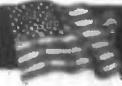


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## David Hoelscher, Park Ridge filmmaker

Park Ridge native and 1979 Maine South graduate David Hoelscher is the executive producer of the independent film "Jim Shoe," which will be shown at the Pickwick Theater on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The film, Hoelscher's first, tells the story of four members of a law firm who compete for the position of partner by taking on pro bono charity work, from mentoring a West Side gang member to becoming a caretaker for an Alzheimer's patient.

Several scenes in the movie were filmed in Park Ridge, where Hoelscher still lives.

**Q: Where in Park Ridge did you film?**

A: We were all over. We were at the Summit of Uptown retirement community, we were at Max's Restaurant on Higgins Road, we were at the Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. Those were the major places.

**Q: Why did you choose Park Ridge?**



Hoelscher

A: The movie is about four associates at a Chicago law firm, so we knew we wanted to film in and around Chicago. Growing up here [in Park Ridge], I knew a lot of these locations would fit well in our script.

**Q: How did you get involved in this film?**

A: A buddy I used to trade with at the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Pete Sutton, moved out to L.A. about 20 years ago and we kept in touch. We talked about our interest in film and filmmaking and he would send me an occa-

sional script to read for fun. [The script for "Jim Shoe"] was the result of the 2008 recession. We talked about doing it four years ago with a much bigger budget, with investors and things like that, but I wasn't comfortable with that. In the spring of 2014 we came to a decision: We were either going to do it or not. So we decided to do it and we came to an agreement that we would finance the production ourselves and he

would direct it and I would produce it.

**Q: Did you have prior film production experience?**

A: No. I didn't quite know what to expect, but I wanted to do into it as a learning experience. I thought, "If this doesn't get picked up and distributed, that's fine. If it doesn't become 'successful,' but it's something I worked hard at, let's chalk it up to experience."

**Q: You attended Maine South. Were you interested in film in high school?**

A: I was in a film class there. Our final exam was to put a three-minute film together. That may have been where I got the bug.

**Q: Do you think you'll produce another film?**

A: We'll have to come up for air here and see where this goes. I would be open to the opportunity, but I might be better suited as the second in command, not the head guy. That was a lot of responsibility, which I'm not afraid of, but we'll see.

—Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press



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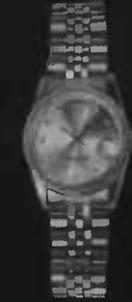
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# Niles vet gets home makeover

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC  
Pioneer Press

Under blue skies, Robin Miller, a Vietnam War veteran and Niles resident, drove his minivan Jan. 27 as a Niles Senior Center volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program.

Miller, 72, who said he served in the Army from 1965 to 1967, delivers hot or cold meals to Niles homebound seniors on Wednesdays and sometimes Fridays for the program. He and his wife Mary Ann Miller were selected recently in a Home Depot veteran support initiative, Doing More for Veterans, for a home makeover.

"He's a great guy," said Marjorie Davilis of Niles, a Meals on Wheels client to whom Miller has delivered.

A retired postal carrier and current bartender at White Eagle on Milwaukee Avenue, Miller said he has volunteered since 1999 for the Meals on Wheels route, the same one his father held for more than a decade.

"It's just serving the community, doing something to give back," said Miller, a Niles resident for six decades. "It's a great town."

The Millers own an English brick bungalow that Robin's parents, the late Herbert and Mildred Miller, purchased in 1953, they said.

Robin, a 1961 Maine Township High School graduate, and Mary Ann, from Edison Park, said they bought the home in 1987 and raised their twins, Jayson and Crystal, now 35, in the corner lot residence where they still live today.

The Millers said, before the makeover, their living room was showing signs of

damage. There was no grab rail in a bathroom shower, a stair handrail was unsafe, the kitchen electrical outlets needed updating and the enclosed porch paneling was turning brown, they said.

Then came the 13 volunteers from the local Home Depot.

They spent Jan. 19 donating their time to prime, paint and install new material, free of charge, for the Niles veteran.

Miller was nominated by Tom Amirante of Glenview, commander of the Niles Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712.

"I am just very thankful for the Home Depot for doing more for veterans," said Amirante, also a Vietnam veteran. "I applaud them for it."

The Doing More For Veterans program aligns with Home Depot's mission of supporting and employing veterans, said Ulrica Hillman-Foston, associate support department supervisor for the Civic Center Plaza Home Depot location.

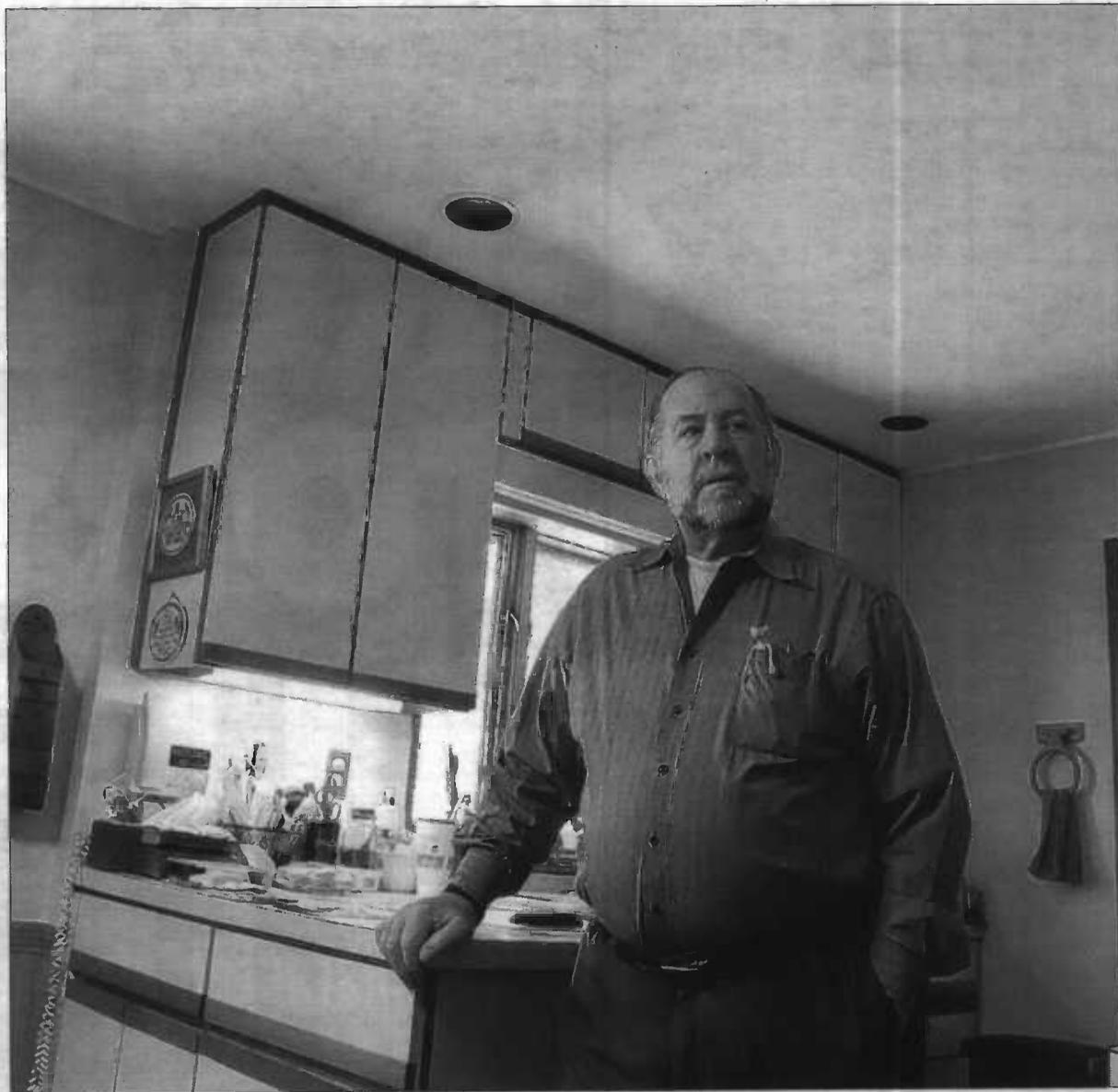
"What we try to do is pay it forward and say thank you," Hillman-Foston said.

The store contacted Amirante before last Thanksgiving and Amirante contacted the Millers.

Before Christmas, the Millers received a phone call while out shopping that their project was confirmed, they said.

"This is like winning the lottery," Mary Ann said. "Everywhere you looked, there were people, bumper to bumper ... We are so totally honored that they would do this."

Robin, a Niles Veterans of



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Robin Miller, a Vietnam veteran, in the kitchen of his Niles home Jan. 27. Volunteers from Home Depot upgraded electrical outlets near the cabinets and completed other projects Jan. 19 as part of its Doing More for Veterans Initiative.

Foreign Wars member, said he too was humbled by the experience.

"It was just unbelievable somebody would do this for me," he said. "We're not destitute but it's something we would have had to hire someone for."

The couple said they met at Eddie's, a Niles establishment once located at 8751 Milwaukee Ave. and married April 29, 1972. The long-standing Niles residents spend much of their time volunteering and giving back to the community, they said.

They both volunteer for the Niles Police Department Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program

which assists during emergency and non-emergency events.

Mary Ann was named Niles citizen of the year at the 2014 annual Night of Roses civic awards banquet. At the Niles Park District's Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, Robin leads a seasonal Wednesday golf league.

"I think Robin was the perfect individual to receive the help," said Kelly Mickle, director of the Niles Senior Center which coordinates the Meals on Wheels program. "He exemplifies volunteerism."

Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



Robin Miller delivers a meal Jan. 27, to Marjorie Davilis of Niles, a Meals on Wheels client.

# Referendums to address trustee vacancies, services, Leaning Tower property

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

For the second time in as many years, Niles voters will be asked whether or not the mayor should have the power to appoint candidates to fill vacant trustee seats.

Residents were reminded to register to vote by Feb. 16 for the March primary election at a recent Village Board meeting. In addition to choosing which presidential candidate to vote for in the primary, Niles residents will also have the chance to weigh in on three local issues.

In the November, 2014, election, a majority of voters in Niles — more than 75 percent — supported a binding referendum measure to restrict mayoral appointment powers by requiring vacant trustee seats be voted on during a consolidated election.

Village trustees subsequently voted to change Niles' municipal code to reflect the results of the referendum.

