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## SHOUT OUT

# Gail Schechter, activist, musician

Skokie resident Gail Schechter has led Skokie's Open Communities organization — formerly called Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs — for years. She will be resigning at the end of the year. Pioneer Press caught up with her for a series of questions.

**Q: How long have you lived in Skokie?**

A: Eleven years.

**Q: Where did you grow up?**

A: Brooklyn and Queens.

**Q: What did you want to do when you were a child?**

A: I wanted to be a clarinet player like Benny Goodman.

**Q: What was your first job?**

A: My first job was as a baby sitter. I started taking care of a toddler named Jonathan when I was 16, and then before I knew it, the mom had referred me to other moms and I was taking care of about five other children all the way up to high school graduation. I was able to purchase my clarinet when I was nearly 18 from a combination of baby-sitting money and a gift from my paternal grandmother.

**Q: Do you have kids?**



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Gail Schechter

A: I have two. My daughter, Julia Sheppard, is 23 and she just graduated from Oberlin College (in Ohio), which is where I went. She was the senior class president. She spoke at graduation and actually preceded Michelle Obama. My son, William Sheppard, is 20 and is a sophomore at Bowdoin College in Maine. His interest is math and physics.

**Q: You're also a passionate musician. Did you hand that love**

**off to your children?**

A: I'm a pretty liberal parent in the sense that I didn't force my kids to do anything they didn't want to do. But there was one thing I said to them, and that was they both had to do something in the arts. Julia had a double major. She also did dance. My son was the trombone player.

**Q: What is a movie you'd recommend?**

A: I'd recommend anything from (director) Agnes Varda. I'm on an Agnes Varda kick. There is a movie everybody should see called "The Gleaners." To me, she's like the French Studs Terkel. I love "Vagabond" too.

**Q: Do you have any words of wisdom?**

A: Know where your passion is inside. Always do something in the arts. I say to people in stress all the time: "This, too, shall pass."

—Pioneer Press Staff

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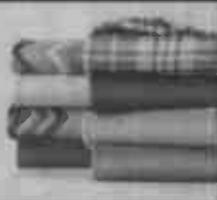
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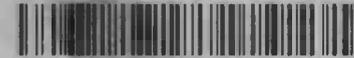


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# Advocates ask Skokie to join gun shop fight

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

A group of gun-control activists that included those who have lost loved ones to gun violence implored the Skokie Village Board Dec. 7 to do more to stop a controversial gun shop slated to open in neighboring Niles.

More than 15 speakers gave emotional testimony to the board detailing how gun violence had affected their lives. They said a gun shop just across the village border would be dangerous and hoped Skokie would join a lawsuit seeking to prevent the facility from coming to Niles.

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen said the village, while sympathetic, is not in a position to become a plaintiff in the case. The village supports municipalities with home-rule powers having the right to set their own gun regulations, he said.

The parents of Maxwell Gadau, a Niles North High School student and Skokie resident who was shot and killed last year on the 9200 block of Kildare Avenue, addressed the board.

Patricia Gadau said she often passes the place where her 17-year-old son was shot.

"I visit that site every morning on my way to work Monday through Friday," she said. "I don't know why I do it. But I'm telling you, I go there. My heart is broken. There is just a hole in my heart that will never be mended."

Gadau told the board that should it not support legal action against the Niles shop, she fears another child in Skokie will face a similar fate.

The Niles Village Board last year approved a special-use permit allowing the Sportsman's Club and Firearms Training Academy to open at 6143 Howard St. in Niles. The board later approved an extension for the special-use permit so that the facility could be built by the company 6143 Howard Partners.

For months, local gun-control activists, led by the group People For a Safer Society, have asked Skokie to sign onto their pending lawsuit against the Niles gun shop. The gun shop, they say, would impact Skokie directly because it is in walking distance to a handful of schools, including some in the village.

The Dec. 7 Village Board meeting came on the same day the U.S. Supreme Court announced it was refusing to take up a challenge to Highland Park's ban on assault weapons.

Van Dusen said the court's decision provides "the salient reason" why Skokie has not become part of the lawsuit against Niles.

"Our decision has not been out of lack of concern or a lack of will," he said. "It's based on our strong conviction... that home rule provides the village the right to act on gun regulation."

"We cannot stand at one moment on our home rule rights to legislate gun restrictions and at the next moment, join in legal action, which at its base, is attacking home rule authority," he said. "I must emphasize that it's not the subject matter of the gun range in Niles that determined our action but the legal principle reinforced by the Supreme Court today."



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In this file photo, protesters against a proposed gun range gather outside Niles Village Hall.

That, though, did not satisfy those gathered to address the board.

"Imagine the village of Niles putting in a radioactive incinerator to deal with their garbage, and the wind from Niles brought

dreds of Skokie residents implored you to protect them by joining the lawsuit," said Denyse Stoneback, president of People For a Safer Society.

Stoneback asked the village to schedule a time for

counted going to the morgue to identify his son "and looking at bullet holes in his body." Garrett Evans, a survivor of the Virginia Tech massacre, said he also lost a neighbor to gun violence.

A high school student who said she was Gadau's girlfriend said she had a gun pointed at her only recently by someone she knew.

"This is an issue that's not going to be swept under the rug," said Maxwell Gadau's father, Peter Gadau. "This is an issue that will continue to get additional community support, community action, and we are going to demand that something be done. We are going to demand that action be taken. Courage and compassion must be shown by this group."

In response, Van Dusen maintained that Skokie has been a leading advocate against gun violence.

He said the village approved restrictions on assault weapons — even though most in attendance the night the regulations were approved had opposed the measure.

He said Highland Park leaders conferred with Sko-

***"This is an issue that will continue to get additional community support, community action, and we are going to demand that something be done."***

— Peter Gadau, father of slain Skokie teen

that radioactive material into Skokie," said National Gun Victims Action Council Chairman Elliot Fineman, who also lost a son to gun violence. "Would you argue that, 'Well, it's home rule so we're not going to do anything? We'll just accept their decision?'"

In October, People For a Safer Society delivered to the board petitions with hundreds of signatures opposing the Niles gun shop and advocating for Skokie to become more involved.

"We are disappointed that the mayor feels that home-rule privileges outweigh the safety of Skokie residents even though hun-

dreds of Skokie residents implored you to protect them by joining the lawsuit. She also asked that officials sponsor open dialogue and educational forums in the community, appoint a special committee to address the issue and pass a resolution on the need for Niles to make the gun shop as safe as possible.

Throughout the night's citizen comments, the Village Board heard testimony about the personal impact of gun violence.

Patricia Gadau read a letter from her son that plotted out a future that would never come. Stephen Young, a long-time gun control advocate, re-

in creating their similar legislation. That means Skokie's rules now have protection too, he said.

"It is noteworthy that Skokie enacted this ordinance within the 10 days allotted by the Illinois General Assembly and was one of very few municipalities in the state to do so."

Van Dusen also said Skokie had filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court to uphold the city of Chicago's gun regulations.

A resolution calling on the Illinois General Assembly to establish a system for licensing gun dealers is scheduled to come before the board later this month, the mayor said.

But there was no promise about joining the fight against the Niles gun shop.

"In order for us and Highland Park and a handful of other communities to maintain our standing in the court, we have to preserve our home rule," Van Dusen said. "What we need to do is try to figure out how we can preserve that and thread the needle and try to be helpful to you. You do have sympathy here."

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# Village Board approves modernization proposal

By LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

A plan aiming to modernize and improve service on the Niles Free Bus has rolled past its first hurdle on the way to becoming a reality after village officials approved the proposal presented by village staff and Pace Suburban Bus representatives during a board meeting Dec. 8.

The approved proposal is the result of a two-year \$300,000 study initiated in 2014, said Michael Bolton, deputy executive director of strategic services for Pace. Half of the funding for the study was provided through a grant while the remaining cost was picked up by Pace, he said, with no expense to the village.

Bolton said neither the village nor Pace is expected to contribute any more money to fund the total \$1.5 million annual expense of the service. The Niles Free Bus operates under an agreement with Pace; the buses are owned by Pace while the drivers are employed by the village, he said. Niles picks up \$540,000 of the total cost and Pace covers the remainder, said Village Manager Steve Vinezeano in an interview following the meeting. Riders are charged nothing.

The objective of the modernization plan, Pace representatives said, is to improve transit access for residents and businesses, create simpler routes, improve the frequency of service, remove or reduce service in areas where ridership is low, increase overall ridership and provide for better integration between Niles Free Bus routes, Pace routes and the suburban bus company.

Village trustees appeared to be pleased with the plan that resulted from the study.

Trustee Joe LoVerde called the proposal "terrific



LEE V. GAINES/PIONEER PRESS

Representatives from Pace Suburban Bus presented a proposal to Niles Village Board members that would restructure the current Niles Free Bus routes.

and efficient."

The new plan restructures the village's existing three Niles Free Bus routes to create a connected loop around the village, with route 410 servicing the east side of Niles and route 411 covering the west side. Under the new plan, service on both routes will run every 30 minutes beginning between 6:30 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. through 4:50 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Service will start approximately three hours later on weekends and end a half hour earlier.

The current service, which includes routes 411, 412 and 413 begins operating later in the morning and ends later in the evening, with longer wait times between buses.

The third route, 412, will circle the northern section of the village, hitting Golf Mill Shopping Center and other retail destinations beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 4:45 p.m. on weekdays, and starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 4:15 p.m. on weekends under the new plan. The proposal calls for earlier beginnings and endings for service than is currently offered on the route.

Route 413 will be eliminated under the new plan because of low ridership,

according to the presentation provided by Pace. Other changes include reduced service to Maynard Road and limited service to Saint Andrew Life Center.

Pace representatives said they retained limited service to both stops after residents at a public hearing on the proposal held in July complained about a previous plan to eliminate the stops entirely.

A resident of Maynard Terrace, Bob Sychowski, said the bus service was part of the reason he had decided to stay in Niles, and he appreciated that service to the Maynard Road stop would continue under the new plan.

When asked by Mayor Andrew Przybylo, Bolton confirmed that Niles is the only municipality Pace services that offers a free bus system to riders.

The board of directors for the bus service company is due to consider the modernization plan at a meeting in January, Bolton said. If the plan is approved, a marketing campaign will ensure to alert riders of the changes, and the new route system and schedule will take effect sometime in the spring, he said.

Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

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More than 1,000 people turned out for the Dec. 13 dedication of the new \$40 million Ida Crown Jewish Academy.

## Class is in session starting Jan. 4 at Ida Crown Jewish Academy

BY BRIAN L. COX  
Pioneer Press

Like many teenagers, Lauren Schwartz, said she is looking forward to having time off of school during the upcoming winter break. But Schwartz, 16, also said she is looking forward to getting back to school on Jan. 4 because she will be returning to classes at the brand new \$40 million Ida Crown Jewish Academy in Skokie.

"I really think it's a great thing because I came from a different city to come to this school and now this school is like changing throughout generations," Schwartz said during a Dec. 13 dedication ceremony for the new school at 8233 Central Park Ave. in Skokie.

"This is the generation I'm living in and we have a new school," Schwartz said, grinning widely.

The Ida Crown Jewish Academy is a Modern Orthodox co-educational Jewish college preparatory high school that has served

the Chicago Jewish community for nearly 75 years, said Rabbi Leonard Matanky, dean at the school.

The new facility will officially open on Jan. 4. In addition to more classrooms it has state-of-the-art science and technology facilities; expanded cultural arts, a library, sports and extracurricular activities spaces; student and faculty lounges; and a central worship space to accommodate all students.

It will also house the headquarters for the Associated Talmud Torahs, the governing body for Orthodox schools and the Keshet high school, a program for students with developmental delays.

More than 1,000 people turned out for the Dec. 13 dedication ceremony and despite a slight drizzle Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen told the crowd "it is a beautiful day in Skokie."

Crown had about 260 students at its old location in the 2800 block of West Pratt Boulevard in Chicago.

But officials said they expect enrollment to climb to about 300 students at the new location. They also said the move was supposed to happen a few years ago, but the recession and the need for a capital campaign caused delays.

"This is a day we've been working toward for over a decade," Matanky said.

He said the school might never have been built if not for the support and vision of the Crown and Goodman families, Rabbi and Mrs. Morris Esformes, the Jewish Federation and support from many individual donors who raised \$40 million for the project.

"As far as I'm concerned, the sun is shining and it couldn't be more beautiful," Lester Crown told the enthusiastic crowd.

Matanky also said it is "significant" that the dedication coincided with the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah, he said, is not simply a celebration of religious freedom but is also a

celebration of a dedication to the future. The school, he said, is dedicated to the cause of inspiring a new generation of Jewish men and women to build on traditions as they engage in the modern world. He also noted that a giant menorah was refurbished and moved from ICJA's old location in Chicago and erected outside of the new school.

Crown said his relatives helped dedicate the old Crown Jewish Academy more than 50 years ago and said they would be very proud to see the new school opening in Skokie.

"They believed education was the most important thing you could give to kids and especially Jewish education to Jewish kids," he said.

"My science and math teachers are really excited," Schwartz said. "I'm excited for winter break and then it will be a great day to start school again."

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## District 219: Investigation to end in January

Search currently underway for superintendent

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A months-long investigation occurring during the recent resignation of two top Niles Township High School District 219 administrators will end in January, according to an email from the district sent Dec. 11.

The School Board has been tight-lipped about the findings of a multi-pronged investigation that's been underway since August when the board placed on paid leave Superintendent Nanciann Gatta and John Heintz, who served as the district's chief legal officer and assistant superintendent of operations.

Both Gatta and Heintz stepped down in November under board-approved mutual separation agreements that concede that neither the board nor Gatta and Heintz "has done anything wrong."

The investigation has continued, however, with the board declining to answer questions about the findings of a team of attorneys and a forensic investigation company that were hired to lead the probe.

"The work is expected to be completed in January of this school year, with the delivery to the board of recommendations for a

considerable number of changes in such areas as (administrative contracts and personnel policies and procedures)," according to a statement released by District 219 on Friday.

The board plans to use the results from the investigation to make changes in district policies related to employee expenses, outside employment, and conflicts of interest, according to the recent announcement.

"Considerable time and expenses have been invested in the investigatory process," according to the statement released Dec. 11. "The board expects this investment to result in administrative contracts and personnel policies which have much greater transparency, cost-effectiveness, and Board oversight."

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— District 219 statement

Documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act show board members have approved thousands of dollars in payments the district started making back several months ago when the board experts hired to review contracts, payroll and electronic correspondence.

Because Gatta and Heintz's revised contracts expire in late December, the board said in its statement Friday that the search for a new superintendent was underway. Citing "cost savings and efficiency purposes," the board said Heintz's position may not be filled, however.

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## Glenview man is charged in Morton Grove home burglary

BY BRIAN L. COX  
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Fingerprint evidence led police to a Glenview man charged on Dec. 10 with allegedly entering a Morton Grove home in September and stealing jewelry and watches, authorities said Dec. 11.

Gunter Jimenez, 35, of the 10000 block of Michael Todd Avenue in Glenview, was charged with felony residential burglary on Dec. 10 following an investigation

into a Sept. 18 burglary in the 9500 block of Washington Street in Morton Grove, police said. Morton Grove police said a woman reported that a man entered her residence and took multiple rings and watches. Police processed the scene for evidence and recovered a fingerprint, authorities said.

Detectives confirmed the fingerprint was Jimenez's



Jimenez

and arrested him at his residence on Dec. 10, Morton Grove police said. They said detectives were able to obtain a video confession and recover some of the victim's jewelry from Jimenez's house.

Jimenez is scheduled for a Dec. 28 court hearing.

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## Police: Woman gave birth, hid baby in plastic bag under towels

BY BRIAN L. COX  
Chicago Tribune

A Morton Grove woman has been charged with attempted first-degree murder after police said she placed her newborn baby in a plastic bag and hid it under a pile of towels.

Authorities called it "an absolute miracle" that the baby, who remained hospitalized in good condition Dec. 9, survived.

Police and paramedics were called to a Nagle Avenue home Dec. 7 by someone who said his pregnant sister was bleeding heavily.

When paramedics arrived, they could not find a baby and asked the woman, 21-year-old Xin Zeng, if she had given birth, said police Cmdr. Paul Yaras. He said Zeng refused to talk to investigators, so a fire lieutenant starting looking around the house.

"The paramedics didn't know she had given birth at that point," Yaras said. "They just knew she was bleeding all over the floor."

Responders found a newborn baby boy in a plastic bag that had been tied closed with a towel

wrapped around it, underneath a pile of towels in the bathroom, Yaras said.

"The baby was blue and lifeless," Yaras said. "The lieutenant cut the baby out of the bag and gave the baby off to one of the other paramedics."

Officials believe the baby was born five to 15 minutes before paramedics arrived.

Yaras said the boy began to breathe as he was being removed from the house. As he was being treated in the ambulance, "he started getting color," Yaras said.

The baby was initially listed in critical condition at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital but had improved by Dec. 7, he said.

"It's an absolute miracle," Yaras said. "The hospital said as much. The fire personnel on scene said that if they had left at that point with the mother and without the baby, the baby would have been dead. He was, for all intents and purposes, dead at that point."

Police said Zeng is a college student and lives with her parents, who were out of the country when the baby was born.

"She gave birth, hid the baby and sealed him in a plastic bag and hid the bag and didn't tell anybody," Yaras said. "She made no effort to save the baby. She made no effort to provide care for the baby. At this point the baby's at the hospital being cared for, thank God."

He noted that Illinois' so-called safe haven law allows parents to avoid prosecution if they relinquish unharmed babies up to 30 days old at designated locations like hospitals and police and fire stations.

"You're in the middle of an area where we have rapid police and fire response," Yaras said. "We have a police station and a fire station nearby. We have plenty of support out there for young mothers. It's sad. She had the opportunity to get help for herself and get care as well. There's help out there for them and they can get it."

Zeng is being held in Cook County Jail on \$10 million on a charge of attempted first-degree murder.

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## POLICE REPORT

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### DRUG POSSESSION

■ Edward Hennigan, 19, of the 7100 block of Odell, Chicago; Jacob Peters, 20, of the 2000 block of Old Glenview Road, Wilmette; and Bryan Caspersen, 20, of the 1000 block of Westview Road, Rochelle, were each charged with felony possession of marijuana on the night of Dec. 8 after 332 grams of suspected marijuana was reportedly found inside their vehicle during a traffic stop in the 7700 block of Harlem Avenue. They have a Feb. 8 court date.

### THEFT

■ Danislava Dramasazova, 25, of the 500 block of Seegers, Arlington Heights, was charged with felony theft on Dec. 6 after police said she stole money from a retail store at which she was employed. She had a Dec. 15 court date.

■ Cynthia Knutson-Gearheart, 21, of the 9100 block of Knight Avenue, unincorporated Maine

Township, was charged with retail theft and battery on Dec. 8 after she was accused of stealing perfume and cosmetics from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center before allegedly punching an employee in the face while she tried to run away. Two other employees were able to apprehend Knutson-Gearheart, police said. She has a Jan. 5 court date.

### BATTERY

■ Hernando Gonzales, 52, of the 4000 block of Lavergne, Chicago, was charged with domestic battery and criminal damage to state-supported property on Dec. 6. Police said Gonzales damaged the rear passenger window of a Niles squad car when he started kicking it after being taken into custody on the domestic battery charge.

### DUI

■ Srdan Sterleman, 31, of the 1800 block of Oakton Street, Park Ridge, was charged with driving under the influence on Dec. 5 after he was reportedly seen speeding on Oakton Street west from Milwaukee around 3 a.m.

He has a Dec. 24 court date.

### ASSAULT

■ On Dec. 4, a 29-year-old Skokie man told police that the driver of a Chevrolet SUV swerved in an attempt to hit him while he was in a parking lot crosswalk in the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue. The victim provided police with a license plate number. An investigation was pending.

### BURGLARY

■ An undisclosed number of electronic items were reportedly stolen from an apartment in the 7900 block of Caldwell Avenue during a burglary on Dec. 7. The resident returned home to find his front door open, police said.

### FIRE

■ A 56-year-old woman told police that her 1997 Toyota started on fire on the afternoon of Dec. 5 after she parked at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Police reported the car was fully engulfed in flames, which were extinguished by North Maine firefighters. The cause was not immediately determined.

## 4 Brooklyn men charged with skimming ATMs in Skokie

BY DAWN RHODES  
Chicago Tribune

Four men from New York by way of Russia and Kazakhstan were charged with felonies after allegedly stealing financial information from ATMs in Skokie.

Iirmiyo Izraelov, 24; Bakai Marat-Uulu, 23; Yevgeniy A. Dubovskiy, 24; and Konstantin Miroshnikov, 24, all of Brooklyn, appeared in bond court Dec. 12, accused of identity theft.

Prosecutors alleged a Chase bank branch in the northern suburb was informed Dec. 1 that a skimming device had been attached to an ATM. Bank officials pulled video footage from the ATM and determined the four men were responsible.

The bank then got another report of a skimming device on an ATM on Dec. 10, and again identified the four men as the ones responsible. They were arrested the same day. Police found card

readers, decoders and other identity theft equipment in the men's car and the hotel room where they were staying, prosecutors said.

The four men told Cook County Judge Adam Bourgeois Jr. that they originally are from Russia and Kazakhstan. It was not clear how they know each other, but the men live in nearby neighborhoods in the southern part of Brooklyn. Izraelov and Dubovskiy both live in the Midwood neighborhood. Miroshnikov lives in Bensonhurst and Marat-Uulu lives in Bath Beach.

Bourgeois ordered each man held on \$500,000 bail, saying they were a significant flight risk and he did not believe they would show up for their various court dates.

It was not apparent from court records how much money was stolen or how many people may have been affected by the alleged theft.

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# Maine East class reaches out to prisoners

## Students take part in Amnesty International's Dec. 9 'Write for Rights,' letter campaign

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

Saarah Junaid has never met attorney and human rights activist Waleed Abu al-Kahir. But when the Maine East High School sophomore speaks of al-Kahir's imprisonment in a Saudi Arabian jail, there's a clear hint of indignation in her voice.

"He was just defending someone. He's a lawyer; he shouldn't be imprisoned for doing his job," Junaid said as she joined classmates in putting literal pen to paper in support of imprisoned people around the world.

The Dec. 9 letter-writing campaign was part of Amnesty International's Write for Rights initiative, which encourages the public to rally on behalf of men and women identified by the organization as wrongly imprisoned or victims of human rights abuses. Students

were given a choice of cases and then wrote letters directly to the imprisoned person or to government officials, calling for their release.

"We believe when the governments get these letters and they are inundated by these letters, they will hopefully make a change in the way they are behaving and some of these human rights will be restored," said Maine East English teacher Krystyna Chlebek, one of the three faculty organizers of the campaign.

In the case of al-Kahir, Amnesty International reports he is serving a 15-year prison sentence based on his defense of peaceful activists in Saudi Arabia, including blogger Raif Badawi, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes for his writings.

Human Rights Watch reported in 2014 that al-Kahir, founder of the Monitor of Human Rights in

Saudi Arabia who has challenged the government on such issues, was found guilty of charges that included "harming public order in the state and its officials" and "inflaming public opinion."

"Every little thing helps, every little letter helps," Junaid said as she looked at the words of support she wrote directly to al-Kahir, words that included optimism about his eventual release. "You know you're going to improve someone's day just by writing a letter."

"A lot of high school students wonder, what can I do — if anything — to have some kind of effect in the world," said Maine East teacher Bob Brown, another organizer of the school campaign.

"This gives students at least an outlet to feel they are doing something — and it really is doing something. These letters go to actual governments; they go to peo-

ple who are imprisoned unjustly or had their rights violated in some way."

The students are encouraged to write physical letters, as opposed to email, for a reason, he added.

"There are online links where you can sign your name to a petition, but it doesn't really have the same impact as filling mailboxes, which is a tangible, measurable, visual idea of how many people are in support," Brown said.

Sophomore Maya Washington, of Des Plaines, directed one of her letters closer to home. She wrote to the Louisiana attorney general, calling for the release of Albert Woodfox, who has spent the last 43 years imprisoned in solitary confinement. Though his murder conviction was overturned this year and a judge ordered Woodfox's release, the state appealed and the judge's ruling was thrown



JENNIFER JOHNSON/PIONEER PRESS

Maine East High School students on Dec. 9 write letters to and on behalf of imprisoned people around the world as part of Amnesty International's Write for Rights 2015 campaign. The effort was part of an initiative to rally on behalf of wrongly imprisoned people.

out, according to news reports.

Four decades of solitary confinement for a murder Woodfox says he did not commit "has taken a huge toll on his health," Washington said.

"Usually people think human rights issues only take place outside of the United States, but in reality they do take place in our own country too," she added.

At the same table, Sinthia Ahmed, a junior from Park Ridge, was wrapping up her letter to the attorney general of the state of Sinaloa, Mexico, on behalf of Yecenia Armenta. Amnesty International, which is seeking the release of Armenta from prison, says police officials used beatings and rape to torture the 39-year-old mother and force her into confessing to her husband's murder, even though there was no evidence she had committed the crime.

"She's not the only one who's been through this. There are hundreds of cases going through Mexico right now," Ahmed said. "This is just another way to raise awareness about it and it basically gets the word across, even if it's something people don't want to hear."

In her letter to Malaysian cartoonist Zulkiflee Anwar Uhaque, whom Amnesty International says was jailed for opinions he expressed on Twitter, sophomore Summiya Fatima addressed his "right to speech."

"I told him many people care about his rights and he deserves his freedom," she said.

Do these letter-writing campaigns work? Brown says there are examples shared by Amnesty International that it does.

"Amnesty does publish that several people have been released from prison or their cases are

heard again," he said. "Some investigations into torture take place because of the massive awareness that is shown on an international level."

Amnesty International's website highlights five cases in which Write for Rights campaigns led to the successful release of prisoners, including Birtukan Mideksa of Ethiopia, who was sentenced to life in prison and jailed for two years after protesting election results when she was the leader of her country's main opposition party.

"You were my voice when I had none," Mideksa was quoted as writing to Amnesty International.

The public can find Amnesty International cases and learn where to send letters of support at [write.amnestyusa.org](http://write.amnestyusa.org).

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# D219 interim superintendent weighs in on PARCC scores

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Last school year marked the end of standardized state testing when school districts across Illinois rolled out new PARCC exam testing based on the Common Core Standards. The exams tested students in math and English and language arts in third through eighth grade. High schools chose which students took the exam by selecting one or more courses instead of administering the exam to a certain grade level.

The scoring system used for the PARCC was brand new for Illinois school districts, which had to wait until the fall to learn the results from the first round of tests that were taken last spring.

PARCC-tested students were measured based on a scale of five performance levels — Level one: Did not yet meet expectations; Level two: Partially met expectations; Level three: Approached expectations; Level four: Met expectations; and Level five: Ex-

ceeded expectations.

Under PARCC's evaluation model, students whose test results place them in levels four and five are considered to be prepared for the next grade level and on track for college.

Niles Township High School District 219's interim superintendent, Anne Roloff, explained in a phone interview how the district adjusted to the new testing system when it was administered earlier this year. The exams were given to English/language arts students at the junior level, and students in Algebra 2 during two separate testing sessions in March and April.

**Q: How did PARCC testing go this year?**

A: It was a little different than what we were used to because we usually plan for assessments well in advance, and we didn't really know which stuff we were even testing on until mid-December of 2014. That was when the Illinois State Board of Education notified us that we had a week to decide

whether to test by grade level or course level. We chose Algebra 2 students and all juniors.

**Q: What, if any, difficulties or challenges did the district have in implementing the test?**

A: We did paper testing because the Netbook computers many of the students use weren't compatible with the electronic testing system. It was also hard schedule-wise, because we had to pull students out of classes for two days in March and two days in April, and it just ended up being a very complicated process. Also, some kids didn't want to take it — a lot of students didn't feel it had a meaning for them during their junior year of high school when they don't have any skin in the game. In our case, we had a high percentage of students that did not take it. Forty-six percent of our students didn't take the reading test, and 28.5 percent didn't take the math test.

**Q: What changes would you like to see made to the evaluation of results?**

A: The results are hard to interpret and we're not sure what the scores mean yet. We don't know what constitutes a one versus a three and a three versus a five. We're concerned that the scoring system is arbitrary, and we need some better definitions from ISBE and PARCC as to what they mean as far as students meeting the common core standards.

Also, the turnaround time for the results was long. We want useful and meaningful feedback to help us make a better instructional alignment, and with the long length of time we had to wait for the results, it's difficult to plan those changes.

**Q: How is the district viewing its results from this year's test, as successes or as showing more work to do?**

A: There's always more work to do, and we always recognize that. But because these results are difficult to interpret, it's hard to say because they're not recognized universally by colleges like

the ACT, for example. We're not certain how reflective it is of true student performance.

**Q: What plans does the district have for next year's testing?**

A: We're going to test freshmen English/language arts students in 2016, and students in Algebra 1 with the hope that they'll be more invested in the exam itself. In order to make the necessary instructional changes, to have that information at the freshman level would be beneficial, because we can make changes earlier on instead of at the junior level when it's too late.

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## Full PARCC scores

Listing of local school districts and their scores on next page. For more PARCC information, go to [www.ChicagoTribune.com](http://www.ChicagoTribune.com).

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# PARCC scores at area schools

Here are results for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests administered in spring 2015. District-wide results appear in **BOLD** in gray rows. Individual schools are listed below their respective district results.

