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Community Education offers low-cost classes

PN Zach Trueblood
Staff Writer

There's no denying that Parkland College is a very diverse institution. It offers many different outlets and options for community and social development.

One outlet that is very community oriented is Community Education, which is located on Mattis, just down the road from the main college.

Community Education offers a plethora of different course and travel options for those residing in District 505. They even accept interested parties from outside of the district. Community members can utilize these non-credit classes at a much lower rate than their credit counterparts. You do not have to be an enrolled Parkland College student to take advantage of these courses.

The courses available from Community Education are extremely varied, and sure to appeal to anyone's different interests or hobbies. A few examples are Introduction to canning, knitting or crocheting, concealed carry certification, woodworking and interior design basics.

Program Manager John Eby plays a pivotal role in course selection within the Office of Community Education.

"Community colleges have a mandate to reach the residents of their district. My job is to line up classes and develop programs that are of interest to the community. While I'm developing these courses I connect with instructors to establish a strong foundation for the year," Eby stated.

Eby was the Activities Manager in the main part of the college, so he is familiar with the wide-scale organizing of many different programs. One program that he has a strong attachment to is College for Kids.

"College for Kids combines



Photo courtesy of John Eby/Parkland College
District 505 members take a tour of Chicago's ethnic grocery stores with guide Evelyn Thompson.

leisure time with learning. It's based on current curriculum standards and is a great way to keep students learning throughout the summer while getting them acclimated to Parkland," Eby explained.

Community Education utilizes classrooms in their office as well as many different classrooms around the main

part of the college. One room in the A Wing is being designated as a permanent spot for many of those non-credit courses. They also have several off-site areas where classes and events are held.

Alongside these non-credit courses, Community Education offers different travel opportunities. Many

trips are only for the day and members can go to Chicago or Indianapolis. Other trips are longer and are held out of state. The goal of these trips is to offer an opportunity to learn about different communities and cultures.

One enthusiastic instructor that has been with Community Education for 11 years is Jane

Bateman. Bateman teaches classes such as Beginner Computers and You've Got Mail: An Introduction to Email and Using the Internet.

Most of Bateman's classes run about three to four weeks and are two hours long. "I first started teaching out of necessity but it turned out that I really like it," Bateman said. "I try to make it as simple as I can for the first timers. I still remember how overwhelming and difficult computers were for me when I first started using them."

Bateman tries to make each of her classes as fun and interesting as possible. She shares tips and knowledge she's acquired over the years. She even goes as far to create handouts with step by step instructions which are not required for these courses. In her course descriptions from the Personal and Professional Classes catalog, "students rave about Jane Bateman's patience and warm, helpful manner."

A student of Bateman's, Retiree Bill Dickey, is taking a few beginning and intermediate computer courses to build upon and learn new skills with current technology.

"I really like Jane. She's welcoming, and she really knows her stuff. It's been a good course. I'll definitely take another. Overall it's been a very positive experience and I highly recommend them," Dickey stated.

For those wishing to learn an introduction to firearms or possibly how to practice yoga, Community Education is a great resource.

With flexible class hours and a low rate, these courses can fit into even the busiest of schedules.

For more information on Community Education, contact 217-353-2055, communityed@parkland.edu, or visit www.parkland.edu/communityed.

Counting stars for 27 years with Parkland's planetarium

PN Aron Ammann
Staff Writer

Parkland College has many opportunities for its students and the local community to learn and enjoy themselves while doing so. One of those opportunities is the William M. Staerkel Planetarium, located in the M Wing of Parkland's main campus.

The planetarium is an interactive experience that is designed to get the audience involved during traditional planetarium shows. Shows like "Prairie Skies," which is a traditional show that is narrated live and explores the skies that are happening at this time of year in your back yard, give audience members the chance to learn while watching the show and then using that information to track the stars in their back yard at home.

Other shows are full dome shows like "Dynamic Earth," which explores the Earth's climate system.

"With visualizations based on satellite monitoring data and advanced supercomputer simulations from NCSA, this cutting-edge production follows a trail of energy

that flows from the Sun into the interlocking systems that shape our climate: the atmosphere, oceans, and the biosphere," the planetarium's website explained. "Audiences will ride along on swirling ocean and wind currents, dive into the heart of a monster hurricane, come face-to-face with sharks and gigantic whales, and fly into roiling volcanoes."

Students that were born and raised in this area more than likely visited the planetarium on a field trip in middle school or high school.

Communications major Stacy Osterbur was one of those students who took a field trip to the Planetarium in high school and would go back again if there was a show that caught his eye.

"I would check out a show if it peaked my interest and was showing during the day," Osterbur said.

According to Planetarium Director David Leake, having a free show for Parkland students on a set schedule is something he has tried to accomplish for a while now.

Nearly 20,000 K-12 students attend the planetarium on



Photo by Andrew T. Kurtenbach/Prospectus News

The William M. Staerkel Planetarium, located on the campus of Parkland College, offers many educational programs for the community. Although surrounded by construction, the Staerkel Planetarium is still welcoming patrons for its weekly shows.

a field trip every year, so expanding those numbers into an older audience would be great.

"No two days here are the same," Leake explained. Some Parkland courses use the planetarium on their lesson

plans and the planetarium staff has the ability to write and produce their own content for the dome and gear it towards whatever the instructor is covering in their courses.

"If a class has covered the material before coming here

then we can tailor the program to be a review of what they have covered to help the better understand the material," Leake said.

Leake explained that while

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News

Professor who lost university job offer lashes out at school administrators



Armando L. Sanchez/Chicago Tribune/MCT

Faculty and students march in support of professor Steven Salaita through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign quad on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, in Urbana, Ill. Salaita was fired from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign after he posted tweets regarding Israeli attacks in Gaza.