Mayor Andrew Przybylo, who staunchly opposed the 2014 referendum measure and attempted to have it removed from the ballot, said during a meeting last November that the issue of trustee vacancies and whether the mayor should have the ability to fill them was not about power but about "common sense."

The board approved a resolution in November to place a referendum question on the March ballot asking whether such vacancies should be filled "by appointment of the mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board" as allowed by the Illinois Municipal Code.

"God forbid there's somebody laid up or out of town, in a car accident or what have you," Trustee George



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Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo speaks at a village meeting.

Alpogianis said in November. He added that it's possible enough vacancies on the board could prevent village government from functioning as it should.

"I also think that, once again, (the residents) put us up here and this question also reasserts the fact they have trust in us, in helping us appoint somebody if need be," he said.

At the board meeting last November, Trustee Joe LoVerde called the previous referendum on the ballot in the 2014 election "confusing."

"I know it's not a power issue with you," he said to Przybylo. "We've had this conversation many times."

Residents will also have the opportunity in March to weigh in on an advisory question that asks whether or not the village should continue to fund social, health and economic programs, which include the Senior Center, Family Services, Teen Center and the Family Fitness Center. Trustees approved the inclusion of the non-binding referendum on the March ballot at their meeting last November.

"The reason why we are asking this is so people are fully aware of what it does

cost to run these services, not that we're trying to get rid of them," Alpogianis said at the November meeting.

The total annual cost to operate the services cited in the advisory question is nearly \$2.6 million, per figures obtained from the village.

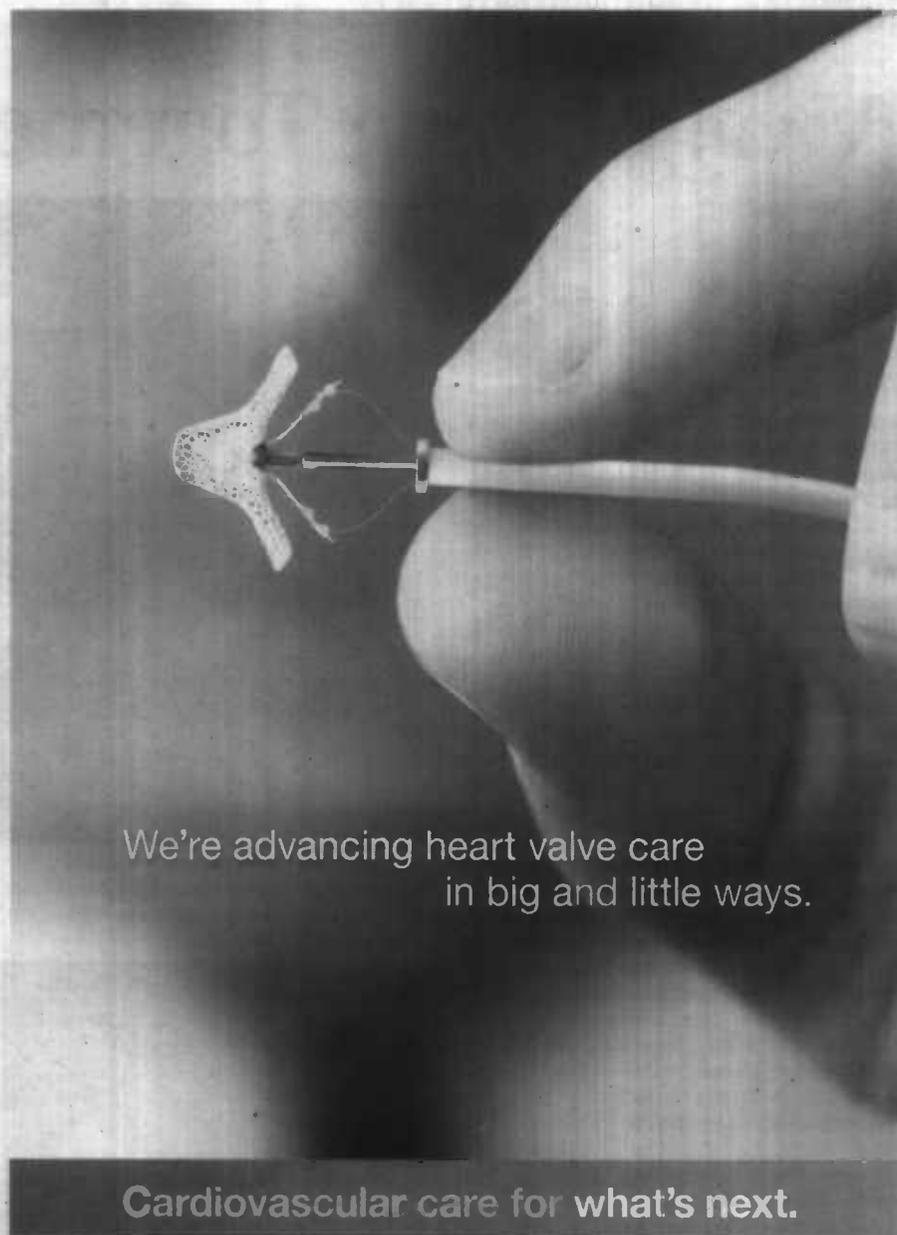
Przybylo said in November that he didn't think Niles residents would opt to defund the services, "the only question is how well will they affirm a commitment to social, economic and health programs."

Voters will also be asked in March to weigh in on an advisory question regarding the enhancement of the Leaning Tower of Niles.

In November, the Village Board voted to purchase the Leaning Tower of Niles from the YMCA of Metro Chicago and spend nearly \$550,000 on repairs to the structure.

During a discussion of the question, which was also approved at the November meeting, Przybylo said it behooved the village to project itself "as a destination for people to come and spend money and provide the sales tax we need to run the government."

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



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# ¡Viva! Coming Together kicks off in high style

By MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

In a single afternoon, the opening of Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township delivered, more or less, a taste of the 50-plus events that soon will celebrate the Latino and Hispanic cultures over the next few months.

For the Jan. 31 kick-off celebration at Niles West High School, "more" seemed to win out over "less" when it came to pageantry and color.

Organizers served up the tastes, the art, the poetry, the music and dance, the wardrobes — even some pointed expression about the timely topic of immigration reform — before sending ¡Viva! Coming Together out of the gate.

"This is that time of year when we set aside a couple months to study and learn about each other, spotlighting one of our communities," said Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. "This year, it's our Latino and Hispanic friends and neighbors."

Seven years ago, five women leaders in the village conceived of Coming Together during a series of lunches, recalled Susan Van Dusen, one of the program founders. Always centered on a series of carefully selected books, the months-long program was aimed at providing a deeper look at the area's diversity one culture at a time.

Susan Van Dusen said the program was meant "to help change our lives, to introduce us to our neighbors. Through literature," she said in both English and Spanish, "we read, we learn, we understand."

Susan Van Dusen wasn't the only speaker who delivered words in both English and Spanish Sunday. So, too, did U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-9) who said Skokie and Niles Township have always been warm and welcoming to immigrants.

"These communities are



MIKE ISAACS/PIIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township opened Jan. 31 with a grand celebration of the Hispanic and Latino cultures. Included were music and dance by AfriCaribe as well as performances by students of Niles West and Niles North High Schools.



often the first or second home in the United States in America for refugees, immigrants from across the globe from every continent," she said. "The 9th Congressional District is among the most diverse in the nation."

According to Schakowsky, 26 percent of her district's residents are foreign-born and 35 percent speak a language other than English at home.

These immigrants, she said, "want nothing more than to work hard, raise families and live a free and decent life in this country."

Emceed by Lourdes Duarte of WGN TV News, the Coming Together kick-off played to some 500 people and nearly another 100 who participated on and behind stage, according to Niles Township High School District 219.

Unlike some of the other



Coming Together cultures featured in the past, the 2016 edition isn't relegated to one country or even one part of the world. For example, participants Jan. 31 performed music and dances with origins ranging from Mexico to Puerto Rico. Duarte is from Cuba. Sculptures by Mexican-born artist Alfonso "Piloto" Nieves Ruiz were showcased in the Niles West lobby.

Equally eclectic was a diversity of homemade food served before the school auditorium doors opened.

"By getting to know the rich culture, history, tradition, music, food about all of our neighbors, we grow in understanding and knowledge and, hopefully, in tolerance," George Van Dusen said.

Music and dance were performed by AfriCaribe,

For video highlights of the opening celebration, visit [www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/skokie](http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/skokie).

but also by Niles West's Orchestis Club and Niles North's Latino Club. Niles West students read excerpts from this year's selected books including "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henríquez and "Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant" by Jose Angel N.

Ivan Silverberg's 17-minute Coming Together video showcased the program and gave area residents of Latino and Hispanic backgrounds a voice.

"You are my other me," begins a poem, "In Lak'ech," read by Niles West teacher Joaquin Stephenson and one of his students. "If I do harm to you, I do harm to myself. If I love and respect you, I love and respect myself."

According to Susan Van Dusen, nearly 10 percent of people who live in Skokie and Niles Township are of Hispanic and Latino descent.

Their cultures now join the cultures of India, the Philippines, Assyria, Greece, and Korea as part of the Coming Together club. Last year, the program varied in form a bit by showcasing, not a culture but the subject of race.

Sunday's opening ceremonies ended with representatives of all of these countries, dressed in colorful native garb, holding hands on stage and becoming one.

"In Niles Township we come from many different countries," Susan Van Dusen said. "But we are one township. We are one people who live together in peace and harmony. We want you to know — especially this year — Latinos and Hispanics, that you are welcome here."

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# Veterans program shut down due to state budget impasse

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA  
Chicago Tribune

The state's failure to pass a budget has forced the shut down of a Des Plaines-based social service program that provides support to veterans and their families.

Legacy Corps, which currently serves more than 250 military families in 72 Illinois communities, is one of 30 programs that officials with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois announced Jan. 22 would be closing due to the state's inability to pass a budget for the past seven months.

"The state's budget deadlock has severely challenged LSSI's ability to provide services to those in need," Mark A. Stutrud, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois President and CEO, said in a statement.

Currently, the organization is owed more than \$6 million by the state for services delivered, Stutrud said, adding, "After seven months, we can no longer provide services for which we aren't being paid."

"It has been an agonizing process, particularly its impact on our clients and their families who depend on us for their care, as well as our employees whose jobs were eliminated. Many of our employees are direct care personnel who have built relationships and strong trust with the people they serve," Stutrud said.

As the largest statewide provider of social services, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois will continue to fund 160 of its 190 programs, LSSI spokeswoman Barb Hailey said.

