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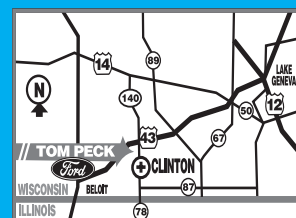
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 2120 Devon Ave. - Scott M.

Johnson, 49, charged with False 911 Call and an Outstanding Warrant
 4800 N. Second St. - Gregory T. Italis, 54, Outstanding Warrant
 Applewood Lane/Windsor Road - Jennifer Anderson, 33, charged with No Driver's License, Operating an

Uninsured Vehicle, and Illegal Cell Phone Use
 N. Second St./E. Riverside Blvd. - Robert D. Drowns, 41, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Seatbelt Violation
Aug. 22
 1975 Harlem Road - Deja M.

Dodd, 19, Outstanding Warrant
Aug. 23
 E. Riverside Blvd./Wilson Ave. - Novian R. Lott, 24, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Speeding
 Mesa/Pomona - Erica M. Daniels, 29, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License
 East Dr./E. Riverside Blvd. - Cortez T. Hill, 23, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Traffic Sign Violation
Aug. 24
 4438 Blackberry Knoll Dr. - Ray-

mond J. Koch, 25, Outstanding Warrant
 N. Avon St./W. State St. - Rickey D. Johnson, 19, charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon, No FOID Card, and Possession of Cannabis - Less Than 30 Grams
 6300 N. Second St. - Phoutsavong Xayasouk, 40, charged with Improper Use of Registration, Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, and Improper Turning
Aug. 25
 Windsor Road/Clinton Road - Jamie N. Elder, 30, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle
 5900 N. Second St. - Lisa M. Brewer, 40, charged with Retail Theft
 McFarland Road/Rock Valley Pkwy. - Davante D. Penn, 22, charged with Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, No Driver's License, Traffic Sign Violation, Traffic Light Violation, and Muffler Violation
Aug. 26
 340 E. Riverside Blvd. - Charles H. Vaughn, 52, charged with DUI, DUI With a BAC Over .08, Illegal Transport of Alcohol, Speeding, and Improper Lane Usage
 7765 Forest Hills Road - Tammy S. Grenlund, 50, charged with DUI
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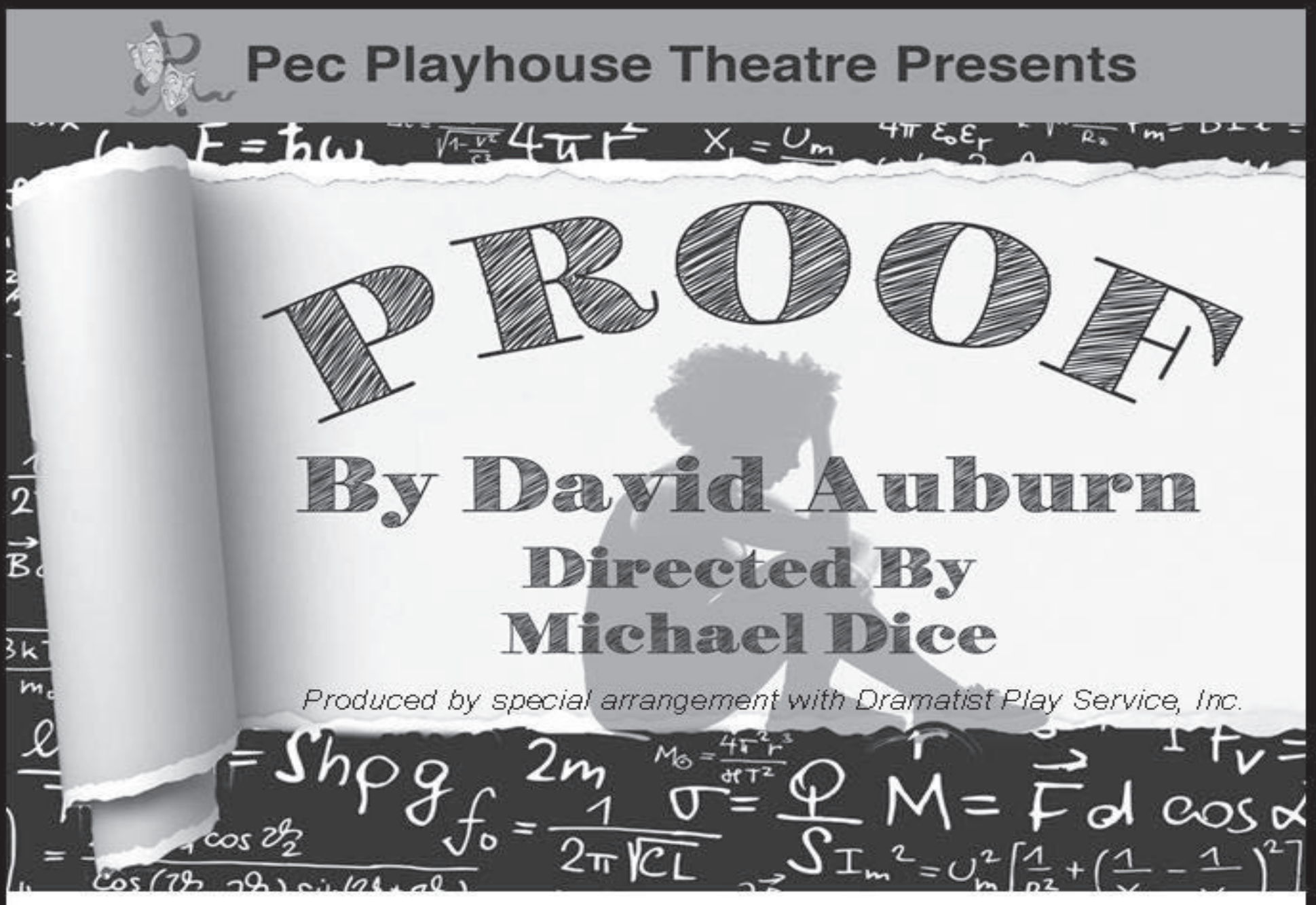
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Slices of life

