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# Aldi moves Niles location to Touhy Avenue

BY IGOR STUDENKOV  
Pioneer Press

The chilly weather on the morning of March 2 didn't keep curious shoppers away as Aldi officials opened the chain's newest location. In fact, the crowds were so large that the officials decided to cut the ribbon a few minutes early.

Until recently, the discount supermarket chain had its Niles location on Waukegan Road, near Jarvis Avenue. But the location was closed on March 1, and the newly built location at 6250 W. Touhy Ave. opened a day later.

Officials from Aldi's Batavia division and Niles village officials were on hand to mark the opening. After the ceremonies were completed, officials were seen helping customers and pushing carts around, while Trustee Rosemary Palicki took the opportunity to get some shopping done. And while not everybody went away completely pleased, most customers who spoke to the Niles Herald-Spectator said they liked the new location.

The new store is located on a parcel formerly occupied by the Landmark Ford dealership. Costco, which has a store in the area, purchased the lot to redevelop it. It sold a portion of the land to Aldi, using the rest to build new gas pumps. While the pumps have been operating since the fall of 2014, building a new Aldi from scratch took a few months longer.

The move has been in the works for the past few months. Scott Patton, vice president of Aldi's Batavia division, said that the chain wanted to move to a busier, more visible location.

"It's near a stoplight on Touhy, and we got excellent visibility from the road," he said.

The new location has other advantages. It is located within walking distance of the Leaning Tower of Niles and the Leaning Tower YMCA. The store has a larger parking lot and more public transit connections — Pace bus route 290, CTA route 85A and Niles Free Bus routes 411 and 413 stop near the new location.

Patton also said that the new location offered more space.

"We have products [in the new location] that we couldn't carry in the old store," he said. "We didn't have a place to put them, so our



IGOR STUDENKOV/PHOTOS FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Customers enter the newly opened Niles Aldi location at 6250 W. Touhy Ave. shortly after the March 2 ribbon-cutting.

customers didn't know what they were missing."

That included the expanded produce section, a larger wine selection and healthier food.

The ribbon-cutting was originally scheduled for 9 a.m. But by 8:45 a.m., the line already stretched along the wall, and the officials decided to do the opening earlier. Ten minutes later, customers kept coming.

Bonnie Davidson, of Niles, was one of the customers waiting in line. She said she'd never been to an Aldi before and she was curious to see what the store was like.

"I'm glad to see it open," she said.

Inside, employees handed out samples of products like cheese and chocolates, while kids got balloons. The first 100 customers got \$100 store gift cards. All customers were invited to submit their names for a prize drawing that would earn them discounts on produce.

Palicki was the only Village

Board member to attend the opening.

"We are delighted to see the store open, and we are delighted to have it on Touhy Avenue," she said.

After the ribbon-cutting was completed, she and her husband, Len Palicki, took the opportunity to do some shopping. The trustee later said she liked the customer service and the selection of products.

But not everybody who came to the store was entirely pleased. Jim Dubrock, of Park Ridge, said he usually shops at an Aldi store farther west, but he decided to check out the new Niles location out of curiosity. As he headed out the door, he said that he'd rather stick to his usual location.

"It was very difficult to navigate," said Dubrock. "I've asked where things are so many times. I'm going back to my usual store."

*Igor Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.*



Trustee Rosemary Palicki and her husband, Len Palicki, finish their shopping in the new Touhy Avenue Aldi store.

# Cause unknown for duplex fire in Maine Township

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

The cause of a fire that broke out inside a duplex in unincorporated Maine Township is under investigation.

Firefighters were called to 9254 Aspen Drive, just north of Church Street, around 10:40 p.m., March 5, after a resident in the adjoining home reported smelling smoke and believed it was coming from

next door, said Richard Dobrowski, chief of the North Maine Fire Department.

The fire was discovered on the first floor in a rear room of the two-story residence. It was under control within 12 minutes of the fire department's arrival, Dobrowski said.

No one was inside the residence at the time the fire occurred and there were no injuries, the chief said. The cause remains

under investigation, he said.

Fire and smoke damage was reported inside two, first-floor rooms, though no estimates of the damage were available from the fire department.

North Maine firefighters received assistance from the fire departments of Park Ridge, Niles, Des Plaines and Glenview.

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## Rep. Fine co-sponsors bill to reduce LLC fees

BY TODD SHIELDS  
Pioneer Press

State Rep. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, is supporting legislation to lower fees for businesses forming limited liability companies.

She said small and independently owned businesses employ more than 98 percent of Illinois residents, adding businesses needed limited liability company protection.

Limited liability companies are protected against creditors claiming the personal assets of business owners, such as homes or vehicles.

Fine is co-sponsoring House Bill 325 to reduce the fees from \$500 to \$150.

"This needs to done and Illinois' high LLC fees are just another road block. I've found this quite often in my district," Fine said.

Her 17th District covers Evanston, Glenview, Golf, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Northfield, Skokie and Wilmette.

"Helping business owners establish their own LLC, to better protect themselves and the jobs they create,



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State representative, Laura Fine during a meeting at the Wilmette Public Library, Feb. 24, 2015.

should be a priority," she said.

"Over the coming months, the Legislature must address the fiscal crisis facing our state," Fine added. "Improving the business climate is a critical component to reviving Illinois' economy, and this legislation will help make our state friendlier to job creators."

Shalom Klein, founder and chairman of Skokie-based Jewish B2B Networking, has 25,000 members in Illinois, mostly in the Chicago area.

The network was formed in 2010.

Klein said LLC fees in Delaware, for example, are only about \$90.

"Illinois is still a very good place for small business owners because of good transportation, but especially because the people here are very willing to help others," he said. "It's the people in Illinois, but we need to be more competitive."

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# Suburbs try new approach in O'Hare jet noise battle

BY JON HILKEVITCH  
Tribune reporter

A suburban group that, beginning in the early 1980s, led the fight against new runways at O'Hare International Airport is launching a new, non-confrontational strategy to address jet noise, officials said Friday.

The Suburban O'Hare Commission, consisting of 10 suburbs and DuPage County, has signed two contracts totaling \$285,000 to hire nationally recognized aviation experts to explore solutions to reduce the effects of airplane noise on residential areas around O'Hare.

The commission's goal is no longer to fight the City of Chicago on its plans to greatly increase flights at O'Hare, but instead to collect the most accurate technical information available about air traffic routings, airplane operations, noise measurement and noise abatement efforts to make a sound argument to bring about relief in affected communities, officials

said.

"We admit we lost the fight against O'Hare expansion," Craig Johnson, commission chairman and Elk Grove mayor, said. "What we are trying to do now is make the airport a better neighbor."

The consultants hired by the commission include JDA Aviation Technology Solutions and Lockridge Grindal Nauen Aviation, both based in Washington. Experts on the team include former high-level officials in the Federal Aviation Administration and acoustic scientists.

The scope of the work will include studying the impact of airplane noise on residential areas that includes homes outside of the area that the FAA defines as being most affected by jet noise. Under current standards, the FAA averages noise over a 24-hour period. Homes in areas in which the daily average is less than 65 decibels are not eligible for federally funded sound insulation.

The commission's experts will also seek

to identify operational changes that might be made at O'Hare to reduce noise without reducing safety, officials said. A common explanation from the airlines and airport officials is that "fly quiet" procedures cannot be used under some wind conditions and when plane takeoff weights exceed certain thresholds.

The experts are expected to submit recommendations to the commission by fall, Johnson said.

"Before we meet with Chicago and the FAA, we need to have a game plan that stands up to scrutiny," he said. "That's when we can sit down on a level playing field and get some true solutions for everybody."

Johnson said he and fellow commission members are not discouraged by the fact that Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago aviation officials have refused to spread out jet noise by using more runways at night or taken other steps to mitigate the problem, even in the face of the record number of noise complaints filed with the city since a

new O'Hare runway opened in October 2013.

"I think City Hall won't be able to ignore us if we have a big enough voice," Johnson said.

That voice includes Chicagoans on the northwest side who live under new flight paths and the members of the Suburban O'Hare Commission —Addison, Bensenville, DuPage County, Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove Township, Elmhurst, Hanover Park, Itasca, Roselle, Schiller Park and Wood Dale.

"Rahm got a little wake-up call the other day," he added, referring to the Feb. 24 mayoral election in Chicago.

The team of aviation experts hired by the commission will be introduced at a meeting set for 7 p.m. April 1 at Village Hall, 901 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village.

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## Police chiefs await legislation on officer body cameras

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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As some police departments begin eyeing the use of officer body cameras, the chiefs of police of Park Ridge and Niles are a bit more hesitant to fully embrace the new technology immediately.

For Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski, establishing clear legal guidelines on the use of such cameras must come before any widespread usage occurs.

"I think body cameras will be the equipment officers will have in the future, but I would tend to wait [to use them] until the [state] legislature deals with this issue," Kaminski said.

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, on which Kaminski serves as a member of the board of officers, has been studying the use of body cameras for about the last two years and working with lobbyists to get state laws passed so the cameras can be used by law enforcement, Kaminski said.

"We have the cameras in cars and the next extension of that would be the body cameras," he explained.

But a number of legal questions must be answered first, the chief said. The first involves the state's so-called eavesdropping law. New rules signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn late last year make it legal to record police officers who are speaking to members of the public as part of their police duties, but the law does not specifically address body cameras.

Niles Acting Police Chief Dennis McE-

nerney also believes body cameras may have a place in law enforcement, but for now, like Kaminski, he believes guidelines need to be established and costs determined.

"It may be a thing of the future, but right now it's not a priority [for Niles]," he said.

McEnerney focused on the potential cost of the cameras — particularly related to the storage of what could quickly amount to thousands of hours of video.

"From what I understand, it's quite

***"My goal is to protect my officers against complaints and we take civilian complaints seriously.... But at this point in time I don't see an immediate need for it."***

*—Dennis McEnerney, Niles acting police chief*

expensive at this point," he said. "We'd have to review it a little bit more before we make a decision."

But both Kaminski and McEnerney believe cameras can be beneficial to their respective police departments. Both referenced the current use of squad car dashboard cameras and how they are beneficial when complaints regarding an officer's conduct during traffic stops are made.

"I think this is good for law enforcement," Kaminski said. "With traffic stops, when we get a complaint we go right to that camera and it validates what the officer did 99.9 percent of the time, I would say. The [body] cameras would offer

another check and balance to show to the public we are accountable and we are responsible."

McEnerney said in-car cameras have helped officers before when complaints have been lodged, but he is not yet convinced that body cameras are a requirement for officers right now.

"My goal is to protect my officers against complaints and we take civilian complaints seriously," McEnerney said. "If there was such a demand for [the cameras], if the

department was receiving a tremendous amount of complaints, we'd have to do something. But at this point in time I don't see an immediate need for it."

State Sen. Dan Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) said legislation concerning body cameras has been proposed in Springfield, though he has not yet read the text of the bill. One question he has is whether the footage from the cameras would be made available to the public and media organizations through the Freedom of Information Act.

"I don't know what this means for the privacy of citizens," he said.

The cost of the cameras could also be burdensome on departments, particularly when Gov. Bruce Rauner has proposed

cuts in state funding to municipalities, Kotowski said.

"I'm all for technology to improve government-related services, including technology, to help get a better understanding and improve accountability for the people working in public safety," he said. "But, I'm very concerned [body camera] legislation would impose an unfunded mandate on municipalities right now."

Rep. Marty Moylan (D-Des Plaines) said if the bill legislating body cameras comes up for a vote, he will support it.

"I think it protects both the individual and the police officers against charges that are false," he said. "It also protects the individual because there would be a recording of what was actually happening."

Moylan added that he would like to see the results of the Chicago Police Department's pilot program as well.

Chicago police officers are testing out body cameras in some areas of the city. The devices they use are clipped to their vests and can be activated with the click of a button.

Officers are instructed to record just about all their interactions with citizens from start to finish even if the citizen doesn't want to be recorded.

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# Couple targeted in tax-season scam; police describe warning signs

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When a Morton Grove woman answered her phone recently, a caller claiming to be with the IRS tax fraud division began talking about her family's 2008-2012 tax evasion and tax fraud.

The woman felt something was amiss because her husband had a stroke in 2005 and wasn't working in 2008-2012. The caller sounded threatening, citing a case number, stating her husband owed \$3,000 and making threats about losing their home and being on the hook for nearly \$100,000.

The woman called police, who told her it was a scam.

"It seems that every year during tax season, the IRS scams pop up," Morton Grove police Officer Adam Tabor said.

"The IRS is never going to call demanding immediate payment and threatening arrest. They always contact you first by a letter in postal mail, and give you an opportunity to appeal the amount."

While the IRS scam is prevalent now, many types of scammers try to prey on people throughout the year, Tabor said. One of the common hallmarks is that they demand you pay in the form of a Green Dot card, which is a type of cash card available at local stores, or a Western Union payment. Some even ask you to give the money to an agent of theirs who will come to your house.

That happened recently to a Niles woman, who lost thousands of dollars. On Feb. 12, she received a phone call from a Polish-speaking man who identified himself as her nephew and asked to borrow \$10,000 for his business. She withdrew \$7,500 from her bank, even though a teller warned her it might be a scam, and gave it to a messenger who arrived at her home. Only later, when she phoned her nephew in Poland and he told her he had never called to ask for money, did she realize she had been tricked.

"We call that the grandparents' scam," Tabor said. "They might call up and say, 'it's me,' or 'I'm your favorite grandson.' Then the grandparent asks, 'Is that you, Jeff?' or whatever the grandson's name is. And he answers, 'Yes, Grandma, it's Jeff.' And now he's got the grandson's name."

Almost always, these scammers ask the grandparent to buy a Green Dot card, and they warn the grandparent not to tell their parent, lest they get in trouble.

Tabor also warned of the lottery scam, in which scammers announce you've won a

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— Adam Tabor, Morton Grove police officer

great deal of money but have to pay taxes on it before you can claim it — naturally, with a Green Dot card.

"Legitimate contests are never going to ask for money upfront," he said.

Tabor told seniors, especially, to be wary of anyone who comes to their door and pretends to be a village inspector or handyman and tells them they need to show them a problem with their water connection or some other thing in their homes. When the first scammer takes the senior down to the basement to show him or her the "problem," a second scammer enters through the unlocked door and cases the house for cash, jewelry and electronics.

If an unknown person knocks at your door, talk through a window or through a locked screen door, Tabor advises. You do want to let them know you're home, but don't let them in. Do call the police to advise them of the incident, he said.

Tabor and fellow Morton Grove police Officer Gina Lietz say they have spoken with managers of local stores that sell Green Dot cards and asked them to make their cashiers aware that they are often used in scams.

The officers have put up warnings on the Police Department's Facebook page and will give a presentation on avoiding scams at 11:45 a.m. April 14 at the Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove. They will also discuss how to prevent identity theft.

Tabor said he's aware that many of the crimes, such as the distraction burglaries, spring from people's natural inclination to be friendly.

"But you have to be a little bit suspicious these days," he said.

Tabor can be reached at (847) 663-3804 with questions or for more information.

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#### DRUG POSSESSION

■ Leonard Ackerman, 60, of the 100 block of Southwind Circle, Schaumburg, was charged with possession of marijuana on Feb. 28 following a traffic stop on the 7000 block of Touhy Avenue. An officer detected an odor of marijuana inside the vehicle and a bag containing 14 grams of suspected marijuana was located, police said. Ackerman has a March 27 court date.

#### DECEPTIVE PRACTICE

■ Alisha Sargent, 23, of the 10600 block of South Oglesby, Chicago, was charged with deceptive practice on March 1 after she allegedly used a fraudulent prescription in an attempt to obtain narcotic painkillers from a pharmacy on the 9000 block of Golf Road. According to police, the pharmacist became suspicious because the prescription paper "seemed unusually worn" and that Sargent lived

on Chicago's far south side, very far from Niles. When the pharmacist contacted the doctor whose name was on the prescription, the doctor reportedly said he did not know Sargent and did not prescribe her any medication. She has a March 27 court date.

#### RETAIL THEFT

■ Alexander Pajak, 42, of the 1800 block of East Wike Avenue, Des Plaines, was charged with felony retail theft on Feb. 27. According to police, Pajak was accused of placing two bottles of vodka in his pants and one up the sleeve of his coat before exiting a store on the 8900 block of Greenwood Avenue. The vodka was valued at \$56. He has a March 17 court date.

■ Maryanne Javier, 42, of the 0-100 block of Standish Lane, Schaumburg, was charged with felony retail theft on March 3 after she allegedly stole \$310 worth of cosmetics from a store inside Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a March 27 court date.

#### DUI

■ Emmanuel Joseph, 45, of the 7900 block of Arcadia Avenue, Morton Grove,

was charged with driving under the influence on Feb. 28 following a traffic stop at Milwaukee Avenue and Keeney Street at 8:24 p.m. He has a March 27 court date.

#### HARASSMENT

■ A 20-year-old Niles woman told police on March 4 that nude photographs of her had been posted without her permission on a social media site. When a police officer contacted one of the individuals suspected of posting the photos, the woman reportedly swore at the officer and said she was "high and drunk" and could not speak at the moment, as she was driving. When a second suspect was contacted by police, she also allegedly swore at the officer upon answering the phone. When the officer asked her if she would remove the photographs from her social media page, the woman allegedly said she would "try" and hung up.

#### CITIZEN ASSIST

■ A man was found asleep, face-down on the floor in front of a toilet inside a store on the 8200 block of Golf Road on March 1. An employee told police that

the man had been inside the restroom for two hours, though he had checked on him a few times. When awoken, the 32-year-old man reportedly told police that had the flu and must have fallen asleep or fell down. Police said it appeared the man might have been homeless and he was walked out of the store by officers.

#### THEFT

■ A knife set was stolen March 1 from a vehicle parked March 1 in a parking lot on the 9700 block of Greenwood Avenue. ■ A man allegedly stole a charging device valued at \$39.88 from a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue on March 3.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ A man told police that he suspected three children of throwing rocks at his 2014 BMW as he drove by them on the 7800 block of Caldwell Avenue on the morning of March 1. The three individuals ran across the street and were located in the rear of a parking lot, but the driver declined to pursue any police action, police said. The children's mother was called to pick them up.

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# OCC's health center offers realistic training

BY JON DAVIS  
Special to the Tribune

The Margaret Burke Lee Science and Health Careers Center stands out on Oakton Community College's campus, a clear and teal glass rectangle atop a red stone base, taller than its neighbors.

The architectural statement reinforces what the building's namesake says is part of OCC's general commitment to green stewardship — in the edifice and the coursework inside.

The Lee Center hosts classes in biology, chemistry, earth science, medical laboratory technology, nursing, physical therapist assistance and physics. Science labs offer some of the only undergraduate research training facilities in community colleges nationwide, officials say, and a simulated hospital ward gives nursing students a realistic dose of what's to come.

The center celebrated an official opening last week with between 175 and 200 guests witnessing Lee snip a ceremonial ribbon, but the center has been used by students and faculty since Jan. 20.

"Even as we shape our families at home, even as we shape our communities at work, we are shaped by them in turn," Lee said before citing Winston Churchill's comment, "We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us."

"I so look forward to this beautiful space shaping many lives and tomorrows," she said.

The three-story, 93,000-square-foot structure is the centerpiece of OCC's five-year facilities master plan approved in 2010, and the first new building erected at the Des Plaines campus since 2000.

Still pending in that \$68.5 million plan is construction of a student meeting center. Already completed are an enrollment center, general classroom upgrades and park-



JON DAVIS PHOTO

A programmable dummy patient awaits nursing students in the hospital simulation ward at Oakton Community College's new Margaret Burke Lee Science and Health Careers Center.

ing lot work that included installation of drainage bio-swales.

Tours of the center highlighted its green construction, from use of recycled materials and natural lighting to energy-efficient LED fixtures with motion sensors to automatically adjust lighting, water bottle refill stations for students and faculty using their own bottles, low-flush toilets and elevators that don't use oil as a lubricant.

The Lee Center was designed to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards and qualifies for Gold status, said architect Michael Lundein, associate director of higher education at Legat Architects.

An entire simulated hospital suite — replete with beds in common and private rooms — will let nursing and other medical profession students practice with sensory dummies that can be programmed to respond as patients with various illnesses would.

Mary Meyer, RN, manager of nursing professional development and research at Glenbrook Hospital, said the "very realistic" suite will help students get past the inevitable jitters that come with first exposure to an actual hospital environment. Such facilities help students because patient reactions and unexpected developments can be simulated and analyzed before they ever enter the sink-or-swim

environment of a hospital, she said.

"They're better prepared when they come to clinical settings," Meyer said. "They're expected to jump right in and practice what they've learned, and this will help them do that."

Lee is retiring in June after 20 years at the helm of OCC (and 10 years as vice president). A search for her replacement is underway.

Naming the building is "in honor of all the things she's done and who she is," said William Stafford, chairman of OCC's board of trustees. "She has left an indelible mark on our facilities."

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## Blood drive canceled after students miss class time

BY NATALIE HAYES  
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A group of honor students at Niles West High School are crying foul after administrators canceled a bi-annual blood drive planned that helps bring in college scholarship money.

Niles West's National Honor Society planned to host its second in-school blood drive of the school year on Feb. 25, but administrators banned it at the last minute after problems arose during a similar event

at Niles North last week.

The blood drive at Niles West was called off after too many students missed class time waiting in long lines to donate during Niles North's blood drive, according to Jim Szczepaniak, community relations director for the school district.

"[The schools] are all for blood drives, but we don't want to be doing any activity that will take kids out of class," Szczepaniak said. "There were a lot of issues and challenges [at the Niles North blood drive] and one was that a lot of kids spent time waiting in line

and never got to donate blood."

Sponsored by student philanthropic group "Dance Marathon" and the schools' National Honor Society organizations, the biannual drives have raised about 100 pints of blood per event in years past.

About 90 students volunteered to give blood during the most recent blood drive at Niles West in December—an amount that serves roughly 300 people in need of blood, according to Quinn Nguyen, a Niles West senior who volunteers for the Dance Marathon charity.

Blood bank Lifesource awards schools that organize blood drives with a \$1,000 college scholarship each year, and Nguyen said the cancellation of the event will cause the school to miss out on the scholarship offering this year.

Szczepaniak said administrators were open to the possibility of moving the blood drives to weekends or after school, but no plans to reschedule have been made yet.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

# Full-day kindergarten earns support from D64 candidates

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

It's been a year since parents and community members of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 were surveyed on the topic of full-day kindergarten and now candidates running for the school board on April 7 are weighing in.

The four men vying for three four-year terms on the board each expressed support for an all-day kindergarten program when responding to a question from the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate. But they differed when it came to implementation, largely due to the financial aspect of such a change.

Athan "Tom" Sotos and Mark Eggemann suggested the district start by offering an optional full-day kindergarten class for parents who want it, rather than a mandatory, districtwide program. Both referenced the expense that changing kindergarten will have on the district.

"District 64 already has a fully committed budget and taxpayers are already burdened with additional increases for mandatory spending," Eggemann said. "To balance the interests of everyone involved, I would suggest we continue the district's half-day program, but offer an optional

full-day program for a fee to those families who may want to take advantage of such an enhanced program."

Sotos, saying his personal belief was that longer kindergarten would be a benefit to children, called for additional research to be conducted while an optional full-day program is offered. He also said he believed that parents should not pay a fee for it.

"I would like to see some studies of other districts to see if implementing full-day programs actually made a difference academically when students reached third grade and up," he said. "I think it's definitely something the district should consider and continue to explore."

Greg Bublitz, a former special education teacher who currently oversees East Maine School District 63's special services programs, also acknowledged the financial investment of implementing all-day kindergarten, but said he supports the movement toward it.

"Academic research is quite clear that early literacy education, implemented with integrity, increases the later growth of students and their access to reading and math," he said. "While it is a significant investment, in the long run the return on the investment is high considering less need

for remediation in later grades and increased academic growth for all students."

Anthony Borrelli, who currently serves as president of the District 64 Board of Education, said full-day kindergarten is the norm for the majority of school districts in Illinois.

"We should look forward to having this program in our district," he said. "However, to implement this program, one has to consider space to hold the classes and money to hire double the current number of kindergarten teachers."

Borrelli added that the district's facility master plan, which is currently in the works, must be completed to answer the space needs issue, while the school board itself will be charged with determining how to best pay the additional staffing costs.

Superintendent Laurie Heinz, who joined District 64 last summer, said there have been no recent considerations regarding full-day kindergarten and no recommendations from the current board. The facility master plan and a five-year strategic plan will "be essential before such a large-scale decision can be made within District 64," Heinz said.

In March 2014, the school board reviewed results of a community survey

answered by 1,642 people, 60 percent of them with children in District 64. Respondents were asked about various scenarios regarding full-day kindergarten, with 86 percent of parents with children in preschool expressing support for a free program at their neighborhood school. Of all respondents, 79 percent supported this option.

Support dropped for a scenario in which full-day kindergarten was offered to all children but at only one school building. Forty-one percent of parents of preschool children expressed interest. A tuition option was supported by just 32 percent of all respondents and 35 percent of parents of preschool children.

At the time, the District 64 school board opted not to pursue additional consideration of full-day kindergarten, deciding instead to hold off on a decision until the new superintendent — Heinz — was at the helm.

Some parents last year had spoken up at school board meetings, urging the district to start a full-day kindergarten program so their own children could be a part of it.

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# Capturing the Holocaust through Soviet Jewish eyes

BY MIKE ISAACS

Pioneer Press

The black-and-white photos in the Illinois Holocaust Museum's new traveling exhibition capture frozen, indelible moments of World War II and the Holocaust, but mostly through an unfamiliar set of lenses.

Russian Jewish photographers took these powerful shots, many of them so carefully and impeccably rendered that their impact stands the test of time. The photos graphically illustrate the sheer devastation and brutality of Germany's rabid aggression inside the former Soviet Union along with the liberation of the camps and ultimate exultant victory — even if they were not widely circulated in America at the time.

"Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War, and the Holocaust," now on display through Sept. 7 at the museum, is based on an eye-opening, award-winning book of photographs by curator David Shneer.

"Soviet Jewish Eyes" shows us that by looking through the camera lenses of liberator-photographers in the Soviet Union, we see another chilling image of the Holocaust — one made up of prosaic, intimate landscapes and emptiness that genocide leaves behind," Shneer said.

It's difficult to wrap one's mind around the estimate of 26 million Soviets killed during the war. To put this in some statistical perspective, Poland lost an estimated 5.6 million and the United States an estimated 420,000.

But when you see a stark photo of a barren field, the weather unsparingly brittle and cold, dead Jewish men lying motionless after a massacre, women grieving over or near their lifeless bodies, the solemnity and tragedy of events now seven decades old still take hold; they still feel immediate and palpable.

The works do not necessarily reflect impartial

photojournalism; some images had to have been staged, others their compositions altered to heighten their power.

Yet, if some of these photographs are better described as propaganda, that doesn't mean they distort a larger truth. The goal in their collective creation was not only to raise awareness about what could never have been fully comprehensible without them, but also to rally and unite a country fighting for its very survival.

Thoughtfully laid out in the museum's basement exhibition space are more than 60 photographs. They span June 22, 1941, to May 9, 1945, from the days before the brutal war waged between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union to the liberation of the camps in Poland and Victory Day.

Large-scale, dramatic prints in which art and photojournalism mix are seen among intimate-scaled vintage prints.

Ancillary encasements of artifacts, including some the museum has pulled from its own permanent collection, only add resonance to the photo display, which winds its way through themed sections. The museum has also selected Russian music, most of it classical, to play softly and somberly during a viewer's journey through "Through Soviet Jewish Eyes."

In his book, Shneer reminds readers that photos documenting the brutality imposed by Nazi Germany did not widely circulate in the United States until several years later. He views this story of the emergence of photography in the Soviet Union — especially during such a critically historical time — as a profoundly Jewish one.

"Soviet Jews were some of the most important builders of the profession of Soviet photography — as avant gardists, state photographers and photojournalists," he writes. "Many Soviet Jews created the visual



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS

The Illinois Holocaust Museum's new traveling exhibition, "Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War, and the Holocaust," displays a series of powerful World War II and Holocaust photos from the lenses of Soviet Jewish photographers. The exhibition is on display until Sept. 7 at the museum in Skokie.

record of the 'building of socialism' under Stalin and then, as liberators, documented and bore witness to its violent destruction during the war and the Holocaust."

The most prolific of the photographers — Evgenii Khaldei, Georgii Zelma and Dmitrii Baltermants — are hardly household names in the United States; still, their skill and value in documenting Germany's violent aggression into the former Soviet Union are undeniable.

As is their bravery.

Some of the photos, ones that clearly have not been staged, are up close with men fighting the war. They manage to freeze forever moments of danger and movement — a few troops hunkered down in a crevice as a large tank rolls overhead, for example.

"All these photographs were in the biggest journals and newspapers at the time," said Arielle Weininger, museum chief curator of collections and exhibitions.

They were intended to be seen by many, to stir the populace back home as Russian cities and towns were

damaged and destroyed during the vicious German siege.

The dozens of photos in the exhibition offer yet another angle on World War II and Holocaust history.

"These photographers took aesthetically arresting war images and also were the first to document Nazi atrocity sites, three years before better known western photographers such as Margaret Bourke White and Lee Miller chronicled the liberation of concentration camps in Germany," the opening panel reads.

Although the Illinois Holocaust Museum isn't the first stop for "Soviet Jewish Eyes," it is its first showing containing text in Russian as well as English.

That makes sense considering 62 percent of World War II survivors in the Chicago area were born in the former Soviet Union, according to the Holocaust Museum.

This exhibition, which presents the Soviet Jewish experience of the Holocaust, is a unique opportunity not only for our large Russian speaking Jewish population to explore their



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Along with historical photographs, the exhibit also has books and other small items on display.

dual identity, but for people of all backgrounds to recognize the efforts and extend gratitude to those who fought so valiantly," said Michael Polksky, presenting sponsor of the exhibition.

Showing for the first time in the Midwest, "Through Soviet Jewish Eyes" puts on display unforgettable World War II and Holocaust photos from the former Soviet Union, but it also tells the stories behind them.

"This exhibition is a larger war story, a Jewish story,

a Holocaust story," Weininger said. "It makes sense that it has found a home here at the museum."

■ For more information on the exhibition, access [ilholocaustmuseum.org/pages/exhibitions/special-exhibitions](http://ilholocaustmuseum.org/pages/exhibitions/special-exhibitions).

