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SHOUT OUT

Gina Bellisario, children's writer

Gina Bellisario of Park Ridge is a writer of children's books. Her current books, written for children ages 6 to 8, are part of a series depicting the adventures of an 8-year-old girl named Ellie Ultra, who has super powers.

Bellisario is married to Paul Bellisario, an English teacher and varsity softball coach at Maine South High School. More information is available on her website, www.ginabellisario.com.

Q: What is the Ellie Ultra series about?

A: It's about an 8-year-old girl who is a superhero. She solves everyday problems. Like, in the first book she deals with feeling like an outsider and wanting to fit in. ... Each book also has a super villain element and in each book she deals with a problem, but also fights with a super villain or has to use her super powers in extraordinary ways. ... I really wanted to make her relatable to kids. Kids love superheroes, but I wanted to make sure they could

relate to her, which is why I brought in this component for her to deal with problems that kids face.

Q: What other problems does she deal with?

A: The first book is about fitting in with her 3rd-grade class. The second book is about feeling jealous when her best friend gets into the spelling bee and she doesn't. The third one is where she teams up with her dog, Super Fluffy, and it's about fighting loneliness.



Gina Bellisario

Q: Why did you choose to write books for children?

A: I've always loved using my imagination, and when I put my imagination on paper, the stories came naturally. It was an organic process.

Q: Where does your inspiration for stories come from?

A: So much of my inspiration is from my children. ... I love imagining and seeing what my children would imagine, what they see and

what they have explored through their childhood.

Q: How many children do you have?

A: I have twin girls, who are now 11 years old, so they have graduated on to chapter books and books that are outside of what I write, which is sad for me. But I love seeing how they are exploring different genres, and I love them being able to explore the things they enjoy. They are always my first readers. When I go to write a story, I always have them read it and tell me what they think.

Q: What are your other interests?

A: Just spending time doing things with my family, even something as simple as taking a walk around the neighborhood with my dog is what I love to do.

Q: What is next for you?

A: It's looking like the publisher is going to extend the series, so I am very, very excited about that and right now I'm brainstorming new story lines for Ellie.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press

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Bringing old-time radio history alive

Niles Historical and Cultural Center hosts special Halloween event

BY **KARIE ANGELL LUC**
Pioneer Press

You could hear the sounds of old-time radio performed live throughout the Niles Historical and Cultural Center Oct. 30.

The occasion was the performance of the "Those Were the Days" Radio Players West headlining the free event, "Hallowe'en! The Old Time Radio Players."

"I love old-time radio," said Dan Modes of Oak Park, one of nine actors who appeared with the Old Town Radio Players West.

"I enjoy performing and like meeting people who like old-time radio."

The event also included complimentary refreshments such as harvest-colored iced cookies with sprinkles. Most of the chairs in the auditorium were filled.

"I want to relive the good old days!" said Julia Guarnaccio, a Niles resident since 1959 and Niles Historical Society president.

Folks were treated to a program with sound effects produced by real door knobs being turned, walking footsteps amplified via microphone and speech fluctuations punched with dramatic pauses and upped volume.

"I thought it was great," said LaVerne Kozak, a Niles resident since 1955 and Niles Historical Society secretary.

Kozak recalled listening to radio in her family's two-flat.

"We imagined what it would look like because we couldn't see anything like TV today," Kozak said. "We sat in the living room and listened. That's how it used to be."

"Those Were The Days" Radio Players West is a group organized in the

winter of 1992 by Chuck Schaden, original host of the long-running program with a similar name on WDCB 90.9 FM of DuPage County and Chicago.

"I do it for the fun of it, to keep radio alive; it's good, clean comedy," said Phil Tomzik, of Wheaton, group spokesman and the go-to guy for equipment set-up, done roadie-style. "We may only look like nine (performers), but quadruple that (with personalities), and it's 36!"

Selections and highlights/snippets performed included "The Shadow (The Shandu Process)", "Our Miss Brooks (Halloween Party)" and "Abbott and Costello Meet Dracula (Bela Lugosi)."

The historic museum setting lent itself to spooky Halloween sounds, many agreed.

The Niles Historical and Cultural Center was a Cook County Sheriff's building from 1923 until 1984, according to a village of Niles website. The landmark space is one of the oldest municipal structures in Niles and has a jail for visitors to see.

"Its history and your imagination is more powerful than anything you can see," said Charise Kalogridis of Glenview, raised in Niles and a 1983 Maine East High School graduate.

Kalogridis accompanied her mother Salvatrice Scharpenberg, a 48-year Niles resident.

"The Shadow' is my favorite," Scharpenberg said, adding the program, for her memory, aired every Sunday at 3 p.m.

"I love 'The Shadow,'" said Avis Barnard of Niles. "It's just fun to remember those days."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Phil Tomzik of Wheaton runs the sound board mixer Oct. 30 during the "Those Were the Days" Old Town Radio Players West performance at the Niles Historical Society and Museum in Niles.



Dan Modes of Oak Park was one of nine actors who appeared with the Old Town Radio Players West.

Pair of Oakton freshmen on par for NJCAA nationals

By BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Oakton Community College golfer Stephen Bukielski said he took up golf in middle school so he could try to beat his father at the game.

Bukielski said he eventually won matches against his father, and now Bukielski and another Oakton freshman are headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Golf Championship at the Longbow Golf Course in Arizona. The tournament is scheduled for May 2017.

"I'm excited," Bukielski said. "There's a lot of good competition. I'll be working all of the off-season."

He credits his competitive nature with helping him reach nationals.

"My dad played it and I was always competitive with him," said Bukielski, 18, who lives in Niles. "Once I started beating him in it I

found a love for the game. Next thing, I was 'going national.'"

Bukielski and OCC freshman Chris Blaha qualified for nationals with their winning matches at the NJCAA Region IV Regional Tournament at Deer Park

Country Club in Oglesby, Ill., earlier this month, said team coach Louis Walker. He said the freshmen competed against 50 other golfers from 11 area colleges in the 54-hole competition. Bukielski placed third overall, shooting 225, and Blaha finished eighth with his score of 231. Both golfers were named to the NJCAA Region IV All-Region First Team, Walker said.

"Our region is one of the toughest ones in America to get out of," he said. "That in itself is hard, but even more for two young freshmen making it to the national tournament is also awesome."

"Those two matured all year and remained consistent all year," he added.

"That's why they made it. They overcame what they needed to do to shoot a good score and they went out and did it."

Blaha, 18, who lives in Elk Grove Village, said he started golfing in 8th grade and kept playing because he always wanted to improve. He also said he credits his team with helping him make it to nationals.

"I think my confidence comes from my teammates. We all play off of each other," he said. "We didn't start too well, but in the end, we kind of just brought it all together."

Earlier this year the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference named Bukielski and Blaha to its all-conference first team, Walker said.

"It was a big deal because we worked hard the entire year to get it," Bukielski said. "I was excited to get rewarded for that."

Both golfers said they will continue to work on their golf game in anticipation of the national competition.

"I know I have my coach behind me and I'm going to work hard in the off-season," Blaha said.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



Blaha



Bukielski

Township holds annual toy, food drive

Niles Township is once again sponsoring a holiday food and toy collection drive.

Niles Township, which has its office at 5255 Main St., Skokie, is seeking donations of canned fruit, vegetables, cereal, rice, cake mixes and more, all of which help stock the township food pantry shelves, according to township officials. Niles Township officials have said food is most in demand at this time of year, and the need has grown greater in recent seasons.

"Food insecurity is a year-

round issue that many residents face," said Niles Township Supervisor Marilyn D. Glazer.

Located in the northeast corner of Cook County, the township says it covers a population of more than 105,000. Niles Township includes the villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Golf and sections of Morton Grove, Niles and Glenview. The Niles Township Food Pantry serves 4,000 individuals each month, Glazer said.

"During the holidays, we seek food and toy donations

so children and their families can enjoy a dignified celebration," Glazer said.

In addition to food, township officials say they are looking for an unwrapped toy for an infant or a child through age 17. The Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation, a non-profit organization, also accepts monetary donations to stock the shelves. Donations of food and toys can be dropped at the Niles Township office.

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Villages updating marijuana ordinances

Lincolnwood, Morton Grove make changes to comply with state law

BY NATALIE HAYES

Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood and Morton Grove are among Illinois municipalities looking at current marijuana possession ordinances, using recent changes to state law to determine what tweaks should be made.

Lincolnwood officials last month adopted changes to align local ordinances regarding possession of small amounts of marijuana with the state legislation that Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law July 29.

The state law was designed to create uniformity to give towns guidelines on how to penalize people caught with only a few

grams of marijuana, according to proponents of the legislation. But municipalities can still choose whether to charge someone under state statutes or the town's respective local laws, based on the circumstances of the arrest and the individual's criminal history.

Under the new state law, anyone caught with 10 grams or less of marijuana could face a fine of \$100 to \$200, but municipalities have the option to increase the fines and impose other penalties — like community service hours or drug counseling. The state law also requires that citations issued for small amounts of marijuana possession be

expunged from a person's police record.

The changes made to Lincolnwood's local ordinance will send more offenders through the administrative court hearing process versus having to appear at the county courthouse, according to Lincolnwood Police Chief Bob LaMantia.

"Our goal here is to charge first-time offenders in possession of under 30 grams with the local ordinance," LaMantia said.

The fines issued in Lincolnwood's administrative court are determined by the judge on a case-by-case basis, so they could be less or more than what a county judge would order.

"Fines can be up to \$2,500, but they vary greatly from community to community and the adminis-

trative hearing officer will consider all the variables in each case," LaMantia said. The hearing officer "wants to factor in whether or not they're willing to do community service and counseling, the quantity of marijuana and the terms of the arrest."

In Morton Grove, police and village officials are also drafting new local laws in line with the state's marijuana guidelines, which will allow more offenders who would have otherwise been charged with a misdemeanor to start getting away with a citation.

The proposed language of the local ordinance increases the weight ceiling for marijuana citations, according to Cmdr. Paul Yaras of the Morton Grove Police Department.

Most of the fines offend-

ers pay for a citation in Morton Grove would stay the same, according to a draft ordinance provided by the police department, but new fines may be added for offenders caught with larger amounts or with drug paraphernalia and marijuana together.

Police there are considering that stipulation because part of the new state law also decriminalizes paraphernalia possession, Yaras said.

The fines collected by Lincolnwood are put into a general fund the village delegates for the police department to cover court costs, according to police officials.

LaMantia and other supporters of the penalty changes for possessing small amounts of marijuana say the decriminalization

will help reduce the number of people who have to appear in county court on less serious offenses.

"There's more time to devote to each case at the administrative hearings," LaMantia said. "It's a relatively minor offense, but it's still treated seriously enough so that each case gets the attention it deserves."

Not every municipality is looking to amend its cannabis possession laws.

So far, Niles is sticking with its ordinance that calls for anyone caught with less than 10 grams of cannabis to pay a \$50 fine at village hall and face possible corrective measures as assigned by an administrative court judge.

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D64 school nurse talk moves to closed-door meeting

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Pioneer Press

A proposal to add more nurses to Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's schools ended up being a topic of closed-door conversation for the school board this month.

The board's Oct. 24 agenda included a "recommendation to reorganize school health services" for the 2017-18 school year as a discussion item during the public meeting, but board President Anthony Borrelli said a long and very fruitful discussion occurred earlier in the evening during a closed session instead. Because existing staffing positions that could be affected fall under a collective bargaining agreement with the Park Ridge Teacher Assistants Association, the board decided to take up the discussion in the closed meeting, Borrelli said.

Briefly summarizing the talks, Borrelli said topics



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A sign at Hinsdale South points to the nurse's office. A proposal to add more nurses to District 64's schools ended up being a topic of closed-door conversation.

included financial aspects, qualifications of the health professionals and the needs of the current student population.

"The board is not allowed to take action in closed session, but we have raised questions and asked the administration to come back with further information so we can round out our discussion and come to a con-

clusion," Borrelli said.

In August, Director of Student Services Jane Boyd presented the school board in open session with a recommendation to replace each school's health assistants with certified nurses. These positions can be filled by registered nurses or licensed practical nurses, Boyd said.

Currently, there is only

one full-time registered nurse who travels to and from each of the schools to administer medication, Boyd said. Two additional nurses on staff can also give medication, but they have other duties, including providing special education services and consulting with teachers, a memo to the school board said.

Each of the eight schools is staffed by health assistants who are trained in first aid, but cannot give children medication or perform other duties that nurses can, Boyd said. They belong to the teacher assistants union, she said.

"Most of our schools, most of the time, do not have nurses working in them," Boyd told the school board in August.

Borrelli declined to say whether the board is leaning in support of having one nurse employed at each school.

"We're not done deliber-

ating," he said.

How much a potential change in staffing could cost the district has not been presented.

"Once the board makes a decision on which type of licensure/certification they want our health services employees to hold, the district can then estimate the cost of the model," Boyd said in an email to the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate.

Currently, the district's cost for building health assistants is \$206,310, she added.

Boyd said the proposal "continues to evolve," with additional review by the school board planned for Nov. 14. It is not clear whether information provided to the board on that date will be discussed in closed or open session.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median pay for registered nurses in 2015 was \$67,490 per year, and the median pay

for licensed practical nurses was \$43,170 per year.

Park Ridge resident Joan Sandrik, a frequent attendee of District 64 school board meetings, called for the board to hire certified nurses, saying the medical issues that some students have require more than a health assistant can provide.

"They are not trained medical professionals," Sandrik said of the health assistants. "At a minimum, I would strongly urge you to hire RNs."

Data shared with the school board in August indicates that, on average, District 64's three current nurses are called to each school just about every day. A District 64 survey of 15 suburban school districts indicates that only two do not have a registered nurse on staff in each school building.

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Morton Grove man charged with stealing from aunt, 84

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A Morton Grove man is accused of stealing money from his 84-year-old aunt who has dementia, money police said he used for gambling and other personal expenses over a 10-month period.

Jun Dimayuga, 54, of the 8300 block of Callie Avenue, was the primary caretaker for his aunt for six years before he started withdrawing money out of her bank accounts in December 2015, according to police. He allegedly obtained more than \$100,000 through multiple bank transfers and withdrawals before he was caught and charged with felony financial exploitation of the elderly on Oct. 19.

Police said Dimayuga had power of attorney for his aunt, and lived in the same home with her. He allegedly

took her to Chase bank and Bank of America branches on several occasions to have her transfer money to a separate account she had with BMO Harris bank. He would then write himself checks from that account ranging from \$500 to \$4,000, police said.



Dimayuga

Officials at BMO Harris started an investigation in March after Dimayuga allegedly tried on one occasion to get his aunt's signature granting permission to liquidate her \$800,000 investment account. Following that incident, her accounts were frozen pending an investigation, according to police.

That same month, Dimayuga allegedly admitted to an investigator from social service agency Metropolitan Family Services to gambling most of the money away, according to police.

A police report also stated that he fled the home after the conversation with the social service agency worker and hadn't been heard from by his family since. Morton Grove police issued a warrant for his arrest.

Dimayuga was taken into custody by Chicago police Oct. 17 during the course of a routine traffic stop, after officers were alerted about the outstanding warrant.

During an Oct. 18 interview with Morton Grove police, he admitted to writing more than 100 checks to himself from his aunt's accounts and said he used the money to pay for groceries, bills, school tuition, caregiver costs and gambling, police said.

A Cook County judge ordered him held on \$50,000 bail on Oct. 22. Dimayuga is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 9 at the Skokie Courthouse.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Massage therapist charged with criminal sexual assault

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

An employee at a downtown Evanston spa is facing felony charges after a woman accused him of sexually assaulting her during a massage, authorities said.

Evanston police said Kai Wang, 31, of the 3600 block of South Archer Avenue in Chicago, was charged Oct. 14 with felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse and felony aggravated criminal sexual assault. Wang could not be reached for comment.

Authorities said that on Oct. 13, a 20-year-old Evanston woman went into the Art of Health spa, 1638

Orrington Ave., Evanston. The woman reportedly told police that during her massage, Wang began to touch her in an inappropriate manner on her breasts, buttocks and vagina.

The woman told police she tried to leave and was in the process of doing so when Wang reached around her in a hugging-type motion, grabbing her breasts and lifting her off the ground, authorities said. Police said the woman then left and reported the incident.

Authorities said Wang was arrested on Oct. 14 and brought into the Evanston Police Department.

"They have felony

charges against him," said police Cmdr. Joseph Dugan. "Those are pretty serious charges."

A man answering the phone at the spa who said he was a manager said Wang did nothing wrong and that Wang still works part time at the spa.

Wang appeared in Cook County Central Bond Court on Oct. 16 and was ordered held in lieu of \$50,000 bail. Court records show he was free on bail by his initial appearance in Skokie Court on Oct. 18, and he is due back in court on Nov. 9.

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PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ William J. Kelly, 50, of the 100 block of Summit Avenue, Park Ridge, was charged with criminal damage to property Oct. 19 after he allegedly kicked the patio window of a bar in the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, Kelly became angry and refused to leave the establishment. Police said Kelly offered to pay for the damage to the window, but did not have the money with him. He was given a Dec. 2 court date.

■ A man reportedly entered a restaurant in the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue Oct. 16, ordered a cup of coffee, and started yelling at employees. He then struck the side of the counter with his hand, damaging a cardboard sign, before leaving, police said.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

■ Noel R. Rivera, 26, of the first block of East Medill Avenue,

Northbrook, was charged with disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, resisting a police officer and criminal trespass Oct. 15. According to police, an employee of a restaurant in the 7400 block of Milwaukee Avenue ordered Rivera to leave the building after he allegedly caused a disturbance with his girlfriend. Police said Rivera threatened the employee. Rivera was accused of struggling with police officers as they attempted to take him into custody and police said he kicked the window of a Niles squad car. He was given an Oct. 20 court date.

THEFT

■ Jaxqueel Lane, 29, of the 2700 block of W. Harrison Street, Chicago, was charged with retail theft Oct. 20 after police said he changed a price tag inside a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center and paid just \$5 for a bed cover valued at \$120. He was given a Nov. 3 court date.

DUI

■ James Garbossa, 25, of the 1400 block of Lois Court, Park Ridge, was charged with driving under

the influence Oct. 16 following a traffic stop in the 8100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He was given a Dec. 2 court date.

THEFT

■ Approximately 40 pairs of women's underwear were reported stolen Oct. 13 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. The items were valued at \$540, police said.

■ A student's laptop computer was reported stolen Oct. 15 from Gemini Junior High School, 8955 N. Greenwood Ave.

■ A man allegedly left King Spa and Sauna, 809 Civic Center Drive, without paying for services Oct. 16.

■ A man allegedly stole a wallet that was left behind at the cashier's counter inside a store in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue Oct. 16.

■ Surveillance video from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road showed a man picking up a wallet that was reportedly dropped by another shopper Oct. 19, police said. The wallet contained \$700 in cash, according to police.

■ Three phones, valued at \$1,700, were reported stolen Oct. 17 from the counter of a store in the 7200

block of Dempster Street.

■ A bicycle valued at \$280 was stolen Oct. 19 from a rack outside Golf Mill Shopping Center, police said.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

■ A 22-year-old woman from Skokie was ticketed for public intoxication Oct. 18 outside a restaurant in the 500 block of Touhy Avenue.

BURGLARY

■ Electronics were reported stolen Oct. 15 following the burglary of a home in the 8700 block of Osceola Avenue, police said.

■ A restaurant in the 6400 block of Touhy Avenue was reported burglarized Oct. 17. At the time of the report, it was not known if anything was stolen, police said.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

■ Someone broke a window on a car parked near Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton St., Oct. 16 and stole \$9 in cash from a purse that was left inside, police said.

■ A purse was stolen Oct. 18 from a car parked in a lot on the 8900 block of Golf Road, police said.

Skokie

THEFT

■ Markita Iesha Johnson, 25, of the 3700 block of South Wentworth, Chicago, was charged with retail theft Oct. 18 on the 9400 block of Skokie Boulevard.

■ Tamara Monique Lee, 20, of the 200 block of West 37th Street, Chicago, was charged with retail theft Oct. 18 on the 9400 block of Skokie Boulevard.

■ A Skokie teenager, 14, was charged with theft Oct. 20 on the 8700 block of St. Louis Avenue.

■ Dan I. Caner, 57, of the 8300 block of Concord Drive, Morton Grove, was charged with retail theft Oct. 20 at Westfield Old Orchard mall on the 4900 block of Old Orchard Road.

■ Reginald D. Stewart, 48, of the 1700 block of Lake Street, Evanston, was charged with retail theft Oct. 14 on the 4700 block of Oakton Street.

■ Brandon Alejandro Rojas, 20, of the 2300 block of South Springfield, Chicago, was charged with retail theft Oct. 14 on the 4900 block of Old Orchard Road.

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Morton Grove FD veteran takes over as fire chief

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

To sum up his feelings in one word, Frank Rodgers said he was “honored” to be named the new Morton Grove fire chief.

Village President Dan DiMaria tapped Rodgers, former district chief and 26-year veteran of the fire department, for the post, and trustees approved the appointment at the Oct. 24 Village Board meeting.

“It’s been a great journey,” Rodgers said. “It’s a terrific department. It’s nothing I created. It was here when I started 26-plus years ago. I have had some great leaders ahead of me. The scary part is they made it great and it’s my job to make sure that doesn’t change.”

Rodgers, 56, started working in the position on Oct. 25 and will be formally sworn in on Nov. 14. He replaces former Chief Tom Friel, who retired in August.

“I and the Board of Trustees [are] looking forward to adding Frank to the village’s dynamic leadership team,” DiMaria said in a written statement.

Rodgers’ annual base salary is \$130,500, accord-

ing to Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski.

Rodgers first joined the Morton Grove Fire Department in 1990 as a firefighter-paramedic. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2004 and district chief in 2007. Before being named chief, Rodgers worked with the Northwest Municipal Conference writing specifications for apparatus and equipment on a number of com-

mittees, Czerwinski explained.

“District Chief Rodgers brings a high level of diverse experience to the position,” he said. “Over the years, he has also served the department as an apparatus engineer, fire investigator, CPR instructor and (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Special Rescue Team member.”

As district chief, Rodgers oversaw shifts and was responsible for assigning personnel to both of Morton Grove’s fire houses and to any major emergency calls, he said.

“Each house has a lieutenant who works under the district chief,” Rodgers said. “If there is a major incident, the district chief is the incident commander and they follow the district

chief’s orders. His responsibility is to make sure they’re where they have to be at what time.”

Before becoming chief, Rodgers also served as training officer, a position in which he created the department’s training schedule to make sure all members met training requirements, he said.

The wide range of roles he’s played within the department will serve him well as chief, Rodgers said.

“I was not a paramedic a long time, but I still have the knowledge to understand what the guys need and how they need to be trained to take care of the public,” he said.

Rodgers wrote or helped write the specifications for the department’s bunker gear and apparatus, he said.

