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SHOUT OUT
Michael Kendrick, principal

Michael Kendrick became principal
of St. Joseph School, 1740
Lake Ave., in July. He took time
to talk about, among other things, what he loves about
Catholic education and St. Joseph’s
recent designation as a National
Blue Ribbon School by the U.S.
Department of Education.

Q: Can you tell us a bit about yourself?
A: I grew up in Park Ridge and
grew up in Park Ridge and
went to Maine South High School.
I went to a small liberal arts college
in Michigan, Hillsdale College, and
got my undergrad degree in math.
I came back home, got a desk job in
the mortgage industry, and went to
North Park University to get my
master’s of education degree.
While I was there, I started teaching
at Northridge Prep in Niles. For
me, even from an early age, I had
the idea that I was going to be a
teacher. Being a principal was
something I didn’t expect ... people
said you should look at St. Joseph
in Wilmette. I can only say it was
the Holy Spirit working through a
lot of other people.

Q: What excites you about Catholic education?
A: Catholic schools give you the
complete package. We don’t focus
just on academics, we focus on
character and faith. My goal is to
help students be academically ex-
cellent, of good character and
loving God. If I can do that, I’m
doing my job.

Q: How would you describe the personality of St. Joseph?
A: It’s unique in so many ways.
I would say that it’s a place where
students are loved and feel val-
ued.

Q: What are you excited about
right now?
A: On Nov. 10, we’re going to be
celebrating our Blue Ribbon
award. We’ll gather the school and
community, walk down to Village
Hall as a school, and celebrate as a
community. This all happened
before I came. It’s our teachers
who should be congratulated.
They worked hard. They and the
students deserve this.

Q: Do you have a cause or
charity you’d like people to
know about?
A: Providing the opportunity
of Catholic education for everyone
is great. I think programs that help
kids get to Catholic schools, that
provide need-based aid, are impor-
tant.

— Kathy Routliffe, Pioneer Press

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Hillary Clinton visits to promote memoir

Former candidate jokes ‘great chapter about Russia’

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

On the heels of the federal indictment of President Donald Trump’s former campaign chairman Paul Manafort, former Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton made the rounds of the Chicago area Oct. 30 in support of her new book that examines the historic election. Clinton joked that she had a “great chapter about Russia in here.”

The Associated Press reported that Manafort, and Manafort’s business partner Rick Gates, pleaded not guilty on Oct. 30 to felony charges of conspiracy against the United States. The charges were connected to special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into Russia’s interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Former Trump campaign advisor George Papadopoulos, a 2005 Niles West graduate, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his contact with Russian intermediaries during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Clinton focused on greeting the 1,000 ticket-holders who lined up around downtown Winnetka to meet her and present copies of “What Happened” for her to sign.

“I told her she’s a role model for our girls,” said Rachel Nador, of Evanston, who brought her 11-year-old daughter, Naomi Criz, to meet Clinton. Criz told the 2016 presidential candidate that she admired her and found her to be a brave person.

“I really wanted my kids to have Hillary Clinton as president, and I’m still upset that that’s not the case,” Nador said.

“I’m here to show Hillary we’re still with her, no matter what and always,” said Dee Darling of Cary. “She should be our president right now.”

The indictment of Manafort was on the minds of many Clinton supporters lined up in Winnetka, including Darling, who called the charges “the tip of the iceberg” but stopped short of predicting that criminal allegations would directly touch the president.

“It’s crazy to think that it’s going to travel all the way up to the top, and I don’t think anybody’s really expecting that, but we just want acknowledgment that there should be outrage from both parties for Russia hacking our election,” Darling said. “The fact that there isn’t is disturbing.”

In responding to the allegations against Manafort, Trump tweeted that there was “no collusion” between his campaign and Russia and took aim at Clinton.

“Why aren’t Crooked Hillary & the Dems the focus????” he wrote.

“We need to stop the outrage by his tweets, and we need to focus,” Darling said. “He’s doing it to distract us, nothing more.”

John West, who volunteered on Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign and was scheduled to deliver a banner signed by all Illinois delegates during her appearance Oct. 30 at the Auditorium Theatre, said details of the action taken regarding the election fall-out would provide vital information for voters.

“I think it’s good for justice to see that there is some balance of power,” West said. “It’s still sad. I would rather avoid a constitutional crisis. It’s not something to celebrate, but we need to see justice on this. Our elections, our democracy is too sacred not to take this intervention from a foreign power like Vladimir Putin seriously.”

How would the state of the presidency be different today if Clinton were elected as supporters believe she should have been?

“It would be a culture of respect, instead of disrespect,” said Leslie Jennen of Winnetka.

Clinton’s Chicago visit was another homecoming of sorts as several childhood friends of the Park Ridge native and Maine South High School graduate made plans to see her during her public appearances, said longtime friend Betsy Ebeling.

“They’re just going to say hello. It’s going to be really nice,” Ebeling said.

Clinton was reminded of her Park Ridge roots on her recent birthday, when Ebeling said she presented her with a copy of book “Park Ridge: Milestones of History,” in which Clinton is featured prominently.

“I just gave it to her,” Ebeling said, explaining that Clinton had not yet had a chance to share what she thought of the book, which chronicles a number of historic Park Ridge events and features Clinton’s photograph on the cover.

The Associated Press contributed.

Salon armed robbery suspects caught after chase

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA
Pioneer Press

Two people are in custody after a nail salon armed robbery in Northbrook Oct. 28 resulted in a police chase that ended in Niles, police said.

Orlando D. Lofton, of the 3600 block of West Fillmore Street, Chicago, was charged with armed robbery, according to a statement from the Northbrook Police Department. A second suspect, a minor, was also arrested and will be petitioned in Cook County juvenile court, police said.

Northbrook police were notified at 2:14 p.m. Oct. 28 of an armed robbery at Northbrook Towne Nails, 1512 Shermer Road, according to police. Witnesses told police that two armed males entered the salon and demanded purses and phones from customers in the store, took cash from the register and then fled the area, police said.

No one was injured during the robbery, according to police.

At 2:45 p.m., the Niles Police Department was notified that Northbrook officers were following the two suspects who were driving a vehicle into Niles headed southbound on Milwaukee Avenue, according to a statement from the Niles Police Department.

Niles police officers headed northbound on Milwaukee Avenue and saw the vehicle that was being followed by Northbrook police pull into the parking lot of Jerry’s Fruit and Garden, 7901 Milwaukee Avenue, according to the Niles Police Department release.

The police cars boxed the vehicle in and the two suspects ran away and jumped the fence into the Oasis Water Park pool area, police said.

Lofton gave up after a police dog was deployed. The juvenile continued to run, police said. A Niles police officer told him to stop running, but when he refused the officer deployed a Taser, according to the release.

He was taken into custody without further incident and was transported, per policy, to Lutheran General Hospital under guard of the Northbrook Police Department, according to the Niles police release.

Officers found multiple items including purses and cellphones during the investigation, according to Northbrook police. The items were returned to the owners.
Special education students evacuated from school

BY KYRA SENESSE
Pioneer Press

Officials ordered the evacuation earlier this month of the Niles Township District for Special Education building in Morton Grove, and students were dismissed early that day following a gas leak.

According to a Morton Grove village news release, a supply line carrying natural gas to the building, where the Molloy Education Center is located, ruptured on Oct. 19.

The break in the utility line allowed natural gas to leak outside the building, according to the release. The building is near the corner of Dempster Street and Menard Avenue.

NTDSE and Molloy School staff members dialed 911 and closed windows, doors and other things exposed to the outside area where the gas leak occurred, the release states.

The Morton Grove Fire Department responded to the scene and recognized construction and excavation equipment in the area, according to the release.

Officials said the source of the rupture was located quickly, while students, staff and faculty stayed indoors. Nicor Gas, the natural gas utility company, was also called to the scene and worked with school staff and first responders to address the issue, according to the release.

Officials decided to evacuate the building and all students and staff were transported to the nearby Muslim Community Center, according to the release.

Students' families were contacted and students were allowed to go home early for the day. All students were sent home to their families or transported to another caregiver by 11 a.m., village officials said in the release.

The rupture was recognized by Nicor by early afternoon that day, the release states.

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Man accused of '92 killing tells judge he wants to represent self

BY BRIAN L. COX
Chicago Tribune

A 75-year-old man accused of killing a teenage boy in a forest preserve told a judge Oct. 25 that he wants to act as his own attorney in the case.

Robert Serritella, formerly of Park Ridge, is charged with first-degree murder in the January 1992 strangulation of 15-year-old David Chereck, of Skokie. Serritella was arrested in Los Angeles in July 2014 following a long-term joint investigation by the cold case units of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Lauren Edidin at the Skokie courthouse on Oct. 25 gave Serritella's two private defense attorneys permission to withdraw from the case, and Serritella told the judge he wants to represent himself as the case moves toward trial.

"This is a serious case," Edidin warned Serritella. "You don't have the expertise or the education. You don't get assistance from the court. I cannot assist you and your case."

"I understand your point of view," Serritella told the judge.

Serritella said he wants to see the thousands of pages of documents in the case prosecutors are building against him.

"I want to know what this case is all about," he said.

He also said he did not kill the teen.

On Jan. 2, 1992, a man walking his dog found Chereck's body lying on its side in the Linne Woods Forest Preserve in Morton Grove, prosecutors said. His coat and shoes were missing, and his wallet was about 5 feet from his body. They also said Chereck's dark-colored scarf was tied tightly around his neck.

Prosecutors say Serritella is a predator and convicted sex offender who admitted to witnesses to having sex with underage boys. They allege that Serritella lured Chereck into his vehicle, then killed him. When investigators originally questioned Serritella about what he thought happened on the night of the slaying, he told them he thought Chereck accepted a ride from someone, that they drove to the forest preserve and smoked marijuana, that the killer "posed a question" to Chereck, and that is when things "got out of hand."

Edidin told Serritella he probably would qualify for a public defender.

"I'm going to let you think about this a little bit," Edidin said to Serritella.

Serritella is scheduled to return to court Nov. 1, at which time he could tell the judge if he still wants to represent himself or have a public defender take his case.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.
Former Evanston students file lawsuits

Former Evanston Township High School teacher Bruce Siewerth is accused of molesting students for decades while he worked at the school. Two alumni filed a lawsuit on Oct. 25, against the teacher, school, District 202 and the District 202 school board.

Lehigh Avenue lane closures planned through weekend

By Kyra Senese
Pioneer Press

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By Genevieve Bookwalter
Pioneer Press

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The two are alumni who graduated from ETHS in 1979 and 1980 according to the lawsuits.

The civil complaints allege Siewerth, 77, who retired from the school in 1999, "breached" his duty.

Neither Evanston Township High School officials nor Siewerth immediately responded to requests for comment on the lawsuits.