Jodi S. Cohen
Chicago Tribune

Controversial professor Steven Salaita, who lost his job offer from the University of Illinois after criticizing Israel on social media, lashed out at university administrators Monday for overreaching in their decision not to hire him.

Salaita, in a wide-ranging, 40-minute speech at Northwestern University, the first of several talks planned at Chicago-area campuses this week, focused on academic freedom and the recent conflict in the Middle East. He made comparisons between his own situation and the subject of colonialism that he studies, saying that the university was suppressing a minority position.

"Watching my own firing happen publicly on the Internet was surreal, but not just for me," he told a largely

supportive crowd that filled most of a 300-seat lecture hall. "Anyone who tuned in could see how the corporatization of academe functions in real time."

In early August, U. of I. chancellor Phyllis Wise revoked Salaita's job offer, a tenured position in the American Indian studies department, weeks before he was to start and after a series of controversial tweets he posted over the summer about Israeli military action in Gaza, some of which contained vulgar or inflammatory language. The U. of I. board of trustees backed her in an 8-1 vote, a decision that led to criticism from faculty nationally who say U. of I. is violating free speech and academic freedom.

Salaita, a Palestinian-American who studies colonialism and the Middle East, on Monday criticized U. of I. board members, who he said

"have zero qualifications to evaluate my teaching or scholarship," and universities more broadly for everything from "siding with Israel" to high administrative salaries and the reliance on part-time adjunct faculty. He said he is not anti-Semitic, as some have said, but that he "opposes the policies of the state of Israel."

Salaita has described his tweets as "passionate and unfiltered," and many of the ones preceding his job revocation focused on the number of children killed in the conflict this summer.

One of his more controversial posts was written in June, soon after three Israeli teens were kidnapped and later found dead. He wrote: "You may be too refined to say it, but I'm not: I wish all the (expletive) West Bank settlers would go missing."

Marc Feldman, who said he drove five hours from Cleveland to attend

Salaita's speech, challenged Salaita on his views about Israel and those who support the country.

Mirroring comments he made on Twitter, Salaita responded: "It is impossible to support Israeli policy without also implicitly supporting the deaths of those children. The two things go together. I don't feel like you can separate them. It is those policies of the state that led to the deaths of those children, the murder of those children," he said.

Salaita canceled a scheduled appearance Tuesday at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a possible sign that he and the university are discussing a financial settlement. He also is scheduled to speak this week at the University of Chicago, Columbia College and DePaul University.

"Because of Professor Salaita's desire to work with the students, faculty and administration at Illinois,

we believe it is in his best interests at this point to avoid any perception that speaking on campus could be viewed as antagonistic," said Salaita's attorney, Anand Swaminathan, of the Chicago law firm Loevy & Loevy.

Swaminathan has said he is preparing a lawsuit against U. of I. for violating Salaita's constitutional rights to free speech and due process as well as breach of contract.

He said Salaita "remains steadfast in his desire" to have the tenured position at U. of I., "whether it is done voluntarily or through the legal process."

Salaita, 38, had resigned from his tenured job at Virginia Tech University last spring in preparation for the move to Urbana-Champaign, and now he and his family are living with his parents in the Washington,

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University of Chicago ends China-funded program

Stuart Leavenworth
McClatchy Foreign Staff

BEIJING - China's soft-diplomacy push hit a speed bump this week when the University of Chicago decided to pull the plug on renewing a controversial Beijing-funded Confucius Institute.

The decision may prompt other universities to rethink their relationships with Confucius institutes - attractive because they offer free Chinese-language classes and cultural programs to cash-strapped colleges in the United States, albeit with limitations on what they can teach.

In a statement Thursday, the University of Chicago said it had tried to negotiate a renewal agreement with Hanban, the Chinese agency that manages Confucius institutes. "However, recently published comments about UChicago in an article about the director-general of Hanban are incompatible with a continued equal partnership," the statement said.

Asked about the offending comments, university spokeswoman Sarah Nolan cited a Sept. 19 article published in the Chinese-language newspaper Jiefang Daily of Shanghai. The comments in question appear toward the end of the article, when Hanban director Xu Lin is quoted as bragging about her tough negotiating style with the university.

The article says that after UChicago faculty objected to the Confucius Institute in April, Xu wrote a letter to the university's president with only one line, "If your school decides to withdraw, I will agree to it." The article then reports that UChicago got "anxious" and

reassured Xu that it would continue to host the Confucius Institute.

In all likelihood, the university's decision to drop the Confucius Institute was related only partly to Xu's reported braggadocio. As of May, more than 100 faculty members had signed on to a letter calling for the university to end its relationship with Hanban and close the institute. The letter objected to allowing Hanban to "have a voice in the research and curriculum of the university," compromising its academic freedom and subjecting staff and students to China's "political constraints on free speech and belief."

Hanban officials, and some of its U.S. supporters, say the organization doesn't attach strings to its funding of Confucius institutes. Detractors say, however, that there's substantial evidence that Hanban tells Confucius Institute instructors not to discuss topics deemed sensitive to Beijing, such as the status of Taiwan or the treatment of Tibetans, Uighurs and other ethnic minorities in China. Many analysts say China is investing in Confucius institutes to project an image abroad as a benevolent rising power, even as it asserts territorial claims off its coasts and violates human rights covenants.

In June, Xu Lin was at the center of another incident when, at a major Sinology conference in Portugal, she reportedly ordered pages to be torn out of a conference program that had to do with Taiwan. That same month, the American Association of University Professors issued a statement urging American universities to end their relationship with Confucius institutes unless they have full control of academic



Photo by Grant Jefferies/Bradenton Herald/MCT

Chinese guest teacher Xu Dou works with students Thursday, September 5, 2013, at Johnson Middle School in Bradenton, Florida. Johnson Middle School is one of two schools in Bradenton that are hosting Chinese teachers as part of a nationwide initiative between the College Board and China's Confucius Institute to teach Chinese in the United States.

practices.