DISTRICT/SCHOOL	ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS			MATH		
	PERCENT PROFICIENT	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE	PCT. NOT TAKING	PERCENT PROFICIENT	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE	PCT. NOT TAKING
<b>Northbrook ESD 27</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Wood Oaks Jr. H.S.	82.5	420	1	72.3	423	0.9
Shabonee	78.8	398	0.5	79.9	399	0.3
<b>Northbrook SD 28</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>4</b>
Northbrook Jr. H.S.	66.2	599	4.7	54	601	5.3
Greenblair Elementary	58.7	198	4.5	51.3	201	5
Meadowbrook Elementary	68	195	0.5	69.1	195	0.5
Westmoor Elementary	72	161	2.5	67.5	163	1.8
<b>Northbrook/Glenview SD 30</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Maple	73	410	0.7	75.3	412	0.7
Willowbrook Elementary	78.8	132	0	78	132	0
Wescott Elementary	71.8	209	0	66	212	0
<b>West Northfield SD 31</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Fleid	57.8	300	1.3	51.2	303	1.3
Henry Winkelman Elementary	49.1	268	0.4	41	274	0.4
<b>Glenview CCSD 34</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>3376</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>3389</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Attea Middle	58.9	869	3	53.4	870	2.9
Springman Middle	56.6	842	2.5	40.7	848	1.9
Glen Grove Elementary	64.8	526	1	52.4	528	0.8
Hoffman Elementary	62.7	597	0.7	50.2	602	1
Pleasant Ridge Elementary	58.8	542	1.1	52.5	541	1.1
<b>Glencoe SD 35</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Central	77.4	585	0.2	69.1	585	0.5
West	71.9	260	0	67.3	260	0
<b>Winnetka SD 36</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>35.4</b>
Carleton W. Washburne	74.9	434	49.5	64.4	433	52
Crow Island Elementary	50	159	22	56.1	159	22.6
Greeley Elementary	60.2	120	26.7	66.7	121	25.6
Hubbard Woods Elementary	52.2	110	37.3	47	110	40
The Skokle School	68.2	439	24.8	57.9	439	25.3
<b>Avoca SD 37</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Marie Murphy	84.1	256	2	79.1	258	1.9
Avoca West Elementary	70.6	235	1.7	53.7	235	1.7
<b>Willmette SD 39</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2551</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>2553</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Willmette Jr. H.S.	76.5	881	5.2	72.7	881	4.3
Central Elementary	73.9	235	0.4	70.4	235	0.9
Harper Elementary	70.1	154	0	60.8	154	0
McKenzie Elementary	75.4	236	1.7	65.1	236	1.7
Romona Elementary	60.3	211	0.9	69.9	211	0.9
Highcrest Middle	75.4	834	1.6	60	836	1.2
<b>East Maine SD 63</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>2250</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>2288</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Gemini Jr. H.S.	52.5	758	0.9	30.5	766	1
V. H. Nelson Elementary	27.8	356	1.1	18.1	358	1.1
Stevenson	26.2	228	0.4	20.1	232	1.3
Mark Twain Elementary	32.3	225	2.2	22.9	231	1.7
Washington Elementary	47.2	179	0.6	33.3	186	0
Meizer	58.7	212	2.8	50.7	211	1.9
Apollo Elementary	27.9	292	1.7	23.5	304	1.6
<b>Park Ridge CCSD 64</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>2998</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3002</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Emerson Middle	57.4	833	0.7	53.3	834	0.6
Lincoln Middle	55	717	1.5	55.5	717	1.5
George B. Carpenter Elementary	65.9	220	1.4	48.8	220	1.4
Eugene Field Elementary	60.6	340	0	46.8	342	0
Franklin Elementary	55.1	234	0	39.7	235	0.4
Theodore Roosevelt Elementary	51.2	341	0.3	44.9	341	0

DISTRICT/SCHOOL	ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS			MATH		
	PERCENT PROFICIENT	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE	PCT. NOT TAKING	PERCENT PROFICIENT	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE	PCT. NOT TAKING
George Washington Elementary	57.2	313	2.9	45.9	313	2.6
<b>Skokie SD 68</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Old Orchard Jr. H.S.	47.4	620	1.6	37.1	629	1.4
Devonshire Elementary	43.9	213	0.5	29.9	216	0.9
Jane Stenson	39.2	215	1.4	36.6	221	2.3
Highland Elementary	44.7	198	0.5	31.7	200	0.5
<b>East Prairie SD 73</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>0.3</b>
East Prairie Elementary	49.9	348	0	47.3	349	0.3
<b>Skokie SD 73-5</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>13.2</b>
Oilver McCracken Middle	49.6	327	16.2	49.6	329	13.7
John Middleton Elementary	53.7	327	12.8	49	330	12.7
<b>Lincolnwood SD 74</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Lincoln Hall Middle	51.6	418	0.2	38.8	418	0.2
Rutledge Hall Elementary	47.1	379	0.3	41.8	380	0.5
<b>New Trier Twp HSD 203</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3</b>
New Trier Twp H.S. Northfield	77.1	454	2.6	41.4	128	0
<b>Maine Township HSD 207</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Maine East H.S.	49.5	382	0.5	10.8	287	3.1
Maine South H.S.	49.1	574	4.9	28.6	382	13.9
Maine West H.S.	39.5	512	4.5	19.7	352	9.1
<b>Township HSD 214</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>2649</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>46.9</b>
Elk Grove H.S.	31.4	476	5	4.8	380	6.6
John Hersey H.S.	69	427	83.4	74.8	393	58.5
Prospect H.S.	57.1	521	64.7	46.3	444	63.5
Wheeling H.S.	29.6	379	17.9	15.2	290	23.1
Rolling Meadows H.S.	60	395	92.4	26.7	215	93
Buffalo Grove H.S.	37.9	451	49.7	61.7	410	47.8
<b>Niles Twp CHSD 219</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1140</b>	<b>28.7</b>
Niles North H.S.	48.6	553	53.5	32.2	518	28.8
Niles West H.S.	20.3	618	40.3	33.6	622	28.6
<b>Northfield Twp HSD 225</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Glenbrook North H.S.	46.3	513	1.6	45.7	473	0.6
Glenbrook South H.S.	49.7	666	4.8	29.6	661	9.1
<b>Lake Bluff ESD 65</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Lake Bluff Middle	76	315	2.2	71.2	315	2.5
Lake Bluff Elementary	69.9	277	0.4	68.8	277	0.4
<b>Lake Forest SD 67</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Deer Path Middle West	66.7	513	3.3	60.2	513	3.9
Cherokee Elementary	72.8	151	2.6	76.9	151	2.6
Everett Elementary	62.1	145	3.4	62.9	145	3.4
Sheridan Elementary	55.6	108	0	57	108	0.9
Deer Path Middle East	70.2	450	3.8	57.8	450	4.2
<b>Libertyville SD 70</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>1745</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Highland Middle	64.9	963	1.7	60.9	963	1.5
Butterfield	67.4	282	1.1	57.5	283	1.1
Copeland Manor Elementary	70.6	216	0.9	65	216	0.9
Rockland Elementary	68	151	0.7	62.3	152	0.7
Adler Park	65.9	133	0.8	59.1	133	0.8
<b>Mundelein ESD 75</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Carl Sandburg Middle	44.6	531	0	30.2	530	0
Mechanics Grove Elementary	44.5	527	0.2	30.2	530	0.2
<b>Diamond Lake SD 76</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>0.6</b>
West Oak Middle	33.8	431	0.5	26	432	0.5
Diamond Lake Elementary	38	221	0	30.5	222	0.9

## EDUCATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL	ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS			MATH		
	PERCENT PROFICIENT	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE	PCT. NOT TAKING	PERCENT PROFICIENT	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE	PCT. NOT TAKING
<b>Lake Zurich CUSD 95</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3053</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>2879</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Lake Zurich H.S.	60	490	5.1	31.2	312	10.6
Lake Zurich Middle - N. Campus	63.9	685	0.1	53.4	687	0.1
Lake Zurich Middle - S. Campus	57.3	630	0.2	48.6	630	0.2
Seth Paule Elementary	53.2	219	0.5	43.3	219	0.5
May Whitney Elementary	52	273	0	46.2	273	0
Sarah Adams Elementary	47.1	204	0	44.1	204	0
Isaac Fox Elementary	57	278	0.4	57.7	278	0
Spencer Loomis Elementary	60.4	274	0.4	61.1	276	0.4
<b>Aptakisic-Tripp CCSD 102</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Aptakisic Junior H.S.	73.8	456	0.4	66	461	0.4
Earl Pritchett	70.6	202	0.5	72.4	203	0
Tripp	67.1	223	0.4	70.3	232	0
Meridian Middle	68.2	484	1.9	64.3	488	1.8
<b>Deerfield SD 109</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>2068</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>2071</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Alan B. Shepard Middle	73.6	531	0.6	64.3	532	0.9
Charles J. Caruso Middle	66.2	555	0.9	64	555	0.9
Kipling Elementary	78.8	236	0	70.3	236	0
Walden Elementary	82.9	228	0	80.7	229	0.4
Willmot Elementary	69.8	289	1.4	63.9	289	1.4
South Park Elementary	76.3	229	0.4	75.5	230	0.4
<b>North Shore SD 112</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>2854</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>2855</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Northwood Jr. H.S.	37.9	518	1.2	33.6	518	1.7
Edgewood Middle	59.6	603	2.3	43	601	2.2
Elm Place	56.4	365	0.8	41.9	366	0.3
Braeside Elementary	67.2	133	3.8	59.7	133	3
Indian Trail Elementary	56.8	207	3.9	45.8	206	2.4
Ravinia Elementary	64	165	0.6	50.6	166	1.2
Sherwood Elementary	62.2	165	0.6	48.2	165	0.6
Red Oak Elementary	64.1	143	0.7	51.4	143	0.7
Oak Terrace Elementary	17.6	249	1.6	20.6	251	1.6
Wayne Thomas Elementary	44.7	176	3.4	47.4	176	2.8
Lincoln Elementary	64.1	130	1.5	49.2	130	1.5
<b>Twp HSD 113</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>28.2</b>
Deerfield H.S.	8.5	289	63.3	1.4	126	42.9
Highland Park H.S.	11.4	239	22.6	0	158	16.5
<b>Lake Forest CHSD 115</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>60.8</b>
Lake Forest H.S.	65.6	408	53.7	17.2	148	60.8
<b>Mundelein Cons HSD 120</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Mundelein Cons H.S.	48.8	439	6.2	16.2	339	7.1
<b>Adlai E Stevenson HSD 125</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Adlai E. Stevenson H.S.	74.2	991	7.8	45.1	425	8.5
<b>CHSD 128</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>24.6</b>
Libertyville H.S.	69.1	509	18.7	44.3	285	26.3
Vernon Hills H.S.	46.1	306	46.1	39.9	210	22.4
<b>Barrington CUSD 220</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>4689</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4714</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Barrington H.S.	47.7	676	6.7	29	694	6.5
Barrington Middle Station	67.6	1018	1.5	51.5	1019	1.6
Barrington Middle - Prairie Camps	62.9	1121	1.7	53.2	1125	2
Countryside Elementary	70	197	3.6	60.2	198	3.5
Hough Street Elementary	74.3	185	1.1	70.7	186	1.1
Sunny Hill Elementary	20.4	232	0.9	13.5	231	0.4
Grove Avenue Elementary	74.1	291	0.3	74.1	291	0.3
North Barrington Elementary	64.9	225	1.3	64.1	226	1.3
Roslyn Road Elementary	64.7	221	2.3	63.9	222	2.7
Arnett C. Lines Elementary	68	235	1.7	68	235	1.7
Barbara B. Rose Elementary	76.7	288	0.3	77.4	287	0

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# Temperature turned up on this year's courthouse turkey drive

By MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

There was good and bad news about former Deputy Sheriff Michael Wronkowski's 21st annual turkey drive in the garage of the Skokie Courthouse — and it was the same news.

The Dec. 9 turkey drive was held in unseasonably warm weather, which was good news for those standing outside all day, but bad news for those trying to keep donated turkeys and hams cold throughout the morning and afternoon.

Last year was quite a different story. Wronkowski and his team of volunteers had to huddle at a portable heater to keep warm, but there was no need for a heater this year.

The new addition for

2015 was a cooler that Wronkowski made after he saw the weather forecast for Turkey Drive Day. He immediately stored donated turkeys and hams inside the cooler in the back of his festively decorated van.

"The weather is a real challenge so I had to do something," he said. "I don't know how well it will work."

Wronkowski had time to make the cooler because this is his first year in retirement, the first year when he hasn't worked at the courthouse. But he was welcomed back on this day so he could hold the popular turkey drive.

By late morning, Wronkowski said he was getting a good collection of donations on par with previous years. For the first time, he kept a running tote board to count donated turkeys and hams

because so many people who stop by inquire, he said.

Three of Wronkowski's buddies were also on hand to help him out all day long.

Wronkowski said he felt a little different holding the turkey drive this year, a little "freer" being a retiree. When courthouse employees pulled up to donate, a bit of a reunion took place since he no longer sees these people every day.

One big element of the turkey drive remained the same: Some people in need would have a better holiday because it was being held.

Wronkowski said he was planning on wrapping up all the donations that night and dropping them off at a couple of soup kitchens that depend on them every year — just as he has done for the last 20 years.



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A Skokie courthouse employee writes a donation check before handing it over to former Deputy Sheriff Michael Wronkowski, left, and his fellow team of volunteers Dec. 9 during Wronkowski's 21st holiday drive for those in need at the courthouse.



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# Worshippers journey to Des Plaines to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Chicago Tribune

Tens of thousands traveled by foot, bicycle and car to the Maryville Academy campus in Des Plaines on Dec. 11 for the annual overnight celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Auxiliary Bishop Alberto Rojas presided over the opening Mass inside the academy's gymnasium. A band played outside to a predominantly Latino crowd gathered near the Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine. The warm weather offered a respite for the worshippers, who in years past braved freezing temperatures to attend the mostly outdoor celebration.

The hourslong event is a family tradition, said Des Plaines resident Leticia Mancilla. She said many of her relatives also volunteer at the yearly celebration and on a regular basis at the shrine.

"We don't consider it a holiday," Mancilla said of the event. "We consider it a birthday for the Virgin Mary. It's a party, a celebration."



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Performers in costume pose with people attending the annual pilgrimage and celebration in Des Plaines on Dec. 11.

This year was a particularly special celebration for her, Mancilla said: It marked the first Our Lady of Guadalupe event for her 1-year-old daughter, Valentina.

The Mass celebrated by Rojas

also included a re-enactment, performed by children enrolled in Catholic programs offered by the administrators of the shrine, of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego, an Aztec who

converted to Catholicism while he was traveling near Mexico City in December 1531.

"When the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego, she told him to go to the Spanish bishop and deliver her message," Rojas said.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, an aspect of the Virgin Mary, wanted a church built in a specific place, he said. The bishop asked for a miracle to prove the truth of Diego's story, Rojas said. Diego returned with a bouquet of roses in the dead of winter, and when they fell from his apron an image of the Virgin was seen on the cloth, he said. Diego became the first indigenous person from the Americas to reach Roman Catholic sainthood when he was canonized in 2002.

The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, which the Spanish bishop ordered built, is referred to as the most visited Catholic shrine in the world.

While an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 worshippers celebrated the Dec. 12 feast day in Des Plaines, millions more honored the event in

Mexico, said the Rev. Adan Sandoval, director of the Chicago Archdiocese's Hispanic council. Sandoval celebrated the 12:30 a.m. Mass at the shrine in Des Plaines.

"For Mexicans in particular, Our Lady of Guadalupe is an icon of identity," he said. "Even for those who don't practice their faith, Dec. 12 is always going to be very important."

John Smyth, former longtime executive director of Maryville Academy, opened the academy's chapel to Our Lady of Guadalupe worshippers in 1987. In the 1990s, an outdoor shrine was built, and the event later came under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Sandoval said worshippers from all over Chicago and its suburbs travel to the annual celebration, and some journey from as far away as Milwaukee and Indiana.

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# Hey-hey! Going once, going twice

Auction offers Cubs caller Jack Brickhouse's personal memorabilia

By DANIEL I. DORFMAN  
Pioneer Press

From a distance, a Chicagoan who grew up with Jack Brickhouse can connect with the legendary broadcaster by gazing at the Wrigley Field foul poles or walking by his bronze statue on Michigan Avenue.

But on Dec. 12, there was an opportunity to personalize that link when some of Brickhouse's memorabilia was put up for sale.

In a Highland Park strip mall just west of U.S. Route 41, people streamed by to look through an assortment of Brickhouse's possessions ranging from portraits, scorecards, books, correspondence with five U.S. presidents, autographed jerseys and a number of awards. The items were made available for purchase by Brickhouse's widow, Pat, who said after moving to Arizona she was looking to downsize.

"I have so much of my husband's memorabilia," said Pat Brickhouse, who was married to her husband for 18 years until his death in 1998. "He had so many admirers, and I thought we could share the items we had collected through the years with his fans. Now others can be part of that memory."

After coming to WGN radio in 1940 from Peoria, Brickhouse established himself in the Chicago tapestry with a 40-plus-year run as a baseball broadcaster with both the Cubs and White Sox. The National Baseball Hall of Fame — where he was enshrined in 1983 — notes he called more than 5,000 baseball games.

Pat Brickhouse reached out to Tom Krupp, a co-owner of Coy-Krupp Conducted Sales, which carries out many estate sales.

"I appreciated Jack's contributions to journalism and to sports," Krupp said. "He had saved so many things that were mementos of his past. Things that were significant to the history of the Cubs, White Sox and Bears."

Brickhouse also called Chicago



A Chicago Cubs jersey sold as the highest-priced possession of Jack Brickhouse. It was signed by Billy Williams, a Hall of Fame ex-Cub.

Bears games for more than two decades and spent time behind the microphone with the Bulls, boxing and wrestling. He was also part of news coverage including political conventions, according to WGN production director Bob Vorwald.

But he made his biggest mark on the Cubs — his "Hey-hey!" catchphrase has adorned the foul poles at Wrigley Field for years.

The estate sale provided an opportunity to see what Brickhouse accumulated through the years. Among those who stopped to see what was on display was Blackhawks Executive Vice President Jay Blunk.

"Jack Brickhouse was terrific ambassador, and it is great to see his artifacts get the respect and dignity they deserve," said Blunk, who said he worked with Brickhouse years ago. "He was a warm-hearted individual (who) had an exceptional vocabulary and was well-read on many aspects of life, not just sports."

Others who came to peruse the collection included Mike Fisher of Highland Park, who said he remembered how, for the most part, Brickhouse spent his time calling baseball games that resulted in futility.

"Anyone who was with the Cubs for that long deserved a medal," Fisher said.

But like so many Chicagoans of a certain age, Fisher said Brick-



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Kathy Gells of Libertyville sorts through Jack Brickhouse's collectibles at an auction Dec. 12.



house's voice was part of his childhood.

"When I think about Jack Brickhouse, I think about all the years in the family room with my dad in front of a black-and-white TV," he said.

Paul Chenier of Hinsdale did not have the childhood connection to Brickhouse as he moved to the area in 1995 after growing up in Montreal. But he was certainly intrigued when he heard about the estate sale.

"I certainly know the legend and I am a big Cubs fan, so that is why I wanted to come out today," Chenier said.

Chenier was able to bridge his past and present — he bought an award Brickhouse received in

Montreal.

Scott Nelson of Skokie was leafing through scorecards Brickhouse had from individual games at one point and wound up purchasing TV guides, a WGN paperweight and some books.

"I grew up listening to him and was a big fan," Nelson said. "These are nice things to keep."

Then there was Ellen Stolfa of Chicago, who stopped by and picked up some books, photographs and meeting notes. She was a regular listener to Brickhouse as well.

"It makes me feel very nostalgic, especially looking at the photographs with historical figures," she said.

During Brickhouse's career, he

called no-hitters and All-Star games, and he was the lead announcer for the Bears' 1963 championship. He was behind the microphone for national broadcasts of five World Series, but he never got to see the Cubs win one.

Now, the Cubs are coming off a 97-win regular season campaign in 2015. And with the recent acquisition of prominent free agents, Pat Brickhouse thinks her husband would be really excited about the team's future.

"He would have been thrilled," she said. "Give them another couple of years and we might have a World Series."

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# Look to what others are buying for last-minute gift ideas

Looking for last-minute gift ideas for this Christmas?

If I'm on your list, I've mentioned before that I'm OK with the classic 1956 T-Bird (I prefer red with a white top and the Continental spare) or a Chris-Craft classic wood boat with an inboard motor, minimum 18 feet.

But if you don't want to go all out for that special someone you haven't thought about until a week before Christmas, you might want to go with something that at least puts them in with the "in-crowd."

I've reviewed for you top sellers on Amazon, and here's a list you might be able to use.

**When it comes to toys and games**, a top Amazon seller is a game called Pie Face. Maybe you've seen it on YouTube. The object of



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the game is to tighten a spring-loaded handle armed with a cream pie without triggering the mechanism to throw the pie in your face. It brings out the 5-year-old in everyone.

**Another top-selling item** is the Contigo "West Loop" stainless steel travel mug. I spent hours looking for a good one last summer. By "good" I mean one that doesn't leak, spill or drip and keeps my beverage of choice hot. You can never have enough of those.

**For the reader in the family**, "Killing Reagan" by Bill O'Reilly is a top seller among biographies. If you

haven't bought any of O'Reilly's "Killing" books, you might want to get this one because I think he is running out of people to kill off.

**If your special someone** is more into art and literature, you might want to try "Humans of New York Stories" by Brandon Stanton.

**For the health conscious**, the Fitbit Charge activity wristband is a big seller on Amazon. I have one, and it is about the easiest way to keep track of your physical health. I always knew I needed more sleep, and my Fitbit confirms it. When I saw the doctor wearing one, I knew this was a hot item.

**For the sports enthusiast**, a full set of NFL football cards is what everyone seems to want, but I was more intrigued by the Gary Sheffield autographed



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In this Monday, Nov. 30, photo, Mark Oldenburg processes outgoing orders at Amazon.com's fulfillment center in DuPont, Wash. Shoppers spent more than \$3 billion online this "Cyber Monday," making it the biggest online shopping day ever.

baseball. Really? Gary Sheffield?

**Finally**, a good party game is always something to have on hand for entertaining at home or family

gatherings. And the most popular one this year is Cards Against Humanity, which bills itself as the "party game for horrible people."

If you haven't purchased a gift for Donald Trump yet, this is it.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

# Merry Christmas is simply all I know — memories and all



PAUL SASSONE

Merry Christmas. Did that offend you?

If it did, I am sorry — that I offended you, not that I wished you a Merry Christmas.

If I knew the religion you practice or what are your core beliefs, I would have wished you a Merry Whatever is Appropriate.

What I am doing is wishing everyone well. But it is December. And a lifetime of Christmases just comes out. It's all I know.

I have decades of wonderful Christmas memories. I just can't help talking about them. And come December, I just can't help writing about them. They are the memories I have.

I come from a Christian family. A Roman-Catholic family. So, when I write about my memories of a holiday in December, I write about Christmas.

Had I been born and raised Jewish, I no doubt

would have written about my Hanukkah memories. Had I been born Muslim, I would have written about Ramadans past. And so on.

The only holiday experiences I can write about are those holidays I experienced. And in December, that's Christmas.

But just because I go about with Merry Christmas on my lips, don't for a minute think I subscribe to this war on Christmas paranoia that always surfaces come December.

A couple of Christmases past, a reader wrote to thank me for using the

**Come on, can't we all stop snarling at each other, at least for one month?**

word "Christmas" in a column. She wrote that the word "Christmas" has become politically incorrect, that retailers, for instance, now use the word "holiday" instead of "Christmas."

She said I wrote with "unmitigated courage." Believe me, I'd like to take

credit for unmitigated courage. But, as I said earlier, I wrote about Christmas memories because they are the only memories I have.

As for substituting the word "holiday" for "Christmas," there probably are some corporations that don't want flak from those out there who see every mention of Christmas as an attempt to either convert or humiliate non-Christians.

On the other hand, perhaps some people use the word "holiday" because there are other holidays in

December besides Christmas.

I don't know. I have no window into people's souls.

And I'm sorry, I see no war on Christmas because Starbucks redesigned a coffee cup.

Come on, can't we all stop snarling at each other, at least for one month?

I hope so. Because next week, I'll probably write about some favorite Christmas memory I have.

I just can't help myself.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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## OPINION

# Midwest's first 4DX movie theater makes debut in Gurnee



DAN MORAN

If you've been holding on to your last \$19.75 to watch a movie while being sprayed in the face with water and sitting in a chair that not only pitches but also rolls and heaves, you no longer have to travel to Cinemaximum Marmara Forum in Turkey or the Cinema City Langham Place in Hong Kong to live your dream.

Humble Gurnee, known as recently as the early 1970s for its obscurity, has been tapped to host "the Midwest's first 4DX location" — and only the second such cinematic venue in America, behind another village you might have heard of called Los Angeles.

What exactly is this "4DX," you might ask?

Short answer: Much like 3D, only with an additional D. And also with an X, which is young-people talk for "extreme."

The longer answer is that you, the more demanding moviegoer, sit in a densely padded seat that can be fairly described as a cross between a barber's chair and Capt. Kirk's command chair. When you watch a movie presented in three-dimensional format, this seat will bounce along with the proceedings, reacting to everything from violent actions to sudden outbreaks of noise to the low rumble of the Lucasfilm logo arriving on screen.

Off to the side, a rack of fans mounted on the walls will toss your hair should a windstorm sweep in. Lights will flash if the weather turns even more foul. And, yes, in front of you, nozzles embedded in the back of your fellow moviegoer's



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"The Midwest's first 4DX location" is at Marcus Gurnee Cinema.

chair will release bursts of mist — sometimes scented — as the narrative might demand.

As described by the official literature from CJ 4DPLEX, the international company behind this latest wave, 4DX is "advancing the moviegoing experience from watching a movie to almost living it."

If you've been to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, you might have taken in the 4D experience of "Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure" or "Spongebob Squarepants." If you've been to Disney World's Hollywood Studios, you've felt Darth Vader force-pull your chair during "Star Tours." Even here at home, Six Flags Great America had the old Space Shuttle America motion-simulator ride before it was mothballed in 2007.

At a media screening this week at the Marcus Gurnee Cinema, CJ 4DPLEX chief content officer Sang Cho was asked how those theme-park attractions differ from seeing, say, "San Andreas" or "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" or any of the 78 films released this year alone in 4DX.

"It's similar, I would say, in that the principles are the same," he said. "You're immersing yourself into five different senses — not only what's on the screen, but also in motion and environmental effects that you get in the movie itself.

"The big difference is that we still make sure that the movie itself is the featured player, and all the environmental and motion effects work in concert with it to give you the immersiveness. It doesn't take away from the moviegoing experience."

The experience provided on Dec. 10 in Gurnee was "In the Heart of the Sea," the new Ron Howard more-or-less fact-based seafaring adventure starring Thor, a.k.a. Chris or possibly Liam Hemsworth.

What was it like to chase whales and be attacked by them in 4DX?

Often stunning. What was it like to roll with the waves at all times, including when idling in a lifeboat?

Occasionally distracting, or at least enough to welcome the frequent returns to Nantucket.

It is fair to say that 4DX delivers its goods enough to become an option for event-style movies, like a certain little film coming up next week called "Star Wars" or something. But will the masses line up to pay concert-level prices to see something like "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Trip" on a regular basis?

As with anything else in America, you'll get what you pay for, in more ways than one. Four-dimensional ways, in this case.

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# Ideas for a 'staycation' this holiday season



**AILEEN SIMONS**  
News and Schmooze

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through December already!

Last column, I wrote about tips to help keep your house safe while you're away on vacation. While many of us are looking forward to taking a trip out of town over the Christmas holiday this year, there are others (including myself) whose travel plans entail taking in the sights of downtown Chicago and some beautiful suburbs near and far — from Skokie to Rosemont and Highland Park to Libertyville.

Yes, I'm planning on a "staycation" this year, and let me tell you, there are definite perks to this plan and adventurous opportunities all around us. So, if you're looking for some ideas to spice up your free days, here are a few that I'd like to share.

First of all, if you are thinking about heading into the city but dread the thought of driving in all of that traffic, Metra is offering something special for the holidays — an unlimited-ride \$8 weekend pass for adults. Also, up to three kids ages 11 and younger can ride free with each fare-paying adult. While we know that the amount of things to see and do in Chicago far outweigh the space I have in this column, I will point out that some of our museums and zoos do offer opportunities for free admission on select days. The Art Institute offers free admission to Illinois residents every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., and children younger than

14 years are always admitted free.

Also, the Chicago Children's Museum offers a family night with free admission for all every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. Another great place to visit is Zoo Lights at the Lincoln Park Zoo (admission is free here, as well.) And Brookfield Zoo is offering a free general zoo admission on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 31, with free admission for military personnel daily.

If you are a winter sports lover, try heading out to MB Financial Park in Rosemont, where they have

**"There are...adventurous opportunities all around us."**

officially dubbed it "Froze-mont." Here, you will find an array of options including winter tubing down a two-story run, free outdoor ice skating, hockey games and more. Another great place for kids and adults to visit is the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. It is featuring the popular Wonderland Express, which includes a fantastic light show, a railroad garden, trains with indoor snow and the city of Chicago in miniature. Tickets and information are available at [chicagobotanic.org](http://chicagobotanic.org).

If you head north, some fun "staycation" destinations include the water park at Key Lime Cove and the Volo Auto Museum to view classic cars. Also, downtown Libertyville has a lot of great window shopping; there is a holiday window decorating contest where you can vote on your favorite window through Dec. 20. If you're looking to stay a little closer to home, the Buffalo Grove Theater

is offering an "Xbox Package" where a group of friends can reserve time to play video games on the big theater screen, before or after normal business hours.

Bring your own Wii, PlayStation or Xbox games. Pricing and other information is available at [www.bgtheater.com](http://www.bgtheater.com). Also, Temple Chai Sisterhood is hosting its inaugural Christmas Day Family Bowling Event, which is open to the community, on Friday, Dec. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Arlington Lanes, 3435 Kennicott, Arlington Heights. More information is available at [temple-chai.org](http://temple-chai.org).

At this time of the year, many of our local food pantries are looking to fill their holiday wish lists for those who are in need of help. Vernon Township Food Pantry ([www.vernon-township.com](http://www.vernon-township.com)), WINGS domestic violence shelter ([www.wingsprogram.com](http://www.wingsprogram.com)) and Journeys homeless shelter ([www.journeystheroadhome.org](http://www.journeystheroadhome.org)) are a few of the many local programs looking for donations of nonperishable food products and household and personal items. The websites listed above offer a detailed list of items that are needed at this time.

Finally, after all of that running around, my idea of a "staycation" also entails popping some popcorn, curling up on the couch and watching a great movie or old reruns of "The Love Boat"! However you choose to spend your time off, I hope that it is filled with fun and laughter. Have a wonderful holiday!

*That's all for now; please keep in touch and send neighborhood news to Aileen Simons at [Thewrite-touch1@gmail.com](mailto:Thewrite-touch1@gmail.com).*

*Aileen Simons is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.*

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The Do-It-Yourself Messiah in Chicago celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

# Do-It-Yourself spirit keeps tradition alive

## Concert-goers reflect on 40 years of 'Messiah'

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES  
Pioneer Press

Maybe Christmas would come without Handel's "Messiah," but nobody dares risk it.

Among the most spectacular of the area performances is Chicago's Do-It-Yourself Messiah, founded by the late Al Booth in 1976 and now marking its 40th anniversary. The Messiah, taking place at the Harris Theater, could have as many as 1,500 voices in its pickup choir, and the orchestra this year has 65 musicians, mostly volunteers, but peppered with professionals for the more demanding solo parts.

Wayne Benjamin of Highland

Park has played in the orchestra 38 times for the holiday event.

"I didn't know about it the first year, and I think there was one year when I was sick," said the cellist. Over the decades, the drive from Highland Park to rehearsals and performances has taken longer and longer. "So now every year, I ask myself whether I want to do it again," he said, "but then I remember the feeling I get when I look out and see the diversity in the audience. Families, friends together, all economic groups."

Many attendees come carrying copies of their own scores, dog-eared from the years when they sang this masterpiece with high school and university choruses. Or perhaps they bring newer ones from performances with their church choirs. Lew Brashares of Northbrook always brings spares.

"I really don't sing," he said, laughing, "but I bring along 10

scores. We go in a group. We have dinner first, and last year after the performance we went over to Millennium Park. We had never seen skaters on that new winding ice ribbon. We made a night of it."

Richard Lange is a member of the Deerfield Choral Group, an informal group that sings in the Messiah every year. Lange, a teacher who is an adjunct instructor at National Louis University, sang his first "Messiah" in 1978 at Orchestra Hall.

"Getting the tickets in the mail is always an exciting moment, as well as taking new members who have never gone before," Lange said, adding that it is also fun to spot well-known Illinois celebrities and politicians who are attending the event.

His favorite part of the experience, however, comes before the program even starts.

"The best is arriving early and

people start to sing Christmas carols a cappella in the lobby of the theater," he said. "That's a terrific moment for all of us."

Melanie Frigo of Oak Park has been a volunteer oboist in the orchestra since she was 17.

"My father, Maurice Golden, was band director at Lane Tech High School in Chicago," she explained, adding that she played in that orchestra and also studied oboe with Alex Klein, then principal oboe of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "The Lane Tech Orchestra played the Messiah," she said, with obvious pride.

Through the rich network of Chicago's musical world, her father met Al Booth, the founder of the Do-It-Yourself Messiah.

"Al Booth had heard a do-it-yourself performance of the work in England," Frigo said, "and he tried to duplicate what he heard there. I remember when I first

## Do-It-Yourself-Messiah

**When:** 7 p.m. Dec. 21 and Dec. 22; doors open 6:15 p.m.

**Where:** Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph St., Chicago

**Tickets:** \$15

**Contact:** 312-334-7777; [www.harristheaterchicago.org](http://www.harristheaterchicago.org)

played there were 21 oboes and 18 bassoons — we had a sea of double reeds!"

Trumpeter Paul Semanic, principal trumpet of the Rockford Symphony Orchestra, had a very informal "audition" for his professional role in the Messiah.

"I was a student at DePaul, and one night I went to practice in a

Turn to *Messiah*, Page 21



INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FOUNDATION PHOTOS

Stanley Sperber, conductor of the Do-It-Yourself Messiah.

## 'Messiah' group going strong at 40

*Messiah*, from Page 20

very large classroom," he said. "It was right next door to the room where they were practicing the 'Messiah.' I was working on the trumpet part, you know — 'The trumpet shall sound.' Students have to learn it."

To his surprise he walked Margaret Hillis, founder of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and then conductor of the Do-It-Yourself Messiah, who said, "How would you like to come next door and play with us?" He accepted the invitation and has been playing with them ever since.

"You pretty much need a professional trumpet player," Semanic said. "If a trumpet hits a wrong note, it stands out."

Unlike Semanic, lead soprano Michelle Areyzaga is only in her third season with the Do-It-Yourself Messiah. "But I grew up with that music," she said. "There are families who go to 'The Nutcracker' every holiday season. We went to a Messiah every year at Christmastime.

"I remember a particular concert. There was snow on the ground and we went to the 'Messiah' at Rockefeller Chapel," she said. "I must have been 9 or 10. When the soprano sang her recitative, I had never heard such a sound before. To me she seemed to be singing straight up to the angels."

Areyzaga, a graduate of Roosevelt University who has an international career, said "professional singers regard Handel's 'Messiah' as a bread-and-butter piece. They ask, 'how many are you booked for?'"

"I know every note," she said. "And there is nothing like looking out at the audience and hearing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' coming at me from the audience. It's all the good things about the season."

Acclaimed harpsichordist David Schrad-



Soprano Michelle Areyzaga

er was invited to play with the Do-It-Yourself Messiah by founder Booth.

"It was many years ago when Roger Goodman's physical well-being didn't permit him to play," Schrader said, referring to the nationally known musician and activist who died in June. "Strangely enough, I didn't play the entire work until I recorded it with Sir Georg Solti in 1983. I still have my score from that event and have used it ever since.

"The 'Messiah' never grows old," Schrader said. "I continue to love the texts that Handel set, and I hear new things every time I listen to or perform the work."

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ART

## Koehnline showcases work by African-American artists

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
 Pioneer Press

There's a treasure trove of magnificent artworks in the collection of Oakton Community College's Koehnline Museum of Art — so many that the majority of them are in storage. Museum Director Nathan Harpaz, has selected a stunning sample of those works for "Gems from the Koehnline: African American Artists."

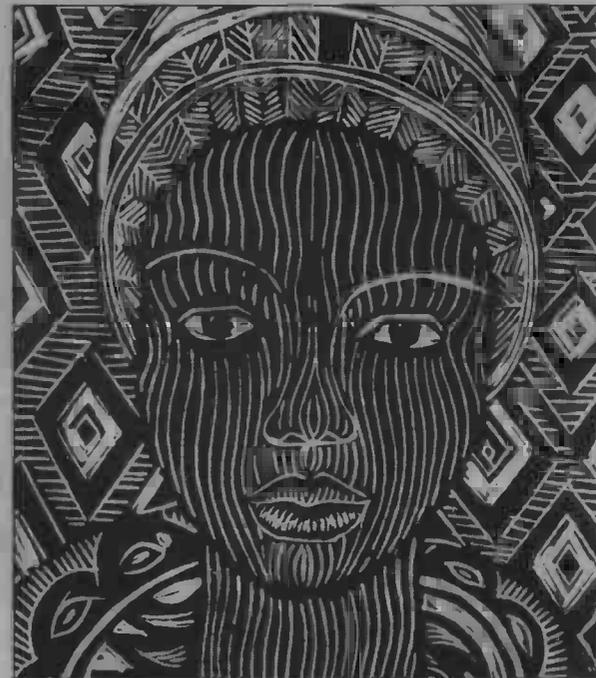
The exhibit includes linocuts by the late Chicago artist Margaret Burroughs, founder of the DuSable Museum of African American History. These were acquired in 2008 when Burroughs came to see, "Convergence: Jewish and African American Artists in Depression-Era Chicago," which included some of her works.

"She came with a roll of prints in her hand and she signed them, titled them and dated them," Harpaz related. Burroughs donated the prints to the college.

The evocative pieces subtly speak of the struggles of African-Americans in this country while often being reflective of African art. The director pointed to a print called "Sleeping Boy" and observed, "You can see the despair."

"We are also showing an incredible collection of original African-American movie posters, starting in the late 1930s," Harpaz noted. These promoted shows by the African-American film industry, which evolved in New York in the '30s and '40s because black actors couldn't get work in white films. "They took the same genres as Hollywood," Harpaz reported. These included Westerns, soap operas, mysteries and comedies.

Harpaz has short clips from several films created



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"Queen of Nigeria" linocut by Margaret Burroughs

**'Gems from the Koehnline: African American Artists'**

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by African-American production companies running continuously on a monitor, along with other segments related to the exhibit, including one featuring sculptor Richard Hunt, whose graphic drawings are part of the exhibit.