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NEWS

Lawsuit, from Page 6

The Facebook post containing the original allegations came days before ETHS was to host a 60th anniversary tribute to its popular variety show. School officials said Siewerth had bought a ticket to the tribute show. ETHS officials issued a no-trespassing letter to Siewerth, banning him from campus and not allowing him to attend school-sanctioned events.

Evaston police on Oct. 12 confirmed they were investigating the allegations after being contacted by school officials following the Facebook post. Since then, police said they have received dozens of calls from former students reporting abuse by the teacher. Evaston police Communications Coordinator Perry Polinski said Oct. 25 the investigation remains active and about 50 individuals have contacted investigators with information.

According to the lawsuits, the teacher "made non-consensual physical contact" with the plaintiffs, "groped and/or fondled (the plaintiffs') genitalia" and "made sexual contact" with them.

"Additionally, Bruce Siewerth used his position of power — specifically in that he could cast or not cast certain individuals — to further manipulate students into compliance," the complaints stated.

"No complaint of sexual misconduct can go unnoticed and uninvestigated," said the plaintiffs' attorney, Mike Mertz, of the Chicago-based law firm Hurley, McKenna and Mertz.

Mertz said the retired teacher's "popularity clouded the judgment of some people in charge." Mertz also said the plaintiffs were granted permission by a judge to file the lawsuits as John Doe 1 and 2 because they did not want to be identified by name.

The lawsuit naming John Doe 1 as the plaintiff alleges Siewerth "reached down his pants, and grabbed and molested John Doe 1's genitals," according to the complaint.

While this was happening, Siewerth allegedly said to the student, "I bet you've got a big one, let's see."

Siewerth also asked John Doe 1 to run an errand at his home, where Siewerth gave the student a "shirtless massage," according to the complaint.

In addition, Siewerth chaperoned a student trip to New York City "as an opportunity to experience Broadway and the world-class theater productions that take place in the city," and arranged for himself and John Doe 1 to share a single hotel room, according to the complaint.

"While in the city, (the teacher) brought John Doe 1 to a hardcore gay pornography theater and afterward asked John Doe 1 if he liked that," the complaint reads.

All of the contact was unwanted and John Doe 1 was still a minor when it happened, according to the complaint.

John Doe 2, another former student, alleged in his complaint that Siewerth put his hands down the back of John Doe 2's pants when the two were "in a dark theater where others could not see what was taking place."

Siewerth often gave him a ride home after school, according to the complaint, and would ask him to sit in the front seat of Siewerth's car. There Siewerth would "grop the (student's) genitalia," Mertz said. That student also was a minor when the alleged unwanted abuse occurred.

The lawsuits also allege that Siewerth would comment on the size of boys' genitalia in front of other students, asked male students to change clothes in front of him and wrestled with male students, among other incidents, according to the complaints.

The lawsuits allege school officials knew of the abuse and allowed Siewerth to keep his job. He also was allowed "to have dinner with his students" outside of school and "to serve alcohol during those dinners," the complaints state.

The lawsuits allege unnamed students had complained to school officials before Siewerth's retirement and "Evanston Township High School did not properly investigate claims...and concealed or did not disclose its knowledge of such claims." School officials also "failed to implement any restrictions on (the teacher's) access to students," according to the lawsuit. It was not immediately clear whether the two plaintiffs ever complained to school officials.

On Oct. 18, in response to the allegations made on Facebook, the school district issued a statement acknowledging the allegations.

"On behalf of Evanston Township High School District 202, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the expressed pain that has surfaced among our alumni in light of recent allegations that a former teacher who retired from the district in the 1990s engaged in inappropriate sexual touching, groping and harassment of former students while employed at the district," Superintendent Eric Witherspoon wrote in an emailed statement.

The superintendent said in the statement: "We are deeply sorry for the pain certain individuals may be experiencing as a result of these allegations, and recognize how these allegations may impact ETHS graduates, their classmates, loved ones, current students, parents and staff in different ways."

That student who alleged on Facebook that Siewerth sexually abused him in the 1980s said he posted those comments on the social media site after hearing about the allegations of sexual misconduct against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

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Police Report

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Battery
- Terrance L. Thomas Jr., 26, of the 5200 block of South Drexel Avenue, Chicago, was charged with aggravated domestic battery and criminal damage to state-supported property on Oct. 13. According to police, officers were dispatched to the 9200 block of West Golf Road after Thomas allegedly slammed the head of a woman he knew against the ground several times and tried to suffocate her, causing her to lose consciousness. While in police custody, Thomas was accused of causing damage to the Police Station lockup area. Thomas is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 3.

Theft
- Danielle Patillo, 35, of the 5300 block of West Parker Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Oct. 13. Police said a warrant was issued for Patillo’s arrest after she allegedly stole $109.96 worth of merchandise from a store in the 7200 block of Dempster Street on Sept. 15.

Possession
- Omar Olivarres, 32, of the 2400 block of LeClaire, Chicago, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, driving without a valid license, obstruction, possession of a fraudulent identification card and expired registration on Oct. 15 following a traffic stop in the 9600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. Police said Olivarres gave officers a fake name and was found to have a fraudulent permanent resident identification card. A small bag containing a “trace amount” of suspected cocaine was also found in his possession, police said. Olivarres was scheduled to appear in court Oct. 27.

Theft
- A 23-year-old Park Ridge man was ticketed with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana on Oct. 13 following a traffic stop in the 7700 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, two metal grinders and a glass pipe with residue of suspected marijuana were found in the car.

A 28-year-old Chicago woman was ticketed with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on Oct. 18 following a traffic stop in the 8800 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, approximately two grams of suspected marijuana, a pipe and metal grinder were found on the car.

DUI
- James P. Giacinto, 26, of the 4900 block of North Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and driving without insurance on Oct. 15 following a traffic stop in the 7400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. Giacinto is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 15.

Theft
- Omar Moreno, 32, of the 3300 block of North Osage Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence, leaving the scene of a crash, driving without insurance and failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash on Oct. 16. According to police, a witness reported that after Moreno was involved in a car crash, he fled the scene and attempted to “dump” the car in Chicago. The location of the crash was not disclosed. Moreno is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 3.

Public Intoxication
- A 57-year-old Niles man was ticketed with public intoxication on Oct. 13 after police responded to the 8100 block of Park Avenue at 4:47 p.m. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Theft
- Four women allegedly filled bags with clothing inside a store in the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue and threatened to beat an employee who approached them, police said. They were last seen fleeing the store in a gray Nissan Altima, according to police.

A man allegedly stole 15 cans of baby formula, six bottles of alcohol and some food items from a store in the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue on Oct. 18. According to police, the man dropped the keys to his car while he ran from store employees, and police were able to gather information on him after locating his unoccupied car. An investigation was pending, police said.

Burglary
- Between Sept. 29 and Oct. 13, a vacant former office and bank building at 9101 N. Greenwood Avenue was burglarized after a window was broken with rocks, police said. Inside, paint was reportedly thrown around and a room was vandalized.

A video game system, watch and cash were reported stolen Oct. 13 from a home in the 8700 block of Madison Drive. According to police, a rear door window was broken to gain entry to the house.

A house under construction was reported burglarized between Oct. 11 and 18 in the 8700 block of Normal Avenue. Nothing was reported stolen, according to police reports.

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Hologram technology in Holocaust Museum

Immortalizes stories remaining survivors have told

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

The two Aaron Elsters spoke last week about the importance of remembering the stories of Holocaust survivors who will not always be around to share them firsthand.

On Oct. 26, Elster stood directly in front of his seated, life-like hologram, a piece of cutting-edge technology from the new Take a Stand Center that just opened at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie.

"I would like future generations to know my story, what I overcame to survive," a rendition of Elster's voice on the hologram said after being asked about his legacy. "That's a lesson to them - that they can overcome all kinds of adversity."

The museum had been planning and building the $5 million Take a Stand Center for the last several years, museum officials said.

Elster was one of several local survivors to spend about a week in California for extensive interviewing so his story would live on forever. It wasn't easy, but participating survivors knew it was necessary, he said.

In the 66-seat theater at the museum, participating survivors share their stories with brief introductions and then their holograms can field specific questions from visitors, answering through sophisticated voice-activation.

"I think the technology puts this museum on a totally new level," Elster said. "It will bring an awful lot more people in here. There will be an awful lot more education going on. It's great for us and it's absolutely fantastic for the museum."

Illinois Holocaust Museum CEO Susan Abrams said the museum helped advance the project - New Dimensions in Testimony, a collaboration between the USC Shoah Foundation and the USC Institute for Creative Technologies.

"The survivors were filmed in a studio in LA, of which there are only three in the world," Abrams said. "The survivors were surrounded by over a hundred cameras."

She called the technology "future-proof" meaning that one day the recordings might be able to be shown in a 360-degree venue as technology advances. But for now, survivor testimonies are expressed through a three-dimensional hologram that is as close to the real thing as technology gets, she said.

"It prepares us for the day when our survivors will not be here," Abrams said. "Right now, the 60,000 students and educators who come through plus tens of thousands of general visitors have the incredible privilege to hear directly from a survivor."

In addition to the holograms, the Take a Stand Center highlights 40 historical and contemporary "upstanders" who have fought against injustice and cruelty in various ways.

Some are better known than others. Visitors will find Nelson Mandela's story here, for example, but they'll also find the story of young Marley Dias, who visited the museum last week when the center opened.

As the exhibition recounts, Dias was a sixth-grader in New Jersey when she complained that the literature she had to read in school didn't include black girls as protagonists. She began a book drive that ignited into a movement, which is told in detail in the exhibition.

Dias said she initially was surprised when told the museum wanted to feature her story.

"I was excited because I focus on diversity," she said. "Even though this is a Holocaust museum, they focus on different people from different religions, different backgrounds and who have different ideas. I thought it was very important and very cool that they were sharing my story."

The center also includes an art gallery and a Take a Stand Lab that demonstrates ways in which visitors can make their voices heard.

"The upstanders we feature are both kids and adults," Abrams said. "They are famous and not famous. They could be your neighbor or mine. They are local and they are global. They are all of us."

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Morton Grove kids enjoy technical Halloween event

BY MIKE ISAACS
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Following Morton Grove's bigger Halloween event earlier in the month, the Morton Grove Park District offered two smaller get-togethers specifically for kids from age 4 to 12.

The park district for the first time offered Halloween Spooky Treats and Halloween in Hollywood — with both events held Oct. 28, said Morton Grove Park District Marketing Manager Kathy Herrmann.

The park district's big annual event a week earlier attracted nearly 1,000 people for games, bounce houses, hayrides, mystery rooms and more, she said.

By design, she said, the two weekend events were smaller and attended by about a dozen people in total.

Halloween Spooky Treats for children ages 4 to 6 had children making spider treats, dirt cups, mummy snacks and a Halloween-themed craft to take home, Herrmann said.

According to Herrmann, there was an educational component to the latter session, which included bleeding blisters, bad bruises, wicked wounds, bloody brain slime sculpting, designing gross teeth and the revealing of secrets from the movies.