A year earlier, the Canadian Association of University Teachers had issued a similar recommendation.

Despite such blow-back and reported

missteps, Xu remains a powerful figure in China's Ministry of Education, which is closely connected with Hanban, a nongovernmental

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Lifestyle

Credit cards are back, but in a more sensible way



Gary Friedman/Los Angeles Times/MCT

Jane Osick, who teaches at a private school in Pasadena, California, declared bankruptcy after racking up \$120,000 in credit card debt. Now, with new financial purpose, she has built up a six-month emergency fund even with a bankruptcy obligation of \$525 a month.

Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - America's torrid love affair with the credit card appears over. In its place is a less passionate, more stable relationship.

Wild spending and mounting personal debt characterized the run-up to the 2008 financial crisis. The subsequent Great Recession was marked by frugality and a long slog back. Now Americans are comfortable enough to take on more debt, especially credit card debt. Just not too much.

That was evident in Federal Reserve data released last week that showed the amount of credit extended to consumers grew at an annual rate of 9.7 percent in July. Revolving credit - bank-issued credit cards and retail store cards - grew at an annual rate of 7.4 percent. That was almost three times June's annualized rate of 2.5 percent.

The growth rate stands out when compared with last year, when the full-year rate of the growth of debt on bank cards and retail cards was 1.3 percent. Card debt was largely flat in the two previous years and it had fallen sharply in 2009 and 2010, when Americans frowned on debt.

The website CardHub, a place for consumers to shop for cards and

rates, projects a \$41.9 billion net increase in credit card debt this year, 8 percent more than in 2013 and 14 percent above 2012.

A CardHub study earlier this year raised concerns that consumers are paying off less debt than they did a year ago. Signs of a credit bubble as before the crisis? Theodore Iacobuzio, MasterCard's vice president of global insights, a research unit, isn't worried.

"Yes, people are going back to using the credit card, but they're not going back to how they used them before," he said.

Before the financial crisis, Americans had about seven general-purpose credit cards per household, he said, excluding debit and store cards. Today the average is about four, he said.

Americans are using credit cards now as one of several financial tools, along with debit and prepaid cards. And they're paying off much bigger chunks of what they borrow.

"Cards are now being used by consumers as a way to navigate economic waters . . . not as wish fulfillment," Iacobuzio said, adding, "I can't emphasize enough how much of a 180 this was."

Indeed, payment delinquency rates, which tend to be high when consumers have overextended themselves, are at record lows. From

April through June, 2.25 percent of credit card accounts were delinquent.

It suggests two overlapping realities: Many Americans have sharply paid down their credit card debt and are wary of taking on more, while others who defaulted on their payments can no longer get credit cards.

The 2.25 percent delinquency rate is the lowest since the Federal Reserve began publishing the number in 1991, and roughly a third of the peak of 6.78 percent during the same period in 2009, when the financial crisis was in full bloom.

Tempering the return to credit cards is growth in prepaid cards from companies such as Green Dot and Wal-Mart, which have become a viable alternative to checking accounts and debit cards.

These cards are bank-like. Consumers can check their balances online or via text message, without the fees and relationship of a bank account or bank-issued credit card. With so many jobs lost during the Great Recession, and so many Americans working two or even three jobs to make ends meet, the prepaid card was a good fit for many consumers.

"I think that has definitely helped the growth in prepaid," said Madeline Fernandez, the chief customer officer

for Green Dot, based in Pasadena, Calif. "It's unfortunate that that's the way we've been helped, but it's definitely made consumers think about how are they managing their finances, how much debt they want to take on."

The sums loaded onto general-purpose reloadable prepaid debit cards nearly tripled from 2008 to 2012, to \$76.7 billion. Researcher Mercator Advisory Group Inc. projects the number will rise to \$168.4 billion by next year, according to CardHub.

Prepaid cards are generally used for three major purposes: alternatives to checking accounts, alternative check cashing tools and managing allowances to children or electronic payments such as benefits to recipients.

Employers are able to load workers' pay onto the cards. By virtue of being prepaid, the cards aren't subject to overdraft fees or minimum payments as a debit or credit card would be.

Green Dot estimates a potential customer pool of 160 million who earn less than \$75,000 annually.

Middle- and higher-income families also are using more prepaid cards, according to a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

"I was surprised at how rapidly the market seemed to react once these mass-market general-purpose

prepaid cards were available," said Susan Herbst-Murphy, a co-author of the study, titled "Millennials with Money." "I don't know if that's an indication there was pent-up demand. The market was away ahead of the industry's ability to develop infrastructure."

The cards are more popular with younger consumers, many of whom may not have yet taken out their first credit cards or car loans.

"There was always an expectation that younger people would adopt these products... (They) adopt products that are in the marketplace when they are making those early decisions," said Herbst-Murphy, a senior industry specialist at the Fed bank's Payment Cards Center.

But Green Dot's Fernandez said the demographic was changing for users of prepaid cards as they became a mainstream tool. They began as a product for those considered "unbankable" because of poor credit histories, frequent job changes or questionable immigration status.

"Now the demographic is slightly more female than male, a little more African-American," she said. "And we're seeing the ages between 35 and 50, as a general rule."

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A final exam is expected in each credit course at Parkland College. Final exams for all full-semester and second-half-semester courses will be given during final exam week (May 12 - 16.) according to the official published schedule. The schedule can be found on the last part of the printed semester class schedule. These final exams are not

to be given early (during regular class periods). Final exams for all other courses (those ending earlier) will be given at the last regularly scheduled class meeting.

All requests from faculty to alter scheduled final exam times or dates must be reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and the Vice President for Academic Services.

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Net Neutrality a concern for all

PN Kaleb Schwaiger
Staff Writer

There is a battle going on for the survival of the Internet. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and their partners are lobbying congress to pass legislation allowing for a censorship of the Internet.