“Just being well-rounded with different phases of the department is going to help me in this position as well,” Rodgers said.

The new chief said he has no immediate plans to make any significant changes within the department.

“The department is in great shape,” he said. “We have great people with great morale. It’s a great culture here.”

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Rodgers

Speech pathologists mark 25 years, plan local move

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

About 25 years ago, two speech pathologists struck out on their own in Skokie.

Julie Levin and Laura Drower say they never foresaw Wee Speech P.C. growing the way it has, but come December, the business will move to its fourth location in the village.

“We started out with nothing,” Levin said. “We started from the ground up and now we have over a hundred families for clients.”

They started out working in their clients’ homes. Two or three years later, they moved to an office on Gross Point Road in Skokie. All of their subsequent moves were into larger offices on the same street. But, in December, Wee Speech’s new home will be at 8707 Skokie Boulevard.

According to the Wee Speech website, the practice provides oral communication and language development services to children from birth to age 18. The company also treats youngsters with various speech disorders.

The therapists said not all cases result in improvement as quickly as their clients would like, but one of the reasons they chose to branch out on their own, they said, is because they were confident they could make a difference in people’s lives.

In one case, Levin began seeing a girl with Down syndrome when she was 18 months old. The girl was born with a heart condition and had a stroke resulting in some paralysis on one side of her body. She is now 16 and still sees Levin twice a week.

“This little girl is fantastic,” Levin said. “She’s very verbal. She eats almost everything by mouth. And she walks.”

The girl’s mother, Maria



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Julie Levin, left, and Laura Drower, of Wee Speech P.C. in Skokie, have been in business together for 25 years. The pair will be moving to a larger space in December.

Jankowski, said doctors originally told her that her daughter, Jean, would not talk or eat on her own or walk again.

“I never gave up and neither did they,” Jankowski said of the two speech pathologists. “It’s a slow process, but it’s worth it. ... It’s a miracle she’s talking, eating and running.”

Jennifer Wood, formerly of Evanston, said the best word to describe the two speech pathologists is “perseverance.”

She has three boys who were diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, she said, and all three of her sons went to Wee Speech for years before she moved out of the immediate area. Wood said the experience of working with Levin and Drower made such an impact that it inspired her to become a special needs lawyer.

According to Wood, her first child, Tripp, did not talk until he was older than 4. For the first 2½ years, the boy worked with Drower in complete silence, she said. But Wood said she’s seen a remarkable change in her son.

“He is loud and brassy and sassy and chatty all day long,” she said. “Tripp was so quiet, so silent for so long, I thought I may never hear ‘I love you.’ He says it

to me all the time now.”

Wee Speech’s current office space of 3,000 square feet is shared with Timber Ridge Pediatric Therapy and ABS Behavioral Services, along with a physical therapist and a social worker, Levin and Drower said. Wee Speech also has three full-time therapists and four others on contract, they said.

“We’re now crammed in here like sardines,” Levin said.

All of them will be making the move to a much larger space — 8,000 square feet in total — in December, according to the Wee Speech pathologists. Wee Speech also just added Saturday hours, the therapists said, and Sunday hours will be coming in the future. The therapists say they anticipate hiring more staff, too.

“When I think about how we started 25 years ago — with no space at all and no one other than us — I admit this sometimes doesn’t feel real,” Levin said. “We had a vision all those years ago and just went ahead and did it. That we’re still doing it and offering our services to families like this is pretty gratifying.”

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Park Ridge songwriter penned Cubs tunes

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Longtime Park Ridge resident George Peter Block Jr.’s favorite hobby involves writing songs, two of which are in celebration of the Chicago Cubs.

Block said his song “Cubs Win,” sung by William Sherry Jr., was recorded about two years ago as an

entry for a contest looking for a new Cubs victory song. “The Cubs are Getting Better Every Day,” sung by Sandi Kight, was also written for a contest, he said.

“I have to confess to being a fair-weather Cubs fan these days,” Block admitted. “1984 really devastated me. When the Cubs blew the National League Championship Series against the

Padres, that was the point I became less of a die-hard fan.”

Block admits the Cubs making it all the way to the World Series has him more interested this year.

“I’m definitely back on the bandwagon now,” he said.

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Advocate Lutheran Hospital looks to expand parking

Hoping to add two more levels to lot

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge is seeking city approval to add more patient and visitor parking to its Dempster Street campus.

The hospital's proposal calls for adding two additional levels on top of the existing four-level West Garage, located on Luther Lane next to the Center for Advanced Care and east of Maine East High School's athletic fields. The plan would add 272 new parking spaces, and the footprint of the garage will not change, architect Pier Panicali told the Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission on Oct. 25.

The garage currently has 535 parking spaces, Panicali said.

Following a public hearing, the commission voted to recommend City Council approval of the expansion, which would put the highest point of the garage at 71 feet, city documents show.

It was this height, which is 21 feet higher than the city's zoning ordinance allows for the hospital district, that drew concern from Planning and Zoning Commissioner John Bennett.

"The height is just staggering when you think about what our thoughts are on parking garages in Park Ridge," he said.

Bennett did agree with other commissioners who noted that the hospital district is a unique area, as it is the only one of its type in the city and contains a 10-story hospital building that is

much taller than the proposed garage addition.

The top of the garage will consist of 10 light poles that measure 18 feet above the roof of the facility, according to the proposal documents.

Daniel Brinkman, of the engineering firm of Gewalt Hamilton Associates, told the Planning and Zoning Commission that the hospital wants to add more parking to meet existing needs and that it is not tied to any specific hospital expansion, new services or other changes envisioned for the campus at this time.

"It's definitely needed," Commissioner Rebecca Mills said of the added parking. Bennett also agreed that the garage "fills up quickly," particularly in the morning when many people have appointments.

According to Advocate Lutheran General's website,



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A rendering of what the proposed expansion of the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital West Garage will look like if approved by the city of Park Ridge.

parking on the hospital campus also consists of the main garage, which has above-ground and underground parking directly in front of the hospital; the 248-space Nessel Center lot on the north side of Dempster Street, which is available to

both patients and staff; a 55-space surface lot behind the Yackman Pavilion for patients of this building; and the emergency room parking lot south of the hospital. Valet parking is also available in front of the hospital, according to the site.

City Planner Jon Branham said the City Council will receive the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and vote on it Nov. 9 or 21.

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Landmarking home would chill market, opponents say

BY KAREN BERKOWITZ
Pioneer Press

An attorney for a Highland Park couple planning to demolish a John Van Bergen home said Oct. 25 that an involuntary landmark designation is tantamount to taking the property without compensation.

"We are dealing with private property that someone paid for," attorney Harvey Barnett said during a public hearing before the Historic Preservation Commission. "In this country, you can only condemn private property for public purposes, and then only if you pay for it. It's called eminent domain."

William and Karyn Silverstein purchased the vacant home at 1570 Hawthorne Lane behind their residence for \$682,500 last fall with the intention of expanding their backyard. When they applied for a demolition permit, the preservation commission imposed a one-year moratorium after finding the home met four landmark criteria.

In May, preservation Commissioner Lisa Temkin nominated the home, known as the Wilson Cline house, for landmark designation. She withdrew the nomination a month later, and architect Christopher Enck nominated the home "on behalf of an individual with an interest in historic preservation."

The owners' attorneys have said that alterations and deterioration have left the home a poor example of Van Bergen's work, unlike Temkin's Van Bergen home which, they said, is in pristine condition.

"That is where the buses on the Van Bergen tour are going to go," Barnett said of Temkin's home. "Trust me, they are not going down this dead-end street to take a look at this dilapidated house," he said, of the home his clients plan to demolish. The preservation com-



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A Highland Park home designed by Prairie School architect John Van Bergen is at the center of a controversy over involuntary landmarking.

mission voted 3-1 to direct staff to prepare findings supporting the landmark nomination, which could be voted on Nov. 10. Three commissioners were absent, and it's not clear if the nomination can garner the five votes needed to forward a favorable recommendation to the Highland Park City Council. The city has only once designated a home a landmark without the owner's consent.

Testifying for the homeowners, preservationist Brian Hoffman spoke of the extensive damage and heavy-handed alterations that he believed disqualified the home for landmark standing.

"My anxiety as a preservationist is that if we were to landmark this house, I believe it would be litigated and that (the city) would lose," Hoffman said. "In so doing, we would weaken one of our most important tools for historic preservation."

Highland Park resident Skip Schraye told the commission that landmarking homes without owner consent is damaging to home values and has a chilling effect on the market for older homes such as his on Knollwood Lane.

"It concerns (buyers) to think that at some point they may want to sell or tear

down the home, but because a third party thinks it's architecturally significant, the home is protected," Schraye said. "We live differently than we lived in 1900," he added. "In order for homes to be valuable and livable, we want garages, mud rooms and larger bathrooms, so we make additions to these homes," said Schraye.

Several preservation advocates spoke in favor of the nomination. Proponents have likened Van Bergen's stature and influence in Highland Park to that of Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park.

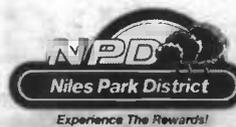
Architect John Eifler, who specializes in restoring old buildings by noted architects, urged the commission to recommend the landmark designation.

"Preservation has to do with preserving culture, and when buildings like this disappear, then Highland Park becomes ... a little bit more the same as every other community in Illinois," said Eifler, whose firm has worked on two dozen Wright restorations.

"The idea that buildings need to be made current and when that doesn't work, they should be torn down is just bizarre," Eifler said.

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Maine South students get out the vote

Mock election provides introduction to democratic process for students

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

If Hillary Clinton's old high school was deciding the 2016 general election, she'd be the next president.

Clinton, a 1965 graduate of Maine South High School in Park Ridge, received 49 percent of the vote in a schoolwide mock election that took place in the same hallways she walked during her senior year 52 years ago.

According to results released by the school, students cast 770 votes for Clinton in the Oct. 25 election and cast 629 votes for her Republican opponent Donald Trump. Trump received 40 percent of the vote, the results show.

Slightly more than 6 percent of Maine South students voted for Libertarian Gary Johnson, and 4.7 percent chose Green Party candidate Jill Stein.

The results will be shared with Voting Opportunities for Teens in Every State (VOTES) 2016, a nationwide initiative in which schools are invited to conduct mock elections and share their results. Maine South was selected to take part in the program because it is the alma mater of one of the presidential candidates, social science teacher Warren Scott said.

This was the first year in memory that Maine South's mock election was opened to all students, not just seniors enrolled in government classes, social science teacher Sherri Scorza said.

Scorza called the experience a "reality check" for those students who had not given much thought to the 2016 general election.

"Some of them said, 'I feel weird because I haven't been paying attention as closely as I should,'" Scorza said. "I think that was a really good lesson about being an educated voter."

Students like senior Nick

Leongas visited social science classes to briefly talk about each candidate and stress the importance of exercising the right to vote.

"We were really shocked because we asked who actually watched the presidential debates, and almost everyone raised their hands," Leongas said. "They all thought it was really funny, and they thought it was like a reality TV show. A lot more students have been paying attention this year."

Many students felt strongly about the candidate they believed would make the best president.

"I voted for Donald Trump," sophomore Matteo Coscino said. "I don't feel like Hillary's done anything, even though she has political experience."

Classmate Grace Gallery said her vote went to Clinton, who participated in Maine South's very first mock election in October 1964.

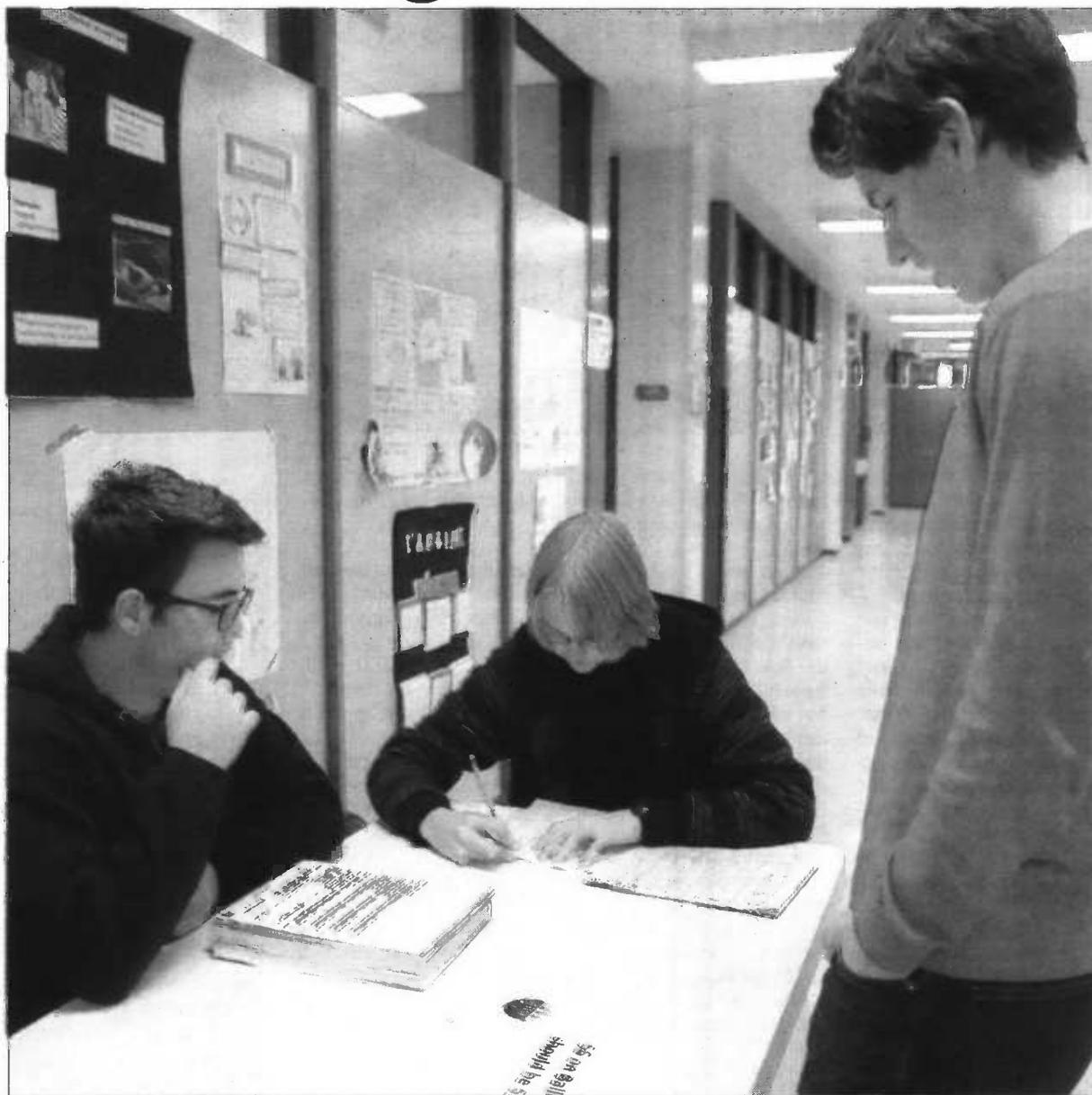
"I believe Trump is unfit to be president," Gallery said. "He has no political experience whatsoever and he doesn't have any respect for women or people of a different race."

Freshman Logan Jawgiel admitted he was divided between Trump and Gary Johnson, but ultimately cast his vote for Trump.

"I didn't feel comfortable electing Hillary, with every scandal she's been involved in so far," he said. "Everything she's done has far outweighed what Trump has said."

Senior Emily Donahue said she voted for Clinton because she agrees with her positions on issues like taxation, education and women.

"I think it's really cool we go to a school that a possible president went to," Donahue added. "I don't know if that's really influencing my vote, but I think it's a really cool thing that Maine South



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Election judges Andy Daly and Ryan Dolan add Marco Pilolla's name for same-day registration to vote in the mock election at Maine South High School on Oct. 25.

can be a part of."

Senior Matt Barth, who served as an election judge, turned away from the two major party candidates and cast his vote for Jill Stein of the Green Party.

"I feel like Jill Stein shares my political views the most, and I feel like she's willing to fight for what she believes in," Barth said, referring to Stein's arrest connected to her protest of a proposed oil pipeline in North Dakota.

Barth said he doesn't like that candidates not running

as Republican or Democrat get much less public attention.

"I feel if people were more educated and more aware of their other choices, then we wouldn't feel like we're forced to vote between only two people," Barth said. "People don't realize there are at least five or six candidates who usually run at the same time. If people were to reach all parties and study all candidates for that party, the elections would be a lot different and the shape of

this country would be different."

The results from Maine South's mock election, and the results from 146 other schools across the country, are scheduled to be shared by the VOTES initiative on Nov. 6.

Maine South students also voted for candidates running in local races.

Results show that students chose Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk over challenger Tammy Duckworth and preferred Democratic in-

cumbent Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky over Republican Joan McCarthy Lasonde in the 9th Congressional District race.

Students also voted for Republican Mel Thillens in the 28th state Senate District race, Republican incumbent Michael McAuliffe in the 20th state House District race and Democratic incumbent Marty Moylan in the 55th state House District race.

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Taking note of the book that shapes Pope Francis' worldview



RANDY BLASER

Pope Francis is apparently a great reader of books and the Catholic biographer George Weigel describes Francis as a literary man rather than philosopher or theologian, like his two immediate predecessors Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. And that is one of the many keys to understanding Francis and his view of the world, Weigel says.

In a way, I can identify with that. I earned my degree in English and I also view the world through the prism of literature.

Ask me about our modern education system, and I'll tell you to read Herman Hesse, especially his masterwork "Magister

Ludi." But don't mess with "Siddhartha" or "Steppenwolf." When I think of the idea of America and innocence, I think of "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Want to learn about growing up and learning to say goodbye? Read Ray Bradbury's "Dandelion Wine." How about learning the tough issues of becoming an adult? Then it's "Winesburg, Ohio" by Sherwood Anderson.

And when it comes to that incredible feeling of first love, nothing beats the "The Wanderer," a little-known French novel of pursuit of what cannot be obtained ("Le Grand Meaulnes" in French).

So what is the book that frames Francis' worldview?

If you guess "Hunger Games" or "1984" or "Brave New World" or some other such work that outlines a world gone mad, you would be pretty close. But it's

none of those classic, popular works.

No, it is another, little-known dystopian novel in the same vein. As a matter of fact, the pope's favorite read apparently is the fore-runner of those modern novels, first published in 1907.

The book is "The Lord of the World" by Robert Hugh Benson. Both the book and its author are relatively unknown. But when the pope suggests his interviewers read it while talking to reporters on the papal plane, or to the regular folks in a homily in the Philippines, perhaps we should take notice.

Benson was the son of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who converted to Catholicism and eventually became a priest. He wrote several novels, most forgettable, and his career as a writer would probably be forgotten if it weren't for the pope's favorite book.



ANGELO CARCONI/EPA

Pope Francis leaves after leading the general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Oct. 26.

So why does the pope urge us to read it? Because he thinks it accurately informs the threat to the individual in today's modern world, more so than "1984," more than "Brave New World."

Like those dystopian novels I hope you have read, "Lord of the World" gives us a bleak picture of the future.

Instead of science and biology used to give us a perfect society of uniformly thinking automatons as in "Brave New World," or the

reign of terror and paranoia of Big Brother controlling the populace in "1984," it is something else that rules the plebes.

In "The Lord of the World," the symbolic anti-Christ figure of the novel is someone we might find recognizable in 21st century America, believe it or not, and the doctrine is not fascism or mindless automation.

Instead, the totalitarian is attractive and articulate, and an advocate of tolerance who wants everyone

to get along, according to Weigel. It's a craving for power to run the world hidden behind a facade of civility, decency and tolerance.

Here, the new world order is a humanitarian compact based on pacifism, pantheism, secularism, tolerance and internationalism. Sound familiar?

So that is the book that shapes Francis' worldview. It is something to keep in mind when Francis says things that seem to turn the Vatican on its head. Things like "Who am I to judge?" about homosexuality.

It reminds me of a Jesuit priest I knew in Boston, who once told me that to condemn something as all evil is as myopic as praising something as all good. It's an ultimate judgment no one should make, because then there is no room for mercy.

So if you're someone like me, or someone like Francis, where you find that literature helps you make sense of the world, or if you just want to understand where this popular pope is coming from when he makes his pronouncements, here's another book to add to your reading list.

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Chopped salads are everywhere ... what's next?



PAUL SASSONE

"I'll have the chopped salad."

"Yes, I'll have the chopped salad."

"Me, too."

"I'll have a bowl of clam chowder and a ham and Swiss cheese sandwich on rye. Fries, of course. That comes with a kosher pickle, right?"

That was me, the one who didn't order a chopped

salad for lunch.

I felt like an oaf. But, honest, I didn't know what a chopped salad was.

I know what a salad is. And I know what "chopped" means. I just never put the two together. But everyone else has. I notice that restaurants are crawling with people ordering chopped salads for lunch. Are we getting too lazy to cut up our own salads?

I guess so. When I looked up "chopped salad," I found a cornucopia of recipes for all kinds of chopped salad: Spanish salads, Danish salads, Italian salads, Wal-

dorf salads, egg salads ...

The common tie was that no matter what the ingredients, the salads were all chopped up into bite-size pieces. The size of salad pieces never has been a problem for me. Of course, I'm a guy who thinks a doughnut consists of two bite-size pieces.

So, it seems to me the only difference between a salad and a chopped salad is that a chopped salad is easier to shove into one's mouth. I suppose that is a good thing. People who might not have a lot of time for lunch can thus eat faster.

And those who lunch

with others are not obliged to spend all that time cutting lettuce and tomatoes and can devote that time to what is really important - texting people they aren't lunching with.

Suppose, though, you don't want a salad for lunch, yet you still want to eat faster and more efficiently?

The answer is pretty obvious:

Chopped meatball sandwich with chopped peppers on chopped crusty bread.

Chopped pizza.

Chopped steak (oh, we already have that).

Just about any food, except maybe soup, can be



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Wolfgang Puck's "Chopped Salad."

chopped into bite-size pieces. I foresee a problem, though. The kitchen staff might not want to take the additional step of chopping your entree into bite-size pieces. Waitresses and waiters also might balk at delivering the food to your table and then having to cut it into bite-size pieces.

But, if you can find a restaurant that will do this for you, you are in business.

Can pureeing food be far behind? Then we wouldn't even have to chew.

Ah, the pleasures of fine dining.

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It's all in faux fun



SALLY HIGGINSON

Twenty years ago, driving home from yet another preschool activity, I overheard the following conversation between my niece and my daughter. They were four at the time.

"I'm going to be a vegetarian," announced the niece.

"What does that mean?" inquired the daughter.

"It means I'm not going to eat animals anymore."