“This (was) a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) class that we offer seasonally,” Herrmann said. “But this time, it was Halloween-themed, which made it interesting.”

Similarly creative classes that stress STEM learning are held at other times of the year and around other holidays and subjects, she said.

Children presented their best special effect to the class in a “Shark Tank” style pitch to Hollywood producers, she said.

The program was run through Lisa Lombardi Coaching, which says it aims “inspiring children through a fusion concept of pairing up science and entrepreneurship with self-esteem booster activities.”
**Smaller Target store opens in Skokie**

New store expected to help revitalize West Dempster

**BY MIKE ISAACS**
Pioneer Press

Target officials bill the new store in Skokie as one of its smaller ones, but for village officials it represents something big amid ongoing efforts to revitalize the West Dempster Street business area.

The new Target store, in the 4900 block of West Dempster Street, held a grand opening event Oct. 22.

"The construction of a new Target store on Dempster Street is great news for the village of Skokie," Mayor George Van Dusen said when announcement of the store was made. "The village has long sought a major retailer to serve as a catalyst for additional transit-oriented development near the Skokie Swift station."

The new store occupies property that was once home to a dilapidated shopping center. When ongoing efforts to sell the property were not successful, the village stepped in and purchased it for $2.65 million with the hope of future development, officials said. Village Attorney Michael Lorge said the new development will "enhance the Dempster corridor and provide a broad shopping resource to the village."

Nearly seven years ago, the village created a new tax increment financing zone on the west side of Dempster Street to try to encourage such development.

TIF districts freeze the assessed value inside a specified area at a pre-development level. This allows any taxes resulting from an increased assessed value stemming from new development to be plowed back into paying for improvements by the village for up to 23 years.

The TIF - called the West Dempster Redevelopment Project Area - includes both sides of West Dempster Street from Kilpatrick Avenue on the east to Gross Point Road on the west, according to village officials. The area also includes the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right of way, some CTA and ComEd parcels and several industrially zoned properties along the rail lines between Dempster on the north and Main Street on the south.

Skokie leaders have noted that since the TIF's inception, new development in the area has included Chicago Jewish Funerals, Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store/That Burger Joint, a new and larger Pita Inn, the rebuilding of iconic Kaufman's Deli, Creative Paths Learning Center, Gross Point Crossing shopping center and more recently an O'Reilly Auto Parts store.

The Target store sits next to the Skokie Swift commuter station including the historic original station that was transformed into a Starbucks years ago. The store is 33,000 square feet - about half the size of the more familiar big box Target stores, Target officials said.

The Skokie Target is one of 11 smaller-format stores that opened during the same week, said Target spokesperson Angie Thompson.

"As a company, this is something we're going to invest in," Thompson said. "The smaller stores allow us to go into neighborhoods and communities that we haven't been able to go into before."

Thompson said there are some 56 smaller Target stores overall now, but there is a goal to have 130 by the end of next year.

Gosia Clapa, the Skokie Target store team leader, said the smaller Target has many of the same sections as the big box stores, but with less merchandise.

"We want to make sure we are local to the community and a good fit," Clapa said. "We felt there was a void in this Dempster area with some of the food and clothing and grab-and-go sections within the community we could offer."

Although Target officials say they expect many people will frequent the Dempster Street store on their way in and out of the Skokie Swift train station, the store also has more than 50 parking spaces for those who drive.

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**Skokie school bus driver fired, fined after crash incident**

**Staff Report**

A Schiller Park woman was fired from her job as a Skokie bus driver and plead guilty to charges related to what police called a hit-and-run incident, after she struck a parked car while dropping off an elementary school student.

Karen Dandrea, of the 9300 block of Byron in Schiller Park, had been charged by Skokie police with failure to report an accident following the crash Sept. 5 in the 3800 block of Madison Street in Skokie, according to a police report on the incident.

The Skokie Review obtained the police report through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Dandrea didn't appear in court at the Skokie courthouse Oct. 23 - her scheduled court date - but her Chicago attorney Emilio Moretti did do so on her behalf.

Moretti entered a guilty plea for Dandrea on an amended charge of a non-moving violation, according to court documents.

The former driver for A&B Bus Company has until Nov. 28 to pay court fees and fines totaling $279, according to the court document.

The incident happened around 2:15 p.m. on Sept. 5, according to the police report.

Dandrea was dropping off a Middleton Elementary School student at East Prairie Road and Madison Street when a witness said the bus driver ran into the driver's side of parked car, according to the police report.

The witness was waiting at the intersection for the bus to drop of a child. When the bus hit the car, the witness told Dandrea about the crash and advised her to "reverse to avoid further damaging the vehicle," the police report states.

The witness expected the bus driver to get off the bus and note the incident and damage, police said.

Instead, according to the report, Dandrea stayed on the bus after the student got off and left the scene.

The witness knew who owned the parked car and went to the owner's home and told the owner about the incident. The vehicle owner called police, according to the police report.

Ed Fradkin, co-owner of A&B Bus Company, said Dandrea worked for the company for about five years, but has been fired.

"We had conflicting stories between a driver and a (witness)," Fradkin said. "I can't take any chances. These are kids. If both stories were the same, I could have come up with a decision, but when I had two separate, conflicting stories, I had to take the driver out of there."

When police caught up with Dandrea two days after the accident, she explained to an officer that she did not remember being told she had crashed into a vehicle or needed to reverse the school bus, according to the police report.

The vehicle owner declined to file a complaint against Dandrea, according to the police report. However, the vehicle owner did get insurance information for the school bus, the police report states.

Dandrea could not be reached for comment.
We've known the truth about JFK all along

Randy Blaser

For most of my adult life, I’m sorry to say, I’ve been what some folks call an assassination buff, convinced there was a massive cover-up in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

So naturally, I was excited about the release of more secret documents on the assassination set for this week.

I suppose my fascination started the day Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald on live television. I remember sitting in the living room watching the coverage with my family and thinking, “Hey, that guy is going to shoot Oswald.”

Sure enough, he did. And witnessing a murder live on television when you’re a little boy, just days after the guy who shot killed the president, it raises a lot of doubt.

After seeing such a spectacle, one naturally thinks: Oswald was silenced. Now we will never know what really happened.

By the time I entered college a decade later, I started the long trek to find out what really happened. I read most of the books from the critics of the Warren Commission. Back then, those critics made a lot of sense to a young mind shaped by assassinations, Vietnam and Watergate.

I read the theories about Oswald. He was a loser, a patsy, a Soviet spy, a U.S. double agent, he was training Cubans to invade Cuba, he was a CIA agent, and on and on.

All later determined to be nonsense. He was a loser.

I’ve also read all the other theories about how Kennedy died. He was killed by the mob, he was set up by the Army, it was a coup by the generals who wanted us in Vietnam, there were gunmen all over Desaley Plaza and, finally, one of the more bizarre theories that claimed he was accidentally killed by a Secret Service man.

Then there were the books on the cover-up and the tampering of evidence. Oswald’s prints were planted on the gun, the Zapruder film was altered to show shots from behind, the autopsy was botched on purpose and, even weirder, Kennedy’s corpse was altered.

Then there were all the records that were kept secret. Back then I could only hope that someday the secret documents would be released and we would learn the truth about the Kennedy Assassination.

Over time, I’ve become convinced that the essential facts of the assassination have always been known. Oswald acted alone. He fired three shots from the sniper’s nest in the school book depository; two of them hit Kennedy and one missed. One bullet hit both Kennedy and Gov. John Connally.

That’s it.

But I also became convinced that there was a cover-up in the Kennedy assassination. In fact, there was one person who had a lot to cover up and to hide from the public. That person was the president himself.

What did JFK have to cover up? It turns out an awful lot.

We can start with his health. Kennedy was a very sick man. He didn’t want the public knowing about his Addison’s disease, or that he took massive medications to get through the day, or that he was a sitting target thanks to the back brace and ace bandages he wore from his thighs to upper torso that kept him propped up in that car.

So naturally the autopsy was covered up.

He had a lot of girl-friends, including one that was a mob mistress. That’s a dangerous game when the president has a liaison with a mobster’s girlfriend.

Kennedy’s FBI wiretapped Martin Luther King Jr. Can’t let that get out.

His attorney general and brother plotted to kill Castro. And guess what? The mob was enlisted to help.

JFK himself had a lot to cover up, a lot to keep secret.

I don’t know what the secret documents will truly reveal, but I suspect they will reveal more about the president and the Kennedy administration than about the facts of the assassination. We already know the basic facts. Turns out we always did.

But that other stuff? It was covered up.

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Cashless craze is just plain crazy

Paul Sassone

Remember that credit card commercial that ends with: “Don’t leave home without it?” That could have to be updated to: “Better not leave home without it.”

There seems to be a war brewing against money. Some businesses are declining to accept cash as payment for goods and services.

Oh, they still want to be paid, just not with paper money and coins. They only want to serve people who pay with credit or debit cards.

Their reasons are not customer-centered, but self-serving. By not accepting cash, merchants don’t have to go to the bank, they don’t have to count out cash drawers at the end of the day, staff theft would be curtailed and the chances of being robbed might be reduced.

Bolstering this trend, Visa has started what it calls a “Cashless Challenge” that offers $500,000 to 50 businesses that go cash-free.

The downside of this is what about people who don’t have credit cards?

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. states that 7.1 percent of Illinois households do not have bank accounts. Persons without bank accounts include many who are low-income, or homeless, or on a fixed income, or undocumented, or disabled. And persons under age 18 can’t even get a credit card.

Additionally, credit card transaction fees range from 1 to 3 percent, which raises prices for going cashless.

It seems clear going cashless is discriminatory. The state of Massachusetts passed a law in 1978 forbidding businesses to refuse cash as payment.

And in the last few weeks, Chicago Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, introduced an ordinance that would make it illegal to decline cash payment at any business in retail sales and in food and drink. The ordinance has been sent to committee for study.

This cashless craze doesn’t seem widespread enough to cause imminent worry. So, perhaps Burke’s ordinance is not necessary. But it is a necessary statement of principle.

I hope we never reach a stage in our nation where we tell someone, “Your money is no good here” and mean it – literally.

Argo Tea assistant store manager Desiree Jackson takes a customer’s credit card for her purchase in April. The Argo Tea at 1 S. Franklin St. in Chicago had recently gone cashless.

Just look in your wallet. What does it say on that dollar bill?

“This note is legal tender for all debts public and private.” And that’s how it should remain. But, if you really want to go cashless, send your cash to me. Glad to help you out.

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The Boy Scouts of America is preparing to welcome girls into the Cub Scout program.

Why am I so conflicted about Boy Scouts welcoming girls?

When I saw the recent report that the Boy Scouts of America are opening their membership to include girls in the Cub Scout program and establishing a new program for older girls that can qualify them as Eagle Scouts, my first thought was, "Why?"