In a nutshell, the ISPs, most notably Comcast, wish to put toll lanes on the Internet. Similar to private toll roads, this would effectively allow the ISP to control who can access the Internet. Currently, users pay a set amount per month for a uniform speed.

As Evan Greer, co-founder of Fight for the Future explained in a press release, "We're in a battle to for the Internet as we know it. Net Neutrality guarantees all websites — start-ups, blogs, independent media, lolcats — an even playing field. It's essentially

the First Amendment of the Internet. It's what has made it so revolutionary, and it gives all of us a voice."

"But the cable companies want to gut Net Neutrality to increase their profits," Greer continued. "Without Net Neutrality, those corporations can kill websites by relegating them to slow lanes if they don't pay fees — or if they just don't like the content they contain. That threatens not only the Internet that we love, but the very foundations of a free society."

Prior provisions of the legislation, then referred to as CISA, would grant companies such as Facebook and Google immunity from privacy violation lawsuits. These companies are known to be well connected with government agencies such as the NSA.

Not only would passage of

similar legislation allow cable companies the ability to pick and choose who plays on the Internet, it would also give the government even easier access to mass surveillance of the masses.

Parkland student Johnny Malmberg pointed out that if Net Neutrality becomes a thing of the past, it paves the way for mass censorship. Countries such as China, North Korea and Egypt are all known to impose various content filters in their nations, restricting access to a greater part of the Internet.

If cable companies were able to relegate website speeds, they would be able to manipulate what messages are being seen. Imagine if a preferred news source was downgraded to the slow lanes. Some days it might not even be accessible, it would be so slow. Meanwhile, the news source

that some deem "rubbish" is on the fast lane, and therefore receives more traffic due to ease of access.

This would allow the cable companies to create biases towards movements and protests, reform and debate. For instance, if the legislation passes, movements such as Greer's would have a hard time taking off. All the cable company would have to do is set them to the slow lanes, and all of a sudden the message is going to be difficult to get out.

Mass Communications Professor Adam Porter feels strongly that the net should remain neutral. He feels that losing neutrality would allow the powers that be to raise rates on so called power users, such as Netflix and Google. They would be forced to pay a higher rate to keep their services online, therefore increasing costs all across the

board. Loss of neutrality would also allow the government to shut down any antigovernment websites, and by extension anyone that frequents those sites. This would reach a gray area of rights violations, as it would infringe on the right to free speech and, by extension, assembly.

Porter also feels that researchers could be unfairly targeted, as anyone who is simply reporting on the activities of these sites could be lumped in and face unjust repercussions for doing their jobs.

"It all comes down to the ideas that the Internet was built upon: Open, unfettered access to everyone. Everyone gets the same information," Porter said.

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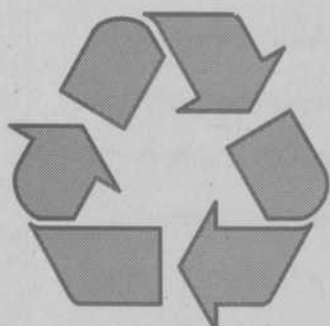
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there are a few other planetariums within driving distance, Parkland's is larger than many of those and it's right here in town, no long drive is required.

"With seating for 128, the Staerke Planetarium has nearly two dozen different one-hour programs that can be scheduled for private viewing for school field trips, Scout troops, day care groups, park recreation, civic groups and others," the planetarium

website reads. "Many of our programs have a live narrator, or are interactive. These programs can be tailored to fit a wide range of student ages, interests, and curricula".

Along with those programs that are available to be scheduled there are shows that run on Friday and Saturday throughout the year as well as science lectures that take place in the planetarium throughout the semester.

Former Parkland student and Urbana resident Brian Thomson wasn't even aware there was something like the planetarium on campus when he attended classes

here. "I knew nothing of it until friends of mine who are parents started talking about it, and taking their kids there over holiday breaks to get them out of the house," Thomson stated.

Parkland's first President William Staerke planned for a planetarium to be included in the college in 1967 when he took office, and managed to see those plans become a reality when the planetarium was completed in 1987.

Ticket prices and more information about the planetarium can be found at <http://bit.ly/10fafaN>.

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D.C., area. The groups organizing his speaking tour this week Students for Justice in Palestine and the group Gay Liberation Network have been collecting funds to offer him an honorarium.

U. of I. spokesman Thomas Hardy pointed Monday to statements previously made by university officials when they declined to hire Salaita.

"Professor Salaita's approach indicates that he would be incapable of fostering a classroom environment where conflicting opinions could be given equal consideration, regardless of the issue being discussed," President Robert Easter said last

month. "I am also concerned that his irresponsible public statements would make it more difficult for the University and particularly the Urbana-Champaign campus to attract the best and brightest students, faculty and staff."

When asked Monday by an audience member whether he would advise others to "shut up and not make waves" in light of his situation, Salaita said there are many ways to advocate for change.

"There are ways to be active, to work for change, that don't necessarily involve being public. You don't have to run your mouth on Twitter like I did," he said.

He then concluded: "I chose to do what I did. I am still, sitting here, happy with the decision."

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organization. She's a vice minister and serves on China's State Council, the country's main administrative authority. She has spearheaded the Confucius Institute program since it started in 2004, and has received honorary degrees from the University of Arizona, Western Kentucky University and other U.S. colleges.

During her tenure, the number of Confucius institutes worldwide has grown to more than 400, about a quarter of them at U.S. universities.

All offer language classes, and some have special niches. At Miami

Dade College, the Confucius Institute emphasizes Chinese filmmaking. At the University of California, Davis, a recently opened Confucius Institute attracts students with a focus on Chinese cuisine.