"Even if the state's budget were to be passed next week, we still don't know what's appropriated, and we're still uncertain if the money will be paid back and when," said Hailey, who described the process



COURTESY OF LEGACY CORPS

The state's failure to pass a budget has forced the shut down of a Des Plaines-based social service program, Legacy Corps, that provides support to vets and their families.

of deciding which programs would be cut as, "excruciating and grief-invoking."

Officials at Legacy Corps, which provides respite services to veterans and their families, said despite being faced with a shut-down by the end of February, the organization's volunteers are still determined to serve the clients who rely upon their assistance.

"We're working diligently to find us another host agency," said Peg Saintcross, a Legacy Corps manager in Des Plaines. "All of our volunteers do what they do out of love, and they won't abandon their clients."

As a federal AmeriCorps program founded in 2001, with sites in nine states across the nation, Legacy Corps has operated since 2003, officials said.

Vietnam veteran Carl Dudczak, 65, says Legacy Corps volunteers provided him with transportation to medical appointments and assisted him after a surgery during a difficult chapter of his life.

"My wife had passed away, I lost my home in 2009, I didn't have family in the area, and I became

homeless... I was spending my nights in PADs shelters," Dudczak said.

Today, Dudczak has moved into his own apartment in the Freedom's Path development at the Edward Hines VA Hospital, and he's also busy volunteering for the organization that helped him regain his independence.

"Legacy Corps became my outlet and gave me an opportunity to give back," Dudczak said.

Diane Blanks, a Legacy Corps volunteer and site coordinator for its Des Plaines office, said the program's respite services to veterans and their families ranges from providing transportation to grocery stores and medical appointments, to spending time with elderly clients with dementia, allowing their caretakers to get a break.

"So many of our elderly clients don't have any relatives in the area, and all of their friends have passed away," Blanks said. "Sometimes, it's just a matter of getting a call from a client saying, 'I'm so sad,' and our volunteers go out to visit them, and cheer them up."

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## Niles

### BATTERY

■ Jodi Shulga, 54, of the 8200 block of Olcott Avenue, Niles, was charged with battery on Jan. 26. According to police, a 50-year-old woman accused Shulga of shoving her, grabbing her wrist and punching her in the back. Shulga has a March 10 court date.

### RETAIL THEFT

■ Ciara Harrington, 23, of the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 21. Police said Harrington, an employee of a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road, was accused of under-ringing merchandise on several occasions while using the self checkout register. She has a March 10 court date.

■ Sheena Wilson, 32, of the 7400 block of South Eggleston, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 23 after she allegedly stole 20

unactivated money cards from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. Police said the cards had a value of \$1 each. Wilson has a March 10 court date.

■ Tina Johns, 34, of the 6200 block of Cicero Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 24 after she allegedly stole \$52.28 worth of grocery items from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. She has a March 10 court date.

■ Kevin Erdenberger, 18, of the 300 block of North Aldine Avenue, Park Ridge, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 26 after police said he stole a ski mask valued at \$720 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. According to police, three other suspects were also seen stealing items from the store. A 19-year-old Park Ridge man, who was not identified by police, and a 17-year-old Park Ridge boy were each issued local ordinance tickets and released, police said. The fourth suspect was not apprehended, according to police.

■ Melanie Marroquin, 18, of the 4200 block of West Melrose Avenue, Chicago, was charged with

retail theft on Jan. 27 after she allegedly stole makeup and bronzing powder valued at \$89 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a March 10 court date.

### BATTERY

■ A 41-year-old Niles woman was allegedly threatened by a woman with a crowbar on Jan. 15 following a driving dispute that occurred in a parking lot in the 9000 block of Golf Road. Police said the victim's husband began yelling at a female driver for driving too fast in the parking lot and that a verbal confrontation between the two ensued. When the couple entered a nearby store, the driver reportedly followed them inside where she allegedly pushed the victim and threatened her with the crowbar she was carrying, police said. The driver reportedly left the store after employees broke up the altercation.

■ A manager of a restaurant in the 6700 block of Touhy Avenue told police that around 3 a.m., Jan. 26, a customer who was causing a disturbance was asked to leave the business, but before he did, he picked up a chair and threw it,

striking an employee. An investigation was pending, police said.

### THEFT

■ A wallet containing credit cards and \$400 in cash was reported stolen Jan. 23 from a locker inside a fitness center in the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

■ A 61-year-old man is accused of stealing five Versace women's eyeglass frames, valued at \$1,250, from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center on Jan. 26, police said. An employee told police that the man is known to the store because he has committed a number of previous thefts, both in Illinois and other states. An investigation was pending, police said.

■ A catalytic converter was reportedly sawed off cars parked in the 6900 block of Rosemary Avenue between Jan. 22 and 25.

## Park Ridge

### LEAVING THE SCENE

■ Ricardo Cortes, 25, of the 2500 block of Kenilworth, Berwyn, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and failure to reduce speed on Jan. 23. Police said

Cortes was involved in a crash in the 900 block of Canfield Road, but drove away from the scene. Twelve hours later, he reported the accident, police said. Cortes has a Feb. 10 court date.

### BATTERY

■ Robert Valdez, 34, of the 1900 block of Oakton Street, Park Ridge, was charged with domestic battery on Jan. 21. He has a Feb. 9 court date.

### RETAIL THEFT

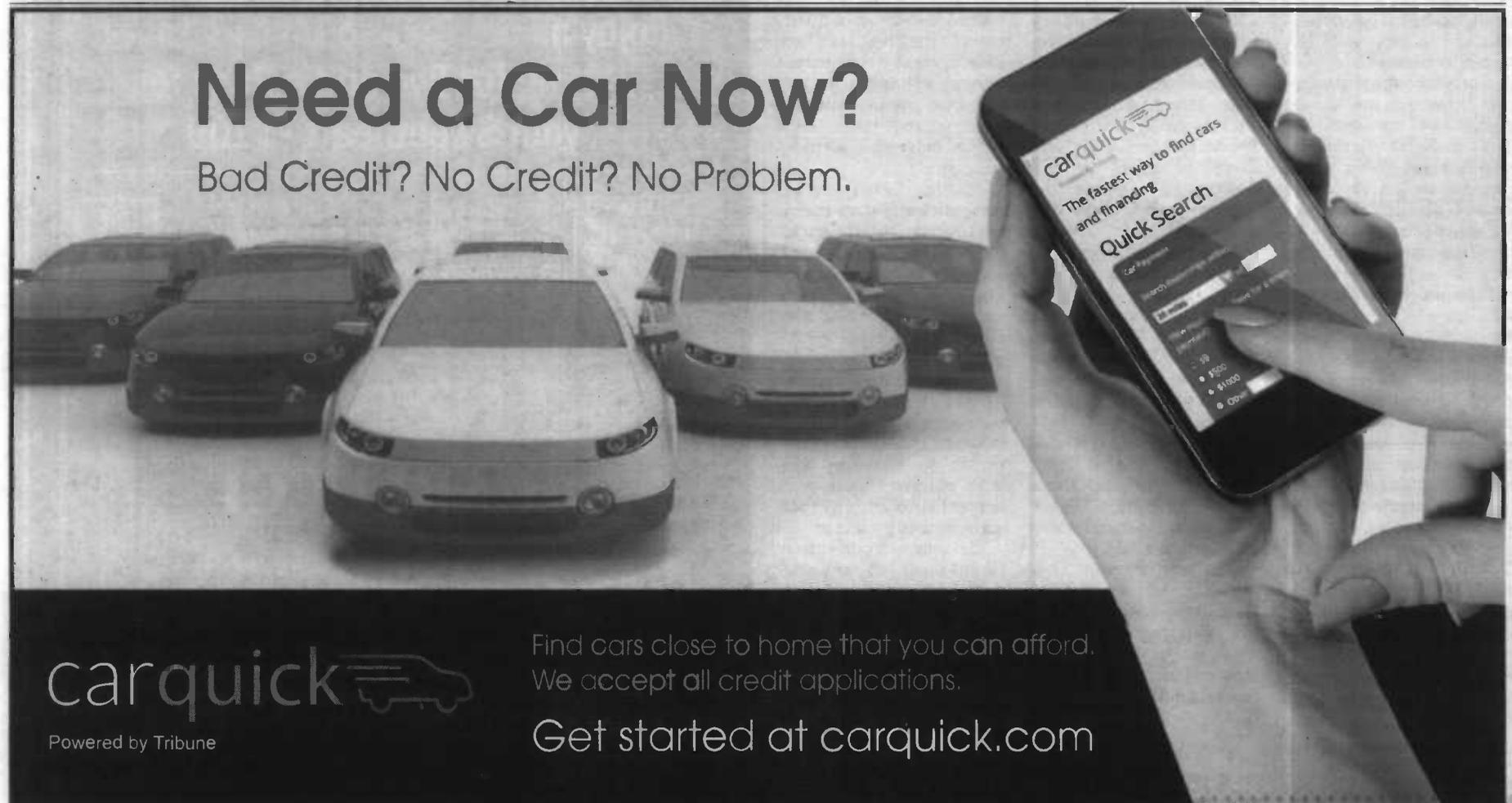
■ Mario Perez, 19, of the first block of Hayes, Northlake, was charged with retail theft Jan. 22 after he was allegedly caught trying to leave Mariano's, 1900 S. Cumberland Ave., with an unpaid-for bottle of alcohol valued at \$38. He has a March 10 court date.

### DUI

■ Rodney Swager, 48, of the 5400 block of North Newland, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and driving without lights Jan. 23. He was taken into custody at Crescent and Greenwood avenues. He has a March 2 court date.

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# 'What we carried' | Photo exhibit of Iraqi refugees' belongings tells larger story

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

Some brought delicate dishes that had been in the family for years, others snapshots that reflected a different time in their lives, one even a small collection of well-maintained Barbie dolls.

What few things would you bring if you had to flee the only country you knew as home?

A new Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center photography exhibit, "What We Carried: Stories by Iraqi Refugees," begs this interactive question. Along a narrow hallway of the museum's upper floor are 30 photos — mostly of objects — that carry far more importance to their owners than just the possessions themselves.

Shot by Oregon-based photographer Jim Lommasson, the photos include the owners' words directly on them — some in Arabic, some in English, some in both.

Museum officials say the exhibit, which will be on display through June 26, is their first that includes Arabic language. Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events is also showcasing 10 additional photographs — larger in size — through April at the Daley Center Concourse Gallery in the Pedway in downtown Chicago.

"It's not us and them," Lommasson said of the exhibit's refugees at the Jan. 24 opening in Skokie. "It's not as if they are different from our grandparents. They are just like our grandparents."