■ A commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Victory Day in the Soviet Union is scheduled for 10 to 11:30 a.m. May 8 at the museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

# D-207 prepares to adopt transgender student policies

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Pioneer Press

The Maine Township High School District 207 is expected to adopt a new set of procedures dealing with transgender and gender nonconforming students.

During the March 2 meeting, the district Board of Education held a first reading for the proposed procedure. It would create stronger, more specific language to protect transgender students from discrimination, harassment and bullying. It also set the framework for making accommodations for transgender students.

The board members didn't make many comments during the first reading. It will take a final vote on whether to adopt the new procedures during the

next meeting, which is currently scheduled for April 13.

David Beery, the district's director of communications, said that in order to protect students' privacy, D-207 doesn't keep track of how many of its students are transgender and gender nonconforming. The district already has a nondiscrimination policy in place, and transgender students are already included under that. The idea for creating procedures that specifically deal with transgender students came in response to a recommendation from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

"The proposed administrative procedure for transgender or gender nonconforming students is intended to complement and support our nondiscrimi-

nation policy, to further ensure that all District 207 students have equal access to a safe and nonhostile learning environment," Beery said. "This has been a point of discussion for a while now among suburban school districts."

The current district policies prohibit discrimination and harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. The proposed procedures would specifically prohibit bullying and harassment of students based on sexual orientation, gender identity and association with LGBT students. The procedure would also extend to bullying and harassment based on perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

The procedure would also require the district to ensure that transgender students get proper accom-

modations. The exact nature of those accommodations would be determined on case-by-case basis, but the procedure lays out a list of some of the issues to be addressed. It includes ensuring that students are addressed using their preferred names and pronouns, changing school records to reflect their gender identity, ensuring that students would be able to access bathrooms, locker rooms and other gender-segregated areas, addressing any dress code related issues and protecting student confidentiality.

The accommodations would be developed by the principal of the school the student attends, the school's complaint manager and the student's parents or guardians, with input from the students

themselves.

The district would allow transgender students to play sports, provided their participation is approved by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Under IHSA procedures, the school must present legal and medical documentation showing that the student transitioned, among other legal documents. IHSA would then review the information and consult with medical professionals to determine whether the student would participate.

"Determining appropriate accommodations is difficult because school officials must balance the rights of transgender or gender nonconforming students to freedom from discrimination and freedom of expression with the rights of other students to free-

doms for religion and expression," the procedure states.

A board attorney will be involved in setting student accommodations, and will be available to advise staff on any issues that might arise when the policy is implemented.

The procedure would call for staff to receive training in regards to dealing with transgender-related issues, the best ways to accommodate transgender students, ways to communicate with parents and other students about any issues that might arise and best strategies for dealing with bullying and harassment of transgender and gender nonconforming students.

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## NEWS

# France honors Chicago-area World War II veteran

By GREGORY PRATT  
Tribune reporter

Almost 71 years ago, Leonard Goldstein stormed a Normandy beach during the D-Day invasion. On Saturday, the 100-year-old veteran received the Legion of Honor from the French government for his bravery.

Goldstein, who was born in Chicago and raised his family in Skokie, was one of many soldiers who fought to liberate France during that battle that changed the course of history.

Vincent Floreani, the French consul general in Chicago, pinned the medal to Goldstein's chest after a ceremony at Alden Estates in Barrington where he thanked Goldstein and all the American soldiers "who were ready to sacrifice their lives for France and Western Europe" during World War II.

"Many did not return, but they are in our hearts and fortunately, Mr. Goldstein, you are among us to help us remember," Floreani said.

The Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and is the "highest honor" the French can bestow.

Goldstein thanked his fellow veterans, the audience and the people of France.

"Our country and your country will be friends forever," Goldstein said. "That's my wish."

Goldstein served as a rifleman in the 4th Infantry Division, also known as the Ivy Division or the Iron Horse, Floreani said. While landing at Normandy on June 6, 1944, Goldstein provided cover for disembarking troops. He was injured a few days later, on June 14, during an attack in the middle of the night and was sent to a hospital in England to recover, Floreani said. Goldstein received



MICHAEL SMART/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Vincent Floreani, the French consul general of Chicago, right, meets World War II veteran Leonard Goldstein, 100.

a Purple Heart.

In England, Goldstein ended his service as a driver, Floreani said.

Goldstein's daughter, Janet Noble, said the honor carried deep meaning for him and his family.

"This has been his reason for being here, staying alive, waiting for this," she said. "I know that sounds odd to say that, but he was holding on to receive this. This is the best I've seen him look in weeks. It's great."

Over the years, Goldstein would talk about the war sparingly, mostly to people from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, she said. He wasn't one to regale others with his war stories, Noble said.

"It wasn't [until] he got older that, with my son, he would sit and talk with him about what took place in the war," Noble said.

When Frank Merkendorfer, the 81-year-old Post Commander of VFW #3579, congratulated him on his honor, Goldstein returned the kind words.

"I couldn't think of anything nicer than having you gentlemen represent me," Goldstein said.

Earlier in the day, one veteran asked Goldstein his age and expressed awe when told the answer.

*"This is my life. I waited a long time for this honor to be bestowed upon me."*

— Leonard Goldstein,  
WWII veteran

"Wow," he said, with a chuckle. "You're 100 years old. I'm only 92. I'm a youngster!"

Longtime neighbors Jeanne Pepper, 79, and her husband, Dean, came to show their support. The Peppers were friends of Goldstein and his wife of more than 60 years, Sylvia, who has passed.

Jeanne Peppers said the Goldsteins were "fun neighbors" who would often go dancing together. Goldstein remained agile into his advanced years, she said, climbing on the roof to get leaves out of the gutter.

As the medal ceremony drew to a close, Goldstein said he was overwhelmed by the honor and couldn't describe his feelings.

"This is my life," he said. "I waited a long time for this honor to be bestowed upon me."

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# How Evanston's mayor got her Twitter vibe

BY BOB SEIDENBERG  
Pioneer Press

A relative newcomer to the Twitter universe, Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl is making up ground fast.

The mayor, who acknowledged she has grappled with mastering social media, made a splash when she took to Twitter earlier this week after learning that Evanston had been portrayed for its conservatism on the CBS drama, "The Good Wife."

The mayor received a phone call from her daughter, Kathy, after Sunday's episode.

"You wouldn't believe what they just said about Evanston," the mayor related her daughter as saying.

Tisdahl then watched the segment that featured a plot line in which robocalls were being sent to Evanston phone numbers to depict an opponent of character Alicia Florrick as pro-gay rights.

The move was engineered to play off the supposed conservatism of Evanston voters and drive them into Florrick's camp.

The city, which even local Democrats affectionately refer to as the "People's Republic of Evanston," regularly produces boxcar totals for U.S. Senator Dick Durbin,

U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky and other candidates carrying the progressive banner.

Tisdahl, a longtime supporter of liberal causes, tweeted out: "Evanston is not the conservative place ref. in Sunday episode. We welcome all, even uninformed TV writers. #TheGoodWife."

Tisdahl was asked last week what prompted her to make the tweet.

She had just finished hosting a "Twitter Town Meeting," another foray into the social media world.

"I was genuinely upset they would say that," she said. "You could accuse me or Evanston of lots of things," the mayor said. What was upsetting was "we're such an inclusive, diverse, wonderful community — the idea we would be portrayed as not welcoming people," she thought had to be answered.

The mayor had made an uphill journey to Sunday's tweet. She has only been using her current Twitter handle @EvanstonMayor for a short time, dating back to after the U.S. Conference of Mayor's winter meeting in January.

The mayor served on a panel at the conference, at which Evanston was awarded first prize for its Summer Youth Job

Employment program, which Tisdahl has championed.

During a panel discussion at the conference, some of the mayor's comments about the program were retweeted from a Twitter handle, playing off a fake handle like "Lizzy Tizzie," and probably the work of some fanciful students.

"I called it to her attention and said perhaps that's not the best thing," City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz said on Friday when asked about the chain of events.

Meanwhile it made sense to fix up the mayor with a real account, he said.

The city has been waging a lighthearted campaign to finish on top of a social media campaign part of the World Wildlife Fund's "We Love Cities" challenge, where the mayor could naturally play a leading role on Twitter.

On March 5, the mayor was scheduled to convene her first Twitter Town Meeting, responding to 40-plus online questions in Twitter's format of 140 characters or less.

So on March 1, after receiving the call from her daughter about the "The Good Wife" comment, the mayor talked with the city manager, known for his tech savviness,

**"@GoodWifeWriters #Evanston is not the conservative place ref. in Sunday episode. We welcome all, even uninformed TV writers. #TheGoodWife"**

— Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl

about possible options.

"I said, 'Do you want to write a letter to the producers?' She said, 'No.' I said 'What about a Tweet?' She said, 'Hmmm, that's interesting.' She composed, it we put it up, and that got some attention."

Once the mayor's tweet of displeasure was publicized in the Chicago Tribune, other twitter users began retweeting it — one of the retweets (in Spanish) landing on the Facebook page of a "Good Wife" fan club in Brazil, she discovered.

"I've gone global," an amused mayor said March 5 about her newborn social media power.

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# School wants parents to rein in St. Pat's revelers

I received an e-mail from the University of Illinois today asking for my help in conveying to my student the expectations and proper behavior regarding something called "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day."

That's an event not sanctioned by the school, but one where U of I students apparently drink to excess, damage property, get sick and pass out and other stuff like that.

Never mind that my student graduated in 2012. I still like to get the U of I's e-mail alerts so I know when there's an armed robbery or abduction or something like that on campus.

This is the first e-mail I can recall about "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day." Of course I found it interesting that the university is asking us parents for help on this one.

Typically, when we parents ask for help, such as asking to talk to a teacher about student grades, or ask housing about roommate assignments, we're told basically to get lost. You know: your kid is an adult now, it's none of your business, etc., etc. "Helicopter parents" they derisively call us.



RANDY BLASER

But now they want us to intervene because our little adults, who we've worked to protect all their precious lives, use St. Patrick's Day to go wild.

Which raises the question: Have we done too much protecting?

That's a question worth asking in light of another incident in the news last week — the plight of the parents from Maryland who were found responsible for "unsubstantiated" child neglect for letting their two young children walk home alone from a neighborhood park.

The parents say this wasn't negligence. It was part of their parenting plan to teach their children some degree of independence.

But society says different. Allowing children, in this case a 10-year-old and a 6-year-old, to walk home alone is putting the kids at risk.

I am of two minds on this one. My kids never went anywhere without a parent in tow. I guess that's why the parks in my neighborhood are empty when there isn't a Little League game or soccer game going



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Sculptor Lorado Taft's bronze *The Alma Mater* Monday July 14, 2014 on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus on Green and Wright streets.

on.

Of course, life was different for me growing up in the era before mandatory seat belts. I left the house to go play and came back in time for dinner or bed. I walked to the park, the candy store, the schoolyard or just around the neighborhood, wherever other kids were.

Statistics say it is safer for kids now than it was then. Probably because we kids who were left alone grew up to become the overprotective but-in-skis who wonder: what were our parents thinking?

But I learned a lot about independence and fending for myself as a kid. At 8 years

old I could patch a bicycle tire. Today, I have no idea how it's done.

So if parents try to instill a little freedom, responsibility and independence in their children, so they don't grow up to become out-of-control St. Patrick's Day revelers the first chance they get, what's the harm?

And what's going too far? When does active parenting become neglect?

A parenting decision could be wrong, but doesn't seem like the crime of neglect to me. Neglect is being unaware of what a child is doing because you're too drunk, too high, too spaced-out or too self-involved to know or care about what a child is doing.

## Bittersweet thoughts on the man behind New Coke



PAUL SASSONE

Donald R. Keough has died.

You didn't know him? Neither did I. But Donald R. Keough had an impact on my life, on the lives of millions of Americans, on yours, too, maybe.

He was president and chief executive officer of Coca-Cola in 1985 when the company decided to replace the soft drink America loved with something called New Coke.

Like millions of other Americans and

people around the world, I had loved Coke since I was able to remember. One of my favorite memories is sitting cross-legged in front of the black-and-white Zenith watching "Science Fiction Theater" while sipping from a not-quite-frozen 16-ounce glass bottle of Coke.

Coke almost was a synonym for America. But after World War II and with the growth of Pepsi, Coke's market share fell from 60 percent to 24 percent in 1983. Coke launched a two-year program to see if the taste of Coke could be improved.

The sweeter flavor that resulted pleased many people who took the taste test. Coke called the flavor "smoother, rounder, yet bolder."

So, in June 1985 New Coke replaced Coke, and sales rose 8 percent. But a backlash was almost immediate. Fans of old

Coke, columnists, critics, even bottlers protested. People began hoarding the old Coke.

I used to watch food ads and if a store advertised it still had real Coke, I went there. One guy in Texas, I read, bought \$1,000 worth of the old Coke.

When we were down to our last two Cokes, my wife and I bought a pizza from our favorite place and gave Coke a fine send-off. We never expected to taste Coke again.

But on July 11, New Coke was yanked from the shelves and "Classic" Coke returned. New Coke became Coke II and in 2009 disappeared completely.

But conflict over Coke continues. It's bad for our health, causes diabetes and obesity. And some people maintain Coke hasn't tasted right since real Coke was

brought back in 1985 containing high fructose corn syrup instead of sugar.

To taste real Coke, these people say, you have to buy Mexican Coke, Mexicoke, which uses sugar, comes in glass bottles and, alas, is much more expensive than American Coke.

So, it looks as if Coke always will be controversial. But I confess that with all its faults I love it still. I usually drink a 12-ounce can of Coke a day, in the evening, while I relax and watch TV, though sitting cross-legged no longer is possible.

What can I say, except, rest in peace, Mr. Keough.

On balance, did you harm me or help me?

*Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Vote to replace disconnected D219 board members

The villages of Skokie, Lincolnwood and Morton Grove are geographically ideal places to live. We are fortunate to be in close proximity to the city, the highway, the northern suburbs and to be a stone's toss from Evanston and the lake.

The real estate is affordable; the neighborhoods are safe and family friendly. The school system is good—well, mostly good. We have eight separate school districts in our three villages. Seven of the districts feed into the three D219 high schools: Niles North, Niles West and Niles Central. We have eight separate budgets and eight

school boards. Unfortunately, the coordinated effort between the respective school boards is poor.

The high school, with its excellent faculty, is under the supervision of Superintendent Nanciann Gatta and the respective Board of Education. The BOE is disconnected and consists of people who no longer have children in district. The BOE and the Superintendent have recently come under scrutiny for poor communication with their constituents, a blatant lack of transparency, abrupt and disruptive calendar changes that have negatively affected

the quality of life for families with children in multiple districts, nepotism and questionable spending.

The community has an opportunity to vote in the April 7 school board election. Please protect the quality of life for our high school families. Please protect your tax dollars and property values. Please help keep our community an attractive place to live and rear children.

Endorsed candidate information can be found at [progress219.org](http://progress219.org).

—Elline Eliasoff,  
Skokie

# Sometimes luck is all in the numbers



CHRISTINE WOLF

I was 24 years old on March 10, 1993, when I boarded the 7:30 a.m. Amtrak train in Chicago's Union Station. At 11:10 a.m., in Comstock Township, Mich., outside Kalamazoo, our train, traveling 62 mph, collided with a liquid propane tanker truck. The trucker did not survive.

Like so many previous trips to Battle Creek, my coworkers and I were scheduled to present advertising plans depicting critters peddling breakfast carbs to kids. Very, very important stuff this was, plus the annoying train always ran late.

The moment of impact forever plays in excruciating slow motion.

- A muffled thump from a distance ahead.
- An involuntary lurch out of my seat, knocking me to the floor.
- The expression on my boss's face – a shift from laughter to confusion.

- "Dan," I say, not at all a question. Perhaps a plea? A final statement?
- Screams erupt from up ahead.
- Dan's face, frozen, into a stare.
- A female voice.
- The smell of fuel.
- The realization I am screaming.

There is dead silence, then — though I'm crumpled on the floor — the brief sensation of whispers and free-falls, as if from a height. My clothes and hair lift briefly off my body then whip back against me in an invisible, crushing and sustained blast of heat.

When we finally stopped, our car immediately filled with smoke. I

can still feel the urgent, collective rush toward the doors, adrenaline surging as passengers pried open metal, still hot to the touch. We stumbled onto frozen land, smelling of panic, fuel and fear.

Within minutes, emergency personnel and reporters appeared, as breathless with their questions as we were numbed by shock. I zoned out, staring into the rounded, black sponge of a reporter's microphone, unable to describe the moment of impact.

A kind, local soul drove us to our client's headquarters, and we got there just in time for our afternoon meeting. I've never understood why we didn't just go home, but when you've just survived a fatal train accident, you're grateful to be anywhere.

Five years after the accident, I saw the movie "Sliding Doors," depicting two different ways a woman's life plays out, depending on whether she misses — or slides through — the doors of a train. I still love that movie and its evergreen message, that things always happen for a reason.

I am 46 years old, and this year I opened a writers' retreat 46 miles from the crash site. I am one of 46 people who survived the 1993 Wolverine Amtrak crash, thanks to a conductor whose name I never learned.

This column is dedicated to him.



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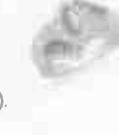
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Refrain from 'negative campaigning'

As campaigning for the April 7 election gets into full swing I was surprised by claims by the Niles Forward Party that the current Niles Village Board is guilty of "grandstanding, negativity" and "in-fighting."

As a member of the Niles Board of Trustees for the last four years I have participated in every meeting, asking questions, gathering information, seeking opinions from other board members and considering their opinions before casting my vote.

Six people sit on the Niles Village Board as representatives of the entire community. It should come as no surprise to the NFP that there will be different opinions among those six people. If only one opinion was desired only one trustee would be needed. There are six trustees, however, and for good reason. The trustees should not be rubber stamps for every idea that comes before them. We are charged with investigating, studying, considering all sides of an issue and making an informed decision. We are also charged with being open and transparent about how we came to a deci-

sion. The public deserves to hear both sides of an issue before the Board. That's one of the reasons we voted to broadcast our meetings, no secrets, everything openly discussed. Everyone gets to see and hear what is going on. I think that is part of being a democracy.

I find it so interesting that the NFP thinks that an opinion different than theirs is negative thinking. I think it's called expressing ideas and considering all the facts.

As we go forward in this campaign I'd like to issue a challenge to the other candidates in the race. Let's agree to refrain from negative campaigning. Let's discuss and debate the issues facing the Village of Niles. There are many issues we can and should address.

As a current trustee there are many things I am proud of accomplishing these past four years. I also have a platform that addresses the future of Niles. I know the other candidates do, too. Let's stick to the issues. I think the public would welcome it with open arms.

*—Incumbent Trustee Rosemary R. Palicki, Village of Niles*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## La Grange Library works to be safe for everyone

I'm often asked why we let the homeless use the library. Recent legislation in Illinois specifically states a person experiencing homelessness has "the right to use and move freely in public spaces, including but not limited to public sidewalks, public parks, public transportation, and public buildings, in the same manner as any other person and without discrimination on the basis of his or her housing status."

That being said, every visitor to the library must abide by the library's behavior policy which is posted on every floor. We enforce these rules stringently: those who break the rules are banned. We have even gone to court to prosecute individuals who return to the library after they have been banned.

Two years ago, we experienced a spike in attendance, as did libraries across the coun-

try, due to the downturn in the economy. In 2013, we had a corresponding spike in behavior problems. Less than a quarter of those violations were by homeless individuals (7 out of 31 incidents). We heard that some people did not feel safe coming to the library. In response, the board authorized hiring security guards from 3 to 7 p.m. The guards provide a presence to help everyone feel safe and secure.

In 2014, we only had 20 behavior incidents (three were by homeless patrons) because of our increased vigilance. In the first two months of 2015, we have had only two incidents to date.

We want everyone to feel welcome, safe and proud of their community library.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Dilger  
Library Director

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1008 N Fernandez Ave, Arlington Heights	Christopher D Wells & Sara E Wells	Hummingbird Az Llc	02-06-15	\$311,000	13 N Pine St, Mount Prospect	Kenneth L Brey & Tamara A Brey	Fannie Mae	02-04-15	\$225,000
724 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights	Matthew D Johnson & Jeanne Marie Johnson	Peggy J Che	02-04-15	\$347,000	1406 N Park Dr, Mount Prospect	Randy Weiler & Janice Culver	Jeffrey L Burnett	02-06-15	\$250,000
717 S Vail Ave, Arlington Heights	Jeffrey C Sweet & Roberta Sweet	Kyl J Rusk	02-06-15	\$369,000	116 Hill St, Mount Prospect	Artur Nowak	Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee	02-06-15	\$251,000
505 N Harvard Ave, Arlington Heights	Ilya Barshai	Gs Property Investment Group	02-06-15	\$378,000	1818 Bonita Ave, Mount Prospect	Daniel Hajduga	Leszek S Lesiak	02-06-15	\$270,000
30 N Dryden Pl, Arlington Heights	Benjamin M Johnson & Christina M Johnson	M I Homes Of Chicago Llc	02-03-15	\$451,000	1418 S Linneman Rd, Mount Prospect	Lisa E Osborn	Antoniette De Nicolo	02-03-15	\$305,000
34 N Dryden Pl, Arlington Heights	Jason R Stutzman & Amira O Zaben	M I' Homes Of Chicago Llc	02-04-15	\$471,000	907 N Pecos Ln, Mount Prospect	Obiora Tagbo & Kristine Tagbo	Harish Khambojla	02-04-15	\$363,000
1438 E Northwest Hwy, Arlington Heights	Ryan M Kelly	Frances Carroll	02-03-15	\$570,000	807 S Maple St, Mount Prospect	Dennis Dedecker II & Ann G Dedecker	Urban Investment Group Llc	02-04-15	\$490,000
225 Lake Blvd, # 532, Buffalo Grove	Zixi Lin	Lawrence R Fine	02-06-15	\$102,500	102 S Wa Pella Ave, Mount Prospect	Scott G Smoron & Katherine Elizabeth Smoron	Dijj Mortgage Capital Inc	02-03-15	\$727,000
213 Blossom Ct, Buffalo Grove	John J Murphy & Mary S Sieger	Dennis J Gates Estate	02-02-15	\$142,000	9128 W Terrace Dr, # 6N, Niles	Ilija Sumonja & Mirjana Sumonja	Fannie Mae	02-05-15	\$72,000
1070 Fremont Ct W, Buffalo Grove	Abraham Levine & Sarah Segal	John W Ross	02-09-15	\$189,000	8815 W Gold Rd, # 10H, Niles	Ameer Al Sabagh	Virginia J Niedziela Estate	01-23-15	\$76,000
1139 Bristol Ln, Buffalo Grove	Vladislav Kirik & Regina Kirik	Fannie Mae	02-04-15	\$260,000	8101 W Courte Dr, # 206, Niles	Avram Pop	Maria Seiden	02-06-15	\$140,000
215 University Dr, Buffalo Grove	Catherine A Taylor	Ramana Kadari	02-03-15	\$284,000	7142 W Carol Ct, Niles	Syed Tausif Abbas Zaidl & Syeda Zahara Jafri	Max M Foreman	02-03-15	\$190,000
2469 Waterbury Ln, Buffalo Grove	Karren June Capre	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	02-03-15	\$299,750	3857 N Parkway Dr, # 2C, Northbrook	Igor Shub & Yuliya Shub	Fannie Mae	02-06-15	\$112,000
822 Thornton Ln, Buffalo Grove	Stephen Olson & Amy Olson	Bo Bojczuk	02-06-15	\$310,000	305 Old Post Rd, Northbrook	Jeffrey S Freedman & Eliza S Freedman	Sebastian Siethoff	02-06-15	\$580,000
595 Cobblestone Ln, Buffalo Grove	Ramesh Krishnamurthy & Ragini Krishnamoorthy	Jayakrishnan Macharivilakathu	02-06-15	\$375,000	1914 Jessica Ln, Northbrook	Monica Borkar	Jerl Calvetti	02-06-15	\$890,000
1382 Crossfield Ct, Buffalo Grove	Iurii Lapytskyi	Maureen A Barberio	02-09-15	\$396,000	3690 Maple Ave, Northbrook	Sanjay Vanjanil & Jaya Vanjan	Gary L Grad	02-05-15	\$1,010,000
2810 Whispering Oaks Dr, Buffalo Grove	Ning Guo & June Chen	National Residential Nominee S	02-03-15	\$535,000	1920 N Hidden Creek Cir, # 276, Palatine	Robert Miller	Terrill Daily	02-03-15	\$60,000
1973 Easthaven Dr, Buffalo Grove	Abhijit Bhatwadekar & Sayali Bhatwadekar	Pulte Home Corp	02-09-15	\$722,500	1267 Wyndham Ln, # 106, Palatine	Mengjia Hu & Yanf Sun	Fannie Mae	02-06-15	\$62,000
9208 Bumble Bee Dr, # 1H, Des Plaines	Igor Ozerov	Fannie Mae	02-05-15	\$57,000	1325 N Baldwin Ct, # 3A, Palatine	Valentyna Levstratova	Rts Group Llc	02-04-15	\$70,000
1957 Pine St, Des Plaines	Mercy Paola Aldaz	Robert Noga	02-06-15	\$142,500	1201 Wyndham Ct, # 106, Palatine	Yuan Jiang	Fannie Mae	02-06-15	\$72,000
756 Debra Dr, Des Plaines	Eldar Kafarov	Isaac H Patton	02-05-15	\$160,000	55 S Quentin Rd, Palatine	Asta Narusevičiute	Onewest Bank Na	02-06-15	\$95,000
9 N 4th Ave, Des Plaines	Howard Vanzandt & Joan Van Zandt	Heidi E Demarco	02-04-15	\$204,000	924 E Kings Row, # 4, Palatine	Juan M Cruz Ortiz	Michael J Hanrahan	02-03-15	\$108,000
236 Asbury Ave, # 3, Evanston	Julla Dragomir	Jill E Pokres	02-06-15	\$59,000	260 W Lynn Dr, # 73B, Palatine	Lejdi Daka	Neil M Warren	02-06-15	\$120,000
1816 Lyons St, Evanston	Iram Ulmawala	Fannie Mae	02-06-15	\$73,500	1117 E Kitson Dr, Palatine	Jetmlra Dosti & Kitlon Dosti	Stanley E Krochmal	02-03-15	\$234,000
1114 Maple Ave, # 1C, Evanston	Mario Sanchez & Jamie M Sanchez	Darlene E Nilges	02-03-15	125 S Pine St, Palatine	Nancy Bermeo	Fannie Mae	02-06-15	\$237,500	
1503 Oak Ave, # 513, Evanston	Narcis Daniel Solovastru	Willis P Norton	02-06-15	242 N Cady Dr, Palatine	Jeffrey Votava & Jade Votava	Charlotte D Bloom	02-06-15	\$250,000	
850 Forest Ave, # A, Evanston	Thomas S Jacks & Luisa Caro Jacks	Kyle Zegan	01-23-15	729 N Greenwood Dr, Palatine	Mark Dieden & Erica Dieden	Kevin B Hogan	02-06-15	\$340,000	
2935 Central St, # 305, Evanston	Robert H Bergson	Ammara Aziz	02-06-15	1534 W Talcott Rd, Park Ridge	Alimir Sakanovic & Senada Sakanovic	Stanley E Nelson	02-06-15	\$231,000	
3604 Thayer St, Evanston	Scott Dugan & Diane Dugan	Peter Barreras	02-06-15	1480 W Marcus Ct, Park Ridge	David Mark Hicks & Amy Virginia Krushinski	Lacyna Czapla	02-04-15	\$530,000	
1220 Depot St, # 316, Glenview	Eun Yoo	Marie A Bielat	02-05-15	672 Mulberry Dr, Prospect Heights	Kenneth Purczynski	Elizabeth A Iwanicki	01-23-15	\$305,000	
4529 Cottonwood Dr, Glenview	Kenneth Bahk & Carolina Bahk	Michael J Murphy	02-04-15	234 W Court Of Shorewood, # 3B, Vernon Hills	Leila Karahanova	Ivaylo Iontchev	02-03-15	\$81,000	
9 Orchard Ln, Golf	David Dreholb & Maggie Dreholb	Doyle Trust	02-06-15	304 Russet Way, Vernon Hills	Manoj K Das & Shaojing Liang	Lori E Friedland	02-06-15	\$92,000	
16 N Acacia Dr, Hawthorn Woods	Gayathri Akkina & Venkat Akkina	Ibg Hawthorn Trails Llc	02-09-15	2 Crestview Ln, # 11, Vernon Hills	Gurparshad Jhawar & Sukhbir Kaur	Tonya L Martin	02-05-15	\$101,500	
22365 Cambridge Dr, Kildeer	Fred Gullo Jr & Jessica Danneck-er Gullo	Fred Buczynski	02-09-15	340 Farmingdale Cir, Vernon Hills	Matthew E Oster & Claudia M Osier	Brian J Donaldson	02-02-15	\$115,000	
106 Park Ln, Lake Bluff	Brian L Fabbri & Kerrie S Fabbri	Thomas E Fletcher	02-02-15	939 Market Ct, # 83, Vernon Hills	Anthony L Rodkey & Kelly K Rodkey	Diamantis Frangos	02-03-15	\$120,000	
1301 N Western Ave, # 124, Lake Forest	Greg Smith & Kate Smith	Seth J Smole	02-02-15	92 Michigan Ct, Vernon Hills	Edward James Lancaster Baratt & Angelina Nikolaeva Barratt	Sang Hoon Lee	02-06-15	\$130,000	
1111 S Waukegan Rd, # 11, Lake Forest	Gretchen Seidel	Timothy Moore	02-03-15	91 Michigan Ct, # 261, Vernon Hills	Soo J Kim	Caren A Skelin	02-03-15	\$130,000	
121 Atteridge Rd, Lake Forest	Peter B Hartman & Rebecca R Hartman	Raymond A Vaneeckhout	02-03-15	415 Muirwood Ct, Vernon Hills	Michael Montilla	Kelly E Peterson	02-04-15	\$135,000	
643 Greenview Pl, Lake Forest	David P Russell & Marya J Miller	Gregory Smith	02-03-15	225 Coventry Cir, Vernon Hills	Chunguang Cao & Qingju Zeng	Phyllis Czerkies	02-05-15	\$151,500	
915 Lane Lorraine, Lake Forest	Katherine Requa & Martha Requa	Grandview Capital Llc	02-09-15	6 Mayflower Rd, Vernon Hills	Elizaveta Gilman	James J Feld	02-02-15	\$245,000	
222 2nd St, Libertyville	Steven Christopher Holecy & Nicole Holecy	Dale A Kovarik	02-05-15	1124 Georgetown Way, Vernon Hills	Gang Cheng & Shuiquan Jing	Brenner Trust	02-03-15	\$314,000	
29860 N River Dr, Libertyville	Jacob R Turner & Katie Maureen Kugelman	Neal Czaplewski	02-05-15	280 Hunter Ct, Vernon Hills	Paul Robert Matthews & Paul Matthews Jr	James R Eggert III	02-09-15	\$350,000	
1150 Sussex Ln, Libertyville	Roderick Seale & Nicole Seale	Rg Ventures Llc	02-02-15	436 Chesterfield Ln, Vernon Hills	Adam B Cohen	Thomas Kim	02-05-15	\$395,000	
9238 New England Ave, Morton Grove	Bernadetta J Miskiewicz	Michael C Piuta	02-06-15	2025 Inverness Dr, Vernon Hills	Robert Cowan & Christine Thomas Cowan	Milton Wood	02-05-15	\$485,000	
9042 Parksde Ave, Morton Grove	Natasha Jindani	Sanwar Y Sadah	02-03-15	127 N Wolf Rd, # 60A, Wheeling	Olena Shovgeniuk	Maria Podolski	02-04-15	\$41,000	
5613 Theobald Rd, Morton Grove	Dilawarhai Mansuri & Nafisa Mansuri	Right Residential II Fund I	02-06-15						
713 W Central Rd, # C6, Mount Prospect	William Wess & Cynthia wess	Fannie Mae	02-06-15						

This list is not intended to be a complete record of all real estate transactions.  
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### HOFFMAN ESTATES

Hardwood floors throughout first floor. Large updated kitchen with 42" custom hickory cabinets, granite counters, center island, bay area & stainless steel appliances. First-floor office/den. Open family room with cozy fireplace. Secluded master suite with sitting room, dressing room, walk-in closet & bathroom with whirlpool tub, skylights & separate shower. Huge deck.