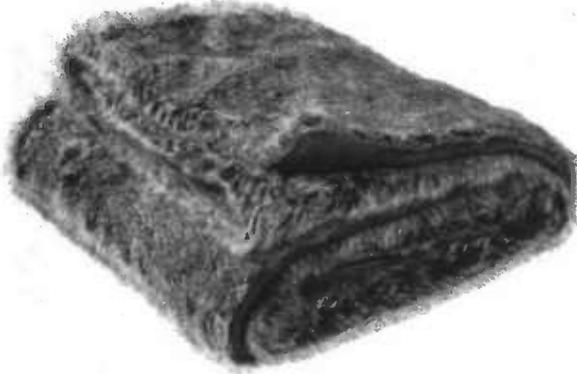
The daughter paused, then asked about the only conflict she could imagine. "But will you wear their beautiful fur?"

For the record, the niece said no. Also for the record, the daughter was aghast. One was committed to compassion, the other to fashion. They have continued along the same trajectory ever since, each respectful of the other's choice.

This little gem of a conversation has been replaying in my head of late for reasons that will become obvious. Consider this: I've known for a while that purple is the new orange which is the new pink which is the new black. What's only just come to my attention is that faux fur is the new pleather which is the new vinyl which is the new shag.

Put another way, any home that doesn't have a faux fur throw or accent pillow is woefully under-decorated.

I'm reminded of this



PAUL WEBER/AP

This image provided by Target shows a faux fur throw.

every time I open one of the 500 catalogues I get on a daily basis. Besieged with an array of lavish faux fur embellishments, I find the trend both alluring and vaguely alarming.

Let's start with the allure factor. It's getting cold outside, and I do love me a throw blanket to keep me cozy. And just because I live in suburbia doesn't mean I don't harbor secret fantasies of being a pioneer gal. I read every single one of Laura Ingalls Wilder's books about life on the prairie, so yes, I would like Pa to shoot me a fur blanket. Thanks to Pottery Barn and Frontgate, and every other store in the western hemisphere, hunting for a pretend dead animal blanket is easy.

Here's where it gets alarming: the sheer range of fake fur options is overwhelming. I'd expect to find mink, or chinchilla, or maybe a little raccoon. But if I'm in the market for a little brown bear? No problem. Suppose I want some-

thing in a festive fox, or coyote, or timber wolf? Lots to choose from. Maybe I'm feeling the need to go exotic? Mongolian sheepskin might do the trick.

But how do I feel about the ethics of decorating with sculpted tiger or snow leopard? Doing a quick Google search, my jaw dropped. Shouldn't I be offended that if I wanted to, I could stay warm with a faux baby harp fur blanket?

I'm no card-carrying member of PETA, and I'm certainly no vegetarian. But it doesn't feel right to curl up and read a book while wrapped in a synthetic version of an endangered species.

Thinking of the niece and the daughter discussing compassion versus fashion, I pause. Then I remember: It's all in faux fun. Baby seal blanket? Perfect for my club room.

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Real mamas don't judge other parents



NICOLE RADZISZEWSKI
Mama's Gotta Move

"My kids will never act like that. How embarrassing for that kid's mom."

"Just look at what they let him wear to school. I bet his parents don't discipline him"

"I heard both parents work full time. They probably don't spend enough time teaching him right from wrong"

Every one of these quotes makes me cringe. Every one of them could be directed toward me. And yet, I could have been the one to say them – maybe not aloud, but I'll confess that I've judged other parents over the years. The judging, the shaming, the superiority – it needs to stop. My oldest son came into this world with fury. He was one of those babies who never slept, always cried and refuted the wisdom of every parenting book. When he would cry as an infant or throw tantrums as a toddler, I knew on-lookers were judging me. But while I couldn't control my baby, I could justify my son's behavior: "He's just a fussy baby, he's going through the terrible twos, we're working on that ..."

And my audience nodded in understanding, or at least out of sympathy. Nature was still seen as the dominant factor in my son's behavior, as nurture hadn't had enough time to make an impression. I was given clearance, or at least an extension until my kid got a little older. And then

he got a little older. Here we are. My once difficult baby, with whom I'd followed every rule in the book, is now a difficult 5-year-old. He is not a mean kid or a violent kid, but he is a challenging one. Often, he is obstinate for the sake of being obstinate. Sometimes he acts like a little jerk.

And there is no good reason for it. He gets plenty of love, positive and negative reinforcement and consistent parenting. He eats healthy, gets fresh air, moves plenty, watches very little TV ...

The point is, your kids are not simply miniatures of you. They are unique little people who come into this world with a disposition and personality.

I'm learning not to blame myself. But I still find myself noticing the reactions of others. There is no nod of sympathy when your kids reach a certain age. There is an unspoken understanding that you, their mama, have made them into who they are.

"That's silly," you might say. "How do you know what people think of you?"

Sometimes it's words, sometimes it's a glance, but mostly it's because I've done it. I'm guilty of judging.

When my oldest was 3, another preschooler scratched his face. One of

my first thoughts: "What kind of parents does that kid have?!"

A week later, my son bit a girl.

The point is, your kids are not simply miniatures of you. They are unique little people who come into this world with a disposition and personality. You can influence them, but you cannot control who they are. To the mama whose kid threw a tantrum at Target recently: I know it must be tough to have a kid who tests his limits. It's so hard to know the best way to react – maybe you're trying to teach him that bad behavior won't get your attention, or maybe you've already had a rough day and you just want to calm the chaos. No worries, I've been there, too. Hang in there and have an extra glass of wine tonight.

To the mama whose son wore his pajamas to school: They say pick your battles, right? And really, I have no idea what your morning was like, so I can't judge you for letting your kid be comfy. Keep fighting the good fight and focus on what matters.

To the mama whose kid hit mine on the playground: No hard feelings – I know you didn't teach him to hit other kids. Or hit him. Or let him watch violent movies on HBO. You stepped in and told him to apologize, and that's all I need to know about you as a parent. We're in this together.

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CAMPAIGN COOKIES

Election-themed treats keep local bakeries busy

BY VERONICA HINKE
Pioneer Press

All across the United States this election season, cookie pros are getting out their red, white and blue frostings and their piping bags are wearing thin. The idea of special sweets for Election Day isn't half-baked: election cake is a tradition as old as the 13 colonies. But locally, it's campaign cut-out cookies that are flying off the bakery shelves — most bearing the likenesses of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. Here are five spots to find presidential-themed sweets ahead of Election Day, Nov. 8.

Bennison's Bakery

1000 Davis St., Evanston;
www.BennisonsCakes.com

Bakers at Bennison's Bakery in Evanston have been making presidential election cookies since the 2008 election. A tally posted on Oct. 23 showed Clinton cookie sales at 2,254 and Trump cookie sales at 1,230. "This year has been over the top," Bennison's co-owner Jory Downer said. "I suppose they are so popular because people must love to jab their co-workers. But I'm sure they also do get eaten."

The cookies are round-shaped butter cookies iced with warm fondant. The bakers print images on edible material and decorate the cookies with the images.

Downer was hoping for some time to consider additional election-themed treats, but other pressing matters, namely the Cubs, took hold. Downer and his team have been up to their ears in fondant-covered goats.

Deerfields Bakery

813 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield;
201 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove;
25 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg;
www.DeerfieldsBakery.com

At Deerfields Bakery, a variety of patriotic cookies, cakes and cupcakes are decorated for the presidential election season. Sugar cookies are iced in red, white and blue in the pattern of flags, donkeys and elephants and a map of the United States. Round-shaped cookies are decorated with edible paper featuring portraits of each candidate.

Cake Production Manager Pam Randel started making the election season treats about 10 years ago. Recently, she's expanded the assortment to include a "no" stripe through Clinton and Trump's faces on cakes and cookies.

Max and Benny's

461 Waukegan Road, Northbrook;
www.MaxAndBennys.com

Ben Schlan started making election butter cookies at his Max and Benny's in Northbrook in 2008.

He has an assortment including realistic-looking faces drawn on busts of the presidential candidates. The busts were created using custom cookie cutters. Bakers draw strands of hair and other intricate details on each cookie with icing.

"Every cookie is hand decorated," Schlan said. "These cookies take time and can't be rushed, so maintaining a proper production schedule without sacrificing quality is a challenge but one we have been able to succeed at."

Schlan comes up with the designs. The biggest challenge, he said, is simplifying the face enough without losing too many unique character traits that make them recognizable.

Bakers also make round-shaped butter cookies iced in red, white and blue, some decorated with



MAX AND BENNY'S

Max and Benny's in Northbrook has a variety of election-themed butter cookies for sale.



DEERFIELDS BAKERY

Deerfields Bakery's election-themed cookies include both yes and no options.

donkeys or elephants and others with the word "vote."

Schlan said he's sold hundreds of the cookies this election season. "People either give the cookies as a gift or as a gag to show off to friends," he said. "They are also great for debate gatherings and election parties."

Lawrence Deans Bake Shop

637 Green Bay Road, Wilmette;
www.LawrenceDeans.com

Vicky Blanas puts painstaking details into the design of her presidential candidate cookies at Lawrence Deans Bake Shop in Wilmette. "It takes time to ice in the details, waiting for each layer to dry before applying the next-



LAWRENCE DEANS BAKE SHOP

A tray of patriotic sugar cookies awaits sweet tooth voters at Lawrence Deans Bake Shop.

...getting every hair in place," she said. The result is a 3-D face that may cause voters with even the most severe sweet tooth to pause before biting in (or maybe not).

"We get mixed reactions," Blanas said. "Most people get a kick out of them. It also gives people the green light to voice their opinions. Some adamantly voice who they are voting for. Our biggest surprise is the reaction we get from kids. They definitely have an opinion, which in most cases differs from their parents, as the parents vehemently point out."

Blanas and her husband Larry opened their shop over five years ago, and this is the first year they have made campaign cookies. Now, she's taking orders for election night parties and she also filled a few orders for debate

parties.

Blanas said she's seen the cookies break tension in the seriousness of the election. "Many have bought them just to irk their friends who are supporters of the opposing candidate. Word got back to me last week about some of my cookies that were bought with the specific purpose of being destroyed at a local public event, which I thought was interesting. One little girl bought one just so that she could bite the head off"

Sweet T's Bakery & Cake Studio

21 S. Dunton Ave.,
Arlington Heights;
www.SweetTBakeryStudio.com

At Sweet T's Bakery & Cake Studio in Arlington Heights, donkey and elephant cut-out cookies are frosted with glossy red and blue vanilla icing and decorated with tiny fondant stars. The bakery opened about two years ago and this is the first time that bakers have made election cookies.

Owner Tammy Montesinos has seen cookie fans set aside their political differences to satisfy their sweet tooth. "This is such a historic and heated election and people feel so strongly about their candidate, but in the end, how can you not eat it?" she said. "It's a sugar cookie!"

SHOW

Fine Art of Fiber returns to Chicago Botanic Garden

BY MYNRA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Three north suburban craft organizations will present a dazzling array of their handiwork at Fine Art of Fiber, Nov. 3-6, at the Chicago Botanic Garden. More than 150 pieces will be exhibited by members of North Suburban NeedleArts Guild, Illinois Quilters, Inc. and Weavers Guild of the North Shore.

Items will include quilts, art quilts, jackets, stoles, hats, scarves, rugs, table linens, baby blankets, baskets, wall hangings, felt items, dolls, jewelry, belts, handmade boxes with handmade paper and more.

A fashion show featuring 60 items will take place at 11 a.m. Nov. 4 and 5.

"We also have a specialty exhibit called 'Women's Journeys in Fiber,'" said Valerie Rodelli of Inverness, who co-chairs the event as the representative of the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild. "It's kind of a sub-exhibit with people from all the guilds. Their project this year is birds and birdhouses."

Park Ridge resident Carolyn Seng, a member of the Weavers Guild of the North Shore for about 40 years, is the co-chair representing that group.

Chicagoan Jan Sneesby Aaron, the co-chair representing Illinois Quilters, Inc., has been involved with the Fine Art of Fiber since the late '80s. "Many of us are not 'professional.' We don't sell our pieces and oftentimes we have no other means of showing our work," Aaron said. "It's wonderful for us to get the feedback of total strangers. It really creates a lot of nice warm fuzzies." Each of the guilds will



FINE ART OF FIBER

A hand-constructed box covered with hand-painted papers created by Valerie Rodelli.

Fine Art of Fiber

When: 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 3 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 4-6

Where: Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

Admission: Free; parking fees apply for nonmembers of the Chicago Botanic Garden

Information: www.chicagobotanic.org/fiber

have demonstration tables. "It is a showcase with the types of items that the guilds do," Rodelli said. "They have demonstrations going on at these tables throughout the show." Visitors can't touch items hung on the walls but they can touch items at the demonstration tables.

"One of our members does weaving with children in the big hall," Seng reported. "And we will have some spinners demonstrating in the Weavers' Gallery. There will also probably be one or two weavers demonstrating."

The NeedleArts Guild will demonstrate beading and a number of other

skills.

Through these demonstrations, Aaron said, "People of all ages have an opportunity to learn about fiber art."

Many of the items on display are for sale. In addition, guild members offer items for sale at two boutiques — one for the Weavers and another for the other two guilds.

Seng praised the items available at both boutiques. "They're all one-of-a-kind and handmade," she said.

Also included in this year's show are hundreds of artisan-made textiles from Cloth Roads, which creates opportunities to support indigenous textile artisans. Items for sale will include silk scarves, handwoven shawls, handwoven baskets, handmade dolls and much more from such countries as India, Laos, Indonesia, Japan, Guatemala and Uzbekistan.

Seng praised the venue. "It's a wonderful location and we get a good turnout of customers," she said. "We've done it in different places and the Botanic Garden is the ultimate place to go."

ART

Plein air artists take their outdoor works indoors

"Brush with Nature" exhibit in seventh year

BY JENNIFER THOMAS
Pioneer Press

Anatomically Correct takes the great outdoors indoors with its 7th annual "Brush with Nature" exhibit at Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie.

Anatomically Correct was founded in 1991 and is sponsored in part by the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to showcasing artists in a combined effort to diversify, educate and promote community awareness of the visual and performing arts.

Anatomically Correct aims to take art into alternative spaces. The organization has presented over 250 events, showcasing over 1,500 visual and performance artists and musicians, according to its website.

"Brush with Nature" is a plein air (a French term for out in the open) painting program. In July 2016, the public was invited to an outdoor event at the Emily Oaks Nature Center where they could watch professional artists paint plein air style. The upcoming exhibit will allow visitors into the indoor gallery to view those same plein air paintings in their finished state, along with other artists who painted in the nature center through October 2016.

The community is welcome to attend an opening reception on Nov. 4 and the exhibit will run through Jan. 2.

The artists featured in this exhibit include Adrienne Aaronson of Highland



ANATOMICALLY CORRECT

Naomi Pollak of Skokie is one of the artists displaying plein air artworks at the Emily Oaks Nature Center.

Anatomically Correct's 'Brush with Nature' exhibit

When: Nov. 4-Jan. 2; opening reception 7-9 p.m. Nov. 4. Regular viewing hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday

Where: Emily Oaks Nature Center Gallery, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie

Admission: Free public reception

Information: www.anatomicallycorrect.org/index.htm

Park, Stephanie Bird of Oak Park, Tiger Lily Cross of Des Plaines, Jan Flapan of Chicago, Steve Johnson of Chicago, Mary Longe of Deerfield, Fred Polito of Northbrook, Naomi Pollak of Skokie, Amanda Roman of Evanston and Ray Vlcek of Chicago.

Adrienne Aaronson has been painting seriously since she was 9 years old and doing plein air painting for the past eight years. When talking about her painting, she said she has a sensitivity to color and her paintings have a "feeling

and a spirit of an impetuous nature."

Aaronson describes "Brush with Nature" as a charming and intimate exhibit.

"I'm hoping people will say, 'Wow, there are people who really enjoy painting outdoors and look at all of the different styles and different media that people are using,'" Aaronson said. "Some may work in pastels, others in oil; I work in acrylics. There are different styles and different interpretations of nature by many different artists."



RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's "Out of This World" follows Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson and Starseeker Paulo dos Santos as they travel across space to rescue the greatest circus stars from an evil queen.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Acrobatics go intergalactic in 'Out of This World'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

What's a circus without elephants? It's a human intergalactic experience when Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey present "Out of This World." In this first-ever character-driven storyline for the circus, Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson and Starseeker Paulo dos Santos travel from planet to planet, battling an evil queen in the process, in their attempt to rescue the greatest circus stars. Another first for the circus during this multisensory production is the United States debut of the Simet Wheel on which performers utilize their tightrope walking ability on a rotating wheel. Also new this year is the addition of feats on ice. Members of the Heilongjiang Provincial Acrobatic Troupe Co. Ltd. will do stilt-skating, human pyramid formations and hoop-diving on that slippery surface. Free-style skaters will also perform. Performances are Nov. 4-13 at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are \$25-\$121. For details, call (847) 635-6601 or go to www.allstate.arenarosemont.com.

A special day

Celebrate the Day of the Dead (el Dia de los Muertos), 2-4 p.m. Nov. 5 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. There will be stories in English and Spanish plus music and food at this free drop-in event. Bring photos and objects to contribute to the public altar. For details, call (847) 673-7774

or go to www.skokiepubliclibrary.info.

Nearer to nature

That's what your 3- or 4-year-old will become if they attend Nature Preschool at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Registration begins Dec. 5, but you and your child can learn about the programming at a free open house, 2-6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 or 1-6 p.m. Nov. 12 on the Learning Campus. For details, call (847) 835-8261 or go to www.chicagobotanic.org/education.

Orange goes green

Bring your carved pumpkin to Pumpkin Smash & Bash, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Nov. 5 at Centennial Park, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Kids will roll their pumpkins down the sled hill and then bash them so they can be turned into compost. The event is free but registration is required. For details, call (847) 692-5127 or go to www.prparks.org

They'll wiggle and giggle

The Lincolnwood Public Library is sponsoring a Library Preschool Party at the Exploritorium, 4-6:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. Julie Helenius from the Old Town School of Folk Music will present a Wiggleworms program. Afterwards, there will be snacks and playtime. Reservations required. For details, call (847) 677-5277, ext. 232 or go to www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org

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Website: avenuestoindependence.org



Barclay Marcell of Chicago, left, and Christine Ferraro of Park Ridge



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Volunteer Milanka Grubisch from Le French Twist Hair Salon in Niles styles the hair of model Connie Koshaba of Niles



Call Bartel of Norridge with a teddy bear princess and doll crib she won



Holding raffle baskets they won are, from left, Geraldine Corr, Sue McGuire, and Avenues' participant Noreen Kaisling, all of Des Plaines.



Pam and Fred Sasser of Park Ridge

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Wells, left, Grey, bottom, and Cole Heidelberg wrestle in their basement.

KRISTEN NORMAN/
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Wrestling with sibling fights

Experts say arguments between kids are normal and that parents can manage the situation Page 14

COVER STORY

Keep track of family recipes for holidays

By Judy Buchenot

The Beacon-News

Amy Alessio has fond memories of dishes her grandmothers used to make.

One grandmother was Irish and the other was Italian and each had her signature dishes. However, memories are the only things Alessio has since her grandmothers did not write down the recipes.

When Alessio, 45, started cooking for her own family of four, she wanted to make some of those dishes and decided to go looking for recipes in vintage cookbooks. One cookbook led to another and soon Alessio had collected more than 1,000 vintage cookbooks and had amassed boxes of hand-written recipes.

"There are still some recipes I haven't found. Like I still haven't found a recipe for creamed onions like the ones my grandmother made," Alessio said. What she has found is that vintage cookbooks are very entertaining, and several years ago, she began giving presentations. She will be presenting a program on Vintage Thanksgiving Recipes at the Aurora Public Library's Eola Road Branch at 10 a.m. Nov. 9.

Alessio, of Bloomingdale, has worked as a librarian and has written and published several books. Through her cookbook collections, she has found that older cookbooks often have "vague measurements" using terms like "a pinch" or "a teacup," which makes them more challenging. The oldest cookbook she has is from the mid-1800s and belonged to her great-great-aunt. Some of her favorite cookbooks are the Southern Living Collections, with detailed information about giving soirees and other social events.

"Many cookbooks from the 1960s included information about entertaining. The Betty Crocker Hostess Cookbook from the mid '60s listed several tips like 'never urge food upon people' and 'accept a refusal without comment,'" Alessio said. The cookbook also gave suggestions on how to deal with the "guest who says goodbye for three quarters of an hour." Alessio was amused to read comments that the previous



AMY ALESSIO PHOTO

Amy Alessio has collected over 1,000 vintage cookbooks. She will be giving a presentation about vintage recipes at the Eola Road Branch of the Aurora Public Library on Nov. 9.

Amy's Culinary Cue

Scan the important, handwritten family recipes immediately and email them to all interested family members. If there are tons of recipes, do the top 10 favorites. Don't wait for a flood to ruin those recipes.

Vintage Thanksgiving

What: A look at recipes from the past using vintage cookbooks.

When: 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 9

Where: Aurora Public Library Eola Road Branch, 555 South Eola Road, Aurora

Cost: Free

Information: www.aurorapubliclibrary.org

owner of the cookbook had written into the cookbook including a suggestion to "accept all thanks and say 'it was fun having you.'"

"It is fun to look back at trends from different time periods," said Alessio. "During the Depression, there was a fascination with recipes using prunes. Several recipes used prunes as a sweetener due to the rationing of sugar. Beets and carrots were also used as sweeteners in recipes. There are still people who make red velvet cake with beets and swear by the recipe."

Many recipes are so unusual that Alessio has dubbed them "foods so bad, they are good." Among these are Jell-O recipes involving pretzels, meatballs made with grape jelly and soggy but heavenly refrigerator cakes. "I have tried lots of these recipes

mix of pearl onions, honey and ketchup. "It looks awful but it tastes good. Sometimes, bad-looking food is still very good," she said.

Some recipes were too strange to try. "For a while, Jell-O was trying to convince people it could be served as a meal and came out with recipes with cooked sliced meat in Jell-O. Cherry pie filling was also used in lots of ways in the '60s. There are some recipes for pouring it over a turkey like a basting sauce."

During part of her presentation, Alessio admitted to her recipe failures. "I have never been able to make a pumpkin pie that is cooked in the middle. I think sometimes people are afraid to try things because of failure but there is no other way to find a good recipe than to try it."

Alessio encourages creating recipe scrapbooks. She knows that most people plan to someday organize their recipe box but the day usually never arrives. So instead, she suggests scanning or copying recipes and pasting them into a scrapbook.

"Jot down things about what worked when you made it and maybe take a picture," she said. Instead of tackling the whole recipe box, just do a few recipes at a time and soon it will be complete. The finished scrapbook will make a unique gift or an interesting keepsake to give to family.

Alessio invites everyone to join her at the Aurora Public Library, 555 S. Eola Road, 630-264-3400, on Nov. 9; and bring a recipe to share if they like.