Among project goals, Lommasson said, is breaking down stereotypes about refugees and immigrants. His collection looks to reflect "a common humanity," he said.

"Refugees are all over the country and they all have stories to tell, and they're so much like us," he said. "We exoticize people, we demonize people. I want to allow people to tell their stories — give voice — and also show how connected we are to one another."

According to the Illinois Holocaust Museum, more than 4 million Iraqis have fled their homes since the American invasion of their country in 2003. More than 140,000 have landed in the United

States, the museum states.

Illinois Holocaust Museum CEO Susan Abrams said the exhibit relates to the museum's everyday mission in "teaching the lessons and the history of the Holocaust in a personal way and applying those lessons to (the) present day."

Museum Chief Curator of Collections and Exhibitions Arielle Weininger said she immediately knew the museum would have interest in the project.

"When I think about the collection of 25,000 objects the museum holds, not all of them speak to that refugee experience," Weininger said. "Many people couldn't get out of Europe. For those who did, they had to make these same decisions and had some of the same kind of challenges."

Lommasson's project evolved differently than originally planned. He said he got the idea when working on another project about soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He similarly began taking photos of his subjects — in this case Iraqi refugees — but he found this time it didn't work. Only when he captured the objects they brought with them, and allowed their own words to describe why they cherished the objects, did their stories come alive, he said.

Skokie resident Youlena Zaia, an Iraqi refugee and director of child and family services of the Iraqi Mutual Aid Society, owns one of those stories.

During the opening, she stood beside framed snapshots of her pre-war life in Iraq. She would have lost the photos forever, she said, had her daughter not taken them when they fled their country, arriving in the United States in 2008.

A photo from her college days at Mosul University shows her on a picnic with fellow engineering classmates in the city of Nimrud.

"Nimrud City was destroyed in 2015 by ISIS bulldozers because ISIS government says Nimrud City does not (have) Islamic nature," she wrote above the photo.

In a later photo, she is on the job site, overseeing projects when she was "chief of concrete laboratory"; another shows her smiling fishing pole in hand, as she sits by serene waters.

Since Zaia came to the United



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Youlena Zaia, an Iraqi refugee and Skokie resident, stands beside old photos of herself in pre-war Iraq. "What We Carried: Stories by Iraqi Refugees" is a new photography exhibition at the Illinois Holocaust Museum capturing the few objects Iraqi refugees took with them.

**"We are tired, we are tired, and we want to get some rest."**

—Words written by refugee Ali Ali next to a photo in the exhibit

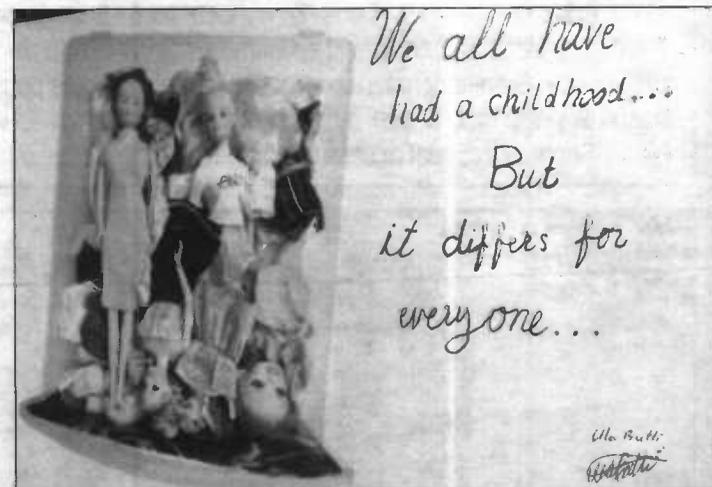
States, she said, she has not continued her engineering work nor has she gone fishing. "I miss these things so much because they are my core," she said.

The exhibit is about such loss, according to Lommasson; it's not just what refugees brought with them, but also the tangible and intangible things they had to leave behind, he said.

One photo captures a set of fragile tea cups used for so long that the design has somewhat faded. Zaia said her sister protected the family's treasured dishware under her clothes when fleeing Iraq.

Next to the photo of a refugee family's Barbie dolls reads: "We all have had a childhood ... But it differs for everyone."

A photo of a Quran includes this message: "When I left my country Iraq in 2000, I left everything behind, my photos, my personal stuff, my memories, because I just



A photo of Barbie Dolls taken from home by an Iraqi refugee family

wanted to forget everything about my life but the only thing I couldn't leave behind was my faith."

"What We Carried" also includes heartfelt poems written by children and teenagers under the guidance of the Iraqi Mutual Aid Society, which immediately got behind Lommasson's project.

"We really wanted the opportunity for our clients to tell their story in a way that's honest about who they are and what they lost," Iraqi Mutual Aid Society Executive Director Laura Youngberg

said. "It was an opportunity for them to reflect, and to share what was safe for them to share."

Refugee Ali Ali did just that by allowing a miniature Iraqi flag to be captured by Lommasson's camera.

"Shall we spend tears on our current circumstance or should we cry for the past?" Ali wrote beside the photo. "We are tired, we are tired, and we want to get some rest."

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# Tech upgrade at Hadley School for the Blind honors former teacher

BY BRIDGET O'SHEA  
Pioneer Press

Margaret Lee Butow loved computers and technology.

Now, a state-of-the-art piece of equipment is allowing the long-time teacher at Winnetka's Hadley School for the Blind to continue sharing that passion with students, even after her death.

Butow, who taught computer science and music at Hadley for 42 years, died in 2014, more than a decade after she retired from teaching. But she left the school a bequest of more than \$90,000, which it recently used to purchase a much-needed Braille embosser to replace its aging ones.

Nicknamed "Peggy" in honor of Butow, who went by the same moniker, the Braillo 600S embosser is essentially a Braille printer, allowing the school to take words on a flat page and transcribe them into raised dots that can be felt and read by the visually impaired.

Vivian Seki, Hadley's director of

material production, said the embosser can print up to 600 Braille characters per second and the machine has already printed 28,000 pages of Braille course material, letters and other documents in just a few weeks.

"That is probably one of the fastest embossers in the world," she said.

Dawn Turco, senior vice president at Hadley, said that while Butow was known for her patient and encouraging approach in the classroom, she also had a reputation for being no-nonsense.

Butow was visually impaired herself, Turco said, and refused to allow her students to use their disabilities as excuses not to excel.

"She had high expectations but a really warm heart," she said.

Butow's former students said buying the new embosser was a fitting way to honor the teacher and her love of technology.

South Dakota resident Jim Klein said he had lost his passion for computers until he studied under Butow in the 1980s.

"I use a computer extensively now," he said. "I don't know how long it would have taken me to get back into the computer world if she hadn't been so persistent."

Butow also taught Braille, American history and how to use a now-obsolete device called the Optacon, a reading aid that allowed the visually impaired to tacitly read printed text.

"Teaching Braille and music was so important to Peggy," he said. "Knowing that her bequest has been used to upgrade the Braillo would no doubt have made Peggy feel very honored and humbled."

Turco said the former teacher's gift came at just the right time. The school's existing embossers can only print 200 characters per second and are nearing the end of their 20-year life spans.

"We try to be as self-reliant as we can, and that's what we like about Peggy," said Turco.

Turco said the new embosser's life expectancy is about 60 years.

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HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Margaret Lee (Peggy) Butow taught music, Braille and computer science at the Hadley School for the Blind from 1959 until her retirement in 2001. A bequest from Butow recently allowed the school to purchase a new Braille embosser.



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# Protesters push for no-concealed-carry signs

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Chicago Tribune

More than two years after Illinois' concealed carry law was passed, activists continue to push for retailers — particularly grocers — to post signs telling customers who are toting hidden weapons that they are not welcome.

A small group of gun control advocates staged a demonstration at Highland Park's tree-lighting ceremony last year, urging people to do their holiday shopping only at stores where concealed firearms are banned, while last week another small protest targeted the local Sunset Foods.

Despite some successes for the advocates, many stores have resisted the campaign, and several retailers contacted by the Tribune declined even to discuss why they have chosen not to participate. Others in the business community say shopkeepers may be supportive of the concealed carry law, don't want to alienate customers who may be or they simply don't want to take a public stance on such a controversial subject.

The recent protests were part of an ongoing campaign dubbed "Shop Safer." In the Chicago area, members of the Northbrook-based Peaceful Communities and Highland Park-based Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs have visited local shop owners and managers urging those who haven't already to display no-gun signs — featuring the black silhouette of a handgun inside a red circle-backslash symbol — on doors and storefront windows.

Lee Goodman, a Peaceful Communities organizer, last year began calling on grocery stores specifically to post the signs. In August, Goodman, along with a few others, staged a protest outside a newly opened Mariano's in Northbrook, asserting the store was unsafe without the ban.

"For two years, we've waited and hoped stores would act responsibly, and very, very few of them have on their own, and it seems to be that many stores think of it as a way of not taking a stand they see as political, which might alienate some of their customers," Goodman said.

Whether a business decides to put up a no-gun sign may have more to do with its customer base than the owner's personal feelings



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Activists with the group Peaceful Communities protest outside Sunset Foods on Jan. 21 in Highland Park as part of a campaign to get retailers to post anti-concealed carry signs.

about firearms, said Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

"I think a lot of retailers feel it's a no-win proposition for them because they're going to alienate some customers either way," he said.

Representatives from the Sunset Foods and Mariano's grocery chains did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Maisch said his organization worked with legislators while the concealed carry law was being crafted to ensure businesses had the right to choose to ban carriers from their stores. But the only way for gun owners to know they cannot bring the weapon into a business is if there's a clear and conspicuous sign posted, he said.

Dana Gordon, director of outreach for the Joint Action Committee, said she thought it was "crazy" when she learned Sunset wouldn't post a sign.

"When I called, and they said, 'No, we won't put up a sign. We don't want to be political; I was taken aback,'" she said, adding the group then starting looking at

other grocers.

Gordon said her organization, which also advocates for pro-Israel initiatives, reproductive rights and separation of religion and state, has lobbied for stronger gun control measures since the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Gordon said that, as of December, more than 100 stores in Highland Park had agreed to post the signs. She said her group has received a range of responses to the request: Some store managers said corporate policies prohibit such signs, and others declined because they said they believe strongly in the right to bear arms.

Kim Cohen, owner of Highland Pop Gourmet Popcorn in Highland Park, said she put up the no-gun sign at the request of several committee members. Cohen said she wants children and their families to feel safe in her store.