**Address:** 4955 Essington Court  
**Price:** \$524,900  
**Schools:** Wm Fremd High School  
**Taxes:** \$11,412  
**Agent:** Terri Hunt/RE/MAX Suburban



### LIBERTYVILLE

Home with open floor plan on .66 acres. Professional landscaping. Great room has 2-sided stone fireplace to ceiling. Kitchen with granite counters, 42" Maple cabinets, double oven, cooktop, stainless steel subzero. First-floor master bedroom. Master bath has Jacuzzi, dual sinks, walk-in closet. Jack n Jill bath separates bedrooms 2&3. First-floor den with French doors and laundry. Finished basement with 5th bedroom, full bath, storage area.

**Address:** 6601 White Pine Way  
**Price:** \$599,900  
**Schools:** Warren Township High School  
**Taxes:** \$21,090  
**Agent:** Sheryl Allen/Coldwell Banker



### BUFFALO GROVE

Ready to move in with newer carpet, paint & lighting fixtures. Newer Pella windows except one. Furnace and A/C new in 2011. Light and airy feeling throughout. Exhaust hood vents outside. Open family room to kitchen has wood-burning fireplace with gas starter. Five bedrooms up and 2 1/2 baths. Master bedroom suite has whirlpool and two closets.

**Address:** 56 Chestnut Terrace  
**Price:** \$450,000  
**Schools:** Adlai E Stevenson High School  
**Taxes:** \$14,029  
**Agent:** Linda Dlabay/CENTURY 21 Kreuser & Seiler



### WINNETKA

This arts & crafts style 4-bedroom/1.5-bathroom home is larger than it looks. Sun-filled first floor boasts extra large living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, large foyer & den with beautiful leaded glass windows throughout. 4 bedrooms upstairs. 2 fireplaces, unfinished basement. Close to town, train, schools, parks.

**Address:** 747 Walden Road  
**Price:** \$550,000  
**Schools:** New Trier Township HS Winnetka  
**Taxes:** \$15,100  
**Agent:** Laura Cross Collyer/@Properties

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Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
30 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$1361	20%	3.862
20 yr fixed	3.625	0.000	\$1361	20%	3.781
15 yr fixed	3.125	0.000	\$1361	20%	3.323

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**Calculate Your Mortgage Payment**

	30 yr fixed	15 yr fixed	5 yr ARM
This week	3.93	3.16	3.28
Last Week	3.90	3.15	3.22
Last Year	4.45	3.46	3.26

Source: Bankrate.com, for more information visit [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com). Bankrate national averages are based on 100 largest institutions in the top 10 markets in the United States.

**Fixed Rate Mortgage Trend**

Source: Bankrate.com 2015

**Mortgage Prediction**

Each week Bankrate surveys mortgage experts to predict which way rates will go in coming weeks. Here is what they say this week (3/5/15 - 3/11/15)

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**TOO GOOD TO LAST!**  
Morton Grove...Outstanding quality in this solid built 6 room Ranch located in Golf School District 67! Oak floors in living room/ dining room & bedrooms. Eat-in kitchen. 15' master bedroom. Huge unfinished basement with overhead sewer, sump pump, laundry & utility area. Scenic corner lot. 1 car garage with attached sunroom/ storage & newer asphalt driveway. Near bus, train, shops! **\$249,000**

**PEAK OF PERFECTION!**  
Morton Grove...Gorgeous custom built brick Bi-Level with attached garage. Loads of features & updates throughout. Refinished oak floors. Large living rm + dining rm. Huge updated Granite kitchen w/SS appliances & eating area w/direct entry to garage & yard. 21' family rm + large sub bsmt. New roof 2006; New furnace & A/C 2007, recent window replacements. Block to Niles West H.S. **\$387,500**

**CAN'T BEAT THIS GREAT PRICE!**  
Mount Prospect...Reduced!! Sparkling & beautifully maintained Raised Ranch in an excellent location minutes from shopping & park. Quality Improvements & amenities throughout! 3 brs & 2 1/2 baths. Large eat-in kit with cabinets galore + new dishwasher '15 + stove & refrigerator '10 opens to new deck '12. Master br w/full bath. 23' LL family rm w/wood-burning stove + 1/2 bath. 2 1/2 car att gar! **\$328,900**

**YOUR WAIT IS OVER!**  
Morton Grove...Price Reduced! Come see this super quality constructed brick Ranch located convenient to Niles West High School! Hardwood firs with carpeting in living rm & dining rm. Huge 19' eat-in kitchen. 3 large brs & 1 1/2 baths on main floor. Full finished bsmt with large open area & 2 storage rooms. 2 car garage. Great fenced yard! Near shopping & transportation. **\$284,900**

# Niles gives Green Business Award another try

**IGOR STUDENKOV**  
Pioneer Press

After the first Niles Green Business Award didn't get any nominations, the village is trying again — this time with a more simplified application.

The Green Business Award was originally launched in summer 2014. The Niles Environmental Practices Committee developed the award. Every Niles business was eligible. The businesses were to be judged based on their environmentally friendly practices.

After the Sept. 30 deadline passed, there were no applications. The Environmental Practices Committee went back to the drawing board, approving the final version during its March 4 meeting. The com-

mittee members hoped that a new, more streamlined application form will encourage more businesses to apply. The committee also plans to do more to spread the word about the award.

The Green Business Award was originally created to fulfill one of the goals of the Niles Environmental Action Plan. As the Niles Herald-Spectator reported at the time, the plan called for the village to encourage businesses to be more environmentally friendly. The Environmental Practices Committee worked with the Niles Assistant Village Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos to create it.

Under the rules they developed, each applicant would be considered based on the environmentally friendly practices in several

different categories. That included water reduction and recycling, water conservation and stormwater pollution prevention, energy conservation, transportation, public education or innovation.

The applicant would select which of those practices they follow, and they would also have the option to mention something that doesn't fit any of those categories. They would also have the option to explain why they don't follow certain practices.

The new application focuses on two categories — waste reduction and innovation. The former includes ways to reduce waste, as well as ways to improve recycling. The latter includes creative ways to be more environmentally friendly.

Under the new application process, businesses would need to apply for an award in one of the two categories, but not both. To apply, they would need to write an essay no more than 500 words in length explaining what they've done over the past five years to deserve to be considered in that particular category. The applicants would also need to give a description of their business and whether or not they follow environmental laws and regulations for their industry.

Either way, they would have an option of elaborating on their response. The application also gives applicants space to list their environmental certifications, if they have any.

Businesses can start applying on July 15. The application forms will be avail-

able on the city's website. Like last year, the applications must be submitted by Sept. 30. A committee made up of the members of the Environmental Practices Committee, the Niles Economic Development Coordinator and a member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry will choose the winners. The winners will be announced at the Niles Board of Trustees' October meeting.

If the award is successful, the new procedure will become permanent. One thing that will change every year is the first category. Under the current plans, the first category will be Water Conservation and Stormwater Pollution Prevention in 2016, Energy Conservation in 2017, Public Education and Awareness in 2018 and Transportation in 2019.

During the March 4 meeting, the Environmental Practices Committee also discussed what it could do to help spread the word.

"How about the Niles Library?" suggested committee member Chris Zalinski. "There are a lot of informational fliers there."

He also suggested leaving applications at the Village Hall front desk.

"The (Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry) does business after hours events every month," suggested committee chair Rosemary Palicki. "Maybe we could attend that."

She also asked Skeffington-Vos to see if there were a way to send the information about the award out to the chamber members.

*Igor Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.*

## Rainbow Animal Assisted therapy dog: Sugar Babeegirl

By Pioneer Press Staff

Meet Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Dog, Sugar Babeegirl. Sugar is a 2.5-year-old Havanese, and has been living with her human family since she was 9 weeks old.

Sugar was born into a home where there were six foster children who were physically challenged. Her new family was so grateful for the care that she was given by them that they decided to return some of that love and kindness back to the community. Sugar now splits her time between Chicago, where she volunteers as a Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Dog and Florida, where she works with Therapy Dogs of South Florida.

Sugar is very friendly, and thinks that everyone loves

her. Her favorite foods are carrots, string beans and popcorn.

The Havanese breed was once known as the Havana Silk Dog, and is the national dog of Cuba. The long coat is silky, and protects the dogs from tropical heat. They are an old breed, and make excellent lap dogs, a wonderful trait for a therapy dog.

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, the largest and oldest organization of its type in the Chicago metropolitan area, is a volunteer organization committed to using the capabilities of dogs in therapeutic environments, especially with children. To learn more about Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy visit [rainbowaat.org](http://rainbowaat.org).

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, Inc. is located at 6042 W. Oakton St. in Morton Grove.



Sugar Babeegirl is a 2.5-year-old Havanese from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy located in Morton Grove.

RAINBOW ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY/HANDOUT

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## Thursday, March 12

**Coffee Talk to explore World War II and Des Plaines:** Bill Kiddle from the Raupp Museum in Buffalo Grove discusses how Maine Township changed during the war. He tells stories about some local people who worked overseas and on the home front: 30 p.m. Thursday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, \$3 donation suggested, 847-391-5399

**"Lone Star" and "Laundry and Bourbon":** Presenting two plays depicting life in a sleepy Texas town. "Lone Star" and "Laundry and Bourbon," by James McLure, both seem to show us a simpler life and a unique perspective on the world. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$17.50-35, 847-834-0738.

**Much Ado About Mysteries:** Discuss Award Winners: The Edgars. Advance registration recommended. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**"Build It!" at Kohl Children's Museum:** The museum announces its newly constructed, temporary exhibit "Build It!" which puts a spin on classic building blocks by letting children explore and interact with 10 different varieties of blocks in a single space through May 3, 2015. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, noon Sunday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, \$10-\$11, 847-832-6600

**Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program Nomination Period:** Kohl's rewards more than 2,500 kids nationwide for their volunteer efforts. Kids ages six to 18 who have made a positive impact on their local communities can be awarded scholarships and prizes, ranging from \$50 Kohl's gift cards to \$10,000 scholarships. To nominate volunteers visit [www.kohlskids.com](http://www.kohlskids.com). Nominations are accepted only through March 13, and the nominators must be 21 years or older. midnight Thursday, Kohl's Glenview, 2201 Willow Road, Glenview, free

**Senior Adult Spelling Bee Practice:** Illinois residents age 50 and over can their spelling skills and prepare to compete on March 19. 10 a.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**An Evening with the Fab Four: The Beatles In the '70s:** Pop culture historian Robert Rodriguez shares rare interviews, concert and promo clips, and film and comedy sketches featuring The Beatles in the '70s. 7 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program:** Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program box is still in the lobby of the Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, IL. Accepted are: prescription medications, (including controlled substances), all over-the-counter and pet medications, samples, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-1300 ext. 146. 9 a.m. every day, Friday, Saturday, Niles Police Department, 7000 West Touhy Ave., Niles, free

**Rooted in Chicago: Mayor Richard J. Daley:** Author Barry Bradford shares the stories - both famous and little-known - of these people who lived and worked in Chicago. This week is Richard J. Daley 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road., Northfield, \$10 member; \$13 non-member, 847-784-6030

**Walking the Talk Series: Nutritional IV Therapy:** A monthly guest speaker covers topics that integrate health and wellness into your lifestyle. 7 p.m. Thursday, Chicago Sports Institute, 1847 Oak St., Northfield, free

**Fresh fish and seafood specials :** The inn offers an array of fresh fish and seafood specials each Friday during Lent. 11 a.m. every day, The Happ Inn, 305 Happ Road, Northfield, Varies, 847-784-9200

**Park Ridge Garden Club Meeting:** The Park Ridge Garden Club hosts speaker Mel Zaloudek at its next meeting. Learn about the woodland flora native to Illinois. A complete identification of species, in flowering sequence from late April to early May and gardening recommendations are provided. 7 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

**Science Night at Wildwood Nature Center:** Turn one's family into scientists and explore fun science concepts! Make cool scientific discoveries through experiments, projects, and play. Different activities each class. Register online at [www.parks.org](http://www.parks.org). 6 p.m. Thursday, Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge, \$12 per family, 847-692-3570

**Karaoke Thursdays : Enjoy some great pizza and sing a tune or two.** 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

**John Caparulo:** The comedian best known as a regular panelist on E-TV's "Chelsea Lately" and as the host of CMT's "Mobile Home Disaster" headlines a stand-up showcase. 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$25-\$30 plus a two-item food-drink minimum, 847-813-0484

**Wilmette Theatre Hosts DOC Fest :** See selections from the 1960s and 1970s in the documentary film fest. See website for film times and titles. 2 p.m. every day, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$7.50, 847-251-7424

## Friday, March 13

**Friday Night Fish Fry at White Pines:** The fish fry events feature an all-you-can-eat lake fresh lake perch dinner. Specialty wines and beer are offered, and a full bar is available. Reservations are recommended. 5 p.m. Friday, White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, \$14.99, 630-766-0304

**Game night:** Teens ages 13-18 can play with the Library's game systems and collections on big screens over pizza. 5 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**A Citizen Soldier's Heart: Vietnam Veteran and author Paul Baffico:** Paul Baffico shares his story, "Last Mission for a Reluctant Patriot" of traversing from the civilian world to the elite 101st Airborne as a combat platoon leader, as well as his return to civilization and 45-year path to healing. For details or to RSVP, contact Linda Rockwell at 847-556-1778 or [lrockwell@carecenter.org](mailto:lrockwell@carecenter.org). 10 a.m. Friday, Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, free

**Six steps to a great business :** This complimentary workshop presented by PJ Weiland of ActionCOACH Business Coaching shares effective ideas that will help you achieve growth in your business. 10:30 a.m. Friday, North Branch, 4520 West Lake Ave., Glenview, free, 847-739-3079

**Introduction to Word 2010:** Learn how to format, proof, print and save documents. 2 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Mor-

ton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

**Friday Night Live:** Friday Night Live Club is a fun and safe club designed for students in fourth and fifth grades. Each month is themed with live DJ. Pre-register or pay at the door. Concessions are available (pizza/hot dogs, pop, water, candy, and chips). Register online. 7 p.m. Friday, Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, \$5, 847-692-5127

## Saturday, March 14

**2nd Annual Irish Soda Bread Contest:** Get a taste of the fun as contestants dust off the family recipe and submit their prize winning soda breads and the community can enjoy soda breads with butter and jam and a good cup of Irish tea. Advance registration recommended for bakers and details on the contest can be found online. 10 a.m. Saturday, Irish Connoisseur, 1232 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-998-1988

**ACT prep test:** Professional tutors from College Nannies and Tutors of Glenview guide you through a practice ACT test. noon Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Dinosaur 13:** The documentary chronicles the discovery of and battle over the Chicago Field Museum's Sue, the largest Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil ever found. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**The Two Hour Cup:** Try three different premium loose leaf teas and take home info cards with descriptions and tasting notes. 2 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday, TeaLula, 11 S. Fairview Ave., Park Ridge, \$4.50, 888-832-5852

**Pajama Party Public Skate:** Skate to the music from future and past Idol stars. Everyone in attendance entered in a drawing for two tickets to a Chicago Wolves hockey game! 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 W. Oakton St., Park Ridge, Daily public skate admission fee, 847-692-3359

**Regretting Mr. Wright:** See Ellie Carlson as Mamah Borthwick Cheney, an associate of Frank Lloyd Wright.

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**The Edisto Experience:** A celebration of the culture, food and music for South Carolina's low country features an auction and live music from James Jamison and the Funk Brothers. Proceeds benefit the church's youth mission trip to Edisto Island. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, \$25, 847-920-9723

### Sunday, March 15

**Concert for Peace: Fallen Heroes:** Concert for Peace: Fallen Heroes A musical exploration of those who have died to advance peace. Free-will donation to benefit Hands of Peace. Plenty of free onsite parking. 3 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, Free-will donation, 847-724-2210

**Jigs, Reels & A Little Bit of Rowdy:  
Life's too short not to be Irish:** Pat Gaughan and L.J. Slavin perform Irish music. 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**"Take Up the Cross & Follow Me;  
What Does This Mean Today?"**: Lenten presentation and discussion in a series on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Fr. Keith Muccino, SJ, MD, Professor of Medicine at Loyola University. noon Sunday, St. Catherine Labouré, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

**Third Sunday String Band:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

### Monday, March 16

**Baby and Me Time:** Parents and their children up to 12 months can come in for this opportunity to socialize and share parenting advice. An Advocate Lutheran General Hospital nurse representative is on hand for any childhood development questions. 9:30 a.m. Monday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-832-6600

**MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Play-group:** Drop-in playtime for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or visit [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org) for more information. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Yarn Gang:** Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Knitting Roundtable:** Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles! Call 847-929-5101 or visit [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org) for more information. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Perlman: serenades of the cinema:** Learn about the violin artistry of Itzhak Perlman from music educator Jim Kendros. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10-\$13, 847-784-6030

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

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Paddy Homan:** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in concert with Chicago's favorite Irish Tenor, Paddy Homan, who is performing Irish Songs and Stories. Also featured are accordion player John Williams, guitarist James Moore, fiddler Maggie Danaher and special guest, Nora Byrd. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$22 advance; \$25 door, 847-251-7424

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

### Tuesday, March 17

**St. Patrick's Day Bash:** Enjoy a delicious corned beef buffet and craft beers. Reservations recommended. 5 p.m. Tuesday, White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, \$15.95, 630-766-0304

**Northern Lights: Winter Homework Help Center:** High school volunteers help kids in grades 1-8 with their home-

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work and reading and math skills. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Internet Searching Basics:** Lost in the Internet? Learn how to find and evaluate useful websites. Registration and Glenview Library card required. Register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register), 847-729-7500 Ext. 7700, or the Reference Services Desk. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**One-On-One Financial Planning:** Schedule a free one-hour consultation with a Certified Financial Planner. Please register at 847-729-7500 x 7700 or the Reference Services Desk. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**MGPL Kids! Listen Up!**: Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. Call 847-929-5102 or visit [www.mgpl.org/kids](http://www.mgpl.org/kids) for more information. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Phil Passen:** 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**The Middle Ground: Indians and Empires In the Great Lakes:** Learn how Europeans and Native Americans met and interacted between 1650 and 1815. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$40-\$52, 847-784-6030.

**A Taste of Ireland:** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a little taste of Ireland! Harringtons will be back with their traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner. Sit back and enjoy the beauty of the Trinity Irish Dancers. Register early with the Senior Center, as lunch is sure to fill fast! 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$26 Members/\$29 Guest, 847-692-3597

**Beginning Bridge Lessons:** Come and learn the most stimulating partnership card game around! Learn the basic bidding and playing in a stress-free environment. Sign up with a friend or partner, or come to meet new ones, to be playing bridge at the end of the session. Phyllis Bartlett, ACBL Accredited teacher, guides the class. Contact the Park Ridge Senior Center. This is an eight-week class. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$86, 847-692-3597

## Wednesday, March 18

**WWII graphic novel to be discussed at Des Plaines History Center:** The year 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, and the Des Plaines History Center's book group plans to read war-related titles throughout the year. *Maus* by Art Spiegelman is now available at the readers services desk at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood Ave. *Maus*, which is published in a comic-book format, relates the chilling story of how the author's father survived the Holocaust. For more information, call the History Center or visit the website. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

**Circle time swap for preschool teachers:** Hear what your colleagues are doing and see how they do it. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**All Things Spanish:** Soak up and enjoy Spanish/Latino culture in all forms, from literature and language to music, film, and food. A meeting may include a Spanish short story reading, a Spanish film, or a discussion of hot topics. The meetings are conducted primarily in Spanish. For more information or to sign up for group updates, contact Carolyn Ramirez at [cramirez@glenviewpl.org](mailto:cramirez@glenviewpl.org). Meets monthly. Just drop in. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Senior Center. 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$25 Members/\$30 Guests, 847-692-3597

**Spring Book Wreath:** Shari Pontillo of Twisted Fiber Studio teaches this class to make a wreath from the pages of a book. All the supplies are included. For ages 18 and up. Contact the Park Ridge Senior Center. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$40, 847-692-3597

**Park Ridge Civic Orchestra:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$25, 847-692-7726

**Andy Woodhull:** The Chicago comedian - as seen on Comedy's Central's "Live at Gotham" - performs stand-up. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484.

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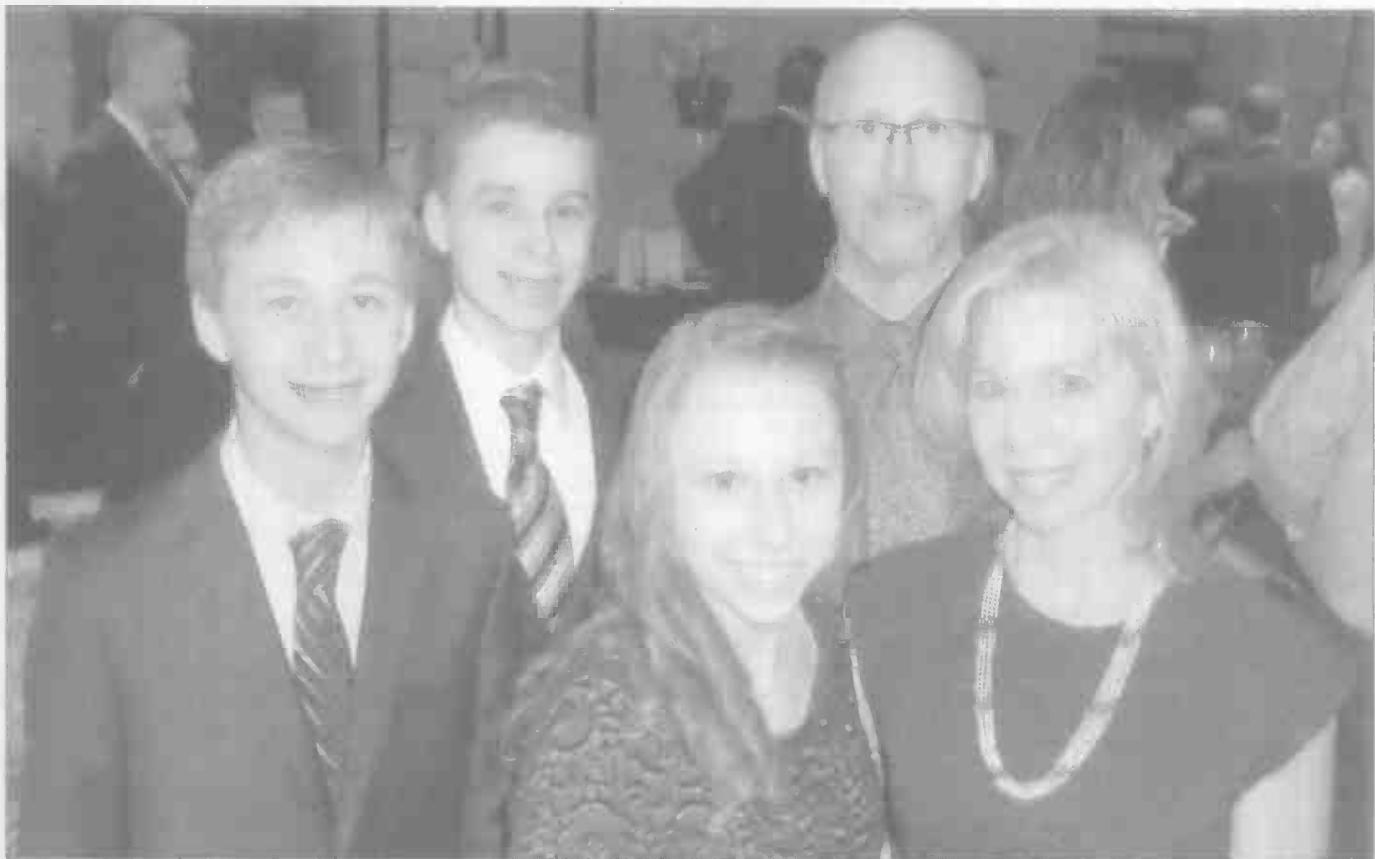
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# Couples discuss sex life on new TV show

Couples typically seek marriage counseling as a way to improve or even solve relationship issues, including those that have to do with romance and sex. The sessions are very private, with only the therapist knowing their deepest secrets and inner most thoughts and feelings.

But now, a new TV show is offering counseling in a bizarre and very public way. You might have heard of it. It's called *Sex Box*, and it premiered last Friday night on WeTV. I watched it, and I'm pretty sure my jaw was on the ground for the entire 60 minutes.

Here is the format: Contestant couples discuss their problems before a panel of three experts — a sex therapist, a pastor and a relationship psychotherapist. After the issues are uncovered (in about three minutes), the couple retreats to "The Sex Box," which is a sound proof room where they are supposed to have sex in front of a live audience. When finished, couples proceed with a follow-up therapy session with the panel. What?!

The theory behind the extremely controversial show is that during sex a chemical is released which causes couples to become vulnerable. In retrospect, they will be the most honest and open to discuss their relationship at that moment.

Aside from the fact that I think America has hit an all-time low in TV programming with this show, (as the level of sleaze is just downright pitiful), I have two main issues that disprove *Sex Box*'s theory.

The first is this. Having personally experienced marriage counseling several years ago, I can tell you firsthand that it takes a lot more time than six minutes to solve your relationship issues. Just like it takes more than a few dates to fall in love, contrary to the theory of *The Bachelor*. Aren't most of the couples who "got engaged" on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* already broken up? How shocking. They figured out that six weeks is not enough time to commit to spending



JACKIE PILOSSOPH  
Love Essentially

the rest of their lives together. The same applies to marriage counseling. Although the three experts are credible and give very solid advice, they (nor anyone else on the planet) are equipped to save a marriage in a

matter of minutes. I think the show belittles marriage therapy, and I hope it doesn't cause people to have false hopes if they choose to try it. My therapy failed, as I am now divorced, but I truly believe in the value of marriage therapy and the wonderful things it can do for couples. That said, a couple has to be willing to invest several weeks, maybe even months or years for it to be effective.

My other issue with *Sex Box* is that I disagree that after sex people are open and honest and able to talk about their relationship with a clearer head. I think sex clouds judgment. Often times, couples have sex and it makes them fall in love. That's not a bad thing, but in my opinion, relationship problems immediately after sex don't seem so important or urgent. So, after sex is probably the worst time to discuss your relationship issues, because you're happy and everything is temporarily perfect.

*Sex Box* is an extremely controversial show with lots of criticism from both the public, as well as parenting organizations that include The Parents Television Council, an advocacy group that started an online petition to urge WeTV executives to take it off the air.

In closing, I don't see *Sex Box* providing any real value, other than hearing relationship problems from other couples, and listening to what I think is pretty good advice. What I'm saying is, ironically, *Sex Box* might actually be a big hit without the sex box.

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# Do you know about these tax facts?



CATHY CUNNINGHAM  
Help Squad

As everyone knows only too well, April 15 is rapidly approaching. In preparation for tax day, Help Squad reached out to two CPAs for some professional advice on your behalf. Julie Martin, a Glenview-based CPA, and Curtis Webley of Webley's Accounting Services, P.C. in Evanston.

## Julie's Tips

**Affordable Care Act Rules** — The biggest change for most taxpayers is that the ACA requires individuals to check a box on their federal income tax form to show they had health insurance in 2014 or pay a penalty. The penalty — the greater of 1 percent of modified adjusted gross income or \$95 per person, \$47.50 per child under age 18, up to a maximum of \$285 per family — applies to individuals who did not have minimum essential coverage in 2014. While the IRS can't issue a lien against you to collect, it can withhold money from your refund. There are hardship exemptions to mandatory coverage, but if claiming one, you must file Form 8965.

Go to <http://www.irs.gov/instructions/f1040.html#d0e83> for a complete list of 2014 coverage exemptions.

An additional twist for those who purchased health insurance through the ACA Healthcare Marketplace is that many received subsidies that were paid to their insurance companies and applied directly to their premiums. In many cases these subsidies were based on 2012 household size and income. The enrollment period began Oct. 1, 2013; before taxpayers filed 2013 returns. If income or household size changed in 2014, you could be liable for additional subsidy payments (meaning you owe the government money) or you could be owed a refund as a result of overpayment.

**Mass Transit and Parking Deductions** — Commuters who used mass transit in 2014 can exclude from income up to \$250 per month in transit benefits paid by their employers, such as monthly rail or subway passes. The same is true of employer-provided parking benefits — up to \$250. In 2015, however, pre-tax benefits for mass transit drop to \$130 per month; parking benefits remain \$250.

**Mortgage Debt Exclusions** — Typically, forgiven debt is considered taxable income in the eyes of the IRS; however, there is a tax provision (which expired at the end of 2014) that allows homeowners whose homes were foreclosed on or subjected to short sale after

2006 and before 2015 to exclude up to \$2 million of cancelled mortgage debt.