She will be giving presentations at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood Ave., 847-827-5551, on Dec. 1; the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, 630-529-3120, on Dec. 5; and the Itasca Public Library, 500 W. Irving Park Road, 630-773-1699, on Dec. 19. Topics vary for each presentation. Go to www.amyalessio.com for information on scheduling a presentation.

Alessio shares an old-fashioned recipe for chocolate pudding from scratch and the strange but tasty mix of onions, honey and ketchup for others to try.

Judy Buchenot is a freelancer.

Chocolate Pudding

Make 6 to 8 servings.

- 3 tablespoons unsweetened powdered cocoa
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1. In a heavy aluminum pot, mix together cocoa, cornstarch, salt and sugar. Add a small amount of milk to the dry ingredients and mix well. Add remaining milk and mix well. Place pot over medium heat and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. When it is thick, reduce heat to low and bring to a boil. Boil it over low heat for two minutes while stirring.

2. Remove pot from heat and add butter and vanilla. Pour into individual serving dishes or pour into a baked pie shell for chocolate pie. Cover surface of pudding with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until completely cool.

Mysterious (but Delicious) Thanksgiving Onions

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

- 3 cups pearl onions, peeled
- 1/2 cup strained honey
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon butter

1. Boil pearl onions in salted water about five minutes. Drain. Place in casserole. Cover with honey and ketchup. Dot with butter. Cover the casserole and bake for at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover casserole and bake for another 15 minutes. Serve.

Crafts to make you feel warm and fuzzy



BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

'Tis the season for crafting and good will — but if you're short on time, I've come up with a few ideas to help you combine the two.

Knit a Comfort Scarf

When Leslye Borden retired in 2007, her love of knitting quickly morphed into a non-profit organization that provides comfort and support to victims of abuse.

"After I retired, I started knitting sweaters for my granddaughters," Borden said. "I loved making the sweaters so much that I decided to knit matching hats, mittens, leggings...you name it, I made it."

Soon, her granddaughters were at capacity, and Borden knew she needed to find new recipients for her knit creations — ones that truly needed them. She founded a nonprofit called Handmade Especially for You that distributes "comfort scarves" to women's shelters throughout the country.

"The scarves are given to the women when they first arrive at a shelter," Borden said. "We want to honor their bravery and willingness to leave an abusive situation."

To make a comfort scarf, visit handmadeespecially.org and click on the volunteer tab. For a small donation, Borden will send you a "magic ball kit," which includes everything you need to knit or crochet your own comfort scarf, with three different kinds of yarn, knitting needles and patterns. If you want to use your own yarn and needles, simply download one of the organization's free downloadable patterns and start knitting. Then, pop your handmade item in the mail and Borden will ensure it gets delivered to a shelter.

Sew a Pillow Case

Cindy Kerr knows all too well

the devastation caused by cancer. She and her family endured years of uncertainty and frustration after her son Ryan was diagnosed with the horrible disease at age 12.

These experiences inspired her to create Ryan's Case for Smiles, which is dedicated to bringing joy and support to young hospital patients and their families, one pillowcase at a time. Today, the charity has over 120 chapters providing more than 200,000 bright, cheerful pillowcases each year to children in 330 hospitals, hospices, Ronald McDonald Houses and camps across North America.

Interested in making a pillowcase for Ryan's Case for Smiles? Visit caseforsmiles.org to find step-by-step directions, as well as helpful hints, guidelines, drop off locations and community events.

Host a Burp Cloth and Onesie Decorating Party

Few things are sweeter than baby clothes. The same could be said for parties. Combine the two by hosting a party where friends and family can decorate baby items for young mothers in need. You could donate the items to Women in Need Growing Stronger — better known as WINGS — which provides integrated services for homeless and abused women and children. The organization works with a number of expecting moms who would surely welcome hand-designed onesies and burp cloths. Lisa Gylling, founder of The Goodwill Gal blog, shared this creative and meaningful activity:

You need:

- White baby items (long and short sleeved onesies, baby sized t-shirts and burp cloths)
- Scissors
- Fabric glue or hot glue gun
- Decorative items (felt, fabric in various colors, ribbon, fabric paint, markers, ink and stamps)
- Cardboard squares (used to slip inside the onesies or t-shirts to protect the back fabric in case the marker, ink or paint seeps through).



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Blogger Lisa Gylling shares how to host a Burp Cloth and Onesie Decorating Party

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Set up your workspace so that guests have access to the craft materials. Gylling suggest creating a "craft buffet," where guests can pick and choose their own materials. Encourage guests to get as creative as possible by gluing on felt bow ties, flowers or

simple fabric hearts. They might also consider using fabric markers to write cute phrases and sayings.

"Even simple statements such as 'Momma's Girl' or 'Precious' can make a big statement on a little person," Gylling said. "Just remember when choosing craft



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items to make baby safety your number one priority, which means avoid small embellishments such as buttons or rhinestones."

PETS/ANIMALS

MY PET WORLD

Why a male cat may become attached to an inanimate object

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My girlfriend's family has a cat who almost every night will grab a wash cloth or dish towel in its mouth and carry it through the house crying as it does so. It usually tries to make it up to the second floor where they live but mostly drops it before the steps or on them. It's a male, so I don't think it does so because of some maternal instinct and it is not a young cat either. They say he also did this at their former residence not just after they moved in with her. Any thoughts? — Franklin Jennings, Northampton, PA

A: I am the last person to try and figure out what goes on inside a cat's head, but I shall give it a try.

Obviously a male cat is not going to go through any behaviors that some female mammals do in terms of maternal behaviors on inanimate objects. Most likely this cat is treating the rag as some kind of prey animal that it has just killed and is looking for a place to hide it for later consumption.

The fact that the rag is not an animal and is not actually edible is causing the cat confusion and would explain the crying and subsequent abandonment of the article.

I have also had cats that would pick up assorted objects in their mouths and carry them about for a while only to deposit them at my feet and look up at me proudly. Of course I would praise them for their "gift" and pick it up off the floor and act very honored.

However, I am not sure if the cat brought it to me because it made me happy or because it was just an easy way to get rid of something that they did not want any more. Cats like to keep a lot of secrets and we are not entitled to know all of them. I hope I have answered your question as best I can.

Q: I live in California and just learned about how wonderful a pet a ferret can make, but when I researched where to get one I found out they are not legal to keep as pets in California because they are considered wild and exotic animals. However, I



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have seen in all other literature that ferrets are domesticated animals like dogs and cats. If that is true, then why are they considered wild animals in California? What is the definition of a domesticated animal anyway? — Alex Stern, San Francisco, CA

A: There are many different definitions of a domesticated animal, but the very best was told to me by the late author and expert in animal behavior Roger Caras. He told me that a domesticated animal is one "whose genes are controlled by man."

What this means is the animal is born and bred by humans under controlled circumstances. Its

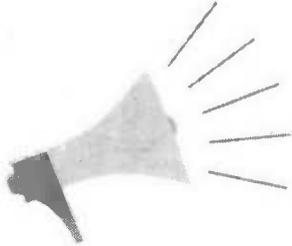
color, size, shape and behavior have been markedly changed by man through selective breeding from its original wild ancestor. A dog is totally different from a wolf because of man's selective breeding. A ferret is similarly different in form and behavior from its wild ancestor the European Polecat.

Just being born in captivity does not make an animal domesticated, though. Lions have been born and bred in captivity and zoos for many generations; however, they still look and act the same as their counterparts that are living in the wild. A captive born lion may be unafraid of humans, but it is not domesticated.

So according to the definition of science, the ferret is as domesti-

cated as a dog and should be as welcome as a pet as a dog. However, local legislators have the power to impose their beliefs above those of science and common sense. If the powers that be in California feel that ferrets are wild animals then there is not much that common folk like you and I can do to change their minds.

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 pet-perts2@aol.com; please include your name, city and state.



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Home treadmill for condos has warranty voided

We are a condo association and in September 2015, we purchased a ProForm 2000 treadmill from Sears. The machine has never functioned properly and we had service techs out numerous times with no success. Sears tells us that it's not their responsibility and ProForm is now claiming it is no such thing. Frankly, after the fourth repair attempt, we gave up and purchased a new machine. We are wondering if there is anything you might be able to do to help us get a return and refund accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration,
John, Niles

The first thing I did was check to see if a lemon law exists for anything other than automobiles, and it turns out it does. It is the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act. According to Warrenville attorney Harry C. Bradley of H. C. Bradley LLC, this federal law is the equivalent of a lemon law for every consumer product covered by a warranty that costs \$10 or more. He cau-

tioned, however, that even with the protection provided by this law, it is very difficult to get a refund or a replacement.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time you're looking at (reimbursement for) repair costs from an outside facility," he said. "(If you file suit under Magnuson-Moss), you can get the cost of the repair plus the attorney fees and your court filing costs covered. The only time you're looking at a refund or replacement product is when the repair cost exceeds the purchase price."

My next step was to determine how the ProForm 2000 treadmill was marketed. Was it advertised as a commercial-grade treadmill? Per my research, it was not; it is a home treadmill. Though the product description included "commercial motor" and "commercial tread belt," this, unfortunately, did not make it a commercial-grade machine. John explained that when he entered "commercial treadmill" on the Sears website, The ProForm 2000



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

was one of the machines that came up.

"I assumed Sears was sending me to an appropriate model," he said. "Unfortunately, I did not confirm this with a visit to the ProForm site at that time."

At this point, I reached out to Sears to see if there was anything they might do to assist John. Dana Shoulders in Sears' regulatory complaints department determined that ICON, manufacturer of the ProForm treadmill, was the owner of the treadmill's warranty and referred me to Nova Hanke, ICON's Sears retail support manager. Though Hanke was the final decision maker regarding a refund, repair or replacement, Shoulders and Hanke worked together to address all my questions.

Unfortunately for John, despite his contention that the treadmill never functioned properly, the ProForm owner's manual contained the following disqualifying clause: "This treadmill is intended for in-home use only. Do not use this treadmill

in a commercial, rental, or institutional setting. This warranty will automatically be voided if ... the product is used for commercial or rental purposes."

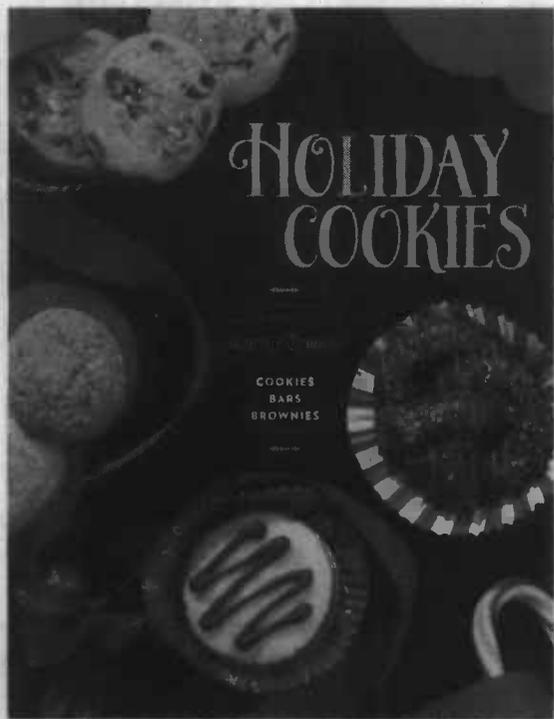
John was understandably disappointed to learn this. However, Shoulders realized John had incorrectly paid Sears for one of the treadmill's service visits; he should have contacted ICON directly for warranty work. For this, she issued him a \$192 refund. Hanke then said, "As a courtesy, I will offer (John) a one-time service visit by an authorized ProForm technician."

John responded, "(W)e are going to take ProForm up on their offer to have a tech come out and get the machine serviced and then try to sell it. Thank you very much for your help in getting ProForm and Sears to at least come to the table to try to resolve the problem ... I feel that ProForm has at least made an effort to help us."

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist.



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The 1996 film "Emma," starring Gwyneth Paltrow, was based on a novel by Jane Austen, who created many complex female characters.



MIRAMAX

In praise of 'difficult' women

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

When it comes to literature, I feel as though there's a double standard for male versus female protagonists.

It seems to me that male characters often have much more latitude to be, for lack of a better word, "difficult." Saul Bellow, Philip Roth, John Updike and John Irving have entire oeuvres built on exploring the lives of male characters who are some combination of oversexed, antisocial, narcissistic or otherwise deeply troubled. No one seems bothered about how "unlikable" these men might be and whether they might not be worthy of our page-turning attention.

Don't get me wrong: I count books from these authors among my all-time favorites. Irving's "The Water-Method Man" is one of my desert island novels. It features a particularly difficult man, Fred "Bogus" Trumper, a failed Ph.D. student, a failed husband, a failing partner to a woman pregnant with his child and a congenital liar. He's a great character precisely because of all those flaws.

Maybe our current election and the obvious double standard Hillary Clinton seems to be held to has sensitized me to this issue. For the crime of essentially acting like a politician over her 30-plus years in public service, in the eyes of many she is somehow a pathological liar, worthy of being jailed.

I suppose I like "difficult" women both in real life and in literature because we should all be allowed to be difficult. Women are people too.

Jane Austen is perhaps the all-time champ when it comes to creating awesome, difficult women. Of her Emma Woodhouse, Austen said, "I am going to take a heroine whom no one but myself will much like" and created an enduring character. Even the "sensible" Elinor Dashwood of "Sense &

Sensibility" is perceived as difficult because of her penchant for reining in her emotions, a trait we associate with men.

There are a number of contemporary novelists who are exploring the lives of difficult women. Hannah Pittard's two most recent novels, "Reunion" and "Listen to Me," challenge the reader to accept complicated, deeply human women on the same terms we routinely grant to male protagonists.

In "Reunion," our "hero," Kate, is a failure. Her screen-writing career has cratered; she's been an unfaithful wife, leading to a fresh divorce; and following her father's suicide, she has to fly home and make some sense out of the aftermath. She is funny, lost, complicated, contradictory. What more can we ask for from a character?

Marcy Dermansky is another writer whose complicated female protagonists pave the way to deeply compelling storytelling. Marie, of Dermansky's 2010 novel, "Bad Marie," is an ex-con who secures a job as a nanny, seduces the father of the child she's meant to care for, then absconds with the child. On the surface, her actions are irredeemable, but in Dermansky's hands we have a book that seeks to challenge our prejudices regarding our perceptions of how women should act and who they're supposed to be.

Dermansky's recently released "The Red Car" is the story of Leah, who has married the wrong man because she confused his desire to control for love. The death of her former boss (who is also an old friend) provides a possible route of escape in the form of an inherited red sports car.

But Leah doesn't know what she's even trying to escape from or where she might be trying to go. Dermansky simply allows her to be lost.

Reviews of these books often remark how the characters are "not sympathetic." Those reviewers miss the point.

Who needs sympathetic as long as they're interesting?

Book recommendations from The Biblioracle

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

1. "The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake" by Aimee Bender
2. "Love & Treasure" by Ayelet Waldman
3. "The House of the Spirits" by Isabel Allende
4. "The Satanic Verses" by Salman Rushdie
5. "Purple Hibiscus" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Stephanie P., Chicago

For Stephanie, I'm going with a novel that I felt warmth for after my initial reading but has grown in my esteem since, as it comes back to me unbidden at times. "The Lowland" by Jhumpa Lahiri.

1. "Night" by Elie Wiesel
2. "Into the Wild" by Jon Krakauer
3. "The Giver" by Lois Lowry
4. "A Long Way Gone" by Ishmael Beah
5. "Speak" by Laurie R. King
Lena P., Hartford, Conn.

An interesting and somewhat confounding list. This is one where I walk through the house, looking at my shelves searching for inspiration, and the title that called out to me was "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls.

1. "The Age of Innocence" by Edith Wharton
2. "Eventide" by Kent Haruf
3. "A Fan's Notes" by Frederick Exley
4. "The White Album" by Joan Didion
5. "The Cartel" by Don Winslow
John T., New York

I could have listed "A Fan's Notes" as one of my favorite difficult/dissolute character books. I think John will appreciate the particular notes of sadness that Ted Thompson explores in "The Land of Steady Habits."

What should you read?

Send a list of the last five books you read to printersrow@chicagotribune.com. Write "Biblioracle" in the subject line.



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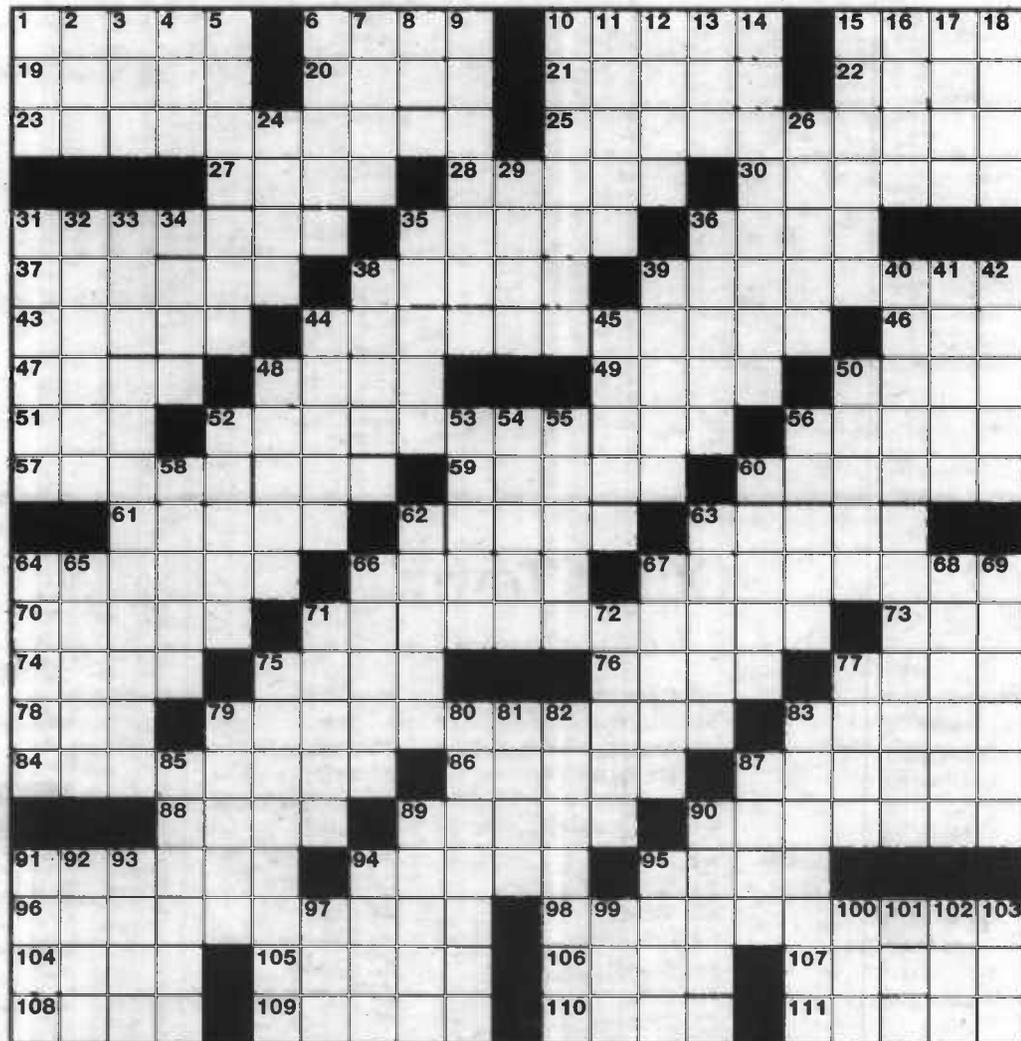
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A&E NETWORK: A double-feature program

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Across

- 1 Title holder
6 Thick carpet
10 One-to-one instructor
15 Dagwood's young neighbor
19 Strudel specialist
20 Marching band instrument
21 Overplay a part
22 Dark film genre
23 John Wayne and Lady Gaga
25 Black-and-yellow dessert
27 Stage scenery
28 Faux pas
30 Gets around
31 Motive introducer
35 Subsists (on)
36 Iconic lithographer
37 Frightens
38 Madrid mister
39 "Seems to me ..."
43 Wild time
44 Conservation officers
46 Gun owners' org.
47 Parting comment
48 Grad
49 Park bench part
50 Poker opener, perhaps
51 Language suffix
52 Sci-fi staple
56 Simulated
57 Tearful tale
59 Plucked strings
60 Soft touch
61 Longest French river
62 Letterhead art
63 Invigorating drink

- 64 Rosé alternative

- 66 Netanyahu predecessor
67 Chinese home-decor philosophy
70 Tries to find
71 Dignified doyennes
73 — Arbor, MI
74 Ancient Andean
75 Western sound effects
76 Castigates
77 Armand's arm
78 Old-school cheer
79 Mark on *après*
83 Immense
84 Early sample
86 Banquet ritual
87 Happened to
88 World Series prelude: Abbr.
89 At _ for words
90 Slip away
91 Kid's cookie shape
94 Accumulate
95 Personal opinion
96 Emulates
98 Demographic cohort
104 Unlikely counterfeit bills
105 Putting to work
106 Schlep
107 Recipe results
108 It surrounded the Wicked Witch's home
109 Glove fabric
110 Throw away
111 Saturates

Down

- 1 Survivor ailer

- 2 Sun blocker of a sort
3 Alias indicator
4 Storage unit, for short
5 Take for granted
6 Cabinet department
7 Runs nicely
8 Grandpa Simpson
9 Certain stove conduit
10 Type of paint
11 Amherst sch.
12 Lacerated
13 Wagering ctr.
14 On point
15 Place in a crate
16 Place in a hold
17 Karaoke gear
18 Lode contents
24 Costner T-man role
26 Civil rights activist Medgar
29 State firmly
31 Stitches loosely
32 Texas city
33 Unrestricted ability
34 Bailiwick
35 "I wanna try!"
36 Unimprovable
38 Full of attitude
39 Does nothing
40 Old carnival attraction
41 First sign of spring
42 Gridiron measures
44 Harsh light
45 Host's mail
48 Nautical direction
50 Hemingway hangout
52 Farm pens

- 53 Androcles extraction
54 Hit the ceiling
55 Originated
56 Part of a Dracula outfit
58 "Not exactly"
60 Traffic markers
62 Car dealer's offering
63 Tantalize
64 Noise from a nest
65 NASA adjective

- 66 Bear out
67 Hard to see
68 Not up to it
69 Loafer liner
71 Barnyard beasts
72 Scold, with "down"
75 Arctic cookiemaker
77 Aficionado
79 Fancy bashes
80 On the loose
81 Dove calls

- 82 American collaborator of Degas
83 Passages to planes
85 Most docile
87 Frequent sportscast sponsor
89 Touch up
90 Scornful comments
91 Unit of uranium
92 It means "billionth"

- 93 Crate & Barrel rival
94 End in _ (require overtime)
95 Examines carefully
97 Tallahassee sch.
99 Hair gel, for instance
100 AFL partner
101 Mauna _
102 Reindeer cousin
103 NFL scoring plays.