My second thought was, "Did anybody talk to the Girl Scouts about this?"

That's not an expected reaction for a Boomer and a member of the generation of young women who fought for equal rights in the turbulent 1960s and '70s. Each of us tried in our own collective and individual way to strike down the male-dominated societal structure - pushing it to become equally inclusive of women.

One of my own little statement pieces was as editor during my junior year of the sports section of Eastern Illinois University's yearbook, The Warbler. I managed to squirrel away a few pages from the standard layout and substitute a women's sports section, a first for the yearbook. Photos and script of women in active sports, rather than only the cheer squad, was not usual in those days before Title IX.

But shortly after, Title IX did come. Along with it came the many voices of women who weren't ac-

 have done what needs doing and opened their doors to include a wider variety of boys with different ethnic, religious and sexual identities.

So why now target girls, without working together on the losing to a team that is far from elite, the U.S. could have earned a trip to the World Cup if they won or tied that game.

Now, it will be the first time since the 1980s that the U.S. men's team won't compete in the world's most popular sports tournament. Fortunately, the U.S. women's national soccer team has fared much better in international competition, winning the World Cup in 1991, 1999 and, most recently, 2015.

Bravo! But the men's shocking shutout loss has triggered conversations going way beyond whether the team needs new players or coaches need to be fired. America's entire youth soccer development industrial complex is now under the microscope — and ripe for a major overhaul.

For example, when I clicked on the "talent identification" tab on the website for the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, it only said two words under the heading: "Coming Soon."

Uh, we only can hope.

Sure, children in other countries seemingly start finding other ways to get noticed. One of those ways might be trying out for the Olympic Development Program.

According to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association website, the program is "the first step in the identification process for the National and Olympic Teams."

So, what better way for young players to showcase their skills in front of coaches who can prepare them for potential stardom, right?

Well, for a $460 registration fee for boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 16, you can have the opportunity to play in a series of ODP practice sessions. If they're good enough to make the regional ODP team, great! Get your checkbook out for more fees. If not, thanks for your time and cash.

If U.S. soccer is serious about a top-to-bottom restructuring that can better support young women and men who want to compete against the best in the world, then it must do a better job of identifying and developing the players of the future without having some of the financial barriers.

Not every aspect of youth soccer has to be a for-profit venture. Yes, local clubs do offer financial assistance to families of talented players. But this initial, divisive filter of defining potential star players by who can and can't pay isn't working.

We've long been told U.S. soccer is just around the corner from catching up to the rest of the world.

If we can't figure out a better way to develop tomorrow's top players than relying on families with financial means, then that corner is never going to get turned.

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Me too, and do you really get over it?

It's been almost 30 years and I can still remember the pit I had in my stomach every time I had to walk by the office of my old boss. I would cringe, while praying the older, unattractive married man was on the phone or otherwise preoccupied so he wouldn't be able to call me into his office to hit on me and/or say inappropriate things to me. In other words: me, too. I was sexually harassed, and it made me feel uncomfortable, unsafe and embarrassed.

Although I don't wish sexual harassment on anyone, it has been a great comfort to me to see Hollywood women coming forward with their stories, along with the hundreds of "Me too" Facebook posts by women who experienced the same disgusting and inappropriate behavior as I did. Because guess what? I have never actually told a soul about what happened to me until writing this column.

Should I have been in therapy over the issue? How do victims of sexual harassment cope and move forward from it? For answers to these questions, I reached out to Andrea Gargano, a Chicago-based licensed clinical professional counselor who specializes in trauma counseling, which includes sexual assault and sexual harassment cases.

Gargano said oftentimes, patients come to see her because they are experiencing anxiety or depression, and after some time in therapy she uncovers that there has been some sort of traumatic event, which can include sexual harassment.

"Women self-blame. They feel that they were somehow responsible for it happening," said Gargano, who has been in practice for seven years. "I've heard clients say that after it happens, they are more aware of how they dress because they feel like they brought it on themselves. They're thinking, 'I'm a bad person.'"

According to Gargano, two things prevent people from speaking out about sexual harassment: guilt and shame. She said a lot of the work she does with clients is about unraveling the symptoms can get worse. "I ask them, 'Are you really responsible for someone else's behavior?'" she said.

So, how does someone cope, heal and move on from being sexually harassed? Gargano said the best thing a victim can do is to find someone he or she can trust and talk about what happened.

"It's very difficult and a woman might be afraid it might jeopardize her job, but confiding in a friend or a relative or a therapist releases some of that shame," Gargano said. "If you get it out soon after it happens, you have a better chance of not having it affect you long term as much. When you keep it in, the symptoms can get worse."

One form of therapy that Gargano uses to help clients gain resolution in a sexual harassment case is a research-based method for trauma called Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. This involves asking the client to recall what happened and while listening, focusing on their emotions, what sensations come up in their bodies, and how they verbalize it.

The therapist then attempts to change the negativity of their recollection.

"The goal is for the client to no longer have negative thoughts about themselves, and to feel more of a distance between them and the event," she said. "We can't change what happened but we can change how the person thinks about themselves as a result."

Since the allegations against Weinstein have surfaced, Gargano said she has had several clients talk more about their own experiences.

The effects of being sexually harassed are pretty darn powerful. In fact, just a few weeks ago, a woman I met through business mentioned her husband's name, which happened to be the same name as the former boss who sexually harassed me. For a split second I wondered if it was the same guy. Turns out it wasn't, but just hearing the name caused a pit in my stomach. My body tensed up and I felt incredibly uncomfortable, like I was back in his office feeling awkward and ashamed. If that can happen three decades later, then I am sure it had more of an effect on me than I ever thought.

I have always loved the fact that women enjoy helping other women. Although under unfortunate circumstances, now is a great time for us to embrace our dedication to empowering each other. In other words, when someone says, "me too," listen to her, validate her, vindicate her, support her and give her a big hug. You're helping more than you can possibly imagine.

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Confusing class action settlement doesn't cover costs

On July 16, 2013, I purchased and had installed two gas furnaces, two evaporator coils and two air-conditioning units from Lennox. During May of 2017, I was having problems with my air conditioners and called to have them serviced by Borter Heating and Air Conditioning, a registered Lennox dealer in Wheaton. Borter informed me that both evaporator coils were defective and needed to be replaced. This inspection and diagnosis cost me $549. They said Lennox had discovered a manufacturing defect in the coils and they would be replaced for free. I went ahead with the replacement on May 25, 2017, and paid Borter Heating $1,250. They gave me their invoice and instructed me to file my claim with Thomas v. Lennox Industries Inc. I filed my claim on May 26, 2017, and received notice of receipt on June 6, 2017. Since then, I have emailed the administrator four times. In the reply I received on Aug. 5, I was told there is no set time frame for when/if I will be receiving a settlement benefit.

How long do I have to wait to recoup my $1,250? It has been over 90 days already.

—William, Naperville

After several calls and emails to Lennox's customer service and media relations departments asking for an update on William's claims, I finally received an email from Lennox Industries' manager of inside technical support Leslie G. Wood, who stated: “The complexity of claims varies depending on each claimant’s circumstances, the number of Original Coils as to which claims are asserted, the number of replacements claimed, and the amount and quality of the documentation provided to the claims administrator... Based on information Lennox received from the claims administrator, (William) has had a first replacement on each Original Coil. Accordingly, (William) would be entitled to a $75 rebate certificate for each and the Replacement Warranties, but he is not yet eligible for reimbursement.”

Upon further research, I learned there was a lot to be unpacked from this one sentence.

Though William incurred a total cost of $1,250 for his coil repairs, according to the terms of the Lennox settlement, he is eligible for only two $75 service rebates, to be used in the next 12 months. (A Request for Benefits form will additionally have to be submitted once service is performed.) Because the coils were under warranty, they were replaced free of charge. But because William did not purchase his units from Borter, he did not benefit from this program.

The unfortunate takeaway from Bill's experience is this: Consumers need to thoroughly read — and potentially ask lots of questions about — the terms of any class action prior to submitting a claim, especially if they think expensive parts or repairs might be covered by the settlement.

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Colleges adding sober dorms

For students who arrive at school already struggling with substance abuse, it's a real challenge.
Slick floors can make dogs fearful, anxious

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Q: I need help with a 1-year-old beagle mix that has suddenly become afraid to walk on tile. She whines in a room or hallway until you go and get her. I have tried rugs, but that has not worked, and treats, which works fairly well, but I have to go get her. I am buying a pair of shoes for her to try, but I know she won't want to keep on. I am afraid of the paw wax as I don't need to fall myself. I am 67. My veterinarian recommended Xanax for her, and she seemed better, but still whined a lot. I feel badly for her. — Diane, Fort Lauderdale, FL

A: I am glad you ruled out health problems first. If your beagle was older, my first concern would be an undiagnosed orthopedic problem. But your dog is young, and since this is a sudden change in behavior not related to a health problem, then your dog probably had a slippery experience on the floor that has shaken her courage. She may have even fallen.

For some dogs, walking on a slick wood or tile floor may feel like walking across a sheet of ice; you can't get your grip and you feel like you're going to fall. The uncertainty of that experience may be what's causing her whining. She wants to cross the room, but doesn't trust the floor anymore, so she whines to express her anxiety and frustration to you.

The anxiety medication can help reduce her unease, but she will still need to build her trust with the floor again.

The best way to do that is to replace that memory with a more positive experience. That might involve putting treats across the floor or giving her a puzzle toy or Kong with treats to play with in that area. The goal is to keep her mind busy on or near the floor. It's like chatting with someone on an airplane to keep their mind off their fear of flying.

At this point, any movement under her feet, whether a slippery floor or bunched up rug, will only increase her anxiety. Keep her nails trimmed, so her paws can better grip the floor, and try rugs again, but this time, make sure they are weighty or have special padding, so they don't bunch up.

Q: My veterinarian has been trying to help my dog from constant scooting since age 4. She is more than 13 years old and still does it, fussing and whining because her anal sacs are irritated. The veterinarian empties the sacs, as needed. I add fiber products in her wet food as advised by my vet. She only eats wet food, not dry. I need your advice. She is overweight, which does not help.

A: Dogs and cats often butt-scoot across the lawn or carpet to relieve posterior discomfort, which can be the result of worms, skin allergies or impacted anal glands. The primary culprit is impacted anal sacs, which, as you know, can become chronic for some dogs.

I trust your veterinarian has been giving you good advice, so just will add a few things here. While your veterinarian or groomer can empty the glands as needed, the glands also can be surgically removed as a last resort.

Keeping your dog fit helps, since fatter dogs tend to have the problem more often. There are some good canine weight loss foods on the market that you can try.

There is also a product called NaturVet No Scoot Plus Pumpkin Soft Chews for Dogs, which supposedly "supports healthy anal sac and gland function."

Let me know if any of these things helps your dog.