## Curtis's Tips

**Taking a Loss** — Taxpayers who own or invest in a sub-chapter S corporation or limited liability company with the

expectation that the company will generate losses to reduce personal income taxes may be in for a surprise. Though your K-1 form may indicate a total loss deduction, you might not be entitled to deduct it on your personal income tax return if you do not have basis in the corporation (your initial investment increased or decreased by income, capital contributions and/or losses). If no basis exists — because company performance has reduced the value — the losses are suspended or deferred and cannot be deducted until the basis increases. This is especially important for small business owners who continue to show losses year after year.

**Charitable Donations** Monetary gifts given to legitimate charitable organizations are generally deductible. However, if you receive a benefit from your contribution, that portion of the gift is not deductible. For example, if you purchase tickets for \$500 to attend a fund-raiser, and dinner and entertainment costs \$300, the deductible portion of your donation is \$200, the difference between your contribution and the benefit you received.

**Uncollectable Non-business Loans** A taxpayer who lends money to a friend and is unable to collect on the loan can take a deduction on his/her income tax return as a non-business bad debt expense. The expense can be deducted as a short-term capital loss, provided the entire loan amount is uncollectible. (There is no deduction for partial amounts.) You must show the loan was not intended as a gift and that a creditor-debtor relationship was established. An IOU or simple contract accomplishes this. All remedies, short of legal action, must first be exhausted for collection. A bad debt expense can easily be claimed if the debtor has declared bankruptcy.

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Most people already know what probate is...the legal process that your family has to go through when you die if you use a will to plan your estate. What they do in probate court is decide if your will is valid, handle disputes, distribute the assets and tie up any loose ends. The problem with it is that it can be incredibly expensive, time consuming and an unwelcome invasion of privacy.

The first thing that happens when your case enters probate court, is make it public record. Every curious neighbor, disgruntled relative, and con artist around is welcome to examine every detail of your finances—and what you left to whom. Then, there's the paperwork, and bureaucratic hassle

involved that causes the average case to take nine months to two years, and many take several years.

When your beneficiaries finally get the property that's rightfully theirs, they then have to pay their lawyer's fees.

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## Don't Think it Can't Happen to You!

In such a situation, before you or your family could even touch any of your assets—to take care of you or support themselves—someone would have to be appointed your legal guardian. This is done through a legal process called **guardianship** which, like probate, can be extremely costly, time-consuming, and upsetting to all involved. And after it's done, scrupulously accurate financial reports must be filed for the rest of your life. The good news is, also like probate, you can **completely eliminate the chance of this ever happening to your family** by setting up a living trust.

Living trusts are also, by far, the most flexible and powerful estate planning tools known anywhere. Here are a few of the things they can enable you to do: set up stipulations or age requirements for children to receive any money, provide for major expenses as they come up, such as medical bills and tuition, pay the income of the trust to someone to live on indefinitely, pay the expenses of a disabled person for whom you may be providing, protect grandchildren from a previous marriage (who are often squeezed out of wills), and more! Also, **since your living trust is "revocable"** you can add to it, delete it, alter it, or terminate it any time you wish.

## Planning for Nursing Home Costs

Sadly, more and more families are learning the harsh reality of what nursing homes cost. During our seminar we will cover the various ways to pay nursing home costs. Accurate knowledge and planning are key in this area. Many families of veterans are unaware of Aid and Attendance benefits that are available for certain qualifying veterans. These benefits may be available to pay not only nursing home costs, but family members who care for the veteran and/or the veteran's spouse.

## Other Estate Planning Techniques

Sometimes individuals try to plan their estates by using **Joint Tenancy**, thinking that this is a way to avoid probate. But this technique can backfire and cause many serious, unforeseen problems, especially in a time of high divorce rates, bankruptcies, and litigation. **"Do-It-Yourself", one-size-fits-all trusts** can also allow a novice to make costly mistakes in their estate plans. These techniques and other popular estate planning techniques will be covered in this free seminar.

## Experience Matters! Not all Law Firms are the Same

Because living trusts are becoming more popular, many lawyers—and even non-lawyers with no experience—are trying to exploit

their benefits. Don't be fooled! Just because people are lawyers doesn't mean they have the experience in preparing quality estate plans. The law firm of **Chester M. Przybylo and Associates** has the experience that matters. The firm has prepared thousands of trusts for their clients over the years. This wealth of experience allows them to give their clients the highest quality of legal work, along with a personal touch. The attorneys take a minimum of 36 hours of special training annually to keep them up-to-date on the latest laws and planning techniques. In addition, firm paralegals are trained in trusts, probate and trust administration.

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After the seminar, you'll have the information you need to make an informed and intelligent decision on these extremely important matters for yourself and for your family. Then you'll have the peace of mind to concentrate on life.

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### Chester M. Przybylo

#### Professional Experience

Mr. Przybylo was a founding member of the prestigious national organization, the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys. He had the privilege of serving for four years on their Board of Governors. The Academy requires that its members complete 36 hours of estate planning courses annually...above and beyond what is required by states of their attorneys. Mr. Przybylo is a member of the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, U.S. District Court, U.S. Court of Claims, Tax Court of the U.S. and all courts in the state of Illinois. He has co-authored some seven, popular books on estate planning.

#### Education

Mr. Przybylo graduated from Georgetown University with a bachelor's in economics and earned his M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Chicago. He received his Juris Doctorate from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

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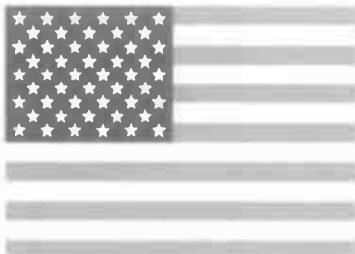
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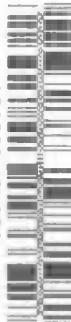
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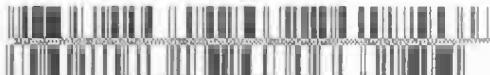
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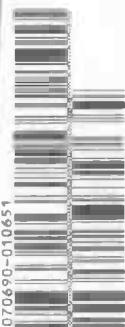
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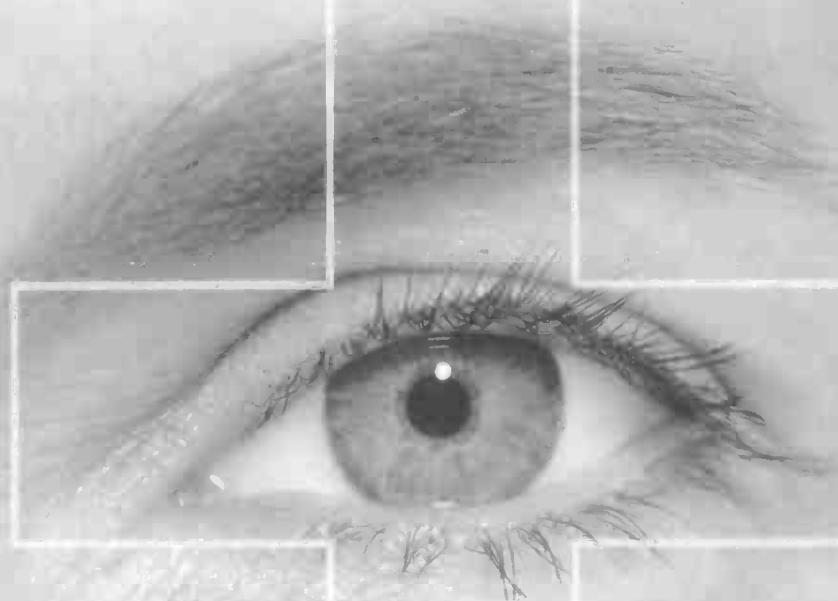
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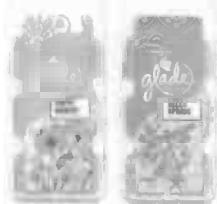
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Scented Oil  
warmer

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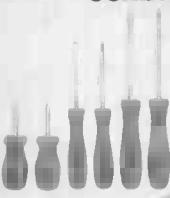
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## CITY OF PARK RIDGE INVITATION TO BID CCTV SEWER INSPECTION PW-FY15-17

The City of Park Ridge will receive sealed bid proposals to provide CCTV Sewer Inspection supply Fire Hydrants, in accordance with Specifications and Contract Documents No. PW-FY15-17. Bid documents, including general conditions, statement of work, and forms, may be obtained at Park Ridge City Hall, 1st Floor Cashier, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL or online at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us). A deposit, for the documents is not required.

All general questions regarding this Legal Notice and all detailed questions concerning the actual qualifications document shall be directed to Jim McGuire, Procurement Officer, in writing or e-mail to [jmcguire@parkridge.us](mailto:jmcguire@parkridge.us), no less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening date.

The bid opening will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 10:00 AM CST at Park Ridge City Hall, which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. All bids must be received prior to the date and time shown above. Bids transmitted by facsimile (fax) will not be accepted.

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## INVITATION TO BID - SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

1. The Boards of Education of Niles Township High School District No. 219 will accept bids for Special Education Student Transportation Services.

2. Bid documents will be available beginning March 12, 2015 and may be picked up between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Niles Township High School District No. 219 Administrative Offices, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

3. All bids must be submitted on or before March 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Special Education Student Transportation Services Bid" and delivered to Niles Township High School District No. 219 Administrative Offices, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

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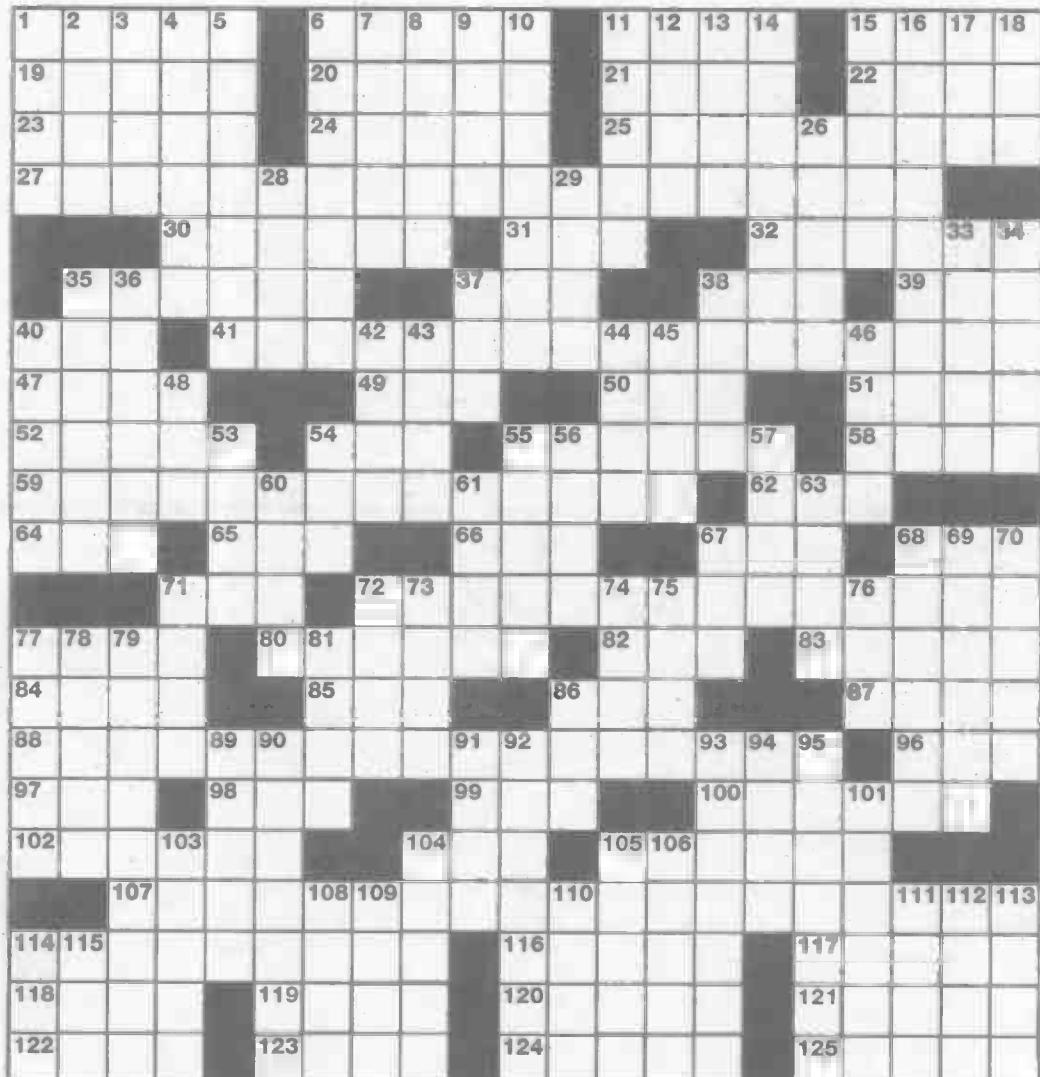
## Roomies: In which you'll split the rent

BY GAIL GRABOWSKI | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN  
(stanxwords.com)

### Across

- 1 Three, proverbially
- 6 Tremble
- 11 Three-piece suit piece
- 15 Brainstorm
- 19 New one on the payroll
- 20 Stop by briefly
- 21 "That's too bad"
- 22 Prone to snooping
- 23 Kagan of the Supreme Court
- 24 Comparable to a beet
- 25 Surliness
- 27 Real-estate contract provision
- 30 \$1 bill depiction
- 31 Put a scratch on
- 32 Big name in '30s aviation
- 35 Office machine-
- 37 PX patrons
- 38 Diamond arbiter
- 39 GPS reading
- 40 Deplete
- 41 Professorial aide
- 47 Chooses, with "for"
- 49 EMT's skill
- 50 Intro providers
- 51 Baguette baker
- 52 Identically
- 54 "Annabel Lee" poet
- 55 Where the bees are
- 58 Blood-bank supply
- 59 Old newspapers' destination
- 62 Surgeons' facilities: Abbr.
- 64 GPS readings
- 65 Female turkey
- 66 Justice Department agcy.
- 67 Keogh alternative
- 68 Grassy expanse

- 71 Impede, with "down"
- 72 Standard of comparison
- 77 Pet adoption org.
- 80 Willowy
- 82 First-rate
- 83 Lone Ranger's pal
- 84 Cash drawer
- 85 Calendrical brink
- 86 Bikini part
- 87 Salon specialty
- 88 Examine a document thoroughly
- 96 Remote-control batteries
- 97 Apt. coolers
- 98 Grammy category
- 99 Auction grouping
- 100 Useless
- 102 Green sauces
- 104 Family man
- 105 Pass — (measure up)
- 107 SkyCity atop the Space Needle, e.g.
- 114 Some board-game equipment
- 116 Keep an — the ground
- 117 Only moving part of a Tesla engine
- 118 High-school event
- 119 Copter rescue, perhaps
- 120 Kitchen gadget
- 121 Embedded dirt
- 122 S&L devices
- 123 Those opposed
- 124 Go coasting
- 125 Mary Kay rival
- Down**
- 1 Moonstruck Oscar winner
- 54 Tailor's fastener
- 55 *The Zoo Story* playwright



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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 56 Skating team               | 73 K-6: Abbr.                | 91 Rickman of the Potter films  | 106 You, in Peru                |
| 57 Olden times                | 74 OK Corral                 | 92 Inn patrons                  | 108 Molten rock                 |
| 60 Staying power, so to speak | lawman                       | 93 Bound to happen              | 109 End of the war              |
| 61 Fizzling sound             | 75 Ft. Bragg's state         | 94 "— creature was stirring..." | 110 Train track                 |
| 63 Spellbound                 | 76 "Alley __!"               | 95 It might be hard to resist   | 111 Working away                |
| 67 Cold cubes                 | 77 Knapsack part             | 101 Missteps                    | 112 Seward Peninsula city       |
| 68 Hereditary                 | 78 Portion                   | 103 Tenures of office           | 113 Dendrochronology specimen   |
| 69 Trick into wrongdoing      | 79 Learning center           | 104 Brake parts                 | 114 Spot for an algae wrap      |
| 70 Molecule parts             | 81 Biden, in headlines       | 105 Left Bank's "thanks"        | 115 Flat-screen ancestor: Abbr. |
| 71 Treadless, as tires        | 86 Crunchy lunch             |                                 |                                 |
| 72 Tach readings              | 89 Hidden asset              |                                 |                                 |
|                               | 90 Can offer, as a time slot |                                 |                                 |

## Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues	Words
A. English-only speaker	168 133 146 38 62 67 4 105
B. Relieved	154 81 56 120 134 145 98 30 106
C. Facilitate	159 11 139 113 104 29
D. Beef and chicken sauces	35 45 100 82 138 153 115
E. Improper	8 21 143 121 70 46 107 36
F. Barber of Seville babe	86 44 1 157 53 125
G. Reduction: hyph.	10 119 43 85 69 137 101
H. Art medium: 2 wds.	75 141 6 96 64 112 32 16
I. Daring	122 147 51 76 33 99 163 19 131
J. Very big, help	94 25 65 57 160 88 117 15 135

K. Group faction member	91	47	7	60	31	156	127	123	78
L. You can't be serious!: 2 wds.	40	24	161	63	126	103	95	111	80
M. Alberta deposits: 2 wds.	165	108	39	14	50	130	27	73	
N. Durocher nickname: 3 wds.	59	97	144	155	124	87	26	13	71
O. Like size XXL	116	90	166	49	74	129	9	151	20
						34	110		
P. Bolivia and Mongolia, e.g.	162	12	142	109	58	41	23	92	77
Q. Full House pair	5	68	150	83	61	164			
R. Wacko	132	93	55	3	72	22	149		
S. Careful	167	89	148	102	79	118	140		
T. One who hides nothing?	158	18	42	136	114	54			
U. Charmer	152	37	128	2	52	28	66	17	84



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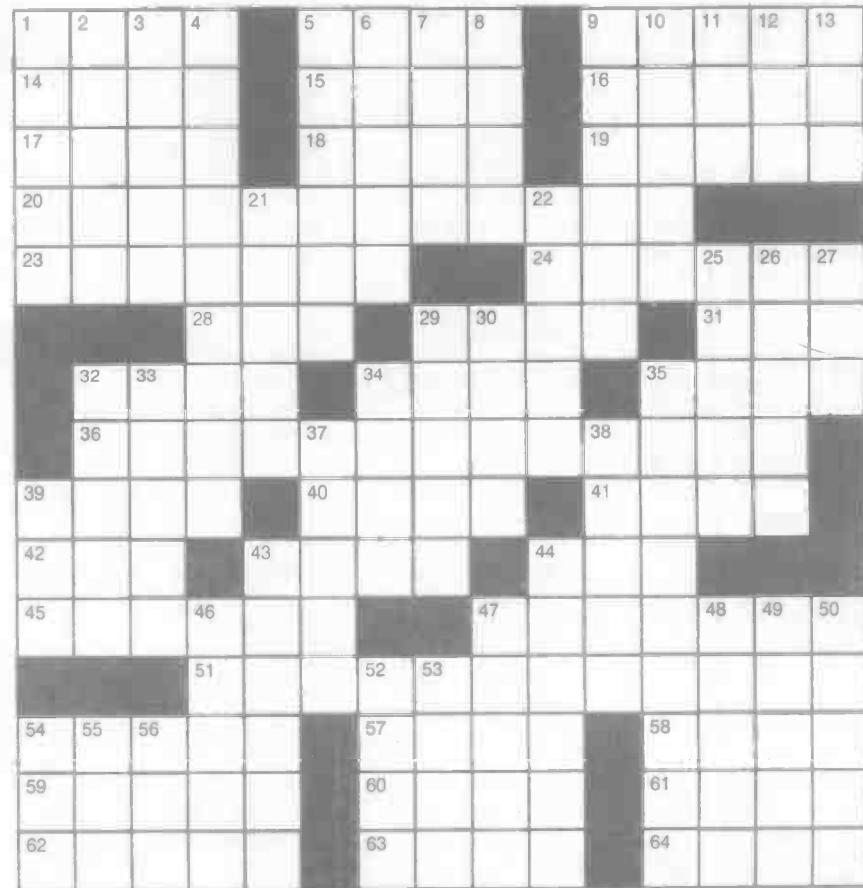
BY CHARLES PRESTON

### Across

- 1 DC arm-twisters  
5 Off kilter  
9 Limited  
14 Wellington's alma mater  
15 Flushing place  
16 Pressed  
17 Lake or Perry  
18 Break away  
19 Bumps into  
20 Changed situation  
23 Computer-user's hookup  
24 Fix chuckholes  
28 Ho's follower  
29 Pokey  
31 Jones preceder  
32 Former secretary of state  
34 Lotion potion  
35 Body of laws  
36 Pretty close  
39 Outer limit  
40 Durham university  
41 Peak in Sicily  
42 Light-horse Harry  
43 Snack
- 44 Exist  
45 Fancy fabric  
47 Tack item  
51 Cooperate  
54 Biblical musician  
57 \_\_\_ da capo  
58 Cinema pooch  
59 Settled, slangily?  
60 Louis XV wore them  
61 Geetars' kin  
62 Schoolbooks  
63 Cool  
64 Hermes' invention
- 1 Tallest of the hickories  
2 Pay for  
3 It reaches aphelion  
4 Squeaky clean  
5 Buzzing  
6 Sea creature  
7 Bona fide  
8 Yin's counterpart  
9 Type of squash  
10 Pill  
11 Get up there  
12 Gain

### Down

- 13 RE's quest  
21 Swing holder  
22 The little mermaid  
25 Decorate  
26 One of the Collapses  
27 Merino mom  
29 Assuage  
30 Enamelware  
32 Pitcher Nomo  
33 Inflame  
34 End at  
35 Screech  
37 Minneapolis suburb  
38 Reason for a red flag  
39 Tree  
43 Ball girls?  
44 It's about time!  
46 Solar-year excess  
47 Steppe antelope  
48 Like thin ice  
49 Out-and-out  
50 Terrible twos, e.g.  
52 Hang open  
53 White cheese  
54 Smidgen  
55 French one  
56 Beiderbecke, of jazz



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# Hide and Seek

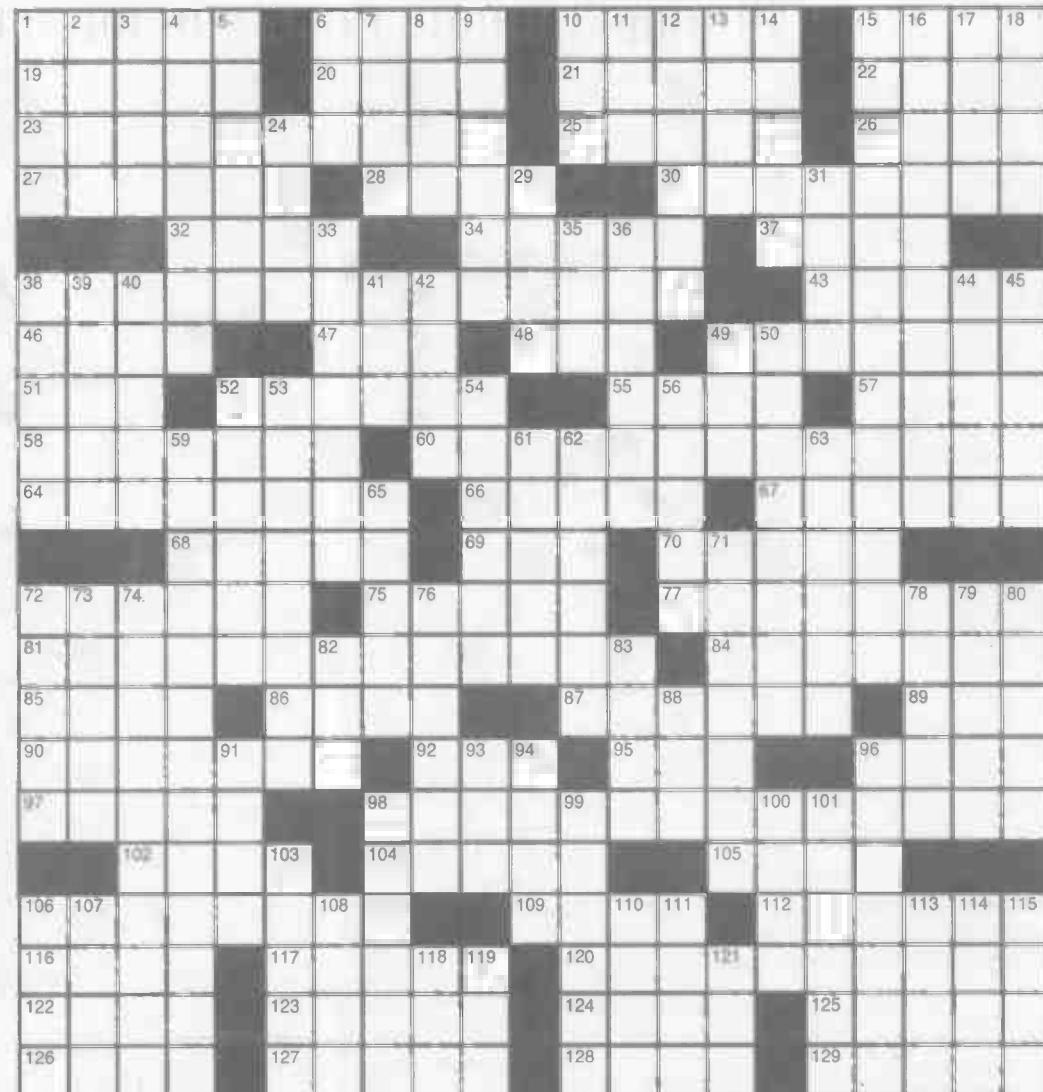
BY ED SESSA

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**Across**

- 1 Head up, in a way  
 6 Future MD's exam  
 10 Pick-me-up pill  
 15 Left, in slang  
 19 One on the trail  
 20 Short-cut pasta  
 21 Windy City hub  
 22 Opposite of a pan  
 23 \*Come (to), more or less  
 25 Many a worm  
 26 Emphatic type: Abbr.  
 27 Adjust, as a spreadsheet  
 28 Company VIP  
 30 Observation platform  
 32 E Street Band guitarist Lofgren  
 34 "Mr. Pim Passes By" playwright  
 37 "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" musical  
 38 \*Subject of lengthy debate  
 43 Versailles assembly  
 46 Line partitions: Abbr.  
 47 "Friendly Skies" co.  
 48 Observed  
 49 Observes  
 51 Former red state: Abbr.  
 52 Like the bell of a trumpet  
 55 Biblical shepherd  
 57 South Korean sportswear company  
 58 Was duly humiliated  
 60 \*Union proposal?  
 64 IMO, in "Hamlet"  
 66 Spare tyre sites  
 67 Old "Oyez!" shouters  
 68 "— of robins..."  
 69 "Give Peace a Chance" co-writer, per Lennon  
 70 Colonial story  
 72 Holds tight  
 75 Metal-threaded fabrics  
 77 Diminished  
 81 \*Play it safe  
 84 70-Across function  
 85 Fit to—  
 86 Of no consequence  
 87 London borough  
 89 Network with a three-box logo  
 90 Admission of error  
 92 Swipe from  
 95 Cedar Rapids college

- 96 Fountain order  
 97 Chief Powhatan's son-in-law  
 98 \*Mitigate  
 102 Reproductive cell  
 104 Lee — first African-American to play in the Masters  
 105 Bearing a grudge  
 106 Scroll key  
 109 Where lines may be read  
 112 Pity-evoking quality  
 116 St. Patrick's land  
 117 Medical co. in the DJIA  
 120 Hide-and-seek activity utilizing GPS ... and what is literally done in the answers to starred clues  
 122 In — of: replacing  
 123 "Shaq Diesel" rapper  
 124 Regarding  
 125 Standing tall  
 126 Facility  
 127 —Croatian language  
 128 Word with waffle or sugar  
 129 Bros
- Down**
- 1 Scorch  
 2 Like many old soaps  
 3 Turner and others  
 4 Soft-wool sources  
 5 2014 World Cup site  
 6 Comedian Howard with a bowl-cut hair style  
 7 Whip handle  
 8 Bleu shade  
 9 Aboriginal emblems  
 10 Noodle  
 11 "What do we have here?!"  
 12 — Criss, who plays Blaine on "Glee"  
 13 Twisable treat  
 14 "Gravity" effect  
 15 \*Sulu, for one  
 16 Well beyond one's prime  
 17 FEMA concern  
 18 Old TV host with an accordion  
 24 Neuter, as horses  
 29 Comic strip about a high schooler  
 31 Flounder, e.g.  
 33 Complains
- 35 — Fál: Irish "stone of destiny"  
 36 "Don't go yet"  
 38 State in northeast India  
 39 "Beau —"  
 40 Heron relative  
 41 Former Mideast org.  
 42 K-5 or K-6: Abbr.  
 44 Freud contemporary  
 45 Nicholas and Alexander  
 49 Mooch  
 50 Puts in, as a political office  
 52 — benefit  
 53 Like the town in a Ricky Nelson hit  
 54 Tops, slangily  
 56 Fundamental  
 59 \*Trial movement  
 61 Blakley of "Nashville"  
 62 Digs for bats  
 63 Prayer  
 65 Canonized fifteenth-century pope  
 71 6-Across takers, e.g.  
 72 Offer to a guest  
 73 Move on  
 74 Guiding doctrines  
 76 Starlike  
 78 Jar Jar Binks' home planet  
 79 Staff sequence  
 80 "Unleaded" drink  
 82 Sign of approval  
 83 "We are — stuff / As dreams are made on": Prospero  
 88 Tot's piggy  
 91 Duel precursor, perhaps  
 93 Signed off on  
 94 Road alert  
 96 Sexy, in a way  
 98 Sawbuck  
 99 Lamentable  
 100 L—: Parkinson's treatment  
 101 Honored  
 103 Magic charms  
 106 Sports legend of 5-Down  
 107 Musical highlight  
 108 Taper off  
 110 Fallon's predecessor  
 111 Poetic time  
 113 Ran, old-style  
 114 Fairy tale start  
 115 Mil. base drillers  
 118 Small application  
 119 "Idol" judge, familiarly  
 121 Central opening?