A bust of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by sculptor Egon Weiner is displayed in the exhibit. "Egon Weiner was a very prominent teacher at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago,"

Harpaz said. "One of his students was Richard Hunt. You'll see two generations of artists, Egon Weiner, the teacher, and Richard Hunt, one of the most famous African-American Chicago sculptors," Harpaz said.

Also featured are works by Gregory Orloff, who was not African-American but used African-American subjects in the woodcuts, etchings and lithographs he created during the Depression under the Federal Art Project, and small drawings by Joseph Delaney, another WPA artist.

Contemporary artist Joyce Owens, curator of the Galleries Program at Chicago State University, is also featured. Her boldly colored piece, that has some three-dimensional elements, shows a horizontal view of a portion of a woman at the bottom of an imaginative landscape. The artist "is searching to find out about the history of her ancestors," Harpaz explained.

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# Tic-Tac-Toe gets new look at Morton Grove Library

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

You and your children will discover a cool new way to play a classic game during Tic-Tac-Toe with Sven and Olaf, 10-10:45 a.m. or 2-2:45 p.m. Dec. 19 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Kids will create their own markers that look like the reindeer and snowman from "Frozen."

"Each kid gets five white and five brown corks that they decorate like Sven and Olaf," Head of Youth Services Courtney Schroeder said. "Usually, it takes them 20 minutes to decorate all of their corks. Then they get to play either with their parents or each other." Kids can keep their little Svens and Olafs so they can continue the "Frozen" competition at home.

Materials provided for cork decoration will include felt, markers and "little googly eyes," Schroeder said.

The event is for ages 3-13; kids under age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Registration is required. For details, call 847-929-5102 or go to [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org).

## Watch for Hawks

The Chicago Blackhawks are presenting the Ice Rink at Westfield Old Orchard in Skokie through the end of January and are planning special activities some days. The family-friendly rink, which is located next to Bloomingdale's is open 5-8 p.m. weekdays, 1-8 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Skate rental is \$3 and it costs \$2 to skate. Skating lessons for beginners are \$10.

For details, call 847-673-6800 or go to [www.west](http://www.west)



MORTON GROVE LIBRARY

"Frozen" characters inspire a new look for the classic Tic-Tac-Toe game at the Morton Grove Library on Dec. 19.

[field.com/oldorchard](http://field.com/oldorchard).

## Namaste!

That's what your children will say after attending Yoga for Kids, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Dec. 21 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Yoga poses and breathing techniques will be taught. Participants should bring a large bath towel and wear comfortable clothes. Caregivers must stay in the room with children in second grade or lower.

For details, call 847-663-1234 or go to [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

## Carve out time

...to watch Dan Rebolz of World Class Ice Sculpture, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturdays, Dec. 19 and 26, at Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. He will carve a snowman, Christmas tree, penguin, toy soldiers and greeting card.

For details, call 847-835-5440 or go to [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org).

## Another icy adventure

A-Z Entertainment, Ltd. will keep everyone moving during Public Skate DJ Night, 7-8:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St., Evanston. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for students with ID; \$3 ages 5 and under.

For details, call 847-448-8066 or go to [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org).

## 'Friendraiser' brings in \$31K for cancer patient services

**Event:** 6th Annual "Friendraiser"  
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**Attended:** 136  
**Raised:** \$31,000+  
**Website:** friendsofmarlenehp.org



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 Kathy Dever of Chicago, left, Julie Mullins of Park Ridge



From left: Maddle Palmerson and Larry Palmerson of Glenview, Jean Ferrone of Evanston, Jim Sweeney of Chicago, Mary Beth Nowak of Elmhurst and Annie Palmerson of Glenview



From left: Maddle Palmerson of Glenview, Holly Gibbout of Chicago (Vice President of Northwestern Memorial Foundation) and Annie Palmerson of Glenview



Marlann Gorman of Barrington, from left, Richard Katz of Oak Park, Beth O'Malley of Chicago

## Peach in Toyland

BY CATEY SULLIVAN  
 Pioneer Press

It's been over three years since Peach Carr faced down the "mortification" of being the first designer sent packing on 2012's "Project Runway, Allstars." Today, the Lake Forest designer is busier than ever.

We spoke with Carr shortly after Chicago's PlayChic Fashion Show, an annual event where select designers create couture inspired by the season's hottest toys. She talked about that heinous elimination, how she bounced back and why a pink pleather purse shaped like a enormous mouse just might be the Next Big Thing in fashion.

**Q: For the PlayChic show, you had to create looks based on "Extra, Extra", a board game set in a newspaper office in the 1930s. How do you even begin to turn a board game into clothes?**



Peach Carr

**A:** It's kind of crazy. I brought the game home, started playing, and immediately began thinking about Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy playing rival reporters in "Woman of the Year." So with Katharine Hepburn I had to do pants, right? And the colors had to be black and white and red, referencing that old joke about what's black and white and read all over.

One of the first things I did was make a collage out of headlines from newspapers from the 1930s and '40s. Then I commissioned a print fabric based on that collage. That's what the pants ended up being made from. I also did a gown in black and white, a reference to print.

**Q: You also based looks on Zoomer Kitty, a robotic kitten. Tell me about those.**

**A:** Well, I didn't want to go too literal, but I did want to reference cats. I did a mock turtleneck with capri pants that have markings and lace appliques that could be the markings of a cat. I also designed a huge pink purse that looks like a mouse. When I finished that purse, I looked at it and just started cracking up. I mean it's a fully functioning purse that's a huge, pink mouse made out of crocodile embossed pleather. I'm going to mass-produce them.

**Q: Can we talk about your All-Stars**



PEACH CARR DESIGNS

"Kristina is wearing an ensemble on which I applied sequin lace by hand. The mouse bag is my original design and I will be producing these in many colors for my Spring '16 line," Peach Carr said.

**elimination? It was kind of shocking — you being the first one to go home.**

**A:** I curled up in a little ball for six months after that. It was beyond mortifying. I didn't go anywhere. Didn't do anything. I was destroyed. I almost ruined my career. I needed a cold bucket of water to the face.

**Q: So how'd you snap out of it?**

**A:** St. Jude called me. I mean the children's research hospital, not the actual saint. I wasn't really familiar with what they did or who they were, but they wanted a "designer liaison." They do fashion show fundraisers every year. So I did a walk-through tour of the facility and I saw all these children and all these families coming together in their pain and working, really striving, to survive. And it struck me so hard — there's so much out there that means so much more than who goes home first on "Project Runway Allstars." And I decided to turn around. If they wanted me to work with them, I needed to be a person who was worthy of that honor.

For more information on Peach Carr's couture, go to [peachcarrdesigns.com](http://peachcarrdesigns.com)

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1050 S Pine Ave, Arlington Heights	Fabio Pompa & Milka Pompa	Theodore Ficek	11-16-15	\$315,000
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1528 N Fernandez Pl, Arlington Heights	Timothy W Anderson & Cathrall Anderson	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	11-16-15	\$816,500
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543 Park View Ter, # 147, Buffalo Grove	Volodymyr Shurpita & Alena Shurpita	Deutsche Bank Natl Tr Co Ttee	11-12-15	\$164,000
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441 Park View Ter, Buffalo Grove	Bennett Selking	Julia Wieda	11-13-15	\$177,000
373 Bentley Pl, Buffalo Grove	Jong H Kim	Seung Ae Kang	11-09-15	\$230,000
894 Saxon Pl, Buffalo Grove	Andriy Kuknar	Steven P Parkinson	11-12-15	\$260,000
283 Woodstone Cir, # 283, Buffalo Grove	Sanjay Gopalakrishnan	Erinella Shlain	11-09-15	\$282,000
437 Lauren Ln, Buffalo Grove	Artur Bak & Karolina Bak	Richard Townsend	11-12-15	\$282,500
15 E Fox Hill Dr, Buffalo Grove	Nazimuddin Tajuddin Basha & Mubeen Unissa Jan Basha	Zhi Cao	11-10-15	\$330,000
87 Manchester Dr, Buffalo Grove	Carolyn Wlnograd	Harold Lukatsky	11-05-15	\$375,000
400 Chateau Dr, Buffalo Grove	Tommy T Kim & Eumi A Chang	Shuizhong Yan	11-09-15	\$387,000
761 Kingsbridge Way, Buffalo Grove	Andrew Greaney & Michelle Greaney	Fannie Mae	11-06-15	\$400,000
242 Stanton Ct W, Buffalo Grove	Yunseok Kim & Sookang Kim	Heramb Singh	11-10-15	\$465,000
1305 Hidden Lake Dr, Buffalo Grove	Joshua Milton Thyren & Katie Josephine Kraus	Joo Young Chung	11-10-15	\$500,000
471 Farrington Ct, Buffalo Grove	Yi Qin Li & Ying Cheng	Alexander D Hasdan	11-09-15	\$598,000
1113 Holiday Ln, # 16, Des Plaines	Tomasz Dorofiejczuk	Rey Baylen	11-16-15	\$58,500
386 Alles St, # 301, Des Plaines	Hayley E Fansler	Eran Ron	11-13-15	\$78,000
9204 Bumble Bee Dr, # 1F, Des Plaines	Marko Montalvo	Anna Podsiadlo	11-13-15	\$80,000
1296 E Washington St, # 11, Des Plaines	Monica Polo	Michele R Nelson	11-16-15	\$85,000
9666 Lois Dr, # B, Des Plaines	Seema Ahmed	Wells Fargo Bank Trustee	11-16-15	\$105,000
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1685 Mill St, # 210, Des Plaines	Katherine M Wirtz	Woon J Vinthketkumnuan	11-12-15	\$130,000
370 S Western Ave, # 710, Des Plaines	Ania J Lasek	Anthony W Cozzi	11-12-15	\$213,500
681 W Kathleen Dr, Des Plaines	Umesh Patel & Vaishali U Patel	Karen M Templeman	11-13-15	\$220,000
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1739 Morse Ave, Des Plaines	Kevin Moore	Joseph E Beauvais	11-12-15	\$325,000
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830 Mulford St, # 2N, Evanston	Nancy L Anderson	Thomas N Koran	11-12-15	\$82,500
1008 Dodge Ave, Evanston	Jose G Naja	Lee E Roberson	11-12-15	\$150,000
1316 Maple Ave, # C3, Evanston	Amy Beth Frye	Paul Guebert	11-12-15	\$158,500
2457 Prairie Ave, # 1C, Evanston	Laura Sabino	Kimberly Kurrus	11-12-15	\$215,000
1226 Elmwood Ave, # 1W, Evanston	Christopher R Koch & Michelle S Koch	Juan Pablo Rossi	11-12-15	\$237,000
811 Chicago Ave, # 802, Evanston	Mubera Halilovic & Adis Halilovic	Thomas P Ahern	11-16-15	\$294,000
1661 Church St, Evanston	Elvedina Owen & Peter Owen	Marcia Gerring	11-12-15	\$315,000
9058 Ewing Ave, Evanston	Karen Louise Smith & James Michael Scanlon	US Bank Na Trustee	11-16-15	\$320,000
900 Chicago Ave, # 601, Evanston	David R Houck	Gary D Bruckner	11-12-15	\$360,000
1101 Dodge Ave, # 208, Evanston	Jacob Samuels & Bridget Isaia	1101 Dodge Llc	11-12-15	\$413,500
1121 Main St, Evanston	Daniel Kaplan & Fay Bomberg	Tony Brisco	11-12-15	\$725,000
2124 Rugen Rd, # B, Glenview	Munhi Sohn	Munchul Gary Jung	11-16-15	\$164,500
1800 Chestnut Ave, Glenview	Michael J Lee & Jennifer M Lee	Pagano Trust	11-16-15	\$270,000
1512 Pebblecreek Dr, Glenview	John Gillard & Erin Gillard	Brian James Murphy	11-16-15	\$334,000
3808 Rugen Rd, Glenview	Anu George	Amin Lakhani	11-12-15	\$380,000

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821 Windsor Rd, Glenview	Elmer E Torres & Raquel Y Torres	Omar H Khalil	11-12-15	\$630,000
3804 Harvest Ln, Glenview	Travis Larson & Trish Larson	Jeffrey Myers	11-16-15	\$690,000
1853 Admiral Ct, # 98, Glenview	Philip J Berenz & Natalia Zubareva	Chol Su Kim	11-13-15	\$700,000
1414 Meadow Ln, Glenview	Raymond M Clifford & Elizabeth S Fraterrigo	He Yol Kay	11-13-15	\$708,000
3 Henneberry Ln, Golf	Arthur M Wirtz & Jennifer Wirtz	Catherine E Egan	11-12-15	\$740,000
26769 N Old Mchenry Rd, Hawthorn Woods	Marian Fiolka	Raymond R Zawacki	11-09-15	\$58,000
61 Harborside Way, Hawthorn Woods	Daniel Charbonneau & Petra Charbonneau	Thomas J Wall	11-10-15	\$328,500
53 Lynn Dr, Hawthorn Woods	Ryan S Mcdonough & Amella C Mcdonough	Daniel G Charbonneau	11-11-15	\$490,000
21 Saint John Dr, Hawthorn Woods	Mack Gaston & Nancy Gaston	Michael E Kelly	11-09-15	\$625,000
289 Joshua Dr, Hawthorn Woods	Terry Mcadam & Carol Mcadam	Richard P Derks	11-10-15	\$635,000
21 E Peter Ln, Hawthorn Woods	Mason M Mckinnie & Katherine J Mckinnie	Taylor Morrison Illinois Inc	11-06-15	\$714,500
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21800 W Hidden Valley Dr, Kildeer	Edwin Galarza & Holly Galarza	Ruediger Schauer	11-10-15	\$535,000
21080 N Highwood Rd, Kildeer	Tyler Burgess & Elise Burgess	Michael Charles Parsons	11-09-15	\$599,000
22317 N Greenmeadow Dr, Kildeer	Merim Becirovic & Mariilna Ruesch	Ted S Geiselman	11-10-15	\$1,150,000
13460 W Elm Rd, Lake Bluff	Chaofeng Li	Fannie Mae	11-10-15	\$63,000
110 Huntington St, # A, Lake Bluff	Loretta A Kriens	Shirlee A Englese	11-06-15	\$176,000
1115 Quassey Ave, Lake Bluff	Dan Coldagelli & Dana Mattered	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	11-05-15	\$290,000
658 Rockland Ave, Lake Bluff	Charles L Parker & Elizabeth A Weber	Robert Wldeman Jr Estate	11-09-15	\$317,500
29692 N Environ Cir, Lake Bluff	Kimberly Parnelo	Chao Lan Yu	11-09-15	\$400,000
116 E North Ave, Lake Bluff	Heather Crain Remington	Michael J Bailey	11-05-15	\$458,000
244 E Prospect Ave, Lake Bluff	Todd O Perry & Allyson A Perry	Ronald E Wesel	11-11-15	\$837,500
631 Ravine Ave, Lake Bluff	Stewart R Shepherd & Margaret S Shepherd	Richard D Powell	11-09-15	\$1,000,000
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331 Granby Rd, Lake Forest	Anthony J Dganci	Robert Randell Durk	11-05-15	\$258,000
1061 Highland Ave, Lake Forest	Marek Gryc & Anna Folta	Nick G Kanelos	11-11-15	\$610,000
185 E Stone Ave, Lake Forest	Lindsay Remer	Brian P Fugger	11-06-15	\$662,500
1170 Griffith Rd, Lake Forest	Jean P Roda & Caterina Caputo Roda	Karl Dahlgren	11-09-15	\$705,000
1028 Havenwood Ln, Lake Forest	Karl D Dahlgren & Anne L Dahlgren	Samuel J Tartamella Jr	11-12-15	\$1,300,000
324 Linden Rd, Lake Zurich	Chaofeng Liu	Bank Of America Na	11-09-15	\$20,200
10 Terrace Ln, Lake Zurich	Ritu Verma	Fannie Mae	11-06-15	\$134,000
23733 N Park Rd, Lake Zurich	Juan Ramirez	Robert J Lamantia	11-09-15	\$160,000
75 Arcadia Ln, Lake Zurich	John F Klem & Catherine A Klem	Ali M Kobalssi	11-06-15	\$252,900
541 Shaker Ln, Lake Zurich	Satya Chandra Moul	Sergey Mronchik	11-09-15	\$315,000
8656 Narragansett Ave, # 39, Morton Grove	Magdalena A Bryla & Danny C Hotowski	Matthew J Brannon	11-12-15	\$360,000
9023 Menard Ave, Morton Grove	Mindy Jean Armour	Molly Fehrenbach	11-12-15	\$540,000
5836 Monroe St, Morton Grove	Jason A Wisniewski & Lindley G Wisniewski	Thomas D Patrianakos	11-12-15	\$645,000
9737 N Fox Glen Dr, # 5D, Niles	Rachel Hee Seon Kim	Couperus Trust	11-16-15	\$63,000
9128 W Terrace Dr, # 1H, Niles	Soonae So	Zaya Jaji	11-13-15	\$79,000
9737 N Fox Glen Dr, # 2K, Niles	Christopher La Marca	Audrey Weiner	11-13-15	\$139,000
7829 N Nordica Ave, Niles	Shamsheer S Ali & Ambreen S Sundhrani	Syed S Ali	11-12-15	\$160,000
8992 W Heathwood Cir, Niles	Normurod Rozikov	Nimer Khalaf	11-12-15	\$166,000
7901 N Oconto Ave, Niles	Collin Kilgallon & Khrista Harris	Hiroko Kusayanagi	11-16-15	\$230,000
8292 N Merrill St, Niles	Aneta Kaczmarczyk Perez	Marc Nussbaum	11-12-15	\$315,000
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8006 N Washington St, Niles	Jerry H Carlson & Sonja M Carlson	Karoly Varga	11-12-15	\$440,000
2006 S Crescent Ave, # ID, Park Ridge	Petia Parvanova	Judicial Sales Corp	11-12-15	\$70,000
303 S Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge	Kevin W Flynn & Jessica M Morales	Brighton Mews Ventures Llc	11-16-15	\$527,000
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**VERNON HILLS**

Oakmont subdivision home at Greggs Landing has four bedrooms and three baths. Home features butler's pantry off dining room and jack-and-jill bath upstairs. Dual staircases with large landing overlook the entryway. Brick-and-wood exterior with professional landscaping. Ensuite with oversized whirlpool and large double vanities. This is a FannieMae HomePath property.

**Address:** 1657 North Woods Way  
**Price:** \$649,900  
**Schools:** Vernon Hills High School  
**Taxes:** \$17,708  
**Agent:** Karin Robison/Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Libertyville

**BUFFALO GROVE**

Updated home has four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Kitchen has quartz counters, stainless steel appliances, 42-inch cabinets, tile backsplash, Swarovski crystal lights. Granite vanity. Vessel sink. New roof. New windows. Fresh interior & exterior paint. Fireplace. New hot water heater. Master bedroom with new carpet & walk-in closet. New double vanity. Two all-season rooms for additional space. Close to parks, transit, & shopping. Two-level outdoor deck with large backyard.

**Address:** 1100 Hidden Lake Drive  
**Price:** \$445,000  
**Schools:** Adlai Stevenson High School  
**Taxes:** \$12,365  
**Agent:** Winfield Cohen/Keller Williams Success Realty

**PARK RIDGE**

Ranch on oversized lot with nearly 2,000 square feet of living space on main level. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Eat-in kitchen plus formal dining room. French doors lead to living room with stone fireplace. Hardwood floors throughout. Office/den on first floor. Full finished basement with a fourth and possible fifth bedroom, which means just around 4,000 square feet of total living space. Short walk to Metra & uptown.

**Address:** 620 S. Fairview Ave.  
**Price:** \$474,000  
**Schools:** Maine South High School  
**Taxes:** \$10,854  
**Agent:** Louis Parrino/Century 21 Elm, Realtors

**WILMETTE**

Three bedrooms, two full baths. Walking distance to schools, train, and grocery store. Original hardwood floors throughout all but one room. First-floor master bedroom. Perfect opportunity for a developer interested in rehabbing/starting fresh with a 50'x163' lot size or even a first-time home buyer willing to upgrade and make it their own. Short sale, as-is.

**Address:** 1724 Lake Ave.  
**Price:** \$469,900  
**Schools:** New Trier Township High School Winnetka  
**Taxes:** \$9,137  
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## SUBURBAN COOKS

# Dominican Republic flavors come to Downers Grove

By Judy Buchenot  
Beacon-News

Making traditional favorites for holiday meals is comforting, but once in a while, it is fun to move outside of the familiar and try something different.

So if your friends are coming over to visit during the holidays, consider stepping outside of that comfort zone with an interesting new dish. Aurora resident Raquel Black has learned to embrace change.

"Many times when I go to the grocery store, I buy one new fruit or vegetable that I have never tried before and take it home. I look up how to cook it on the Internet and then try it. There are so many different foods to try," said Black.

Change has been a theme in Black's life. Both of her parents were born in the Dominican Republic but moved to Miami. Black grew up in Miami and recalls how her mother loved to cook and always wanted to open a restaurant featuring the unique food of her native country.

When Black was 16, she and her mother moved to the Dominican Republic. "It was hard to move to a Third World country. There were many things I didn't have, like electricity and hot running water. But there were many things that I did have, like a sense of family and friends who embraced you. There was a strong connection between people," Black said. "When we moved back to the States when I was 21, I remember being on the expressway and seeing everyone being in such a hurry. It is hard to explain but there are things that I miss here that I had in the Dominican Republic."

Black quickly readjusted to life in the U.S. and got busy with her plans to have a career in health care. She stepped into the corporate world and worked her way up the ladder. "It was going very well, but about 10 years ago, I started connecting with cooking."

Black began making the many wonderful Caribbean dishes that

she had learned from her mother and her years living in the Dominican Republic. She reveled in being able to introduce others to the unique flavors of plantains or interesting sauces. Although she kept her day job, she began to sell her fried Yuca chips and flavor-filled Cuban sandwiches at farmers markets and festivals on the weekends.

Black wanted to keep improving her culinary skills and went looking for classes. Most culinary programs required that she attend daytime classes, but she found that College of DuPage offered evening sessions that would allow her to continue working.

She started taking classes that introduced her to restaurant techniques. "I learned that cooking in a restaurant is very different than cooking at home," she said.

As her passion and skill set for cooking increased, she knew it was time to make a change. "I would lay in bed at night dreaming of new recipes I could make. Then a friend saw a 'for lease' sign at a Downers Grove restaurant and I went and looked at it." After creating a business plan and doing extensive research, Black, 48, made the decision to open her own restaurant.

"I knew if I didn't do it right now, I would never be able to do it," Black said. She opened Caribbean Corner on Main Street in Downers Grove in September 2014.

She serves authentic Caribbean cuisine prepared with her personal passion. She creates sauces like her mojo parsley sauce, which is a combination of lime juice, olive oil, garlic, parsley, orange juice, mayonnaise and spices. She marinates pork for hours so that it simply falls apart and piles it in sandwiches dressed with Swiss cheese, honey maple ham and dill pickles.

Some sandwiches, like the jibarito, are made with slices of green plantains that are fried until soft and then mashed into flat slabs and fried again so they



JUDY BUCHENOT/BEACON-NEWS

Aurora resident Raquel Black demonstrates how to peel green plantains, which she fries and flattens to make sandwiches at her Downers Grove restaurant, Caribbean Corner.

## Raquel's Culinary Cue

To make plantains easier to peel, first cut off the ends, score the peel with lengthwise slits and place in hot water for 15 to 20 minutes. Slip on disposable gloves to keep your nails clean and then poke a paring knife at the top of the peel and it will pull off easily. Once peeled, keep the plantains in cold water until you are ready to use them.

are similar to bread slices. She then fills them with shredded steak topped with Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato. "It is gluten-free option, which some of my customers really appreciate," she said.

She is frustrated by the fact that many people mistakenly view Caribbean food as spicy. "We use many spices but our cooking is not heat driven," she said. "We use a lot of root vegetables and also garlic, peppers, onion, oregano. We also use plantains like Americans use pota-

toes."

Black invites everyone to come try her authentic cuisine but also challenges them to give Caribbean cuisine a try at home. She shares a recipe for skirt steak jibarito with mojo de ajo that will surely catch the attention of holiday guests. "It is easy to cut it into small pieces and serve as sliders at a party," she said.

Judy Buchenot is a freelancer.

Find more suburban cooks on Page 4.

## Skirt Steak Jibarito with Mojo de Ajo

- 1 1/2 pounds skirt steak
- 2 tablespoons adobo seasoning
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 green plantains
- 12 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 6 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 4 cups vegetable oil (for deep frying)
- 1 Spanish onion, julienned
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 large beefsteak tomato, thinly sliced

1. Season steak on both sides with adobo seasoning, salt and pepper. Place in ziplock bag and refrigerate for two hours. Peel plantains (see tip above) and place in cold water. To make mojo de ajo, heat 8 tablespoons (1/2 cup) olive oil in a medium pan. Add garlic. Bring to a boil and then remove from heat and allow to cool.

2. In a large pan or fryer, heat vegetable oil to 350 degrees. While oil is heating, remove plantains from water and pat dry with paper towels being careful to remove all water. Take the steak out of the refrigerator so it will come to room temperature. Once the plantains are dry, slice in half lengthwise and carefully lower into hot oil. Fry the plantains about 3 minutes and then drain on paper towels. Place a plantain on a flat surface like a cutting board and flatten with a large plate.

3. Repeat to flatten all the plantains. Then fry the plantains a second time for about 2 minutes. Drain on paper towels, sprinkle with salt and set aside. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a skillet. Add steak. Cook a few minutes on each side. Take out of pan and allow to rest.

4. In the same pan, add two tablespoons of olive oil and saute onions until tender. Remove from oil and set aside. To assemble the sandwich, take a flattened plantain slice and top with one-fourth of the steak. Add about 2 tablespoons mojo de ajo. Top with sauteed onion, tomato and shredded lettuce. Place another flattened plantain slice on top and serve. Makes four sandwiches or can be cut into smaller slider-style sandwiches.



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Slices of minty marzipan sit ready to be made into peppermint patties in the kitchen at Illinois Nut & Candy in Skokie.

## Seasonal treats inspired by 'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

By Veronica Hinke  
Pioneer Press

Christmastime is here, and one of the abiding pop culture symbols of the season, the "A Charlie Brown Christmas," TV special, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The special first aired on Dec. 9, 1965, on CBS.

"Growing up I was definitely a fan," said David Levine, chocolatier and owner of Illinois Nut & Candy in Skokie. "I used to love watching the holiday specials. Several years ago, we took the kids to the Museum of Science and Industry to see the Peanuts exhibit. As much as they enjoyed it, they had no frame of reference for any of the characters, while I really got a kick out of it."

At Levine's candy shop, where the air is dense with the powerful whiffs of chocolate, freshly molded menorahs, dreidels and other symbols of Hanukkah dry in long lines on countertops.

"Around this time of year, we really focus our efforts on celebrating all of the holidays so if you come into our store you will see a lot Hanukkah and Christmas items as well

as nondenominational gift items," Levine said.

Among those are his peppermint patties, also the name of one of the Peanuts characters.

"Peppermint patties are a classic confection that has never lost its appeal, just like the Peanuts cartoon, which has become relevant to a new generation," Levine said. "The combination of mint and chocolate is timeless. Now, with the Peanuts movie release, a whole new generation is being introduced to the characters that so many of us grew up with and loved."

Levine's recipe has been tweaked over the years.

"It's the perfect ratio of creamy chocolate with intense but not overpowering mint," he said. "People love the snap of the chocolate in combination with the firm mint center."

York, the maker of the original Peppermint Pattie candies, also shares recipes and ideas for making peppermint patty ice cream sandwiches, popcorn, cupcakes and other treats on its website.

Yet another holiday treat with a Peanuts

connection is popcorn. Margarita Challenger, owner of Guanajuato in Glencoe, suggests adding a little color to a string of popcorn for the tree with another of Charlie Brown's favorite ingredients: jelly beans. After all, they were on the dinner table in another Peanuts holiday classic, "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." The combination of popcorn, jelly beans, pretzels and toast (made by Snoopy) is widely recognized as the iconic Charlie Brown holiday meal.

To make the popcorn strands, Challenger uses a long needle, thin yarn, a bag of colorful jelly beans and a bag of popcorn. First, she threads a kernel of popcorn and then a jelly bean and then she continues alternating each until its long enough to use.

"Just string together the jelly beans and the popcorn, so the strand is white and colorful," she said.

Challenger also turns popcorn into "snowballs," by mixing popcorn and her homemade caramel sauce.

Simple recipes like these are a fun and easy way to celebrate the season.

## Peppermint Patties

- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 Tablespoons of butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon of edible peppermint oil
- 3 tablespoons of either sweet condensed milk or nondairy creamer
- 3 cups semisweet chocolate chips, melted

1. Mix all ingredients except chocolate chips together with an electric mixer until a ball of marzipan begins to form in the center (ball will form in about two minutes).
2. Remove the marzipan and roll it into a cylinder. Cover the marzipan with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator until firm (40 to 60 minutes, depending on your refrigerator).
3. Remove the cylinder and unwrap. Slice the cylinder horizontally to make 1/4-inch disks. Using a confectioner's fork, dip each disk, separately, into melted chocolate.
4. Place each disk, one by one after dipping, on parchment paper to cool and set.

— Adapted from David Levine, Illinois Nut & Candy, Skokie

## Snowballs

- 14 cups freshly popped popcorn (made from 1/2 cup popcorn and two spoons of canola oil)
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter, plus additional for greasing
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1. Lightly butter two 15x11-inch baking sheets and rubber spatula. Working in batches, place two cups of popcorn in food processor, pulsing until crushed but not over mixed. Repeat with remaining popcorn until done.

2. Stir together sugar, corn syrup and salt in a medium saucepan over medium heat until sugar dissolves and mixture is simmering. Clip a candy thermometer to the inside of the pan and continue heating undisturbed for about 10 to 15 minutes until temperature reaches 270 degrees. The mixture will boil vigorously. Stir in butter and vanilla and continue heating until temperature reaches 290 degrees. Remove pan from heat, and right away stir in crushed popcorn. Working quickly, pour mixture over greased sheets. Spread the mixture with spatula. When cool enough, make balls of the size of your choice. Cool.

— Margarita Challenger, Guanajuato, Glencoe

## SUBURBAN COOKS

# Mother-daughter charity group spreads love

By Judy Buchenot  
Naperville Sun

Christmas is a season when magical things seem to happen through acts of generosity and goodwill.

The flurry of activity in Maureen Thomas' Naperville kitchen was filled with this holiday energy last week as seven mother and daughter teams worked to make cookies.

Snickers' wrappers flew off miniature candies, rolls of dough filled cookie sheets and saltine crackers were turned into toffee while everyone worked and laughed together.

"I washed my hands," shouted Naperville teen Julia Tung, and immediately the other daughters chimed in with their hand washing status to appease their mothers' concerns. Tray after tray went into the oven, filling the room with the aroma of butter, chocolate and peanut butter. Huge bags of flour and big bowls of dough filled the island in the kitchen ready for new batches to be created.

It would be easy to mistake these cookies as simple holiday sweets, but they were far more significant than that. These cookies were the result of mothers and daughters joining together to bring a little happiness into the children and their families at Almost Home Kids, a Naperville facility providing transitional care in a home-like setting to children with complicated health needs.

This cookie-making day was just one of many projects taken on by mother and teen daughters who are part of the National Charity League of Greater Naperville. The philanthropic group has partnered with 16 different organizations to do everything from delivering meals on wheels to the elderly to assembling 3,600 glow sticks for the Naperville electric light parade.

Maureen Thomas and Shauna James founded the local chapter of the national organization after Thomas read about the focus of the group in a magazine.

"It sounded like Junior League meets Girl Scouts," Thomas said.



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

Kim and Fiona McCarter, from left, and Caroline and Allison Brock work together to make a simple toffee cookie that uses saltine crackers as a base during a National Charity League of Greater Naperville evening of cookie baking. The cookies will be given to families and children at Almost Home Kids.

"Shauna had been in a chapter with her mom when she was growing up in Texas so she was familiar with the group. I realized that I was raising my daughter by doing drop-offs," referring to the seemingly endless trips to take her daughter to dance lessons, sports and other activities. "She was learning valuable things but there was no time for her to be with me."

She felt that the National Charity League would provide her with the opportunity to have meaningful activities with her daughter that would help establish good values, pass along traditions and support her growth of leadership skills.

The Naperville chapter started meeting in 2012 and currently has 160 members. Most of the mothers echoed Naperville mom Karen Campbell who said "it is getting in the car early in the morning with a daughter who might be surly and then volunteering together. Then afterward hearing about how much fun it was and about all of the other things in her life. It is meaningful time with your daughter."

Another Naperville mom, Allison Brock, added, "it is also amazing how much moms can grow too. Being part of the NCL

(National Charity League) pushes you out of your comfort zone and makes you try new things. I would have never stepped up to be president in the past."

Volunteering with their daughters is definitely a bonus, said the moms.

"I've done lots of volunteering over the years, but this is the best because it is doing something with my daughter," Maureen Thomas said.

The organization is designed to be a six-year experience for girls in grades 7 through 12. However, girls may join through their freshman year. The Naperville chapter is accepting members through Jan. 31. Mothers and daughters interested in joining can visit [greaternaperville.nationalcharityleague.org](http://greaternaperville.nationalcharityleague.org) for more information.

The moms and daughters successfully put together the holiday cookie trays that featured one of the group's favorite simple recipes for toffee cookies that starts with saltine crackers and requires just six minutes in the oven. They share their recipes for three of their favorite cookies for others to try this holiday season.

Judy Buchenot is a freelancer.

## Toffee Cookies

- 48 saltine crackers
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped almond or peanuts (optional)

1. Lay crackers in a single layer on a jelly roll pan. Melt butter and sugar together in a saucepan over medium heat. Pour evenly over saltines. Bake at 400 degrees for six minutes until bubbly and slightly golden. Melt chocolate chips. Spread evenly over saltines. Sprinkle with nuts if desired. Place in freezer to allow chocolate to harden. When chocolate is set, break into pieces.