"I have no problem with anyone having or wanting firearms," she said. "I'm a mom. I'm a female business owner. And we all know about Sandy Hook. So I feel like

why would anyone come into my store with a gun? There's no reason for it. There's just no reason for it unless you're a police officer or an undercover detective."

An employee at another business in Highland Park, who would not give her full name, said the shop declined to post the no-gun sign because operators didn't want to advertise the business as a "gun-free zone."

The employee said she noticed other shops putting the signs up at the protesters' request and then later taking them down.

Richard Pearson, executive director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, said allowing concealed-carry permit holders to bring guns into a business is a benefit for the store owner because those gun owners could potentially stop a crime in progress.

"The purpose of concealed carry is because the bad guys don't know who is carrying," he said. "But they know if that sign is up that nobody is carrying." Pearson, who said he's aware of the "Shop Safer" campaign, said such efforts are "just trying to promote the

anti-gun agenda."

Goodman said he realizes anyone with criminal intent won't be deterred by a sign in a store window, but he said that's not whom the campaign is targeting. He said those behind "Shop Safer" want law-abiding gun owners to keep their guns out of businesses in an effort to prevent accidental shootings or an escalation of violence from occurring within stores. He cited reports of similar shootings elsewhere in the country.

Shoppers who encountered the protesters at Sunset Foods last week expressed a range of reactions, but none was willing to be identified.

Some said they weren't bothered by the grocer not having the no-gun sign posted. One shopper said she was upset that the protest targeted Sunset because of the community contributions and record of providing employment to people with disabilities.

Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter; Pioneer Press reporter Karen Berkowitz contributed.

## Metra experiment gauging rider interest in Wi-Fi

BY KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

Some Metra riders might have recently noticed a new Wi-Fi connection pop up on their phones and other mobile devices during their commute.

Metra began installing cellular "hot spots" on a select group of cars, some of which have been put back in service, within the past month, Metra spokesman Michael Gillis said. It's part of an 11-car test run Metra announced last fall.

In the next few weeks, the transit agency will finish installing the service and add signs alerting riders to the cars with the amenity, Gillis said. Work is complete on 10 cars, but not all are in use, he said. Upon

completion, one car per Metra's 11 lines will be designated a Wi-Fi car with a sign, and rider feedback will be encouraged.

After six months testing the service, Metra will decide whether expanding Wi-Fi to more cars is financially feasible, and if it's something riders want, Gillis said.

The speed of the Wi-Fi is intended for checking email and Web browsing, Gillis added, not for streaming video or other use that requires a more sophisticated connection. Doing that systemwide would cost Metra about \$72 million, according to a consultant's estimate, and is not likely, Gillis said. Equipping 11 cars with the lower-speed Wi-Fi is costing Me-

tra about \$35,000.

Gillis said Metra has explored the possibility of a wireless provider paying for the project, but so far no company has been willing. In that scenario, the provider would set up the hot spots (with a stronger signal) along the route and, in exchange for paying for the equipment and the work, would be able to advertise along the route, Gillis said.

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, which operates the South Shore Line, also explored such possibilities, Executive Director Michael Noland said, but "no one in the private sector was able to step forward and make that happen."

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## Five-bedroom mansion sells for \$5.55 million in Winnetka

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

A five-bedroom, 11,000-square-foot French Provincial-style mansion in Winnetka sold last month for \$5.55 million.

Built in 1999 and located on a private lane off Sheridan Road, the two-story mansion has 6 1/2 baths, a grand foyer, a sunroom, a library, four fireplaces and a basement with a home theater, a sauna and a wine cellar. Outside on the 0.8-acre parcel are terraces and a private beach.

The sellers, QUESocial CEO Greg Silich and his wife, Martha, lost a considerable amount of money on the house, which they purchased in 2007 for \$6.5 million. They first listed it in March 2014 for \$6.975 mil-



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lion and later reduced its asking price to \$6.775 million and then \$5.995 million before finding a buyer.

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Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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## NEWS

# Northbrook Woman's obituary dissing Jay Cutler goes viral

BY IRV LEAVITT  
Pioneer Press

Three little words have made Northbrook's Elizabeth Porter Bowman much more famous after her passing than she ever was in her 78 years of life.

Those words were "except Jay Cutler." The phrase was included as a parenthetical addition to a comment about how she was a great fan of Chicago teams, including the Bears, in her family-provided death notice that ran in the Chicago Tribune Jan. 26.

An online news service noticed — it's unclear which one — and a couple of days later, blurbs started appearing about a Bear fan's parting shot at the team's oft-maligned quarterback.

Soon, it was everywhere, including pop culture blog site Uproxx, which headlined, "Jay Cutler is now getting trolled by dead people."

Bill Bowman said his mother, known to family and friends as Betsy, did not intend to reach back from the beyond to nick the quarterback.

He said her criticisms of Cutler were a running gag in the family, to the point that after her death on Jan. 9, her daughter, Susan, used the three words in a since-removed Facebook post memorializing her mother.

"It seemed fitting, so I just copied it into the obituary," Bill Bowman, now of New York, said. "She would laugh at the attention she was getting, but she was never someone who sought to be the center of attention."

Her family thinks "the whole thing has been just hilarious," he said.

Betsy Bowman grew up in Northfield and raised her three children in Northbrook, where she also served two stints as a teacher at the old Crestwood School, her son said. In the spring, she went to live near her daughter in Minnesota and had



BOWMAN FAMILY PHOTO

The late Elizabeth "Betsy" Bowman, seen here in 2011 with two of her seven grandchildren, Chloe Bowman, left, and Lily Bowman, was a big fan of the Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears — just not Jay Cutler.

recently moved into a nursing home.

Janis Irvine, her best friend back in Northbrook, said she had talked to her the day before she took a turn for the worse — and, as usual, her best friend had complained about Cutler.

"I said, 'Betsy, you're wrong, he's a good quarterback. They just don't give him any protection,'" Irvine said.

Irvine described Bowman as "a very private person, and a little prickly. She knew what she knew and was very bright." But Betsy wasn't the type of person to write a cranky obit — even though she would have found the hubbub surrounding her death notice funny.

"I've been laughing so hard," said Irvine, the former owner of downtown Northbrook's 44-year-old Book Bin bookstore. "(Betsy) would be laughing now, but she would not have put it in the obituary."

Bowman for years controlled her late father's four Bears season tickets, her son said, and made sure that she kept them when she divorced. She kept them right

up to the time when the Bears "wanted 10 grand for 'seat licenses,'" he said. "That wasn't going to happen."

He said she was the kind of sports fan who traveled, at the age of 13 or 14, from home to Wrigley Field on the North Shore Line.

"She saw a lot worse Cubs players than Cutler" was a Bears player, he said.

People all over have learned about how good of a person Betsy Bowman was, her son said, because almost every story about her death notice repeated more than her slam against the football player: "She was a woman of loyalty, integrity, opinion, curiosity and intelligence. A lifelong fan of the Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears (except Jay Cutler)."

The only loser in the deal seems to be the quarterback.

"Looking at all these things, I feel a little bad for Cutler," Bill Bowman said.

"But the next time he throws a pick six, he can use the excuse that he's being haunted from the grave."

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# Pure breeds, mixed reviews

Dog show at smaller Lake County venue brings misgivings

BY DENYS BUCKSTEN  
News-Sun

Contestants and spectators flocked to the final day of the American Kennel Club Dog Show at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake on Jan. 31.

Some breeders expressed misgivings about the fairgrounds being a smaller venue than Chicago's McCormick Place, the perennial stopover of the International Kennel Club.

The IKC, which made its debut Jan. 31 at the 65,000-square-foot Expo Hall at the fairgrounds, is a big draw at any regional show, and often the last stop for breeders before February's Westminster Kennel Club Dog

Show at Madison Square Garden in New York.

The Lake County Fair Association has held biannual dog shows in Grayslake for decades, with area kennel clubs drawing contestants and breeders in early winter and again in early summer. The IKC will return June 17 for the summer show, said organizer Ed Fojtik, but the club has not yet committed to a venue for 2017.

The Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club showed on Jan. 27 and 29, and the Park Shore Kennel Club on Jan. 28 and 30.

No official attendance figures were released through the first four days of the show, but Fojtik estimated 2,000 people a day attended or participated. A reported 6,400 dogs came through Expo Hall. "It's been a better turnout

than we ever expected, in terms of spectators and exhibitors," Fojtik said. "We had people from almost every state in the country and from Canada."

Candy Nee, a longtime Libertyville resident now living in Wisconsin, said showing her golden retriever, Detour, at the Expo Hall had pluses and minuses.

"I think we're going to miss the fact that (the IKC portion of the show) is not going to be downtown, but we made it fun here this week," Nee said.

"McCormick Place is huge and (the bigger dogs) want to be able to move around the ring. These rings are at least 25 percent smaller, and with so many dogs in a ring, there's less space to use. But for the space we have, we had a great turnout and we worked with what

we had."

Fojtik downplayed the size of Expo Hall's competition rings.

"They are slightly smaller, but not inconveniently small. It makes no difference," he said. "The judge still gets plenty of time to see the dog do what it should do. ... It was difficult for the dog handlers to reach the dog rings at times because of the press of spectators, which is a slight inconvenience, but we love it because that's what it's all about, for the public to come see our dogs, which we're so proud of."

Fojtik said the Expo Hall, less than 10 years old, is very convenient to many people.

"It's easy to get in and out, the Lake County Fair Association is great, very helpful; the food is great here; there are restaurants and hotels nearby and



DENYS BUCKSTEN/NEWS-SUN

Handler Rebecca Helmann shows golden retriever Cooz at the American Kennel Club Dog Show at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake.

plenty of parking," Fojtik said.

Jessica Moore, combing out the fur on a white poodle in the breeders' area Jan. 30, said it takes hours of preparation on show day to prepare an animal for com-

petition. The short drive to Grayslake cuts into the long commute and greater expenses of showing a dog in downtown Chicago.

*Denys Bucksten is a freelancer for the News-Sun.*

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Cresco Labs shows sample, non-medicated versions of the cookies, candy and other sweets that can be infused with medical marijuana at the Naperville 3C Dispensary.

## Buffalo Grove dispensary to host marijuana edibles expo

BY LAURA PAVIN  
Pioneer Press

Running a marijuana dispensary in Illinois is tough, but one manager says it's tougher now that Springfield has refused to add new conditions to the list of 39 that are eligible for treatment by medical marijuana.

"Every qualifying condition that has been reviewed and approved by the Illinois Medical Cannabis Advisory Board has been vetoed — 11 conditions last year and now eight (this year)," said Joseph Friedman, a pharmacist and chief operations officer of Professional Dispensaries of Illinois in Buffalo Grove.