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**Sudoku**

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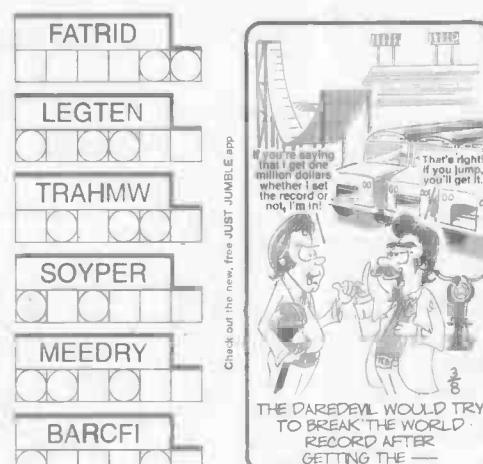
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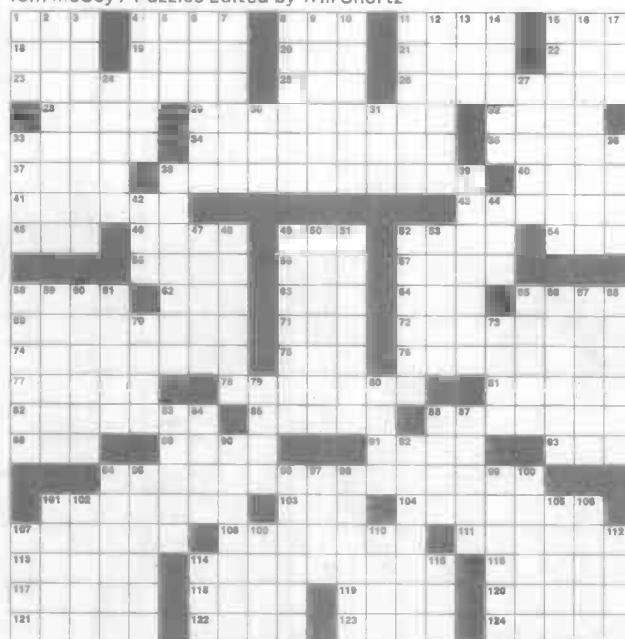
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By Tom McCoy / Puzzles Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Exploit, e.g.
  - 4 Mountain cat
  - 8 All—
  - 11 Careen
  - 15 "New Adventures in Hi-Fi" band
  - 18 Thickness
  - 19 Subject of a prophecy in Genesis
  - 20 Ad —
  - 21 Eponymous Indian tribe
  - 22 Cry on the bridge
  - 23 The last one in, perhaps
  - 25 Toledo-to-Akron dir.
  - 26 "Why is a raven like a writing desk?" asker
  - 28 Move quickly, as clouds
  - 29 Shames into action
  - 32 Puts on
  - 33 Darlings
  - 34 Cross
  - 35 Confuse
  - 37 Capital near the 60th parallel
  - 38 Sushi coating, maybe
  - 40 Currency in Turkey
  - 41 Bully on "The Simpsons"
  - 43 "\_\_\_ no doubt"
  - 45 Mess
  - 46 2009 Newbery-winning author Gaiman
  - 49 Where you might exchange tender for tenders
  - 52 Something off the top of your head?
  - 54 Particularly: Abbr.
  - 55 Make content
  - 56 El Amazonas, e.g.
  - 57 Hole punchers
  - 58 Heart-to-heart, e.g.
  - 62 Shaving —
  - 63 Wood in Lucius Maffoy's wand
  - 64 Chum
  - 65 Setting for part of "Frankenstein"
  - 69 With 94- and 72-Across, a mnemonic for the first eight digits of [symbol in the middle of the grid]
  - 71 XV years before the Battle of Hastings
  - 72 See 69-Across
  - 74 "I" strain?



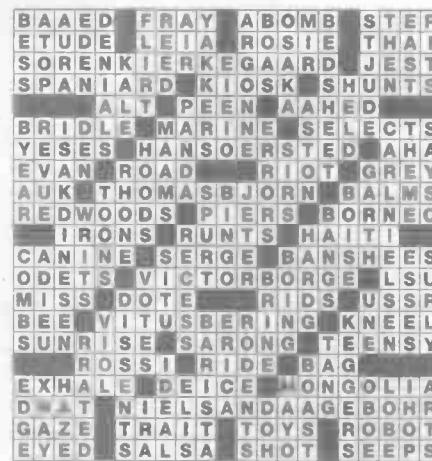
- 118 Fabled 90-Down**  
119 Needle case  
120 Like two lowercase letters of the alphabet  
121 Mormon V.I.P.  
122 English author Blyton  
123 1/2, for one  
124 Brings around
- DOWN**
- 1 Bank init.
  - 2 Not far apart
  - 3 As is usual
  - 4 Remains unsettled
  - 5 Exploit
  - 6 Smith of "Downton Abbey"
  - 7 Portends
  - 8 Heat, informally
  - 9 Breather
  - 10 Stock of certain companies?
  - 11
  - 12 Like the previous clue (which originally read "Place of Jewish worship")
  - 13 Red Cross work
  - 14 Place to get clean
  - 15 How questions may be asked
  - 16 Derelict buildings, e.g.
  - 17 Eau holder
  - 24 Money in la banque or la banca
  - 27 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
  - 30 Bank init.
  - 31 "Where would \_\_\_ without you?"
  - 33 Puts on
  - 36 [Good heavens!]
  - 38 Enter through the back door, say
  - 39 Frat Pack member Ben
  - 42 Slip—
  - 44 Slugger's stat, for short
  - 47 "Who goes there?" response
  - 115 Train-track support



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## Last week's crosswords

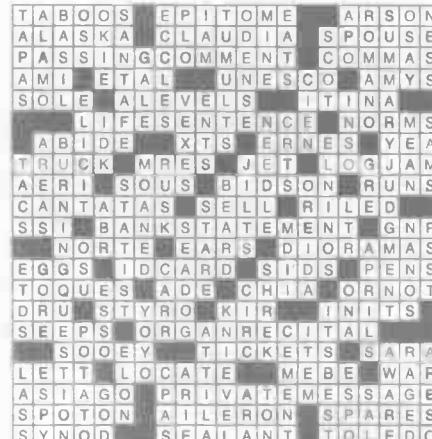
### "Great Danes"



### "Musical Chairs"



### "Say What?"



## Last week's Quote-Acrostic

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## Last week's Sudoku



## This week's Jumble

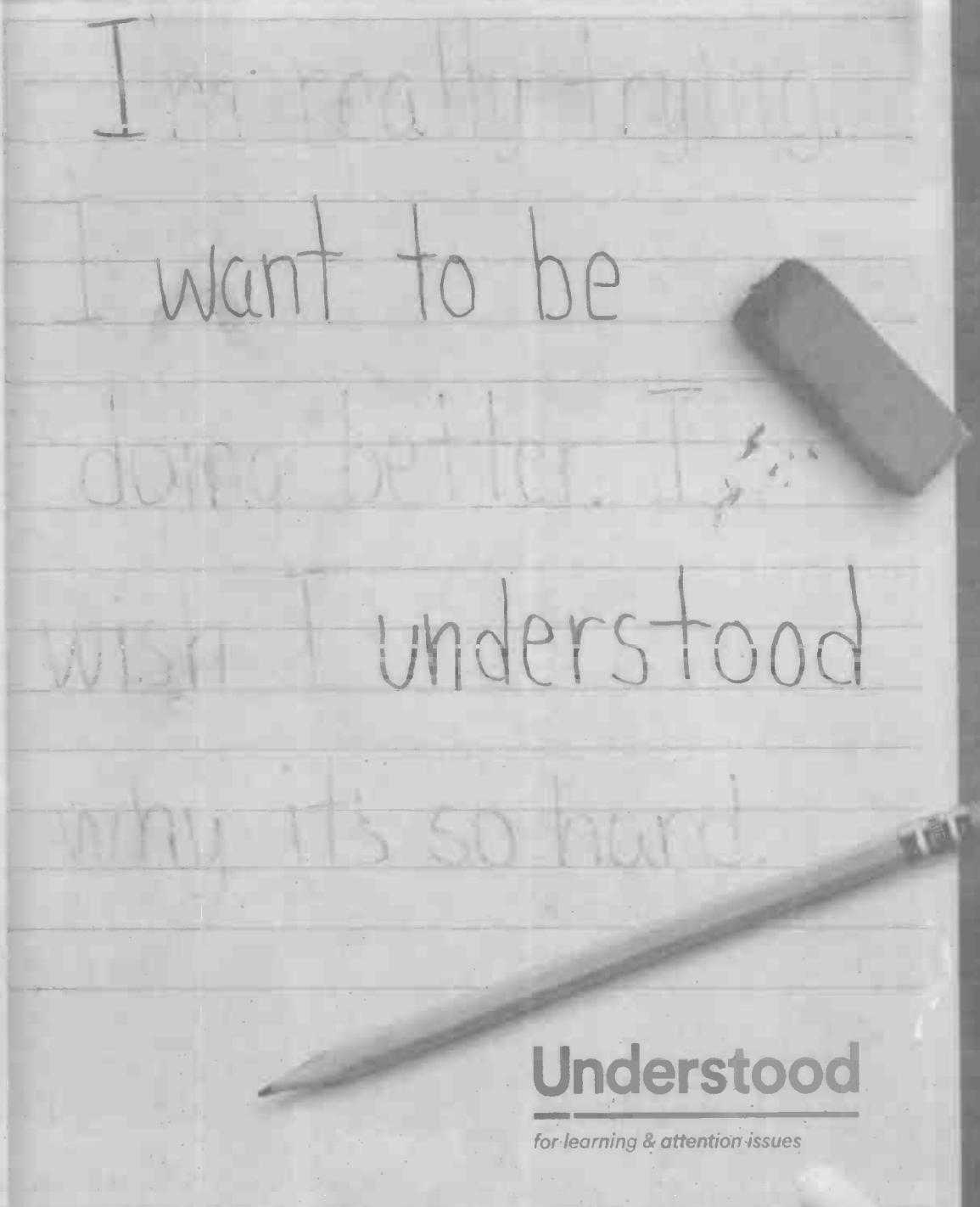
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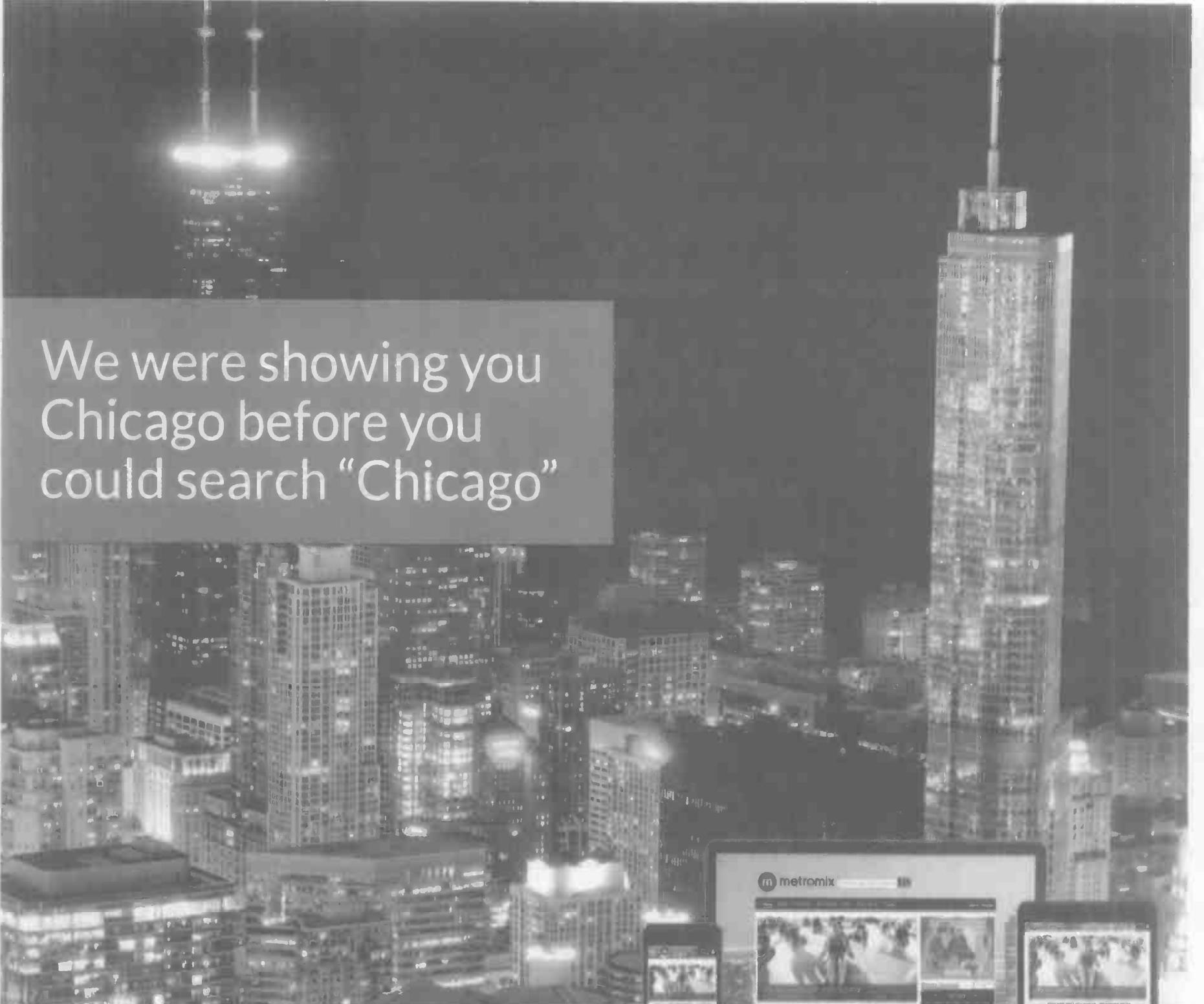
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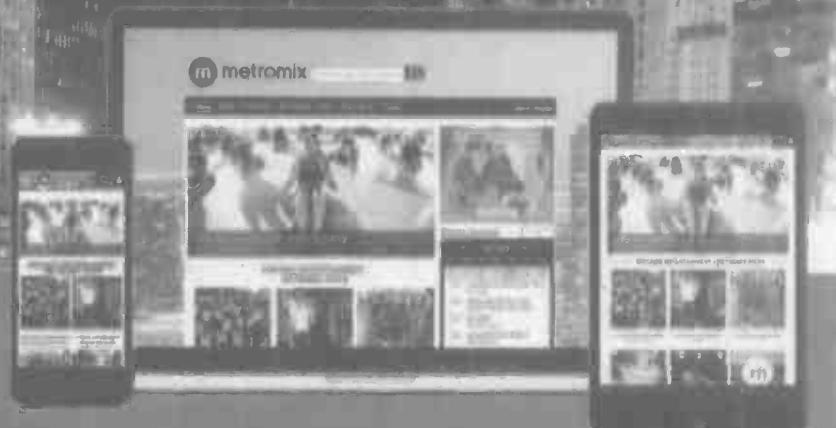




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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Caffeine in night cream blamed for poor sleep

BY JOE GRAEDON  
AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q:** As an active, fit woman in my 50s, I found it increasingly hard to sleep at night. I would go to bed exhausted and finally fall asleep, only to awaken one hour later, unable to get back to sleep. I was taking an over-the-counter sleep aid and melatonin, to no avail.

When shopping for cosmetics at a department store, I told the salesperson about my sleep dilemma and that it almost seemed my nighttime ritual could be the problem. She told me it most likely was!

She is a retired chemist from Eli Lilly. She showed me the very small print indicating that caffeine is added to moisturizers and eye creams to reduce wrinkles. I was shocked.

Now I read the fine print and only buy products without caffeine. My night's sleep is much improved.

**A:** We were surprised to learn that moisturizers, eye creams and many other cosmetics may contain caffeine. There is no question that caffeine is absorbed through the skin, but we don't know how much caffeine beauty products contain. Manufacturers are not required to provide that information.

It is not clear whether facial creams and body lotions would supply enough caffeine to cause wakefulness. You might be especially sensitive to the stimulating effect of this compound.

We appreciate your alerting our readers to check their nighttime lotions. Caffeine is sometimes added to eye creams



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to reduce puffiness, but the appearance of your eyes at night may be less important than being able to get a good night's sleep.

**Q:** I was diagnosed with uterine and ovarian cancer last year. After a complete hysterectomy and months of chemo, I talked to my GYN/oncologist about vaginal dryness.

He prescribed Premarin cream. He said it's very low-dose estrogen and not absorbed into the bloodstream, unlike estrogen pills that are not advised for someone like me who has had a hormonal cancer.

He told me that the risk of developing breast cancer from this cream is incredibly small. He's the head of the department and a GYN/oncologist for more than 25 years, so he should know.

**A:** The makers of Premarin Vaginal Cream specifically warn that it should not be used if you have had breast or uterine cancer, a stroke or heart attack, blood clots or liver problems.

During a current TV commercial, the voice-over says, "Estrogens may increase your chances of getting cancer of the uterus, strokes, blood clots or dementia." This suggests that estrogen is absorbed from the vagina.

You will find other ideas about easing vaginal dryness in our Guide to Menopause.

Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (70 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedon's People's Pharmacy, No. W-50, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: [peoplespharmacy.com](http://peoplespharmacy.com).

**Q:** A friend told me that Swedish bitters were used historically for digestion. For the past couple of months I've been using the bitters to relieve my indigestion.

Do you know about Swedish bitters? Is there any research on this product?

**A:** Swedish bitters is a traditional herbal preparation that has been used to treat digestive distress for centuries. There is some research supporting its effectiveness (*Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, October 2002). Bartenders also use bitters to impart a distinctive flavor to certain mixed drinks.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [peoplespharmacy.com](http://peoplespharmacy.com).

# When kids develop kidney stones, diet may be culprit

BY JOE SMYDO  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH — The first time the reddish color appeared in Bella's urine, Loren Carroto blamed the ice pops her daughter had eaten at a birthday party.

But the discoloration returned intermittently. It turned out to be blood, not food coloring, and the diagnosis was one affecting a growing number of children: kidney stones.

Five years later, Bella, now 9, remains on a low-salt diet, which helps prevent new kidney stones from forming but keeps her from eating many of the fast foods kids love.

"It's a constant battle," said her mother, who enforces the dietary restrictions.

Comprehensive studies have not been done, so estimates of the number of U.S. pediatric kidney stone cases are unavailable. But doctors say they are seeing more children with the ailment, and some hospitals, including Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, have established special programs to diagnose and treat it.

In the last year, Children's saw about 100 patients who have had kidney stones, said Michael Moritz, clinical director of pediatric nephrology. Kidney stones are tiny mineral deposits that form in some people's kidneys. If they remain there, they cause no pain, and a person would be unaware of them.

Trouble comes when a stone leaves the kidneys and travels through or gets stuck in the narrow urinary tract. Blood is one symptom; intense pain is another.

"It's extremely, extremely painful," Moritz said, noting that some women have described kidney stones as being as painful as childbirth.

Kidney stones are



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Bella Carroto, 9, who had kidney stones, helps her mother, Loren Carroto, at the family's florist business.

roughly the same size in children and adults, but children's organs are

smaller, so they may have a more difficult time passing them, Moritz said. If stones do not pass out of the body, they may have to be surgically removed.

Because pediatric kidney stones remain an emerging trend, medical professionals may not be quick to suspect them, said Gregory Tasian, a pediatric urologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

In Bella's case, neither a pediatrician nor emergency room doctor could pinpoint her problem. Then Loren Carroto and her husband, Chad, took her to Moritz, who diagnosed the kidney stones with the help of an ultrasound.

Marian Riggins said her daughter, Taylor, 7, began experiencing bloody urine in December 2013. Although doctors insisted Taylor had a urinary tract infection, the problem persisted, and Riggins challenged that diagnosis.

"I wanted somebody to listen to me because I knew something was wrong," she said.

Riggins took her to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where Tasian diagnosed kidney stones. In a year, Tasian said, his program treats about 500 patients, about 100 of them

newly diagnosed.

Because they've been studied less than the adult condition, pediatric kidney stones are something of a mystery. According to an August 2011 article in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, children's stones occur more frequently in girls than boys, even though most adult cases affect men.

Tasian said prevalence has increased so quickly over the last 25 years that environmental factors are more likely to blame than genetic causes. "Diet is a strong risk factor," he said.

He and Moritz said children don't drink enough water, which flushes stone-forming minerals from the body.

Nor, Moritz said, do children eat enough fruits and vegetables, which have alkaline properties that counter stone production. On the other hand, kids eat too many fatty, salty foods and drink dark colas, which contain an acid that some doctors believe to be a factor in stone formation.

Moritz said treatment at Children's in Pittsburgh includes a metabolic analysis of the patient's urine and a "targeted dietary approach," while Tasian said his program's comprehensive approach includes a metabolic assessment.

# Pre-pregnancy weight loss best for all

Fewer problems for baby, mother, doctors report

BY LESLIE MANN

Special to Tribune Newspapers

Before she got pregnant in 2014, Lizzy King, 28, of East Lansing, Mich., gave herself a "lifestyle overhaul." She started running and lost 50 pounds. She eschewed processed food and ate her first banana.

King became "hyper-aware of the effects of too much weight gain before and during pregnancy," she said. "That was fuel to keep exercising and turn down that extra bowl of ice cream."

The result: King's pregnancy and childbirth were smooth sailing, her baby is healthy, and she quickly returned to her pre-pregnancy clothes.

If only every new mom were this conscientious, doctors would not be alarmed by the effects of obesity on pregnancy. But according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 22.1 percent of women giving birth are obese (175-plus pounds for a 5-foot-4-inch woman) before they become pregnant.

"Obesity can adversely affect fertility, pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum recovery and the baby," said Dr. Raul Artal of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Just getting pregnant can be thwarted by obesity. A common fertility enemy for obese women is polycystic ovary syndrome, which can disrupt ovulation.

After a woman becomes pregnant, obesity increases her chances of gestational diabetes, hypertension, pre-eclampsia, long labor, labor interventions, miscarriage and ultrasound test difficulties.

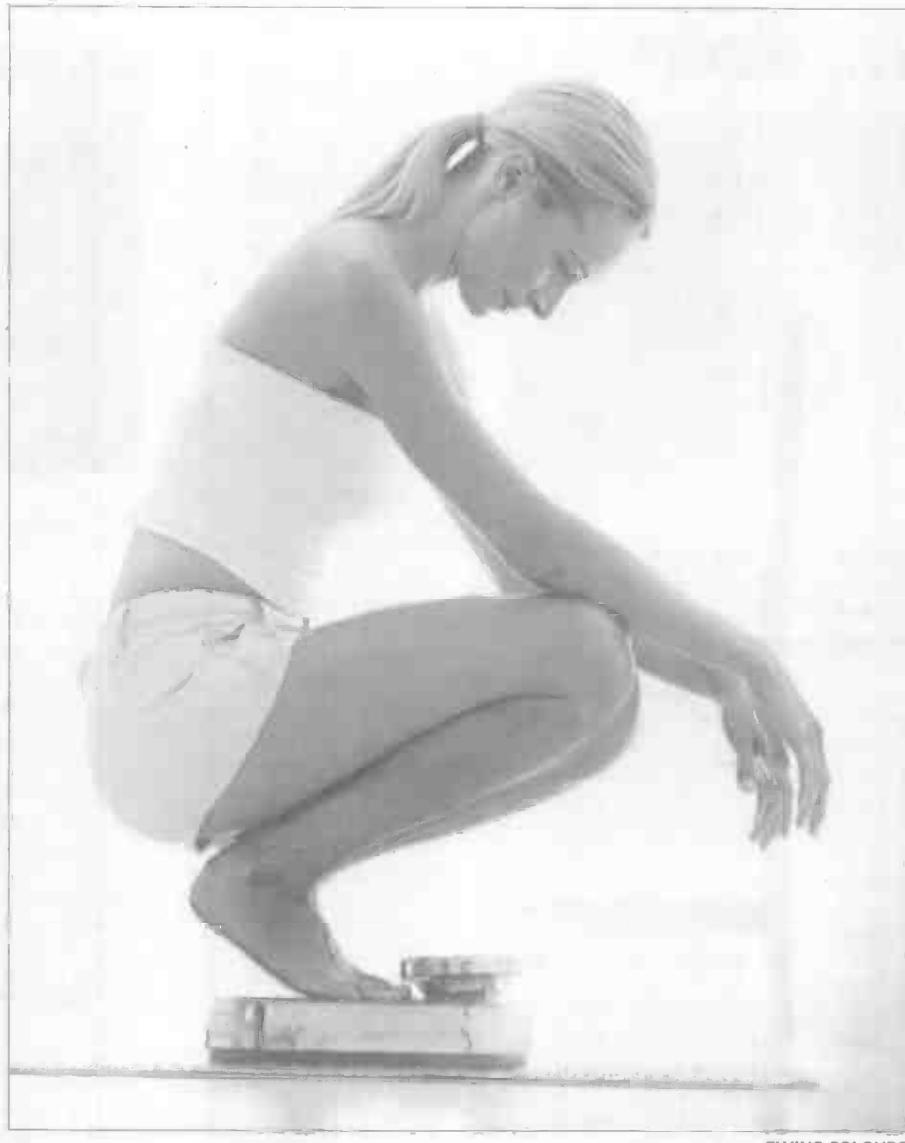
Obesity can cause macrosomia, having too large of a baby, which in turn ups a woman's chances of having a cesarean section, and that is more dangerous than a vaginal birth.

Anesthesia is more problematic for the obese woman, whether she has a vaginal delivery or C-section.

After pregnancy, the obese mom is more likely to hemorrhage and less able to drop her "baby weight."

Until recently, researchers said children's obesity was primarily a reflection of a family's lifestyle. Now they know mom's excess pounds also affect the baby's propensity toward obesity by rewiring the baby's brain.

"One way we've learned this is by studying babies born to moms before and after gastric bypass surgery," said Dr. Lisa Neff, an endocrinologist at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago. "The babies born after their moms lost weight have fewer problems associated with obesity themselves."



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An obese mom's fetus is "bathed in the hormones leptin and insulin, which control weight," Neff said. "His brain is programmed for obesity by having different appetite set (hungry or full) points."

"These babies have gene mutations that will affect generations to come," Artal added.

The first trimester is especially crucial, according to a 2014 study of 3,000 women by the University of Southampton in England.

In addition to a propensity for obesity, the obese mom's baby is more likely to have a neural tube or heart defect, be stillborn or suffer birth injuries.

The baby is more likely to be premature, too, according to the Seattle Children's Hospital's Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth. Prematurity increases the baby's chances of becoming obese, so a vicious cycle begins.

Obesity in pregnancy is part of a greater

societal problem, said Gerald Celente, publisher of the Kingston, N.Y.-based Trends Journal.

"There used to be one fat kid in the class, and, yes, we said, 'fat,'" he said. "Now we have a generation of fat people who have grown up on junk food, with sedentary lifestyles."

Obesity is part of the "I don't care" trend, Celente said. "The loss of pride and self-respect is endemic."

The blame has shifted from "personal responsibility" to "a community problem," according to a 2014 study of 38,625 adults and 3,518 health care professionals, said co-author Diana Thomas, director of the Center for Quantitative Obesity Research in Montclair, N.J.

Preceding the shift, Thomas noted, was the American Medical Association's classification of obesity as a "disease" in 2013.

Fortunately, intervention helps. Obese pregnant women who participate in in-

tensive nutritional diets and exercise in their first trimesters are less likely to gain excess weight or have macrosomia, C-sections, pre-eclampsia or hypertension than peers with standard prenatal care, according to a 2014 study by the Capital Medical University in Beijing.

It's all about education — not just for pregnant women but also for the medical community, Neff said.

The obese woman should view pregnancy as "a great window of opportunity to learn from her doctor and make changes," said Michael Goran, director of the University of Southern California's Childhood Obesity Research Center.

#### Consider these tips:

- First, achieve mental health. Liza Vismans, 36, of Los Angeles, worked with a trainer to get "in shape physically, mentally and spiritually" pre-pregnancy, she said. During pregnancy, she "gained weight gracefully. Afterward I lost it because I had gone from the crazy cardio exerciser to calm."

- Consult the scale. A normal-weight woman, for example, should gain 25 to 35 pounds during pregnancy, depending on her height, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Obese women should gain 11 to 20 pounds.

- Listen to your body. "Just as you stay away from alcohol and sushi, stay away from sugary beverages too," Goran said.

Pregnancy is not a time to indulge, according to Artal. "Just continue to exercise and eat well," he said.

- Include your partner in your exercise-and-diet team.

Ignore websites that urge you to dismiss doctors' warnings, King said. "It's fine to be 'bold and beautiful' if it's just you, but it's not fair to the baby," she said.

- Use an activity device that reminds you to "keep active all day," Neff said. "Take the stairs, get off the bus a stop early, park in a farther spot."

- Aim for a realistic weight-loss goal, Neff said. "Even 5 or 10 percent can significantly affect your pregnancy," she said.

- Take an online exercise class from an instructor who has been there, done that, like Kelly Coffey, 35, of Northampton, Mass. ([strongcoffey.com](http://strongcoffey.com)), who became a personal trainer after having gastric-bypass surgery then having children.

Bottom line, we have only begun to understand the effects of obesity on pregnancy, the doctors said.

It's no longer just about losing your post-prego baby bump. "It's about taking charge of your health for the sake of your baby," Coffey tells her students. "Lose the weight now, before you get pregnant, or I'm going to tell you to do it before you have another baby."

# One sunny bite



**LEAH ESKIN**  
Home on the Range

March, aptly named, is a slow, obligatory trudge. The scenery is best indoors: cup, counter, cookbook. A moment startled, one morning, by the buzz: the man in the brown uniform handed off a brown box. Small, heavy and postmarked California.

I slit the tape, folded back the flaps and squinted into a blaze of sunshine: seven Meyer lemons, straight from Ann's tree.

Outside, they were orange-yellow bright; inside they were orange-lemon sweet. I squeezed them down, stirred them thick and poured the brilliant lemon curd into a glass jar. Back then, my children were short and my refrigerator tall. I chose the highest shelf.

Some afternoons I'd spring open the lid and spoon up one sunny bite. Some I'd simply gaze at that fat jar of friendship — all mine to savor.

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## Meyer lemon souffles

**Prep:** 20 minutes **Bake:** 9 minutes

**Makes:** 6 small souffles

Butter and sugar for pans

- 4 or 5 large Meyer lemons
- 4 eggs, separated
- ¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, cut up

**1 Prep:** Butter and sugar six ½-cup ramekins; set them on a rimmed baking sheet.

**2 Squeeze:** Zest 2 lemons. Squeeze as many lemons as needed to measure ¾ cup strained juice.

**3 Thicken:** In a heavy medium saucepan, whisk together zest, lemon juice, yolks, ¼ cup sugar and the butter. Whisk over medium heat until thick, 10 to 12 minutes. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a large, clean bowl. Let cool a few minutes.