## Cranberry white chocolate shortbread

- 2 cups butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 cups flour
- 6 ounces white chocolate
- 1 1/2 cups dried cranberries

1. Beat butter and sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add flour and mix well. Chop chocolate into small chunks. Add chopped chocolate and cranberries to mixture and stir to mix. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten each mound of dough slightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 14 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and allow to cool for five minutes. Take cookies off sheets and place on wire racks to finish cooling.

## Santa Surprises

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 24 Snickers miniatures chocolate for drizzling

1. Combine butter, peanut butter, and sugars in a mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and combine. Mix in flour, baking soda and salt. Cover dough and refrigerate for two to three hours. Unwrap Snickers miniatures. Scoop about one tablespoon of dough and flatten. Place Snickers in the center of dough and encase the dough around the candy in a ball. Repeat.

2. Place on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets and cool on wire racks. Drizzle cookies with chocolate if desired.

## The National Charity League of Greater Naperville's Culinary Cue

When drizzling cookies with chocolate during December, make use of the "outdoor refrigerator." Place cookies in a covered container and set outdoors to help the chocolate set quickly.

# Daily Offers doesn't deliver, neither does PayPal plan

Dear Help Squad,  
I need help securing a \$96 refund for items ordered through [dailyoffers.com](http://dailyoffers.com). I have included some of my back-and-forth communication with Daily Offers since July. I also have more than a half-dozen emails to PayPal as I was trying to file a claim through its supposed buyer protection plan. However, Daily Offers tells PayPal the items were delivered, so PayPal won't file a dispute.

I questioned this seller at the beginning (forgot the all-important rule: buyer beware!), however I thought by using PayPal, that secured me. Boy was I wrong! I don't know who is scamming me more, Daily Offers or PayPal. I can tell you once this dispute is settled, I will no longer be a PayPal customer.

*Sheila, Countryside*

I wanted clarification on PayPal's buyer protection plan and

found a PayPal media relations contact to help me out. I received the following reply from Leroy: "Thank you for forwarding this - I will forward your inquiry to the appropriate individual." About 24 hours later, Leroy emailed me again to say, "In regards to (Sheila), our support staff reached out to her yesterday to address the situation."

Sheila said PayPal had called and "PayPal is issuing me a full refund."

Oddly, the following was the statement provided by Leroy on behalf of PayPal: "PayPal Buyer Protection Program gives buyers the chance to retrieve funds should something go wrong. This includes situations when the purchase was not delivered, arrived in a bad condition, was not as described or was fake. PayPal users have 180 days to report about the issue. More information regarding PayPal Buyer Protec-



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Help Squad

tion can be found online at [PayPal.com](http://PayPal.com).

PayPal's buyer protection division had denied Sheila's claim, stating that proof of delivery had been provided by the seller! When I asked twice for clarification on this point, I received no response from Leroy.

While Sheila most definitely received her \$96 refund as a result of Leroy's intervention, absent more details from PayPal, I still couldn't figure out what was going on. I began by clicking the URL provided by Sheila. Nothing. Then I reread all of Sheila's Daily Offers emails. Initially, the com-

pany identified itself as Daily Offers Mall at [dailyoffersmall.com](http://dailyoffersmall.com). Later, the emails referenced Daily Offers Store at [dailyoffersstore.com](http://dailyoffersstore.com). The former link didn't work, while the latter took me to a third site called [dailyoffersshop.com](http://dailyoffersshop.com). Sheila informed me, "Towards the end I couldn't even get to [dailyoffersmall.com](http://dailyoffersmall.com) any longer. The web page was unavailable."

I then decided to investigate Daily Offers' shipper, ICAN Postal Service. The company's website contains photos of non-American-style delivery trucks and metric weights and measures. The site also states: "ICAN Postal Service recently joined the Singapore Post Group of companies and aims to be United States's No. 1 e-commerce courier service, delivering exceptional customer experience."

On top of all this, Daily Offers was making the following as-

sertions in its emails to Sheila:

"Your order will be delivered in the very near future. We upgrade your order free of charge and dispatch it by express post. Your order will be delivered within 3 days."

"I've initiated refund of your payment. Our finance department will process this request within 10 working days and you will be refunded in full."

While admitting delivery errors and promising a refund in its correspondence with Sheila, Daily Offers was at the same time providing PayPal with "evidence" of delivery. It's a shame that Sheila had to contact Help Squad to bring this to PayPal's attention, but she did finally receive the refund she was due.

Send your questions to [HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com](mailto:HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com).

*Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.*

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## PETS/ANIMALS

# Test-tube puppies 'adorable, cute'

Cornell lab's effort is first successful IVF

By Sue Manning  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A team of veterinarians, scientists and lab workers gathered around a surrogate hound and watched her give birth to seven half-pound puppies, the first dogs ever conceived in a test tube.

"We each took a puppy and rubbed it with a little towel and when it started to squiggle and cry, we knew we had success," said Dr. Alexander Travis, who runs the lab at the Baker Institute for Animal Health at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, N.Y.

"Their eyes were closed. They were just adorable, cute, with smooshed-in faces. We checked them to make sure they looked normal and were all breathing," he said.

The puppies born July 10 are a mix of beagle, Labrador and cocker spaniel and are now healthy 5-month-olds, Travis said. All but one female were adopted. She's being kept by the lab to have her own litter.

The lab kept track of the puppies by painting their nails with different color polish. Travis adopted two, still known by their nail polish names, Red and Green.

In vitro fertilization, the process of fertilizing an egg with sperm outside the body, is widely used to assist human reproduction these days. The first human



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birth from IVF took place in 1978.

But IVF efforts with dogs repeatedly failed until now, according to Dr. Pierre Comizzoli, a reproductive physiologist for the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia, which works with Cornell.

"The biology of the dog is really, really different than hu-

mans," Comizzoli said. Dog pregnancies last only two months and females go into heat just once or twice a year, releasing immature eggs instead of mature eggs needed for IVF.

An earlier experiment at Cornell helped pave the way. In 2013 at Cornell, Klondike became the first puppy born from a frozen

embryo. Klondike's beagle mother was fertilized using artificial insemination. Her embryos were collected, frozen and implanted in Klondike's surrogate mother.

Comizzoli described the birth of the seven puppies "as a huge breakthrough."

A paper describing the Cornell

litter as "the first live births from in vitro fertilized embryos in the dog" appeared Tuesday in the PLOS ONE journal. The lead author, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute doctoral fellow Jennifer Nagashima, said IVF technology in dogs could prove useful in conserving endangered species.

## PET OF THE WEEK



McKenzie

McKenzie is a beautiful Rottweiler/boxer mix who loves to cuddle. She is approximately 4 years old and came to NAHS all the way from Oklahoma. She gets along well with most other dogs, so long as they are as playful and energetic as she is. She would also have just as much fun playing fetch with a tennis ball all day long. McKenzie is too energetic for cats, and children should be at least 8 years old because she is quite strong. McKenzie could benefit from obedience training and with her being as smart as she is, she'll pick commands up in no time.

For more information, visit [www.napervilleareahumanesociety.org](http://www.napervilleareahumanesociety.org).

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## Two words that will surely ruin your amazing romantic relationship

It's every girl's definition of bliss. You meet a guy and within a couple of weeks you find yourself in a new romantic relationship that makes you feel like you're sitting on a beach with the sun in your face and not a care in the world. Everything with him is picture-perfect. You've been waiting for this man all your life.

However, bliss has a price. Because the relationship seems so perfect, and because they feel they have a lot to lose should things end, it's natural for people to experience fear and vulnerability in serious relationships. While these emotions are understandable — even healthy, they can unleash two things that lurk at the edges of every relationship: jealousy and insecurity. If these two things come up excessively, it can cause big problems.

Several years ago, I was on a romantic Saturday night dinner date with a guy I'd been seeing for several months. We sat down at a table in the back of the restaurant and three minutes later, an extremely attractive single mom sat down next to us with her two young children. Why this woman chose this restaurant on this night at this late time is beyond comprehension, but I won't judge. Still, it's kind of like, would you take your toddlers to Morton's on a Saturday night at 9 p.m.?

Anyhow, she kept staring at my date and smiling, and I found myself seething with jealousy. The ultimate move was when she bent down to pick up a napkin her child dropped on the floor, revealing her fire engine-red thong. That was it for me. I stormed out of the place like a psychopath.

What I remember so clearly was that I felt very insecure and I let myself believe that Ms. Cougar was prettier and skinnier than me. What I realize now is, so what if she was? I should have been more self-confident, more secure in the relationship, and had faith that my boyfriend was not interested.

Everyone has insecurities. We are our own worst critics when looking in the mirror. So, when people get into a blissful relationship that they cherish so dearly, insecurities and jealous tendencies can come raging out like a lion let out of a cage.

How do you cope with jealousy and insecurity? By realizing the things you do and don't have control over. No one can



JACKIE PILOSSOPH  
Love Essentially

predict the future or the person they are dating. But, what you do have complete control over is you.

Here are four things you can do to minimize jealousy and insecurity in your relationship:

1. Exercise regularly and eat healthy. Staying in shape is great for both physical and mental health. Countless benefits of hitting the gym and the juice bar include improved sleep, minimizing mood swings, weight loss, improved immune system, cardiovascular health and better self-confidence.

2. Dress well and keep yourself beautiful. Looking well groomed and put together not only makes it obvious that you care, but when you feel pretty, you give off a confident and self-assured attitude that doesn't happen when you're wearing yoga pants and your hair is in a ponytail.

3. Do things to facilitate self-love. Volunteer work, acts of kindness, showing love to your friends and family, and staying well read and educated are all ways to precipitate liking and loving yourself. And when you love who you are, others love you too. That includes your spouse.

4. Have faith. Believe in him or her and the strength of what the two of you have. Don't doubt it and don't play the "what if" game — what if he loses interest? What if he gets back together with his ex-girlfriend? Have the confidence and belief that things will work out.

Remember, every man or woman, no matter how happy, content and committed he or she is in a relationship, will look at other people. Haven't you ever seen a gorgeous man walking down the street and stopped to check him out? Does that make you a cheater? Nope. Looking is OK, in fact it's healthy. Only acting on it is cheating.

Also, there is nothing sexier to both men and women than self-assurance, confidence, seeing that your spouse has faith in you and the relationship, and not wavering.

Dealing with jealousy and insecurity isn't easy, but with strength, sensibility, independence and trust, those feelings can become almost non-existent. If you think about it, there's nothing to be jealous of or insecure about if you have faith and confidence that the person you are with is just as "in" as you are.

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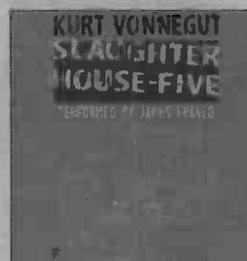
## ROUNDUP | AUDIOBOOKS



### Finale: A Novel of the Reagan Years

By Thomas Mallon, narrated by Christopher Lane, Blackstone Audio Inc., 17:17, download \$24.97, CD \$39.95

President Reagan steps off the plane in Iceland for an arms summit wearing a white coat, "as if he'd arrived in Reykjavik to perform surgery on the world." At home, an always-fretful Nancy grows antsy. Her astrologer assured her of a "stupendous" outcome for Ronnie's trip. Then stepdaughter Maureen confided that Reagan asked for his daughter to pray for him. Maureen's prayers have her worried. "Would they interfere, like some sort of radio jamming" with the astrological predictions? Thomas Mallon's "Finale: A Novel of the Reagan Years," is full of witty, sometimes withering and often surprisingly sympathetic portraits of the characters clustered around the ever-unknowable president. Narrator Christopher Lane, with some 200 titles to his credit, makes the most of this field in a must-hear performance. "Finale" takes place during a pivotal period in the Reagan presidency. The Soviet Union is shifting, and the Iran-Contra scandal is about to break. Many of the players here will be familiar to anyone with an ear cocked to the news in 1986-87, including three presidents, stars Kitty Carlisle and Bette Davis, and a cast of less recognizable but still known voices. That's a challenge for a narrator; listeners know what these people sound like. Yet without becoming a mimic, Lane reproduces the familiar cadences convincingly. His presidents are good. His stars, starchy. Even Raisa Gorbachev rings true. But maybe the most delightful duet of author and narrator comes in the character of Nancy's confidant, television host, singer and mogul Merv Griffin. To hear Lane/Merv coo approval of a party, "Oooh... Great idea," or a presidential library model, "Oooh... Great building," is to bring the man to life again. As Merv might have said, Oooh... Great fun.



### Slaughterhouse-Five

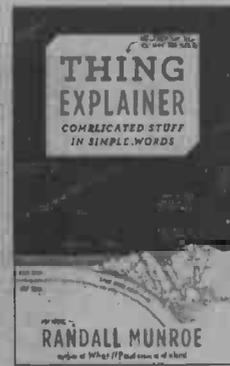
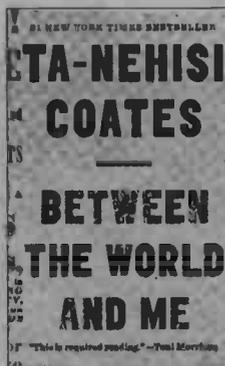
By Kurt Vonnegut, narrated by James Franco, Audible Studios, 5:13, download \$17.95 (unavailable in CD)

Audible.com, which has been part of retail giant Amazon since 2008, began engaging Hollywood stars to record classic literature in 2012. It's an understandable move. We love celebrities. We follow their ups and downs, their marriages and divorces. Their deaths. They're our mortal gods. So it's good marketing to ask the gods to read to us. But if you want great narration, the stars don't predict where to find it. People who are vivid on screen won't necessarily add much to a reading, and James Franco does not in his narration of "Slaughterhouse-Five."

The Kurt Vonnegut novel about Army chaplain's assistant Billy Pilgrim, who, like the author, was a prisoner of war and witnessed the firebombing of Dresden, was first published in 1969. There have been several star narrations since. In 1970 Donald Sutherland recorded it. I haven't heard it. There's a good 2003 recording by Ethan Hawke, which is available free online. José Ferrer narrated it in 1999, another one I haven't heard. And you can listen to the author read it on Spotify. For free. With that kind of background, one wonders why Franco grumbled along in vocal fry territory — that, I'm-running-out-of-oxygen creaky vibration at sentence ends. The good news is, the story holds up to even a less-than-inspiring reading. It's as powerful today as it was a generation ago. But, for the very best narrations, don't let the stars be your guide. Focus on craft.

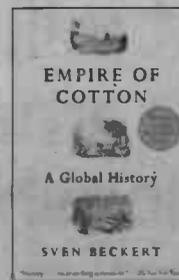
## CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates (Spiegel & Grau, \$24).
2. "Thing Explainer: Complicated Stuff in Simple Words" by Randall Munroe (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$24.95).
3. "Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush" by Jon Meacham (Random House, \$35).
4. "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante (Europa, \$17).
5. "Euphoria" by Lily King (Grove, \$16).



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## NEW IN PAPERBACK



### Empire of Cotton: A Global History

By Sven Beckert, Vintage, 615 pages, \$17.95  
A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for History, "Empire of Cotton" explores the history of cotton and its crucial role in the development of modern capitalism. Beckert examines how the constant struggle over cotton between slaves and plantation owners, merchants and politicians, and workers and factory owners ushered in a revolution in the manufacturing industry.



### Stalin: Volume 1: Paradoxes of Power, 1878-1928

By Stephen Kotkin, Penguin, 949 pages, \$25

The first volume of Kotkin's biography of Josef Stalin looks at the Soviet leader's early and personal life, his role in the Bolshevik Revolution and his eventual control of the Soviet Union starting in 1922. Kotkin examines Stalin's personality and his actions in the context of the fall of Imperial Russia.



### Girl in a Band: A Memoir

By Kim Gordon, Dey Street, 288 pages, \$14.9

The founding member of Sonic Youth reflects on her life, art and music career. Gordon discusses her California youth in the 1960s and '70s, moving to New York, her life in the visual arts, forming Sonic Youth, and her nearly 20-year marriage to Thurston Moore.



### The Skeleton Road: A Novel

By Val McDermid, Grove, 430 pages, \$15

As they demolish an unused Victorian Gothic building in Edinburgh, builders come across skeletal remains hidden in the building's pinnacle. When it turns out the remains may belong to someone from the former Yugoslavia, cold case detective Karen Pirie must dig deep into the history of the Balkans, war crimes, and how justice is administered.



### License to Quill: A Novel

By Jacopo Della Quercia, St. Martin's Griffin, 375 pages, \$16.99

William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe are playwrights by day who carefully weave clues about their secret agent careers into their works. When an assassination attempt on King James I fails, the rivalry between playwright-secret agents heats up, and the mysterious origins of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" come to the forefront.

— Jeremy Mikula



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## My Fare Ladies: Sweet ladies all

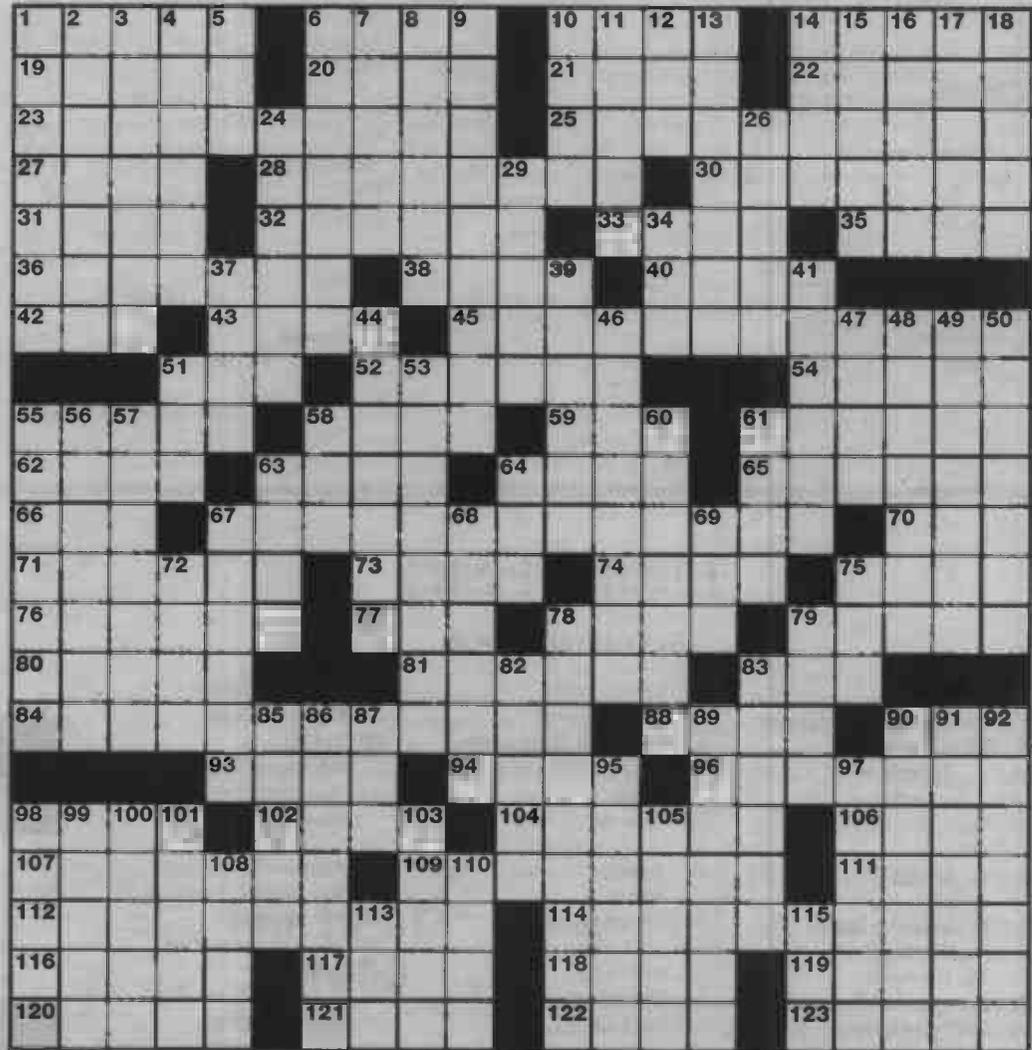
By S.N. | Edited by Stanley Newman  
(stanxwords.com)

### Across

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6 Quick cut  
10 Letters on spacesuits  
14 What "candy" starts with  
19 Telegraph inventor  
20 Director Wertmüller  
21 Flash of inspiration  
22 Earth tone  
23 Fruity dessert  
25 Sweet tangerine  
27 After the buzzer  
28 Chalet's evening activities  
30 "No fooling!"  
31 Daredevil Knievel  
32 Without delay  
33 Hayride seat  
35 Indefinite amount  
36 John Wayne film of '70  
38 Body art, for short  
40 Quaint hotels  
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43 Prefix meaning "billionth"  
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51 Jamaican music  
52 Earlier, in poems  
54 Guffaws  
55 Hospital's prepping place  
58 Membership fees  
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64 Morning talk-show host  
65 Search software  
66 MPG monitor  
67 Non-alcoholic cocktail  
70 Soil-shaping tool  
71 Beckon  
73 French 101 verb  
74 Deftly done  
75 Rebecca's home  
76 Beekeeper's concern  
77 Title for Conan Doyle  
78 Harbor hauler  
79 Passes quickly  
80 Volunteer's offer  
81 Hasbro's major competitor  
83 Source of some salt  
84 French dessert  
88 "Inside" information  
90 Opposite of COD  
93 Cuban money  
94 Top-drawer  
96 Brewery product  
98 Ruckus  
102 Sufficient space  
104 Mac eschewer  
106 First name of two moonwalkers  
107 Ties, as a score  
109 Dweller  
111 Quite a lot  
112 Fruity frozen dessert  
114 Shortbread brand  
116 Listlessness  
117 Gritty film genre  
118 Lake adjoining Cleveland  
119 Fists, so to speak  
120 German industrial city

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122 Senseless  
123 Word printed on mazes  
1 Slow walkers  
2 Czech region  
3 Used as a blackboard  
4 Also  
5 Cash in Tokyo  
6 Considered overnight  
7 Explosive, for short  
8 Key concept in criminal law  
9 Human Resources' ranges  
10 Minor damage  
11 Spontaneous comment  
12 Lay eyes on  
13 Tigger's creator  
14 Fine-tune  
15 Take the role of  
16 Massive mammal  
17 Backpack material  
18 Largest Greek island  
24 Nursery rhyme opener  
26 Make revisions to  
29 Become permanent  
34 Be indisposed  
37 Working in a mess hall  
39 "Cut that out!"  
41 Tranquil  
44 Bodies of work  
46 British coin  
47 Swedish tennis great



Last week's answers appear on the last page of Puzzle Island

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- 48 South Pacific tune  
49 Steel mill delivery  
50 Thinks much of  
51 Nautical signal  
53 As it happens  
55 Math class  
56 Do over, as walls  
57 Part of France's motto  
58 Middle of the sixth century  
60 Mundane  
61 Lose solidity  
63 Nautical signal  
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67 Most-nominated Oscar performer  
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82 Sporty car roofs  
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101 Exactly when expected  
103 Boss man  
105 Typography flourish  
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## Quote-Acrossic

- 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. Path

134 107 95 149 24 127

B. Wet

158 48 43 118 57 78 14

C. Remnants:  
3 wds.

135 72 131 56 155 17 4 26 84

97 37

D. Set free

25 8 143 55 105 68 99

E. Leguminous  
plant

52 2 82 150 62 90

F. Sled puller:  
2 wds.

92 53 36 159 128 15 65 47 109

G. Ohio city

71 123 108 87 83 5 41 133 93 154

H. Munich fall  
festival

6 61 79 114 98 54 70 122 89

21 137

I. Pavarotti was  
one

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J. Planting term:  
2 wds.

33 88 146 96 81 49

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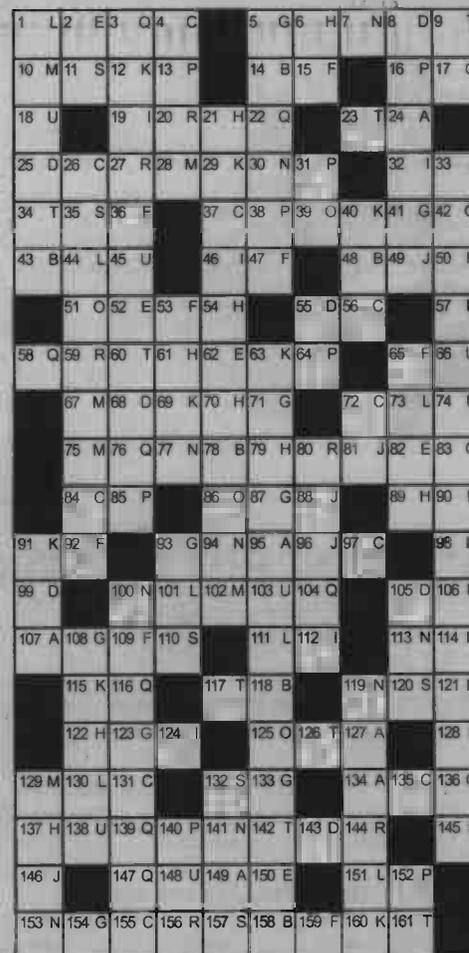
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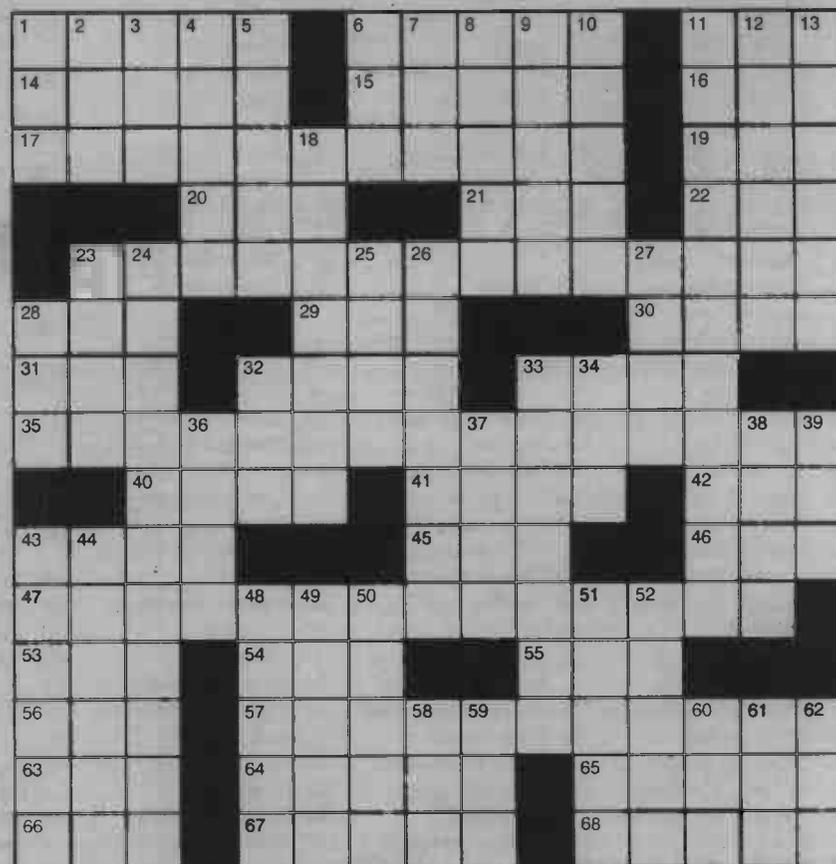
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Upanishads
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- Gives birth to
- Infant
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medically
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- Exclamation of reproof
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familiarily
- Lasses
- Have a birthday
- Short reptile?
- Blenny or bluehead
- Participant's comment
- Author Buntline
- Pink-eyed rat
- Raised Cain
- U-shaped river bend
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-v- AURELIA L BUTNARU, GRIGORE ALEXA, LASALLE BANK N.A. Defendants.

**10 CH 09720**  
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**12/3/2015, 12/10/2015, 12/17/2015 3790926**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- YOUNGHANA D. SLAW A/K/A YOUNGHANA DANIEL SLAW A/K/A YOUNGHANA SLAWA, KHANA SLAW, GEORGE Y. DANIEL, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. Defendants.

**12 CH 033492**  
**9254 LOWELL AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076**  
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**1676270**  
**12/3/2015, 12/10/2015, 12/17/2015 3791155**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-OA5 TRUST, Plaintiff

-v- SUDABEH NADAR YEGANEH A/K/A SUDABEH NADER YEGANEH A/K/A SUDABEH N. YEGANEH A/K/A SUDABEH NAMDAR-YEGANEH; DISCOVA BANK A/K/A CHAVOSHIAN A/K/A K. CHAVOSHIAN; SIMS CHITAGHI; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; AS ASSIGNEE OF FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants

**12 CH 33222**  
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Permanent Index No. 10-34-100-037-0000  
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For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC, Attorneys, 21268, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Napockmuck, Illinois 60015, (847) 291-1717, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

**1677670**  
**12/10/2015, 12/17/2015, 12/24/2015 3801564**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Plaintiff,

-v- CITY OF CHICAGO, PETER C KOUMBIS AKA PETER KOUMBIS, TOM C KOUMBIS AKA TOM KOUMBIS, SOPHIA ALPOGIANIS AKA SOPHIA C KOUMBIS AKA SOPHIA ST PIERRE, WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CONSTANTINOS KOUMBIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CONSTANTINOS KOUMBIS, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

**12 CH 11917**  
**4000 WEST MORSE AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712**  
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## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Plaintiff,

-v- CITY OF CHICAGO, PETER C KOUMBIS AKA PETER KOUMBIS, TOM C KOUMBIS AKA TOM KOUMBIS, SOPHIA ALPOGIANIS AKA SOPHIA C KOUMBIS AKA SOPHIA ST PIERRE, WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CONSTANTINOS KOUMBIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CONSTANTINOS KOUMBIS, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

**12 CH 11917**  
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**12/10/2015, 12/17/2015, 12/24/2015 3801564**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-OA5 TRUST, Plaintiff

-v- SUDABEH NADAR YEGANEH A/K/A SUDABEH NADER YEGANEH A/K/A SUDABEH N. YEGANEH A/K/A SUDABEH NAMDAR-YEGANEH; DISCOVA BANK A/K/A CHAVOSHIAN A/K/A K. CHAVOSHIAN; SIMS CHITAGHI; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; AS ASSIGNEE OF FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants

**12 CH 33222**  
Property Address: 7104 NORTH KEATING AVE. LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
Shapiro Kreisman & Assoc. file # 11-052483  
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 20, 2015, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on January 13, 2016, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:  
Commonly known as 7104 North Keating Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712  
Permanent Index No. 10-34-100-037-0000  
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
The judgment amount was \$723,432.78. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any, with no interest or penalties. The sale is subject to warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information and to view auction rules at www.kallens.com.  
For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC, Attorneys, 21268, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Napockmuck, Illinois 60015, (847) 291-1717, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.

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**12/10/2015, 12/17/2015, 12/24/2015 3801560**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Plaintiff,

-v- CITY OF CHICAGO, PETER C KOUMBIS AKA PETER KOUMBIS, TOM C KOUMBIS AKA TOM KOUMBIS, SOPHIA ALPOGIANIS AKA SOPHIA C KOUMBIS AKA SOPHIA ST PIERRE, WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CONSTANTINOS KOUMBIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CONSTANTINOS KOUMBIS, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

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## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
PIERCE, FENNER SMITH, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GLADYS V. FONZETTI A/K/A GLADYS VEGA FONZETTI A/K/A GLADYS NOEMI FONZETTI, JOSEPH FONZETTI A/K/A JOSEPH FONZETTI SR. A/K/A GIUSEPPE FONZETTI  
Defendants,  
14 CH 018656

7358 N. CRAWFORD AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 19, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7358 N. CRAWFORD AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-27-423-036. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (708) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-14-21141. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (708) 794-9876. Attorney File No. 14-14-21141 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number. 14 CH 018656 TISC#: 35-15396 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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12/17/2015, 12/24/2015, 12/31/2015 38222093

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division,  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Larry Muffett aka Lary Muffett aka Larry D. Muffett, Cheryl Weissman aka Cheryl J. Weissman aka Cheryl M. Weissman, The United States of America, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
Defendants,  
13 CH 16975  
Sheriff's # 150434  
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Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 20, 2016, at 1pm in room LLO6 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

Common Address: 8331 Central Avenue, Morton, Illinois 60053  
P.I.N.: 10-21-300-025-0000, 10-21-300-025-0001  
Improvements: This property consists of a Single Family Home. Sale shall be under the following terms, payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale may be entitled at most only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the mortgagee's attorney, or the court appointed selling officer.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. Premise will NOT be open for inspection. Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney ANSELMO, LINDBERG OLIVER LLC 1771 W. DIEHL, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60567-7228 foreclosure@central-illinois.com 866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620 For bidding instructions, visit www.fai-illinois.com This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

CZESLAW DUSZEWSKI, TERESA DUSZEWSKI, JADWIGA A. DAVIDSON,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Defendants,  
14 CH 04070

5839 CHURCH STREET Morton Grove, IL 60053  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 1, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 13, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5839 CHURCH STREET, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-17-402-039-0000 VOL. 0115. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$277,327.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 13-8575. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 Attorney File No. 13-8575 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number. 14 CH 04070 TISC#: 35-14624 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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12/10/2015, 12/17/2015, 12/24/2015 3801549

Public Notice Network Pierce & Associates File Number # 1202776

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

JULIE A. ODISHO A/K/A JULIE ANN ODISHO; EDWARD ODISHO; PNC BANK, N.A., S/B/M TO NATIONAL CITY BANK; ANSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC,  
Defendants,  
12 CH 7606

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 10, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 8, 2016, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:  
P.I.N. 10-33-307-026-0000,  
Commonly known as 6607 NORTH DOWAGIAC AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500, refer to File Number 1202776. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

JULIETTE GARCES, THE CLOCK TOWER POINTE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Defendants,  
10 CH 54687

4811 N OLCOTT AVE UNIT 301  
Harwood Heights, IL 60706

## NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 22, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 19, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4811 N OLCOTT AVE UNIT 301, Harwood Heights, IL 60706

Property Index No. 12-12-425-009-1019.

The real estate is improved with a single unit dwelling.