Friedman aired his frustrations with the Jan. 29 announcement, ahead of PDI's Feb. 6 Medical Marijuana Educational Expo.

Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration recently rejected the advisory board's recommendations to

add osteoarthritis, irritable bowel syndrome and post-traumatic stress disorder, among others, to the list of conditions treatable by the drug. The administration rejected 11 conditions that included anorexia and migraines earlier last year.

"We hope [Rauner] starts seeing the benefits of medical marijuana for patients and that he doesn't use the excuse that the program needs more time to be evaluated," Friedman said.

The four-year pilot program is already about halfway over.

Friedman and PDI Medical CEO Mark Mandel, also a pharmacist, are among dispensary owners in the state saying that they need more patients to be viable. They built the losses into their business model, but could only stand so much.

Even so, Friedman says PDI Medical — which officially opened on Dec. 21 — is here to stay. They

are one of three groups in Lake County with a license to dispense medical marijuana.

His hope is that the Feb. 6 expo will generate some new patients, prescribing doctors and supportive caregivers.

The expo will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1615 Barclay Blvd. in Buffalo Grove, a few doors down from PDI. It's free and open to the public.

James Beard Award winning Chicago pastry chef Mindy Segal will be on hand, too, passing out samples of her medical marijuana edibles from 11 a.m. to noon. These edibles won't, however, contain marijuana.

More than the pastries, the expo will have health experts, pharmacists and cultivation center professionals available to help answer questions and register patients for Illinois medical marijuana cards.

"There's still a lot of educating that needs to happen," Friedman

said.

Friedman understands that doctors are still wary about prescribing medical marijuana; they can't open peer reviewed journals and find double-blind, controlled studies detailing its benefits, and it is still categorized as a Schedule I drug. The U.S. government's demonization, as he calls it, of marijuana has prevented the necessary studies from being done.

But the floodgates are slowly opening, he says.

"There is a lot of anecdotal evidence and studies that have been done overseas," Friedman said. "This is something that is real that's been helping people for eons...not something from 'Dr. Oz.'"

Those interested in attending the expo can visit [pdimedical.com](http://pdimedical.com) for more information.

Laura Pavin is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press



BARRY BRECHEISEN/AP

Chef Mindy Segal, shown at the 2015 James Beard Awards in Chicago, will be at a PDI Medical event in Buffalo Grove on Feb. 6 for a medical marijuana expo. No marijuana will be available.

# Walter Reed wasn't your ordinary WWII veteran



**RANDY BLASER**

You meet people all the time.

But how many are a true inspiration for how to live?

I'm not talking about the giants of pop culture who we idolize, or the heroes of the sporting world, or the political heavyweights people put their trust in, however misplaced.

I'm talking about the regular people you meet who quietly and without fanfare live an astonishing life, a life that would break any one of our privileged pop icons.

I first met Walter Reed at the Wilmette Harbor Rotary Club in 2001. He seemed like so many people I was fortunate to meet in my chosen field of journalism. He was a dedicated family man and a success in business who cared about his community and wanted to do something to help.

There are millions of men like that. Good men,

but nothing all that special.

But I was wrong about Walter.

I began to piece together his story when our club honored members who were veterans. I was all into the greatest generation at the time, and years before had met many local D-Day veterans, chronicling their stories for the local paper. So Walter was another member of that generation, who saw action in Europe.

But this idea I had that Walter was just another of those patriotic American boys who lived through the Great Depression, then won World War II before coming home and creating the suburbs and fighting for civil rights and fair housing and goodness, was just a little off.

Walter was born Werner Rindsberg in a small village in Germany in 1924 to one of 25 Jewish families in his town. He went from the typical middle class life where his father founded the local soccer club to being bullied and vilified by the other kids.

He was arrested with his father on the infamous Kristallnacht, a massive



CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Walter Reed, of Wilmette, poses in 2009 in his home, wearing his original Army uniform from World War II.

coordinated attack on Jews throughout Germany in 1938.

Only 14 at the time, he was released from jail after three days, but his father spent weeks in Dachau concentration camp, and never spoke of his experience when he returned to the family

Walter's parents eventually provided for his escape from Nazi Germany, sending him to Belgium in 1939 to an agency accepting German Jewish children. His escape was short-lived, however, as by 1941 he was forced to flee from the advancing German Army to southern France.

Because his mother had relatives in New York, Walter made it to the United States at age 17. He was drafted into the Army in 1943, became an American citizen and changed his name.

He landed in Normandy a week after D-Day and served in an Army intelli-

gence unit, interrogating captured German soldiers.

He never saw his family again. They were murdered by the Nazis after being deported to Poland, and then sent to a death camp.

Why he was saved was a mystery.

Over the last 20 years of his life, Walter owned his past. He was a much sought-after speaker about his experiences as a boy fleeing the Nazis, a time that shattered and defined his life.

But he also spoke out against injustice and about the duty of each of us who are so blessed to help those less fortunate, who live in poverty and suffer from illness and injustice.

Walter died on Jan. 13 at the age of 91 at the home he made in Wilmette. He never forgot the anti-Semitism he faced in Germany that killed his family, or the prejudice here that led him to change his name and hide his past for 50 years.

He was an inspiration and much loved by everyone he met, including me.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

# Winter not all that delightful for homeless



**PAUL SASSONE**

You'll never convince me, but some folks think winter is delightful.

In fact, there is an entire two-month festival, January through February, that offers activities around the Chicago area called the Chicago Winter Delights Festival.

Jack probably won't be attending.

His real name isn't Jack.

But I have to call him something.

Winter isn't so delightful for Jack. It's cold and it's wet.

Jack's wants are basic. He wants me to give him some spare change.

That's what he asks for, spare change.

Most passersby apparently don't have change to spare because they don't give him anything.

Jack probably has a story to tell. He's a human being, so he must have a story.

But, do I want to hear it? It's cold and drizzly. And Jack looks dirty. And aren't people like him supposed

to be mentally ill?

Might he be dangerous? Dangerous if I give him money?

Dangerous if I don't give him money?

After some quick mental calculation, I decide to give him money.

I put a dollar in his hand and ask him how he's doing?

Which is a stupid question, I grant you, since one glance tells you he's not doing well.

"OK" is what he replies and thanks me for the money.

I don't ask any more. It seems an impertinence. All

I did was give him some money. That's not a license to intrude on his privacy.

It's cold and drizzly. I walk on. I look back, and some other guy is giving Jack spare change.

Maybe later in the day, Jack will dash around the corner and hop into a Lexus, drive off to his lakefront condo and laugh at all the bleeding hearts he ripped off that day.

Or, maybe he'll try to find some place to sleep that night.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness reports that in January 2014, there were 578,424 people home-



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Heidi Moore, from Norridge, places a sack lunch near a homeless person on Lower Wacker Drive Jan. 12.

less on a given night in the United States.

You can find out more about that winter "delights" festival online.

I'll take your word for how delightful it all is.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.



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## OPINION

### THE MASH

# The Mash calling on high school girls to enter annual prom contest

BY LAUREN CHVAL  
The Mash

Every spring, the Chicago Tribune teen edition, *The Mash*, holds a contest called PROMathon. As a publication that is written by students throughout the Chicago area and distributed to over 200 schools in both the city and the suburbs, the promotion is one of our best opportunities to unite our readers in a universal teenage experience: prom.

For young women, prom is a rite of passage that many look forward to from a young age. Whether it's about a night with her date or a night with her friends, she'll put on a dress that can signify she's becoming an adult.

It's a night she wants to remember forever. But it's expensive to achieve that perfect night. The dress she's been imagining since she was 4 (or maybe just for the last four months), the professional hair and make-up, the tickets, the shoes — these costs add up.

PROMathon is about making the dream a reality for one Chicagoland girl. Whether she's looking to transform into a princess or wants to create an unconventional look that sets her apart, we want to help.

Any girl who can attend her school's prom is eligible to apply by writing us an essay about why she deserves to be this year's PROMathon queen. In



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Annemarle Tracey from Hinsdale Central High School was last year's PROMathon winner.

March, we'll reveal the six finalists who will then enter three rounds of voting via our website, social media and texting. The winner receives a free prom dress, hair and make-up, shoes and her tickets. We also take her on a fashion shoot in Chicago and run the photos in a spread in *The Mash* print edition.

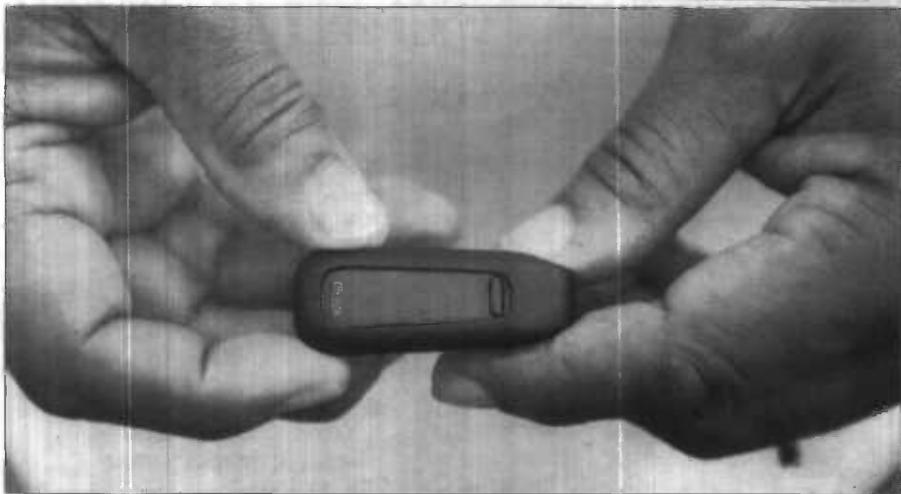
PROMathon is about spotlighting some of the most incredible girls in Chicago. Every year, we're

blown away by the thoughtful essays written by kind, hardworking, strong, intelligent, beautiful young women. We can't wait to read the stories of this year's applicants. If you or someone you know is interested, please apply at [themash.com/promathon](http://themash.com/promathon) by Feb. 15.

*Lauren Chval is the Editor of The Mash, a Pioneer Press sister publication for Chicagoland high schools.*

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MATT MCCLAIN/WASHINGTON POST

Everyone seems to be obsessed with Fitbits, writes columnist Susan Dubin.