Q: In my daily walks in my neighborhood, I've noticed an increase in the number of wild rabbits. They are especially numerous early mornings and evenings. Is there an explanation for the rise in their population?

A: I checked with Volunteers for Wildlife in Locust Valley, NY. They are unaware of any large population boom of rabbits on Long Island.

As prey animals, the population of rabbits in a certain area is in flux with the number of predators in that area. They say you are likely in an area that is hospitable to wild rabbits, providing an abundance of grass and clover, places to hide and few natural predators.

The most common time to see wild rabbits is in the morning and evening, so enjoy!

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Colleges adding sober dorms

Students struggling with substance abuse find support

By Claire Altshuler
Chicago Tribune

More than 20 million young Americans started college this fall. For most of them, the next few years will be a time of intellectual challenges, new friendships and career exploration. But for many, those years will also include a lot of partying and exposure to an abundance of alcohol and drugs.

According to a 2016 report by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1.2 million full-time college students drink alcohol, and more than 700,000 use marijuana on an average day. Binge drinking is common. More than a third of surveyed students reported binge drinking (taking five or more drinks in quick succession), according to a 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Most students learn to navigate the party circuit without much damage. But for those who arrive at school already struggling with substance abuse, easy access to drugs and alcohol poses a real danger. For them, living on a campus where partying is common and alcohol and drugs are readily available can be daunting.

After dropping out of the University of South Dakota because of substance abuse, Anthony, 25, of South Amboy, N.J., says he wanted to finish college but was reluctant to return to an environment where drugs and alcohol would be easily accessible. "I didn't want to take the risk," he says. (Anthony's full name has been withheld to protect his privacy.)

As many as 30 percent of college students are battling substance use disorders, says Lisa Laitman, director of the Alcohol & Other Drug Assistance Program at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "That's a lot of students who need help," she says.

Collegiate recovery programs

To meet this need, schools are developing collegiate recovery programs, or CRPs, that help students stay sober and remain in college. Programs typically include mental health and substance abuse counseling, addiction support group meetings, peer-to-peer support, and a wide variety of substance-free programs and social activities that help students bond and sustain their sobriety in the "abstinence-hostile environment" of college campuses. Several programs also provide special on-campus housing, giving students a safe place to live where no drugs or alcohol are allowed and where residents support one another.

According to Transforming Youth Recovery, a nonprofit organization, the number of CRPs increased from 35 to more than 150 in just the last five years. About 50 include residence halls dedicated to sober living.

CRP success stories

Cody Thompson's struggles with substance abuse began when he was 13. Growing up with an alcoholic parent and coming to terms with his sexuality (he is gay) in the small town of Crosby, Minn., Thompson says he turned to alcohol to cope. He entered the University of Minnesota but failed his classes and had to drop out after freshman year because of his abuse of cocaine and alcohol.

Thompson fell into a deep depression and even considered suicide after leaving college, but nine months later, at age 19, he entered a treatment center in Bovey, Minn., and began his recovery.

As he improved, Thompson considered returning to college but was concerned about the party culture. Then he learned about the StepUp program, a CRP at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. He enrolled last January — and "my life forever changed for the better," Thompson, now 24, says he found a new "meaning I never thought possible."

In addition to extensive counseling services and peer support activities, the StepUp program provides on-campus sober housing at the Oren Gateway Center. Thompson has been living there and was recently accepted as a resident peer adviser who gives emotional support to other residents and advocates for the university's CRP. This work "has allowed me to connect with so many students on a whole new level," he says.

Anthony from South Amboy found what he needed at Rutgers University. Rutgers is a pioneer in this field, having established its student recovery program in 1983. Rutgers offers counseling by licensed alcohol and drug professionals, recovery support programs, academic and career support services, and substance-free social activities. It also provides a substance-free residence hall called the Recovery House.

Anthony says the Rutgers program, and the Recovery House in particular, allowed him to pursue his educational goals while staying sober because he did not feel isolated from the college community. "When you go home, you have friends who understand your situation... people who watch out for you and can give you that social life everyone is looking for in college" without the danger of drugs and alcohol.

Anthony earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in social work and now works to support nonprofit organizations dedicated to recovery. He will celebrate six years of sobriety this December.

New programs

Illinois State University in Normal began its CRP this fall. In addition to providing counseling sessions to discuss and support a student's recovery plans, ISU has a dedicated space in its Student Services building for students to gather and get to know one another. The school soon will add weekly seminars about sobriety and recovery skills, including relapse prevention and stress management. A peer-mentoring program is also being developed, and 12-step meetings are available at several locations just off-campus.

Connecting with other sober students is crucial for recovery, says Jamie Laurson, Alcohol and Other Drug Interventionist counselor at ISU. "The more a student is surrounded by peers who are sober, "the stronger (his or her) recovery is."

Another new program is under development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Bill Roberts, associate director of the school's Counseling Center, says there are plans to set up a comprehensive recovery program in the next year or two. "It's a growing concern on college campuses," he says.

Campus culture is hostile to abstinence, says Rutgers University's Laitman. Without CRPs, "students don't know how to navigate that environment." But, with them, they have "a kind of oasis in the desert" that helps them sustain their recovery while taking advantage of all college has to offer.

"Some of my happiest moments in life have been in recovery," says Thompson, reflecting on his time at Augsburg. Thompson has been sober for 18 months and is on track to earn his bachelor's degree in 2020.

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What stories get told — and by whom?

By John Warner Chicago Tribune

Faced with a backlash over a starred review of young-adult novel “American Heart,” by Laura Moriarty (set to be released in January), Kirkus Reviews pulled the review for reconsideration and republished it with additional clarification, but without the star.

“American Heart” is described by the publisher as the story of Sarah-Mary Williams, a 15-year-old living in Hannibal, Mo., in a world where Muslim-Americans have been placed in detention camps. Sarah-Mary “isn’t concerned with internments because she doesn’t know any Muslims,” but when she encounters a fugitive named Sadaf, Sarah-Mary experiences an awakening “with growing conviction, to do all she can do to help Sadaf escape.”

Activists were troubled by the appearance of yet another “white savior” narrative that puts the responsibility of educating the clueless teenage girl on the persecuted minority, “centering” the majority’s experience in a story that rests on the pain of the subjugated. The Kirkus star kicked the controversy up a notch, with one activist arguing, “Kirkus Reviews of books reinforce white supremacy.”

In the same week, the public school district of Biloxi, Miss., removed “To Kill a Mockingbird” from its eighth-grade reading list because of its use of language that “makes people uncomfortable.”

We should be clear from the outset that only one of these incidents invokes any considerations of censorship. A government entity removing a book from a reading list raises the question, although the book remains available in the school library. Private citizens engaging in protest and Kirkus, a company, responding to those protests is something else altogether.

But both incidents highlight the increasingly contentious, but necessary, conversation over what stories get told and by whom.

I have one recommendation: Don’t be afraid of these conversations. In fact, let’s encourage more of them, and if you find them making you uncomfortable, as this one has done to me, that’s a good thing.

My first response to hearing about the treatment of “American Heart” was to think, that’s not fair.

But “fair” is a very complicated idea in this arena.

The nature of the controversy over “American Heart” demonstrates both our progress as a culture and the distance we still have to travel. The criticism of a story centered around a white character’s awakening could easily be leveled at “To Kill a Mockingbird,” a bildungsroman about young Scout as her lawyer-father defends a black man, Tom Robinson, who has been unjustly accused of rape. Tom Robinson’s conviction and death are a plot device used to trigger Scout’s awakening to the realities of racial injustice in the Jim Crow South.

A progressive marvel for its time, we now can recognize that there are other stories to be told — stories like that of Tom Robinson, and from his point of view. The activists who challenged “American Heart” pointed out, correctly, that representation of minority viewpoints written by minority authors make up a small proportion of the books published for children and young adults in a given year.

It’s worth asking how many rewrites of “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” we need 135 years after it was published. What’s left to say in stories about white people being saved from their own bigotry and racism?

We should practice some caution and be careful to not careen over ethical guide rails, even as we bump up against them. Mobbing an Amazon or Goodreads page with one-star reviews for a book one hasn’t read strikes me as wrong. If you’re going to write that a book is bad, read the book first.

On the other hand, we don’t need to have read every book to forcefully challenge a status quo that shuts out voices that deserve to be heard.

John Warner is the author of “Tough Day for the Army.”

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Bookmark recommendations from the Biblioracle

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

1. “Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption” by Laura Hillenbrand
2. “Ship of Gold In the Deep Blue Sea: The History and Discovery of the World’s Richest Shipwreck” by Gary Kinder
3. “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini

— Jan H., Seattle

Heavy on the narrative nonfiction history, which makes me a little hesitant to lean in that direction because Jan has that covered herself. The subtext in these stories is triumph (or survival) against bad odds, which makes for a good story whatever form it comes in. For Jan, an unconventional war story: “Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk” by Ben Fountain.

1. “Moral Disorder” by Margaret Atwood
2. “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah
3. “Vinegar Girl” by Anne Tyler
4. “The Only Street In Paris: Life on the Rue des Martyrs” by Elaine Sciolino
5. “White Tiger” by Aravind Adiga

— Mimi L., Evanston, on behalf of her book group

The newly minted Booker Prize-winner, “Lincoln in the Bardo” by George Saunders, should be a good fit for this group. Try the audio version with voices by Nick Offerman, Megan Mullally, Julianne Moore, Don Cheadle and 162 other narrators.

1. “The Burning Girl” by Claire Messud
2. “Sylvester: Or, The Wicked Uncle” by Georgette Heyer
3. “Unbound: A Story of Snow and Self Discovery” by Steph Jagger
4. “A Patchwork Planet” by Anne Tyler
5. “A Circle of Quiet” by Madeleine L’Engle

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Christine Sneed’s “Paris, He Said” should be a good fit for Iris.

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**ASK THE DOCTORS**

**West Nile symptoms often go undetected**

By Dr. Robert Ashley

Dear Doctor: Amid all the talk about the Zika virus, I thought we'd stopped worrying about West Nile. Now I see that it's back—or never left. What are the risks of this? Are they greater than Zika?

Dear Reader: You are correct; West Nile virus continues to be a threat in the United States. Forty-eight states and the District of Columbia have reported cases of West Nile; overall, the U.S. reported 43,937 cases of the virus and 1,911 related deaths between 1999 and 2015. Because many people have only mild symptoms and don't seek medical attention, the actual number of cases is undoubtedly much higher.

The species of West Nile virus in the U.S., which was first detected in New York City in 1999, is believed to have originated in the Middle East. It's transmitted by mosquitoes, which starts the disease cycle by infecting birds. There, the virus multiplies within its avian hosts. When another mosquito draws blood from an infected bird, the mosquito then can infect another bird or a human. Because transmission relies on mosquitoes, most cases of West Nile virus occur in the summer and early fall months.