Efforts to obtain comment from Xu or Hanban were unsuccessful Friday. But according to the online news site Inside HigherEd, Hanban issued a statement, saying, "It's a pity that the University of Chicago has made the public statement before finding out the truth. Since Confucius Institute is a collaboration program, both sides can make a choice."

Confucius, the Chinese philosopher thought to have lived from 551 to 479 B.C., has been enjoying a resurgence

in China in recent decades after having been denigrated as one of the "four olds" during the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s and '70s. On Wednesday, according to state media, Xi Jinping became the first Chinese president to address an international meeting on Confucius. It isn't known for sure what Xi said at the meeting, which was at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Foreign reporters weren't invited or allowed to attend.

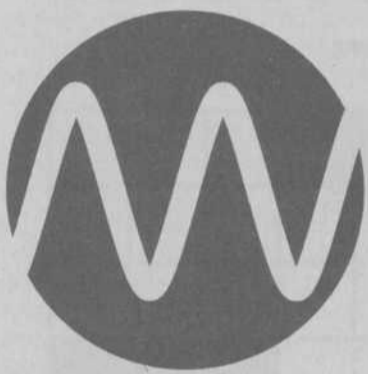
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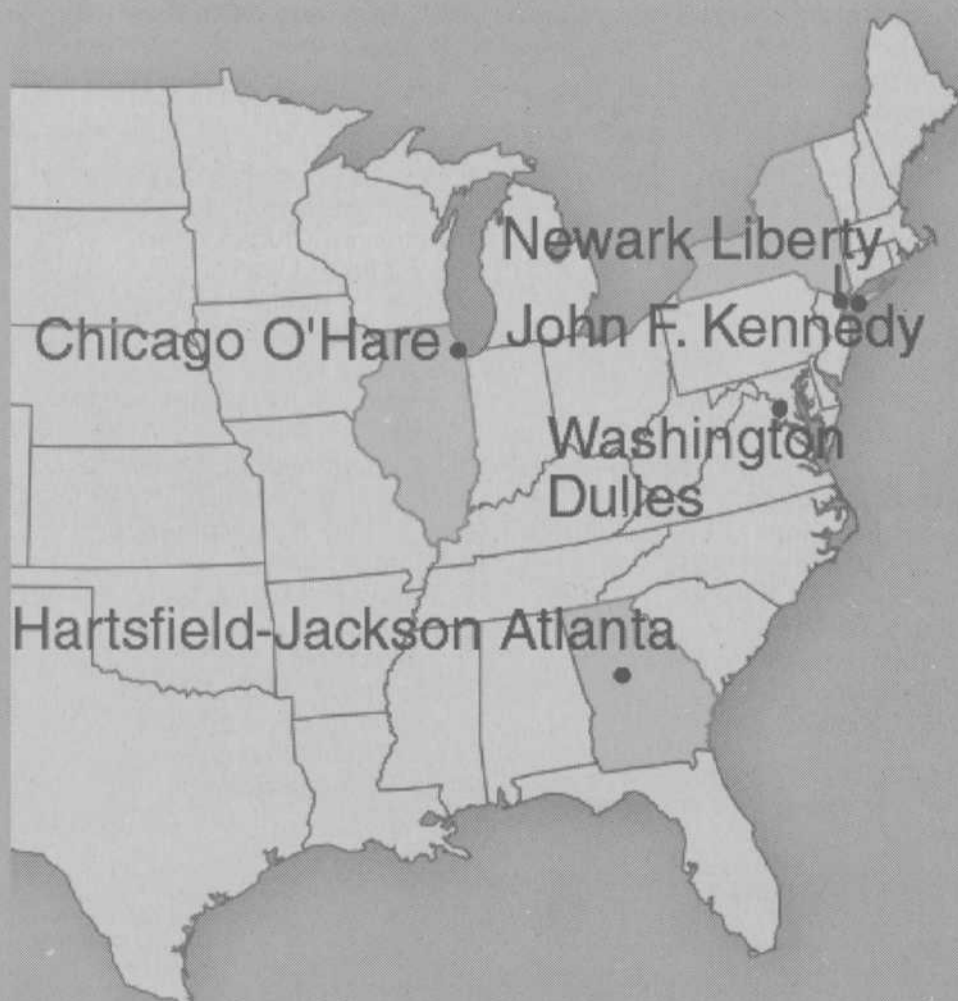


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REINVENTING ALTERNATIVE

Flight screening

The Department of Homeland Security announced Tuesday that all travelers from Ebola outbreak countries in West Africa (Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea) will be funneled through one of these five U.S. airports with enhanced screening.



Source: Reuters
Graphic: Greg Good

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Tightened guidance for U.S. healthcare workers

Given the intensive and invasive care that U.S. hospitals provide for Ebola patients, the tightened guidelines are more directive in recommending no skin exposure when Personal protective equipment is worn.

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Single-use, full-face shield that is disposable