Quote-Acrostic

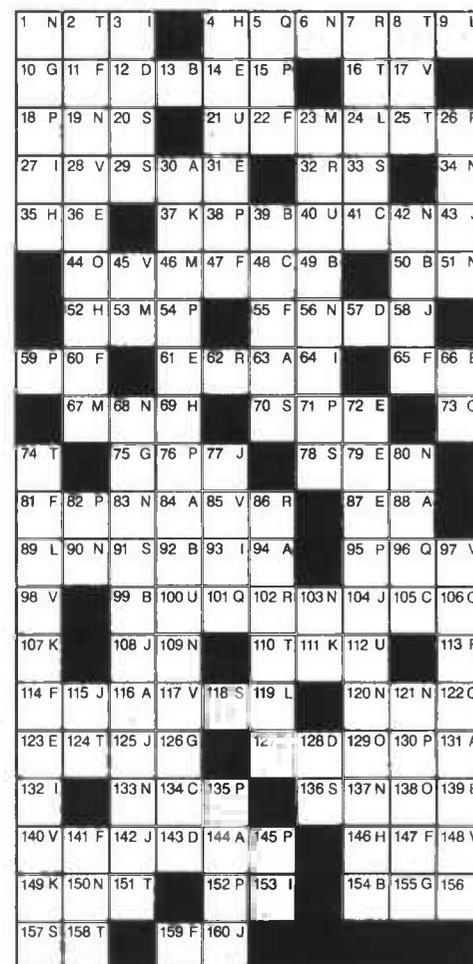
- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

Words

- A. Juxtaposed 144 94 116 63 84 30 131 88
- B. Lead astray 49 39 50 99 92 154 13
- C. Concatenate 48 105 134 41
- D. Donation 128 143 57 12
- E. Ecumenical 87 72 61 36 31 66 79 14 139 123
- F. Trapped musical?: 3 wds. 55 22 47 11 81 65 147
127 114 60 159 141
- G. Beep 75 155 10 126
- H. Common anesthetic 146 52 35 69 4
- I. Electromotive force 156 153 93 64 27 132 3

- J. Famed last words: 3 wds. 77 108 160 125 115 43 142 104 58
- K. Grab a bite 107 149 37 111
- L. Reposes 24 9 119 89
- M. Avowal 46 23 67 53
- N. Dark Romantic author 103 137 90 133 83 121 42 6
19 56 120 34 68 109 150 80 51
- O. Ibis' cousin 44 73 106 138 129
- P. Nervous system branch 38 82 145 71 113 135 26
15 59 152 76 54 18 130 95
- Q. Comics' Kett 5 122 101 96
- R. *The Good* — 102 7 86 32 62
- S. Percolator 118 91 70 78 157 20 136 33 29
- T. Very eager: 3 wds. 2 74 25 110 124 8 158 16 151
- U. Coup d'— 112 21 40 100
- V. Market statistic: 2 wds. 28 45 117 98 17 97 140 148 85



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Out of Town

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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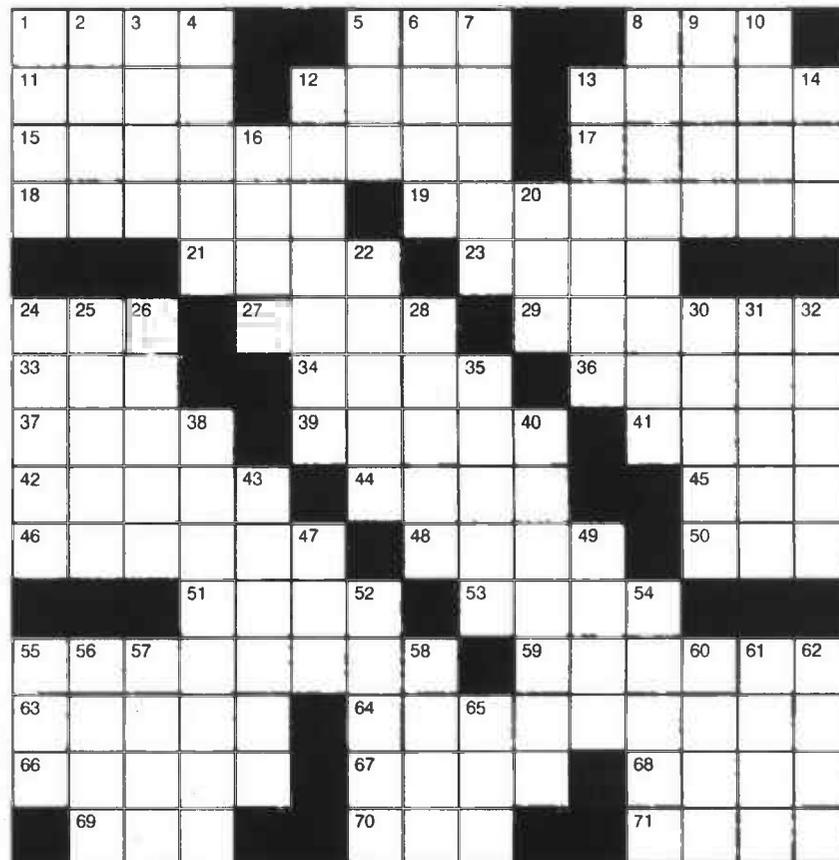
- 1 Abound
5 Suggestion
8 Golf bag item
11 Prod
12 Yankees, e.g.
13 Analyze grammatically
15 No place
17 Growing out
18 — as molasses
19 Stubborn one
21 Roman emperor
23 RBI, e.g.
24 Youth org.
27 Seasoning
29 Slept with sound effects
33 Perform
34 American Indians
36 Pledge
37 *Tabula* —
39 Orbiter
41 Western alliance acronym
42 On top of
44 Three, in Berlin
45 Retreat
46 Separated
48 Elec. units

- 50 Chemical ending
51 Blue dye source
53 *Graf* —
55 No place
59 Lodger
63 Broadway smash
64 No place
66 King with a touch
67 Twaddle
68 Celebrity
69 Cupid
70 Gone
71 True being

Down

- 1 Band instrument
2 Love god
3 Ids' relatives
4 — Park, NJ
5 Twitch
6 Readies the press
7 Nuisances
8 No place
9 Of a time
10 Princely Italian family
12 No place
13 Nuts
14 Always: poet.

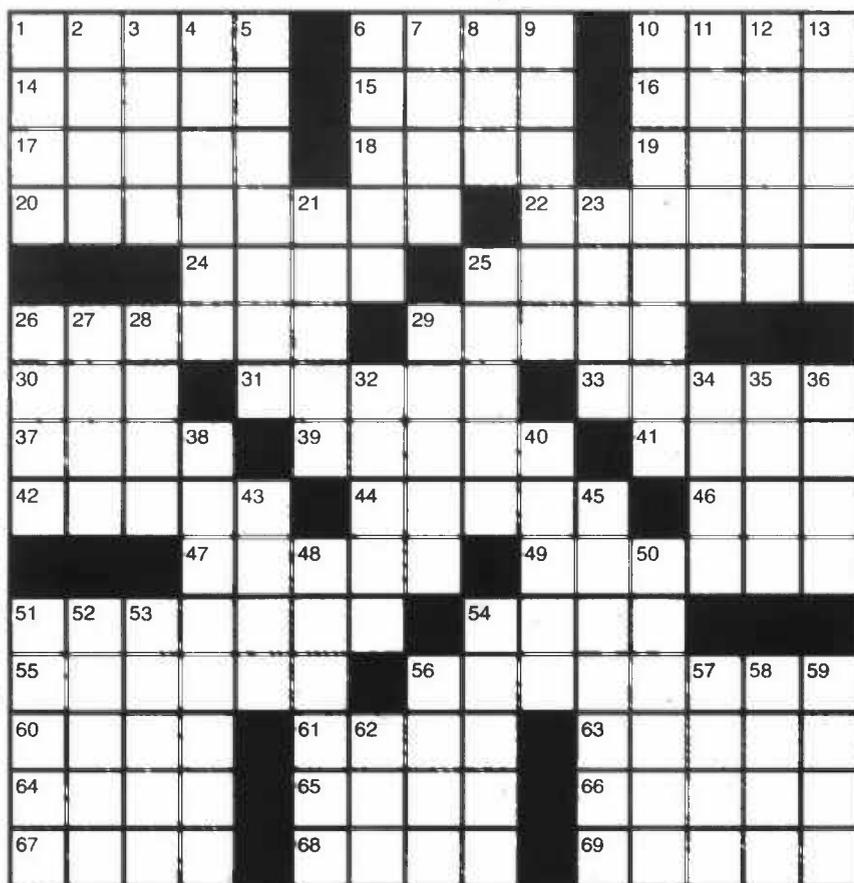
- 16 "How — the little busy bee ..."
20 Possessive
22 Hill nymph
24 Actress Theda and family
25 Head part
26 No place
28 Yogi
30 English novelist
31 Eroded
32 Swarm member
35 Arises
38 No place resident
40 Worried
43 Verb forms
47 Swim
49 Dispatched
52 Parlor game
54 Zola
55 Hoover is one:
56 Bagnold
57 "A one, — two ..."
58 Biblical pronoun
60 Galatea's beloved
61 Ring decisions, for short
62 Serf
65 Erhard therapy: abbr.



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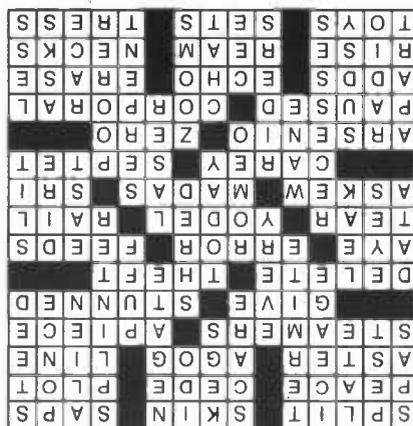
- 1 Divided
6 "Beauty is only ___ deep"
10 Maple tree secretions
14 Tranquility
15 Give up land
16 Scheme
17 Fall flower
18 Very excited
19 ___ up; form a row
20 Mississippi riverboats
22 Per person
24 ___ up; quit
25 Flabbergasted
26 Take out, as text
29 Robbery
30 Nay's opposite
31 Mistake
33 Supplies with nourishment
37 Rip
39 Song of an Alpine goatherd
41 Metal bar
42 Lopsided
44 As ___ a hornet
46 ___ Lanka
47 Drew or Mariah
49 Group of seven
51 Talk show host ___ Hall

- 54 Goose egg
55 Stopped temporarily
56 Radar's rank on "M*A*S*H"
60 ___ together; combines
61 Resound
63 ___ a hard drive; clear all data
64 Ascend
65 Paper quantity
66 Whiplash sites
67 Playthings
68 ___ up; arranges
69 Lock of hair

DOWN

- 1 Hot tubs
2 Bothersome person
3 Tardy
4 Cold period in history
5 One who eats on the house
6 Frighten
7 Beer barrels
8 "What'll ___"; Irving Berlin hit
9 Nullify
10 Sliver of wood
11 ET, for one
12 Explorer ___ de León
13 Spirited horse
21 ___ so often; occasionally
23 "___, the Magic Dragon"
25 Tear to bits
26 Facts & figures
27 Facial features
28 Hose problem
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32 Juliet's love
34 Vane direction
35 Urgent
36 Narrow cut
38 Courtroom breaks
40 High-powered surgical beam
43 Diminish
45 Snake
48 Passengers
50 More impoverished
51 Take ___; undo
52 AM/FM device
53 Full of lather
54 ___ in; uses a camera's close-up feature
56 Informal talk
57 Marathon
58 ___ for; requests
59 More or ___
62 Average grade.

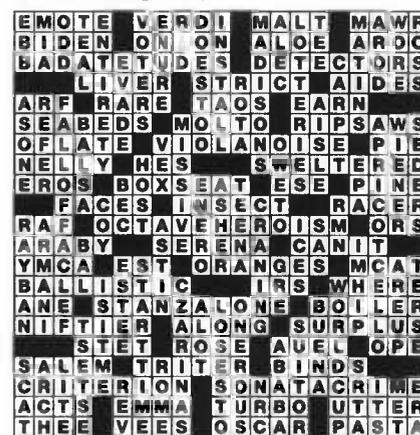
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Last week's crosswords

"HUMORESQUE"



"For Naturalists"



"Possession"



Last week's Quote-Acrossic

(Ralph) GARDNER: CHOCOLATE'S CULT: Our shortest distance between all aggravation and undiluted rapture is the delight of chocolate. Be unworried its only health claim is existential: anything making people happy is probably good for them.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

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BLOTCH REVOLT DRESSY

Foliage has a steady job on trees until the —

"LEAVES" OF ABSENCE

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Why lying about your age in online dating is silly

The ability to get away with lying about your age in online dating is scary, and it happens a lot. People can provide any number they choose, photos can be deceiving or site users can post old photos to back up the lie. Read this email I got from a divorced woman:



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

I went out with a guy who claimed to be 45 when he was really 58. He didn't tell me his actual age until we had gone out on several dates. I liked him so I continued to see him, but his age was always an issue for me. Looking back, I probably should have ended things when I found out his age. We broke up recently (after over a year of dating), and I noticed he's online again saying he's 13 years younger. I find this utterly annoying and wrong. He's not a bad guy, but it's so unfair and misleading.

First of all, I have a hard time believing that 58 can pass for 45, but that's beside the point. This story is so disappointing to me on many levels. To begin with, any lie is a big red flag. But second, it is obvious this man is pretending to be younger for the purpose of attracting younger women, which is really, really unfair. It is unethical and, quite frankly, slimy.

I'm not going to say that if he wants to attract women in their 30s and 40s that he would get them if he posted his real age. He probably wouldn't. But, I wonder: Why does he want such a large age gap in the women he dates, anyhow?

I cannot even count the number of women I know in their 40s and 50s who are gorgeous. They have beautiful, healthy bodies, they are active and smart and wealthy and kind and worldly. I'm really questioning this guy's priorities. Not to say younger women don't have any of these things. They definitely do. But what they don't have is commonality with Mr. 58.

I have interviewed dozens of men over 40 who want to date women their own age for reasons that include:

- They have a lot to talk about.
- It's comfortable.
- They find the women interesting.
- They feel a connection.

I find that so many men these days care less about a number and more about wisdom, life experience and common interests.

I also have to say, people who lie about their age in online dating aren't very smart.

Don't they realize that almost all outcomes will be bad? The person they lied to

could see them in person for the first time and know they are lying immediately, and that might be the end right there. Or, let's say the liar and his or her date hit it off and start seeing each other regularly. The liar is going to have to come clean at some point. When

they do, do they think the person they lied to is just going to say, "Oh, that's OK. No biggie." Wrong. The red flag will immediately go up, respect will be lost, and the person will wonder what else the oldie isn't telling them.

The other downside of lying about your age in online dating is that you are really lying about who you are. While we all want to say "age is just a number," (and I do believe that) how old we are really is a part of who we are. I can say that while in my core I've always been the same person, I am very different at age 51 than I was at 21, 31 or even 41.

Although no one likes getting old, aging is a beautiful thing because with every birthday we gain experience and wisdom and empathy. We become better people. We make mistakes and we learn from them. So if you think about it, we just keep getting better and better the older we get.

I do want to say that I know a lot of happy couples with big age differences, including my parents, who are 12 years apart and who have been together for 57 years.

But, what sets these couples apart is that their spouse didn't lie about his or her age. The person knew the age up front. So, the relationship started out authentically.

Online dating has its benefits and it is still the No. 1 way men and women meet, connect and find love. But be careful. A married person can have a profile status that states he or she is single. Someone can say they are 6-foot-2 when really they are under 5 feet (not that that is a bad thing — it's just a dishonest thing.) Someone can say they are a corporate vice president when in reality they are unemployed, and of course, anyone can state that they are any age.

Remember that when you put yourself out there online, the most important thing is to be proud of who you are, and that includes your age.

Some people will like it and some won't, and that's OK. In online dating you can't lose with honesty.

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HEALTH

Intestinal angina can be relieved with insertion of stent



DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF
Ask Doctor K

Dear Doctor K: For months I've experienced severe pain in my abdomen after eating. After excluding a number of other conditions, my doctor diagnosed intestinal angina. I've heard of angina related to the heart — is this the same?

Dear Reader: The underlying process is the same for intestinal and cardiac angina. Let me explain. Cholesterol-filled plaque and clots can lurk in blood vessels throughout the body. The arteries that supply the heart are by far the most common hiding place. But arteries elsewhere in the body can also become severely narrowed by plaque.

Clogged vessels in the legs or arms can lead to limb pain during exercise, because the nearby muscles don't get enough blood to work properly. This is called peripheral artery disease, or PAD. People with PAD are also at risk for narrowing in the arteries that feed the intestines.

Your digestive system ordinarily gets about 20 to 25 percent of the blood pumped out by your heart. After you eat, blood flow to the stomach and intestines almost doubles. But if plaque causes severe narrowing, not enough of that extra blood reaches the intestines when they're working to digest food. People usually don't develop symptoms unless at least two of the three major arteries to the bowel are involved.

These narrowed vessels cause intestinal angina. The classic symptom is



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The classic symptom of Intestinal angina is pain in the abdomen, above the navel, about 30 minutes after eating.

pain in the abdomen, just above the navel, that occurs about 30 minutes after eating. This pain happens every time you eat, not just some of the time. People often describe the pain as an aching sensation that lasts from one to two hours. Other possible symptoms include diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Intestinal angina symptoms are so unpleasant that people with this condition are often afraid to eat.

Treating intestinal angina means restoring blood flow to the intestines. In most cases, doctors thread a catheter (a thin plastic tube) through several arteries until the tip of the catheter is at the site of the blockage. Then they insert a tiny metal mesh tube (stent) to prop open the artery. (This is very similar to the procedure performed to treat narrowed coronary arteries.) But just like stented coronary arteries, intestinal arteries are prone to re-narrowing. Some people with more advanced disease need surgery.

In rare cases, a blood clot may completely block an intestinal artery. This causes intense abdominal pain that can last for several hours. A complete blockage requires emergency surgery. Otherwise, the part of the intestine that is downstream from the blockage begins to die. If it is not promptly corrected, the condition is often fatal. The parallels to angina of the heart and a full heart attack are clear.

A doctor colleague of mine began to experience abdominal pain following every meal. At first he thought it was heartburn. But he began to wonder if it was intestinal angina. One night he was awakened by severe pain in the same part of his abdomen. He hadn't eaten in seven hours. Fortunately, he realized what was happening, went to the emergency room and then to surgery. They removed a part of his intestine that had died and saved his life.

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

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Sweet relief! Raisins help put nature's call on hold

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
King Features Syndicate

Q: My 92-year-old mom had been complaining for years about having to get up during the night to go to the bathroom.

I read in your column about eating raisins before bed. Despite some skepticism, she tried it, and voila! Most nights she doesn't have to get up at all!

A: We are pleased to hear this. For someone your mother's age, getting up several times during the night can be risky.

There are no studies to suggest that eating raisins before bedtime will help with this problem, but we have heard from many readers that it did reduce bathroom visits.

Q: I'm glad you have been writing about vitamin D. Even here in Australia, many people have low levels of vitamin D.

White people are at risk for skin cancer, with 48 percent of skin cancers occurring in people of Celtic descent. (There are a lot in Australia.) But we have gone overboard: We work indoors, apply sunscreen and wear hats. No wonder we end up low in vitamin D.

If you are an indigenous Aussie, either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (TSI), and work for the government, you get free vitamin D tablets. A TSI friend is a lawyer and works indoors. She is very dark-skinned and thus in need of more vitamin D. However, she spends her weekends doing the traditional TSI woman's work of fishing while wearing very little clothing. She told me that the



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government worried about "too much vitamin D" when most of the new reef rangers were TSI people. Is that even possible?

A: If the reef rangers were taking vitamin D pills in addition to working out in the tropical sunshine, they could get too much vitamin D. But it would be from the pills, not from the sun exposure. The body has feedback mechanisms to keep it from making excessive vitamin D (Mayo Clinic Proceedings, April 2012).

You are right that fair-skinned people in sunny climates can be low or even deficient in vitamin D by spending most of their time indoors. We have written about this problem in our "Guide to Vitamin D Deficiency." Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (68 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedons' People's Pharmacy, No. D-23, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q: I tried putting a bar of soap under the bottom sheet, and it worked

extremely well to prevent foot cramps. One night I developed painful cramping in my hands. I got up and took another bar holding it for a few minutes stopped the cramps.

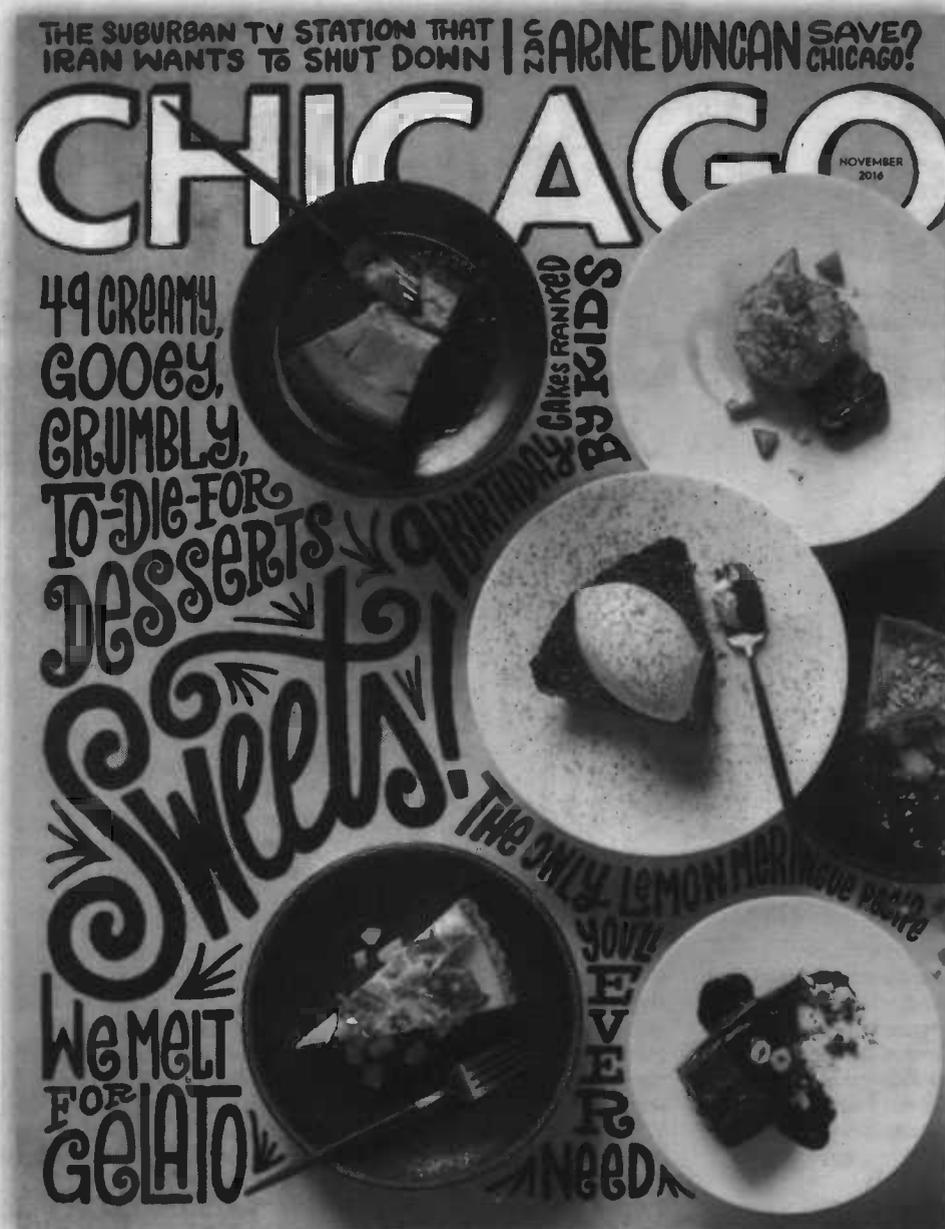
From then on I kept a bar of soap in an athletic sock tied off at the open end. I put it at the foot of the bed, under my covers and near my feet. When I get hand cramps, I just reach down and hold the soap-sock and hold it for a few minutes. Once I get relief, I put it back near my feet. I use Ivory and change the bar every month.