The judgment amount was \$380,106.70.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, KOZENY & MCCUBBIN ILLINOIS, LLC, 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 605-3500 Please refer to file number IL-001948.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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KOZENY & MCCUBBIN ILLINOIS, LLC  
105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850  
Chicago, IL 60603  
(312) 605-3500  
Attorney File No. IL-001948  
Attorney Code. 56284  
Case Number. 10 CH 54687  
TISC#: 35-12728

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## Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

SUNYOUNG CHUN A/K/A SUN Y CHUN, TRAFALGAR SQUARE TOWN-HOME CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Defendants,  
12 CH 03806

6158 WASHINGTON COURT MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 1, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 5, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6158 WASHINGTON COURT, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-20-305-018-1093. The real estate is improved with a brown brick, two story, single family home with a two car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty.pierce.com. Between the hours of 3 and 5 pm, PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1200847. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1200847 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number. 12 CH 03806 TISC#: 35-14450 1676812

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Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	882,119	30,000	0	122,976	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	282,174	0	0	0	322,573	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>11,884,625</b>	<b>1,773,268</b>	<b>3,673,787</b>	<b>289,391</b>	<b>352,965</b>	<b>120,404</b>	<b>108,888</b>	<b>202,266</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>10,692,583</b>	<b>1,706,478</b>	<b>5,605,467</b>	<b>390,813</b>	<b>351,469</b>	<b>8,368</b>	<b>226,206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds	0	0	1,981,831	0	0	5,657	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2014	0	8,243,483	1,831,239	1,461,943	614,556	118,878	(812,531)	483,697	406,887	23,610
Other Changes in Fund Balances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2015</b>		<b>9,436,525</b>	<b>1,898,029</b>	<b>1,512,094</b>	<b>513,134</b>	<b>120,374</b>	<b>(372,265)</b>	<b>592,585</b>	<b>382,947</b>	<b>23,651</b>

**SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000

ALLEGREZZA, RANDY; BAGOVSKA, KINA M; BLUMENFELD, RONALD D; BOBKA, JOHN R; BRENNER, PATRICIA; FAVELA, ADILENE; FERDINAND, MICHAEL; GLAMOCLIA, NATASA; GLOGOWSKI, WALTER; JEDD, ROBERT; JOERN, SARAH M; KOSOWSKI, VICTORIA M; LIU, ELLEN; LUKETICH, DANIEL; LUPO, ROBERT; MCCANN, JOHN; MROZ, CHRISTOPHER M; MUSCARELLO, ANTHONY C; NIEWIADOMSKI, JOANNA; OCONNOR, LAWRENCE; OWEN, NICOLE; PONTIKES, PETER; RIDGNER, DEBRA; SCHRAIBER, SUSAN; WOODS, JON

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999

CASLIN, KENNETH M; MOORE, TERRY

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999

NBARLEA, CLAUDIA; CICALINI, LUCA; COLLIER, BRIAN; FIOTI, AMANDA N; HERBST, DAVID C; HORNA, TONJA R; MCCABE, KRISTY J; PERCHESSE, MICHELE A

Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999

BOATRIGHT, DONALD R; BUSSE, M NATHANIA; BUTRYN, KATARZYNA J; CASTELLANO, GINA M; FALICETTI, CARL J; FRANZ, CARI; GATES, JUSTIN K; GONZALEZ, JENNETTE; GRAHAM, KYLE G; KAMINSKI, ANN M; KONSLE, KEVIN W; KUMOR, TRISTAN; LEHOTSKY, WILLIAM A; LEYNES, KATHLEEN; MACHAU, SARAH; MADDALAZZO, ROBERT A; MAIORANO DR, MICHAEL J; MCCABE, JARED E; PAUS, ZACHARY J; PEMBERTON, TONI L; PEREZ, ELIZABETH J; PERRY, STACY E; PORTANOVA, GIOVANNA; RUDNICKI, RENEE; SLUSHER, MATTHEW; TIMOTHY, AMANDA

Salary Range: \$90,000 and over

ANASTASIADIS, ANDREW; BALATA, MARIA L; BOLGER, JOHN M; CANTOS, MEGAN K; COSTELLO, SHERI; EPPLEY, BRIAN; GYORI, JAMES; HANSEN, MONICA; IRZYK-ADAMSKA, EWA; KEELEY, TIM J; KELSALL DR, JENNIFER M; KLAUS, STEPHEN; LASKY, ERIC J; LAUBENSTEIN, JILL S; LIPPSTREUER, MARK R; MCGING, EILEEN; MILLER, DOLORES PIGONI; MIXON, BRANDON; MUNDY, PAMELA R; NETTERSTROM, MAVIS; PARRILLO, THOMAS M; ROMANO, ELIZABETH A; RUTHERFORD, LEANN; SCHAU, SCOTT ALLEN; SMITH, JAMES D; SNYDER, JENNIFER L; ST. JOHN, ROBERT BRYAN; UHLE, CHRISTOPHER K; WICKLUND, JULIA; WLODARCZYK, DAVID E; ZACK, CHRISTOPHER

**GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000

ALIAJ, GERI; ALONGI, DAVID A; BRIGUGLIO, DANIELA; BURKLE,

CHELSEA R; CABRERA, ARMANDO; Caravia, Michael F; CASTANON GARCIA, CESAR; CZACHOROWSKI, KAMILA; CZOP, MARCIN; DAUGHERTY, DANIEL A; DEMANN, JEAN M; DEVRIES, HEATHER; DIVITA, JOHN O; Dziekonski, Derek P; FAZIO, KELLIE; FEATHERSTONE, JEFFREY; FRERKING, PAUL; GASIOR, DANIEL; GIL, KRZYSZTOF; GRIESMEYER, RYAN M; GUAGENTI, ANTHONY; GULO, KENNETH J; GUZY, ADAM; HAYES, SANDRA; HINMAN, WILLIAM J; HUSSEIN, ASEEL S; JACOBSEN, DENNIS L; KALDIS, YANNI; KAUFMAN, BRIAN T; KIMBERLEY, DENISE L; KOUMAS, JOSEPHINE; KRUEGER, DAVID; KUBICA, JESSICA; KUCZEK, MICHAEL S; LAPAGLIA, JOSEPH M; LYNCH, PAUL; MACHAVARAPU, AARTHI; MACK, DAVID; MAKOWSKI, AMANDA; MACK, DYLAN; MCMANUS, PETER; MEYERS III, HENRY L; MISIJA, PATRICK A; NIKEZIC, SLADANA; OGOREK, ARIELLE A; PALERMO, MICHAEL; PIEKARZ, MONIKA; Poznanski, Steven R; PSZCZOLA, KATARZYNA M; RAMSEY, RANDALL; RINGELSTEIN, MARIEL E; RODE, JAMES C; ROSE, BRIAN T; ROSSI, GIOVANNI; SCALETTA, COLETTE; SCHMIDT, MARGARET; SCHIAVO, MATTHEW; SCHURMAN, JOHN W; SCUDIERO, JOSEPH; SOWA, ROBERT M; SPORINA, BEVERLY J; SURVILANTE, SKIRMANTE; THORN, JASON; TOMS, MARIA P; VALENZUELA, JACOB D; WILLIAMS, NICOLE S; WURTZ, REBECCA; YOUNG, DEONTAY D; YUSHCHYSHYN, SVYATOSLAV; ZORNOW, TIMOTHY J

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999  
CREECH, MELISSA A; DeRose, James A; Manolis, Diana; PEDI, FRANK S; REID, CANDACE J; Todaro, Andrew

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999

BISHOP, PEGGY J; DEREN, JAROSLAW; Dudek, James M; FANELLI, VINCE; Freese, Lori; GOLDEN, EMILY; GOODMAN, ALLISON; JOHNSON, DANIEL R; Laino, Pamela D.; LOJUK, ROMAN; MALEWIG, JAMES; OLIVO, CHRISTINE; POUILL, COLLEEN M; POUILL, PATRICK T; SCIORTINO, AGOSTINO; STICHA, THOMAS M

Salary Range: \$60,000 and over

Bruscati, Mary; Lewandowski, Michael T; MCCORMICK, DAVID R; SLACK, BARBARA A; SPYCHALSKI, JUDY; STEINOHRT, ELIZABETH; SZAFLIK, KEVIN J; VALENTINO-BARRY, CAROL; ROSSI, PASQUALE

**VENDORS**

1000 BULBS.COM 4,777.72; 312 COMMUNICATIONS INC. 6,075.00; A & B BUS SERVICE 62,118.64; A T & T / BILL PAYMENT CENTER 15,556.27; AAA CONCRETE RAISING 3,450.00; ABT ELECTRONICS 3,071.00; ACT FINANCE 2,700.00; ACTIVE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO. 4,815.76; ADVENTIST GLENOAKS TDS 4,759.15; AIR CLEANING SPECIALISTS, INC. 3,024.00; AMERICAN CUSTOM SILKSCREENING 8,926.00; AMERICAN SPEEDY PRINTING CENTR 9,420.31; APEX

LEARNING 6,999.00; APPLE COMPUTER, INC. 78,791.25; ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER 10,994.00; ASSOCIATED PROPERTY COUNSELORS, LTD. 2,614.00; AT&T WIRELESS MOBILITY 8,024.64; ATHLETIC/CO LTD 35,298.77; BAKER & TAYLOR INC. 4,107.16; BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW, KRAUSE, LLP 48,025.00; BIERIG, STEVEN M. 7,931.25; BIGSIGNS.COM 4,548.00; BOELTER COMPANIES 59,352.64; BOHN, HARRY 6,500.00; BRIDGE VIEW EXTENDED DAY SCHOOL 14,401.65; BSN SPORTS 12,658.60; BULLIS LOCK CO., INC. 6,384.87; CDW COMPUTER CENTERS INC. 17,302.63; CHALLENGER DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM 47,000.46; CHICAGO COMMUNICATIONS 82,472.98; CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE 57,012.15; CHICAGO OFFICE TECHNOLOGY GROUP 11,471.21; CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER 3,650.00; COLASANTI, SUSANE 2,500.00; COLLIS, JEFFREY 6,200.00; COMCAST 36,005.37; CONDENSER PEOPLE, INC. 13,058.00; CONDENSER PEOPLE, INC. COMPANIES 4,172.67; CONSERV FS 6,740.19; CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY GAS DIVISION, LLC 65,497.76; CULINARY ARTISTRY 3,780.00; CUMMINS NPOWER, LLC 5,528.91; DAVIS, JERRY 5,130.00; DePAUL UNIVERSITY 4,000.00; DePAUL UNIVERSITY /FINANCIAL AID 4,000.00; DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION 10,261.00; DIVINE SAVIOR CHURCH 22,660.00; DLA ARCHITECTS, LTD. 14,568.00; DUANE MORRIS LLP 5,000.00; E T PADDOCK ENTERPRISES, INC. 19,836.00; E. T. PADDOCK ENTERPRISES, INC. 2,690.00; E2 SERVICES TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS 128,357.39; EASTER SEALS 6,000.00; EDGEUNITY 6,000.00; EDGEWOOD PICTURES, INC. 2,500.00; ELIM CHRISTIAN SERVICES 63,487.19; ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL #401 4,065.00; EQUITABLE LIFE 71,553.72; EVANSTON LUMBER CO. 2,911.04; EVERBANK COMMERCIAL FINANCE, INC. 24,821.54; FIA CARD SERVICES 4,090.35; FLINN SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION 6,686.80; FOLLETT VIRTUAL CAMPUS 14,279.13; FOLLETT 7,647.00; FOLLETT VIRTUAL BOOKSTORES 7,321.82; FORECAST 5 ANALYTICS, INC. 7,000.00; FORESTERS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 55,938.80; FOX VALLEY FIRE & SAFETY 4,064.90; FRANKLIN PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT #84 4,500.77; FRANKLIN PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT #84 6,466.62; FRANZ, CARI 4,644.43; GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING 21,751.69; GARVEY'S OFFICE PRODUCTS 15,264.19; GLENGARD SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL 3,764.00; GLENOAKS THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOL 41,427.34; GOLDEN, EMILY 2,878.95; GRAPHIC EDGE 7,316.58; GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES, INC. 7,431.97; GROOT INDUSTRIES 7,438.05; HARMONY EDUCATION CENTER 9,982.00; HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS 14,680.62; HENRY BROS. CO 800,000.00; HERFF JONES, INC. 4,281.16; HERO, 3,985.71; HERRERA JR., OCTAVIO 4,335.00; HOME DEPOT/GECF 16,333.00; HRIBAR, JAMES 7,950.00; IDS LAF PLUS-CLIC 183,039.00; IL DEPT.OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY 19,383.37; ILLINOIS ASSOCIA-

TION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS 4,071.00; ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS 7,514.00; ILLINOIS DECA 3,548.00; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 278,937.71; ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIRE FUND 196,884.47; ILLINOIS STATE POLICE 2,943.50; ILLINOIS VIRTUAL SCHOOL 5,860.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC. 5,961.50; INNOVATIONS EXPERTS 8,283.11; INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR 14,004.21; Instructure Inc 18,100.00; INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CORPORATION 5,203.00; INTERSTATE ELECTRONICS COMPANY 6,944.36; IPARADIGMS 4,795.00; IRONS OAKS ADVENTURE CENTER 4,675.00; JANOR SPORTS 4,110.00; JOSTENS 14,852.25; JS PRINTING 2,999.00; KAPLAN PAVING 19,000.00; LEYDEN AREA CREDIT UNION 59,831.40; LEYDEN AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOP. 119,429.13; LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOL DIST 212 420,121.29; LGH TUTOR BILLING 5 WEST 3,210.00; LINCOLN INVESTMENT PLANNING, INC 70,539.76; MARATHON OIL COMPANY/WEX BANK 6,474.60; MARTEN, BILL 6,522.76; MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 2,633.53; MASTERCARD CORP. CLIENTS 78,540.47; mb FINANCIAL BANK 298,432.50; McMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO. 2,795.64; MEDCO SUPPLY COMPANY 3,411.26; METROPOLITAN PREPARATORY 67,659.44; MIDLAND PAPER 5,132.50; MJ DESIGN 3,760.00; MNJ TECHNOLOGIES DIRECT 32,034.93; NASCO FORT ATKINSON 5,778.34; NAVIANCE LLC 4,392.50; NEFF CO. 2,591.64; NELSON HILLS 7,772.00; NEW HORIZON CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISA. 59,225.20; NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES 269,643.33; NIHIP 1,191,897.88; NORRIDGE ACE HARDWARE 5,963.48; NORTH SUB. TEACHERS UNION 54,038.22; ORGANIC LIFE LLC 333,875.76; OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY 8,419.20; OVERDRIVE, INC. 13,727.53; PAC PAYMENT / JEWEL FOOD STORE 2,877.56; PEREZ, ELIZABETH 2,836.65; PITNEY BOWES INC. 6,328.35; PMA FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. 9,000.00; POLAR ELECTRO, INC. 12,803.75; PRECISION CONTROL SYSTEMS OF CHICAGO, INC. 16,094.00; PUBLIC ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. 47,523.00; QUINLAN & FABISH MUSIC 2,920.75; RAYNER & RIMM-SCOTT, INC. 11,918.39; RESERVE ACCOUNT DEPOSIT COUPON 5,000.00; RETA SECURITY, INC. 5,000.00; RICHLEE VANS 296,600.84; RICOH USA INC. 11,502.56; RIDELL / ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP. 9,976.68; RIVERSIDE/BROOKFIELD HIGH SCH. 3,911.03; ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, NICHOLAS, LIFTON & TAYLOR 133,824.34; RUSSO RUSO POWER EQUIPMENT 5,005.18; SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. 2,595.00; SASSED 3,832.42; SCHIEFER, GARY 6,000.00; SCHOOL DATEBOOKS 5,291.00; SCHOOL MART 5,641.44; SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC. 2,760.00; SCOTT V INC. 2,629.00; SCULLARK LAYMON MED-CAR INC. 10,875.00; SHOOT-A-WAY INC. 5,097.00; SIGN\*A\*RAMA 15,586.80; SIGNATURE TRANSPORTATION GROUP 12,200.00; SKRYD, JACKIE 3,418.16; SKYWARD ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT 10,853.36; SLOWIKOWSKI, EDDIE 3,000.00; SOCCER.COM / EUROSPORT 6,543.38; STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT 8,466.00; STEVENSON SALES & SERVICE, LLC 3,605.08; SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR PENTAMATION INC. 10,962.00; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON 3,236,313.75; THE BOOMERANG PROJECT 5,809.10; THE EMPRESS BANQUET 10,008.00; TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 3,641.34; TRITON COLLEGE 6,940.00; TROPHIES BY GEORGE 8,354.47; TROPHYS ARE US INC. 2,704.81; UDA SUMMER CAMP 6,441.00; UDA SUMMER CAMPS 6,087.00; UHLE, CHRISTOPHER 6,407.28; UNITED DISPATCH AGENT FOR, 37,242.64; Unitrends 4,231.50; UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO 4,000.00; VALENTINO/BARRY, CAROL 2,645.00; VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INS.CO. 13,494.75; VARSITY SPIRIT FASHIONS 6,555.83; VERNIER SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY 9,087.04; VEX ROBOTICS, INC. 4,530.30; VILLA PARK OFFICE EQUIPMENT 3,022.90; VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS 20,167.04; VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE 7,031.00; VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE POLICE 25,107.91; VINAKOM COMMUNICATIONS 16,038.31; VINCE'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 9,427.27; VIRCO MFG. CORP. 19,075.04; W. W. GRAINGER, INC. 11,087.74; WEST CENTRAL MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE 3,097.50; WINDY CITY LIMOUSINE COMPANY LLC 5,281.80; WOODCRAFT #519 8,249.99; WORTH AVE. GROUP 10,420.00; XEROX CORPORATION 40,956.79; YALE 4,000.00

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<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>5,657</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2014	0	664,304	353,321	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Changes in Fund Balances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2015</b>		<b>679,074</b>	<b>353,977</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Judicial Sales - Real Estate**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RONNIE PIRO, SOMAR BRAIKHA Defendants

13 CH 08914  
6557 N Knox Avenue  
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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Property Index No. 10-34-317-027-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$635,678.13.

Sale terms: 25% of the bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate which is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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DECATUR, IL 62523  
(217) 422-1719  
Attorney Code: 40387  
Case Number: 13 CH 08914  
TISC#: 35-16763

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**Judicial Sales - Real Estate**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KEMAL ORMAN, MIRELA ORMAN, AKA MIRELLA ORMAN, MORTON GROVE ESTATES BUILDING NO. A-2 ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A. Defendants

10 CH 19015  
8640 N. Waukegan Road, Unit 423  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 3, 2015 and amended on November 9, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 14, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8640 N. Waukegan Road, Unit 423, Morton Grove, IL 60053

Property Index No. 10-19-109-049-1039.

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$251,782.03.

Sale terms: 10% of the bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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**Judicial Sales - Real Estate**

**LEGALS**

**Bid Notice**

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT FOR EVANSTON/SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 65**

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60202  
The Board of Education of Evanston/Skokie District 65, Evanston, IL (hereinafter referred to as the Owner) will receive bids for the Asbestos Abatement work until 10:30 AM, January 11, 2016 at the Buildings & Grounds Office, 2017 Greenleaf Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the time noted above.

Contract documents may be obtained by Bidding Contractors from the Owner after 10AM, December 17, 2015. Contact the Owner prior to pick-up. A non-refundable fee in the form of a check or cash in the amount of \$50 per set is required. Checks shall be made payable to Evanston/Skokie District 65. The Bidding Requirements and Contract Documents are on file at the Buildings & Grounds Office, 2017 Greenleaf Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202, 847-424-2420. Contract Documents will only be available for pick-up in person at the referenced facility, documents shall not be mailed or e-mailed to prospective Bidders. All bids must be accompanied by a Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of the contract. Bid security in the form of a check or cash in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid made payable to the Owner is also required. It is the policy of the Community Consolidated School District No. 65 to provide equal opportunity to all qualified businesses in the awarding of the contract and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified businesses to the maximum extent feasible in all contracts. Requests for this solicitation to bid. Minority and/or women owned Contractors are encouraged to participate in bidding.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, Central Daylight Time, December 23, 2015 at the Buildings & Grounds Office located at 2017 Greenleaf Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. Bidders who wish to visit the site should contact Mr. Art Kent at 847-424-2422 for an appointment. The Contractor shall pay, if applicable, not less than the prevailing rate of wages as established, to all laborers, workers, and mechanics in the performance of the work under this contract in accordance with "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed under contracts of Public Works," 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bidding or accept the bid in its own opinion, will serve its best interest.

12/17/2015 3793922  
Village of Skokie  
Notice to Bidders  
The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for  
Single Family Dwelling Recycling Services  
Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive PROPOSALS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent until 3:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, January 14, 2016.  
A copy of the proposal can be obtained by visiting [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). Click on Village Departments, Purchasing, Bids & RFP's to download a copy. Proposals can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above.  
Any proposal submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmissions or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informality in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.  
Michael Aleksic  
Purchasing Agent  
Village of Skokie  
12/17/2015 3825072

**Foreclosures**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWTAL INC, ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST, 2005-83CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH, CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-83CB PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
CATHALYNE RESTIVO AKA CATHALYNE J. RESTIVO, JOSEPH SPINA, CITIBANK FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, 1445 TOUHY AVENUE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS

NO: 15 CH 15129  
Property Address:  
1445 W. Touhy Ave. Apt. 7B  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
CAL 61

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AS TO UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to: UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that a Complaint for Foreclosure and Other Relief has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, by said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of certain mortgages conveying the premises legally described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:  
UNIT 7B IN THE CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO. 2697742, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK, ILLINOIS.

P.L.N. 09-35-100-028-1019  
COMMON ADDRESS:  
1445 W. Touhy Ave. Apt. 7B, Park Ridge, IL 60068

And which mortgages were made by Cathalyne Restivo aka Cathalyne J. Restivo and Joseph Spina, as Mortgagee(s); and given to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc. as Mortgagee; to wit: that certain "Mortgage" dated October 31, 2005, and recorded as Document No. 0534255059, said Documents was duly issued out of said court against you as provided by law, and that the said Complaint is now pending for foreclosure of said mortgages and for other relief.

NOW, therefore, unless you UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, file your Appearance and Answer to the Complaint in said action in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, on or before the 4TH day of JANUARY, 2015, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer for relief in said Complaint.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Kluever & Platt, LLC  
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**Foreclosures**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

US BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2013-1T Plaintiff,  
vs.

JOHN LOWENTHAL BARBARA LOWENTHAL A/K/A BARBARA R. LOWENTHAL, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL, LLC, LINCOLN TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LTD Defendants

11 CH 42403  
5501 LINCOLN, UNIT 208  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 19, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 20, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

UNIT 208 IN LINCOLN TERRACE CONDOMINIUM AS DESCRIBED IN SURVEY DELINEATED ON AND ATTACHED TO AND A PART OF A DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP REGISTERED ON DECEMBER 30, 1974 AS DOCUMENT LR2789407; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST (EXCEPT THE UNITS DELINEATED AND DESCRIBED IN SAID SURVEY) IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES: ALL OF LOT 8 IN LINCOLN TERRACE BEING A RESUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SAID LINCOLN TERRACE REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TITLES OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON FEBRUARY 4, 1974, AS DOCUMENT 2738114.

Commonly known as 5501 LINCOLN, UNIT 208, Morton Grove, IL 60053

Property Index No. 10-21-130-020-1008.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$277,057.98.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty (20) days. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws, the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C13-88394.

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Attorney Code: 43932  
Case Number: 11 CH 42403  
TISC#: 35-15840

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A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Centennial Fitness Center located at 1515 Touhy Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois.

Bidding Documents are available at no charge by contacting Maryanne L. Ucarz of the Park Ridge Park District, by phone at 847.692.3482 or by email at mlucarz@prparks.org. Email requests for Bidding Documents shall include name of bidding firm, contact person, mailing address (no PO Boxes), telephone number, and email address.

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12/17/2015 3826183

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
The Village of Skokie has scheduled a series of meetings to solicit public input on the 1-year Action Plan for the Village's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Public hearings are conducted to determine Skokie's request for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Hearings will be held at the end of the Village Board or trustees meetings on December 21, 2015, and January 4 and February 1, 2016. A review of the current year's projects, CDBG program objectives, and program priorities for the 1-year Action Plan will take place on Monday, December 21. All new proposals for CDBG funding will be reviewed on Monday, January 4. Funding decisions will be made at the final public hearing on Monday, February 1. Board meetings begin at 8:00 p.m.

HUD provides CDBG funding to qualified local communities annually under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. These funds are used for physical improvement projects, housing programs, social services, and other activities that are consistent with local planning goals and CDBG regulations. Eligible projects must meet national objectives by principally benefiting the low- and moderate-income people from the community, or aiding in the prevention and elimination of blighting conditions. All projects must be approved by HUD before funds are released. Skokie expects to receive approximately \$450,000 for the coming fiscal year.

For more information on the CDBG Program, please contact Carrie Haberstick, Planner/CDBG Administrator, at 847-933-8447  
12/10, 17/2015 3798479

**Public Notices**

**Public Notice**  
notice is hereby given that the Park Ridge Park District's Tentative Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2016 is on file and available for public inspection at the Administrative Offices of the Park District, 2701 Sibley Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068 - Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held on the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Park Ridge Park District for the year 2016 on the 17th day of December, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Ridge Park District, Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley Street, Park Ridge, Illinois. RICHARD BRANDT, Secretary Park Ridge Park District Park Ridge, Illinois 12/17/2015 3808249

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**Storage - Legal**

Life Storage of Harwood Heights will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 at LifeStorage of Harwood Heights, 7125 W. Gunnison, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As is / Parts only" no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #
Kathryn Crotty	1304
Matthew J Emanuel	1095
Gregorz Clolek	1464
Alan Polo	1186
Massimo Piscopo	1123

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**NOTICE OF AUCTION**  
Life Storage of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 at LifeStorage of Morton Grove, 6505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053, and 847-966-9021. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As is / Parts only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #
Holly Blessen	1027
Holly Blessen	1129
Erica Ledezma	1124
Thomas Wojtczak	1546
Thomas Wojtczak	1503
Thomas Wojtczak	1584
Thomas Wojtczak	1637
Radu M Moldovan	1458

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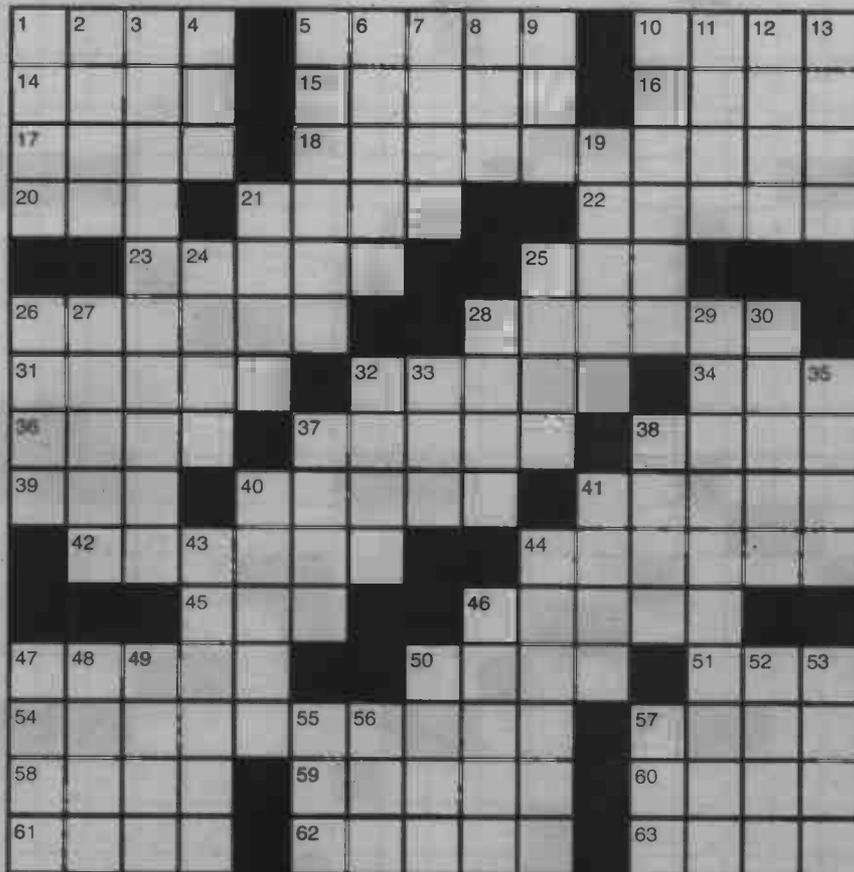
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# Crossword



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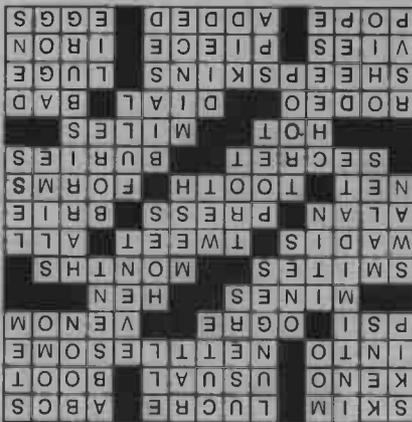
### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_ milk; nonfat beverage
- 5 Ill-gotten gain
- 10 Kindergartner's recitation
- 14 Game similar to lotto
- 15 Normal
- 16 Cowboy's shoe
- 17 Take \_\_\_ account; consider
- 18 Irritating
- 20 Fraternity letter
- 21 Meanie
- 22 Snake's poison
- 23 Excavator's chambers
- 25 Chicken's mom
- 26 Hits hard
- 28 June and July
- 31 Usually dry streambeds
- 32 Twitter post
- 34 \_\_\_ of a sudden; without warning
- 36 Arkin or Thicke
- 37 Squeeze
- 38 Soft cheese
- 39 Badminton court divider
- 40 Molar or canine
- 41 Papers to be filled out
- 42 Whispered confidence

### DOWN

- 1 Pass over
- 2 Mattel's boy dolls
- 3 Make fearful
- 4 Cow comment
- 5 Sudden forward movements
- 6 Consumers
- 7 \_\_\_ as a button
- 8 Long-tailed rodent
- 9 Building wing
- 10 Not here
- 11 Godsend
- 12 Singer Perry \_\_\_
- 13 Flower stalk
- 19 Happening

### Solutions



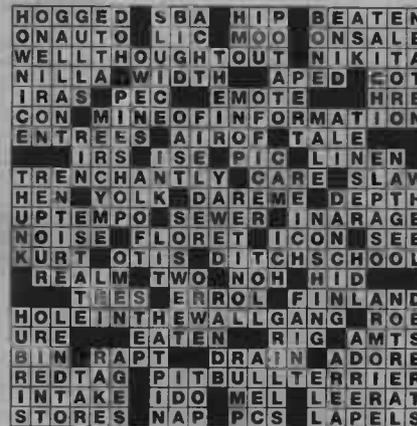
- 21 Singles
- 24 Rub \_\_\_; gloat
- 25 Garden tools
- 26 Waterbird
- 27 Boys and men
- 28 Fit together, as gear teeth
- 29 Capital of Pennsylvania
- 30 Secretion left on a snail path
- 32 Horse's gait
- 33 Moist
- 35 Not as much
- 37 Wordsworth or Longfellow
- 38 Long-winded speaker, often
- 40 Scouting group
- 41 Jam-packed
- 43 Swiss or Edam
- 44 Prejudiced
- 46 Chop finely
- 47 Invitation letters
- 48 Cincinnati, \_\_\_
- 49 Profound
- 50 Perished
- 52 Very excited
- 53 Comfy rooms
- 55 Group bath
- 56 Child
- 57 Commit perjury



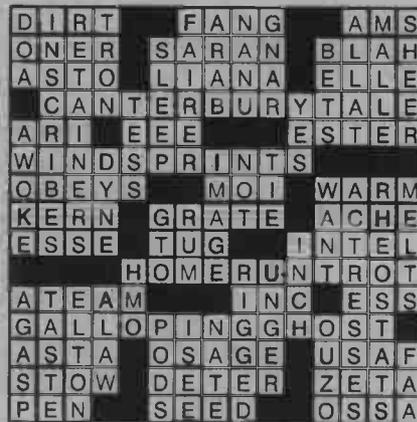
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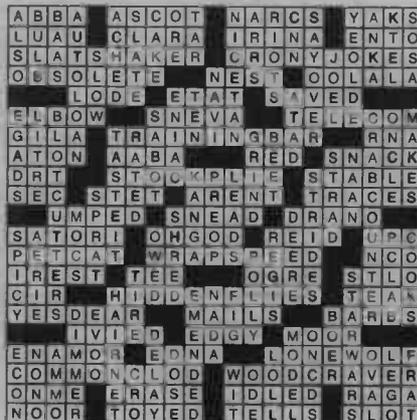
#### "Dig It"



#### "Giddyap!"



#### "Second Shift"



### Last week's Quote-Acrossic

(Lindsay) CONWELL: LOVE THE DOORMAN: Gee, I really love doormen. Who needs a husband when twenty dollars every now and then can get you a mover, a deliveryman, a security man, a matchmaker, and a person who consistently opens the door for you.

### Last week's Sudoku

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

### This week's Jumble

GUILTY CEMENT DEBATE  
INWARD HANDLE PARDON

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# Parenting 101:

Expect to instill the obvious.  
Over and over, and over again.

By Stacey Gill  
The Washington Post

Parenting is a strange endeavor. Without any instruction, testing or training, we are thrust into a foreign land and entrusted to take on the most challenging and consequential work of our lives. I knew from the beginning I would occasionally fail, but I hoped that more often than not I would meet with success. With my role as my children's primary teacher, I was prepared for the many lessons that lay ahead. At least the usual stuff. Numbers, colors, the alphabet. And as they grew older, how to tie a shoe or look both ways before crossing the street or set up a YouTube account.

While I didn't expect to always know the answers, I believed I'd be able to figure things out along the way.

But there are a few things for which I was unprepared, things that simply never occurred to me as lessons in need of teaching. These things transcended the typical parental concerns, and I'd mistakenly believe them to be instinctual or at the very least so obvious as to negate explanation. What I came to learn, though, was that when you have children everything is in need of explanation. Even if the kids are older. Even if they're highly intelligent. Even if it defies all reason.