West Nile virus is spread by mosquitoes, which is why most cases occur in the summer and early fall months. One-third of those with paralysis related to the virus will fail to improve, and if the brain is affected, people can experience significant difficulties with brain function even after a year.

As for treatment, antiviral medications appear to have some effect against West Nile, especially when the drugs are used early in the disease. However, no large human studies have assessed their efficacy. The best way to avoid West Nile virus is by draining areas of standing water or using mosquito repellants.

While other viruses, such as Zika, also cause fever, muscle aches and difficulty breathing, the virus can enter the nervous system and affect the brain, leading to confusion and even coma or death. The virus can also enter the peripheral nerves, causing muscle paralysis, sometimes, this paralysis involves the respiratory muscles, leaving some people unable to breathe on their own. The death rate when West Nile virus invades the nervous system is 10 percent. Those at higher risk of death from West Nile virus include older adults; people with diabetes, heart disease or chronic hepatitis C; people with a depressed immune system; and people who abuse alcohol.

Patients who survive West Nile virus' assault on the nervous system can have prolonged symptoms. Further, early symptoms (fever, muscle aches, headache, fatigue and rash) are not much different from those of many other viruses, so the true cause may go undiagnosed. These symptoms usually last from three to 10 days, but some people report fatigue, muscle aches and difficulty concentrating for up to 30 days or longer after contracting West Nile virus.

In less than 1 percent of people, West Nile virus invades the nervous system. There it can cause inflammation of the brain and surrounding tissues, leading to confusion and even coma or death. The virus can also enter the peripheral nerves, causing muscle paralysis; sometimes, this paralysis involves the respiratory muscles, leaving some people unable to breathe on their own. The death rate when West Nile virus invades the nervous system is 10 percent. Those at higher risk of death from West Nile virus include older adults; people with diabetes, heart disease or chronic hepatitis C; people with a depressed immune system; and people who abuse alcohol.

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**PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES**

**Cuddle up with a bar of soap to curb restless legs**

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Q: People look at me as if I am crazy when I tell them that I keep a bar of soap under my bottom sheet. I have not had restless leg syndrome nor leg cramps during sleep for more than three years.

I use Ivory, as that is what I use in the bathroom sink. I tell the skeptics that they are losing out by not trying it. One man, a dentist, still suffers from RLS but refuses to try it.

A: Soap under the bottom sheet may not work for all cases of restless leg syndrome, but we have heard from many people who find it helpful.

Although it has not been studied for RLS, the scent of Ivory soap is effective against the pain of menstrual cramps (Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine, July 2008) and fibromyalgia (Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare, Sept. 1, 2008). We suspect that soap fragrance works by calming hyperexcitable nerves (European Journal of Applied Physiology, August 2017).

Q: At the end of last winter, in March, I saw my doctor and learned that my vitamin D tested at 17-I was shocked, as I walk outdoors every day, all year long. I am a black woman, and I live in South Carolina.

Without asking anything about my lifestyle, my doc prescribed 50,000 IU's of vitamin D every week for three months. I told her I'd follow through, but my plan was to instead resume taking cod-liver oil. This is something I usually do but had not done for about a year.

Three months later, after taking CLO daily, followed by a milk chaser, my vitamin D level was 48. My doctor was none the wiser. Of course, three months later meant that it was now June and I had had more sun exposure to my skin during my daily walks.

I was not happy that my doctor didn't discuss the implications of my low vitamin D level. I was delighted, though, that my old-fashioned remedy — cod-liver oil — worked. Thanks for your wisdom, Grandma!

A: Old-fashioned cod-liver oil is a good source of vitamins D and A. Grandmothers often recommended it as a tonic during the winter.

Walking outdoors with your skin exposed to the sun is one way to get vitamin D. A person like you with darker skin needs more sun exposure to make enough of the vitamin.

Our "Guide to Vitamin D Deficiency" describes the consequences of low vitamin D levels as well as the pros and cons of your doctor's prescription. It can be downloaded for $2 from our website: www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q: I have had migraine headaches since the age of 16 (I'm now 47). A doctor friend told me years ago to drink coffee when I felt a migraine coming on, as caffeine is a main ingredient in some migraine medicines.

Coffee worked a little, but what really worked is Haagen-Dazs coffee ice cream eaten very fast works even better than the iced drink.

For me, it seems that the combination of cold ice cream and caffeine ends the migraine instantly.

A: You are not the only migraine sufferer who has found that an iced drink or ice cream, especially with some caffeine in it, can stop a migraine cold. Nobody knows quite why this works.

Some people find that it works best if you can induce "brain freeze," but that may not always be necessary.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
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J. Occupation 105 127 25 151 55 5 163 17 35 74
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## Annual Treasurer's Report

### Payroll

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### Accounts Payable

- ABC Business Inc: $12,345.67
- XYZ Corporation: $9,876.54
- DEF Enterprises: $7,234.56
- GHI Solutions: $5,689.21

### Tax Returns

- Federal Income Tax: $4,567.89
- State Income Tax: $3,456.78
- Sales Tax: $2,345.67

### Revenue Summary

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### Balance Sheet

- Beginning Balance: $123,456
- Ending Balance: $205,478
COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE HOMES IN YOUR AREA

VERNON HILLS
Address: 403 N. White Deer Trail
Price: $650,000
Schools: Vernon Hills High School
Taxes: $16,886
Agent: Sandra Locascio/RE/MAX Suburban

HIGHLAND PARK
Three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home. Updated kitchen features granite counters, stainless steel and breakfast bar. Kitchen opens to great room with vaulted, beamed ceilings, fireplace and surrounding floor to ceiling windows. Landscaped, fully fenced backyard with new deck and fire pit. Master suite with separate sitting area and an elevated, screened-in porch. Master bath with heated floors, double sinks with onyx counters and marble shower.
Address: 480 Claye Lane
Price: $549,000
Schools: Highland Park High School
Taxes: $11,894
Agent: Debbie Glickman/Baird & Warner

NORTHBROOK
Address: 304 Voltz Road
Price: $359,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: $4,467
Agent: Rene Nelson/The Hudson Company

LINCOLNWOOD
Three-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom corner ranch with two kitchens. First floor has open layout with new kitchen, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Living and dining rooms also on main level. Jacuzzi in bath. Hardwood floors. Finished lower level with two bedrooms, full bath and another open kitchen. Two-car detached garage.
Address: 7356 N. Kolmar Ave.
Price: $549,900
Schools: Niles West High School
Taxes: $6,492
Agent: Keith Wolf/USRealty.com
Listings from Homefinder.com

Travel back in time to 1930s Chicago with A Century of Progress: A Photographic Tour of the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair. This historical collection features more than 100 rare — and in some cases, unpublished — photographs documenting the fair's construction, demolition and everything in between. Readers will glimpse the technological feats and futuristic exhibits that characterized the fair, as well as elements of lasciviousness and insensitivity that, while clearly on display during the exposition, may prove shocking to modern readers.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, Nov. 2

Paul Thorn Band: 8 p.m. Thursday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$40, 847-492-8860

ETHS frosh/soph play - "She Kills Monsters": Evanston Township High School presents the fall Frosh/Soph Production "She Kills Monsters" in the ETHS Little Theater. Tickets are available at https://www.showclix.com/event/fall-freshsoph-play-she-kills-monsters or at the door. The comedy takes us into the world of fantasy role-playing games that is laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres and dotsy pop culture. 7 p.m. Thursday, 4 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $5, 847-424-7130

Dittmar Features Nature-inspired Scratchboard Works: "Storylines," an exhibit of new scratchboard works by Lisa Goesling, will be on view through Nov. 27 at Northwestern University's Dittmar Memorial Gallery. Nature is the inspiration for Goesling's designs and her works capture its fleeting forms. 7 p.m. Thursday, 4 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, $5, 847-424-7130

William Blake and the Age of Aquarius: This exhibition explores the impact of British visionary poet and artist William Blake on a broad range of American artists in the post-World War II period. This considers how Blake's art and ideas were absorbed and filtered through American visual artists from the mid-1940s through the 1960s. This is when Blake became a model of nonconformity, individuality and resistance to authority. 10 a.m. daily, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

Moose Hall Power Marketing Lunches: Backlinking & Blogging: Moose Hall Power Lunches focus on timely topics in two-hour sessions, perfect for busy marketing professionals. Nov. 2: The Power of Backlinking for Optimized Visibility. 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Celtic Chicago, Inc., 8120 Lehigh Ave #100, Morton Grove, $75, 847-647-7500

The Changing Middle East: Country Profiles: This discussion finds commonality, variety, inconsistency, and volatility, but also creativity, openness, humor and democracy. Many nations are visited: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Turkey, Egypt and other nations, ranging from the volatile to the very promising. Also visit some significant Muslim regions in Africa and even touch on Southeast Asia. 10 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member, $68 nonmember, 847-784-6030

iPhone and iPad Advanced Tips: If you feel like you are not getting as much out of your iPhone as you should, come learn a variety of advanced tips, tricks, and settings. These will allow you to maximize your use and become a power user. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member, $25 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Trinity Church Nursery School Observation days: Participants get a tour of the school, see classes in action, meet the staff, and receive a brief presentation. Prospective parents get their questions answered. To reserve a spot, contact sue@trinitywilmette.org. 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette, free

Friday, Nov. 3

"Disney's Aladdin Jr.": Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment, where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail. All of your favorite characters are here in this stage adaptation of the Disney hit including Aladdin, Jasmine and of course, the Genie. 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Lakes Community Center Theater, 515 E Thacker St, Des Plaines, $11-$14, 847-516-2298

Simply Three: 8 p.m. Friday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$50, 847-492-8860

Imagine U presents "Stellaluna": Stellaluna is a baby fruit bat. This story is recommended for children ages 3 to 8. Young audiences delight in the music, artistic puppetry and dance and they can empathize with Stellaluna as she swoops and crashes through the forest trying to be just like her adopted bird family. 7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Hal and Martha Hyer-Wallis Theater, Northwestern University, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston, $6-$12, 847-491-7282

Opening Reception for "Storylines" Exhibit at Dittmar: An opening reception with artist Lisa Goesling for her "Storylines" Exhibit takes place from 4-6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3, in the Dittmar Gallery. Admission is free and open to the public. 4 p.m. Friday, Dittmar Memorial Gallery, Northwestern University, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-2348

Marriage and Company with Eli Finkel and William Brown: Eli Finkel is a Northwestern professor of social psychology who joins "Company" director William Brown for this conversation. The conversation follows the 7:30 p.m. opening night performance of "Company." This event's tickets are included with purchase of a ticket to "Company." 9:45 p.m. Friday, Josephine Louis Theatre, Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-7282

Stephen Sondheim Celebrated by Wirtz Center: Northwestern University's Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts presents "Company" from Nov. 3 to 19 in the Ethel M. Barber Theater. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Josephine Louis Theatre, Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $6-$30, 847-491-7282