**4 Whip:** Using a heavy-duty mixer and the whisk attachment, whip egg whites until foamy. With the mixer running, cascade in remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and continue whipping to glossy white peaks, about 1 to 2 minutes.

**5 Fold:** Whisk a big spoonful of whites into the lemon curd, to lighten it. Scrape in the remaining whites. Using a flexible spatula, fold curd into whites. Do this gently, so as not to crush the meringue and thoroughly, so as not to leave any white blobs. Ladle into prepared ramekins.

**6 Bake:** Slide the sheet of ramekins into a 425-degree oven and bake until golden and dramatically puffed, 8 to 9 minutes. Mindful of the hot ramekins, enjoy right away.

## THE VEGGIE COOK

# Aromatic spices come alive in lentil-bulgur dish

**BY KAY STEPKIN**

Special to Tribune Newspapers

It's not just happenstance that so many vegetarian dishes come from India. Jon Gregerson, in his book "Vegetarianism: A History," tells us that the teachings of India's three primary religions — Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism — include a focus on practicing compassion toward our fellow animals, which has led many Indians to adopt a vegetarian diet.

The first Vegetarian Society, however, was not formed in India, according to Tristram Stuart in "The Bloodless Revolution," but in England in 1847, English colonization having brought Western influences to India, and Indian influences to England. In the case of vegetarianism, it was the colonists who



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Caramelized onions top a lentil and bulgur dish.

learned from the colonized.

One of the earliest of cultivated legumes, lentils have long been an important crop worldwide and are a staple of Indian cuisine. Here they're served with a whole grain and oil made aromatic with spices.

### Tips

- Unrefined, roasted peanut oil has a wonderful flavor. Use it or substitute the oil of your choice.
- Use any small lentil in this recipe except red lentils, which would break down too much.

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## East Indian lentils and bulgur

**Prep:** 35 minutes **Cook:** 1 hour **Makes:** 6 servings

- 1 cup green lentils, sorted, rinsed
- 1 cup bulgur
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 serrano peppers, seeded, minced
- ½ teaspoon each: cumin seed, mustard seed, celery seed, ground allspice
- 2 large onions, halved, thinly sliced
- ½ cup tightly packed chopped fresh cilantro

**1** Combine 3 cups water and the lentils in a medium saucepan; cover. Heat to a boil over medium-high heat. Lower the heat; simmer until almost tender, about 20 minutes. Stir in bulgur and ½ teaspoon salt. Cover; remove from heat. Let sit until legumes and grains are tender and water is absorbed, about 20 minutes.

**2** Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chopped onion, ginger, garlic, serrano, cumin, mustard, celery, allspice and ¼ teaspoon salt; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion turns translucent, about 10 minutes. Stir in the lentil and bulgur mixture. Cover; remove from heat.

**3** Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add sliced onions; season with remaining ¼ teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until beginning to soften, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat to low; cook until onions are golden brown, about 20 minutes. Place the lentil/bulgur mixture on a large platter; garnish with the caramelized onions and cilantro.

**Nutrition Information per serving:** 263 calories, 6 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 44 g carbohydrates, 12 g protein, 477 mg sodium, 12 g fiber

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# Seeing the light



BILL ST. JOHN

When I ponder pairing wine and food, looking for the right match of liquid and larder, I picture myself standing in an elevator lobby of a very large, rather tall building.

All the food in the world is in that building, all the many bases of different animal or aquatic protein, all the globe's vegetables and starches, and all the various preparations that cooks work those with: Asian salt and heat, American char and sugar, Italian and French fats and fancies. Every permutation possible, food for a Jain vegan to an eater of bison tartare, all in one big, tall building.

On the first floor of the building are eats such as unadorned tofu or chicken tenders poached in water. On the top floor, whichever the number (it doesn't matter), is live bear. All else is in between.

What I want to do is taste and enjoy as many of the world's foods and their preparations with as many different kinds of wines as would marry them well. So I look for the sweep of the elevator's controls, as in those old-fashioned arrow pointers that fanned over the floor numbers as the car went up or down.

The best wines for me to choose are those that can handle a ride to as many floors as possible. The least useful are those that niche themselves onto only one or two floors. For the first floor, a lot of Italian pinot grigio works. For the live bear, a head-banging 17 percent alcohol California red will do.

Either wine fits with only a few foods; they work well there, but there only.

To speak about just red wines here, the more flexible are what we can call "the lighter reds," those easy of tannin, moderate of alcohol, medium-weight in body and less extracted of fruit and phenol.

Such red wines taste delicious with white, pink and many red meats, with mild and spicy foods, with vegetable-based preparations and a raft of cheeses.

Well-made pinot noir is such a wine, whether from its kingdom of Burgundy or as it appears in most all winemaking countries. The 2011 Friedrich Becker Family Pinot Noir, Pfalz, Germany (\$19), comes to mind, with its softly rendered cherry-like fruit; so does the 2013 Erath Winery Pinot Noir, Oregon (\$17), light on the tongue but headily scented.



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Wines like Elena Walch Schiava, Erath Pinot Noir and Colazzi Chianti Classico have a lighter profile, making them great companions for food.

From Trentino in northern Italy, the 2014 Cantina Terlan Blauburgunder (pinot noir's name up there) brings aromas of burnt hay and char to pinot's red fruit base and is but a delicious \$15 to boot. And the

medium-weight, moderate-alcohol red wines that pair well with a world of foods

But there is a world of lighter red beyond pinot noir too. Try good cru Beaujolais for example, such as the lively 2012 Daniel Bouland Chiroubles, Burgundy, France (\$27), made from organic grapes in the low yield, old school method to capture the juicy fruit of its gamay grapes. From Italy's central region of Tuscany, a river of medium-bodied, refreshing Chianti Classico flows, such as the 2012 Collazzi Chianti Classico I Bastioni, Tuscany, Italy (\$19), like drinking cool well water flavored with Bing cherry.

In northern Spain, they make one of the world's great lighter reds from the tempranillo grape (sometimes with ancillary grapes of mazuelo and graciano for flavor and texture notes) in the Rioja district. One such is the 2008 Beronia Rioja Tinto Reserva, Rioja, Spain (\$20), bringing to the table its many layers of flavor and aroma, and its elegant texture on the tongue.

Notice something going on with these wines? They are, by and large, from cooler climates that do not ripen red grapes into sporting boorish fruit, thick tannins and potentially high alcohol. So, back to northern Italy for the 2013 Kellerei Kaltern Vernatsch/Schiava Campaner, Trentino-Alto Adige (\$20), and the 2012 Elena Walch Schiava, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy (\$13), both intensively fruity and snappily acidic (the dual name on the Kellerei Kaltern is its moniker in both German and Italian, the two languages of Trentino).

Or have a go in a lighter textured red with the 2012 Brezza San Lorenzo Dolcetto d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy (\$24), and its plush, plump body, highly scented red fruit and zippy finish. Experiment with some of the newer ways with Emilia-Romagna's great light red in the NV Cleto Chiarli Lambrusco di Sorbara Vecchia Modena, Emilia-Romagna, Italy (\$15-\$17), and its flavors of strawberry and red cherry ever so slightly sweet and lightly fizzed.

The 2013 J. Lohr Valdiguié Wildflower, Monterey, California (\$12), approaches the Lambrusco's lifted fruit, but is drier, not at all bubbly and chin-dripping juicy. Valdiguié is an obscure red grape that J. Lohr has revived as a red wine and gets some applause for doing so.

It's the globe's lighter reds that will stand your palate in good stead with as wide a range of foods as you wish to tolerate and enjoy.

*If your wine store does not carry these, ask for wines similar in style and price.*

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## FOOD

# Toast garden's harvest with juice, wine, syrup

BY WILLIAM HAGEMAN  
Tribune Newspapers

When you first began making jams and jellies, the novelty and luscious results were enough to keep you inspired.

But after years of laboring over the stovetop, filling Ball jars and delivering endless apple jelly to the neighbors — neighbors whose smiles get less and less convincing — you realize jams and jellies aren't doing it for you anymore.

Nature, of course, is still providing a wonderful bounty of fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs. So what's your next step?

Nan K. Chase and DeNeice C. Guest have an answer with their book "Drink the Harvest" (Storey, \$18.95), which lays out ways to make juices, wines, fermented drinks and syrups.

Chase has been a freelance writer for more than 35 years and has spent more than 30 years gardening in western North Carolina. Guest has been studying wild herbs and gardening for more than 30 years and has been making herb-based tonics and beverages for the past decade. Theirs is a natural partnership.

"DeNeice was making mead — she's a genius with syrup — and I was doing juices and wines," Chase said.

The book goes well beyond recipes (and there are nearly 50 of those). There are explanations of what to grow, how to harvest and the equipment needed, as well as the ins and outs of bottling, fermentation, using a fruit press and other skills. Yet one may be surprised at the relative simplicity of making fresh prickly pear cactus juice, blueberry syrup or garden mint wine. It's not a daunting exercise.



JOHNNY AUTRY PHOTO

Authors Nan K. Chase, left, and DeNeice C. Guest bring more than 30 years each of gardening experience to their book "Drink the Harvest."



mon ingredients. Others are a little surprising. Rhubarb makes an outstanding fruit wine base, says Chase, who has batches of pumpkin mead and tomato wine working.

"You can make an incredible carnation wine, grape leaf wine," she said. "All these crazy experiments."

And if you're feeling exceptionally daring, how about kudzu wine?

Late last summer, the authors were driving near Guest's house when she pulled over and told Chase to take a whiff. The kudzu was in bloom, and it smelled like grape Kool-Aid. The next week, Chase pulled into a grocery parking lot, opened her door and was hit by the same fragrant scent. She found the blooming vine.

"I stripped off the blossoms, infused them with water overnight, and I had a base for one-gallon bottles of wine."

Grapes, apples, pears, crabapples and peaches are some of the more com-

# Shelf life

BY JUDY HEVRDEJS | Tribune Newspapers

## A taste of honey without bees

If you enjoy the taste of honey but avoid the bee-sourced sweet for any reason, perhaps Bee Free Honee from Minnesota might appeal. Made from organic apple concentrate, vegan sugar cane and lemon juice, it's sweet with a touch of tartness. The line also includes mint, chocolate and ancho chili flavors. A 12-ounce bottle: \$6.99. Store locator: [beefreehonee.com](http://beefreehonee.com).



## Gluten-free burritos

Our big burrito appetite prompted Udi's Gluten Free to introduce frozen gluten-free burritos (four breakfast; four lunch/dinner). The a.m. versions (half use whole eggs; two use whites) combine meats (sausages, bacon), cheese and veggies. Lunch/dinner options have similar cheese and meat (steak, chicken) or veggie/bean matchups. Microwaved, the tasty uncured bacon, egg and cheddar, plumped with potatoes and peppers, is an easy day starter. The version with rice, black beans, chicken and cheese makes a flavorful light lunch. A 5-ounce burrito: \$3.99. Store locator: [udisglutenfree.com](http://udisglutenfree.com).



## Spreading almond love

The nut butter world beyond peanuts is a busy place. Butters from hazelnuts, pecans, walnuts, cashews and almonds crowd store shelves. The Barney Butter folks have added a few new flavors to their line of almond butters, including honey-flax, raw-chia and cocoa-coconut. Our favorite: the vanilla bean-espresso with its barely crunchy coffee bean bits. A 10-ounce jar: \$8.99. For a store locator or to buy: [barneybutter.com](http://barneybutter.com).



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# Play it again, Ravinia Festival

BY JOHN VON RHEIN, GREG KOT AND HOWARD REICH  
Tribune critics

A new Ravinia Festival season brings powerhouse pop and a noteworthy jazz lineup. On the classical side, crowd-pleasing symphonic fare and movie nights will dominate the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's six-week residency at the Ravinia Festival this summer, as the festival looks to build on last year's uptick in attendance for classical events.

Altogether there will be more than 120 classical, pop, rock, jazz, dance and family-oriented programs during the season, which will run June 16-Sept. 10 on the tree-shaded festival grounds in Highland Park, Ravinia announced March 5.

## Classical

James Conlon will conclude his 11-year tenure as music director of the CSO's summer residency weeks with a concert performance of an opera new to the Ravinia repertory: Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman," starring singers Amber Wagner and Greer Grimsley.

Other soloists appearing with Conlon and the CSO include pianists Garrick Ohlsson, Lise de la Salle and Jorge Federico Osorio. Conlon also will direct the gala benefit evening, an all-Tchaikovsky program with Maxim Vengerov as violin soloist.

Whom will Ravinia hire to replace Conlon? Clues may lurk in the summer's guest conductor roster.

Taking charge of CSO concerts will be Carlos Miguel Prieto, Pablo Heras-Casado, Rafael Payare, Bobby McFerrin, David Alan Miller, Ted Sperling, Justin Freer and Steven Reineke. Other soloists include pianists Dubravka Tomsic and Peter Serkin; violinist Pinchas Zukerman; and singers Michelle DeYoung and Sylvia McNair.

The CSO will provide live musical accompaniment to movies projected onto giant screens in the pavilion and lawn. Movie nights will be devoted to Disney's "Fantasia" and "Fantasia 2000"; "Star Trek"; "Gladiator"; and

Danny Elfman scores for Tim Burton films.

As far as many classical buffs are concerned, Ravinia's claim to international festival status rests chiefly on the abundance of chamber music and recitals it presents each summer.

The 2015 season will bring 45 such events. Opera stars Thomas Hampson, Karita Mattila and Frederica von Stade will appear in recitals. There will be concerts by pianists Vladimir Feltsman, Jeffrey Kahane and Nikolai Lugansky. Returning will be such Ravinia mainstays as violinist Itzhak Perlman and the Emerson and Juilliard string quartets.

Also noteworthy, the celebrated young pianists Igor Levit and Yundi will make their Ravinia recital debuts, and Yefim Bronfman will perform the complete Prokofiev piano sonatas in three solo concerts.

Still among the area's top classical music bargains is Ravinia's \$10 BGH Classics series. There will be 27 such concerts in the acoustically inviting Bennett Gordon Hall, giving listeners a chance to check out such promising newcomers as violinist Augustin Hadelich and pianists Stanislav Khristenko, Frank Fernandez and David Kaplan, along with more established musicians like cellist Alisa Weilerstein and Chicago's Lincoln Trio.

— John von Rhein

## Jazz

A world premiere by Chicago pianist Ramsey Lewis, a two-night run by Tony Bennett with Lady Gaga and a farewell appearance by the Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club will grace the jazz calendar this summer at the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park.

Lewis, who serves as director of jazz at Ravinia, will celebrate his 80th birthday with the world premiere of his Piano Concerto, which he'll perform with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 8 in the pavilion.

Bennett and Lady Gaga will perform music from their "Cheek to Cheek" duets album at 8 p.m. June 26 and 27 in the pavilion. And Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club — featuring Omara Portuondo,



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James Conlon conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

do, Eliades Ochoa, Manuel "Guajiro" Mirabal and Barbarito Torres — will play their "Adios Tour" at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 12 in the pavilion.

Cabaret aficionados can hear Alan Cumming at 8 p.m. June 19 in the Martin Theatre; and Spider Saloff performing "Spider Sings Sondheim" at 6 p.m. Aug. 21 in Bennett Gordon Hall.

Ravinia will celebrate the Frank Sinatra centennial in song by presenting Frank Sinatra Jr. with the Ravinia Festival Orchestra at 8 p.m. Sept. 4 in the Pavilion. Along these lines, Sinatra-influenced singer Harry Connick Jr. will perform at 8 p.m. Aug. 7 in the pavilion.

Bobby McFerrin will conduct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in "The Best of the Gershwins' 'Porgy and Bess,'" with soprano Nicole Cabell, baritone Brian Stokes Mitchell and a choir assembled by Josephine Lee, at 8 p.m. July 8 in the pavilion. And David Alan Miller will lead the CSO — joined by pianist-vocalist Kevin Cole and singer Sylvia McNair — in "Play It Again, Marvin! A Marvin Hamlisch Celebration" at 5 p.m. July 26 in the pavilion.

Also, pianist Cyrus Chestnut and the Turtle Island Quartet will perform "Jelly, Rags and Monk" at 6 p.m. Aug. 29 in Bennett Gordon Hall. Diana Krall will play her "Wallflower World Tour" at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 in the pavilion.

— Howard Reich

## Pop, Rock And Country

Country star Alan Jackson (Aug. 31), matchbox20 singer Rob Thomas (July 18) and Lady Gaga (paired with Ravinia perennial Tony Bennett (June 26-27) are among the pop and country artists making their debuts at Ravinia this summer.

If not quite as adventurous as Gaga and Bennett, pairings dominate the lineup: the Tedeschi Trucks Band and soul singer Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings (June 21), David Gray with Amos Lee (June 28), Beach Boys founder Brian Wilson and Oscar-winning "Sugar Man" singer Rodriguez (July 6), Brandi Carlile and Old Crow Medicine Show (July 31), Bush and 3 Doors Down (Aug. 17), ZZ Top and Blackberry Smoke (Aug. 27), and Little Big Town with David Nail (Aug. 28).



FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES  
Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett.

Multi-act bills include Switchfoot with Dwight Holcomb & the Neighbors and Colony House (Aug. 19) and Sugar Ray, Better Than Ezra, Eve 6 and Uncle Kracker (Aug. 18).

Also notable: Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" on June 20, Aretha Franklin singing "The Great Diva Classics" on July 11, the Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club's "Adios Tour" on Aug. 12, Umphrey's McGee on Aug. 14, Santana on Aug. 29-30, and Jackson Browne on Sept. 5.

— Greg Kot

For information, call 847-266-5100 or visit Ravinia.org.

# Paul Reiser feeling the pull of the standup stage

BY BRUCE INGRAM

Pioneer Press

Comedian/actor/author Paul Reiser hasn't been out of the spotlight, given his appearances in the cable TV series "Married" and "Red Oaks" and a featured role in the Oscar-nominated film "Whiplash," but his standup career has been on prolonged hold.

That's changing, however, with Reiser's new national standup comedy tour, which brings him March 14 to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

We caught up with him for a quick chat about doing comedy in his 50s, keeping his material honest and why he's decided to get back on the road after so many years.

**Q:** You've been very busy recently with TV and movies.

**A:** Yeah, I've been on a couple of fun shows the last couple of years, like "Married" for FX and "Red Oaks" for Amazon. And I'm especially happy about the way "Whiplash" turned out. It's a fun little movie. I had very little to do in it, just a couple of days work, but it was obvious it was going to be a great project.

**Q:** Why did you decide to start touring again?

**A:** About two or three years ago I started doing standup again for no real reason other than I missed it. I wasn't planning on working. I just thought I'd get up on stage at local clubs. But it was so fun. It felt exactly the way it did when I started. There's something wonderfully pure about standup. It's just you and your ideas. You don't have to pitch a concept to a studio, you don't have to raise money, you just find a club and go.

**Q:** Do you adopt a different persona when you're doing standup?



PAUL REISER PHOTO

Actor/author/comedian Paul Reiser's comedy tour includes a stop at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

## Paul Reiser

8 p.m. March 14  
North Shore Center for the  
Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie  
Blvd., Skokie.  
\$28-\$58  
847-673-6300; [www.northshorecenter.org](http://www.northshorecenter.org)

**A:** I find that when I'm closer to my truths, when I'm being honest as myself, that's when it works best. So, when I'm talking about whatever is going on in my head, about life in general or my kids or my wife or getting older, whatever it is that's amusing me, I always try to have it come from a very honest place.

That way, when the audience laughs, it's not because of the jokes, necessarily. It's because they're going, 'Yeah, we're going through the exact same thing.'

**Q:** Do you find that your perspective has changed since your younger years?

**A:** I probably have the same point of view I've always had, but when you get older, you have more life

experience and more opinions. When I was talking about marriage on "Mad About You" it was about life as newlyweds. But now, after 25 years of marriage, I have a different perspective.

I'm finding that my audience has grown up with me. They were getting married about the same time I was getting married and now we're all 55 or 60. So, sometimes at clubs they'll say, 'We didn't get as many people for the late show because they're all tired.' And that makes me laugh.

**Q:** Does performing live make you feel more closely connected to your fans?

**A:** Oh yeah. You know, I usually do a meet-and-greet after the show in case anyone wants to come over and say hi. And, almost invariably, people will want to share some personal connection about something I've done, whether it's a "Mad About You" episode or a joke that they loved. And that's sweet to hear. Because while I was staying home all these years, I didn't know that.



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## CABARET



Cast of "Here's to the Lady: Elaine Stritch at 90," coming to the Skokie Theatre.

# Local cabaret artists celebrate Elaine Stritch

**BY MYRNA PETLICKI**  
Pioneer Press

Broadway legend Elaine Stritch died last July, but cabaret artist Daryl Nitz thought she still deserved a 90th birthday celebration. On Feb. 2, her actual birthday, Nitz produced "Here's to the Lady: Elaine Stritch at 90" at Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret in Chicago. It was a sellout.

Nitz is bringing that show to the Skokie Theatre on Friday, March 20 with its cast intact. The music director is Johnny Rodgers. The cast includes seven acclaimed cabaret artists, Cynthia Clarey, Joan Curto, Laura Freeman, K.T. McCommadon, Ann McGregor, Suzanne Petri and Judy Rossigmuolo-Rice.

"Elaine Stritch is one of the performers I've been inspired by," Nitz said. "Not just because of her singing, but her acting and her honesty. She had the ability to find the tragic in the comedy or the comedy in the tragic. I've kept songs of hers in my repertoire."

Nitz wanted to bring the show to Skokie because he's confident that Stritch had

many fans in this area, and she is buried in Skokie.

"In putting the show together, I wanted to cover her career from her first show, 'Angel in the Wings' to her final show, 'A Little Night Music,'" Nitz said. "But I wanted to make sure that I included personal songs like 'He was Good to Me.' A couple of sources said that was her favorite song."

"She's an icon. There's no doubt about it," Curto said. Curto will perform selections from "Call Me Madam," a show for which Stritch understudied Ethel Merman. "Ethel Merman never missed a show," Curto said. "So Elaine Stritch didn't go on for Ethel Merman when she was on Broadway, except for vacations, but she did play the part in the tour."

part in the tour.

Selections include, "The Hostess with the Mostest" and "Money, Money, Money." Curto will also sing "You're Just in Love" with Johnny Rodgers.

Petri is particularly excited about performing "Liaisons" from "A Little Night Music" "I am playing Madame

## 'Here's to the Lady: Elaine Stritch at 90'

**Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie  
8 p.m. Friday, March 20  
\$27  
847-677-7761; skokietheatre.com**

Armfeldt. It was her last role. She was 85," Petri said. "It's a song I've always wanted to sing. It tells this wonderful story of this woman who's been there, done that. What a life she's led, which is so much like Elaine."

Petri will also sing, "I've Been to a Marvelous Party"

"I've done a little bit of rewriting," she said. "Depending on who's in the audience, I may mention a few people."

All seven women join forces for another popular Stritch number, "The Ladies Who Lunch."

Petri said her fellow performers are "all great cabaret artists, but they're all so unique and they bring something special to each song."

## FAMILY FRIENDLY



SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," featuring young local actors, comes to the Devonshire Playhouse in Skokie.

## A spell of improv for young Devonshire actors

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

Pioneer Press

The competition will be intense at "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14-22, at Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. "It's a funny show," said Jessica Sawyer, director of the Devonshire Playhouse Teen Performers' production.

The musical is about six adolescent spelling bee competitors being judged by three rather unusual adults.

Sawyer thinks it's a great show for the teen cast. "One of my goals is to give teens an opportunity to play kids," she explained. "So many times we have them playing animals and adults. Plus there's a lot of room for improv and for them to add their uniqueness to it."

Some audience members will be invited onstage, and the teens need to learn how to interact with these unscripted individuals.

"They're really excited about the opportunity to not have everything completely set in stone," Sawyer

reported.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for ages 3-17 and seniors.

For details, call (847) 929-7420 or go to [skokie-parks.org](http://skokie-parks.org).

### He's all ears

The Easter Bunny wants to hear what kids have to say. He will also pose with them for photos during the Bunny Photo Experience, noon-8 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays and noon-6 p.m. Sundays, March 20-April 4, in the Center Court at Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood.

For details, call (847) 674-1219 or go to [lincolnwoodtowncenter.com](http://lincolnwoodtowncenter.com).

### Quite a yarn

A little ball of yarn can't resist venturing into the unknown in "Edmund Unravels" by Andrew Kolb. It's the featured book at storytime, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie.

For details, call (847) 676-2230 or go to [barne-noble.com](http://barne-noble.com).

[sandnoble.com](http://sandnoble.com).

### Catch this train

Your family won't need passports to explore Brazil. Just buy a ticket to "The Little Train of the Caipira," 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program is part of the Music Institute of Chicago's Family Concert Series. Starting at 9 a.m., children can visit an Instrument Petting Zoo.

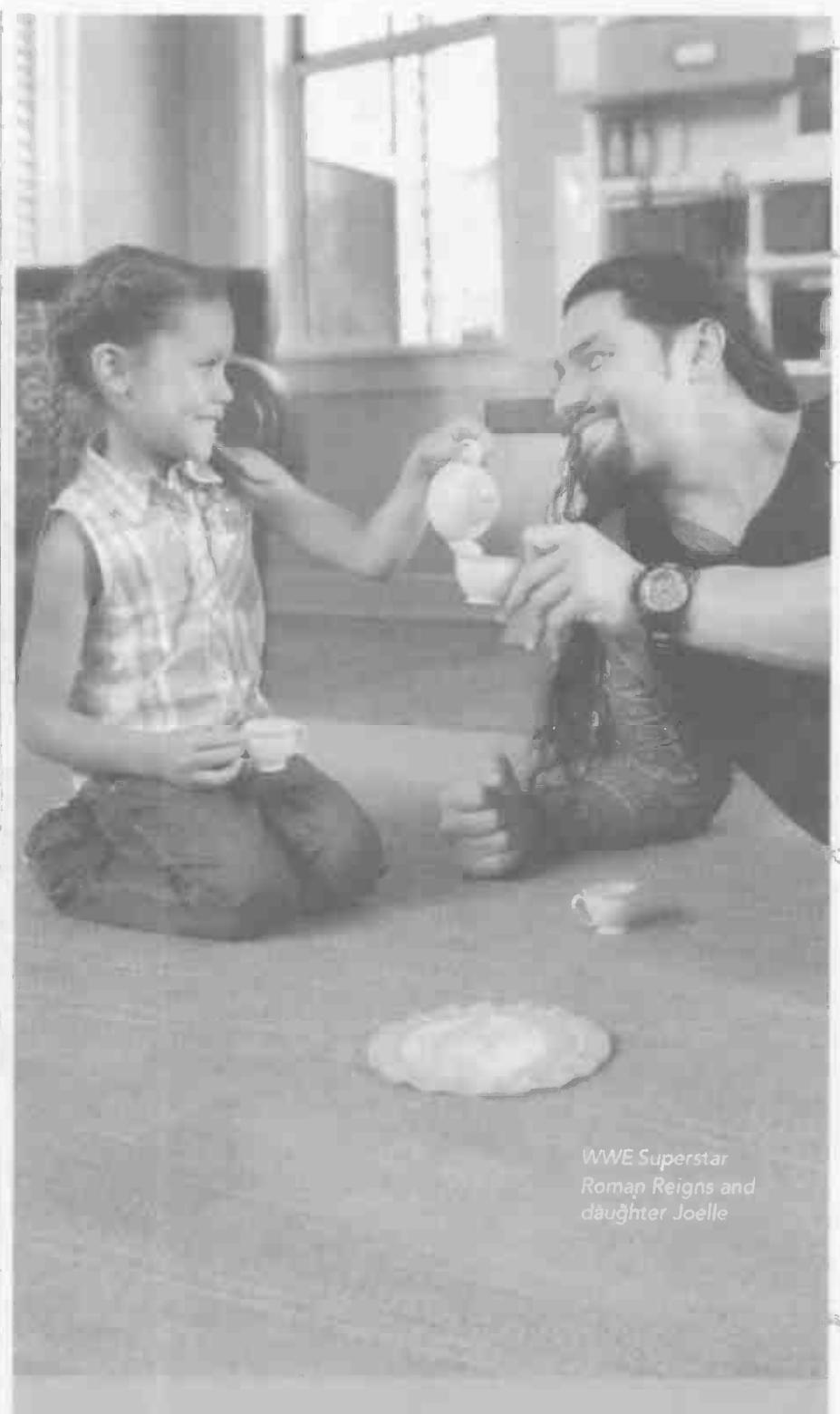
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## FOOD

# A pint and a pie

"But it is dark in there," muttered my grandma skeptically as my mom opened the door to Durty Nelly's pub in Bunratty, Ireland 20 years ago. My

grandma, mom and I, had traipsed across the Emerald Isle for nearly two weeks before we darkened the doorway of one of Ireland's landmark pubs.

We had learned all about thatched roofs, Waterford crystal and sheep shearing. We'd kissed the Blarney stone, tasted blood sausage and smelled the peat fire logs. As far I was concerned it was about time we traded in our tea and scones for a pint of Guinness and a serving of shepherd's pie, but alas it was not meant to be.

My sweet grandma was nervous by nature and took one look at the dimly lit pub interior and decided she had absolutely zero interest in grabbing a beer. Despite significant coaxing, my mother and I could not convince the matriarch of our family to head into Durty Nelly's on that fateful day.

Grandma much preferred an afternoon castle tour to bellying up to the bar and after returning to the hotel my mom reluctantly agreed to take her to see a few more crumbling turrets. Despite the fact I'd never been one to enjoy hanging out in a bar alone, I knew this was likely to be my first and only chance to visit an honest-to-goodness Irish pub on our vacation.

With my grandma and mom safely on their way to play princess, I walked the streets of the quaint Irish village before heading into a random pub on a street corner. I ordered my pint and pie and savored both while chatting with a few locals sitting by the fire. It was a cozy, filling and unforgettable meal.

The shepherd's pie was brimming with tender lamb and carrot coins. Crowned with golden brown mashed potatoes, the pie was enhanced by the complex bitterness of my pint of Guinness. The dish tasted like it had been



**MELISSA ELSMO**  
*Out of Mel's Kitchen*

cooking for days. My solo Irish pub dinner remains as one of my favorite memory meals to this very day; I still giggle knowing I made it back to the hotel just

before my grandma walked in totting a bag full of brand new Irish lace doilies.