Here are a few of those things.

**How to play.** Many days my kids seem to have forgotten that instinctive quality inherent in all young, and without direct and specific instruction from me, they seem lost as to how perform this activity. Something they had done for years suddenly eluded them, and it was left to me to suggest they consult the closet for one of their 900,236 toys or encourage them to Race to the Roof (literally or figuratively — at that point I didn't care) or have some Elephun or Go Fish. Anything other than follow me around the house all day long.

**How clothing must be**

**changed daily.** Wearing the same outfit two consecutive days in a row is not condoned by civilized society and will result in merciless mockery. Please know that if you choose this route, I wash my hands of the entire situation.

**How changing underwear is not optional.** I thought humans were born with the knowledge that new outfit equals new underwear — that this knowledge is what set us apart from other species. This, too, turns out to be a learned behavior, one that must be reinforced vociferously and repeatedly for it to be fully internalized.

**How boots with shorts is not an acceptable look.** I don't care if Ariana Grande's mother lets her do it.

**How to exit the shower.** What seems fairly self-evident is apparently in need of a detailed set of instructions for children to successfully complete the task. So I decided to create a step-by-step guide: First, open the curtain on the side of the tub before which a bathmat has been placed. Next, step onto the bathmat. Finally, towel dry. You are now ready to move on to the dressing phase.

**How bathing is a good.** Especially after a visit to the McDonald's ball pit or swimming in the town pool or attending middle school gym class. Counter to your opinion, it is not a form of punishment. And smelling won't win you any friends.

**How to make toast.** Again, I've created another step-by-step guide to help encourage success. First, take out the bread. Next, place slice in the toaster. Finally, push down button. When the lever pops back up, you have toast.

**How I have no special extra-sensory powers in determining the weather.** I feel the same exact weather conditions you do



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When you have children, everything requires explanation. Even if the kids are older. Even if they're highly intelligent. Even if it defies all reason.

— so if you ask me while we are standing outside on a hot, sunny day what the weather is going to be like, I will respond, "Exactly like this."

**How no one needs a 100-ounce Slurpee.** I don't care if it comes with free refills.

**How the instructions on the box of macaroni and cheese are there for a reason.** That reason is to show you how to make it. If you don't know how much butter to add, ask the box. Not me.

**How the utensils placed next to dinner plates are intended for use.** They are not merely decorative.

**How when the temperature dips below zero, jackets are required.** It's just the law. Similarly, when you feel cold, clothing will help.

**Alternately, now when it's 90 degrees out with 100 percent humidity, flannel pajamas are not appropriate.**

**How when riding in the car,**

**driving advice is not welcome.** Unless one has a valid driver's license and at least 20 years of driving experience.

**How hands have to be washed.** With soap. Especially after using the bathroom. Or it doesn't count. I'm talking about after the kids have seemingly mastered this hard-won lesson.

This last one is something I honestly never expected I'd have to teach — at least not after the first 500 times — and it requires more than just a bullet point.

While I'd never considered hand-washing to be a continuing education course, it seems lessons instilled with great care and emphasis early on erode over time. These concepts need to be reintroduced regularly and perhaps indefinitely for full effectiveness — a lesson I learned quite incidentally one horrific day.

I wasn't paying much attention that day when my son went to use the bathroom. My kids had been washing their hands independently for years, so when I glanced up casually and spotted him through the door left ajar, what I witnessed was shocking. He'd turned on the water and squirted

glob soap into the palm of his hand, and while it would appear I should be happy he followed proper bathroom protocol, it's what happened next that terrified me.

He took the quivering, white mound of bubbles and immediately shoved it under the faucet into the flowing stream of running water. He rinsed the whole thing right down the drain. Before it was spread over his hands. There was no rubbing, no scrubbing, no washing of any kind. He might as well have dumped the bottle of soap directly into the drainpipe. The fact that any soap had touched his hand was a mere technicality.

That was the day it hit me. When it comes to kids, the job is never done. You must explain everything all the time, repeatedly, every single day for the rest of your life. Into infinity.

Or at least until they move out.

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## Good timing: College grads to enter strong job market



**CAROLYN BIGDA**  
Getting Started

This spring, students graduating from college will have more to look forward to than the end of exams and term papers. They can also expect a strong job market.

According to a survey by the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University, hiring of new grads is expected to jump 15 percent this year. The survey, which asked employers about their recruitment plans for the 2015-16 academic year, is based on responses from more than 4,730 firms.

"We're seeing hiring rates that resemble the really strong job markets of past years," said Philip Gardner, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute. He noted that hiring has improved annually since the 2010-11 school year, but that recruitment has really ramped up in the last three years.

"We've needed it," Gardner said, pointing out that hiring must increase by 5 to 7 percent annually, "just to soak up new grads, never mind the students who graduated during the recession and may still be looking for suitable work."

If you're preparing to graduate in the spring, here's what to expect.

Hiring is up throughout the country.

"There's not one region that's lagging," Gardner said.

However, in some areas recruitment is off the charts. So-called super hirers — companies that plan to increase their hiring by more than 100 per-



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cent — are mostly in Virginia and California, followed by Michigan, Wisconsin and Texas.

"California and the D.C. metro area are home to power players in the job market right now," Gardner said, such as technology firms, and companies in the aerospace, consulting and manufacturing industries.

**Most sectors are hiring.** In most cases, it doesn't matter what career you want to pursue. Job growth is strong across industries too.

Take construction. In the aftermath of the 2007-09 recession, jobs for recent graduates all but disappeared in construction. But this year, hiring of grads with an associate's degree is expected to climb by 37 percent in the industry. For graduates with a bachelor's degree, recruitment is projected to jump 19 percent.

Other industries that could experience big hiring gains include automotive, health care, technology and professional services, such as accounting and marketing.

"One of the best pieces of news is that everyone is benefiting from the stronger job market, with the exception of big banks that are still sorting things out after the financial crisis," Gardner said.

"There's not just one sector

that's going crazy."

Still, while it will likely be easier to find a job this year, don't expect to earn a fatter paycheck than last year's college graduates.

According to CERI, 61 percent of companies plan to keep starting salaries at the same level as last year. Among employers that will raise wages, the median increase will be 3 percent.

Another 7 percent of companies will offer signing bonuses. Before the recession, 17 percent offered such bonuses to new college graduates.

"I'm surprised there's not more wage pressure because competition for good job candidates is getting tough," Gardner said. "But it's just not there yet."

**Internships are key.** Recruitment on college campuses is already in full swing, but internships are still one of the best paths to landing a gig after graduation.

According to CERI, 96 percent of employers use their internship programs, along with summer and co-op jobs, as a source for finding new hires.

"Building an internship pool is still a top strategy for companies, big or small," Gardner said. "So if you're a student and you haven't done an internship, summer job or co-op (job) yet, it's time to get on it."

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## Divorce, remarriage affect your Social Security benefits



**JANET KIDD STEWART**  
The Journey

**Q. I am 64 and work full time. I plan to claim Social Security benefits at 70. My ex-husband is 66, and we were married for 19 years. I remarried at 61. Am I entitled to some of my ex-husband's benefits? Am I eligible for my current husband's? Can I claim spousal benefits on my ex-husband's record now and hold off on mine until age 70?**

A. Generally, a subsequent remarriage takes away the ability to collect divorced spousal benefits, said Robin Brewton, vice president of client services at Social Security Solutions Inc. There are very limited exceptions. You could consider claiming a spousal benefit on your current husband's work record when you reach full retirement age, letting you later switch to benefits on your own record at age 70, if that benefit would be higher after those four years of delayed retirement credits, Brewton said.

You can file for early, reduced spousal benefits now because you've been married longer than a year, Brewton said. But doing so before reaching full retirement age would mean you wouldn't get to choose which benefit to take, and your benefit would automatically be calculated as a blend of the two, which would be a permanent reduction in your maximum benefit. Be aware that because of your age, you are among the last Social Security beneficiaries who are going to have the option to restrict your claim in this way. A recent



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congressional budget amendment killed off this strategy for anyone younger than 62 at the end of 2015. Also be aware that because you remarried after age 60, you may be entitled to divorced widow's benefits when your first husband dies, so that could potentially affect your benefit calculation.

**Q. My wife and I are in our late 70s, own a condo and have a little over \$500,000 in assets, jointly owned in a revocable living trust. Nine months ago, my wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and seems to be deteriorating. My daughter suggested I change ownership of some assets so that, in the event my wife is institutionalized, I wouldn't be left destitute. I'm familiar with Medicaid's five-year look-back period. Are there any alternative strategies to pursue, and would I lose complete control of our assets if I pursued them?**

A. There are some planning steps to take in cases like these, said Mark Munson, an attorney with Wisconsin law firm Ruder Ware. Because Medicaid is a joint federal and state program, however, the rules can vary widely depending on where you live, so it's important to hire a

qualified estate-planning attorney to oversee your strategy, Munson said.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the National Elder Law Foundation maintain member directories, and the latter certifies elder-law attorneys. Generally, however, you'll want to learn your state's current exemption amount for assets that can be retained by the "community" spouse (you) and still allow for your wife to qualify for Medicaid, Munson said.

The home you live in, a car and personal items are typically exempt assets as well, he said, so decide if there are home improvements or a mortgage payoff that makes sense for your situation. And if there are remaining assets, you might look into a so-called Medicaid-compliant annuity, which could pay you income during your life in order to meet your own expenses and not thrust you onto public assistance as well, Munson said.

Finally, he said, make sure you and the attorney plan for what would happen to your assets if you die first and your wife is on Medicaid.

Share your journey to or through retirement or pose a question at [journey@janetkiddstewart.com](mailto:journey@janetkiddstewart.com).

# An extra boost to save for cars, homes

Concept aimed at social media generation

By Susan Tompor  
Detroit Free Press

Saving for a goal used to involve stuffing coins into a giant jar, opening a bank account or buying U.S. savings bonds.

Now a Detroit-based start-up is tempting millennials to treat building savings a lot like keeping up with friends via Facebook or Instagram. What about turning to a new "social savings platform" to add to your down payment for a car or house?

Could friends and family like you have enough to add an extra \$25, \$50 or \$100 to your online account?



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BoostUp is targeting younger consumers who often struggle to save up for a down payment on a first home or car.

**To make the idea more appealing,** BoostUp gets companies to "boost" your savings with added deals and promotions. Offers now include allowing you to set aside at least \$750 in a BoostUp account to get \$750 from Quicken Loans, if you get your mortgage there. Or account holders can set aside \$500 in savings to get an extra \$500 toward a down payment on a Hyundai. Some real estate agents are participating with some offers, too.

It's an idea that some millennials are certainly looking at these days — especially as it's tough to build much extra savings just by letting money sit in the bank at miserably low interest rates.

Whether the idea really takes off, of course, will depend on how big the discounts get and how much millennials want to play the savings game.

Andrei Simonov, associate professor of finance at the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University, said social savings platforms can mirror the ease of Facebook and make

giving online become more attractive.

"You can see that John Doe contributed \$10 to his friend's car," Simonov said. "It is convenient. No need to send a check or drive 10 miles to meet the person."

It's also possible that someone who gets money from friends, family or strangers for a down payment could be more likely to buckle down to reach the bigger goal, such as actually buying a house or a new car.

Elijah Lawson, 25, who lives in Pontiac, Mich., said he and his fiancée, Miho Suga, 24, are considering setting up a BoostUp account to build a bigger down payment for their first home. They plan to marry next August and hope to find a home in Royal Oak, Mich.

Lawson has a variety of jobs, including working at Home Depot and writing for the Ohio-based Columbus Craft Beer Consortium website about craft beers. His fiancée is working as a resident at a local hospital and plans to

work in family medicine.

They are saving for their first home on their own but they are tempted by the idea of being able to turn to family and friends, too.

"We have a solid group of friends and family," Lawson said. "We're all really close. We have a lot of people who we know will help us."

Unlike a certificate of deposit or mutual fund, you're not building any interest or return on investment by letting money sit in the BoostUp account. No interest is paid on BoostUp savings.

John Morgan, CEO of BoostUp, said the site is geared to work with younger consumers who often struggle to obtain a down payment for a first home or car. And this concept allows savers to track their progress online.

"The concept of matching someone's savings is not new," Morgan said, noting that his own parents encouraged him to work as a teen by offering to match some of his money to buy his first car.

Mom and dad, naturally,

can contribute to your account. If you want, you can ask strangers or anyone to contribute.

"If they want to post it on Facebook, share it on Twitter or anywhere else, then family, friends or strangers can give to them through their public BoostUp page — just like any crowdfunding site," Morgan said.

Maybe users ask wedding guests to contribute to a BoostUp account instead of buying the traditional china. Or maybe you make a request around your birthday.

"Do you need another iTunes gift card?" Morgan asked.

**The accounts work best,** he said, when someone knows they're going to buy a car or need a down payment for a home in the next six months to a year or so. And the extra boosts help if you are aiming to buy a certain car or work with a specific lender or real estate agent participating in the program.

Morgan said.

Bob Walters, chief economist for Quicken, said millennials are likely to be a huge driving force for the housing market over the next few decades. That extra \$750 could be meaningful, Walters said, especially since many first-time home buyers are in the market for a home that costs around \$90,000 to \$150,000. They might also qualify for other programs, including those from the Federal Housing Administration.

Brokers and real estate agents that partner with BoostUp get a customized landing page that can boost traffic. Real estate agents only have to pay their "boost" after the closing of a home purchase. The real estate agent, of course, connects with new leads that could lead them to sell more homes.

Michelle Coleman, 28, who is a real estate agent at Re/Max Classic in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is taking part in the online platform as a way to build business with millennials. She's offering a dollar-for-dollar match on up to \$500 in savings toward a down payment for those who save through BoostUp.

Coleman sees the separate, dedicated account as a way to really commit to saving for a new home.

Otherwise, she said, it's too easy to transfer money out of savings into checking and spend it on regular bills or impulse purchases. Plus, she said, she can see millennials taking an interest in this kind of online savings platform. "You have things like GoFundMe," Coleman said. "You see it for charities. Someone wants to take a trip."

Why not ask someone to contribute to your down payment for a house as a birthday gift? Coleman asked. She's told one of her friends who's house shopping to do just that.

Morgan said BoostUp is paid by the partners the company works with — such as through marketing fees, platform usage fees and/or success fees.

Of course, car companies, retailers and others have long offered credit cards that help you build reward points that can cut the cost of their products, too.

But Morgan said millennials are more of an "online generation" and can find this approach appealing, especially since some aversions to traditional banks after the financial crisis.

"We're not looking to replace the bank," he said.

In July, BoostUp offered a home-buying platform that allows real estate professionals nationwide a chance to connect with active home buyers and make getting a down payment easier.

"Housing, we feel, has a bigger upside because you can't purchase a home without a down payment, and it's the biggest obstacle for first-time home buyers,"



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# Please stop sleep-bragging

Donald Trump's recent sleep statements highlight a broader issue

By Nara Schoenberg  
Chicago Tribune

Your average American is unlikely to brag about, say, smoking a pack of cigarettes a day, eating his weight in red meat or downing a fifth of gin for breakfast.

But bragging about sleep deprivation?

Yep, that's a thing.

Despite studies showing links with diabetes, high blood pressure and weight gain, sleeping just a few hours a night was a badge of honor long before Donald Trump's repeated — and very flattering — public comments on his own ability to get by on three or four hours. In Springfield recently, he touted this trait, saying, "I have a great temperament for success. ... You know, I'm not a big sleeper, I like three hours, four hours, I toss, I turn, I beep-de-beep, I want to find out what's going on."

Having caught a plane to New Hampshire after the Republican debate in Milwaukee, he went further, saying he'd only had 90 minutes of sleep.

This isn't a partisan issue — Bill Clinton's legend rests in part on

his tolerance for sleep deprivation, and CEOs and inventors let it be known that they're part of the club. Most of us have friends, neighbors or, sigh, co-workers who broadcast their superhuman sleeplessness — or simply send emails at 5 a.m. to let us know how on top of it they are.

The problem, experts say, is that very few of us — in the realm of 1 percent — can actually flourish on just a few hours of sleep a night, and sleep-bragging makes what for most of us is an unhealthy practice seem more desirable.

"It sets a precedent," Dr. Raj Dasgupta, a fellow of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and an assistant professor at the University of Southern California, says of sleep-bragging. "If people feel they can work harder or achieve more by sleeping less, then they're opening themselves up to sleep deprivation."

"And the consequences of sleep deprivation? People who are sleep deprived have a higher rate of diabetes, a higher rate of high blood pressure. And let me say this: High blood pressure? That's the most common risk factor for heart disease in our country.

Diabetes? The deadliest risk factor for heart disease. And both are seen in patients who are sleep deprived."

Studies show that some people truly can do well on just four hours of sleep a night, but Kat Duff, author of "The Secret Life of Sleep," says you're probably not one of them. Maybe 1 percent of us are truly genetically predisposed short-sleepers, she says. More people are sleep braggers.

Duff says that the sleep deprived miss out on REM sleep, in which we do emotional processing. They tend to be more irritable, less cooperative, more impulsive, more likely to blame others than the sleep satisfied, she says. They may also have difficulty listening.

"It's scary to think of someone like that making big decisions," she says.

There's also a Catch-22: if you're sleep-deprived, it may be hard to get more sleep because your judgment may be affected. Think of the times you blew a diet at night or stayed up late watching TV you didn't even like. It may, similarly, be hard to make yourself go to bed on time when



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Donald Trump is not alone in bragging about how little sleep he needs, but why is sleep deprivation something people brag about?

you're already overtired, Duff says.

Dasgupta and Duff both point toward a deep-seated bias in our culture toward sleeping less.

Dasgupta ticks off some of the well-known sayings: "I can sleep when I'm dead." "The early bird gets the worm." And for Gen-X and millennials: "Sleep is a poor substitute for caffeine."

We need about seven to eight hours of sleep a night, Dasgupta says, but that's just an average:

Some of us need more and some can handle less. As for four hours a night, night after night?

"I would be very, very surprised," he says. "There's something called sleep debt. If you don't get the sleep that you need, the debt accumulates throughout the week. To function well on four hours of sleep a night for a week? That's pretty tough."

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# Don't use some medications past their expiration date



DR. ANTHONY  
KOMAROFF  
Ask Doctor K

**Dear Doctor K:** Sometimes the pills in my medicine cabinet reach the expiration date. Do I really need to throw them out? They can be expensive.

**Dear Reader:** The two questions to ask about pills that are past their expiration date are: Do they lose their strength, and do they become toxic or harmful?

There is little evidence that outdated medications become toxic or harmful. However, some



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drugs do lose their potency, or effectiveness, over time. The most notable is nitroglycerin, which should be replaced every six months. The epinephrine in EpiPens also loses its potency past its expiration date. You abso-

lutely do not want to take the risk of needing a nitroglycerin pill to treat sudden heart pain — and having the pill not work. Likewise with EpiPens to stop a severe allergic reaction.

In addition, liquid drugs are less stable than tablets or powders. Liquid drugs include oral suspensions and solutions and injectable products. As a general rule, I would get a fresh refill of liquid drugs when they pass their expiration date.

Most drugs, however, retain their strength past their expiration dates. In one study, for example, researchers tested 96 different drugs stored in their original containers. They found that more than three-quarters of these drugs would remain stable for nearly five years beyond their expiration dates. And a study of

two anti-influenza drugs found that these drugs remained fully active after 25 years of storage!

Drug companies generally give their products an expiration date two to three years from the date they're manufactured. Then, your pharmacist labels your bottle with an expiration date that's usually one year from the day your prescription is filled. So the expiration date you see on your pill bottle is usually sooner than the expiration date the drug company has assigned your pills.

Expiration dates shouldn't really matter with a medicine to treat a temporary problem — like taking an antibiotic for strep throat, for example. You should have swallowed the last medicine long before its expiration date.

And expiration dates shouldn't matter for a medicine that you are

supposed to take regularly for a chronic problem, such as to keep your blood pressure normal. If you are taking the medicine as prescribed, it should never have an expiration date that already has passed.

In fact, expiration dates should be an issue only when you have a medicine for a recurring temporary problem. I'm thinking of a strong pain pill for back pain that flares up from time to time, for example, or an antibiotic for a recurrent urinary tract infection.

Always keep your drugs in a cool, dry place in their original containers. And toss out medicines you no longer need. Their presence in your medicine cabinet can be confusing and could cause you accidentally to take the wrong pill.

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Agent: Ronee Chenault of Redfin, 847-807-1959

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The great room in architect John Francona's century-old Pittsburgh home.



Francona renovated the kitchen about nine years ago, doubling its size.

## 1894 grocery becomes modern living space

By Kevin Kirkland  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**PITTSBURGH** — The grocery store that James Searight and Sons opened in 1894 boasts lots of glass and oak columns with hand-carved capitals. But it wasn't the fancy storefront that drew architect John Francona a century later. He loved the room where the Searights sold fruit, vegetables and other 19th-century staples. He calls it simply "my space."

"Lots of people comment that it has no artwork. It doesn't need it," he said proudly.

Truly, the architecture is artwork, including an ornate 13-foot tin ceiling, original pine floors and high beadboard paneling that helps define the 40- by 18-foot space.

Most striking are three cast-iron columns inscribed with the name of their manufacturer: **CARNEGIE**. They're lit from above by a skylight and from one side by a wall of glass.

"This house is unusual for the Mexican War Streets," a historic district



John Francona loves his living space. "Lots of people comment that it has no artwork. It doesn't need it," he says.

in Pittsburgh, Francona said. "I get light on all four sides."

Francona, 62, bought the three-story building in 1997 from John G. Craig Jr., the late Post-Gazette editor who renovated it and lived there for a few years in the 1980s, then rented out the lower space and two apartments above.

The architect didn't create its open floor plan

with bookshelves near the front door and a loft bedroom above a sunken kitchen. He just made it better.

Beadboard, one of Francona's favorite materials, has several functions here. It covers rough walls and both unifies the large open space and divides it with two shades of taupe. Though it's all the same height, the beadboard appears as three-quarters

paneling in the main space, wainscoting on the stairs to the bedroom and full paneling on the stairs down to the kitchen.

Furniture groupings also define areas. Reproduction Wassily chairs like those designed by Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer in the 1920s mark the living room, and a cherry dining table, chairs and buffet from Room & Board anchor the

dining room.

Francona renovated the kitchen about nine years ago. He doubled its size by removing a lower breakfast room, installing a prefinished hardwood floor and covering the walls in subway tile, which he likes because it's both cheap and classic. He hung glass-front Ikea cabinets on the wall and bought a Viking gas stove.

"I'm not much of a cook. I like what it looks like," he said, smiling.

The counters are oak butcher block painted black. "When they look bad, you paint them."

The architect did all the work himself, using the gutted kitchen as his work space.

"It was awful," he admitted.

He didn't make the same mistake several years later, when he renovated the master bathroom and large dressing room. He chose the subway and hexagonal tile but was skeptical when his contractor suggested a walk-in, curbless shower. It works perfectly and has one unique feature — controls on the opposite wall so the user doesn't get wet until he wants to.

"It's something I learned, one of my tricks," he said.

This 1894 grocery store is his third renovation. He began with a 1920s house, followed by a 1909 house.

"I think I'm done," he said.

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## Thursday, Dec. 17

**"Christmas Bingo":** Help Comedienne Vicky Quade save a local parish by playing along with her in an evening of bingo where attendees have a chance to win prizes. Family friendly. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$20-\$30, 847-220-2919

**Des Plaines Art Guild Show:** Immerse yourself in the beauty of the paint strokes and the soul of a photographer. Featured artists include Beverly Beckman, Dolores Kenney, Stan Kotecki, Kathy Passi, Liz Pawlik, Rhonda Popko, Dee Schuster, Thelma Spain, Willard Strassburger, John Taylor, and Elaine Tejcek. 10 a.m. daily, closed Saturdays and Mondays, 1 p.m. Sunday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

**Meghan Linsey and Sarah Potenza:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$18-\$30, 847-492-8860

**Found Live Music Every Thursday:** The Josh Rzepka jazz trio performs. 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

**Winter Arts and Crafts Expo:** The 13th annual expo features original, handmade arts and crafts by over 100 selected artisans, featuring original, handmade works of jewelry, ceramics, fiber, metal, glass, painting, photography, mixed-media and more. 10 a.m. daily, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

**Valli Produce Evanston Holiday Food Drive:** The first annual food drive in partnership with WLS-FM and local schools. Donations of non-perishable items can be made at Valli Produce Evanston in the name of participating local schools. 7 a.m. daily, Valli Produce, 1910 W. Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-866-6100

**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. daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free-\$5; \$10-\$12 for talk, 847-475-1030

**Native Haute Couture:** The exhibit celebrates the history of Native American high fashion from pre-contact to today. 10 a.m. daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

**Sights of Evanston art exhibition:** Enjoy a visual art exhibition featuring works by 16 local artists. 3 p.m. daily, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8260

**Material View Art Cloth exhibit and opening reception:** Showcasing work by members of the Art Cloth Network, a nationwide organization of professional textile artists. 10 a.m. daily, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 847-571-1385

**Wonderland Express:** The annual festive event features 750,000 outdoor lights and an indoor exhibition where garden-scale trains wind past miniature replicas of Chicago-area landmarks nestled among holiday-themed plants. 10 a.m. Thursday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$12 adults, \$10 children ages 3 to 12 and seniors ages 62 and older, 847-835-5440

**Study for Finals Week (Grades 9-12):** Meeting rooms will be open for individual or group drop-in study. Stop by the Information Desk for study locations. 5 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Spark Park for Kindergarten through 2nd Grade:** This month we'll be experimenting with the science of color theory and creating lava lamps. Call to register. 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Books n' Bites:** Kids in grades 6-8 can join a casual, fun book discussion on "Counting by 7s," by Holly Goldberg Sloan. 4 p.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Everybody Move:** This six-week session is for ages birth through two years with a caregiver. Registration is required. Weekly attendance is required. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Hot Ticket: "Ricki and the Flash":** A rock-n-roll musician gives up her dream of stardom and returns home to make things right with her family. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Wonder Ground Open Lab:** Look, touch, tinker and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**White Christmas: A Holiday Songbook with Dr. Fischman:** Dr. Fischman ignites the Holiday Spirit as he sets down the snowy road of American Christmas music in this engaging seasonal sing-a-long program. 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Movies in the Underground: The Return of the Jedi:** Prepare for release of Star Wars Episode VI. Pizza will be served during intermission. 4 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings:** Demonstrations of fly tying are performed by an experienced demonstrator. The members have an opportunity to tie the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Thursdays, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

**Chair Yoga:** Increase your flexibility, strength and balance in this class. 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$76 member, \$84 guest, 847-692-3597

**Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program:** Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program box is in the lobby of the Park Ridge Police Department. Accepted are: prescription medications, all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. Thursday, Park Ridge Police Department, 200 Vine Avenue, Park Ridge, free, 847-579-1300 ext. 146

**Michael Palascak:** The local comedian, as seen on "Letterman" and "Leno," headlines a stand-up showcase. Featuring Larry Reeb. 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, \$22-\$25 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484

**Food Drive in Skokie:** Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. These foods to be given to the hungry in the community. Daily, Walgreens, 3945 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

**Brush with Nature Art Exhibition:** Plein air painters display their artworks inside the gallery. 10 a.m. Daily, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, free, 847-674-1500

**Skokie Photographic Society:** All levels of photographic skill are welcome. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-677-8324

**Cathy Glickman In Life Of The Party Interrupted:** Dynamic singer Cathy Glickman makes her Skokie Theatre debut in an autobiographical romp through Glickman's life as she follows her heart, giving up the microscope for the microphone midway through life. She is accompanied by Beckie Menzie. 8 p.m. Thursday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

**Special Exhibition Three Years, Eight Months, and Twenty Days: The Cambodian Atrocities and the Search for Justice:** Learn about the Cambodian genocide and the current trials to bring the perpetrators to justice, 40 years later. 10 a.m. daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

**Alliance Francaise du North Shore Cafe-Conversation du Soir:** Meet fellow Francophones for relaxed conversation in French. Look for individuals gathered at tables in the main dining area. Listening in French is encouraged; all levels welcome. 6 p.m. Thursday, Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-328-9516

**Wilmette Fiber Arts Group:** Sponsored by the Wilmette Public Library, this group of people interested in all aspects of fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. All interested in meeting friendly people with similar interests are welcome to spend the two hours doing individual projects in companionable discussions. 10 a.m. Thursdays, Panera Bread, 1199 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-293-6755

**Alliance Francaise Cours de Conversation:** The winter session is a weekly intermediate through advanced level immersion class for members only to expand their vocabulary and brush-up on grammar and pronunciation. The class discusses current events and reads articles of general interest to Francophiles. 7 p.m. Thursdays, St John's Church, 1235 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, \$164, 847-328-9516

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**Christmas Carol the Radio Play:** 7:30 p.m. Friday-Wednesday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-25, 847-220-2919

**Andrew Belle Christmas Show:** With Jon Guerra. 8 p.m. Friday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Sold out, 847-492-8860

**"Clara and the Nutcracker":** 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St., Evanston, \$11-\$27, 847-424-0089

**GlenVIEWINGS Film Series: "The Age of Adaline":** 2 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Meeting of the MINECRAFTers for grades 4 through 8:** No Griefers, please. 6 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**DIY teen craft:** Including DIY ornaments and holiday-themed glass etching. 4 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Gentle Yoga:** Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Fridays, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Share The Warmth:** Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. Add a crocheted edge to fleece and send free blankets to new adult chemotherapy patients. A basic crochet stitch can be taught if needed. 9 a.m. Fridays, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

**Duplicate Bridge:** 9 a.m. Fridays, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical:** The cast of this musical brings new energy to the classic story and dialogue, while irresistible and lovable puppets help showcase the original charm of the television show's stop-motion effects. The story tells the tale of a young Rudolph who, because of the appearance of his bright, shining nose, is ousted from the reindeer games in Christmas-town. 7 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Rosemont Theater, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$29.50-75

**It Was a Very Good Year: Frank Sinatra Birthday Concert:** This special encore concert takes place in honor of Frank Sinatra's upcoming 100th birthday. Music from his Columbia, Capitol and Reprise catalogue are performed. 8 p.m. Friday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$28, 847-677-7761

Saturday, Dec. 19

**Polyglots Toastmasters meeting:** Polyglots is the only Toastmasters International Club in the United States that conducts its meetings in German. If you speak German or want to keep it fresh or improve it, visit this club. This is not a language school, but a place where you can speak and listen to German. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

**The Flat Five:** Featuring Kelly Hogan, Nora O'Connor, Scott Ligon, Casey McDonough and Alex Hall. 8 p.m. Saturday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Sold out, 847-492-8860

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

**Ecology Center Winter Market:** 9 a.m. Saturdays, Ladd Arboretum, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

**Overeaters Anonymous:** 9 a.m. Saturdays, St Matthews Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-0609

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

**Immanual Lutheran Church Winter Market:** 8 a.m. Saturday, Immanual Lutheran Church, 616 Lake St., Evanston, free, 847-864-4464

**Corlolls Holiday Concert:** Holiday a cappella concert featuring works by Biebl, Lauridsen, Chilcott, Gjeilo, Vaughan Williams, Applebaum and others. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston, \$20; \$10 for under 18, 847-869-0223

**Breakfast with Santa at Wonderland Express:** Ticket price includes parking, a buffet meal, a visit with Santa and access to Wonderland Express. 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free children 2 and under, \$27 for ages 3-12, \$35 for adults, 847-835-5440

**Weekend Family Class: Joyful Gingerbread:** Explore all the different plants and plant parts needed to make gingerbread. Take home a future ginger plant, decorate cookies and mix up a batch of gingerbread. 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$24 per child, parking included, 847-835-6801

**22nd Annual Toy-Ful Celebration Concert:** Join the 45 voice Chancel Choir, directed by Guillermo Munoz Kaster and the Glenview Concert Band, under the direction of Greg Wojcik, for a festive evening of holiday music and fun. This concert benefits the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. 7 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

**Meet Santa a take a free photo with him at Abt:** Noon Saturday and Sunday, Abt Electronics, 1200 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 312-245-9805

**Russian Storytime with Miss Vlada for ages 3 and up:** Miss Vlada will share stories in Russian. Make a craft, too. Just drop in. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Family Movie: "Inside Out":** 2 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Getting Started with InDesign CS6:** Learn the basic tools and functions to create dynamic page layouts using InDesign CS6. Familiarize oneself with the InDesign workspace and learn how to create new documents, add text and art, and other tips and tricks in this lecture/demo. Registration is open. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

**Walk 'n Talk Book Group:** Join in a December for a walk and discussion of a seasonal novel, "The Snow Child" by Eowyn Ivey. The story is set in the snowy wilderness of Alaska. You can pick up the book at the Check-Out Desk now. The group meets at the east entrance of the library and sets off for a walk and talk. Hot cocoa is served. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Fandom Club:** Gather with fellow fans to discuss your pop culture favorites, make fan art and eat themed food. Each meeting will feature different fandoms, but all are welcome. Vote for future fandoms at the January meeting. 2 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Anlme and Manga Club:** Gather with fellow fans to watch and discuss anime and manga, draw fan art, make cosplay costumes. 2 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Open Tinker Lab (for all ages):** No registration is required, so all ages are welcome to just drop in. The library pulls out all of their tinker and tech toys for learning, experimenting and playing. Also, enjoy a variety of their techy stuff like the 3D Printer, Arduino micro-controllers, Cubelets, Sphero, Ozobots, Raspberry Pi kits, Snap Circuits and MaKey MaKey. 2 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**"Star Wars Episode 7:" Saint Patrick Music Dept. Fundraiser:** We are selling tickets to see "Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens." Proceeds will support the St. Patrick Music Department's trip to Los Angeles and San Diego in March. Tickets include popcorn and a drink. 10 a.m. Saturday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$10, 847-825-5800

**Krampus and St. Nicholas visit Hofbrauhaus Chicago:** Visitors can solidify their spot on the "nice" or "naughty" list at Hofbrauhaus Chicago this season with a little help from German holiday folklore icons St. Nicholas and his devilish companion Krampus. Derived from Germanic folklore, Krampus is a beast-like creature said to punish those that are naughty throughout the yule season. 6 p.m. Saturday, Hofbrauhaus Chicago, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-671-2739