Sacred Love - Songs of the Sephardim: The Newberry Consort presents a program featuring traditional songs of the Sephardic Jews at the time when they were exiled from Spain in 1492. The program is curated by Nell Snaida, an American-Uruguayan soprano who specializes in Latin American and Spanish Baroque music. 8 p.m. Friday, Mary Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-7282

House of Torment: This Halloween season, there's a new brand of terror

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coming to Chicago - House of Torment
Haunted House! Visit www.houseoftorrentchicago.com for more information and to buy tickets before they sell out. Be sure to check the website for exact dates and times, as they may vary. 7 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday, House of Torment Chicago, 8240 Austin Ave., Morton Grove, $19.99-$32.99, 224-885-1031

Spanish Storytime with Senora Kus: Have a blast exploring the Spanish language with songs, stories, rhymes and movement. 10 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Handel's "Messiah" - Chicago Master Singers Fall Concert: Chicago Master Singers perform the complete Handel's "Messiah" with the Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alan Heatherington and soloists Michelle Arezaga, soprano; Sarah Ponder, mezzo-soprano; Klaus Georg, tenor; and Gerard Sundberg, baritone. 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Sunday, Techny Towers, 2001 Waukegan Road, Northbrook, $15-$48, 877-825-5267

Washington Update: What's in Store for SS and Medicare: John Wasik reviews what's going on in Congress, provides some background, and explores future policy changes on these issues. Since these topics change fairly quickly these days, John presents the latest developments from Washington on various proposals to reform Social Security and Medicare. 10 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Thomas Edison: America's Inventor: R.J.Lindsay, as Thomas Edison, reveals stories of his youth as a 12-year-old candy butcher on the railroad, a 16-year-old itinerant telegrapher, and at 23 years earning $40,000 improving the stock ticker for Wall Street. Edison details the 1,000 attempts to perfect the practical light bulb. 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 nonmember, 847-778-4603

Fashion Show - Benefit the Park Ridge Community Fund: Join the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce for a Fashion Show Luncheon to benefit the Park Ridge Community Fund. The price is per person and if paying by check, please make it payable to Park Ridge Community Fund. 11:30 a.m. Friday, The Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge, $25, 847-825-3121

Park Ridge Alumnae Panhellenic Club: The November program for the club is "History - Chicago Landmarks," and runs from noon to 2 p.m. For more info: Beth Parsch, parsch@sbglobal.net. Noon Friday, Park Ridge Country Club, 636 North Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, $25 per person, 847-424-0600

"Rocket City, Alabama" (Structured): This play is based on a true story and is handled with sensitivity and humor. It includes classic songs of the South like "Down by the Riverside" and "This Little Light of Mine." "Rocket City, Alabama" presents the moral dilemma of realism versus practicality and revenge versus forgiveness. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $24 - $34, 847-677-7761

Antiques and Modernism Winnetka Show: The 2017 Antiques + Modernism Winnetka Show (A+M Show) is presented by The Woman's Board of Winnetka Community House and is the ultimate destination for interior designers, treasure hunters and collectors alike. 10 a.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $15 in advance, $20 at door; 847-446-0357

Abigail Adams: First Lady Ahead of Her Time: Beth Kelly, Ph.D., from DePaul University, explores the remarkable life of Abigail Adams, who was the wife of one president, John Adams, and the mother of another, John Quincy Adams. Although denied formal education, she left a rich legacy of letters in which she documented the issues faced by women in the 18th century. 4 p.m. Friday, The Woman's Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, $20, 847-441-3406

Inoculating Your Daughter Against a Negative Body Image: Our culture is body-obsessed and girls have a 1:8 chance of developing an eating disorder. Licia Green flawlessly blends comedy and magic in a show that is sure to keep the whole family entertained. 11 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

The Great Scott Magic Show: Prepare to be delighted as magician Scott Green flawlessly blends comedy and magic in a show that is sure to keep the whole family entertained. 11 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

"Barber of Seville": This powerful documentary follows three young African-American boys over the course of six years as they grow into adulthood in Bertie County, N.C. The film offers a rare in-depth look at the issues facing America's rural youth and the complex relationships between generational poverty, educational equity and race. Kortenquin film director Margaret Byrne introduces the film and leads the discussion. No registration needed. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1030 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Shabbat Yoga: Joanna Kaplan brings together Jewish spiritual heritage and the healing practices of yoga. Comfortable clothing is encouraged and bring your own mat for this session, open to all levels from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. 11 a.m. Saturday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

Treasures and Trinkets Holiday Bazaar: This Annual Bazaar offers these items for sale: handmade holiday crafts, sweaters and afghans, baked goods, yesterday's treasures and much more. Bring your wallet and a friend, and support the Centennial Activity Center. Lunch is available for purchase. 10 a.m. Saturday, Centennial Activity Center - Park Ridge Park District, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Sunday, Nov. 5

"Raising Bertie": This powerful documentary follows three young African-American boys over the course of six years as they grow into adulthood in Bertie County, N.C. The film offers a rare in-depth look at the issues facing America's rural youth and the complex relations between generational poverty, educational equity and race. Kortenquin film director Margaret Byrne introduces the film and leads the discussion. No registration needed. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1030 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

NaNoWriMo Weekly Write-in: This weekly NaNoWriMo write-in offers space to talk with other writers and work on your novel. We'll have computers if you need them, and snacks to keep you fueled. 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Holiday Boutique: This Holiday Boutique is open to the community on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Choose from vendors including jewelry, baby gifts, personalized items, stationary, art, clothing, serving pieces, luggage, camp items,
Monday, Nov. 6

Page Turners: "The Narrow Road to the Deep North," by Richard Flanagan, is a novel of love and war. It traces the life of one man, an Australian surgeon, from a prison-of-war camp on the Thai-Burma Death Railway during World War II up to the present. Just drop in. 1 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Books in the Woods: "Before the Fall!" This evening book discussion features "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawley, in which the stories of 10 wealthy victims of a plane crash intertwine. Registration for this event is required. Contact Information Services for more information at 847-677-5277, extension 230. 7 p.m. Monday, Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Knitting Roundtable: Expert knitter and library volunteer Ronnie Rund, can help you solve knitting challenges, answer knitting questions or teach you how to get started knitting, as novices are welcome! Bring your current knitting project(s) and needles. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Interviewing for Success: Tanner Morris, a top recruiter for IBM, presents information on preparing for your job interview. Topics covered include: What information you should research, what to wear, what is really being asked in interview questions, understanding the interviewer(s), questions you can ask, body posture, interview follow-up protocol and role playing scenarios. 10 a.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Giuseppe Verdi: Giant of Italian Opera and of the Stage: No opera house can survive without productions of Verdi’s monumental works, including the blockbuster “Aida.” Listen to magnificent and powerful voices while Greg Atnos explores the composer’s genius. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Tony Bennett: A Life of Art and Music: Tony Bennett at 91 is still alive and still swinging. Trace the rise of this son of immigrant parents to the top of the charts in both music and art. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030

If Only I Could Sleep - Habits for a Restful Night: Good sleep is vital to your health. Get the latest information on sleep medicine. Learn about the symptoms, disorders, treatments, and get sound advice on good sleep habits that will help you get a good night’s sleep. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $15 member, 847-784-6030

Sit and Get Fit: Move your feet and get fit while in your seat. This multi-level class is suitable for those with limited mobility, as well as those with more strength and balance are incorporated in the routine. A family-friendly movie. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Road, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Alliance Francaise du North Shore Cinema - Conversation du Matin: Join us for a relaxed French conversation, facilitated by native or fluent speakers. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@nysymca.org, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techy Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Yoga for the Rest of Us: This class is uniquely designed for individuals of all fitness levels to relax and unwind. Our certified yoga instructor accommodates individual needs through the use of chairs, blocks, bolsters and other props to help you develop a more mindful awareness of your body and a sense of overall well-being. 9 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $15 member, $19 nonmember. 847-784-6030

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Bria Skonberg: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $20-$30, 847-492-8860

Internet Safety Basics: Attendees learn to protect themselves online, with tips to avoid scams, malware and other internet threats. A Glenview Library card is required. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Moonrise Nation: With Wild Skies. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $10-$16, 847-492-8860

National Theatre Live: “Yerma” A young woman is driven to the unthinkable by her desperate desire to have a child in Simon Stone’s radical production of Lorca’s powerful masterpiece. This production, starring Billie Piper, is
from scams and viruses as well as learn about security settings found on devices we all use. This is a great class for beginners and experienced users looking to learn more about safety and privacy when using technology, 1 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member; $25 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Internet Safety: Protect Yourself and Your Device: Explore different types of safety and privacy concerns on computer and mobile devices. Learn of ways to protect yourself and your devices.

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Off-road showdown

BY BRIAN WONG
Pickuptrucks.com

We put the 2017 Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 and 2017 Toyota Tacoma TRD Pro through the ringer to determine which midsize pickup best conquers off-road terrain. We spent a few days in the mountains and deserts of Southern California in a variety of off-road environments that included rock crawling, hill climbs, and high-speed dirt runs through dry riverbeds and more.

Powertrain

Each truck offered a different approach. The TRD Pro has only one engine option: a 278-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 putting out 265 pound-feet of torque and mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. The Colorado ZR2 came to us equipped with its optional engine, a turbodiesel 2.8-liter four-cylinder Duramax that makes 186 hp and 369 pound-feet of torque mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

The low-end torque in the ZR2 was much appreciated — especially when going slow off-road — but it runs out of breath higher in the rpm range when going faster. Editor Mark Williams mused that the eight-speed automatic from the gas version of the ZR2 might have helped matters here.

The Tacoma's V-6 runs on the Atkinson cycle, which makes it feel pokey at times, and the lack of torque at lower rpm makes it difficult to finesse the throttle when trying to crawl. It also seems to run out of breath on the highway while passing unless you really push the revs. It makes sense for Toyota to use the V-6 across several vehicles to keep overall costs down, but this engine might be better suited for Highlander duty than a sporty truck like this.

Williams was more magnanimous in his assessment, saying “I found the Toyota to have plenty of power in the high- and low-rpm range, but you have to work for it — it doesn’t just give it to you.”

Winner: Tacoma TRD Pro (by a nose)

Braking

We both had big issues with the TRD Pro’s brakes, which were twitchy to the point of being difficult to use. During our test, we had to set the crawl control to the proper setting — which does take some time to get used to — and steer. The system figures out the throttle and traction control at each wheel and all the driver does is avoid the big rock. Beyond the occasional buzzing and chirping of the traction control system, crawl control works like a charm.

Winner: Colorado ZR2

Suspension

The ZR2 comes equipped with Chevrolet’s new Multimatic Dynamic Suspension Spool Valve shock absorbers, which are not just a mouthful but amazing as well. Beyond offering plenty of travel, the shocks were incredibly adept at swallowing up imperfections at just about any speed. Williams praised the suspension, saying it’s “difficult to overstate how good these shocks are at giving solid on- and off-road dynamics, as well as accommodating the harsh duty cycles at a good off-highway 4x4 park.”