A: You are not the first person to tell us that soap works for hand as well as leg cramps. Card players and fishermen report that when their hands cramp up, holding a bar of soap can often bring relief within minutes. We suspect that the volatile oils in the soap fragrance might be affecting nerves that are misfiring and causing the cramps.

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

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Wrestling with sibling fights

Experts say arguments between kids are normal and that parents can manage the situation

By Danielle Braff
Chicago Tribune

Siblings can be the best of friends and the worst of friends. But more often than not, they're the worst.

On average, siblings ages 2-4 get into arguments once every 9½ minutes, according to a study from the University of Toronto, and siblings make 700 percent more negative and controlling comments to one another than they do to their friends, observational studies found.

Eirene Heidelberger, president and CEO of GIT Mom, a full-service parent-coaching company, has three boys ages 4, 8 and 12, and she said she knows all about sibling rivalry.

"Anytime you have three, let alone two, things can quickly escalate out of control — you have three individual minds who are reasoning, and you have three agendas," said Heidelberger, whose children tend to argue about personal space and control.

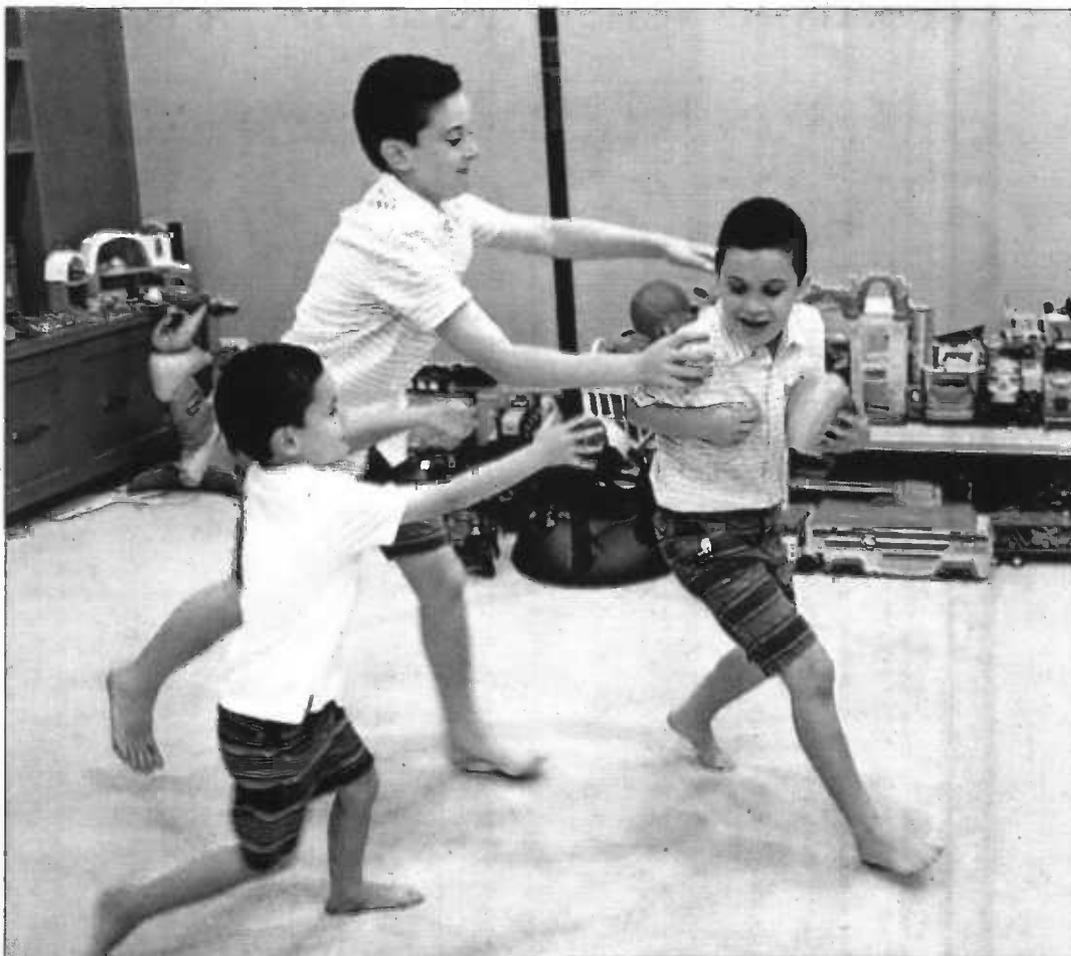
But while it's easy to let things escalate, there are ways to manage the situation once you learn why the sibling rivalry is happening.

You're putting two or more young children together for many hours — sometimes all day and all night — and they're fighting over the same resources, including their parents' attention, said Laurie Kramer, professor of applied family studies and founding director of the Family Resiliency Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

These are also very safe relationships for children, so they feel they can argue and express their feelings without significant repercussions.

"Even if you have a knockdown fight the night before, they're still going to be there at the breakfast table, and they will still be there with you for life," Kramer said. "If it was with a friend or another peer, they wouldn't tolerate these things."

While most siblings tend to argue less frequently when they get older, Kramer said, researchers don't really know the exact age



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Brothers Wells, from left, Cole and Grey Heidelberger play in their basement.

when the arguments die down — so parents unfortunately can't look forward to a specific time in the future when there won't be as much bickering.

But once kids are in school and aren't together as much, they have fewer opportunities to argue, so there tends to be a reduction in conflicts, she said.

What can parents do?

"It's really all about whether children have the social and emotional competencies to be able to manage conflict," Kramer said.

So parents need to give them the skills to resolve these conflicts.

The worst thing a parent can do is let their kids argue without teaching them skills to resolve their differences, Kramer said.

Canadian researchers examined

sibling pairs between ages 4 and 10 and found that when parents stepped in during a conflict, the negotiations went more smoothly, there were no physical fights and there was also more likely to be a resolution, compared with when kids were left alone to their own devices.

However, when siblings settled the problems themselves, they were more likely to find a lasting solution to their problem, and they were also more likely to come up with a rule that would help them not have the same fight again.

However, they had to be taught the skills to communicate effectively to be able to do this.

The biggest skill you can teach children is to help them learn how to talk through their problems on

their own, said Jim Fay, a Golden, Colo.-based former school principal and co-author of "Parenting With Love and Logic."

But before adults do this, they need to abandon the idea that kids will give up arguing completely and to give up the notion that parents can make it better on their own.

"But they can make it better; they can make it a lot better," Fay said.

When he was an elementary school principal, Fay said, he used to tell his students that there were two ways to solve their arguments.

"My way is to suspend you from school. Or you can use my office and talk to each other. But there are two rules: You cannot tell the other person what's wrong

with him, and you can't tell the other person what he has to do about it," Fay said he would tell his students.

One time, two second-graders who were arguing over a pair of sneakers left his office with one sneaker each, he said. But the fight was resolved amicably.

"You want to raise kids who don't always need a third party to settle the disagreement," Fay said.

Adele Faber, co-author of "Siblings Without Rivalry," said she tried to always step out of the argument after briefly moderating it. But there were times when adults are needed.

Fighting comes in levels, Faber said. It's fine to completely ignore average, everyday bickering, so that children can learn conflict resolution. Once the argument begins to heat up, it's time for an adult to step in — briefly, but simply to acknowledge the argument.

"Acknowledge both of their points of view: You two both want to hold the puppy, but I have confidence that once you put your heads together, you can figure out a solution that's fair to both of you," Faber said.

Then the adult can step aside. Only if this escalates to a physical fight should the adult step back in to break it up, she said.

"When one kid is chasing another with a hot iron and a long kitchen knife, you would say, 'Whoa, I see two very angry children,' and you separate them immediately for a cooling-off period," Faber said.

In Heidelberger's house, she's initiated her own set of rules, which she said helps ease the arguments among her three sons.

"I'm Switzerland, and I stay calm," she said. But she tries to zap all arguments as quickly as possible, using short sentences and eye contact, cutting them off almost as soon as they start.

"No thank you," Heidelberger said she will say, creating a no-tolerance zone. "We're overwhelmed with all the info that's coming in, so I make it short and sweet."

Danielle Braff is a freelancer.

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Agent: Tara Kelleher of @properties, 847-826-2178

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Expansion tanks are designed to reduce the pressure level inside hot water heaters.

HOME REMEDIES

Hot water heater expansion tank may require attention

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS
The Philadelphia Inquirer

A reader writes in to say he bought a water heater and expansion tank, after being told last year that was now required, and had them installed by someone who was not a licensed plumber.

The expansion tank was mounted horizontally — just hanging there, he said — on the water supply line above the heater.

The reader was concerned that the tank would cause stress on the connection. After he called the home center, a licensed plumber was dispatched and added some nylon straps to support the tank and screwed the straps to a ceiling joist.

No one ever checked the water pressure at the faucets, nor the limit on

how much the expansion tank could hold.

The reader believes the tank is full and says he fears that if the straps gave way, or the tank spewed out of the release valve, it would flood his basement, which has no sump pump.

“Have you heard of disasters occurring with expansion tanks?” he asks.

Thermal expansion is the term used to describe the expansion of water volume due to heating. All water heaters, regardless of heat source — gas, oil, electric, solar or indirect — can experience thermal expansion.

According to water-heater manufacturer Bradford White Corp., a thermal-expansion tank is a small, pre-pressurized tank with a compressible air cushion (a diaphragm) that is installed on the supply side (the cold-

water inlet) of a water heater.

If thermal expansion of the water creates excess pressure within the heater, water is forced into the expansion tank, keeping pressure levels within the normal operating range of the heater.

As the pressure within the heater normalizes, the water within the expansion tank is forced back into the heater by the diaphragm, and the potentially harmful effects of the thermal expansion are eliminated.

My suggestion: Call the manufacturer of your equipment and ask questions. I have never heard of such disasters, but if you're worried, act. You'll likely be told to call a licensed plumber.

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1675 Penfold Pl, Northbrook	Jim Tain & Tiffany Yu	Heidi E Maksimovic	09-29-16	\$465,000
2773 The Mews, Northbrook	Alon Shalem & Rachel Locker	Peter Zarovsky	09-29-16	\$490,000
2856 Crabtree Ln, Northbrook	Yuanlong Wang & Youyou Yang	Daniel M Perkins	09-29-16	\$600,000
305 Crestwood Vlg, Northfield	Robert V Passeri Jr	Joal Peugeot	09-23-16	\$181,000
1145 N Sterling Ave., # 107, Palatine	Tetyana Momotov	Judicial Sales Corp	09-23-16	\$48,000
1 Renaissance Pl, Palatine	Arthur G Demeros	Lee F Pepin	09-26-16	\$86,000
151 E Palatine Rd., # 8, Palatine	Michelle Irene Busse	P Daniel Glass	09-23-16	\$115,000
440 S Hale St., # 13B12, Palatine	Lisa J Recher	Joe Wuchterl	09-23-16	\$129,000
2144 N Heather Ln., # 41C, Palatine	Hidalia Martinez	Kevin Murphy	09-26-16	\$138,000
263 S Clubhouse Dr., # 406, Palatine	Susan Fassel & James Fassel	Carly Brehm	09-29-16	\$140,000
55 S Hale St., # 307, Palatine	Kiril Petkov	Roger Lewis	09-29-16	\$181,000
483 W Parkside Dr, Palatine	Julie F Versteegh & Timothy Versteegh	Deborah Miller	09-23-16	\$200,000
27 E Illinois Ave., # 27, Palatine	John Hughes & Penny Hughes	Stefanelli Trust	09-26-16	\$276,000
1339 E Gloria Dr, Palatine	Benito Trujillo & Rosa Trujillo	James J Ahern	09-26-16	\$282,000
209 E Timberlane Dr, Palatine	Alexander J Gumz	Simon Wirth	09-23-16	\$285,000
747 W Hillcrest Rd, Palatine	Matthew R Kozak & Kasey M Kozak	Exodus I Llc	09-23-16	\$292,000
508 N Winston Dr, Palatine	Jonathan Vinson & Ashley Vinson	Stephen Montoya	09-23-16	\$339,000
263 W Fairview Way, Palatine	Mary D Petryszyn	Thomas J Mcblain	09-26-16	\$345,000
1376 W Hampton Pl, Palatine	David Hanna & Michelle Hanna	Javn Capital Llc	09-26-16	\$425,000
1385 N Briar Patch Ct, Palatine	Blake L Lindley & Nicole M Robin	Promisor Relocation Llc	09-23-16	\$477,000
971 S Cedar St, Palatine	Dan Collins & Jennifer Collins	Bartlett Trust	09-26-16	\$585,000
5512 Highland Dr, Palatine	Adam Afridi & Zainab Afridi	David A Walter	09-26-16	\$665,000
170 N Northwest Hwy., # 317, Park Ridge	Andres Barriga	Apjen Llc	09-26-16	\$290,000
900 S Washington Ave, Park Ridge	Michael Donaghy & Kathryn Donaghy	Joseph Mazza	09-26-16	\$547,500
638 Babetta Ave, Park Ridge	Andrew Chojnowski & Joy Chojnowski	Phillip Cocomise	09-29-16	\$685,000
1215 Park Ridge Blvd, Park Ridge	Andrzej A Kaminski & Blanka A Kaminska	Beata Bednarska	09-29-16	\$690,000
860 E Old Willow Rd., # 129, Prospect Heights	Xiao Wu & Jie Han	Arnie Padilla	09-26-16	\$106,500
1394 Quaker Ln., # 158B, Prospect Heights	Sergio A Pineda	Jennifer M Odom Fuentes	09-26-16	\$127,500
475 Greystone Ln, Prospect Heights	Daniel Finn & Beatrice C Finn	Gale Lyle	09-23-16	\$362,500

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It's the time of year to set scene for country picnic

BY MARY CAROL GARRITY
Tribune News Service

Kevin had the right idea. My friends Beth and Mike's Labrador retriever mix was roaming from apple tree to apple tree, snapping off the fruit from the branches that were so heavily laden, they almost touched the ground. He made a pile of apples and started to munch.

I totally get it. At a place like Riverbend, Beth and Mike's country home just outside of Kansas City, Mo., you can't help but want to eat it all up at once. The spreading-wide blue sky. The orchard filled with apple, pear and peach trees — and lots of droning honeybees. And the company of good friends. It's all so heart-filling and soul-restoring. I would spend all day in this simple paradise.

On this early fall day, a few of us played hooky and escaped to Riverbend to enjoy a picnic in the orchard, getting a cure for our Nature Deficit Disorder. Bruce and Cheri, two of our visual design and seasonal display champions, set a fall picnic to inspire you to go outside and do the same this season.

For our fall picnic, we commandeered one of the old wooden picnic tables and covered it with a patchwork of plaid throw blankets. I really like to use blankets as tablecloths because they are large enough to cover a table, are easily laundered and give you a chance to pull in great patterns and colors.

I have an unquenchable fire for plaid that burns year round, but in the fall, it becomes a bonfire as I add this old familiar pattern to my home's decor any way I can. A sweet, vintage-inspired metal plaid basket was perfect



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for transporting our simple feast of sandwiches, apple pie, fresh apples and cider to the orchard.

When you entertain outside, it's fun to mix the rustic and refined together. The tiered wooden server, one of my favorites for the season, is earthy and organic, yet gives you a way to show off your harvest of food with a touch of drama. We have it loaded with orchard apples, just screaming to be dipped in hot caramel.

Another tool I could not live without is a big, versatile bowl. Fill it with a wonderful salad or slices of crispy bread for dinner, or with apples or fall gourds for a simple centerpiece. The lantern on the table's edge will give us a soft glow to see by as this perfect fall day slips into dusk. No need for an elaborate

centerpiece when you have all this beauty surrounding you and on the table. We just tossed in some sunflowers and pine cones and called it good.

Beth isn't afraid to pull out the family china every time she entertains, even when it's outdoors. She knows precious things are meant to be enjoyed, not hidden away.

We've set our table with my dish-heartthrob: Spode transferware. The dinner plate features a pheasant, one of my favorite icons of fall. The salad plate? A hunting dog, in honor of Kevin, our apple-eating canine assistant. The place settings are finished out with a wicker charger, amber glassware and faux antler-handled silverware, some of my all-time favorites for fall entertaining.

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Thursday, Nov. 3

Willy Porter & Carmen Nickerson: With Gerry O'Beirne. 7:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$40, 847-492-8860

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.

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, 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

Learn To Fly This Winter: Registration is open for Winter classes at The Actors Gymnasium, a circus and performing arts school. There are classes for kids, teens and adults, including: parent-tot classes, tumbling, circus arts, parkour, aerial arts, contortion, stage combat, gymnastics and more. The school is located right next to the CTA Noyes Stop on the Purple Line. Register now, as classes fill quickly. 9:30 a.m. All week, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$185-\$260, 847-328-2795

The Grove Arts and Craft Faire: Join in for gifts and crafts at the fair. There is a magnificent selection of contemporary crafts, distinctive accessories, unique seasonal decorations, personalized

items and creative gifts from over 75 juried artisans. 10 a.m. Nov. 3 to Nov. 6, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, Admits \$5; \$1 children 12-years-old and under, 847-299-6096

BookBites Reading Social: "Someone" by Alice McDermott is the current selection and this group meets monthly, so just drop in. This is co-sponsored by the Niles Public Library. 7 p.m. Hackney's Glenview, 1514 E. Lake Ave., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

44 Plays for 44 Presidents: Ninety-minute romp through U.S. Presidents. 8 p.m. Nov. 3 to Nov. 6, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$35, 847-834-0738

Adult Literacy Classes Fall Session: Native and non-native English speakers can improve their reading and writing skills. This is a small, friendly group led by a teacher and volunteer tutors, that meets twice weekly. Classes are conducted by Oakton Community College in the Glenview Library's Community Room West. Call for details. 9:15 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-635-1426

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

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

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

Expert addresses legal issues surrounding dementia: Legal Issues to Consider When Your Loved One Has Dementia is the third in a series of free educational events that focus on issues that impact the lives and well being of

seniors and their families. Reservations are requested and may be made by calling Josephine Bernero at 847-825-1161, extension 131, or emailing her at jbernero@arborcompany.com. Hot and cold appetizers are served. 6 p.m. The Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-1161

Book Discussion: This group meets on the first Thursday of each month. 1 p.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program box is in the lobby of the Park Ridge Police Department. Accepted are: prescription medications, (including controlled substances), all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-1300 ext. 146. 9 a.m. All week, Park Ridge Police Department, 200 Vine Avenue, Park Ridge, free

Tony V.: Tony V. performs original stand-up. 8 p.m. Nov. 3, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Nov. 4, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Nov. 5, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22 two item minimum food/beverage purchase, 847-813-0484

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

German Stammtisch: The group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month in the community center to practice German and learn about German culture. For all experience levels, from native speakers to beginners. 1 p.m. Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, free

Friday, Nov. 4

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

"The Institute," Coming of Age during the Vietnam War: World premiere of the two-act drama "The Institute," which follows the lives of four students at a Catholic, military school during the height of the Vietnam War. Special veterans night, check website for details. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and Nov. 5, North-

minster Presbyterian Church, 2515 Central Park Ave., Evanston, \$22, 847-571-0235

Special Event Friday Night Appy Hour: Library staff are on hand to demonstrate the many library apps and services that are available for free for those who have a Glenview Library card, which is required. Go to glenviewpl.org/apps for a sneak peek of library apps for use on your mobile device, then come learn how to get the most out of them with staff experts. Please RSVP online or register by calling. 5:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

New Excel 2010 Intermediate: If you want to do more with your spreadsheets, come learn several skills including: tables and charts, conditional formatting and absolute/relative cell references. Attendees would require basic EXCEL skills beforehand. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

GLEnergy presents Hidden Memory: An American Story: World War II was a different experience for Japanese Americans. Join storyteller Anne Shimojima as she shares the story of her family's journey from Japan and through the difficult war years. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Drop In Chess Club Up to grade 8: Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy, so just drop in. If possible, please bring your own chess set. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Disturbla 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 Sat-

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urdays. VIP tickets, allowing ticket holders quicker access and less wait time for the haunt, are \$40 per person. 7 p.m. Nov. 4 and Nov. 5, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, \$25-\$40 per person, 847-349-5008

Happily Ever Laughter: As the "Professor of Love and Laughter," comedian Yakov Smirnoff teaches his audience how to put the spark back into relationships through love and laughter. He performs one night only. 7:30 p.m. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$35-\$45, 847-673-6300

Rotary Club of Wilmette 2016 Gala Benefit: The party, termed Wine, Dine and Dance Latin Style, runs until 9:30 p.m., and then an after-party continues with dancing the night away. The evening highlights include: South America, Spain and their fine wines and gourmet appetizers plus live music, silent and live auctions, professional dance performances, Tango lessons, magic, festivities and fun. The proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Wilmette's impressive service projects. 6:30 p.m. Double Tree Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$75 prepaid; \$80 at door, 000-000-0000

Saturday, Nov. 5

Opulent City: Opulent City features a variety of burlesque starlets, daring pro aerialists, provocative circus performances and vintage vaudeville entertainers. 6:30 p.m. Rivers Casino, 3000 S. River Road, Des Plaines, \$15, 888-307-0777

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

Suzanne Vega: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$33.50-\$73.50, 847-492-8860

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

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous meets Saturdays. New-comer meeting on the last Saturday of

the month. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For information, call Hannah. 9 a.m. St Matthews Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-0609