## Joining in on the Fitbit frenzy

Lately, as I'm sure you are aware, almost every person in the world is obsessed with Fitbits. My husband Bill and my son Andrew are totally part of this craze and are desperately trying to get me to wear a Fitbit since I have not succumbed to the frenzy.

"It tracks your steps," says Bill. "And you can share your progress with your friends' or coworkers' Fitbits for motivation and fun."

Now, I'm not against Fitbits at all, I just don't feel the need to have one for myself. If I'm doing the treadmill several days per week and I walk a lot during the day, I know I've gotten in enough steps. Also, I don't like wearing anything on my wrist when working out, plus, during the day, I like to wear fabulous bracelets that could potentially clash with a Fitbit.

And, when Andrew excitedly showed me his new Fitbit, I was almost blinded by a horrible, almost migraine-inducing, pulsating light attached to the bottom. Is that even good for you?

Then, the other day, I was hanging out with my friend Holly and her fiancé Carey.

"Hey, look at my fancy, new Fitbit," said Carey. "I love it! It counts my steps AND tracks my sleep. You should get one."

"Why?" I asked.

"Well, I like knowing



SUSAN DUBIN

how well I've slept," Carey said.

Hmmm...I'm sure there's way more science to sleeping than what I know, but I've always felt rather confident in my own ability to tell how well I've slept. For instance, if I wake up a few times during the night and I can't fall back to sleep right away, I'm pretty sure I did not sleep well. Additionally, if I go to bed too late because I'm playing Words with Friends, checking out Pinterest or watching "Friends" reruns, I also know I've not gotten enough sleep. Do I really need to a Fitbit to confirm my lack of sleep quality?

Surprisingly, the age of the Fitbit-wearer keeps getting younger and younger, too. I was even thinking in the near future newborn babies might be outfitted with Fitbits instead of the usual hospital bracelets.

There is one aspect of the Fitbit that does appeal to me, however, and that is the camaraderie that all of the Fitbit wearers seem to have with each other. Bill and Andrew are constantly comparing their steps and

are even having fun Fitbit contests with Bill's coworkers.

"Oh, my Gosh!" I keep thinking. "Are people having a fun time without me? Am I missing out on all the excitement? Should I actually get my own Fitbit?"

Well, I didn't have to think too long about this, because guess what arrived in the mail today. A small, adorable, lime green Fitbit, called Zip (courtesy of Bill and Andrew), which one can wear on or in a pocket or pants (so as not to get in the way of my fashion). The advertising says the Zip is discreet and splash-proof, so I guess if I'm jumping in rain puddles no one will even notice I'm wearing it.

The Zip is actually really cute and I'm surprisingly excited to win contests against other Fitbit wearers. I wonder if I'll soon be one of those people trying to log in more steps by marching in place when I'm in line at the grocery store or talking with friends or if my Zip will wind up lost at the bottom of my purse hidden among some random candy wrappers and my Kashi bar. I'll keep you posted!

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# It's Paczki time!

Get your fill of the Fat Tuesday treat

BY VERONICA HINKE  
Pioneer Press

It's almost Fat Tuesday (Feb. 9) — and bakers everywhere are busy making the paczki.

Similar to a donut, paczki are deep-fried dough sliced in half and filled with jam, cream or fruit and covered in powdered or regular sugar or icing. The difference is that paczki are made with a sweet yeast dough made with butter, milk and eggs, which gives them their decadent, flaky brioche-like consistency.

And then there are the fillings. Paczki flavors can range from fruit to custard to cheese and more. There are fancy paczki like the rosehip-flavored paczkis at Brookhaven Market in Burr Ridge. And there are voluptuous paczki like the praline chocolate mousse paczki at Bennisson's Bakery in Evanston.

"No Fat Tuesday is complete without a banana cream paczki," Bennisson's Bakery Owner Jory Downer said.

Downer said the most unusual filling is prune, which is also probably the least favorite "But it's the most traditional paczki of all," Downer said. "Just real old school Polish bakery fare."

The key to a really good paczki is the filling, said Matt Slove with Lovin Oven Cakery in Libertyville and Round Lake Beach. A few years ago they tried a bacon maple paczki that still gets special orders.

With their ties to Fat Tuesday, paczki, a traditional Lenten treat rooted in Poland's history, inspire some pretty lively festivities.

At Bennisson's, bakers are getting ready for their 7th annual Paczki Eating Contest, [www.bennisonscakes.com/paczkicontest.html](http://www.bennisonscakes.com/paczkicontest.html). This year's event takes place at 2 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Every year, eight, two-person teams and eight solo competitors go face to face to scarf down the most paczkis in 10 minutes. Proceeds will benefit Phil's Friends, a nonprofit organization that provides support to cancer patients.

Bakers at Oak Mill Bakery will make nearly 100,000 paczki this year. Paczki will be available at their multiple locations, which include Harwood Heights, Niles and Arlington Heights, and all are made using the same recipe. What's special about this recipe is that it includes a dash of spirits. Any spirits will do, but it seems like vodka makes sense.

"It is adapted from a very old Polish recipe from my years living in Poland, where I was born," Owner Bogna Solak said.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Paczki for sale at Oak Mill Bakery and Cafe for last year's Fat Tuesday celebration.

## Paczki to go

A sampling of bakeries and shops that are selling paczkis on Feb. 9. Make sure to call ahead; many places are not taking same-day orders.

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## Paczki recipe

(Yields 30-35)

- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 1/2 ounces yeast
- 2 pounds, 3 ounces flour (Oak Mill Bakery uses high gluten and pastry flour mix)
- 3 1/2 ounces yeast
- 7 ounces butter, margarine and shortening (mixed together)
- 8 egg yolks
- 2 whole eggs
- 2 tablespoons spirits

### STARTER:

- Slightly warm 1/2 cup of milk and mix with 2 teaspoons sugar, crushed yeast and 2 tablespoons of flour.
- Cover with a cloth and leave in a warm place to rise for about 10 to 15 minutes.

### DOUGH:

- Melt butter, margarine and shortening together and set aside.
- Beat yolks, egg and remaining sugar in a bowl—approximately 10 minutes (you can use dough hook in mixer).
- Pour remaining flour into a large bowl, and then add the starter, milk and eggs. Mix well. At the end, add the melted fats. Mix the dough until smooth. Add alcohol (the spirits—and mix the dough one more time. (The dough is very sticky. Best not to add more flour).
- Remove the dough from the mixer and place in flour-dusted bowl. Cover the bowl with a cloth and leave for dough to rise until doubled in volume (about 1 hour).
- Sprinkle worktop with flour and put raised dough on worktop. Roll dough to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut multiple circles in the dough using a 2-inch ring.
- Let the dough rise for another 30 minutes.
- In the meantime heat oil to 360 degrees.
- When paczki are ready, fry them until golden brown on both sides. Do not over fry. Remove from fryer and drain on paper towel.
- Cool and fill with favorite filling. Sprinkle with sugar, powdered sugar or glaze.

### PACZKI GLAZE:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons hot water, or lemon juice
- Mix together till smooth consistency

Bogna Solak, Oak Mill Bakery

## THEATER

# Mother and daughter share stage for 'Beau Jest'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Anita and Rachel Silvert of Northbrook seem as close as a mother and daughter can be, yet they've been having some serious clashes — onstage. Anita plays Miriam Goldman and Rachel is her daughter Sarah in MadKap Productions' "Beau Jest" at the Skokie Theatre.

The main issue in James Sherman's romantic comedy is that Sarah doesn't think her traditional Jewish parents will accept her gentile boyfriend so she hires an actor to pretend he's her boyfriend, and a Jewish doctor.

"I don't think we ever decided to do a show together," Rachel said. "But these are really good roles for both of us." This is only the second time the mother and daughter pair has shared a stage — the first was when Rachel was in high school.

"This is a professional opportunity for both of us that we're enjoying as actors and it's a kick-and-a-half extra to be doing it with her," Anita said.

Rachel revealed that her grandmother said, "I hope you're still friends after."

Both women are confident their stage interactions won't affect their real life ones. But there are moments...

"Sometimes, I would see a look in her eyes or hear a tone in her voice as the character Sarah and think, 'Oh my God, I know that person,'" Anita admitted.

Rachel noted, "I do relate to this character so much, it's been interesting to find what is just Sarah and what is just me."

Anita considers herself a very different person from Miriam. "I don't



KEVIN MELL PHOTO

Michael Dalberg, from left, Rachel Silvert and Anita Silvert in "Beau Jest," about a woman who hires an actor to play her fictional Jewish doctor boyfriend.

## MadKap Productions presents 'Beau Jest'

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 5-21, plus 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10

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think I'm as guilt-oriented as she is," Anita said.

"You're not Miriam Goldman," Rachel concurred.

Anita, who grew up in Skokie, began performing while attending Niles West High School. (Playwright Sherman was one of her classmates.) "I was mostly a singer then," she said. She majored in voice at the University of Iowa.

Anita returned to theater in the 1990s, and has performed with Highland Park Players, Up and Coming Theatre in Des Plaines and Citadel Theatre Company, among others.

She is the director of community outreach for a small nonprofit Jewish learning initiative.

Rachel also started doing theater when she was in high school. "I went

to college and came to the conclusion that I was happier doing theater than anything else so I changed my major," she said. After earning a degree in musical theater performance from the American University in Washington D.C. in 2012, Rachel pursued theater in the D.C. area.

She returned to this area two years ago and has since worked with Stone Soup Theatre Project as well as serving as managing director of Bring Your Own Theatre Productions.

Daytimes, Rachel teaches afterschool science programs with Mad Science of Chicago. Both actors are convinced their onstage relationship won't affect their offstage one.

"Any time I get to spend with my kid is a good thing," Anita said.

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# Sharing the LOVE

5 Valentine's ideas  
for you and those  
you hold dear

#### STAFF REPORT Pioneer Press

Whether you'd rather celebrate with your significant other solo or spend a fun day with the family, here are five slightly-out-of-the-ordinary ways to celebrate Valentine's Day this year.

**1** Gather your girlfriends for a night of Valentine history and lore from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Mount Prospect Historical Society's Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum, 101 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect. The evening will be part traveling exhibit, part historical talk and part workshop. Learn about romantic history of Valentine's Day and St. Valentine himself with a presentation by Ellie Carlson of Ellie Presents. Before the presentation explore the museum where you'll unlock the mysteries of old-fashioned courtship rituals; discover the hidden meanings of different types of

flowers; satisfy your taste buds with some decadent chocolate and a glass of wine; and stock up on some romantic winter reading at the used romance novel book sale. After the presentation, create a homemade Valentine during a make-and-take session. Reservations are \$10 in advance at the museum or at [www.mtphist.org](http://www.mtphist.org). Day-of tickets will be \$12. Call 847-392-9006 or visit [www.mtphist.org](http://www.mtphist.org).