## St. Patrick's Day Shepherd's Pie with Colcannon Potatoes

(10 generous servings)

Both the stew and the potatoes can be prepared two days ahead and refrigerated before assembling the pie for baking.

### FOR THE FILLING:

2 pounds beef or lamb stew meat (I used a combination)

Kosher salt and coarse black pepper

2-4 Tablespoons canola oil

5 medium carrots, peeled and sliced into 1/2-inch thick coins

2 medium sweet onions, diced

5 garlic cloves, chopped

1 6-ounce can tomato paste

1/4 cup flour

1 cup red wine

1 1/2 cups reduced sodium chicken broth

2 bay leaves

2 thyme sprigs

### FOR THE TOPPING:

4 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and chopped

4 garlic cloves

Kosher salt

1 small head cabbage, quartered

6 Tablespoons unsalted butter

1 cup chopped Italian parsley

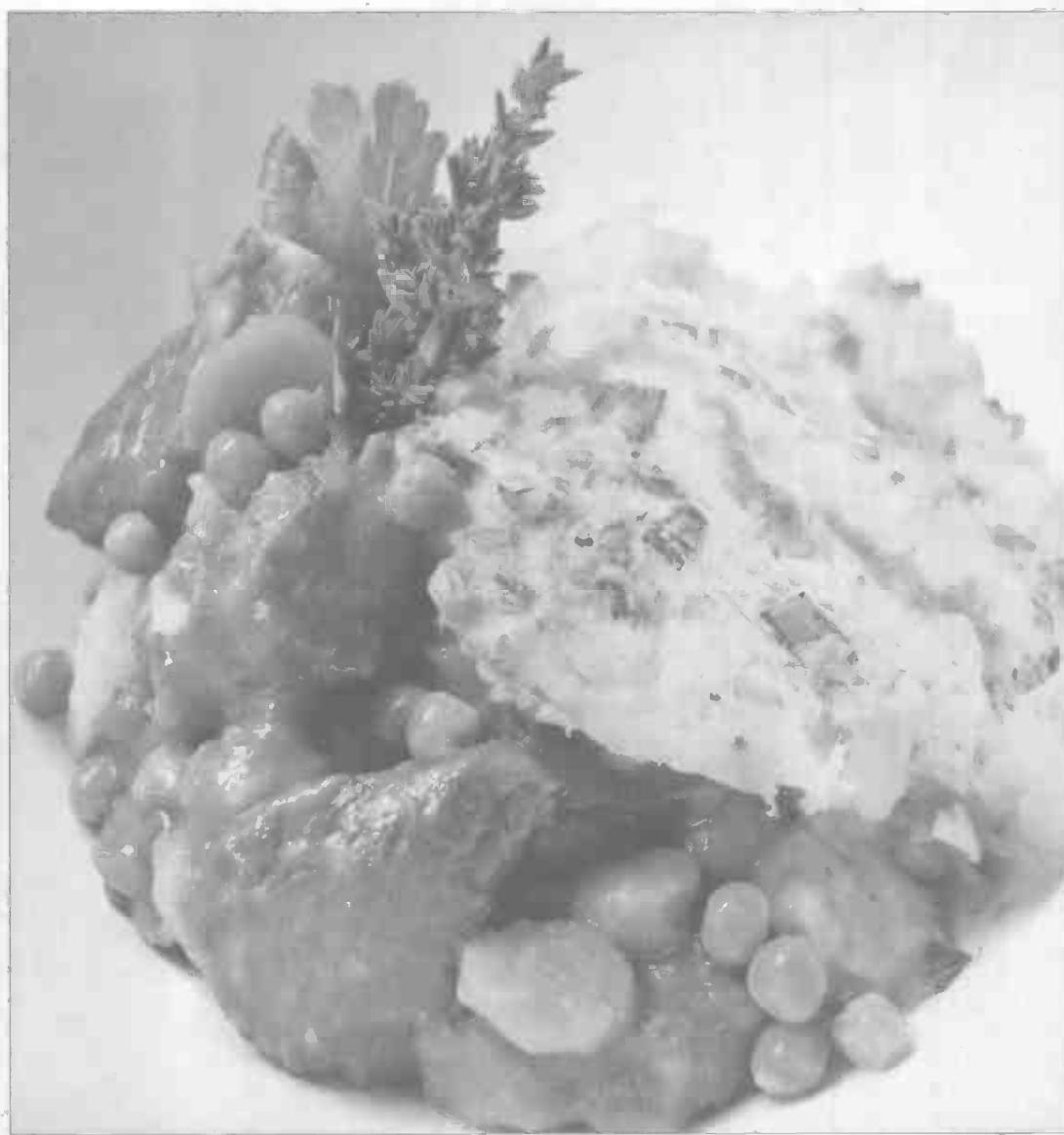
4 scallions, sliced

1/2 cup grated Parmesan

2 egg yolks

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Dry the stew meat with a paper towel and season generously with salt and pepper. Heat 2 Tablespoons of canola oil in a heavy bottomed stock pot until hot and nearly smoking. Brown 1/4 of the meat in the oil until deeply colored on all sides.

Transfer the seared meat to a bowl and brown the remaining



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meat in batches, adding 1 Tablespoon of oil to the pot before each addition.

When all the meat is browned, reduce the heat to medium and add the carrots and the onions to the drippings in the pot. Season with salt and cook the vegetables, stirring frequently, until they are beginning to soften (about 6 minutes). Stir in the garlic until just fragrant (30 seconds). Mix in the flour and the tomato paste; stir the mixture thoroughly and cook until just starting to brown. Gradually whisk in the wine and broth before adding all the meat and accumulated drippings back to the pot. Toss in the bay leaves and thyme sprigs. Seal the pot with aluminum foil and secure the lid. Place the pot in the oven and allow the stew to braise for 2

hours or until the meat is very tender.

While the stew braises prepare the colcannon. Place the potatoes and garlic cloves in a pot with salted water to cover. Bring to a boil and nestle the cabbage on top of the potatoes. Cover the pot and allow to simmer for 30 minutes. Remove the tender cabbage and allow to cool before chopping (you should have about 2 cups). Check the potatoes for tenderness and drain when they are easily pierced with a fork. Transfer the potatoes to the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment (a hand mixer or potato masher will also work). Season with salt and pepper and mash the potatoes until nearly smooth. Stop mashing and add

the butter to the potatoes; wait for it to melt before mixing again. Mash in the chopped cabbage, parsley, scallions, Parmesan and egg yolks. Set aside until ready to assemble the pie.

Increase the oven temp to 375 degrees. Transfer the stew to a 9x13 Pyrex baking dish; the dish should be about two-thirds full. Drop the potatoes in large clumps over the top of the stew. Use a spatula to smooth the potatoes evenly over the stew. Place the dish on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes until potatoes are firm and stew is bubbling. Switch on the broiler and broil the shepherd's pie until potatoes are golden brown and slightly crisp. Garnish each serving with green peas and thyme sprigs if desired.

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## Friday, March 13

**Morgan at Fado Irish Pub:** 10 p.m. Friday, Fado Irish Pub & Restaurant, 100 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, free, 312-836-0066

**"Titus Andronicus":** Babes With Blades Theatre Company will serve up the blood and pie with their upcoming production of William Shakespeare's most violent play, performed by an all-female cast. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday City Lit Theater Company, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, \$10-\$22, 773-293-3682

**Sondheim on Sondheim:** Porchlight Music Theatre presents an intimate portrait of the famed songwriter in his own words and music featuring new arrangements of more than two-dozen Sondheim tunes. 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$35-\$45, 773-327-5252

**"The Full Monty":** Kokandy Productions assembles a 20-member cast directed by John Glover to kick off Theater Wit's 2015 season with a musical comedy about some laid-off U.S. steel workers who turn to stripping to make ends meet. Buy tickets by visiting [www.kokandyproductions.com](http://www.kokandyproductions.com), by calling 773-975-8150 or visiting the Theater Wit Box Office. 8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$38, 773-975-8150

**"The Glass Protege":** Hollywood 1949. In an era of stifling movie production restraints and stars kept under oppressive control, innocent young British actor Patrick Glass, newly arrived in Hollywood, feels the full force of the studios' brute career-destroying power when he embarks on a scandalous love affair with his famous male co-star. 7:45 p.m. all week, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$25-\$40, 773-975-8150

**Into the Bat Caves of Kenya:** Scientists Bruce Patterson and Paul Webala, accompanied by vlogger Emily Graslie, venture deep into a cave in Kenya's Mount Suswa to study the varied bats of East Africa. 9 a.m. all week, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

**Vodou: Sacred Powers of Haiti:** This exhibit explores Vodou as a religion and

an expression of the Haitian national experience. 10 a.m. all week, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

**"Edgar and Annabel":** Sam Holcroft's play throws us into a world of government surveillance and societal distrust. Against the odds, a young married couple thrives — at least to those who are listening. 4:15 p.m. Friday-Sunday, The Side Project Theater, 1439 W. Jarvis Ave., Chicago, \$15, 773-904-0391

**"The Illusionists":** This magic show, originally performed on Broadway, features seven talented magicians performing their acts. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., Chicago, prices TBA, 800-775-2000

**The Hammer Trinity: The Excelsior King:** Sixteen actors bring 54 characters to life in a tale spanning three full-length plays. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, \$15-\$30, 773-769-3832

**Chicago Styled: Fashioning the Magnificent Mile:** This exhibition uses 20 outfits from the museum's costume collection to tell the story of a street, in fashion. The exhibit runs Nov. 15 to Aug. 16 and is free with admission. 9:30 a.m. Friday, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, noon Sunday and 9:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, free, 312-642-4600

**"Tomato Queen":** In this musical with book and lyrics by Christine Hodak and music by Scott Lamps, an impatient 11-year-old girl named Camina learns that success takes time and teamwork — and isn't worth much if you lose your friends along the way. 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, The Blue Theatre, 1609 W. Gregory St., Chicago, free, 312-458-0895

**"Heat Wave":** This play is set in Chicago, in the summer of 1995, and an intense heat wave has gripped the city with temperatures soaring above 100 degrees. By the time it's all over 739 people will have died, mostly the poor, elderly, or minorities with nowhere to seek shelter. As the morgues overflow, the city's emergency response team is called into question. 8 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday, Steppenwolf Theatre Garage, 1624 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$15-\$20, 312-335-1650

**"Bible Bingo":** Vicki Quade ("Late Nite Catechism") unleashes what promotional materials call "a new, interactive

comedy," centered around an Archdiocesan bingo department on the hunt for revenue. "That's where you come in: Get ready to play bingo for a variety of wacky prizes. Along the way, you'll be drawn into conversation about everything from Adam and Eve to modern sins. Just be careful: You might laugh so hard you forget to yell "bingo." 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$30, 312-988-9000

**"This Is Modern Art":** This is the world premiere of the play by Idris Goodwin and Kevin Coval; it's about the crew of Made U Look, a group willing to push boundaries and go beyond for their art. Showtimes and ticket prices to be announced. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$20.

**"The Royale":** This play is set in America, in 1905. Jay is a legend. He has everything he needs to be the heavyweight champion of the world ... except he's not white. 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, American Theater Company, 1909 W. Byron St., Chicago, Call 773-409-4125, 773-409-4125

**Young Widows:** With Shannon Wright and Tropical Trash. 9 p.m. Friday, Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$12-\$14, 773-281-4444

**Tenebrae concert:** Featuring the vocal music of Tallis, Charpentier, Gesualdo and the Leçons de Ténèbres of Couperin. 8 p.m. Friday, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 2335 N. Orchard St., Chicago, \$10 suggested donation, 773-348-3829

**"The Royal Tenenbaums":** Watch this oddball film about an estranged family of former child prodigies reuniting for their father's alleged terminal illness. 11 p.m. Friday, 11 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 p.m. Monday, The Logan Theatre, 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$7.50, 773-342-5555

**"Orquideas a la Luz de la Luna":** Written by Carlos Fuentes and directed by Sándor Menéndez, this play is described by promotional materials as "a linguistic tour de force by one of the most brilliant writers of the 20th century." The play is performed in Spanish with English subtitles. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday, Agujon Theater, 2707 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$25, 773-637-5899

**"Genius":** This play examines the secrets and alliances of two creative couples from different generations who find their lives changed forever one

evening after an electric dinner party. 8 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Profiles Theatre at The Alley Stage, 4147 N. Broadway, Chicago, \$35-\$40, 773-549-1815

**Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind:** The longest-running show in Chicago, it's a one-hour blitz of 30 extremely brief plays. 11:30 p.m. Friday, 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, The Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, \$9 plus the roll of one die (\$10-\$15) or \$20 for advance reservation, 773-275-5255

**"The Talking Cure":** This premiere centers on Sabina Spielrein. A brilliant young "hysteric," she is Carl Jung's first patient, and eventual colleague, as he seeks to refine the "talking cure" method of treatment proposed by his adopted mentor, Sigmund Freud. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Rivendell Theater, 5775 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, \$20, 773-340-9438

**DJ Ruckus:** 10 p.m. Friday, Studio Paris Nightclub, 59 W. Hubbard St., Chicago, \$10-\$20, 312-377-9944

**"Four":** On a lonely Fourth of July in Hartford in 1996, June, a 16-year-old white boy, sneaks out for his first ever tryst with Joe, a closeted, married black man he's met over the Internet. On the same night, just across town, studious high-schooler Abigayle escapes her ailing mother to go out with Dexter, a 20-year-old low-level drug dealer. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway, Chicago, \$15-\$20, 312-742-7502

**"Dividing the Estate":** Horton Foote's comedy-drama focuses on the members of the Gordon family — a wealthy Texas clan whose fortunes have declined and who are debating whether or not to divide the remainder of the family's estate while their octogenarian matriarch Stella is still alive. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$22-\$36, 773-338-2177

**"Blue Planet":** In this play, best friends Hulda and Brimir live on a planet much like Earth — populated only by children. They live a simple but ideal life. When they meet an adult, the mysterious Jolly-Goodday, they are promised a life of greater joy, even more spectacular fun, but at what cost? 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, DCA Storefront Theater, 66 E Randolph St., Chicago, \$5-\$15,

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**"One Came Home":** Lifeline Theatre presents a world premiere adaptation of Amy Timberlake's Edgar Award-winning and Newbery Honor book, "One Came Home." During the great passenger pigeon migration of 1871, throngs of strangers descend upon Placid, Wis., bringing prosperity in their wake. But as the skies clear, tragedy strikes and Georgie Burkhardt's sister goes missing. When a body is found and the town goes into mourning, Georgie sets out to uncover the truth. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$40, 773-761-4477

**"Jesus Christ Superstar":** This is an intimate re-imagining of the classic rock opera, performed acoustic and unplugged. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday, No Exit Cafe, 6970 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$68, 773-743-3355

**"Ordinary Days":** This honest and funny musical is about making real connections in the city that never sleeps. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, BoHo Theatre at

Heartland Studio Theatre, 7016 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$20, 773-791-2393

**Turnpike Troubadours:** 8:30 p.m. Friday, Joe's Bar, 940 W. Weed St., Chicago, \$21-\$24, 312-337-3486

**McHenry County College presents "columbinus":** See the play sparked by the April 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. It is a meeting of fact and fiction that illuminates the realities of adolescent culture by exploring the events surrounding the shootings. The play weaves together excerpts from discussions with parents, survivors and community leaders in Littleton as well as police evidence to bring to light the dark recesses of American adolescence. A discussion between cast members and the audience will follow each of the Friday performances. Reservations are recommended. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, McHenry County College, 8900 US Hwy. 14, Crystal Lake, \$10-\$15, 815-455-8746

**All My Relations: A Seneca History:** In collaboration with visual artist and dancer Rosy Simas (Seneca), this exhibit introduces the history of the Seneca culture through milestones in the lives of Simas and her relations. It features

traditional and modern Seneca artifacts, which span various generations. 11 a.m. all week, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free-\$5; \$10-\$12 for talk, 847-475-1030

**Native Haute Couture:** The year long exhibit celebrates the history of Native American high fashion from pre-contact to today. It features garments that showcase American Indian artistry and expertise in tanning, weaving, embroidery, beadwork and tailoring. 10 a.m. all week, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

**"Lone Star" and "Laundry and Bourbon":** Presenting two plays depicting life in a sleepy Texas town. "Lone Star" and "Laundry and Bourbon," by James McLure, both seem to show us a simpler life and a unique perspective on the world. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$17.50-\$35, 847-834-0738

**"Little Shop of Horrors":** The Fine Arts Department of Grayslake High School District 127 presents its annual spring musical, "Little Shop of Horrors," a Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi

musical. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Grayslake Central High School, 400 North Lake St., Grayslake, \$10, 847-986-3100

**"Other Desert Cities":** The Tony Award-winning play tells the story of a writer who comes home for Christmas with plans to write a tell-all memoir. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Citadel Theatre Company, 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, \$35-\$37.50, 847-735-8554

**Fresh fish and seafood specials :** The inn offers an array of fresh fish and seafood specials each during Lent. 11 a.m. all week, The Happ Inn, 305 Happ Road, Northfield, Varies, 847-784-9200

**"Outside Mullingar":** Anthony and Rosemary are two introverted misfits. Anthony has spent his entire life on a cattle farm in rural Ireland, oblivious to the longing of his neighbor Rosemary, who hopelessly pines for him as the years slip away. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$15-\$60, 847-673-6300

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See selections from the 1960s and 1970s in the documentary film fest. See website for film times and titles. 2 p.m. all week, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$7.50, 847-251-7424

## Saturday, March 14

**Torche:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., Chicago, \$15, 773-276-3600.

**The Magician and his Shadow:** This magic show is about more than just magic. Theater Wit describes this production as a "theatrical magic show that combines magical illusions with the story of a magician whose shadow takes on a life of its own." 1 p.m. Saturday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$14.50 for children, \$17.50 for adults, 773-975-8150

**"The Walk Across America for Mother Earth":** Political activism meets bedazzled drag show in this story about two young friends who flee their suburban upbringing in "Real America" to join a ragtag group of activists on a protest march from D.C. to Nevada. 8 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, Step-

penwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$20, 312-335-1650

**Alabama Shakes:** 8 p.m. Saturday, The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, \$39.50, 312-462-6300

**Infected Mushroom:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Concord Music Hall, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$20

**Incantation:** With Cardiac Arrest, Blood of the Wolf and Absyme. 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$18, 773-281-4444

**El Bandolero & Souphonetics:** 10 p.m. Saturday, Masada, 2206 N. California Ave., Chicago, free, 773-697-8397

**Crystal City:** With The Headspins. 9 p.m. Saturday, Moe's Tavern, 2937 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, free, 773-227-2937

**Fifth Harmony:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Vic Theatre/Brew & View, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago, \$34, 773-472-0449

**"The Greatest Story Never Told":** This event brings families and strangers together to collaborate and create improvised stories on stage. Professional improvisers help coax audience sugges-

tions and invite volunteers to take to the stage. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, iO, 3541 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$15, 773-880-0199

**"The Apple Family Plays: That Hokey Changey Thing and Sorry":** Richard Nelson's series of four plays explore politics, change and family dynamics. The plays are being performed on alternating nights. 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, \$35-\$48, 773-281-8463

**Sam Hunt:** With Native Run. 9:20 p.m. Saturday and 8:20 p.m. Sunday, Joe's Bar, 940 W. Weed St., Chicago, \$20-\$22, 312-337-3486.

**11th Annual St. Patrick's Hooley at The Celtic Knot Public House:** Live music with Mad Bread (Folk). 10 p.m. Saturday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**"Dinosaur13":** The documentary chronicles the discovery of and battle over the Chicago Field Museum's Sue, the largest Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil ever found. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Face N Time:** 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Blues

Bar, 2 West Busse Ave., Mt. Prospect, free, 815-385-7273

**Carla Gordon:** With Caryn Bark, Jan Slavin and Russ Golenbodt. 8 p.m. Saturday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$20, 847-677-7761

## Sunday, March 15

**Jazmine Sullivan:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Concord Music Hall, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$29

**Deep Fried Pickle Project:** 11 a.m. Sunday, Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$6

**Pete Rock & Slum Village Tour:** 9 p.m. Sunday, The Shrine, 2109 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, \$22-\$32 | 21+, 312-753-5700

**Wild Colonial Boys:** 8 p.m. Sunday, Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, TBA. 773-549-5549.

**Organ concert series: David Jones:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Madonna della Strada Chapel, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, free

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**Jigs, Reels & A Little Bit of Rowdy: If life's too short not to be Irish:** Pat Gaughan and L.J. Slavin perform Irish music. 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Pilgrim Chamber Players Concert:** Pilgrim Chamber Players highlights violinist David Taylor, Assistant Concertmaster, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Cellist Steven Honigberg of the Washington D.C. Symphony. 3 p.m. Sunday, Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, \$20 for Regular, \$15 for Seniors and \$8 for Students, 847-433-0972

**North Suburban Wind Ensemble:** The North Suburban Wind Ensemble performs at Libertyville High School. The ensemble is a group of local musicians who play at a professional level. Tickets available at the door. 4 p.m. Sunday, Libertyville High School, 708 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, \$5, 847-247-4576

**"Mearra: Selkie From the Sea":** This multimedia experience features original songs, orchestrations, and video-projected animations to tell the Celtic tale of a young Selkie maiden. 2 p.m.

Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Third Sunday String Band:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Monday, March 16**

**Women's Seder:** All women of Bat Mitzvah age and above! Dinner includes: gefilte fish, chopped liver, matza ball soup, brisket and roasted chicken, kishke, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Submit the names of those sitting together at a table of eight if requested. RSVP by March 9, by making check payable to: Beth Am Sisterhood 1370 Abbott Court, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089. 6:30 p.m. Monday, The Continental Restaurant, 782 Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, \$25, 847-383-5017

**Rotting Out:** With Expire, Suburban Scum, Bent Life and Mizery. 7 p.m. Monday, Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$13-\$15, 773-281-4444

**The Mixer at The Playground Theater:** This workshop includes top per-

formers and coaches followed by coaches teaching a simple form and everyone working in a long-form show. BYOB. 10 p.m. Monday, The Playground Theater, 3209 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$5, 773-871-3793

**Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk:** Every Monday in the pub, The Mudflaps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Tuesday, March 17**

**Saints and Sinners:** At this interactive comedy by Vicki Quade, the creator of "Late Nite Catechism," Mother Superior hosts a bingo show to raise money for St. Bruno's. 8 p.m. Tuesday, Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights, \$28, 847-577-2121

**Traditional Irish Music Night:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Chief O'Neill's Pub, 3471 N. Elston Ave., Chicago, Free, 773-473-5263

**St. Patrick's Hooley:** Enjoy live Irish folk music with Chicago style featuring One of The Girls. 6 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church

St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Irish music session:** Enjoy Irish music every Tuesday night. 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Phil Passen:** 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Wednesday, March 18**

**Killingande:** 9 p.m. Wednesday, Concord Music Hall, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$20

**"I Saw You":** This comedy performance is based on actual local missed-connections postings, personals ads and solicitations for sexual encounters. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Town Hall Pub, 3340 N. Halsted Ave., Chicago, \$5, 773-336-2682

**Park Ridge Civic Orchestra:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$25, 847-692-7726

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# Now playing


**"Focus" ★★**

R, 1:45, action. In "Focus," Will Smith plays gentleman thief Nicky Spurgeon, who runs a 30-person team of pickpockets and scam artists. Margot Robbie is the fatale-in-training, Jess Barrett, looking for a mentor and a leg up in the con game. Some will take "Focus" in the intended spirit, that of a casual, eye-candy throwback to older Hollywood. Many found the same creative team's "Crazy, Stupid, Love" a disarming romantic comedy (me, less so), and clearly the team has a gift for zigzag plotting. But the setup of "Focus" feels hasty and insufficient and quite apart from their respective levels of talent. Even in a lark about con artists working through their trust issues, we need more. — Michael Phillips


**"Kingsman: The Secret Service" ★½**

R, 2:09, action. Colin Firth portrays one of the crack gentlemen-spies working for a supersecret agency out to save the world from a crackpot billionaire philanthropist (Samuel L. Jackson). As Firth's colleagues, Michael Caine and Mark Strong offer unblinking gazes par excellence. And Welsh newcomer Taron Egerton is engaging as Eggsy, recruited by Firth's Harry Hart to join the Kingsman cadre. Based on the 2012 graphic novel "The Secret Service" by Mark Millar and Dave Gibbons, director Matthew Vaughn's picture will appeal to anyone who enjoyed Vaughn's earlier "Kick-Ass." I didn't. I find the jocularity of Vaughn's gamer-style violence a drag. — M.P.


**"The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" ★½**

PG, 1:32, animation. "SpongeBob SquarePants" made its Nickelodeon TV debut in 1999. The series is the generator behind an \$8 billion merchandising revenue stream. The plot of "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" honors the series' key themes. Plankton is still after Mr. Krabs' secret formula for Krabby Patties. The 2011 University of Virginia study published in the Journal Pediatrics points to the TV show and its probable causation of "short-term disruptions in mental function and attention span" among preschool audiences. I experienced similar disruptions watching "Sponge out of Water" — disruptions I generally enjoy with the right movie, a funnier one than this. — M.P.


**"Fifty Shades of Grey" ★★½**

R, 2:05, drama. Adapted and directed by women of considerably larger talent than novelist E.L. James, the film version of "Fifty Shades of Grey" turns out to be an intriguing tussle — not in the sack or in the Red Room of Pain, but in its internal war between the dubious erotica of James' novel (the first of three) and the far craftier trash offered by the movie. — M.P.


**"The Lazarus Effect" ★★½**

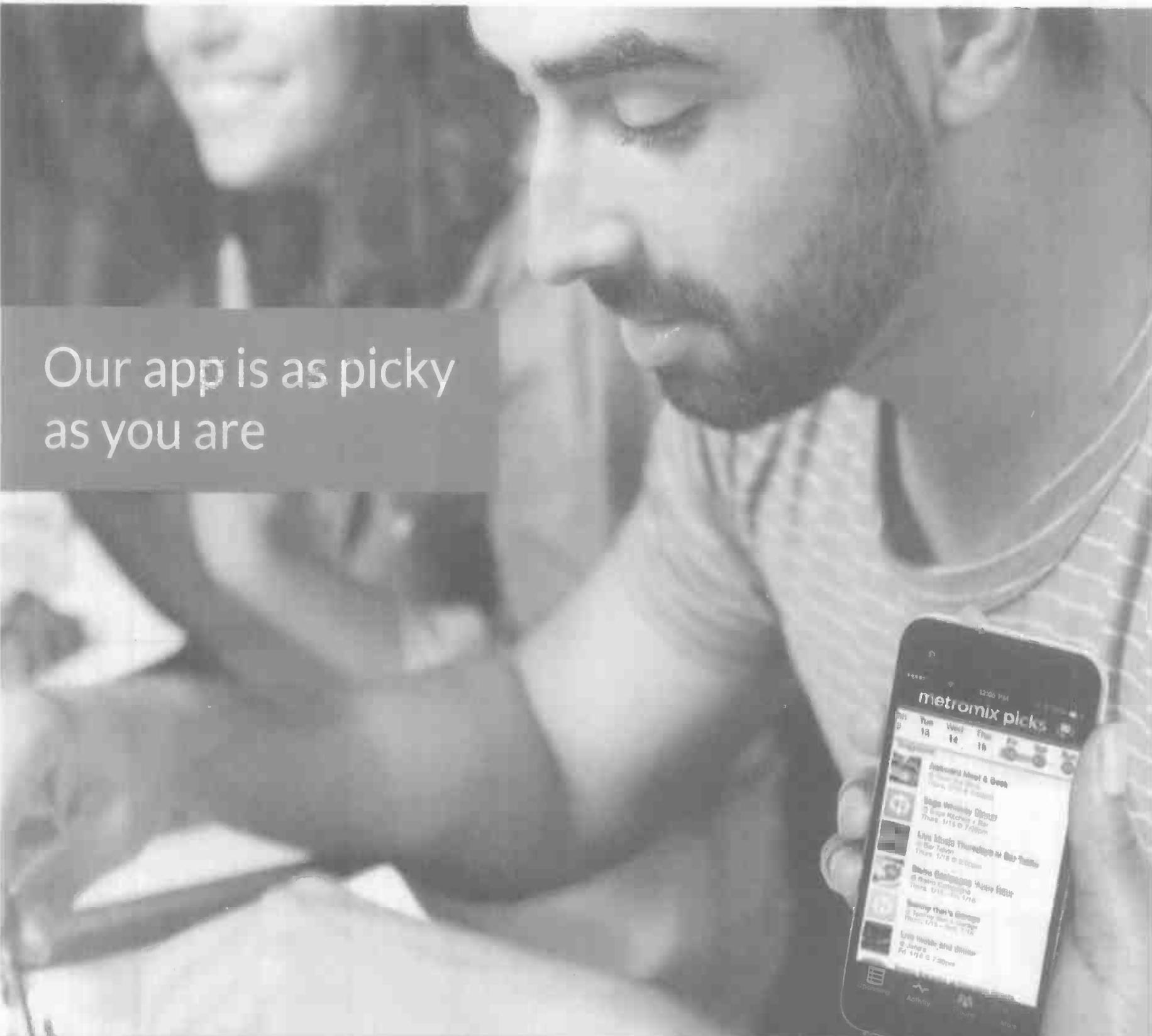
PG-13, 1:22, horror. "The Lazarus Effect" is what happens when hip, smart actors commit themselves — body and soul — to a horror movie. Mark Duplass, a mainstay of indie cinema's microbudget "mumblecore" movement, and recent convert Olivia Wilde ably play a scientist couple whose work has led to a serum that brings the dead back to life. And with director David Gelb ("Jiro Dreams of Sushi") in charge, you can be sure this isn't some brain-munching zombie apocalypse. — Roger Moore

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Michael Alan Mullen, age 61, of Chicago, formerly Park Ridge. Writer, educator and creative thinker. Husband of Joanne McGowan; loving father of Deirdre, Nora and Connor Mullen; loving brother of Kathleen Schneider, Patricia Cross and Greg Mullen; beloved friend of Jay, Scott and Karen Burstein and loving uncle of Jillian, Alexis and Max; loving uncle of Erika, Elizabeth, Michael, Joshua and Sarah; proud son in law of Eileen McGowan; brother in law and uncle to the McKechnie, Place and McGowan families; dear friend of many. Visitation Saturday, March 14, 2015 2:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Rd., Skokie, IL 60077. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Barrel of Monkeys, 4410 N Ravenswood, Suite LL3, Chicago, IL 60640, barrelofmonkeys.org. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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#### O'Connor, Shirley

Shirley J. O'Connor nee Hoffman. Age 69 of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of the late Lyle F. Loving mother of Michael (Kelly). Devoted grandmother of Hannah and Chloe. Dear sister of Richard Hoffman. Visitation Saturday, March 7, 3-9 p.m. at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Private Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) appreciated. Funeral information [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com)

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# Don't fear the repo

**Everyone loses. Here's an insider's look at what happens and how you can avoid it.**

BY STEVEN LANG

Special to Tribune Newspapers

When a deal goes south in the car business and a vehicle is repossessed, there is no winning, just degrees of losing.