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

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. Saturdays and Sundays, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

2nd Annual Exploratorium: Two sessions available: 9-9:45 a.m. and 10-10:45 a.m., to learn how the Chiaravalle Montessori education supports creative and innovative thinkers. RSVP for children 6 months to 6-years-old at www.chiaravalle.org/explore. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Chiaravalle Montessori School, 425 Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-864-2190

Rainbow Therapy Dogs Dog Safety for Grades 3 to 8: Four-legged friends can help teach safety skills. This is for children who want to make friends in a supportive environment. Trained Friendship Ambassadors (grades 4-12) host fun and engaging events where everyone feels welcome. Generously sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Glenview-Northbrook. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 3 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

The Little Mermaid Sing-Along (ages 2-6 with family): Enjoy stories of the sea, followed by a visit with the Little Mermaid. Enjoy a singalong with a meet-and-greet and photos. Story time is provided by the Glenview Public Library. 10:30 a.m. The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Pumpkin Smash and Bash: Bring your carved Halloween pumpkin to the Flick Park Sled Hill for a Pumpkin Roll competition. Have fun smashing your pumpkin and turning it into compost that will help nourish plants in the spring. Note: Remove any candles and

glow sticks beforehand. Non-carved pumpkins will not be accepted. 3:30 p.m. Flick Park, 3600 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Heartland Animal Shelter's Golden Paw Gala: Enjoy bocce ball, dinner and a silent auction. An online fundraising contest determines the recipient of the prestigious Golden Paw Award. In order to enter, create a Razoo.com fundraising page through the Golden Paw Gala 2016 Team and post photos of your pet in one of the three categories. 6 p.m. Pinstripes, 1150 Willow Road, Northbrook, \$100 per person in advance; \$125 at the door; tables of ten for \$1,000, 847-480-2323

Holiday Bazaar at the Centennial Activity Center: Handmade holiday crafts, sweaters and afghans, baked goods, yesterday's treasures, and much more will all be for sale during our Annual Bazaar. Vendors, may register by the Oct. 17 deadline. 10 a.m. Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Park Ridge Chorale Cabaret: For the second time, The Park Ridge Chorale or PRC, holds their fundraiser, Come to the Cabaret, featuring singers from the group performing in a cabaret setting. 5 p.m. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$25, 847-825-6659

A Little Night Music: Sondheim creates a stunning tour de force when he takes Ingmar Bergman's comedy of manners, *Smiles of a Summer Night* and turns it into a musical of masterful execution and elegance. 7 p.m. Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, \$15 (Students & Seniors); \$17 (Adults), 847-674-1500

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, Nov. 6

Judy Collins: 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$38-\$78, 847-492-8860

Keyboard Extravaganza II: Keyboard Extravaganza II is a concert to benefit Family Promise Chicago North Shore and Interfaith Action of Evanston. Many of our performers hold advanced degrees in piano and organ, perform in professional ensembles, and are active composers, arrangers and recitalists. 3

p.m. First Congregational Church of Evanston, 1417 Hinman Ave., Evanston, \$25, 847-475-4267

Reflections with Tuba Soloist Gene Pokorny: The Northshore Concert Band opens its season of musical "Reflections" with a diverse program that embraces a world of freedom and fellowship. We welcome Gene Pokorny, Principal Tuba of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for a solo performance. Program highlights will include Magnolia Star, a jazz and blues-inspired work by emerging American composer Steve Danyew, and two works by Dmitri Shostakovich. 3 p.m. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$20 each; seniors \$15; students/children \$10, 847-432-2263

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

Fine Arts Fall Genevieve Thiers: Skits about Florence Foster Jenkins and Anna Russell! Genevieve Thiers is a student of Judy Haddon, and a 2004 Masters in Music Performance graduate from Northwestern University. 2 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

NaNoWriMo Weekly Write In: Write your novel at the Library! Join in this-weekly National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) meeting each Sunday in November. Snacks are provided. 2 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Education Child Care Fair: Local preschool and enrichment representatives are available with information about their programs. While adults learn about local opportunities, children can visit the fun stations including a balloon artist and face painting. 2 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Festa Italiana and Glenbrook North Band: Enjoy a catered dinner, home-baked desserts, music by GBN Jazz Bands, dancing, raffles and fun in support of raising funds for GBN Bands. 5 p.m. Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, \$25 adults and students; \$15 kids under 13, 847-272-6400

Holiday Boutique: Choose from vendors including jewelry, baby gifts, personalized items, stationery, art, clothing, serving pieces and much more. All are welcome, and there is no entry fee. 9 a.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-

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Mother and Daughter Book Club Tea:

Mother/Daughter Book Club Tea for mothers (or grandmothers/aunts) and daughters (kindergarten through third grade) to spend time together reading an "All of a Kind Family" Series book by Sydney Taylor at home. Then, join together at Congregation Beth Shalom library for a discussion, fun crafts and light refreshments. For more information or to register contact Stephanie at Library@BethShalomNB.org or 847-498-4100 extension 34. 11 a.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

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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

No Shame On U Annual Event with Jessie Close:

Mental health advocate Jessie Close wants to change how people talk and think about mental illness. An ambassador for Bring Change 2 Mind, a not-for-profit organization founded by Jessie's sister, actress Glenn Close, Jessie fights stigma and misunderstanding. This event includes speaker, Q and A, dessert reception and book signing. The VIP reception tickets include private meet and greet with Jessie, and gift bag with Jessie's book and appetizers. 6 p.m. Double Tree Chicago North Shore Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, General Admission \$20; VIP \$150, 773-398-8488

Monday, Nov. 7

Theo Katzman & Joey Dosik: 7 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$25, 847-492-8860

Third Coast Baroque Sarabanda Benefit Concert: Third Coast Baroque's concert series presents works by Claudio Monteverdi and Mexican Baroque composer Gaspar Fernandez. This program takes the audience on a guided listening tour that traces the African and South American folk music roots of Baroque music, in particular the

dance that originated as the Sarabanda. 6 p.m. Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St., Evanston, \$60-75, 773-414-0951

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

Tech Talk: The topics of this drop-in group do vary month to month, and a library card is not required. Join this Internet user discussion group to explore websites, apps, social media, online searching and the library's many electronic resources. Bring your mobile device. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Page Turners: "The Children Act" by Ian McEwan is the current selection and the group meets monthly, so just drop in. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

Ballroom Dance Classes: Come enjoy a Basic Ballroom Dance Class at 6:45 p.m., and an Intermediate Class at 7:45 p.m. These classes were formerly held at the Highland Park Moose Lodge which has been sold. 6:45 p.m. Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, \$10 per person per class, 847-757-2227

Franz Schubert The First Bohemian Composer: Gregory Athnos presents Franz Schubert's masterful art songs, where the piano was equal in importance to the vocalist, not just mere accompaniment. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC member; \$13 non member, 847-784-6030

Mad Ludwig II of Bavaria Germany's Fairy Tale King: King Ludwig II is perhaps the most illustrious of all Germans, best known as an eccentric whose love for the arts and architecture is legendary. German historian Anette Isaacs presents you with mesmerizing insights into the fairy-tale King's amazing life. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10

NSSC member; \$13 non member, 847-784-6030

Parents of children with Mental Health Issues: NAMI Basics for parents of children who are dealing with mental health issues is an 8-week course offered by NAMI Cook County North Suburban a local affiliate of the National Alliance for Mental illness. Call NAMI CCNS at 847-716-2252 to learn more. 7 p.m. New Trier High School Administration Dept., N. Happ Road and Arbor Lane, Northfield, free, 847-716-2252

Money Matters Discussion: The group meets on the first Monday of each month. 10 a.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

French Alliance N Shore Coffee Morning Conversation: Meet fellow French speakers for relaxed, mid-morning conversation in French. 10 a.m. Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-328-9516

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Grief: 7 p.m. Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-4272

Tuesday, Nov. 8

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

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

Smile and Rhyme at Heinen's Ages 2 and up with adult: You may just drop in with Miss Fran, who shares stories, rhymes, and songs in the cafe. Stay for a snack and to chat after the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m. Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Crafters Drop In Fun: Just drop in to see what you can make during an afternoon of self-guided crafting. Children under eight must be accompanied

by an adult. 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Adult Literacy Classes Fall Session: Native and non-native English speakers can improve their reading and writing skills. This is a small, friendly group led by a teacher and volunteer tutors, that meets twice weekly. Classes are conducted by Oakton Community College in the Glenview Library's Community Room West. Call for details. 9:15 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-635-1426

Holiday Cards with Publisher 2010: Use the Publisher program and its templates, text boxes and picture tools to create holiday greeting cards. A Glenview Library card is required and please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 2 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. No experience necessary, No partner required. Dress casually. 7:30 p.m. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free first lesson; Registration for 9-week session \$46/\$54., 847-724-5670

Niles Metropolitan Chorus: This performance date for the annual sing-along of Handel's "Messiah" is Dec. 6. The chorus begins weekly rehearsal days on Nov. 1 and the Tuesdays thereafter from 7-9 p.m. until the upcoming "Messiah." Contact Marek Rachelski, Director of Music at SJB at 702-806-8421 or the Parish offices at 847-966-8145. 7 p.m. St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 702-806-8421

2015's Ten Greatest Archaeological Discoveries: The past year has been extraordinary for archaeology, and speaker Jim Kenney touches on many of the most exciting recent discoveries. For example this includes the discovery in Turkey of one of the world's oldest ships, and new findings on human-Neanderthal interbreeding and much more. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$35 NSSC member; \$44 non member, 847-784-6030

Lehrhaus Confirmation Class: Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah teenagers are invited to participate in this program which teaches young people how to utilize Jewish resources when faced with making a decision. This is a fascinating three-year program. 7 p.m. Ezra Habo-

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nim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$420 for entire year plus book fees, 847-675-4141

Great Books Discussion Group: Meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss some of the best books in the English language. For more information on joining, call 847-673-1814. 7 p.m. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-7774

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For Teachers How to Introduce Coding to Young Children: Coding teaches powerful ideas, including logic, critical thinking and problem-solving. Author and educator, Ann Gadzikowski, discusses concepts of computer programming appropriate and meaningful to young children. Gadzikowski also demonstrates some of the best apps and games for teaching coding. CPDUs (ISBE) and DCFS credits are available. Please register. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Salute to Veterans: The doors open at 9:15 a.m. and music begins at 9:45 a.m. of the Lakeview Room. The East Wing and John Wovk U.S. Navy, Commander, The American Legion Post 166 Glenview present this ceremony, which features keynote speaker, Pamela Jacobsen Technical Training Instructor Supervisor, CSCSU Great Lakes and music by the Attea Middle School band and chorus. 9:45 a.m. The East Wing Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-4793

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a be-

ginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome at this new, weekly Chess Club. Chess sets and clocks provided. No registration is required. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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. Brush up on your skills, learn new techniques, or just spend an afternoon knitting with others. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, 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

Tupperware Unsealed The 1950s Plastic Revolution: Tupperware plastic containers revolutionized American kitchens and the lives of suburban women who sold them. Historian Leslie Goddard explores the history of Tupperware, from Earl Tupper's invention of the plastic tubs through the pioneering sales techniques of Brownie Wise. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 NSSC members: \$15 non member, 847-784-6030

Twenty-first Star Chapter DAR November 2016 Meeting: The Twenty-first Star Chapter DAR holds a meeting with a luncheon to follow. Mr. Terry Benschopf presents a program entitled, "D Day." Women who are interested in DAR membership should contact Second Vice Regent, Dorothy Wilson by calling for further details. 11:30 a.m. Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$22, 847-328-6946

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**"Boo! A Madea Halloween" ★★½**

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This latest Tyler Perry "Madea" flick is all about the laughs, nothing less and nothing more. The premise here is that Madea's soft-parenting nephew Brian (Perry) needs someone to watch his teen daughter, Tiffany (Diamond White), on Halloween because he's afraid she'll sneak out to a frat party. He calls on his no-nonsense Aunt Madea (also Perry). At times, Perry's writing and his troupe's acting feel too big and stagy for cinema.

Some scenes go on too long, and some of the writing feels cheesy and overly dramatic. With "Boo! A Madea Halloween," you'll laugh hard, even when the jokes feel too slapsticky, too vulgar or too over-the-top. — *Sofiya Ballin, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

**"Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" ★★**

PG-13, 1:58; action

The new "Jack Reacher" movie, subtitled "Never Go Back," arrives four years after Tom Cruise made his first Reacher movie, subtitled nothing. It wasn't a huge hit, but it was hit enough. Some franchises are born; some are made; others thrust themselves upon the public. The latest Reacher film is directed, with reasonable skill and no trace of personality, by Edward Zwick.

Rooting out corruption and evil, Reacher (Cruise) advises his old pals in the U.S. Army. Maj. Susan Turner is played by Cobie Smulders, the best thing in the movie and a terrific on-screen sprinter. Clearly she trained with the best of the best: Tom Cruise. In running mode, remains a sight to behold. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

**"Ouija: Origin of Evil" ★★½**

PG-13, 1:39; horror

For a horror sequel built around a foundation of genre trends, "Ouija: Origin of Evil" contains far more goofy-spooky fun than one might expect. This prequel to 2014's "Ouija" takes the retro approach that has made "The Conjuring" franchise so appealing and layers it on top of the classic little-girl-possessed narrative. The result isn't so original, but it sports plenty of stylized thrills and chills that might make you think twice about a night with

the ouija board. Realism or internal logic are not to be found in "Ouija: Origin of Evil," but it's an entertaining and creepy ghost story that just might scratch that seasonal itch for scares.

— *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

**"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. 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." — *M.P.*

**"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 angsty, raging extremis and in wary voyeur mode, to play a sort of shell game with her own messed-up movie. So why does the film just sort of lay there? For one thing, it's filmed all wrong. Director Tate Taylor and cinematographer Charlotte Bruus Christensen favor handheld, Rachel's-eye-view close-ups by the woozy hundreds. This

film wants in on the "Gone Girl" action so badly, it practically drools. But the "Gone Girl" film version was a vise grip; this is more like a lukewarm handshake. — *M.P.*

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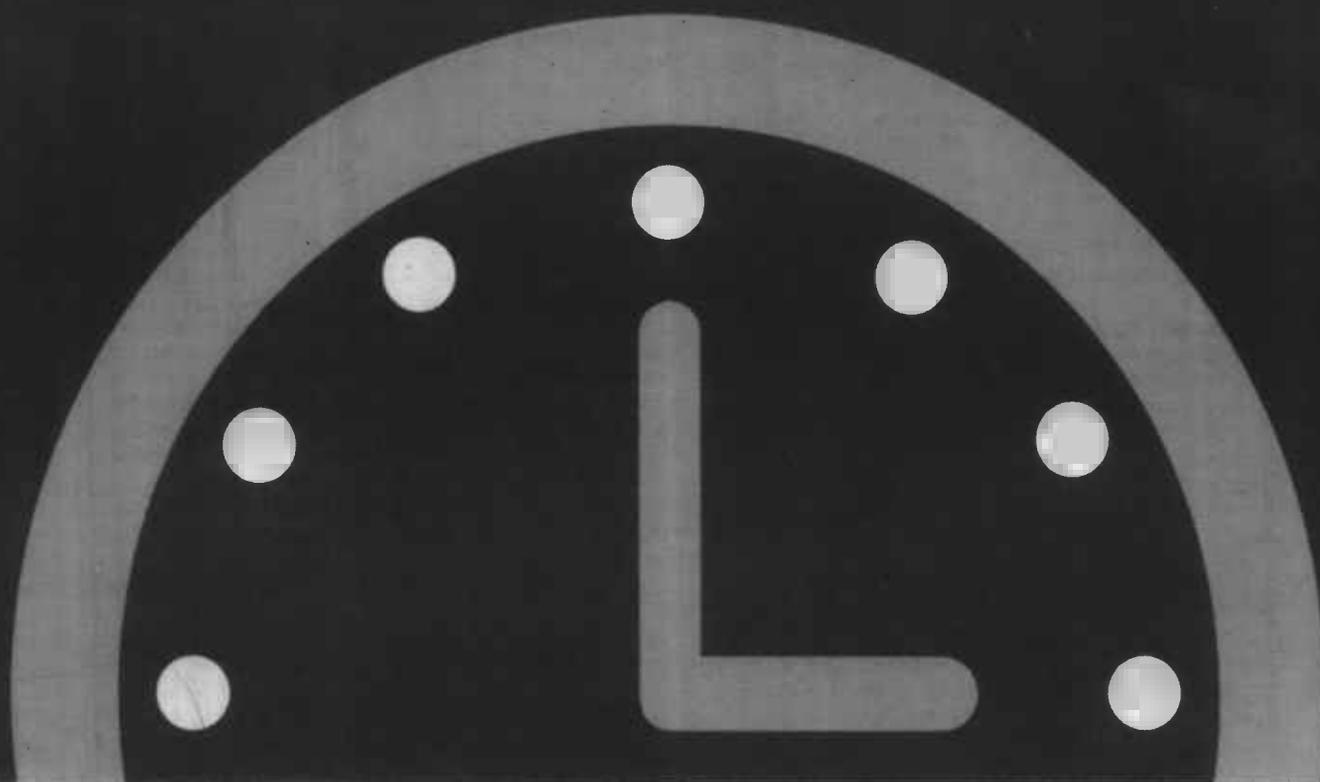
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Auto issues at stake in election

White House winner has big impact on what, how we drive

BY FRED MEIER
Cars.com

The U.S. auto industry has been in the spotlight during the 2016 presidential campaigns, starting with the primaries. The hottest issue has not been about what automakers produce but where, thanks to the debate over free-trade deals including the North American Free Trade Agreement and the pending Trans-Pacific Partnership.

History shows that the winner could end up having a big impact on what and how we drive. Past presidential milestones include interstate highways (Dwight Eisenhower), the first safety regulations and the 25 percent tariff on trucks (Lyndon B. Johnson), federal emissions rules and the 55-mph speed limit (Richard Nixon), fuel economy rules (Gerald Ford), the first Chrysler bailout (Jimmy Carter), the most recent industry bailout (George W. Bush and Barack Obama), and ramped-up emissions and fuel economy rules (Obama).

Automakers are multinational corporations that stand to gain from mutually lowered trade barriers. This could mean potential gains for car buyers in lower prices (thanks to lower-cost production) and more choices (thanks to lower barriers to global products).

The candidates don't entirely disagree on the issues. Both have said there are flaws with NAFTA, which has allowed a free flow of goods among the U.S., Mexico and Canada since 1994, and the TPP, a proposed deal to lower trade barriers among the U.S. and 11 nations: Australia, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Vietnam, Chile, Brunei, Singapore and New Zealand.



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Republican date Donald Trump has made trade-deal fairness a campaign centerpiece and says current deals have exported U.S. jobs. But Democrat Hillary Clinton also has called for trade-deal revisions as well as more protections for workers and the environment.

Free trade: Overall on trade, Clinton says in position papers that she will “prevent countries like China from abusing global trade rules and reject trade agreements, like the TPP, that don’t meet high standards.”

She also has spoken favorably of those trade deals in the past and has faced charges of inconsistency from Trump.

Trump has vehemently attacked NAFTA as unfair, including threatening to impose up to a 35 percent

tariff on vehicles from Mexico, though it is unclear how he could do so. He also has said he would pull out of NAFTA if he could not get better terms. In an economic address in August at the Detroit Economic Club, Trump said his trade reform plan “includes a total renegotiation of NAFTA, which is a disaster for our country. A total renegotiation. And if we don’t get a better deal, we will walk away.” But he also did not reject trade deals, saying in the speech, “Trade has big benefits. And I am in favor totally of trade. But I want trade deals for our country that create more jobs. ... Isolation is not an option.”

As for the TPP, according to his campaign website: “There will be no Trans-Pacific Partnership.”

Fuel economy regulations: Emissions and fuel economy rules for model years 2022 through 2025 are under review, with a preliminary decision due in 2017 and a final decision due April 1, 2018.

Clinton promises no relaxing of the rules but also does not suggest huge expansion. According to her briefing papers, she would “defend, implement, and extend smart pollution and efficiency standards, including ... standards for cars, trucks and appliances that are already helping clean our air, save families money and fight climate change.”

Trump is generally against what he sees as over-regulation without directly addressing autos, and promises “a temporary moratorium on new agency regulations.” He says he

include repairs that will “improve our roads, reduce congestion, and slash the ‘pothole tax’ that drivers silently pay each and every day.”

Trump promised in an interview to “at least double” Clinton’s spending proposal.

Auto Industry bailout: Clinton believes it was right to do and attacked Sen. Bernie Sanders over it in the primary debates, implying somewhat inaccurately that he was against it in the Senate.

Trump was ambivalent at a news conference before a primary speech in Michigan, according to The Washington Post. “You could have let it go bankrupt, frankly, and rebuilt itself, and a lot of people felt it should happen. Or you could have done it the way it went. I could have done it either way. Either way would have been acceptable. I think you would have wound up in the same place.”

Organized labor: Clinton has the endorsement of the United Auto Workers, and said this year, “I’ve always believed that when unions are strong, families are strong and America is strong.” She promises to “restore collective bargaining rights for unions.”

Trump has not been as critical of unions as a more typical conservative candidate might be. He did suggest in an interview with the Detroit News that U.S. automakers could shift some production away from Michigan to U.S. areas where autoworkers would make less, but he did not explain how that would happen. While some non-union foreign-owned plants in other states have lower wages, U.S. makers’ UAW hourly workers would not.

would “require each federal agency to prepare a list of all of the regulations they impose on American business, and rank them from most critical to health and safety to least critical. Least critical regulations will receive priority consideration for repeal.” His campaign manager says Trump does not believe climate change is man-made.

Roads and bridges: The candidates agree on the need for U.S. infrastructure repair and upgrades, though each has proposed less than the \$3.6 trillion the American Society of Civil Engineers estimated is needed by 2020.

Clinton has promised a \$275 billion, five-year plan to rebuild U.S. infrastructure that she will work to pass in her first 100 days of office. She says the plan will

COLLEGE NOTES

IC Catholic grad Fenton named Campbell Trophy semifinalist

BY SAM BRIEF
Pioneer Press

Sean Fenton, a graduate of IC Catholic and senior linebacker on the Gallaudet (Division III) football team, was named one of 156 semifinalists from the FBS, FCS, Divisions II and III and the NAIA for the William V. Campbell Trophy.

The Campbell Trophy is awarded each year to a senior who has "outstanding football ability," has demonstrated strong leadership and has a grade-point average of at least 3.2. Fenton, who is deaf, leads the team with 42 tackles and two interceptions on the year. The finalists were scheduled to be announced Nov. 1.

Stevenson grad stars for NIU volleyball

Jenna Radtke, a senior middle blocker from Stevenson, has led the way for the Northern Illinois women's volleyball team this year. Through Oct. 27, Radtke led the Huskies with 92 blocks 26 service aces and was second with 236 kills on the season. The Huskies started 19-4, having won 14 straight matches and were 11-0 in MAC play.

