.

Trzeciak's rise could have created dissension among the team or with Sward. But that was not the case, Zukancic said. In fact, quite the opposite.

"It was amazing to see two guys who have basically battled for a starting spot since freshman year to be taking not starting or starting that lightly and always



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New Trier's Ryan Krueger (17) collides with Niles North goalie Pawel Trzeciak (1) during the Class 3A New Trier Regional semifinal on Oct. 18 in Northfield.

being friendly and always hugging it out at the end of the day," Zukancic said. "It really solidified the bonds of this team and made us feel like a real family. ... If they could not get angry — they would go and support each other no matter who was starting — no matter who was getting to play in the big conference games, then everyone else on the team should be getting along. They really held us together

at some points of the season."

Though he had already been rewarded for his hard work, Trzeciak said getting the nod against New Trier was especially gratifying.

"It meant a lot because I've been working toward this moment since the beginning of my high school career," Trzeciak said. "It just meant a lot knowing that my teammates and all my coaches, they favored me

and they knew how much I worked and saw my improvement from all those years and decided that it was me that should start. It just means a lot, because I wasn't favored the other two years and I worked really hard and I'm glad they saw that."

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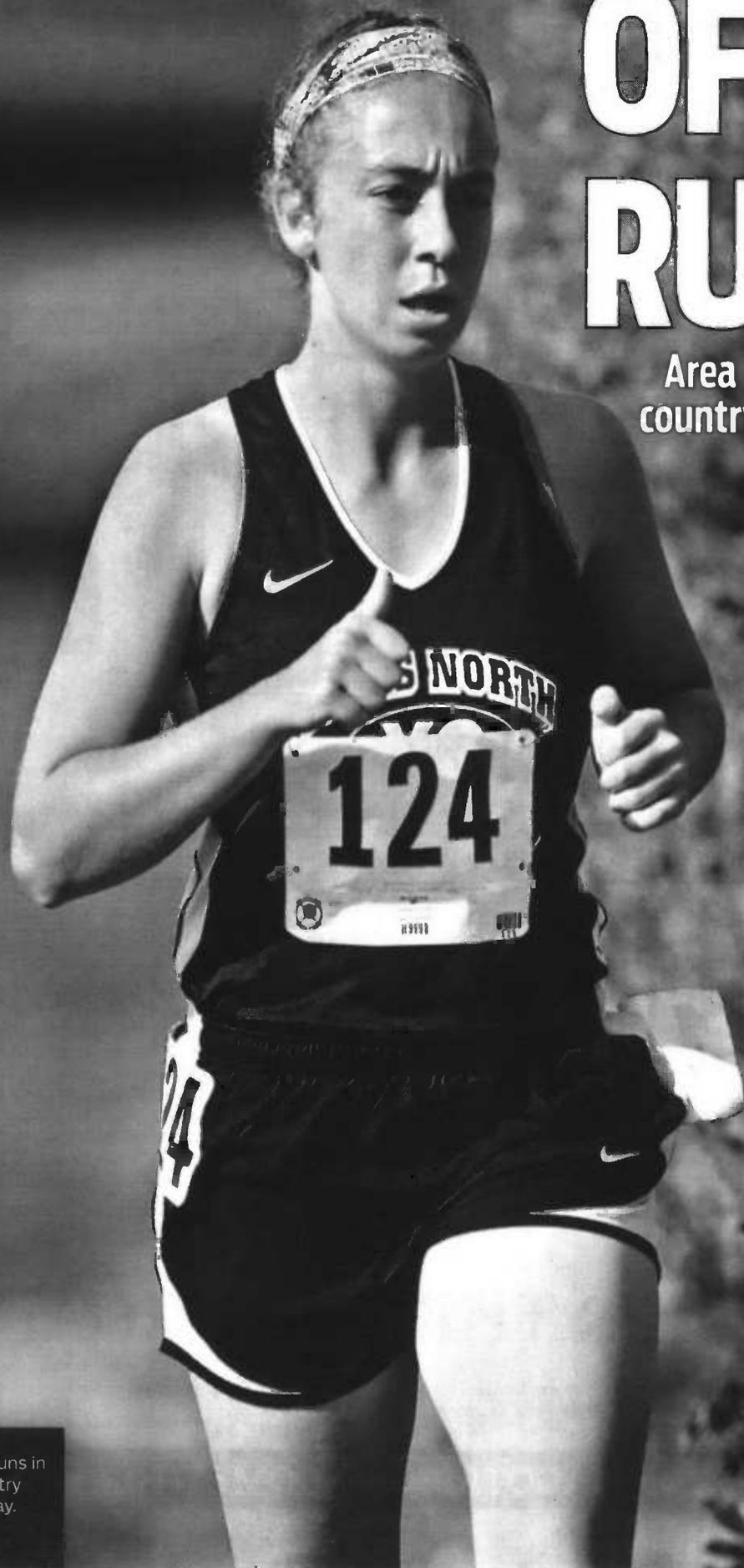
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