Surgical hoods to ensure complete coverage of the head and neck

Surgical gloves

Disposable suit is secured with front zipper

Second pair of surgical or rubber gloves

Boot covers that are waterproof and go to at least mid-calf

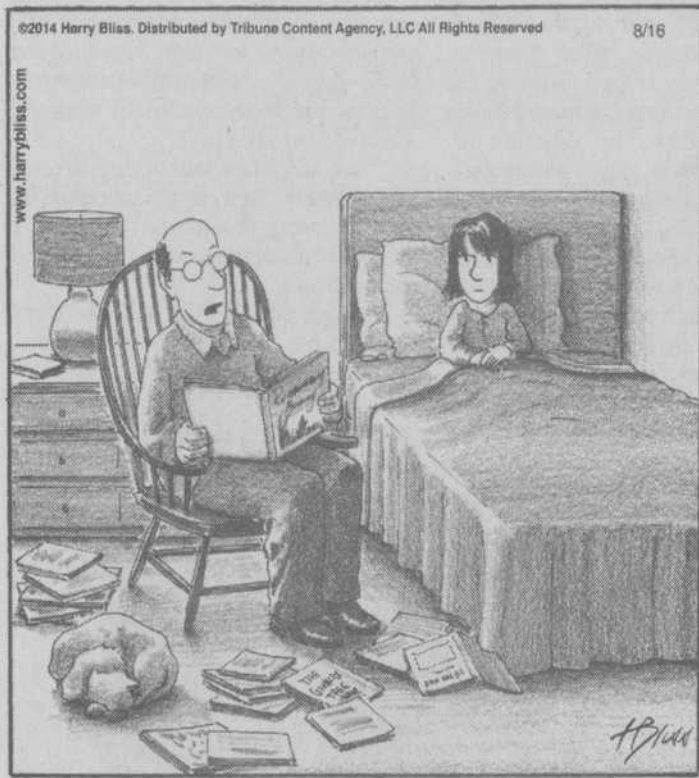
Apron that is waterproof and covers the torso to the level of the mid-calf (and that covers the top of the boots or boot covers) should be used if Ebola patients have vomiting or diarrhea

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Sudoku (intermediate)

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Best in Show

by Phil Juliano



THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- "_ Dad"
- One of the Three Stooges
- Actress Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Of the Far East
- Performed surgery with a high-powered beam
- Role on "The Big Bang Theory"
- Pounds: abbr.
- Role on "The Man from U.N.C.L.E."
- Arm joint
- "Grand Ole _"
- Connery or Penn
- Bitter
- "Hangin' with Mr. _"
- "Seven _ for Seven Brothers"
- Source of distress
- Actress Summer
- Dad on "American Dad!"
- Marie Barone's hubby
- Potter's material
- Neighbor of Mexico: abbr.
- "Sesame _"
- Actor Flynn

- Choices for contestants on "Let's Make a Deal"
- "Never _ Go"; movie for Carey Mulligan and Keira Knightley
- Yoko _
- Labyrinths

DOWN

- Pepper _; grinding device
- Saudi or Iraqi
- Actor on "Chicago Fire"
- "_ Life to Live"
- "The _ Skelton Hour"
- Farrow or Sara
- Rover's item
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's _"
- E-mail provider for millions
- Actress on "Mike & Molly"
- "_ I Met Your Mother"
- "Sanford and _"
- Marvin or Majors
- Cheers, for one
- Pea casing
- Actress _ McClanahan
- Calendar periods: abbr.
- "_ This Morning"
- Bit of cereal grain
- "Snakes _ Plane"; Samuel L. Jackson movie
- Two-cup item
- "The _ & Stimpj Show"
- "Boys Don't _"; Hilary Swank film
- "My Big _ Greek Wedding"
- "_ Miserables"
- "_ Like It Hot"
- Tavern orders
- Monogram for Justice O'Connor
- 2000 pounds
- Little friend of Winnie the Pooh
- "A Nightmare on _ Street"; Johnny Depp movie
- Actor Stephen _

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Sports

Like Bush, Obama rebuffs pardon for boxing great Jack Johnson

Anita Kumar
McClatchy News

WASHINGTON — For nine years, a pair of Capitol Hill lawmakers have asked the president of the United States to pardon posthumously American boxing legend Jack Johnson.

President George W. Bush did not act, but in 2009 the congressmen thought they might be able to persuade the nation's first African-American president to do so on behalf of the world's first African-American heavyweight boxing champion. But President Barack Obama hasn't issued a pardon either, and his administration says it's unlikely he will.

That isn't stopping the lifelong boxing fans from trying again.

Republicans Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Rep. Peter King of New York, now joined by two Democrats, again introduced a congressional resolution last week calling on Obama to pardon Johnson a century after his racially motivated conviction of taking a woman across state lines for immoral purposes.

"As we look back on our nation's history, the Jack Johnson case is a shameful stain, apparent to all," McCain said recently. "Rectifying this injustice is long overdue."

The Justice Department, however, generally doesn't consider pardons for people after they die, according to department guidelines. Those investigations are lengthy and complex, and the department would rather spend its resources on the pardon and commutation requests of living people, the guidelines say.

"It is the department's position that the limited resources which are available to process requests for president clemency — now being submitted in record numbers — are best dedicated to requests submitted by persons who can truly benefit from a grant of the request," pardon attorney Ronald Rodgers wrote to King in December 2009. The pardon attorney, at Justice, assists the president in the exercise of executive clemency.

Posthumous pardons are extremely rare but they have been granted.

In 1999, President Bill Clinton pardoned Lt. Henry O. Flipper, the Army's first African-American to graduate from West Point, who'd been forced out of the military in 1882 after white officers accused him of embezzling commissary funds. In 2008, Bush pardoned Charles Winters, who'd been convicted of violating the Neutrality Act in 1948 by helping to transfer two B-17 aircraft to Israel.

The White House referred questions about Johnson to the Department of Justice. A Justice spokesman didn't comment except to say the department

doesn't have a pending application for Johnson.

Johnson, born to former slaves in Texas, was initially denied the right to fight professionally because of his race. When he was finally granted the opportunity, he defeated the title holder to become the first African-American heavyweight champion. He reigned over the boxing world from 1908 to 1915 before losing his heavyweight title to a white fighter — Jess Willard — in Havana, Cuba, in 1915. But he kept his influence over the boxing world, including future fighter Muhammad Ali.

Johnson's success in the ring — and indulgent lifestyle — prompted resentment as well as a search for a white boxer who could defeat him, dubbed the "great white hope." After Johnson defeated a white champion who'd returned from retirement to fight him, race riots broke out in several cities.

Soon after, an all-white jury convicted Johnson of transporting a white girlfriend across state lines, under the Mann Act, a law designed to prevent trafficking of women for prostitution. He eventually served 366 days in prison.