One stormy night: time to ponder summer storms, the wind

It started with an unexpected flash in the wee hours of the morning. Not long after, a crack of thunder pulled me from sleep as the clouds opened up to share their aqualicious bounty with the earth.

The torrent began rapidly, and continued with a consistent barrage. I could hear it outside pelting the pavement. Bursts of wind swept through the open windows above the bed and my head.

Once, but only once, a light spritz of raindrops blew in through the screen and hit my cheek. It was a pleasant sensation, on a warm night with the cool wind blowing through. I waited for a second spritz, anticipated and almost willed it, but none came.

I thought about getting up, to look outside at the downpour and watch for streaks of lightning shooting across the sky, but I stayed put. The covers were cozy. I was warm and dry.

A strike of lightning lit the room for a moment illuminating a silhouette of my cat who had come into the room to make sure I was fully awake and to provide solace against the manifestations of the storm.

Not more than a second later, lightning's thunderous companion reverberated through the airwaves startling both me and the feline. We were in the heat and heart of the



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

squall. Instinctively the cat jumped up and nuzzled under the covers with her head on my husband's arm. Thank goodness she was there to comfort me.

I closed my eyes, listening to the ruckus, under the cool sheets on the bed, under the cool sheets of rain falling outside – finding peace and contentment in the unyielding strength of Mother Nature.

I've always loved a summer storm, especially in the middle of the night, when you can lie still and safe in the calmness of your bed under a sturdy roof while around you the world reacts with intense energy, strength and power.

It makes me feel small and insignificant, but somehow in a good way. There's comfort in knowing Mother Nature is in control and can cleanse the earth, water the garden, fill birdbaths and make mud puddles all in one fell swoop – it's multitasking by the master.

I guess there's a certain amount of relief in realizing you are a tiny cog in the overall scheme of the universe, and power and control are in the hands of something much

bigger and grander than yourself. It sort of takes the pressure off.

That, and it relieves you from the duty of having to water the garden this week.

The rain continued in a steady stream while I lay listening and thinking about everything and nothing the way one can do sometimes in the wee hours of the morning. I may have dozed off mid-storm (one can never be sure of dozing).

When I checked the clock the storm had been brooding for over an hour. By this time the thunder and lightning had abated, but the rain maintained a firm presence as night prepared to hand the reins over to morning.

The sun rose and the rain finally subsided into something slightly more than a sprinkle and then, finally, into something slightly less. The storm had passed and it was time to get up and get started with the day.

As I did, I gave thanks – for summer storms, the wind, time to ponder, Mother Nature, comfy beds, pillows, rooftops, husbands and, of course, kitties that jump up in the night.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

I love the library

I haven't partaken of library services much in the past decade, but I feel the pull to return as I today type from the peace and quiet of a little study room here at my local library. My internet at home has gone AWOL, and I have work that needs the almighty internet, so to my trusty library I come with laptop in hand.

Many an evening was spent at the local library when I was in high school. My friends and I would meet to do homework together. We got shushed occasionally, but all in all it was a social hour where we spent just as much time doing algebra problems as talking about boys.

Sometimes we'd even see boys there. [Blush! Giggle!]