**Shout Section Big Band Holiday Concert:** Shout Section Big Band is a full-sized jazz orchestra comprised of up-and-coming performers and veteran musicians. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$10-\$25, 847-677-7761

**Preserving Survivor Stories:** Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and "natural language" technology software will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

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# Holiday Worship

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### Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve:

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11:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of Christmas

*(Preceded by a special program at 10:30 p.m.)*

### Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Day

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

No 7 p.m. today

### Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

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### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

3:00 p.m. in the Gym  
*Family Mass with Children's  
Pageant & Choir*

3:00 p.m. in Church\*

5:00 p.m. in the Gym  
*Music by Teens and Young Adults*

5:00 p.m. in Church\*

8:00 p.m. in Church

Midnight in Church  
*Festival Choir will sing*

#### Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

7:30, 9:30\*, 11:00 a.m. in Church

11:00 a.m. in McDonnell Hall

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**Sunday, Dec. 20**

**Holiday Open House at the Des Plaines History Center:** All residents are invited to enjoy refreshments, music and a tour of the Kinder House. 2 p.m. Sunday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

**Sons of the Never Wrong:** Christmas CD release show. 7 p.m. Sunday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$35, 847-492-8860

**Evanston Children's Choir Holiday Concert:** The annual multicultural holiday celebration features music from Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. 3 p.m. Sunday, Alice Millar Chapel, Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, free, 847-733-0814

**Chef Fabio:** Enjoy a book signing with celebrity chef Fabio Viviani, winner of 2015's Cutthroat Kitchen. 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Valli Produce, 1910 W. Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-866-6100

**Single Sword Combat Certificate:** Particular attention is paid to the safeties required to perform fights. The course concludes with a skills proficiency test. Students that pass receive a Society of American Fight Director's certificate in Single Sword. 10 a.m. Sunday, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$415, 847-328-2795

**GlenVIEWINGS Holiday Matinee: "Remember the Night":** Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray, a thief and the prosecuting attorney in her case, are star-crossed lovers in this tender romantic comedy. Just drop in. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Christmas Lessons and Carols:** Hear the story of salvation, history and the birth of Christ, sing carols, and be inspired by the choir's special offerings. The choir sings "Sans Day Carol," and the "Glory of the Lord." A reception follows. 4 p.m. Sunday, St. Giles Episcopal Church, 3025 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-272-6622

**Christ Church Wrap 'n' Roll Christmas Caroling Party:** The community is invited to join the families of Christ Church Winnetka to wrap gifts for the homeless, share a delicious meal and sing Christmas Carols. Open to all ages. Please call the church to confirm attendance. 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Christ Church Winnetka, 784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-2850

**Monday, Dec. 21**

**The Historic Holiday Express Train:** Climb aboard the Black Chicago Gravel Steam Locomotive. Settle in for "The Polar Express" on this historic train at Veterans Park. Passengers will also enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn. Advance registration required. 6:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Fischer Farm, 16W680 Old Grande Ave., Bensenville, \$5, 630-766-7015

**Book Bables:** Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

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

**Winter Camp at the Actors Gymnasium:** Each day begins with a warm-up, followed by training and workshops in circus, drama and movement. Students learn circus and aerial skills. Session A: Dec 21-23 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) No camp Dec. 24 & 25 Session B: Dec 28-30 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) No camp Dec. 31 & Jan. 1. Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$399 for two sessions; \$225 for one session; \$75 Single day, 847-328-2795

**Winter Break Camp at Wonderland Express:** Children in Kindergarten through fifth grades can engage in exciting hands-on indoor and outdoor activities while discovering the Garden in winter. They'll investigate weather, explore seasonal adaptations of plants and animals, enjoy a visit to the Wonderland Express holiday exhibition and dabble in art. Preregistration is required. 9:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$60-\$75 per day, 847-835-5440

**Hot Chocolate with Mrs. Claus at Wonderland Express:** Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, a visit with Mrs. Claus and the Wonderland Express exhibition. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$0-20 plus parking, 847-835-5440

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**Word 2010: formatting and Images:** 2 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Stacycation! Make It & Take It:** Children, with parents or caregivers, stop by during the designated hours and create a winter-themed craft to take home. Just drop in. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Build and Decorate Gingerbread House for grades 1-8:** This is for contestants, in first through eighth grades, who must enter by Dec. 17 by calling to R.S.V.P. The contestants are supplied with a gingerbread house and basic decorations. 3 p.m. Monday, College Nannies and Tutors, 958 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, free, 847-998-5657

**MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup:** Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5102

**Knitting Roundtable for Adults:** Ronnie Rund, an expert knitter, shows attendees how to knit. Bring one's current project(s) and needles. 2 p.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

**Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend, Breathe:** Kids ages four through eight can learn yoga poses and breathing techniques. Bring a large bath towel or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes. Parents need to stay in the room with children through second graders. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Minecraft for Younger Kids:** Players should be experienced or ready to learn independently and must be accompanied by a caregiver. Grades K-2 only. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Ballroom Dancing Classes:** 6:45 p.m. Monday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Dr., Northbrook, \$10, 224-406-9257

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

**Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse:** 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

**Winter Break DIY Kids' Crafts:** Make a Native American-inspired craft. 10 a.m. daily during holiday break, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$5 adults; \$3 Kids, 847-475-1030

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

**Tuesday Morning Music:** Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free; 847-835-5440

**CJE senior life counseling:** CJE SeniorLife resource specialists provide counseling to adults 60 and over. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Stacycation! Family Game Central:** We have Wii, PS3 and Xbox 360 consoles. Just drop in. 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Friendship Club: Holiday Party with Live Music (grades 3-8)** Trained Friendship Ambassadors (grades 4-12) host fun and engaging events where everyone feels welcome. 1:30 p.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. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5102

**Maker Lab for Teens: 3D Printing:** Learn and practice the basics of 3D design. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Camera Club:** 10 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

**Life Transitions Group:** Support group for those who have been widowed for one to four years. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., \$5, 847-720-4170

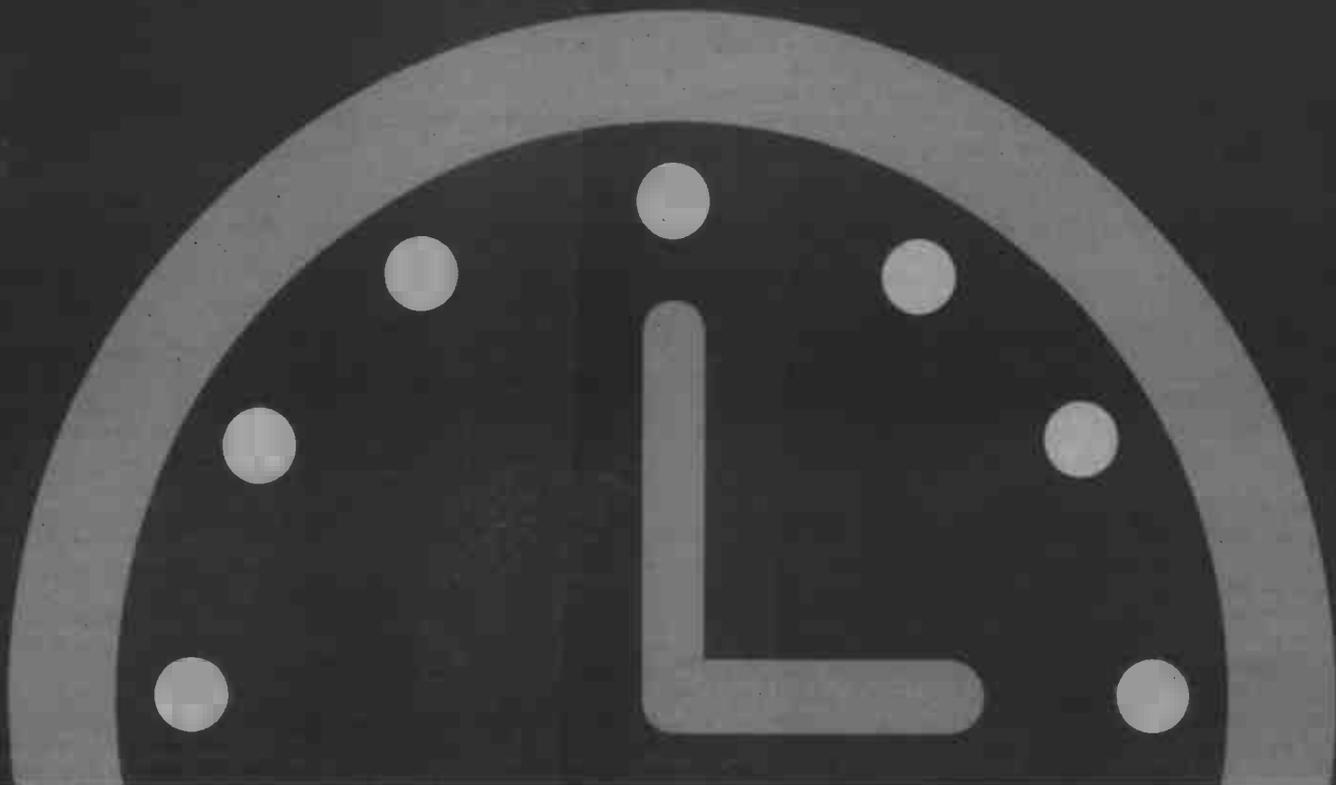
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**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

**Live Music with the Josh Rzepka Trio:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

**Preschool Story Time:** Stories and songs for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

**Marjorie Prime:** 3 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26, Writers Theatre, 664 Vernon Ave., Glencoe, \$20-\$70, 847-242-6000

**Friends of the Lincolnwood Public Library:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Chess Club:** Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a beginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome. Chess sets and clocks provided. No registration is required. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Classics on Wednesday Film Series:** Free weekly screening of classic films at the Northbrook Public Library. 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Bingo, Pizza and an Ugly Sweater Contest:** Treat yourself to holiday cheer and hot slices of cheese, sausage and veggie pizza. Afterward, play several games of bingo. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$8 member; \$10 guest, 847-692-3597

**Jingle Jammy Holiday Jam:** Featuring DJ Speed, party favors, prizes, giveaways, raffles and the grand prize: Deadmau5/Skrillex concert tickets. 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Adobe Gila's, 5455 Park Place #2, Rosemont, free, 312-731-7213

**Senior High Youth Group:** For all youth grades 9 to 12 to enjoy fun and friendship while engaging in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. The evening starts with a tasty dinner. 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

**Thursday, Dec. 24**

**Christmas Eve:** There is no sermon. 4:30 p.m. Dec. 24, St. Giles Episcopal Church, 3025 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-272-6622.

**Christmas Eve Service:** At 11 p.m., there is a Solemn Choral Eucharist with choir, hymns, and sermon. Incense is used. 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24, St. Giles Episcopal Church, 3025 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-272-6622

**Caryn Bark: The Jewish Mother's Guide to Everything:** Veteran comic Caryn Bark ("Diary of a Skokie Girl") explains everything from holidays to obscene phone calls in this evening of non-stop laughter. Musical opening act Dashiell with Fred Simon. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

**Friday, Dec. 25**

**Christmas Day Service:** Reflective Rite 1 spoken celebration of the Holy Eucharist. 10:15 a.m. Dec. 25, St. Giles Episcopal Church, 3025 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-272-6622

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

**Mud Morganfield:** 8 p.m. Dec. 26, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$27, 847-492-8860

**"Guys and Dolls":** 2 p.m. Dec. 26, Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston, start at \$34, 847-920-5360

**Family Movie: "Minions":** 2 p.m. Dec. 26, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**"She, Streisand and Me, Monet":** Barbra Streisand impersonator Michelle Monet presents her one-woman show. 8 p.m. Dec. 26, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

**Kohl Children's Museum: Chagall for Children Travelling Exhibit:** For those two through 12 years old. The hands-on activities encourage visiting children and their families to explore and work with specific art principles. 9 a.m. Dec. 26, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, free, 847-881-9316

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## MOVIES

### Now playing



#### "Creed" ★★★ 1/2

PG-13, 2:12, drama

Nobody went to the first "Rocky" in 1976 for the finesse of the filmmaking. They went for the underdog rooting, for Rocky and Adrian, for the unexpected sweetness, for the redemption angle, for the reconstituted boxing movie clichés that tasted not new but newish. It was simply time for "Rocky," written by and starring Sylvester Stallone. So, "Creed," a seventh "Rocky" movie? Apollo Creed, Rocky's old nemesis turned best friend,

had a son who grows up a fighter in the Los Angeles foster care system? Moves to Philly, connects with Rocky, who's tending the restaurant and still wearing that hat? Rocky trains him for a big fight? "Creed" is easily the best "Rocky" movie since "Rocky." — *Michael Phillips*



#### "The Good Dinosaur" ★★

PG, 1:40, animation

Work by multiple writers was cobbled together for this story of a world where the meteor that hit the Earth and wiped out all dinosaurs actually missed. The dinosaurs have evolved to the point where they live in houses, plant crops and herd bison. For some reason, humans have only progressed slightly more than canines. Production was halted early in the process of making

"The Good Dinosaur" because it had some dinosaur-sized problems. Peter Sohn was brought in as the new director, and he started the process over two years ago. The second attempt ends up so flat it would have been smart to scrap it and try a third time. — *Rick Bentley*



#### "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2" ★★ 1/2

PG-13, 2:17, sci-fi

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2" brings the four-film saga of Katniss Everdeen and her revolutionary war to a dutiful, fairly satisfying if undeniably attenuated conclusion. In the first and best "Hunger Games" film four years ago, Jennifer Lawrence was like Peggy Sawyer, the Allentown, Pa., hooper in "42nd Street." With bow, arrow and hawklike gaze of destiny, she went out there a youngster, but she had to come back a star, and she

did. Put another way, Lawrence brought home the bacon and fried it up in a pan. In "Mockingjay 2," it's more a case of her saving the movie's bacon, period. — *M.P.*



#### "Krampus" ★★

PG-13, 1:38, horror

He sees you when you're sleeping. He knows when you're awake. He's got horns, hooves and an army of sinister elves, and his name sounds like a bad case of abdominal bloat. He is Krampus, the evil, twisted "shadow" of Santa Claus, and he has plenty of pain and destruction to rain down on one unlucky family that's lost the Christmas spirit in this divertingly spooky lump of cinematic coal. — *Justin Chang*



#### "Spectre" ★★★

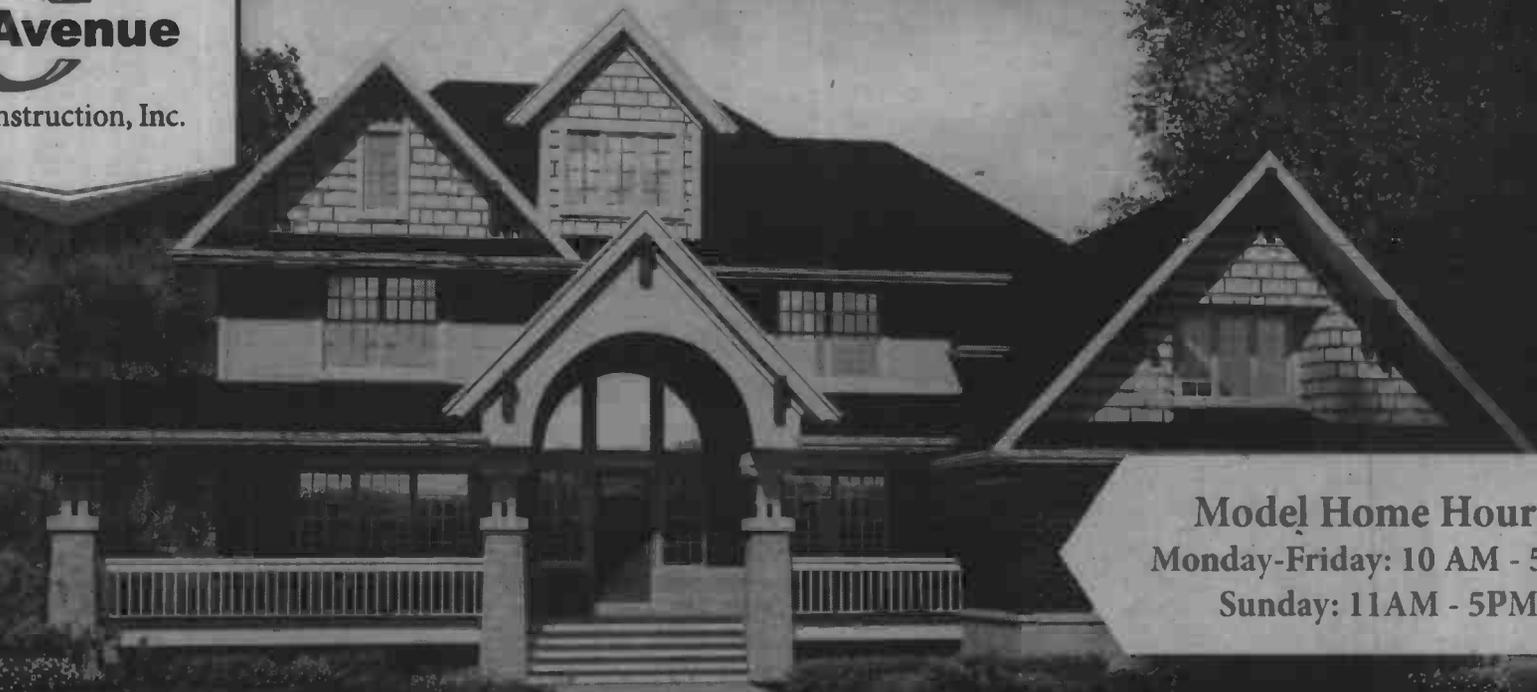
PG-13, 2:30, action

"Spectre" is a good Bond movie. It's also the longest Bond movie in existence, clocking in at just under 2 1/2 hours. This time, Ian Fleming's well-dressed assassin changes clothes from Mexico City to Rome, from London to the Austrian mountains, from Tangier back to London, where terrorists-entrepreneurs carrying the familiar handle of Spectre are doing dirty work on a large scale. Of the Daniel Craig 007s, director Sam Mendes' follow-up

to "Skyfall" is not quite up to "Skyfall" or my favorite, "Casino Royale." But it's a considerably better evil-quelling instruction manual than "Quantum of Solace." — *M.P.*

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Collector vehicle market fueled by love and money

BY CASEY WILLIAMS  
Tribune Newspapers

"For love or money" may be a phrase as old as capitalism, but it acutely applies to the resurgent collector car market, where record-breaking valuations have fueled a hobby best known as a labor of love.

"Our bidder registrations are up 20 percent this year," said Donnie Gould, president of Auctions America. "In years past, we saw a 5 percent gain. There's an increase in new people enjoying the hobby. With volatility in the stock market and money earning nothing in the bank, enthusiasts are spending their money on cars and enjoying them."

The collector car world was rocked last year when a 1971 Plymouth Hemi Cuda four-speed convertible, one of only 11 made, fetched a record \$3.5 million at a Mecum Auction in Seattle.

As exceptional as that Cuda class is — one of finite supply and growing demand — most classic car investments bleed on the balance sheet to reap dividends in happiness.

## It's personal

Finding a winner is

personal. You may find yourself behind the wheel of a large automobile, and you may ask yourself, "What's the investment potential? Does it matter? Where would I store it? How would I maintain it? Am I out of my mind?"

These were the questions I considered in the purchase of a 1987 Mercedes-Benz 560SL.

I turned to collector Lou Secari, president of Carolina Muscle Cars Inc., at the Auburn Fall Collector Car Weekend in Auburn, Ind., to determine why collectors buy what they buy.

Secari's collection focuses on midcentury American cars and includes a 1953 Cadillac Eldorado, 1953 Corvette, 1967 Pontiac GTO and 1967 Corvette 427. His favorite is the '67 Vette.

"Some are museum quality, but I prefer the ones I can drive," Secari said. "They are investments to me. Appreciability is the best part of the hobby. Buy an 80-point car, take it to 90 points, then drive it!"

Collectors tend to fall in one of two categories: those who buy because they love cars and those who expect to make a profit. Secari is both.

"It has to be a good investment, without a doubt," Secari said. "But you have to love what you collect. The market for cars is more stable; people feel the collector car market is stable. There are not many in-



TIM COSTELLO PHOTO

A 1971 Plymouth Hemi Cuda convertible fetched a record \$3.5 million in an auction last year. Auctions America's bidder registrations for car auctions are up 20 percent this year.

vestments that appreciate and that you can have fun with too."

What advice would he give to collectors?

"Do your research; buy cars that are well-documented," Secari said. "Look for models less common, more rare, because they create a better investment."

## Next generation

With such a limited supply of muscle cars and rare exotics, analysts question whether the market can continue to grow.

A story titled "America's Once Magical — Now Mundane — Love Affair With Cars," posted Sept. 2 in The Washington Post, questions the future of collector cars with the aging of Generations X and Y. It mentions that only half of today's drivers get their licenses by age 18 and that car culture is "an old guy's game."

According to Hagerty, 58 percent of the 5 million collector cars in the U.S. are owned by baby boomers, with a median age for collector car owners of 56.

Boomers prefer to collect muscle cars that hark back to their youth. The

same could be said of the next generation.

"Look at kids involved in tuner cars — a different type of auto but still a passion," Gould said. "As they go through life, their businesses become stable, they have a home, more money ... we'll see the next generation of collectors."

It's no surprise what Gen Xers are starting to collect. The biggest increases in searches on Hagerty's Valuation Tools Search involve the BMW M3, Acura NSX and Mercedes-Benz 560SL — icons of Gen Xers' youth. My garage includes a 1989 Corvette that first tugged my heart when a buddy's dad bought one in my freshman year of high school.

"In the last two to three years, it's been Porsche, Mercedes, Ferrari and also great American classics," Gould said. "All the guys who watched 'Miami Vice,' with Ferrari Testarossa posters on their walls, are getting serious. They have a house, family and can now go out and get the car they dreamed about as teenagers. There's a finite number of those cars."

Investment values will

shift. Cars that meant a lot to baby boomers — '57 Chevys, '55 T-Birds and American muscle cars — may have peaked. There will never be a substitute for their style and power, but younger generations will covet the '80s and '90s cars to which they have emotional attachments.

## Expert advice

Beyond the emotional attachment, knowing how you plan to use the car will help determine its worth.

"Do some research about the car you like," Gould said. "Know if you want to tour in it or just drive it to the local ice cream. Have support locally to keep the car maintained well."

Even in excellent condition, old cars require constant maintenance to retain their value and remain road-worthy. Seals leak, starters fail to start, fuel pumps quit pumping, paint ages, transmissions need to be rebuilt, engines get overhauled and electrical systems malfunction. And these things will happen on tour in the middle of a rainstorm.

Car and Driver contribu-

tor Jamie Kitman offers these points: Buy what you like. Buy the best there is. Mechanical repairs are preferable to rust repairs. Buy original. Don't be cheap. Don't expect to make money on old cars. Keep it indoors. Make sure all safety equipment works. Drive your car.

I didn't get the 560SL, which I'll probably regret in 10 years. It was a one-owner car with 45,000 miles. But, besides the Vette, I have a '95 Mercedes C-Class that was my grandmother's. My two-car garage is full, and I can't stand to part with either. Owning a second Mercedes would also stretch the budget. I'm satisfied.

All in, should you buy for love or money?

"Love, absolutely," Gould said. "The best collector-car investment is something that puts a smile on your face. Make an investment in pleasure first and foremost. If it earns a profit down the road, that's your bonus."

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A reader asks if the air bag light in his 2006 Cadillac Escalade should be repaired.

## Resolve air bag light issue



**BOB WEBER**  
Motormouth

**Q:** Shortly after buying my 2006 Cadillac Escalade pickup, the air bag light went on. The dealer corrected it for me at no charge. About a year ago, I had the same problem. The dealer will not correct the problem unless I pay a steep hourly charge, since my warranty has expired. Am I in danger by driving the truck?

— P.P., Algonquin, Ill.

**A:** You are in danger of the air bag not deploying if you crash, so get the problem fixed. The fact that the dealer quickly fixed it the first time at no charge makes us think that a connector has come apart. There are two connectors beside the driver's seat near the console. If that is not the issue, one of the sensors (behind the front bumper and in the seats) may be the culprit.

**Q:** About three years ago I replaced the front and rear brakes on my 2002 Chevy Express van. The brakes worked great. Over the past year, the rear brakes have been grabby to the point

of locking up when first starting out. After a quarter mile or so, the problem is mostly gone. Humid weather is the worst. I pulled the drums and the linings look brand new. I'm stumped.

— M.D., St. Charles, Ill.

**A:** This is not uncommon. Some brake linings will absorb moisture, especially when sitting overnight, commonly when it is humid or rainy. As you drive, and apply the brakes a few times, the linings dry out. If you installed bargain brand brakes, replace them with something better.

**Q:** I have a 1989 Ford Ranger STX with factory striping. Can I remove the striping? I want to ready the truck for painting.

— B.F., Allentown, Pa.

**A:** Yes, you can remove the striping tape. It takes a little patience and a heat gun (or hair dryer). The job will be much easier if you use a scraper equipped with a plastic razor blade. Plastic razor blades look just like regular, single-edge blades but are made of plastic that is about the hardness of your fingernails. With care, you can warm up the tape and scrape it off. Otherwise, you will have to peel it off, so be careful you don't get burned. You may have to remove some residual adhesive, but that's easy with a solvent.

**Q:** The link provided in a recent column appears to be out of date or broken. I would love to find straight gasoline or even E10 gas for my 1962 Thunderbird. Hopefully, someone will provide an updated link.

— J.H., Morton Grove, Ill.

**A:** Numerous readers alerted us to the problem. The link is [www.pure-gas.org](http://www.pure-gas.org). We regret the inconvenience.

**Q:** I recently purchased a certified 2011 Lexus GS350 with four-wheel drive. It says to use high octane gas, but one or two salesmen said regular was OK. There are 55,000 miles on the car. Is regular OK?

— R.M., Manchester, Conn.

**A:** The owner's manual states: "Use premium unleaded gasoline. (Octane Rating 91 or higher.)" Trust your owner's manual over the word of a salesman. However, today's computer-controlled engines will adjust if you inadvertently use a lower octane fuel. At the first signs of engine knock (ping), the ignition timing will be adjusted to prevent engine damage.

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## Not your granddaddy's Caddy

By **ROBERT DUFFER**  
Tribune Newspapers

Cadillac is the second-oldest American automaker, behind Buick, and has the third-oldest average age of car buyers, at 59 1/2, according to a 2014 IHS Automotive report. Lincoln has the oldest.

While older car buyers remain the most significant demographic, Cadillac has been shedding its stigma of serving up stately sedans to septuagenarians since 2004, when it launched the race-inspired V-Series.

For 2016, Cadillac offers the 640-horsepower CTS-V midsize sedan, which is the most powerful Cadillac in the brand's 113-year history, and the smaller ATS-V performance coupe and sedan.

Every bit of press material for the redesigned CTS-V boasts that it outperforms the engines standard in the BMW M5 and Mercedes-AMG E63.

Cadillac's distinct performance duo is the best value in a segment that doesn't seem concerned with value. Yet nothing about the Caddies feels budget-driven or sparse.

The pair share several design elements with slight modifications. The hexagonal grille is smaller on the top half of the ATS-V, and lower air vents aren't flanked by the boomerang daytime running lights that run up the side and over the wheel well of the CTS-V.

The ATS-V is about a foot shorter and over 400 pounds lighter. Under the hood is a direct injection 3.6-liter twin-turbo V-6 that kicks out 464 horsepower. It's deceptively powerful.

Our model came with a smooth six-speed manual transmission, though a paddle-shift eight-speed auto is available.

The interior is cramped. There isn't much space in this segment, and Cadillac tries mightily to inflate the



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The ATS-V, above, is about a foot shorter and over 400 pounds lighter than the midsize CTS-V, below.



### 2016 CADILLAC ATS-V

Vehicle type: Performance compact coupe

Price as tested:

**\$68,940**

Base price: \$62,665  
MPG: 17 city, 23 highway  
Engine: 3.6-liter twin-turbo V-6

Transmission: Six-speed manual in rear-wheel drive

Parting shots: Giddyup.

### 2016 CADILLAC CTS-V

Vehicle type: Performance midsize sedan

Price as tested:

**\$90,390**

Base price: \$83,995  
MPG: 14 city, 21 highway  
Engine: 6.2-liter supercharged V-8

Transmission: Eight-speed automatic in rear-wheel drive

Parting shots: Giddyup again.

inside with a 2+2 seat configuration where the rear seats are split by cupholders. That's why there's a sedan, whose doors fit four just fine.

While the ATS-V has the agility of a slot receiver, the CTS-V carries the load out of the backfield. It has a power running back's wide wheelbase and low center of gravity, and sculpted shoulders that taper down the body.

The balance of grace and power carries over to the inside. Our model came with Recaro performance seats (\$2,300) in a tan-on-black peanut butter cup combo that was polarizing for passengers.

While the ATS-V had a

more traditional, performance-oriented instrument cluster, the CTS-V is much more customizable, dynamic and in line with the luxury price.

The few dry hours we had with the CTS-V were a thing of unbridled joy, as there's no better way of leaving behind a day of office work than by mashing a 6.2-liter beast that rips down the road with the wild thrill of youth in the guise of sophisticated luxury. Just about anyone who appreciates the rip-snort howl of a supercharged V-8 will take notice.

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# Meet the winner!



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## Barrington Wade, Niles North senior

Niles North senior running back and Iowa recruit Barrington Wade Jr. is the Central Athlete of the Month after a standout senior season. He led the Vikings to the state quarterfinals for the first time in program history and finished with 2,045 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns. He averaged 8.9 yards per carry.

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### CORRECTION

The Pioneer Press All-Area Boys Soccer First Team in last week's paper included the wrong photo with the bio of Libertyville's Nate Edmunds (left). The picture in last week's paper was a photo of Ryan Wittenbrink, not Edmunds.

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# Skokie's Knierim a top prospect in 2016 draft

BY SCOTT POWERS  
Pioneer Press

Willie Knierim decided the night the Chicago Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup in 2010 that he wanted to someday accomplish the same feat.

Knierim was far from it at that moment. He was only 12 years old and in the infancy stages of his own hockey career. That didn't stop him from dreaming, though.

"I'll tell you what, their first Stanley Cup I was over at a friend's house and they won it and I was just in awe," said Knierim, who is from Skokie. "Ever since then, I wanted it so bad. I wanted to make it to the NHL and raise that Stanley Cup over my head. It's been a dream ever since I was a little kid, but that's when I knew I really wanted it."

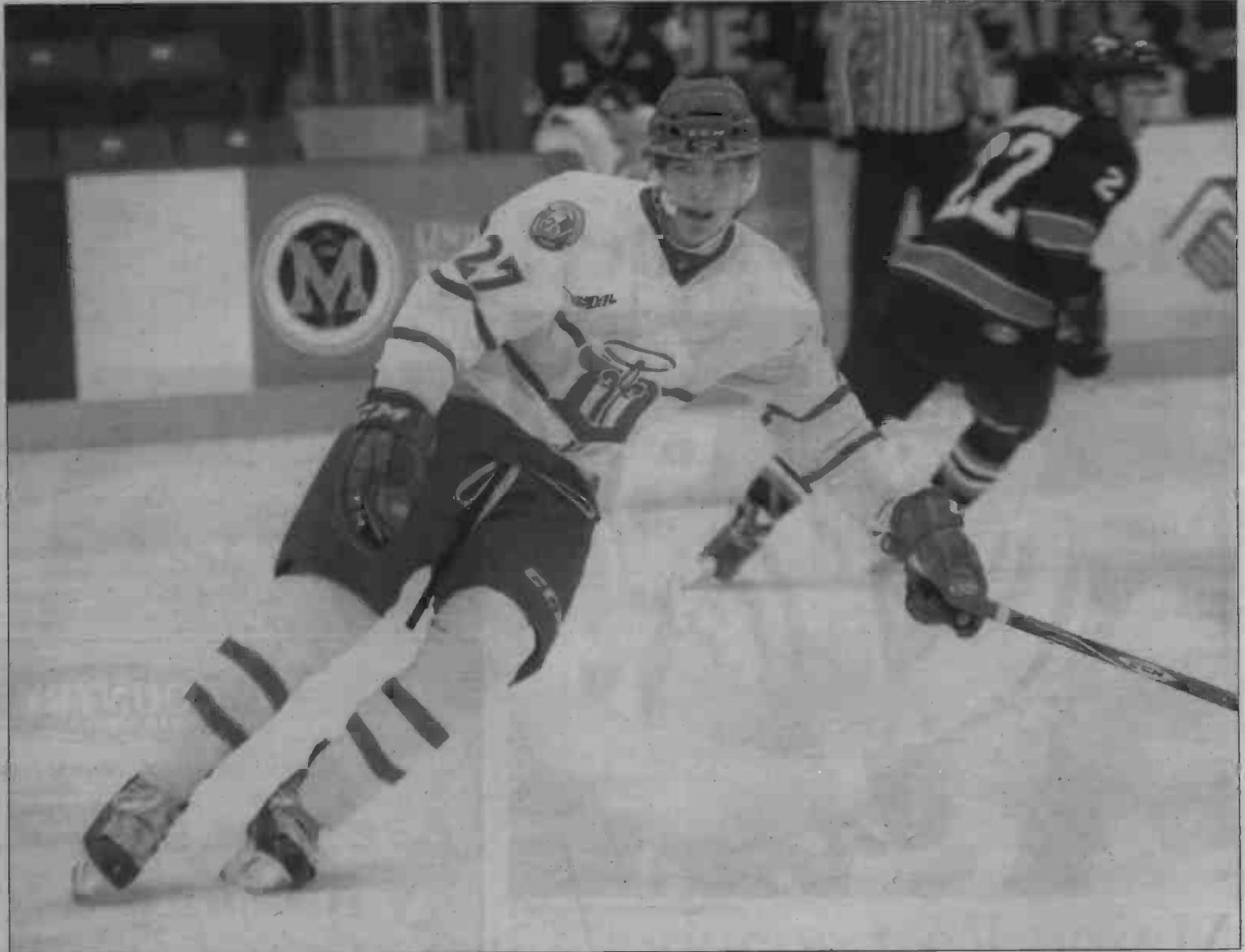
Knierim is closer to that dream today. He's developed into one of the United States' top hockey prospects and is projected to be chosen in the early rounds of the 2016 NHL draft.