It starts with your mobility and credit rating, but it quickly snowballs from there to everyone else who has done business with you.

As a remarketing rep for Capital One Auto Finance, I was responsible for liquidating these rolling cadavers of modern transportation after they went unpaid for months on end.

Now as a dealer who finances cars for a living, I see far more repossession than I did a year ago. The same is true nationwide for subprime buyers, who have registered an astounding 70.2 percent increase in the repossession rate in the second quarter of 2014 versus 2013, according to Experian. As car sales increase, so do repo rates.

Every repo has one thing in common: They all lose money.

Banks lose thousands of dollars on every vehicle that gets repossessed. Most banks and finance companies net only about 30 percent on a financed dollar when they sell a repo at a wholesale auto auction.

That 2011 Ford Focus you bought for \$18,000? Three years later, it's worth only about \$8,000, if that. The bank also has to pay

off a lot of middlemen: the repo firm that took the car, the impound yard that stored the car, and the company that took the vehicle from the impound yard to the wholesale auction.

These three steps cost about \$600 to \$800, and that's before the bank has a chance to touch your former auto.

Once the vehicle arrives, it needs to be cleaned up for the auction block. Old mail. Old fast-food containers. Old soiled diapers. It's amazing what some people leave in their cars and what it costs to get all those substances and smells out.

The car then has to become "frontline ready." Repairs are often done so the car can be sold at auction under a "green light," meaning the car has a "ride and drive" guarantee for the engine and transmission.

Not having one means the repo sells "as is," also known as a "red light," which translates into a final bid that is thousands of dollars less than a "green light" car.

All these costs average an extra \$500 to \$600. And there's more.

There is a "sell fee" at the auction. There also are administrative costs that come with sending the title work and state-mandated paperwork. And, finally, there's paying an inspector to go to the auction to check the vehicle before it sells.

The whole thing stinks for

everyone. Repossessions are big money losers. The bank has to spend money to lose money and you're left with nothing in the end.

So how do you avoid a repo?

First, by becoming the easiest person to deal with over the phone.

If you have a problem paying, call before the payment is overdue. The word "before" can't be emphasized enough. A lender wants to know about issues beforehand from someone who intends to make things right.

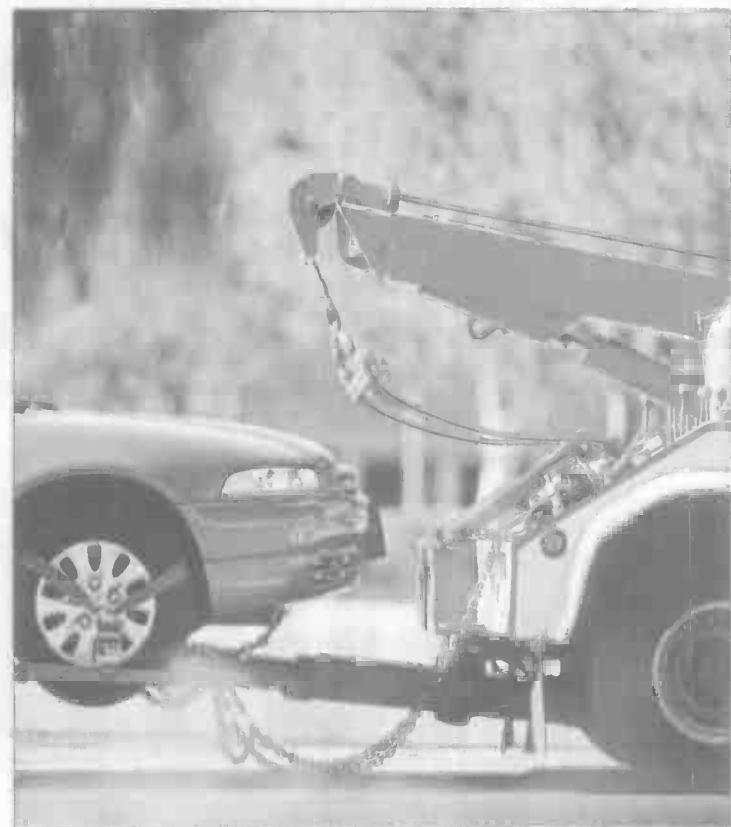
People who contact their lender early on about a payment issue get more time than those who intentionally avoid contact. The creditor makes a lot more money when you make good on your loan. Banks are in the business of lending money, not selling cars.

Second, give a reasonable promise to pay. Let them know when you will be able to make a payment, even if it's two weeks or two months later. Many will waive late fees if they get advance notice.

I'm a small-time operator, and I tell folks, "I'll accept everything, even chickens and tomatoes."

I've had cars detailed, vehicles transported, and, yes, I've been paid in chickens and tomatoes, though there were plenty of squash, green beans and zucchini thrown in there too.

Finally, don't take out long-



JAMES PORTER/GETTY

term loans — and always read the contract. Your job won't be there forever, and seven-year loans have become the financial meth of the car business.

Most long-term jobs last slightly less than 4½ years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. If you must finance a car, make it no more than a five-year loan and buy one that is well within your means.

Lenders want their customers to become full owners instead of debtors.

When a note is paid on time and eventually paid off, that payment record makes it easier for a bank or finance company to ac-

cess new funds for auto loans.

A low default rate also helps them get a better selling price for that note on the asset-backed securities market, which in turn, allows them to offer car dealers like me more money whenever we sell a car to a customer.

Avoid the debt trap of car ownership and learn to be a keeper. Nine times out of 10, the best car you can invest in is the one you already own.

*Steven Lang is a freelance writer who works in automotive financing.*

## Long-term car loans popular but pricey in long run

BY SUSAN TOMPOR

Detroit Free Press

Looking to get your finances back on the road in 2015? The savvy money says it's wise to turn away from a trend toward dragging out car loans for 72 months or 84 months.

Consider: A three-year, \$28,000 new car loan at 4.5 percent would cost \$832.91 a month. That payment drops by nearly half to \$444.47 a month on a six-year

loan, according to a calculator at Bankrate.com.

Add up all the interest payments and the overall cost of the car skyrockets with a longer-term loan. The total interest payments would be around \$4,000 on that six-year new car loan with a rate of 4.5 percent — compared with nearly \$2,000 on that three-year loan.

More likely, the interest rate a consumer would get on a longer-term car loan would be higher

than a shorter-term rate, as well, driving up overall costs.

That's because there is an elevated risk of default the longer the loan term, according to Greg McBride, chief financial analyst for Bankrate.com.

"Longer terms are always a temptation for consumers. So many people fixate on the monthly payment," said Phillip Reed, senior consumer advice editor for Edmunds.com.

But the longer you take out a

car loan, the more chances you're taking with your finances.

"It brings a lot of unnecessary risk into the equation," said Alec Gutierrez, a senior market analyst for Kelley Blue Book.

To be sure, consumers who opt for a longer-term car loan enjoy smaller monthly payments and may be able to drive away with a more elegantly designed vehicle with new technology.

The longer the car loan, the longer it takes to build equity in

the car.

If you have no equity, you cannot sell the car and pay off the car loan with the proceeds. Buyers pay what they think the car is worth at the time; not what you owe on the vehicle. You'd be on the hook for the rest of the loan.

For those reasons, some drivers and car experts do not recommend going more than four years or five years on a new car loan.

# GIRLS SOCCER SEASON PREVIEW

BY ERIC VAN DRIL

Pioneer Press

The Niles West girls soccer team broke three significant school records a year ago, including most wins in a season (14).

Nearly everybody is back from the 2014 squad. Among the returning players are junior midfielder Emela Mehicevic, junior forward Nichole Lopatin, junior defender Kaylie Dyer and junior midfielder Mercedes Bajric. Lopatin set the Wolves' single-season scoring record (19 goals) last year.

It's unknown if senior forward Vicki Tirovolas will be back. Tirovolas, who became the program's all-time leading goal scorer a year ago, tore the ACL and meniscus in her left knee in a game later in the 2014 season and she is still trying to get back to full strength.

"The hope is she'll be back by the end [of the season], but that's just going to depend on her drive with the rehab," Niles West coach Brett Clish said. "We're hoping [she returns], but I don't know what's going to happen with that."

Even with Tirovolas sidelined indefinitely, Clish is optimistic that the program can accomplish more firsts this year, like winning 15 games and becoming the first Niles West team to finish in the top three in the Central Suburban South.

## Niles North

The Vikings, like Niles West, have all of their 2014 all-conference selections back. The Niles North quartet includes senior Alyssa Brand, a Drake signee who will play center midfield, and junior goalie Nina Yonan.

Niles North coach Paul Elkins knows where Brand and Yonan will play for the Vikings, who finished in a four-way tie for first in the CSL North in 2014. He added that senior Luci Valenzuela, another all-conference re-



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In this April 5, 2014, photo, Niles West's Emela Mehicevic shoots and scores during a game against Ridgewood.

turnee, will end up somewhere in the midfield, either at center defensive mid or outside mid.

But senior Demetra Govis, the fourth all-CSL North selection from last year's team, is the wild card. She can play defense, midfield and forward.

"I really don't know, at this point, where she's going to play," Elkins said. "But I do know she'll be an important part of our team."

## Ridgewood

The Rebels went 2-15-2 during the 2014 regular season, but they rattled off three straight wins during the Class 1A playoffs to make it to their second sectional final in three years.

Ridgewood's schedule once again features matches against several bigger schools, including Niles West, Maine East, Riverside-Brookfield and Addison

Trail. That is by design: The hope is that games against top competition results in the Rebels feeling prepared when postseason play begins.

"When we're playing bigger schools, typically they have better teams and it forces us to play our best," Ridgewood coach Kenneth Caslin said. "On the flip side, I feel like it could discourage some players if we continue to lose games. But I think they realize, especially through my reinforcement ... that we're playing these big teams and a 1-0 loss, a 2-1 loss is not that bad when we're playing against higher competition."

Ridgewood returns sophomore Gabriella Nardulli, senior Justyna Golab and juniors Kristin Kelly and Gabi Wala from last year's squad. Caslin is also hopeful that Brisilda Xhambazi — a junior transfer from Albania, who has an excellent left-footed shot — will

have a big impact at forward.

## Maine South

The Hawks lost nine seniors from last year's team, and most of them started. That group included all-state goalkeeper Emily O'Grady, who now plays at Iowa State.

Senior Claire Vinopal will replace O'Grady this season, Maine South coach J.J. Crawford said, and she plays the position differently than O'Grady. Vinopal is more aggressive coming off of her line than O'Grady, who the Hawks called Spider-Woman at times because of her diving, acrobatic saves. Vinopal wants to own the box, Crawford said, and will punch the ball away more often than her predecessor did.

Even though the Hawks will be without a proven, all-state goalkeeper, Crawford said the team

will still try to be aggressive in its attempt to score goals.

"We struggled to score last year and until the girls prove me wrong, I see that could be another issue," Crawford said. "I still have to have these girls pushing up from the [midfield] and [defense] so we can get some pressure up front."

The Hawks' top returning players are seniors Jackie Viola, Gabby Pinto and Camille Papelera and junior defender Taylor Barzowski. Freshman Aly Kilburg is expected to have an impact in the midfield, too.

## Maine East

Coach Guy Anderson is in the first year of a rebuilding project at Maine East, which won one game a year ago. The two biggest things he will try to establish during this season are pride and accountability, he said.

"They have to have a sense of accomplishment that they came out, they did something — they bled, they sweat, they gave up their off hours — and it means something to be on this team," Anderson said. "Our first meeting, prior to the beginning of the season, I pretty much laid out that this is how it's going to be — that the old Maine East no longer exists."

Anderson added: "They're definitely going to enjoy this season more, even though they're going to be working harder than they've ever worked. Because they will see the reward of their hard work."

Anderson's first Maine East team will be led by senior defender Jackie Contreras and senior midfielder Esther Okedina, who were both all-CSL North selections in 2014. Seniors Xitlali Viveros and Arianna Cruz also figure to have prominent roles this year.

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CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS/HANDOUT

Niles resident Phil Zangara, middle, was honored as the BMO Harris Bank Coach of the Month on Jan. 20.

## Niles resident earns Blackhawks coaching award

BY MATTHEW PARAS  
Pioneer Press

When 16-year-old Nicolette Zangara sat on the couch in her Niles home watching the Chicago Blackhawks game with her family — a normal custom in the Zangara household — an advertisement from the team caught her attention. The ad asked viewers to nominate friends or family as the BMO Harris Bank Coach of the Month.

So Nicolette Zangara wrote a letter to the Blackhawks to nominate her father.

"I was thinking about how my dad is really into coaching and how he loves coaching my brother," she said. "He's been really supportive of my brother's team. He just devotes his entire time off of work to coach. He really is a great family guy, spends time

with us and loves hockey."

The letter and the story of a single father of three's passion for his family and coaching caught the Blackhawks' attention. On Jan. 20, Phil Zangara was honored at the United Center with an on-ice ceremony with an on-ice ceremony as BMO Harris Bank's Coach of the Month.

Even better, it caught Zangara by surprise.

"I received a call from a girl at the Blackhawks, and I thought it was a buddy of mine playing a trick, you know what I mean?" Zangara said. "She said 'No, open your email. Your daughter wrote a letter, and out of 52 nominations, you won.' Obviously, I got very emotional at that point."

Zangara, an assistant coach with the Maulers Travel Hockey organization in Gurnee, spends four nights a week with his 11-year-old son and the rest

of his players.

Zangara, who got into coaching five years ago, said it's a time where he gets to help teach kids about respect not only for the game but also for opponents and referees. He stresses learning how to play the game the right way.

The additional time with his son is an added bonus.

"It's something that I wanted to spend quality time with my son, and it's paying off," Zangara said. "The bond is amazing. He's my best friend and he's only 11. It's a very rewarding time for me in my life."

Zangara has built close relationships in his community, mentoring both boys and girls. Since the Maulers are a traveling team, he considers them a hockey family.

Craig Bewick, president of the Maulers, said he's proud Zangara received

the award.

"Having known Phil for the last four or five years, I have nothing but good things to say about him," Bewick said. "Obviously, we're proud that he was up there representing our organization."

At the United Center, Zangara and his three children were able to roam the hallways to see where the players practiced. The Blackhawks also invited Zangara and his family to watch practice on March 2, meet Blackhawks players and attend the March 2 game against the Carolina Hurricanes.

"It's such a great way to build memories for your kids," Zangara said. "It was just a tremendous feeling and a tremendous honor."

*Matthew Paras is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.*

## North Central men's track keeps rolling with local athletes

BY NICK BULLOCK  
Pioneer Press

Junior distance runner Tim Vazquez and the North Central College men's track team continue their strong indoor seasons. The Cardinals ranked fourth among NCAA Division III teams in the National Team Computer Rankings released March 3 by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. North Central won its 15th consecutive College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin Indoor Championship Feb. 27-28 at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.

Vazquez, from Niles North, ranked ninth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14 minutes, 33.47 seconds.

Teammate Aron Sebhate, also from Niles North, is on the No. 3-ranked distance medley relay team, which has a best time of 9:58.38.

Ben Bard, a Niles West graduate, is a junior sprinter and hurdler for the Cardinals. Vernon Hills' Nick Foley is a sophomore pole vaulter. Freshman sprinter Mike Gentile and junior multi-event competitor Mark Year are from Glenbrook South. Another Niles North graduate, Carlitos Rangel, is a junior middle distance runner. And freshman James Rector, a Highland Park alumnus, is a distance runner.

### Mlynarski swims for Cornell

Another Niles North graduate, Karol Mlynarski, turned in a solid sophomore season for the

Cornell men's swimming team. In the Big Red's final dual meet of the season, a 188-112 victory against Brown on Jan. 31 in Providence, R.I., the Skokie native helped the 200-yard medley relay team take fourth place and the 400 freestyle relay team take second place. He also placed second in the 100 freestyle.

### Fenwick alum contributes at Washington and Lee

Fenwick's Paige Corvino pulled in a game-high seven rebounds for the Washington and Lee women's basketball team en route to a 68-47 victory against Roanoke on Feb. 24 in Lexington, Va., in the first round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament. The junior guard also chipped in seven points in 28 minutes.

The Generals fell in the ODAC Tournament quarterfinals, but, with Corvino's help, the team finished with a 16-10 record, including 9-2 at home. Corvino led the team in steals (1.9 per game) and minutes (30.3 per game) this season. The Clarendon Hills native ranked fourth on the team with 8.4 points and second with 4.9 rebounds per game. Corvino played in all 26 games, starting in 21.

*Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at [bullock@pioneerpress.com](mailto:bullock@pioneerpress.com).*

# Maine East looks forward to 2015-16

BY JON KERR  
Pioneer Press

**LINCOLNSHIRE** — For a short stretch of time in its Class 4A boys basketball regional semifinal game against Stevenson, Maine East out played the mighty Patriots.

Over the span of three minutes during the second quarter on March 3, the Blue Demons trimmed a 28-13 deficit to nine. Maine East guards fed the ball to senior post Ezeka Omeke inside. When Omeke made 1-of-2 free throws with 3:20 left in the first half, the score was 30-21 Patriots.

"I was [using] a pump fake, get them off their feet and try and get a foul," Omeke said. "We got it [the deficit] to nine and that's pretty good."

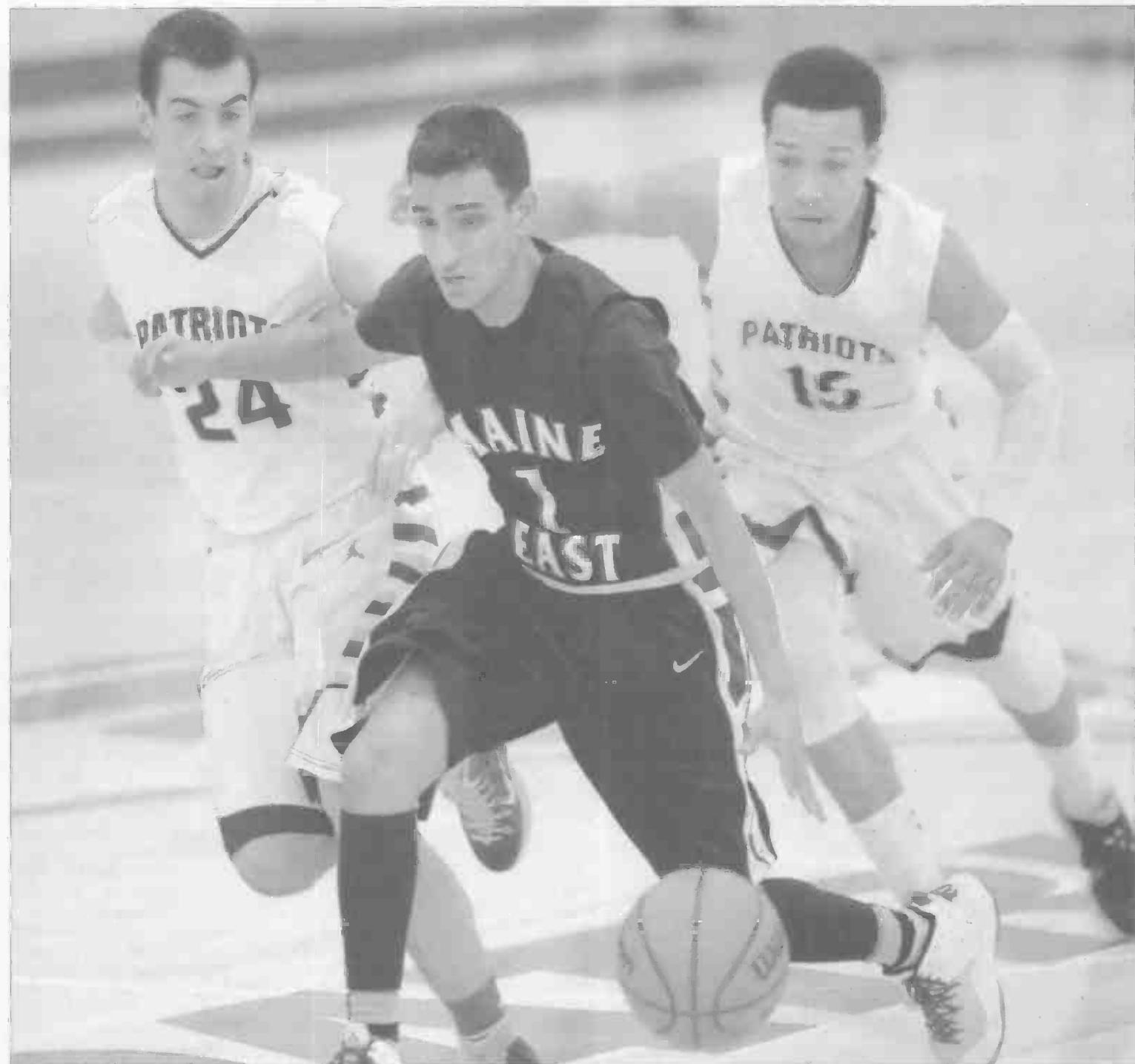
But nine was as close as the Blue Demons got. Stevenson closed the half on a 14-3 run and at the break, Maine East trailed 44-24. In the second half, the Patriots put an extra defender on Omeke and the Blue Demons were not able to stop Stevenson star guards Jalen Brunson and Connor Cashaw, who combined to score 44 points.

The 78-39 final score ended Maine East's season but it did not damper enthusiasm for how the Blue Demons finished the year and for what lies ahead.

"[Stevenson] is one of the top teams in the nation and they play a schedule that reflects that. What are you going to say?" Maine East coach Dave Genis said. "My message to our guys was that we want to go out and compete and no knockout punches right away. Take it as long into the 15th round as we can and I thought we did that."

Junior guard Milan Grover added: "This year we have 12 [wins] and we won a regional game. It felt good to get a regional play-off win."

In order to play Stevenson, the Blue Demons had



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Maine East's Milan Grover tries to dribble away from Stevenson's Jordan Newman (24) and Jalen Brunson (15) on March 3.

to beat Niles West in the regional quarterfinals on March 2. They did, winning 63-52. It was the first time since 2009 that Maine East won a postseason game. Not many would have predicted a playoff win when the Blue Demons dropped seven of their first eight games. But a

3-1 record at the Luther North Holiday Tournament sparked an in-season revival.

Before the Stevenson loss, Maine East won seven of its last 10. The spell of wins began with a 56-53 win over Niles North on Jan. 23.

"As soon as we beat [Niles North] we went on a streak. I think the atmosphere in the locker room [was], 'We can do this, we can get a high ranking in the sectional,'" Grover said.

In the regional tournament, Maine East dressed 17 players. Only five were

seniors (Omeke, David Opalka, Devang Patel, Robinson Michel and Nick Kanjou). Grover, the team's 5-foot-9 point guard, should combine with 6-3 Ashoor Doushow, 6-5 Calvin Jean-Louis and 6-1 Wilson Noriega to form an experienced senior class in 2015-16.

"It's nice to have a group that is coming back and carrying forward and pass it down to the younger guys," Genis said.

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# Niles North has to forfeit postseason win

## Vikings player violated IHSA's residence by-laws

BY STAFF REPORT

Pioneer Press

The Niles North boys basketball team had to forfeit its victory in the Class 4A Stevenson Regional semifinals because one of its

player violated the IHSA's residence by-laws, according to a statement from the league on March 5.

The eighth-seeded Vikings defeated ninth-seeded Zion-Benton 73-68 on March 4. Niles North was

scheduled to play Stevenson, the top seed, in the regional final.

Instead, Zion-Benton played Stevenson on Friday and lost 84-60.

The violation means that one of Niles North's players

did not meet the residency requirements to play for the school.

"We commend Niles North for its response to this situation," IHSA associate executive director Kurt Gibson said in a statement. "The IHSA relies on self-governance by our membership, a model that can

only work when a school has the integrity to uphold the rules. Niles North made the difficult, but correct decision to forfeit the regional semifinal after discovering this violation."

Gibson also said that the violation could result in Niles North's forfeiture of more games from this sea-

son.

Niles North coach Glenn Olson said via text message that he is "not allowed to comment at this time."

Karl Costello, the Niles North athletic director, also declined to comment.

Matt Harness contributed to this report.



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Northridge's Kiko Maso (2) looks to pass around Uplift's Demarius Jacobs during the Class 2A Northridge Sectional Final in Niles on Friday.

## Sectional final loss can't dim Northridge's achievements

BY ROB VALENTIN

Pioneer Press

Northridge wasn't the least bit intimidated by Uplift's lofty ranking — the Titans were ranked No. 16 by the Chicago Tribune — as the Knights prepared for the Class 2A Northridge Sectional championship.

A boisterous home crowd fired up the Knights early, but it wasn't enough to carry them to victory as Uplift prevailed 46-34 on Friday in Niles.

"I thought we came out of the starting blocks with good poise and really good focus on getting done what we needed to get done," Northridge coach Will Rey said. "In the second quarter we rushed and got a little antsy with the ball."

The Knights held a 13-8 lead after one quarter but trailed 23-17 at halftime and 35-23 after three quarters. Still, Northridge was able to put a run together, pulling within four points late in the fourth quarter. But with time winding down the Knights had to foul and the Titans made their free throws to secure the win.

"They made a really smart decision to hold the ball to start the fourth and they took so much time off the clock," said senior Dylan Haig, who is from Morton Grove. "I think if we had four more minutes we could

have pulled it out."

While Haig and his teammates were disappointed to see their season come to an end, the Knights achieved a lot in 2014-15.

Northridge finished with a 23-7 record, winning 17 of its final 20 games and capturing a regional title for the second year in a row. The 23 wins tied a school record set in 2009 and repeated in 2013.

"It was a great season and it shows that hard work and dedication pays off," Haig said. "It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

Another solid year by the Knights shouldn't be a surprise. Rey has had only one losing season (14-15 in 2009-10) in 11 years while accumulating a 206-108 record. But there's no doubt that this was a special season.

"We're a Class 2A school and before the Uplift game we had only lost to one 2A team this season," Rey said. "We're proud of our kids and how well they played all season."

Northridge will have some work to do to reach another sectional final next season. Haig was one of the team's top scorers at 14 points per game and he is one of four senior starters — along with Charlie Newell, Matt Brown and Tomislav Cuvalo — the Knights will have to replace.

The good news is that Northridge usually used an eight-man rotation and four of those players will come back.

Junior Pat Hunt, who scored 21 points against Uplift, was the starting point guard and averaged 14 points. He will get help from juniors Pablo Esparza and Joe Eck and sophomore Kiko Maso. The varsity also will be buoyed by a sophomore team that went 23-3.

"I have total confidence in the younger guys," said Hunt, a Libertyville resident. "It's just up to everyone to put in the work during the summer and it's my job to make sure we have that team chemistry because that's a massive part of our program."

Rey is optimistic about the future, as long as next year's team puts in as much effort as the 2014-15 squad.

"We have plenty of guys coming back and it will just depend on how hard they work and how committed they are in the offseason," Rey said. "You can't just pick up the ball in November and expect to be good in March. Basketball is a year-round sport and that's what it takes to sustain the kind of success we've had."

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Notre Dame's Anthony D'Avanzo drives to the basket during the March 3 game against Libertyville in the Class 4A Notre Dame Regional semifinals.

# Notre Dame slips past Deerfield, wins regional title

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**NILES** — The game came down to the final seconds, and the Notre Dame boys basketball team held off Deerfield 49-47 in the Class 4A Notre Dame Regional final. The Dons were led by junior post Ammar Becar, who scored a game-high 20 points.

With the win on Friday, fourth-seeded Notre Dame advanced to the Waukegan Sectional semifinals. The Dons were scheduled to play top-seeded Stevenson on Tuesday. Stevenson is the Chicago Tribune's No. 2-ranked team. Visit [chicagotribune.com/suburbs/niles/sports/](http://chicagotribune.com/suburbs/niles/sports/) for full coverage of the game.

After a back-and-forth first quarter, the sixth-seeded Warriors built an eight-point lead early in the second quarter thanks to six points from senior guard Joey Lane. Deerfield was up six going into halftime.

Notre Dame coach Tom Les was adamant that his team needed to play better defense in the second half.

"I thought we lost [Deerfield] a couple times, and they made us pay," Les said. "So what we talked about at halftime was picking up the defense a little bit more."

The halftime adjustments worked for the Dons. Throughout the third quarter, Notre Dame chipped away at the Warriors' lead, and with less than a minute to go in the quarter, the Dons emerged with a three-point lead.

The final quarter was neck-and-neck, with neither team building a big lead. With 54 seconds left, Notre Dame senior guard Joe Mooney made his second field goal of the night to give his team a two-point advantage. Deerfield missed its chance to tie the game, and Notre Dame junior Anthony D'Avanzo iced the game at the foul line.

## Strong third quarter

The Notre Dame basketball team had a scary moment in the second quarter of its Class 4A Notre Dame Regional semifinal game against Libertyville when juniors D'Avanzo and Becar collided as they went up for a rebound.

Becar, a first team all-East Suburban Catholic selection this year, fell backward and hit his head. He lay on the court, holding his head and neck, for at least 90 seconds. Becar said he felt really dizzy when he got up and he slowly walked off the court near the midway point of the second quarter in a game the Dons won 67-54 on March 3.

The Wildcats only trailed 29-26 at the half.

"The assistant came in and I asked him what was the lead," Becar said. "We were up three. After I heard that I was like, 'The team needs me. Joe [Mooney] needs me. People are counting on me.' I just wanted to get the [concussion] test out of the way so I could come back and help my team."

Becar said he passed the concussion test and he returned to help the Dons pull away in the second half.

Becar scored five of his 18 points in the third quarter. Mooney (18 points, seven rebounds, five steals) scored six points during the third. The Dons led 44-34 at the end of the third and they never lost control of the game after that.

D'Avanzo finished with 14 points and four blocks.

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Niles North coach Glenn Olson (center) talks with his team during its Class 4A Stevenson Regional semifinal game against Zion-Benton on March 4 in Lincolnshire.

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