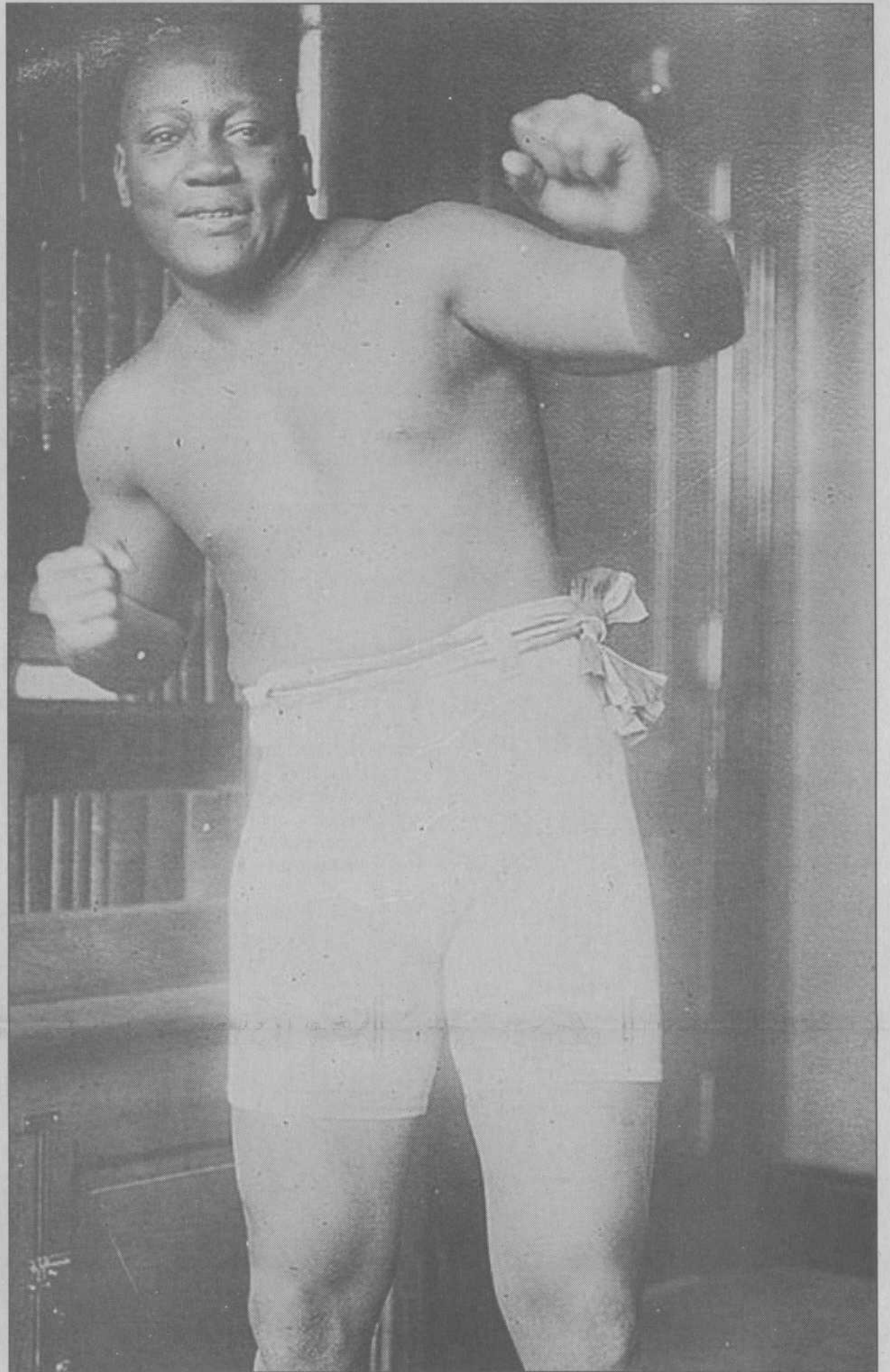
"Jack Johnson was a legendary competitor who defined an era of American boxing and raised the bar for all American athletics," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., a former boxer who added his name to this year's resolution. "Johnson's memory was unjustly tarnished by a racially motivated criminal conviction, and it is now time to recast his legacy."

A similar resolution failed in Congress in 2004. In 2008, the House of Representatives approved a resolution but the Senate did not. In 2009, the Senate and House passed the resolution, the first time since 1974 that both chambers had passed a concurrent resolution recommending a posthumous pardon for Johnson. They did so again in 2011.

Johnson died in a car crash in North Carolina in 1946 at age 68, after being refused service at a diner near Raleigh. His story has been chronicled in numerous stage and film productions of "The Great White Hope," including a 1970 film starring James Earl Jones, and more recently in "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson," a PBS documentary by Ken Burns.

"Jack Johnson was one of the great African-American athletes," said Sen. William "Mo" Cowan, D-Mass. "His skill and perseverance to get back up every time he was knocked down made him a champion in the eyes of the sports world and for those who, like him, pursued their dreams despite racial intolerance."

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For nine years, two lawmakers have asked the president to pardon posthumously boxing legend Jack Johnson, seen here circa 1910-1915. Republicans Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Rep. Peter King of New York, now joined by two Democrats, again introduced a resolution calling on Obama to pardon Johnson decades after his racially motivated conviction.

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STACK-O'-LANTERN

These jacks may look rather precarious, but they're actually held up by a fence post. First, pound a steel U-post firmly into the ground. Carve a 4- to 5-inchwide hole in the top and bottom of several pumpkins (as many as it takes to cover the length of the post). Leave one with its top intact. Clean out the insides, then carve faces. Carefully thread them onto the post, ending with the pumpkin that has the intact top. To light your stack, place a glow stick or battery-operated candle inside each pumpkin.