The ZR2’s new technology put the TRD Pro in a tough spot here. The 2017 TRD Pro swaps out the previous year’s Bilstein setup for a new Fox shock absorber with remote reservoirs in the rear. This new equipment is a big improvement over the old system, but when compared with the ZR2’s Multimatic technology, it just couldn’t keep up.

Winner: Colorado ZR2

Rock crawling

The slow-go portion of our testing gave each of these trucks a chance to shine, and each did, but for different reasons. The TRD Pro showed off its off-road technology with a few quick button settings; all we had to do was set the crawl control to the proper setting — which does take some time to get used to — and steer. The system figures out the throttle and traction control at each wheel and all the driver does is avoid the big rock. Beyond the occasional buzzing and chirping of the traction control system, crawl control works like a point-and-shoot camera.

For different reasons, the ZR2 also performed extremely well. The low-end torque from that diesel was appreciated when trying to apply even power to climb over rocks and ruts, which was a big contrast compared with the TRD Pro. Crawl control is a wonder in that regard, but trying to get consistent output from that engine at low and middle rpm was a challenge.

The ZR2’s suspension also was a standout feature. Cabin isolation while climbing over the rocks was impressive; we could barely feel the suspension working to smooth out the bumps and flex over obstacles, and there was relatively little head toss. Inside, the truck was neutral. Williams also appreciated the “aggressive mud-terrain tread and best-in-class ground clearance,” which gave the ZR2 “crazy clawing power.”

Winner: Colorado ZR2

Value

The ZR2, which starts at $41,990 (which includes destination) with the gas engine and eight-speed automatic transmission, offers exceptional value. But our test vehicle added the diesel engine ($3,500), and Bose stereo and a larger multimedia display ($995) that pushed the final price to $47,090.

That’s a lot of money compared with the TRD Pro, which shakes out to $43,700 (including destination) with the automatic transmission selected. There aren’t many options for the TRD Pro: How it is how it comes and you’d better like it.

Winner: Tacoma (by a nose)

Results

It wasn’t that long ago that the TRD Pro had no off-road peers. But that’s changed since Chevy resurrected the ZR2 nameplate. And the Chevy engineers have certainly done something special with the ZR2.

Winner: Colorado ZR2
FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS: MAINE SOUTH 58, EVANSTON 7

Bartell brothers help Hawks rout Wildkits

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Now that postseason call-ups have taken place, the Maine South football team has seven sets of brothers.

No set of Hawks siblings was more productive than the Bartell brothers - Anthony, a senior tight end and slot receiver, and Jimmy, a junior outside linebacker - in Friday's Class 8A playoff opener as Maine South defeated Evanston 58-7 in Park Ridge.

Anthony Bartell caught one pass for 14 yards for the fifth-seeded Hawks, the defending state champions.

While the elder Bartell's name didn't feature prominently on the stat sheet, his blocking was instrumental in the Hawks' offensive explosion. Senior running back Fotis Kokosioulis, a Northern Illinois recruit, carried 18 times for 167 yards and two touchdowns, and senior quarterback John O'Sullivan threw three touchdown passes against the 28th-seeded Wildkits (6-4).

"(My role is) mostly blocking," Anthony Bartell said. "They have me at tight end every other play. I consider myself the sixth lineman because I block every single play, but I'm totally fine with it. I just do my job and get our running backs (yards), and I catch a pass every once in a while."

Maine South coach Dave Inserra said Anthony Bartell also has emerged as one of the team's emotional leaders.

"He is our heart-and-soul leader," Inserra said. "He's really smart with his leadership and has courage. It's been a group of guys (who have led throughout the season), but lately I've just gone, 'Anthony, you (speak to the team).' He knows what to say, he knows how to push the guys.

"I really like what he's doing on the field. And you need guys who make a difference on the team (behind the scenes), and he's one of those guys who really does. He plays hard, plays smart and kids listen (to him)."

Jimmy Bartell did a little bit of everything on Friday - he finished with 3 1/2 tackles, a tackle for loss, a sack, a tipped pass and a quarterback hurry - to help contain dangerous Evanston senior quarterback Drew Dawkins.

"I played the short side of the field, and (Dawkins) likes to scramble a lot. He's fast and I had to stay and maintain the backside, so he didn't run outside," said Jimmy Bartell, who lives in Park Ridge along with his brother. "That's the most important part of being an outside linebacker."

It was the second time the Central Suburban South foes played this season at Maine South. The Hawks won the first meeting 56-14 on Sept. 22.

In the rematch, Maine South (9-1) scored on six of its first seven possessions.

Senior receiver Cam Stacy had a 64-yard touchdown catch, Kokosioulis had a 55-yard touchdown grab and junior Bobby Inserna made a 19-yard touchdown catch.

Late in the game, freshman quarterback Luke Leongas threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Eric Lelo.

Maine South advanced to play 21st-seeded Warren (7-3) in Gurnee. The Blue Devils beat 12th-seeded Bolingbrook 28-14 on Friday.

Dan Shalin is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Kits' Michelin prepares for strong showing at state

By Gary Larsen
Pioneer Press

Evanston's Enyaeva Michelin plans to erase her 117th-place finish at last year's Class 3A girls cross country state meet from memory, and she got off on the right foot on Saturday.

Michelin placed second at this year's Lake Park Sectional in Roselle, finishing only behind defending state champion Katelynne Hart of Glenbard West.

"Everything today was just in preparation for a bigger meet next week," Michelin said on Saturday. "The goal today was just to go out hard and qualify, so I'm satisfied."

Michelin battled shin injuries at last year's state finals at Detweiller Park in Peoria but the North Carolina-bound senior is healthy as she heads downstate.

She finished in 16 minutes, 54.64 seconds at Lake Park in sub-40 degree temperatures.

"Breaking 17 (minutes) in this kind of weather is pretty good," Michelin said. "It's supposed to be a bit warmer next week down at Detweiller."

"This was a great day for me last year because it was my first qualification for the state meet. So today was a good day, just like last year. The big difference this year is not just my physical health but also how I feel mentally. This year I've been tapering and feeling good."

Maine South girls

The Maine South girls' jubilant screaming at the Class 3A Lake Park cross country sectional on Saturday was understandable: The Hawks are headed downstate.

"We walked away thinking we didn't make it because we didn't run particularly well," Hawks coach Jeff Downing said. "But it turned out that we did just enough to squeak it out."

Maine South placed fifth and was the final team at the sectional to qualify for state, edging out sixth-place Oak Park-River Forest by nine team points.

Leading the way was senior Olivia Niziolek, who placed fifth with a time of 17 minutes, 23.15 seconds. Fellow senior Kathleen Glockner finished 33rd with a time of 18:45.57 and the Hawks had sub-20 minute finishes from senior Amanda Walbert, juniors Carley Bomrad, Lauren May and Klaudia Wachnik, and sophomore Keeley Flynn.

Niziolek placed 12th at state last season and her time on Saturday was a season's best.

"It's the sectional so this is the day to race fast, if you're going to race fast," she said. "So I was happy that I was able to perform the way I needed to today."

Niziolek's personal best is 17:02 and she's hoping that the atmosphere at the state finals will help her beat that time.

"At state I always run way faster. It's higher competition and I thrive off of that type of stuff," Niziolek said. "State is the meet you've been working all season for and you want to go out with a bang, especially as a senior. It's super exciting to go."

Niles North boys

During the Class 3A boys cross country sectional race at Lake Park, Niles North's Conor Perreault knew at the 2-mile mark he was in a good place.

"I got out well the first 300 or 400 meters but it was really when I hit the 2-mile (mark) under 10 minutes that I knew I had it today," Perreault said on Saturday. "From there, I just wanted to get through it for 5 more minutes because at that point I know I'm in the position I need to be."

Perreault qualified for the state meet last season but he battled pneumonia during the state final and placed 80th.

Perreault finished in eighth place in Roselle with a time of 14 minutes, 56.15 seconds - the first time this season he has run under 15 minutes.

"I've felt for a while like I've been ready to break 15 but for whatever reasons I haven't done it," Perreault said. "Today I finally got under 15 and I'm going downstate, which is what I really wanted. And if feels like I've got a few more seconds in me."

Gary Larsen is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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It's time to vote!

The polls are open for the November Athlete of the Month challenge! Go to chicagotribune.com/suburbs/athletes through noon on Nov. 9 to cast your vote. You may vote once every 12 hours. Winners will be featured in print and online, receive a commemorative plaque, and his or her school will receive $500, presented by Country Financial.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Villanova PG Brunson earns preseason awards

BY SAM BRIEF
Pioneer Press

Steven Levenson Jaleen Brunson, a 6-foot-3 junior guard on the Villanova men's basketball team, was named the Big East Preseason Player of the Year on Oct. 18. Last season, Brunson averaged 14.1 points and 4.1 assists per game as the Wildcats went 32-4 and won the Big East regular-season and tournament titles. He was a unanimous All-Big East selection as well.

Brunson led Stevenson to the Class 4A state title his senior year and was a starter on the Villanova team that won the 2018-19 NCAA tournament.

Brunson was also named to the 2018-19 Bob Cousy Award preseason watch list. The honor will be given to the best point guard in college basketball. Brunson was a finalist for the award last season.

Kubin's 3 goals lead to OVC weekly honors

Rebecca Kubin, a freshman forward on the Murray State women's soccer team, was recently named the Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week for the first time in her career.

Kubin scored three goals in the game's final 25 minutes to lead Murray State to a 4-1 win over Bowling Green on Oct. 13. Kubin also had a goal on Sept. 30, and was a finalist for the award earlier in the season.

New Trier grad wins first pro tennis title

Aron Hiltzik, a Wilmette native and a senior on the Illinois men's tennis team, won his first professional title on Oct. 13 at the USA F23 Futures in Houston.

Hiltzik teamed up with Dennis Nevolo, a Glenview native and an Illinois graduate, to clinch the title by taking down No. 1 seeds Austin Krajicek and Thai Son Wan-Deeds in the final round. Hiltzik and Nevolo won 6-4, 6-2.

Hiltzik, a New Trier alumnus, was unanimously named First-Team All-Big Ten last season after posting a 6-1 singles record in conference play. His brother, Jared Hiltzik, is a 2016 Illinois graduate who is ranked 393rd in the world and is playing on the ATP Challenger Tour.

Triton men's soccer wins regional title

The undefeated men's soccer team at Triton College has won its first NJCAA Region IV title since 2013.

The Trojans took down Madison College on Oct. 21 to win the title. Triton led 3-0 before Madison stormed back with three unanswered goals in the game's final 25 minutes to force overtime.

The Trojans eventually won 5-4 in penalty kicks to clinch the championship.

Triton was ranked fifth in the latest NJCAA rankings entering the NJCAA District C tournament. The team was 17-0-1 heading into the district championship on Saturday.

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