Zinkula stands out on Denison defense

Ryan Zinkula, a sophomore defensive back on the Denison (Division III) football team, was pegged North Coast Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week following Denison's upset 24-21 win over Wittenberg on Oct. 15. Zinkula, a Loyola graduate from Northbrook, had seven tackles and recorded an interception with 2:30 left in the game to set up Denison's eventual game-winning field goal. Denison started the season 7-0.



DAVID SINCLAIR/GALLAUDET ATHLETICS

Sean Fenton, a graduate of IC Catholic and senior linebacker at Gallaudet, was named a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy.

Zinkula is joined by fellow Loyola graduates Michael Carlin, Richard Wehman III and Dara Laja, Hinsdale Central alumni Matt Cherry and Frank Saltiel and New Trier graduates Calvin Montgomery and Anthony Serinus.

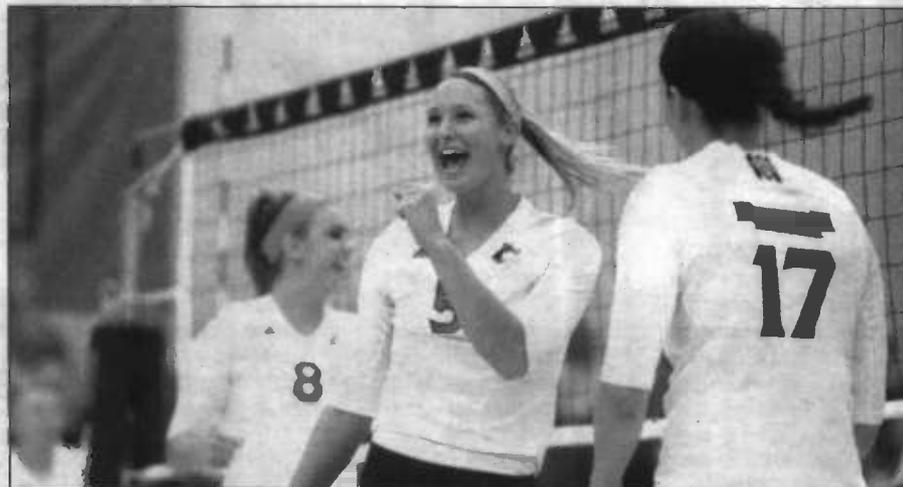
Fabbrini named to U.S. university hockey coaching staff

Nick Fabbrini, a Fenwick graduate, was named an assistant coach of the U.S. Men's National Univer-

sity team. He joins head coach Sean Hogan and assistant Rick Zombo. Fabbrini is in his fifth season as head coach at Illinois. In 2013, the Illini won the CSHL regular-season title under Fabbrini's watch, and he was a finalist for ACHA Coach of the Year. The National University team will play in the 2017 Winter World University Games starting Jan. 28 in Kazakhstan.

Have a suggestion for College Notes? Email Sam Brief at briefsam@gmail.com.

Sam Brief is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Stevenson graduate Jenna Radtke is having an excellent senior season on the Northern Illinois women's volleyball team.

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Amanda Lee

Year in school: Senior
School: Niles West
Sport: Girls golf
Best game: Lee became the first Niles West girls golfer to compete in the state tournament. She finished tied for 80th (171) at the Class AA meet.

Michelle Bacalla

Year in school: Junior
School: Niles North
Sport: Girls tennis
Best game: Bacalla, a singles player, finished in fourth place at the Class AA girls tennis state tournament. She advanced to the semifinals with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Elk Grove's Jelena Vujanic.

Mark Biedke

Year in school: Senior
School: Maine South
Sport: Boys soccer
Position: Goalie
Best game: Biedke came off the bench for penalty kicks during the Class 3A New Trier Regional semifinals. He responded by stopping two of Lincoln Park's five penalty kicks to help Maine South win the shootout 4-3 and the game 3-2.

CLASS 3A NILES WEST BOYS CROSS COUNTRY SECTIONAL NOTEBOOK

Maine South's Brady learns from one of state's best runners

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

As far as role models go, Maine South sophomore Tommy Brady could do a lot worse than standout teammate Reese Jordan.

"He's a huge inspiration. I try to do everything (Jordan) does because I want to be a great runner like him someday," said Brady, who lives in Park Ridge. "He gives me a ton of tips and helps me along the way to get to his level."

Both cross country runners had memorable afternoons at the Class 3A Niles West Sectional on Saturday. Jordan, a senior, won the race in 15 minutes, 5.01 seconds and Brady took 10th (15:34.03). They helped lead the Hawks (115 points) to a second-place finish behind Young (98), which was good for a spot in the state meet on Saturday in Peoria.

Jordan held off York junior Charlie Kern, who finished second at state a year ago. It was the first time Jordan had defeated Kern (second, 15:06.20) this season after losing to him at invites in Palatine and Peoria.

But Jordan had entered the season with high expectations after finishing seventh in the 1,600-meter run at the 2016 Class 3A state track and field meet.

Brady, meanwhile, has been a revelation this season, going from Maine South's freshman team last fall to one of the up-and-coming young runners in the area, and likely the state.

"(Brady) has probably been our most dependable runner all year long," Maine South coach Greg Nordahl said.

He also has a lot of potential. "He could be really good," Nordahl said. "He could be a sub-14:30 next year or the year after that. He has a great mindset and is a great gamer. He's the type of kid whom you'd (expect to) see make huge improvements

year after year and lead the team downstate again."

New Trier

The Trevians boys cross country team earned the final berth in the state tournament at the Class 3A Niles West Sectional by finishing fifth (119 points). Just four points separated second from fifth place.

New Trier actually tied fourth-place Wheaton Warrenville South on points, but lost a tie-breaker, which was the finish of each team's sixth runner — Wheaton Warrenville South's finished 44th, New Trier's came in 45th.

Warren Blood, a New Trier senior, finished third (15 minutes, 14.52 seconds) and said he is hoping for a top-10 finish at state.

New Trier's chances of team success have improved greatly in recent weeks with junior Pat Norrick's return to fitness. He came in 13th at the sectional with a time of 15:39.51. A left hip flexor injury had forced Norrick to miss several meets early in the season, and he was far from sharp when he returned for the Palatine Invite on Sept. 24. He's had his ups and downs since then, but has been strong at the regional and sectional.

"(The injury occurred) right before the first race and I didn't think I would get to race much this year," said Norrick, who lives in Wilmette. "I came back and had a few bad races. But three weeks ago, I started consistently training again and racing to my full potential."

Loyola

Last year, Paolo Tiongson was in tears when he struggled at the Class 3A Lake Park boys cross country sectional, and neither he nor the Ramblers qualified for state.

Though the Ramblers did not get through the Niles West Sectional this year, fin-

ishing ninth (251 points), Tiongson got some redemption as he came in fourth (15:17.48) and earned an individual at-large berth at state.

"After sectionals (in 2015) I felt really bad, I was crying. But I trained a lot harder for this year and it paid off," said Tiongson, a senior who lives in Skokie and runs on the Niles West grounds during the summer. "(Qualifying) is overwhelming to be honest. I've been waiting a year to race this again."

Glenbrook South

The Titans finished eighth (250 points) at the Class 3A Niles West boys cross country sectional, with senior Alec Sanchez their top finisher (26th, 15:55.73).

Though neither the team nor Sanchez reached state, Sanchez said he and the Titans had been successful in executing the race plan, which called for several Titans to run together for a portion of the race.

Niles West, Niles North

The Wolves, running on their home course, finished 16th (375 points) at the 18-team Class 3A Niles West boys cross country sectional. But in junior Pat Holbrook (30th, 15:57.01), Niles West appears to have a runner who could make a name for himself in 2017.

"I think (Holbrook) will have a really great track season in the spring and it will set him up for a great senior year," Niles West coach Mike Grossman said. "He'll be one of the guys to look at for maybe a top-five individual finish at this meet next year."

Niles North Conor Perreault advanced to state as an individual by finishing 11th (15:36.76).

Dan Shalin is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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Tomuta helps Niles West win volleyball regional

Wolves knock off New Trier to advance

BY MARK PERLMAN
Pioneer Press

Midway through the second game of the Class 4A Maine West Regional girls volleyball title game, New Trier's crowd rose to cheer what appeared to be a certain kill.

It might have seemed certain to everyone except Niles West libero Bianca Tomuta. The Lincolnwood senior dove head long and saved the ball. Her effort led to a Wolves side-out.

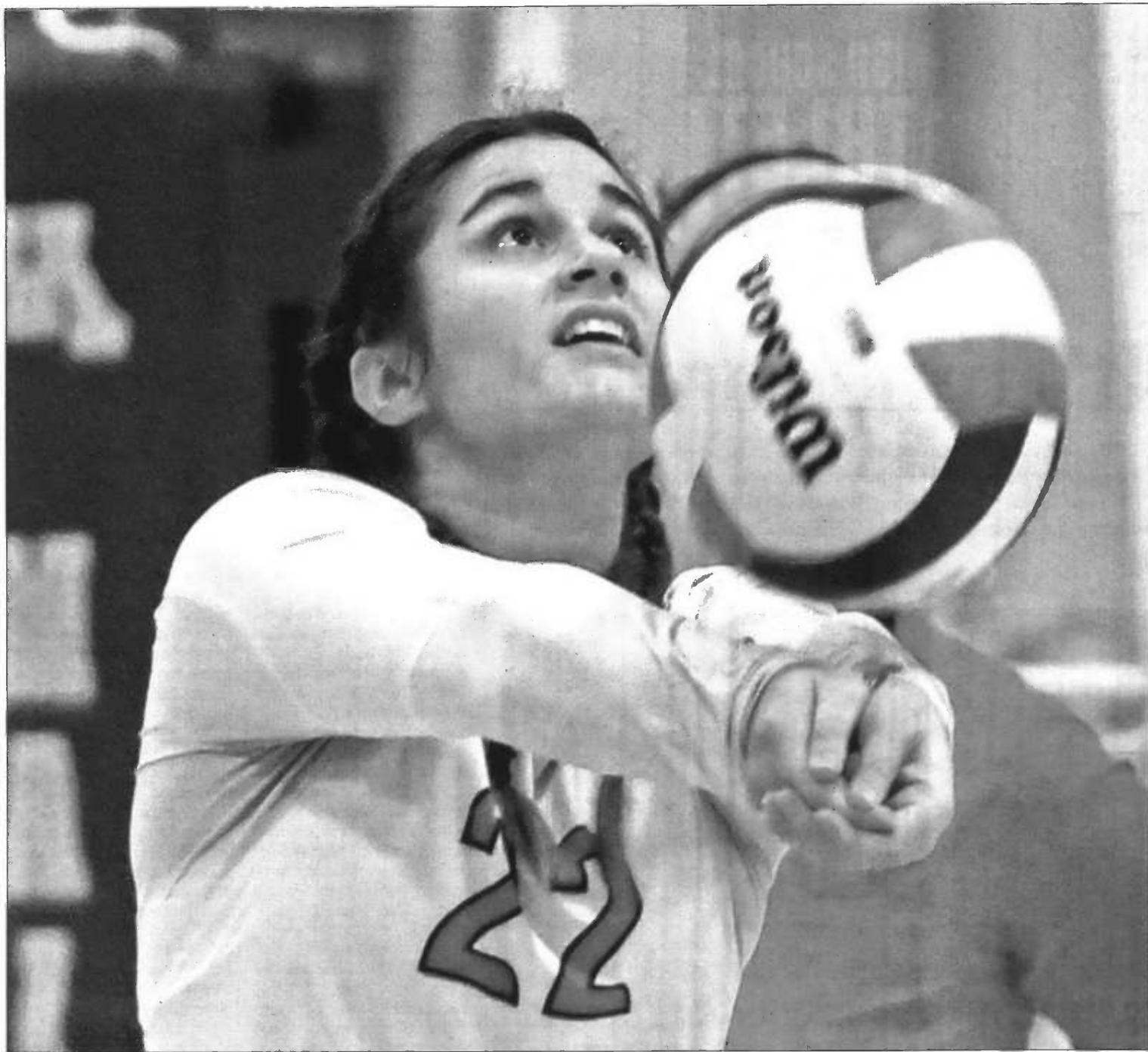
"You just have to go all out and do everything you can to get to the shot," Tomuta said. "Even if it looks impossible you've got to go for it. It's the best feeling in the world."

"That was a huge dig," Niles West coach Stacy Metoyer said. "Any time someone makes a diving save, it builds an abundance of momentum. This game is all about momentum."

While fifth-seeded Niles West lost the second game, it went on to beat fourth-seeded New Trier 25-21, 24-26, 25-22 on Oct. 27 in Des Plaines and advanced to the Glenbrook South Sectional semifinal against top-seeded Loyola. The match was scheduled for Tuesday. It was the Wolves' first victory against New Trier in four tries this season.

Niles West had the third game seemingly under control at 21-14, but the Trevians rallied to tie it at 22-22. It was at that moment that Niles West sophomore outside hitter Natalia Pehar took over and recorded three straight kills. She finished the match with 12 kills.

Both teams were scrambling to keep the ball in play during several of the points in the third game. Time and again Tomuta made sure that nothing touched the floor on the Wolves' side.



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Niles West's Bianca Tomuta passes the ball during the Wolves' regional final against New Trier on Oct. 27.

"She's such a scrappy player," Niles West senior outside hitter Kaila Johanson said. "Bianca gets to shots that most people don't."

Johanson led the Wolves with 13 kills, while senior setter Eleni Balourdos recorded 32 assists and senior middle Elmina Alic regis-

tered four blocks. Tomuta led the way in digs with 14.

"I always know she's going to be there," Pehar said about Tomuta. "She makes so many amazing saves."

Tomuta's success should come as little surprise given her preparation.

"Bianca goes through walls in practice," Metoyer

said.

When things seemed to be slipping away in the decisive third game, Tomuta showed another important trait: She kept trying to lift the Wolves' spirits by talking to her teammates and shouting encouragement.

"She's kind of the glue on

the team," Johanson said. "Keeps everyone together no matter what's happening on the court."

Tomuta grew up playing outside hitter, but at 5-foot-2 she said she realized that libero was the position for her.

"I loved it as soon as I tried it," Tomuta said. "You

get to touch the ball almost every single play."

That's especially true for Tomuta because of how hard she works to keep the ball from touching the floor.

Mark Perlman is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Notre Dame falls in playoff opener against Palatine

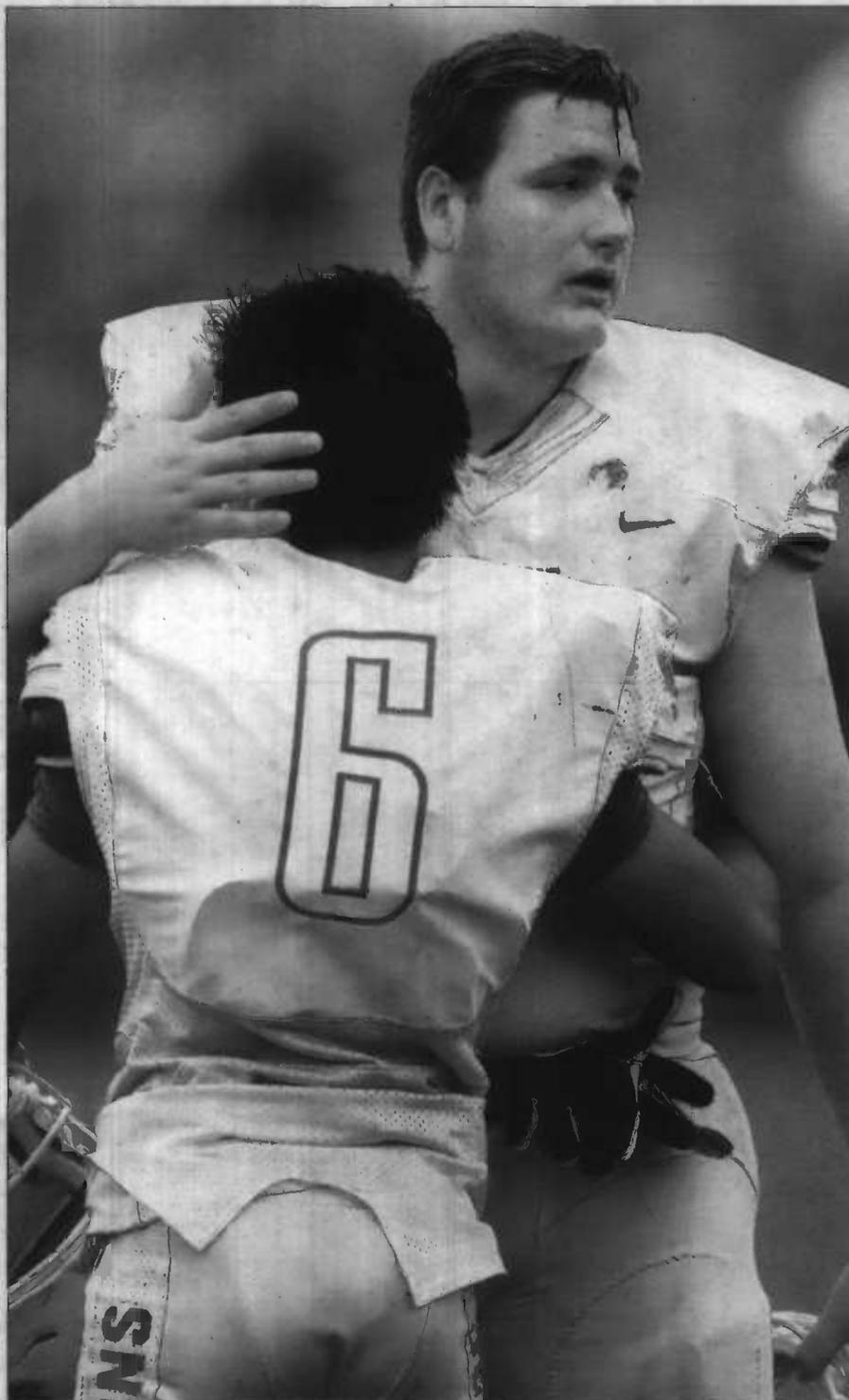
The Notre Dame football team struggled to move the ball on offense against a formidable Palatine defense and suffered a 34-0 loss in the first round of the Class 8A playoffs.

Third-seeded Palatine (10-0) intercepted four passes and 30th-seeded Notre Dame never had the ball inside Palatine's 40-yard line on Saturday in Palatine. Notre Dame finished the

season 6-4.

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Notre Dame seniors Michael Valdez (6) and Connor Sullivan embrace following Saturday's first-round playoff loss at Palatine.



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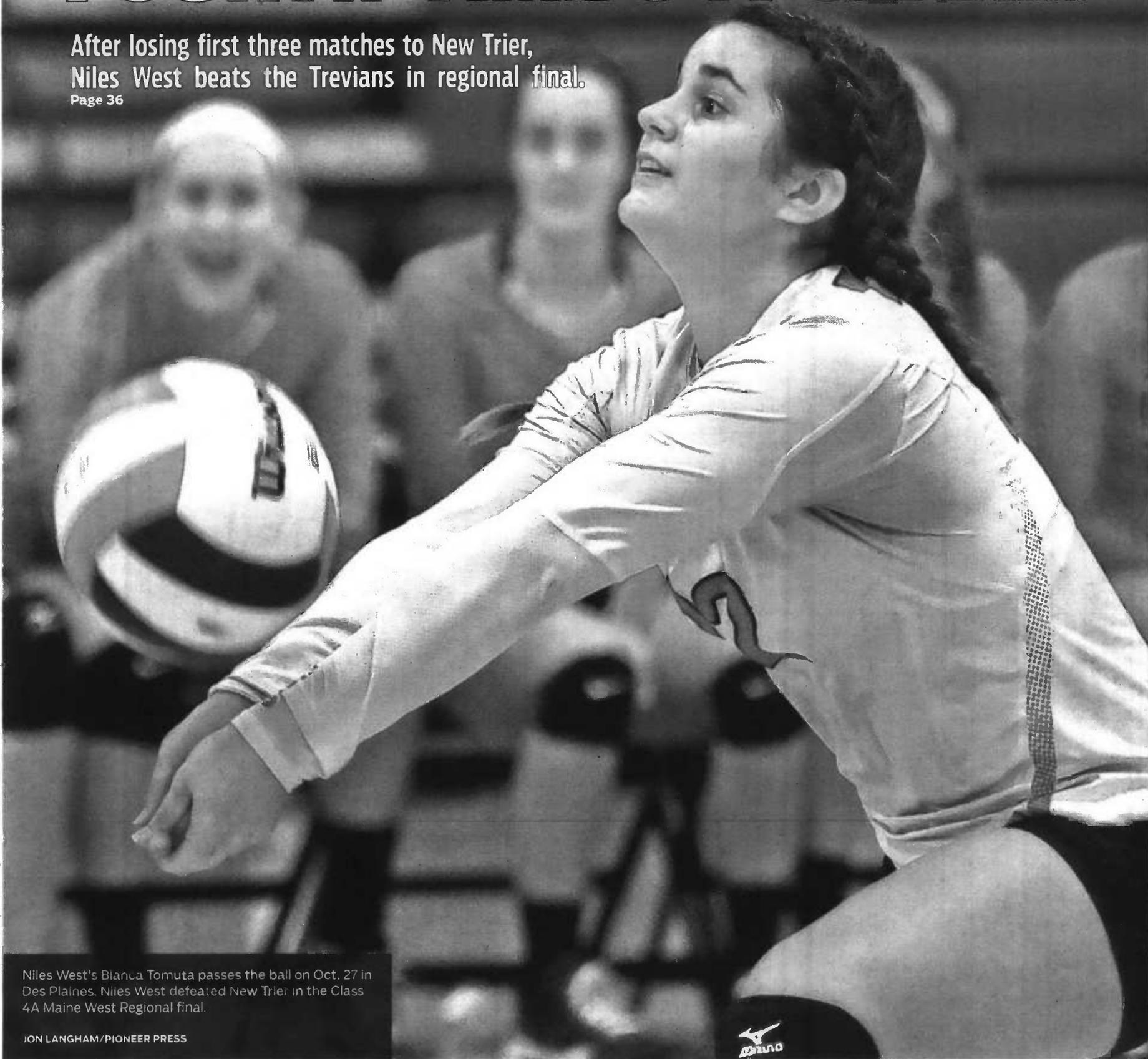
Palatine's Zach Oles, right, gets past Notre Dame's Lucas Polakow during the first quarter.



Notre Dame's Nick Ruiz pulls in a pass during the second quarter.

FOURTH TIME'S A CHARM

After losing first three matches to New Trier,
Niles West beats the Trevians in regional final.
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Niles West's Bianca Tomuta passes the ball on Oct. 27 in Des Plaines. Niles West defeated New Trier in the Class 4A Maine West Regional final.

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