Costume and pumpkin ideas

Family Fun

treats and trick tips



HOUSE-O'-LANTERN

When you put a big smile on the face of your haunted house, you're sure to do the same for your trick-or-treaters.

- Measure the inside of an appropriate window and cut corrugated cardboard to fit tightly.
- Draw a face on the cardboard, then cut out the pieces with a craft knife.
- On the interior side of the cardboard, use a glue stick to cover the openings with orange tissue paper.
- Set the cardboard in the window and use painter's or masking tape to hold it in place.
- Place a lamp near the window to light your house-o'-lantern!



PARANORMAL PRETZELS

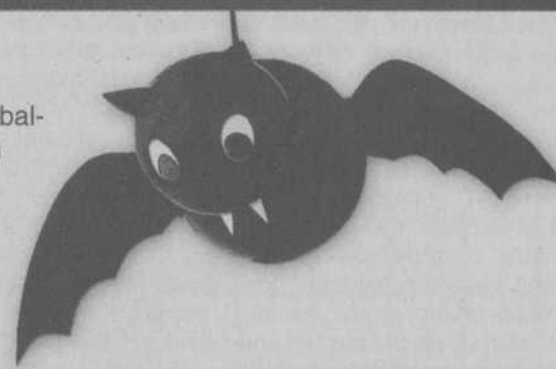
These bug-eyed beings are easy to make in large batches for a Halloween gathering or classroom party:

- Place yogurt pretzels on parchment paper.
- Heat candy melts according to the package directions.
- Spoon each color into a ziplock bag and snip off one tiny corner. Let the candy cool for a minute, then pipe it into the holes.
- Before the filled areas set, add sprinkles or small candies for pupils.

VAMPIRE BALLOON BAT

Want to string up some little suckers? For each bat, inflate two black balloons to make a body 12 inches in diameter and a head 8 inches in diameter.

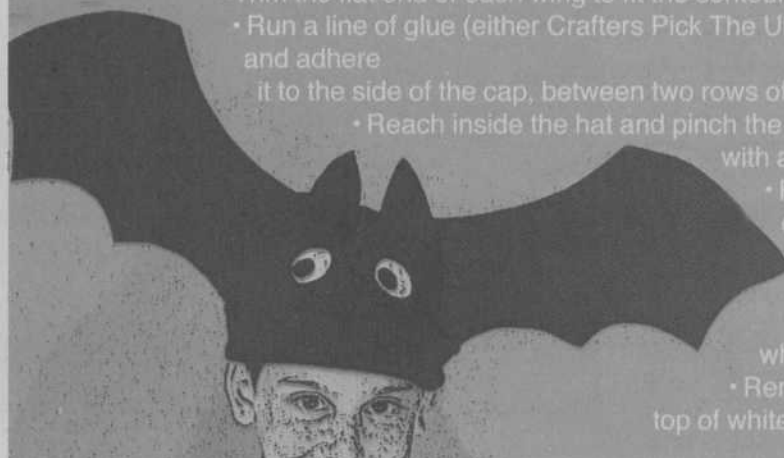
- With black duct tape, attach them at the knots.
- Cut ear, eye, wing, and fang shapes from black and white card stock, then use duct tape to attach them to the balloons.
- To hang the bat, attach one end of a black ribbon with duct tape near where the head and body meet.



QUICK COSTUME: BAT HAT

Don this hat for an instant costume, or wear it all month long to express your batty Halloween style. The bat's wings flap as you move, making it a real head-turner. To make one:

- Cut two bat wings, ears, and pupils from a 12- by 18-inch sheet of stiff black felt.
- Cut eye circles from white felt.
- Trim the flat end of each wing to fit the contour of a black knit hat.
- Run a line of glue (either Crafters Pick The Ultimate glue or fabric glue) along the edge of a wing and adhere it to the side of the cap, between two rows of knitting if possible.
- Reach inside the hat and pinch the fabric around the wing's edge, clamping it in place with a clothespin or two.
- Repeat the steps for the second wing. Let the glue dry.
- Remove the clothespins, then glue the two ears in place using the same technique.
- When the glue is dry, try on the hat and decide where you'd like the eyes.
- Remove the hat and glue on the eyes (black circles on top of white).



FORKED EYEBALLS

These treats, prepared and eaten on the same fork, begin with a doughnut hole dunked in white chocolate.

- To coat a dozen doughnut holes, melt 2 (11-ounce) bags of white chocolate chips over low heat (and keep the chocolate warm while you work).
- With a fork, spear each doughnut hole and submerge it in the melted chocolate to coat it, then gently tap off any excess.
- Stick a semisweet chocolate chip with its point cut off onto each doughnut hole, cut end first.
- Place the forks (handle side down) in a mug and allow the chocolate coating to harden.
- Use a tube of red decorator frosting to add squiggly veins radiating out from the pupils.



FISHY FOOD FOR FRIGHT NIGHT

Pumpkins in graduated sizes form this hungry trio, with the biggest fish keeping an eerie gourd eye on his prey. Tail fins, made from the pumpkin tops, help to speed the chase along:

- Carve the pumpkins as shown, cutting the mouths from the tops of the pumpkins. Break off the stems.
- Cut a small piece from the large fish's tail fin and secure it to the head with toothpicks.
- Use toothpicks to attach the tail fins to the bottoms of the pumpkins.
- Secure a gourd in the large fish's eye socket with toothpicks.



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON: How did Halloween begin? The holiday traces back to the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain. The ancient Celts from Britain and Ireland observed the start of the new year on November 1, All Souls Day. The day marked the end of summer and the harvest. Folks came to believe that on October 31, the worlds of the living and dead overlapped before the start of the new year. October 31 became All Hallows Eve, a time where the ghosts of the dead could return to destroy the harvest that was stored for winter. People set bonfires on hilltops to ward off the evil spirits before the start of the winter season.