In college, many hours were spent at the library and all I remember is endless reading and paper writing. The library was not a thing of joy then.

The happy memories of libraries came back when I became a mommy. When my sons were preschoolers, we were regulars at the library for story time and checking out books for reading at home. But that fell away as they started school.

The times and technology changed. They got their info from the web and I got my books at the bookstore. When when one of my



By **KELLY SIMMONS**
Columnist

sons had to do a report for high school, the teacher made them go to the library and learn how to find a book on the book shelf. Remember card catalogs? The search system is on computer now, but my sons and their classmates had never found a book in the library that way.

With my love of books, one would think I would frequent the library. Alas, I use Amazon instead. It is quicker and easier to click than to get in my car and borrow. I think that will change as we move into our empty nester love nest.

With this recent move, I have donated bins upon bins upon bins (and more bins) of books that I have purchased to give to the library for their sale. I still have many more bins of books I am taking with me. I will not know until we unpack if they will fit in our new space.

The library appeal is growing stronger. As I wander the shelves today, I see magazines. I love magazines too. I have piles and piles

and piles. The recycle man may get a hernia. Maybe I can get my mag fix at the library. It's a thought.

They have movies here too. We use the Amazon FireTV stick so we don't rent movies anymore and that too I had boxes and boxes and boxes of DVDs. They went like hot cakes at our sale.

Another treat is audio books. My husband listens to books on tape (as I still call them) and he had boxes of Great Courses that we sold. The library could provide fodder for his time in the car.

The library has much to offer and it hasn't gone anywhere. It was me who strayed. But I'm back. Using the private room. Using the internet. And, when we get moved and settled, using the books.

If I fall in love with a book that I want to keep and highlight and mark up, I will buy a copy. Otherwise, it's to the library I will go.

For now, I have work to do and I am grateful for the library. All I need now is a fridge with some snacks.....

Kelly Epperson Simmons hopes to be moved and settled in internet at her new place by the time this hits print. If not, back to the library. Write Kelly at info@kelly-epperson.com and PO Box 2324, Loves Park, IL 61131.

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Many of us remember being introduced to mercury in an elementary school science class. As the only metal that is liquid at room temperature, it was always fun when the teacher showed us how an actual metal can flow inside a tube, but drop the tube or break a mercury filled thermometer and look out! As toxic poison it had to be cleaned up with extreme caution.

So if mercury is so dangerous, what the heck is it doing in your mouth? While metal amalgam fillings do give off small amounts of mercury vapor, most researchers, including The American Dental Association Council On Scientific Affairs, have concluded that unless there is a specific allergy these types of fillings pose no personal health risk. But visit our office today and you will find that we recommend doing "fillings" (also known as "dental restorations") with other materials. Why? There are many reasons. Here are just a few.

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Machesney Park Police Beat

The following arrests are on file at the Machesney Park Police Dept. Readers are reminded that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Aug. 21
N. Second St./Drexel Blvd. – Cedrick L. Sockwell, 41, charged with Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver, DUI, Improper Lane Usage, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle
147 Wingtip Way – David A. Andrus, 35, charged with Domestic Battery

Aug. 23
9700 N. Alpine Road – Albert L. Curry, 22, charged with No Driver's License and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle
9833 N. Alpine Road – Nicholas

A. Davis, 27, charged with Aggravated Battery and Retail Theft

41 Marquette Road – Brian P. Sosnowski, 48, charged with Disorderly Conduct – False Police Report

Aug. 24
1013 Colonial Dr. – Erica L. Harvey, 31, charged with Criminal Damage to Property and Disorderly Conduct

9853 N. Alpine Road – Spring Rose Graham, 34, charged with Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, No Driver's License, Illegal Cell Phone Use, and Other Driver's License Offenses

1548 West Lane Road – Keith E. Lelwis, 45, Outstanding Warrant
Harlem Road/Victory Lane – Taunie A. Hughes, 27, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License

917 Kingley Dr. – Valaura B. Knake, 33, charged with Violating an Order of Protection

N. Second St./Harlem Road – Ledarius J. Cotton, 20, charged with Possession of Cannabis – Less Than 30 Grams, Delivery of Cannabis, and Possession of Drug Equipment

Aug. 25
11028 Raleigh Ct. – Sheldon A. Wade, 27, Outstanding Warrant
N. Second St./Forest Hills Road – Sandra J. Tijerina, 35, charged with DUI, DUI With a BAC Over .08, Illegal Transport of Alcohol, and Other Equipment Violations

Anjali Way/N. Perryville Road – Holli M. Tank, 38, charged with No Driver's License and Other Non-Moving Violations
5419 Falcon Crest Dr. – Michael R. Close, 43, charged with DUI,

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Aug. 26
N. Second St./West Lane Road –

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Sooky, silly or symbolic, carved pumpkins are an essential ingredient to any Halloween celebration. This year, scare up some special fun for your party with a wicked watermelon carving, instead – but don't stop there.