That's hard to fathom even for his family.

"It seems like another life," his older sister Brittany Knierim said.

Willie Knierim and his family have had to sacrifice in order for him to progress and gain exposure in the sport. Willie Knierim moved away from home after two years of high school at Niles North in order for him to play for the Dubuque Fighting Saints of the United States Hockey League, which is considered one of the top junior leagues in the world. The USHL had 37 players selected in the 2015 NHL draft.

Willie Knierim's departure at such an early age was especially difficult on his mother, Theresa Knierim. It would be even harder if he was playing further away than Dubuque, Iowa. His family attends all of his home games and some road games.



USHL'S DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS

Skokie resident Willie Knierim has scored four goals and registered six assists in 20 games with the USHL's Dubuque Fighting Saints this season.

"My mom spent a couple days crying, but she understands I needed to do this to get where I wanted to go," said Willie Knierim, who previously played for the Chicago Mission program. "She's proud of me where I am right at now."

Theresa Knierim, Willie Knierim's father Bill, Brittany Knierim and about 20 family members and friends traveled to Geneva to watch Willie Knierim play against the Chicago Steel on Nov. 27. Also in attendance were a number of NHL personnel. They're just as interested in Willie Knierim's

game as his family these days.

Willie Knierim's size is what catches most scouts' eyes. He's 6-foot-3 and 207 pounds. Add in his fearlessness around the net and work ethic, and he's projected to be a prototypical power forward in the NHL. Scouts also like the fact he's going to play in college, which will give him time to improve his skating. He recently signed his letter of intent to Miami (Ohio).

"He projects well," one NHL Western Conference scout said. "His size grabs you right away. Skating is

OK, but should get better. He's done a lot of growing the past couple years. Plays hard, likes traffic. Really good kid, I like the character."

The Chicago area has had a strong run of early NHL draft picks as of late. Recent selections include Christian Fischer (Wayne, second-round pick in 2015), Louis Belpedio (Skokie, third round in 2014), Ryan Hartman (West Dundee, first round in 2013) and JT Compher (Northbrook, second round in 2013). The International Scouting Services has Willie Knierim

ranked as the No. 23 eligible prospect in the 2016 draft.

Willie Knierim admitted he does think about the draft. He's just trying not to allow it to overwhelm him.

"If anyone ever says it's not there, they're lying," Willie Knierim said. "It's always in the back of your mind. You can try to hide it the best as you can, but it's not something you can put away. It's a big deal. You have to find other things to play for. If you do that, you'll be fine."

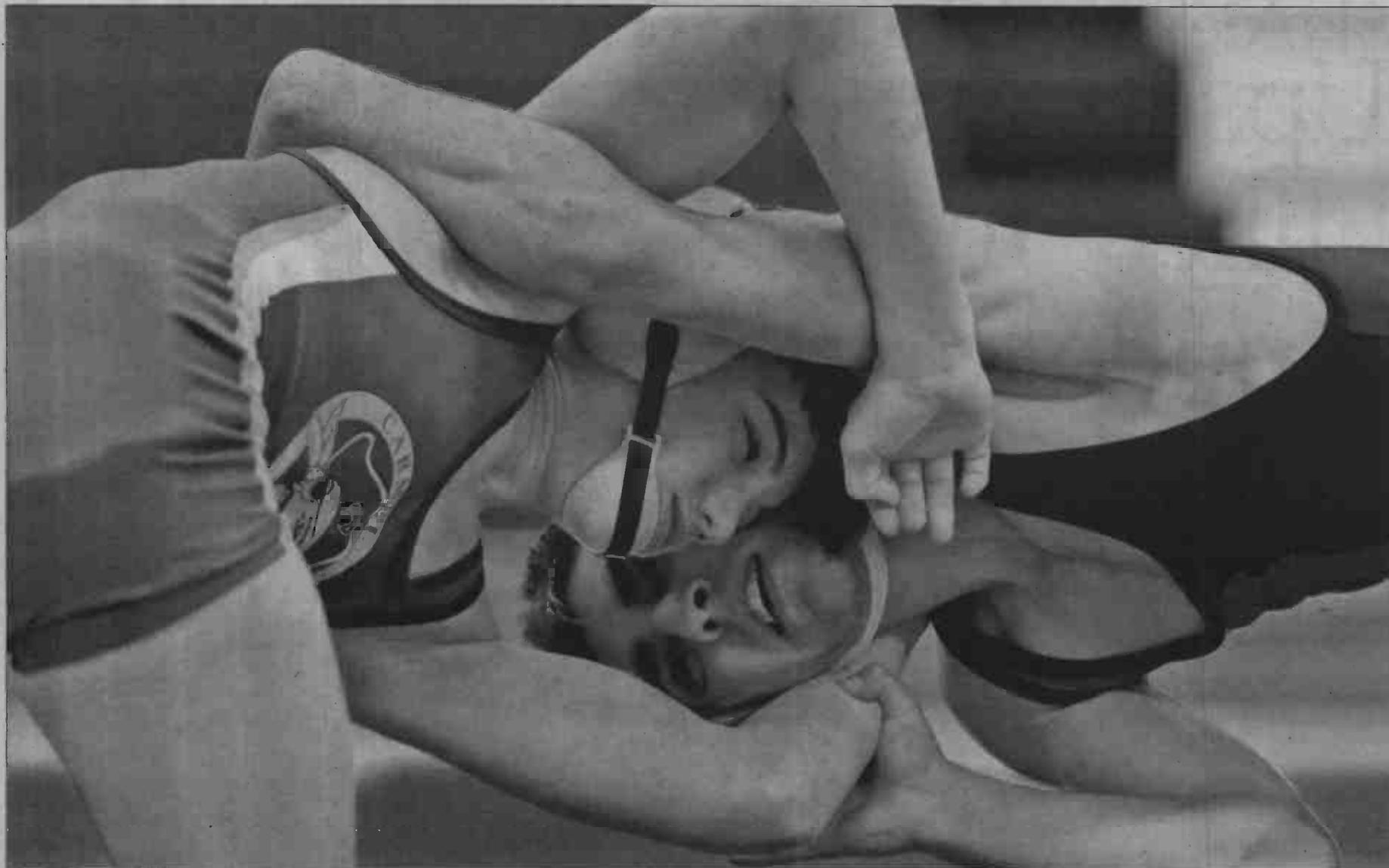
Willie Knierim and his father are hopeful an organization will call his

name at the draft in June. His mother and sister wouldn't mind if the Blackhawks were the one to do so.

"It would be nice to have him, shall we say, at home," Theresa Knierim said. "My thought was if he was playing there he could obviously live at home. I could still do his laundry and cook for him. But I guess that's not the way things happen. But it's nice to dream."

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Maine East's John Yousef (right) wrestles Carmel's Riley Palm on Dec. 12 in Park Ridge.

## Maine East coaches help Yousef bounce back

BY ERIC VAN DRIL

Pioneer Press

Maine East wrestler John Yousef began this season with 15 straight victories.

In doing so, Yousef established himself as one of the top 106-pounders in Class 3A. The senior was ranked No. 11 in Class 3A by [www.illinoismatmen.com](http://www.illinoismatmen.com) entering the week.

When he loses, he can get down on himself — like at the Maine East Quad on Dec. 12. Yousef was leading 4-3 in the third period when Carmel freshman Riley Palm scored four points and

won by 7-4 decision.

"It was stupid," Yousef said. "It wasn't me."

Yousef typically takes losing hard, he said. That was true in the aftermath of his match against Palm.

Yousef didn't have time to sulk, however, and he couldn't allow it to affect his next match. He had to refocus before he wrestled against Plainfield South freshman Enzo Silva.

After losing to Palm, Maine East's coaches talked with Yousef.

"The biggest thing [we told Yousef] is the same thing that we tell the kids every day," Maine East

coach Emiliano Hernandez said. "That's, 'These matches are like practices for the end of the year. You want to get better every time you step on the mat. You can't let losses discourage you, because come regionals, that's when you want to be at your best.'"

Hernandez added: "That's what we talk about all the time, 'You can't let a tough loss get you down. You've got to come back. ... You're going to hit some bumps here and there, but you've got to block it all out.'"

Yousef was able to do that.

Silva took a defensive approach against Yousef. They were tied 0-0 after the first period. Silva earned one point for an escape in the second period. He led 1-0 at the start of the third.

Yousef didn't panic at that juncture of the match. He stayed steady and confident.

Yousef earned one point for an escape to tie the score in the first half of the third period, but he still had to take down a wrestler who showed good positioning and quickness.

Yousef eventually did just that observing and adjusting.

"I had to really focus on his shots, because he did a fake shot to tie up, and he would just get on his knees," Yousef said.

"From there, I had to really snap and go to my re-shots. That's the only way [to score] against him. He had a good stance and motion, so I had to just re-shoot off of his shots. That's how I took him down."

Yousef took down Silva with about 30 seconds remaining in the third period. He used his strength to stay on top of Silva to clinch a 3-1 decision, and ensure that he rebounded from a disap-

pointing defeat with a quality victory.

The comeback win can be traced to Yousef's intelligence, but also the positive message he received from Maine East's coaches.

"My coaches really have to enforce in my head, 'Hey, you just have to get over it. You can't let one match determine the rest of your year.' " Yousef said. "I give [the credit] all to them, because they help me out, bouncing back."

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## MUNDELEIN HOLIDAY CLASSIC GUIDE

# Upsets are likely in Mundelein

BY TIM FROEHLIG | Pioneer Press

## Suggested itinerary

**Niles West vs. Lake Zurich, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21**

This showdown is one of the more intriguing first-round matchups. It will test how awake two underrated clubs are early in the morning after the long weekend. The battle-tested Bears come from the North Suburban Lake, while the Wolves hail from the Central Suburban South. Both guard-oriented teams are on the rise, have played difficult schedules thus far. Don't be surprised if this turns into an up-tempo, high-scoring affair.

**Vernon Hills vs. Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21**

These teams have had their share of ups and downs this season, and both have talented — if streaky — younger players. The winner here has a legitimate chance at making a run to the semifinals or beyond. "The neat thing about this tournament is you get to see a lot of teams from outside the area you wouldn't normally see," Vernon Hills coach Paul Brettner said. "It makes for some fun, unpredictable matchups."

**Quarterfinal, 5 p.m. Dec. 22**

There's a strong possibility this becomes a second-round showdown between Grant and Libertyville. Grant's first-year coach Kathie Swanson coached Libertyville's girls until 2012. Current Wildcats coach Greg Pedersen, meanwhile, won his first two North Suburban Lake games this season by an average of 24 points. Grab the popcorn. "Kathie's got her team playing some excellent basketball," Pedersen said. Swanson said she has "the utmost respect for Pedersen and his staff."

## Schedule

(Note: This is the winner's bracket only.)

### Monday, Dec. 21

Game 1: Grayslake North vs.

Hoffman Estates, 9 a.m.

Game 2: Niles West vs.

Lake Zurich, 10:30 a.m.

Game 3: Grant vs.

Cary-Grove, noon

Game 4: Libertyville vs.

Streamwood, 1:30 p.m.

Game 5: Rockford-Auburn

vs. Nazareth, 3:30 p.m.

Game 6: Prairie Ridge vs.

Mundelein, 5 p.m.

Game 7: Vernon Hills vs.

Lake Park, 6:30 p.m.

Game 8: Conant vs.

Highland Park, 8 p.m.

### Tuesday, Dec. 22

Quarterfinals

Game 13: Game 1 winner vs.

Game 2 winner, 3:30 p.m.

Game 14: Game 3 winner vs.

Game 4 winner, 5 p.m.

Game 15: Game 5 winner vs.

Game 6 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Game 16: Game 7 winner vs.

Game 8 winner, 8 p.m.

### Wednesday, Dec. 23

Semifinals

Game 23: Game 13 winner

vs. Game 14 winner,

6:30 p.m.

Game 24: Game 15 winner

vs. Game 16 winner,

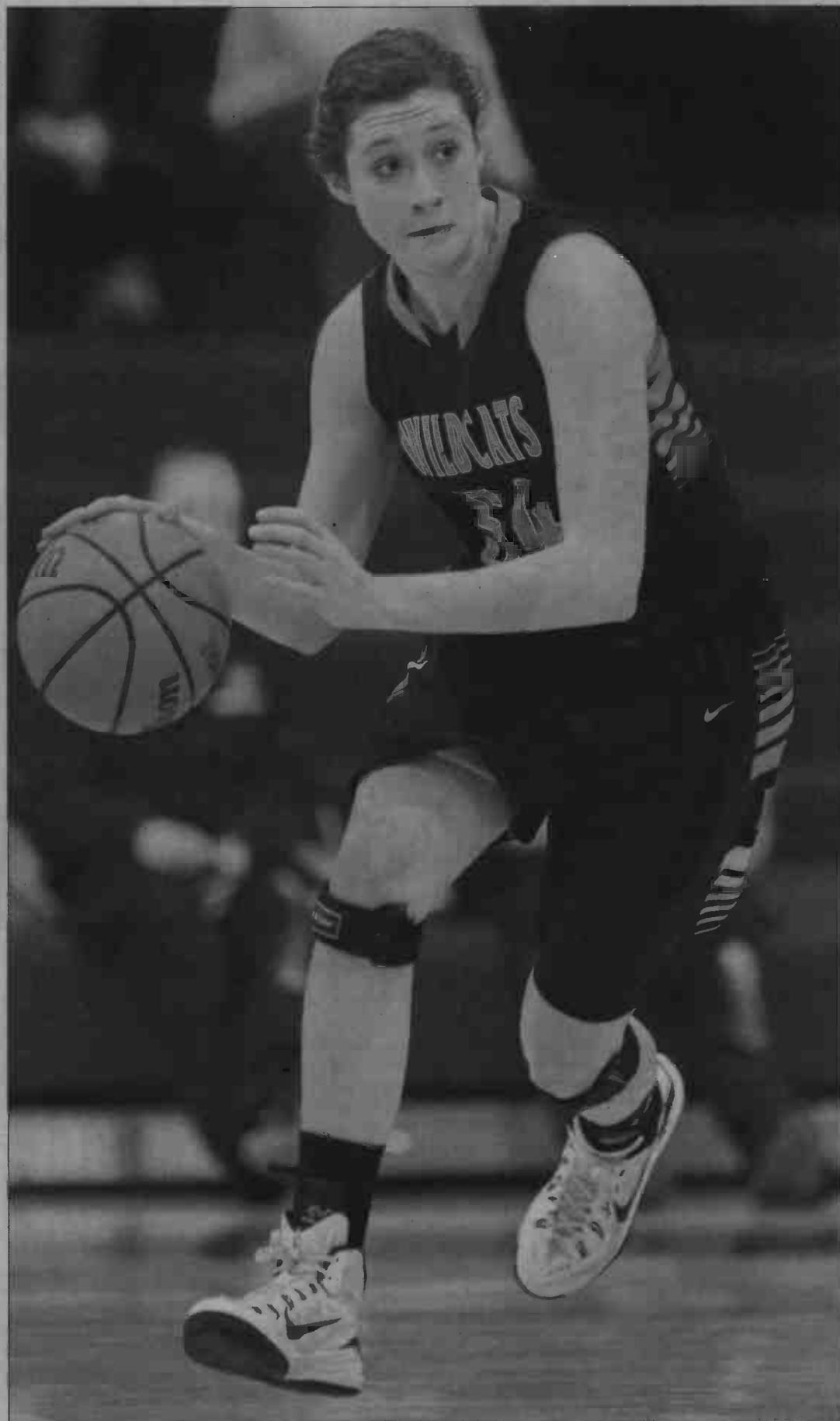
8 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 26

Championship

Game 23 winner vs.

Game 24 winner, 8 p.m.



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Libertyville's Claire Keefe surveys the court during a game against Lake Forest on Feb. 5 of last season.

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## MUNDELEIN HOLIDAY CLASSIC GUIDE

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## Don't miss

**Vernon Hills freshmen Dakiya Daniels and Kayla Caudle**

The 5-foot-8 Daniels is the younger sister of former Minnesota Vikings and Notre Dame wide receiver DaVaris Daniels and the daughter of Phillip Daniels, who played in the NFL for Chicago, Seattle and Washington. Caudle, a 5-11 forward, is a feisty, physical player who isn't afraid of contact in the lane and shows strong fundamentals while boxing out. The pair offer a glimpse of the Cougars' bright future.

**The team that has a breakout**

Each year, this tournament seems to include a few teams who've struggled early in the season but surprise some of the favorites. Niles West has a handful of single-digit losses and could catch teams off-guard. Highland Park and Nazareth are also among the teams in the Pioneer Press coverage area that hope to play spoiler. Keep an eye on Prairie Ridge, Grayslake North and Rockford Auburn as well. Those three have as good a chance as any team to make a deep run. Cary-Grove is off to a slow start, but has historically fared well in this event.

**Quality guard play**

Lake Zurich's Abby Pirron, Mundelein's Kendall Wald and Amy Richards, Grayslake North's Sidney Lovitsch, Grant's Jasmine Sangster, Vernon Hills' Becky Bahlmann and Nazareth's Abby Shannon and Laila Rodriguez all have quality ballhandling skills, shooting touch and know how to attack the basket. "I don't think there's one clear-cut favorite this year out of the 16 teams," said Conant coach Deirdre Naughton, who played college basketball at DePaul and Wake Forest. "We look at this tournament as a challenge, and an opportunity to grow. The talent level at the guard position is spread pretty evenly."

**Moving forward**

This tournament showcases some of the top suburban post players, too. The big name that stands out is Grant's Taylor Drake, a 6-foot-3 center committed to IUPUI. Others include Libertyville's Claire Keefe, Mundelein's Madison Davis, Highland Park's Kaci Burden and Lake Zurich's McKenna Zobel. "Having an inside presence or players with size



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Vernon Hills freshman Dakiya Daniels (33) tries to get past Maine East's Angle Apostolou during a game Nov. 16.

in the lane can be a big help, because it creates mismatches you can sometimes exploit, especially if you're up against a team that uses a lot of smaller guards," Mundelein coach Martin Pazanin said.

**In depth**

Last year's champion, Conant, will be without senior guard Nireet Dhillon, who is out for the season with a fractured patella. In last year's title-game victory over Vernon Hills, Dhillon sank five threes en route to a career-high 25 points. "It's gonna be difficult to not be out there," Dhillon said. "I was looking forward to this tournament."

This is the last year for the Mundelein Holiday Classic. Coaches were informed in an

***"If you polled 10 coaches, I bet you'd probably get 10 different responses about who they think will win this tournament this year. And the records of some of the teams are deceiving. There could be a sub-.500 team that wins it all just because they've played such a difficult schedule."***

—Grant coach Kathie Swanson

e-mail that the tourney will be disbanded in 2016. Mundelein coach Martin Pazanin said Mundelein may move to a smaller eight-team format in two or three years. The current setup makes it difficult for other sports to practice the week of the tournament because the school only has two gyms. Mundelein's annual Thanksgiving tournament will continue, he said.

**Area attraction**

Bill's Pizza & Pub, 624 South Lake St., Mundelein

Opened in 1957 in what was originally a garage, Bill's has evolved into a can't-miss spot just a few miles from Mundelein High School. Its Northwoods-inspired theme is decidedly old-school, and it boasts a selection of 10 specialty pizzas, plus the option to build your own. They also offer

gluten-free pizzas. For the adults, there's a fully stocked bar. In addition to pizza, they offer a wide array of appetizers, sandwiches, salads and desserts. Bill's is open until 11 p.m. on weeknights and until midnight Friday-Sunday. It has a rating of 4.6 out of 5 stars among 800-plus diners on its Facebook page.

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## WHEELING HARDWOOD CLASSIC GUIDE

## Notre Dame, Niles North, Deerfield headline tourney field

BY ERIC VAN DRIL  
Pioneer Press

## Suggested itinerary

**Niles North vs. Vernon Hills,  
10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21**

The Vikings have started the season red hot. They entered the week 7-1, despite losing four starters from last year's team. The name familiar to those who attend the Wheeling Hardwood Classic annually is Crishawn Cook, a senior guard. Cook does a variety of things for Niles North — score, rebound, defend and distribute — and he's been a key reason for the Vikings' early-season success. Vernon Hills has experienced nearly a complete turnover from last year's team. The Cougars must limit their turnovers against Niles North's high-pressure defense in order to pull off an upset.

**Notre Dame vs. Dundee-Crown, 12:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21**

The Dons enter the Wheeling Hardwood Classic as the favorites. They're the tournament's highest-ranked team by the Chicago Tribune — No. 10 in the poll released Monday, Dec. 7 — and feature four starters from last year's team that finished second at the tournament to Lake Park. Notre Dame also will likely be the tournament's biggest team, with a slew of players who are 6-foot-5 or taller. A potential second-round matchup against Waukegan is enticing.

**Waukegan vs. Buffalo Grove,  
2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21**

It wouldn't be a surprise to see Niles North make a deep run at the tournament. Seeing Waukegan make one would be a little bit more surprising, but it's very feasible. The Bulldogs have a talented roster that includes junior Carson Newsome and three promising freshmen — Bryan Brown, Jordan Brown and Ja'Dyn Brown, who aren't related — who could return Waukegan back to prominence in the coming years. Buffalo Grove has the experience and shooting ability to pull off an upset of the Bulldogs, however.

**Wheeling vs. Deerfield, 7:15 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21**

Deerfield, like Niles North, had to replace four out of its five starters from last season, but it has done so seamlessly. The Warriors

## Schedule

(Note: This is the winner's bracket only.)

**Monday, Dec. 21**

Game 1: Lake Park vs. Prospect, 9 a.m.  
Game 2: Niles North vs. Vernon Hills, 10:30 a.m.  
Game 3: Notre Dame vs. Dundee-Crown, 12:15 p.m.  
Game 4: Waukegan vs. Buffalo Grove, 2 p.m.  
Game 5: Fremd vs. Streamwood, 3:45 p.m.  
Game 6: Libertyville vs. Glenbrook South, 5:30 p.m.  
Game 7: Wheeling vs. Deerfield, 7:15 p.m.  
Game 8: Naperville Central vs. Maine West, 8:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

Quarterfinals  
Game 13: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3:45 p.m.  
Game 14: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 5:30 p.m.  
Game 15: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:15 p.m.  
Game 16: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

Semifinals  
Game 23: Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 7:15 p.m.  
Game 24: Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 8:45 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

Championship: Game 23 winner vs. Game 24 winner, 8:45 p.m.

began the week with a 7-1 record. They are led by guard Jordan Baum, who is a multi-faceted player that committed to the University of Chicago prior to his senior season.

## Don't miss

**Glenbrook South senior forward Jimmy Martinelli**

Martinelli will be one of the most versatile players at the Wheeling Hardwood Classic. He can score, rebound, defend multiple positions and shoot from the outside.

**Libertyville sophomore guard Drew Peterson**

Peterson is an exciting underclassman who has the potential to lead the tournament in scoring.



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Libertyville's Drew Peterson goes in for a shot against Marlan Central on Dec. 3.

Peterson scored 21 points against Marian Central on Thursday, Dec. 3. He poured in 27 points in a win against Hersey on Saturday, Dec. 12.

**Buffalo Grove's growth**

Last season, the Bison were among the youngest teams in the Wheeling Hardwood Classic. They began the tournament with a 33-point loss to Notre Dame, but finished 2-2 overall — including a one-point loss to Waukegan and a two-point win over Glenbrook South. Many of the players who contributed last year are expected to play at Wheeling this year, including junior guard Collin Dekorski, senior forward Joey Pinakidis, senior forward Hans Haller and junior guard Colin Calcagno.

## In depth

Last year's Wheeling Hardwood Classic was considered a down year for the tournament, with the exodus of Loyola and St.

Viator in previous years. Last year's field proved to be better than most expected, however. After upsetting Notre Dame in the Wheeling Hardwood Classic's championship game, Lake Park advanced to a Class 4A supersectional. Vernon Hills won the North Suburban Prairie. Deerfield won the Central Suburban North. The Dons went undefeated in the East Suburban Catholic. Notre Dame also put a scare into eventual Class 4A state champion Stevenson before falling 78-77 in the sectional semifinals.

This year's field, on paper, appears stronger. Deerfield and Niles North have emerged as two of the strongest teams in the Central Suburban North. Fremd was 8-1 entering the week. Waukegan is on the rise, with Ron Ashlaw back at the helm of a program that has a promising core group. Notre Dame is a main attraction in the tournament. The tournament opens with a couple questions:

Will any team come out of nowhere and win the tournament like Lake Park did a year ago? And which team, or teams, will use the Wheeling Hardwood Classic to elevate itself to a higher level for the second half of the season?

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## BLENNER FAMILY HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL AT ST. VIATOR GUIDE

## Area teams looking to shake off slow starts

BY MATT HARNESS  
Pioneer Press

## Suggested itinerary

**Leyden vs Maine East, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 (Mahoney Court)**

The Blue Demons (4-4) are no pushover. They nearly knocked off Central Suburban North leader Maine West last week, leading by eight points late in the third quarter before losing 63-50 on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

"We're playing hard basketball, real aggressive basketball, just not smart basketball," Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak said. "But what we are not doing well is so easily corrected, so I am happy where we are."

As of Friday, Dec. 11, every one of Leyden's four wins came in nonconference games.

**Regina vs Glenbrook North, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 (Cahill Gym)**

Regina has only two wins coming into the week.

"We are going through a learning curve right now," Regina coach Kerry Durham said. "We already are a lot better fundamentally than we were at the beginning of the season."

The Spartans lost their first eight games of the season before beating Highland Park 60-44 on Friday, Dec. 11.

## Don't miss

**Maine East senior Janelle Alba Garner and junior Lauryn Alba Garner**

These are two of the more exciting players at the tournament. The sister guards both earned all-Central Suburban North honors last season and are on their way to more postseason awards this season, according to Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak.

"I am not sure I have coached kids that play any harder than they do," Hanusiak said. "We are lucky they play for Maine East."

Hanusiak moved Lauryn Alba Garner to point guard full time this season to allow Janelle Alba Garner more freedom on the offensive end. In a 60-34 win at Highland Park on Friday, Dec. 4, Janelle Alba Garner scored 20 points and Lauryn Alba Garner

## Schedule

Pool A: Harvest Christian, Leyden, Maine East, St. Viator

Pool B: Elmwood Park, Glenbrook North, Regina, Zion-Benton

**Saturday, Dec. 19**

Maine East vs.

Harvest Christian, 1:30 p.m. (Mahoney Court)

Glenbrook North vs.

Elmwood Park, 3 p.m. (Mahoney)

Zion-Benton vs.

Regina, 1:30 p.m. (Cahill Gym)

St. Viator vs.

Leyden, 3 p.m. (Cahill)

**Monday, Dec. 21**

Harvest Christian vs.

Leyden, 1:30 p.m. (Mahoney)

Glenbrook North vs.

Zion-Benton, 1:30 p.m. (Cahill)

Maine East vs.

St. Viator, 3 p.m. (Cahill)

Regina vs.

Elmwood Park, 4:30 p.m. (Cahill)

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

Leyden vs.

Maine East, 1:30 p.m. (Mahoney)

Elmwood Park vs.

Zion-Benton, 3 p.m. (Mahoney)

Regina vs.

Glenbrook North, 1:30 p.m. (Cahill)

St. Viator vs.

Harvest Christian, 3 p.m. (Cahill)

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

Pool A vs. Pool B

(fourth-place teams), 3 p.m. (Mahoney)

Pool A vs. Pool B

(third-place teams), 4:30 p.m. (Mahoney)

Pool A vs. Pool B

(second-place teams), 3 p.m. (Cahill)

Pool A vs. Pool B

(first-place teams), 4:30 p.m. (Cahill)

finished with 19 points.

"The joke last year was if Lauryn had a good game, then Janelle didn't," Hanusiak said. "It's nice to see both are clicking during the same games this year. They've been a great combo."

**Leyden senior Gianna Grande**

This is Grande's third season on varsity and second as a starter. The guard is one of the team's best offensive players, which is a role she has grown into this season. Leyden coach Stephanie Kuzmanic said Grande can finish in the lane and hit perimeter shots.

"Her confidence is up this year," Kuzmanic said. "She really believes in herself and in her ability this year."

**Regina sophomore Kelly French**

Regina coach Kerry Durham convinced French to put club volleyball on hold to play basketball this winter, and the decision seems to be mutually beneficial. French is a starting guard and leads the team in scoring.

"I've known about her since

grade school because her older sister [Erin French] played for me," Durham said. "She's been a pleasant surprise for us."

**Elmwood Park coach Kelly Guilde**

In her first season at the helm, Guilde is looking to surpass last season's five wins. While the Tigers entered this week 1-8, players such as senior forward Aingel Matos-Avila and junior point guard Analise Hernandez lend hope. Matos-Avila and Hernandez are the team's best defenders, according to Guilde, while Hernandez is a leader on the offense end.

## In depth

After two Class 3A regional titles and 57 wins in the last three seasons, fifth-year Regina coach Kerry Durham admitted this is a rebuilding season for the Panthers.

Regina, which entered the week 2-6, returned one starter — junior guard Colleen Palmer — and has no seniors.



BRIAN O'MAHONEY/LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN

Vernon Hillis' Katle Burrows (1) and Maine East's Janelle Alba Garner (5) fight for a rebound during the first quarter of their game on Nov. 16.

"We are very, very young," said Durham, who has four sophomores and three freshmen on the roster. "We are putting the pieces together right now and trying to be competitive."

Freshman guard Kaitlan Byrne and sophomore guard Kelly French join three juniors in the starting lineup.

"I see the potential in this group," Durham said. "I can't wait to see how we look next year."

## Area attraction

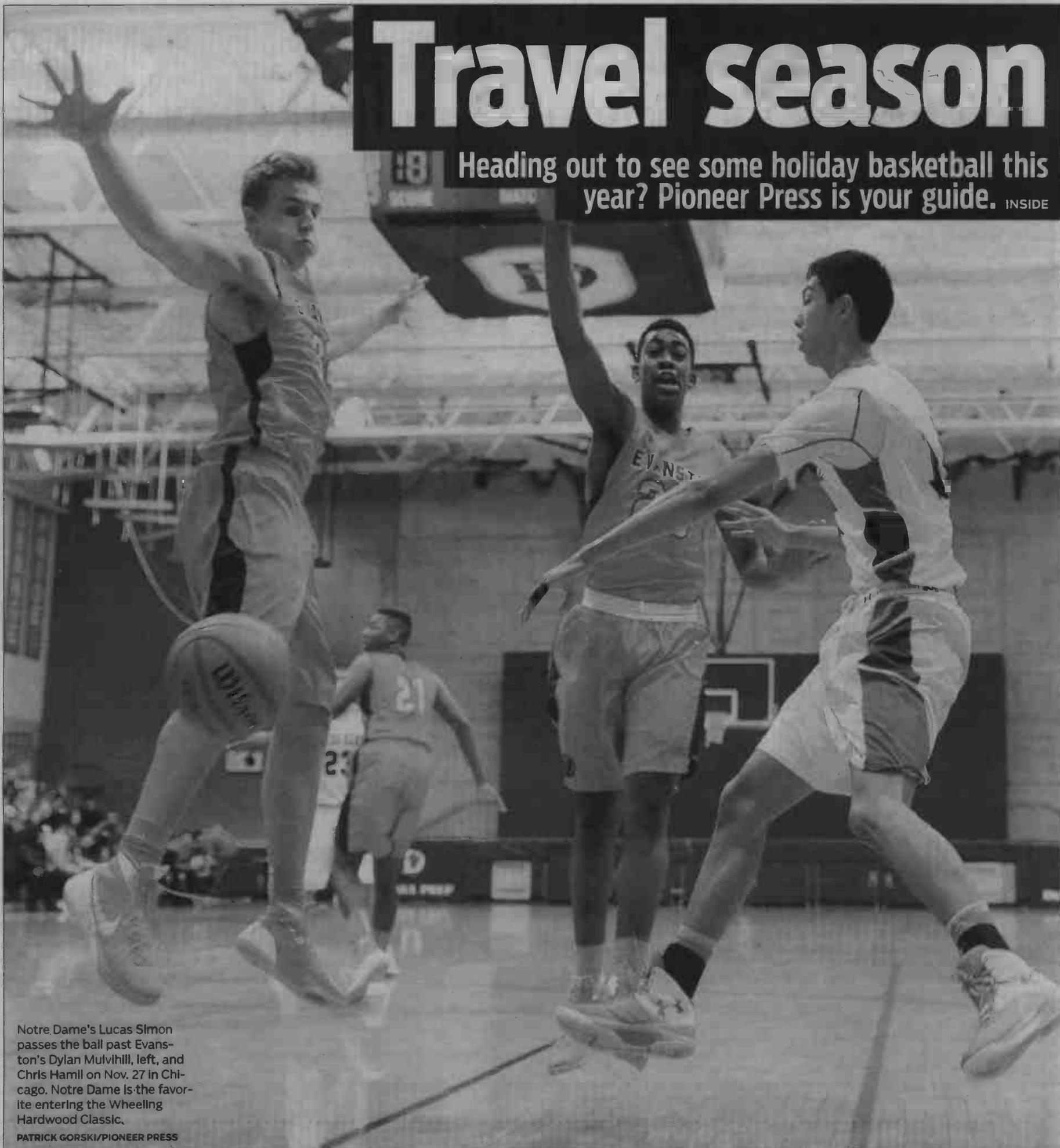
Mitsuwa Marketplace, 100 E. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights

Located less than five miles from St. Viator, Mitsuwa Marketplace is the headquarters of Asian fast food in the northwest suburbs. The place to go at the food mall is Santouka, a raved-about ramen shop, lauded by Chicago food star Bill Kim, chef at bellyQ in the West Loop.

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# Travel season

Heading out to see some holiday basketball this year? Pioneer Press is your guide. **INSIDE**



Notre Dame's Lucas Simon passes the ball past Evans-ton's Dylan Mulvihill, left, and Chris Hamil on Nov. 27 in Chicago. Notre Dame is the favorite entering the Wheeling Hardwood Classic.

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