After crafting your watermelon into an artful mummy, take advantage of the healthy, immune-system supporting qualities of the lycopene leader among fresh produce. At 92 percent water, as well as an excellent source of vitamins A and C, watermelon is a hydrating post-art snack.

Carving a creative design into a watermelon is a simple way to kick off the festivities and requires only a handful of common tools. Add a twinkling candle to make a fantastically frightful centerpiece. Or fill it with a fresh fruit salad or salsas for a more functional, practical approach.

Even if you're planning on a hollowed-out carving, keep the sweet juicy fruit and make it a healthy addition to your Halloween party menu with a recipe that puts to use all your carving leftovers.

To take advantage of all a watermelon has to offer – outside of the fun carving – try Frosted, Frozen Watermelon Balls or Kids Watermelon Pizza Supreme. These fun, simple recipes make it easy to incorporate a healthy snack after all your hard work carving up a Halloween masterpiece.

Find more recipes, carving patterns and inspiration at watermelon.org.

Carving Tips

- Prior to carving, read through all of the directions.
- Cuts are easiest when the watermelon is at room temperature. Once your handiwork is complete, chill the carving and contents before serving.
- After drawing your design on the rind, insert toothpicks in key places to guide your cuts.
- A sharp knife with a pointed tip makes the easiest, cleanest cuts.
- Remove excess flesh in large pieces, when possible, to allow for easier melon ball or cube creation.
- Use round toothpicks or skewers to attach pieces to your design as flat toothpicks are not strong enough to bear the weight or stand up to the thickness of the rind.

Mummy

Supplies and Tools:

- Oval or round seedless watermelon
- Cutting board
- Kitchen knife
- Small bowl
- Dry erase marker
- Paring knife
- Melon baller, fluted or regular
- Scoop
- Assorted peelers
- Cheesecloth
- Straight pin
- Battery-operated candle or light
- Candy eyeballs or blueberries

Wash watermelon under cool running water and pat dry.

On cutting board, place watermelon on its side and use kitchen knife to cut off 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch from bottom (end opposite stem), being careful not to cut too deep into white part of rind.

Cut 1/2-inch to 3/4-inch from stem end to create opening large enough to fit small bowl.

Using dry erase marker, draw eyes, nose and mouth, along with wavy slits around carving to let more light flow through. Use paring knife to cut out design, being sure to cut through to red fruit.

Use fluted or regular melon baller to hollow out inside of watermelon. Use scoop to remove excess watermelon.

Peel green rind off outside of watermelon. (Tip: Different peelers work well for different parts of the watermelon, depending on how flat or round the melon is.)

Wrap thin strips of cheesecloth around mummy carving and secure with straight pin, if needed.

Put battery-operated candle or light into carving. Fit small bowl into top of carving and trim away excess rind to make bowl fit securely. Fill bowl with melon balls and attach candy or blueberries to make eyes.

Kids Watermelon Pizza Supreme

Servings: 6

- 1 watermelon slice (8-10 inches around and 1-inch thick), drained
- 1 cup strawberry preserves
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconuts

Place watermelon slice on serving platter and cut into 6 wedges, leaving in shape of pizza.

Spread preserves over watermelon and sprinkle chocolate chips, raisins, walnuts and coconut.

Frosted, Frozen Watermelon Balls

Servings: 35-40

- 1 small watermelon
- 1 package (3 ounces) watermelon or other red flavor gelatin dessert

Using melon baller, scoop out 35-40 small watermelon balls. Place on paper towels and set aside.

Pour gelatin into shallow bowl. One-by-one, gently drop watermelon balls into bowl, roll around, take out and place on plate covered with paper towel. Repeat until all gelatin is used.

Place plate of frosted watermelon balls in freezer. Allow at least 2 hours to make sure they are completely frozen. Remove from freezer and let sit a few minutes before eating.

Note: To serve with toothpicks, place toothpicks in before freezing to aid in serving.



Choosing a Watermelon

With a thick rind covering the fruit inside, you may wonder how to choose the best watermelon at the market. Here are some tips for picking the perfect one:

- **Look it over.** Look for a round, oval or oblong shaped watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.
- **Lift it up.** The watermelon should be heavy for its size. On average, a 5-pound watermelon yields 15 cups of edible fruit.
- **Turn it over.** The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.





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