**2** Feb. 14 is FREEze day at Brookfield Zoo with free admission and winter-themed activities all day long. The day's events will include dog-sledding demonstrations at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, visit [www.czs.org/events](http://www.czs.org/events) or call 708-688-8000.

**3** Bella Voce performs Songs of the Heart at 5 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Lidgus Residence, 222 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. The event includes seven musical performances and seven food and wine pairings. Tickets cost \$150. Call 877-755-6277 or visit [www.bellavoce.org](http://www.bellavoce.org).

**4** Those Were the Days Radio Players West Troupe presents will perform selections from romantic radio dramas of the past like "The Shop Around the Corner" and "My Favorite Husband" at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148-6240 W. Dempster in Harrer Park. The event is free. Call 847-965-0203 for more information.

**5** The Estate at Gene & Georgetti, the event venue next door to Gene & Georgetti restaurant, will transform into a supper club celebrating Valentine's Day with A Fine Romance Feb. 14 at 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont. The evening includes a four course dinner and live performances from cabaret artists Joan Curto, Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie. Seatings for dinner and the show begin at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$95 per person and includes a bottle of Prosecco.

For reservations, call 847-653-3300 or visit [www.GeneandGeorgetti.com](http://www.GeneandGeorgetti.com).

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## SUBURBAN COOKS

# Chinese New Year a great time to make dumplings

## Area residents share holiday traditions

By Judy Buchenot  
Beacon-News

If they were at their homes in China instead of in their homes in Naperville, Tina Cui and Kexin Chao would be in the middle of celebrating Chinese New Year. Unlike New Year's Eve in the United States, Chinese New Year is a two-week celebration where many people travel home to be with family. Aurora resident Kathy Moreno is also familiar with the Chinese New Year since she and her husband lived in China for four years and in Thailand for 4-and-a-half years. Their children attended school there and the family grew to admire the many customs including Chinese New Year.

When Moreno moved back to the United States to settle in a home in Aurora, she joined Naperville Newcomers and Neighbors Club. At one of the organization's many gatherings, she met Cui and Chao. The three became fast friends as they shared stories of China. They decided it would be fun to share the many traditions connected with Chinese New Year with others and planned a Know and Tell, one of the many NNNC activities where members share knowledge or expertise on a topic.

In trying to describe Chinese New Year, the three women say the event is similar to American Thanksgiving where families try to be together and share a traditional meal. But the celebration has many other facets. Families put up spring couplets which are good luck wishes written on red paper with black ink. They also post the Chinese symbol for luck upside down on the front door so that good luck will come pouring into the house.

A big family meal is held on New Year's Eve. "Most people have fish at the dinner," Moreno said. "And when I say fish, I mean the whole fish. On my first day in China, I went to the grocery store and saw live fish jumping from one barrel to another barrel."

"We steam the fish and serve it with the head, the eyeballs, every



JUDY BUCHENOT/BEACON-NEWS

Tina Cui, center, serves Kexin Chao and Kathy Moreno some traditional sweets served during Chinese New Year celebrations in China.

thing," said Cui. "Sometimes we fry it a little after steaming. When we finish the fish, we use the bones to make soup. It symbolizes the wholeness and completeness of things."

Another popular part of New Year's meals are dumplings. "Dumplings are an important part of the meal if you are in Northern China," said Cui. "We have them steamed, fried or boiled. The dough is similar to pasta dough and the filling can vary. Traditional filling is pork and sauerkraut but you can add leek, egg, pork, dried shrimp. We had fish dumplings because we lived near the ocean."

Dumplings can be purchased but Chao likes to make her own from wrapper to filling. "I make the wrappers because the ones you buy are uniform thickness. I like the outside edges to be thinner and the middle to be thicker. I can do that when I roll them myself," she said.

Families eat dumplings at different times. "We ate dumplings in the middle of the night after the fireworks. One dumpling had a coin in it and it was good luck to get that dumpling," said Chao.

Instead of dumplings, people in southern China traditionally serve tang yuan which are glutinous rice balls that can be filled with chopped peanuts or black sesame paste. They are boiled in a

sweet syrup or savory sauce and served. "There was also napa cabbage during the meal," Chao said. "The Chinese character for napa means fortune so it was part of the meal."

"On New Year's Day, we put on new clothes and visit elderly relatives and our teachers," said Cui. "There is much respect for the elderly and for teachers. We go and show our respect and then the elderly relatives give us red envelopes with money." The oldest and married members of the family give new bank notes in red envelopes to the younger and unmarried members of the family.

Color is very important during Chinese New Year's celebrations. "Red is good because it symbolizes happiness and good luck," said Cui. "White symbolizes death so it is not worn for New Year."

This year, Chinese New Year falls on Feb. 8. Moreno shares a recipe for dumplings for anyone who wants to join in the tradition of welcoming a year with hopes of good fortune. Chao shares a recipe for Nian Gao, a sweet glutinous steamed rice cake that is thought to bring improvement to the new year. The special ingredients can be found in the Asian section of grocery stores.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer.

## Tina's Culinary Cue

To create a non-stick surface in a seasoned, iron wok, heat the wok and run fresh cut slices of ginger around the surface.

## Dumplings

- 12-16 ounce package round dumpling or gyoza wrappers
- small head napa cabbage
- 4 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce (or salt and pepper to taste)
- water for boiling or olive oil for frying
- red or black rice vinegar
- additional soy sauce

1. Thaw wrappers if frozen. Finely dice cabbage and mushrooms. In a large bowl, combine ground pork, cabbage, mushrooms, egg, sesame oil and soy sauce (or salt and pepper). Mix well. Place one wrapper in the palm of your hand. Place one tablespoon of filling in the middle of the wrapper. Do not place too much filling or wrappers will pop open during cooking. Wet the edges of the wrapper with water. Fold wrapper in half and squeeze the edges together firmly while crimping the edges to form pleats.

2. Dumplings can be placed in freezer bags and frozen at this point for later use. When ready to serve, dumpling can be boiled or fried. To boil, fill a large pot half full with water. Add a pinch of salt and 1 teaspoon oil. Bring to a boil and then place dumplings in a single layer in the pot. Allow water to come to a boil and then add one cup cold water. Bring to a boil again and add one more cup cold water. Bring to a boil again. Dumplings should be cooked and floating on top. Remove dumplings and drain. Serve with red or black rice vinegar or soy sauce.

3. To fry dumplings, pour a thin layer of olive oil in a frying pan and heat. Brown dumplings in the oil for 2 minutes being sure to flip them so they do not stick to the pan. When dumplings are beginning to brown, add 6 tablespoons water and cover pan with a lid. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes until dumplings are cooked through. Remove lid from pan and continue to cook until all the water is evaporated, flipping dumplings to keep them from sticking. Serve with red or black rice vinegar or soy sauce.

## Nian Gao (New Year's Cake)

- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup sugar (can use white or brown sugar or a mix)
- 1 1/2 pounds glutinous rice flour
- 9 ounces sweetened red bean paste
- 2 cups cooked Chinese red beans
- 2 eggs (optional)
- oil for frying (optional)

1. Mix together sugar and water. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Place rice flour in a mixing bowl and pour hot sugar and water mixture over it. Mix well. Add red bean paste and red beans and mix well. Grease an 8" round pan and spread mixture into the pan. Steam for one hour over hot water in a bamboo steamer. Cool.

2. If desired, cake can be fried for extra flavor. Beat two eggs. Cut cake into 2" squares. Dip into eggs. Heat a thin layer of oil in a pan. Fry cake squares until lightly browned.

# I spy a valentine

Interactive cards offer fun way to send secret messages of love



**BETH ENGELMAN**  
Mommy on a Shoestring

Go undercover this Valentine's Day with interactive cards that are more than meet's the eye.

## Secret message and decoder glasses

The only thing more fun than a valentine with a secret message is one that also includes custom-made decoder glasses.

**You need:**

- White card stock
- Pencil
- Red cellophane
- Red, pink, orange, yellow, blue and purple markers

**Glue stick**

**To make the secret message cards:**

With a pencil, lightly write out your "secret" message. (Hint one or two-word messages such as "XOXO," "Love" or "Be Mine," work best.) Trace over the letters with blue and purple dots. Camouflage the message by surrounding the blue and purple dots with lots of pink, red, yellow and orange dots.

**To make the glasses:**

Download and print the decoder glasses template on white card stock. You can find a free template at Made by Marzipan's site: <http://bit.ly/1S9mFHu>. Trim the glasses according to the guidelines. Use a glue stick to attach the arms of the glasses to the frame. Cover the lenses with red cellophane. Put the valentine together as desired, being sure to include the glasses in the envelope.

## Magically appearing message

Similar to a leaf rubbing, this secret message instantly appears after you run a crayon over a specified area. The secret is the chipboard letters that lie under the paper.

**You need:**

- White computer paper
- Glue stick
- Self-adhesive chipboard letters (available at most craft stores)
- Crayons
- Colored paper or card stock

**Directions:**



Hide messages that can only read by rubbing a crayon on a special surface.

Fold a piece of paper in half, then unfold. Place your chipboard message to the left of the crease. Fold the paper again so the paper covers the message.

Glue the three edges of the paper together, which will secure the chipboard letters in place. Trim paper if desired and glue to a larger piece of paper or card stock.

Add a crayon and simple instructions and then sit back, relax and watch the message and smiles appear!

## Winning lottery ticket

The billion-dollar Powerball may have come and gone but that doesn't mean you can't have a "lotto" fun with this valentine craft idea!

**You need:**

- Card stock
- Markers
- Clear contact paper
- Dishwasher soap
- Acrylic paint

**Directions:**

When it comes to creating a customized lottery ticket anything goes. You can use markers, crayons or even your computer. The most important thing is to include a secret message that will be covered with a scratch-off paint sticker.

To make a scratch-off paint sticker, combine two-parts paint to one part dishwashing soap. Paint a sheet of clear contact paper with paint/soap mixture. Set aside until dry and paint an additional coat.

Cut the dry, painted contact paper into smaller rectangles that are large enough to cover your "secret message." Peel-off the back of the contact paper and place the sticker on your lottery ticket so that it covers your secret message.

Place lottery ticket in an envelope. You might even include a penny for easy scratching.

Happy Valentine's Day!



BETH ENGELMAN/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Valentine message mysteries are easily solved with custom-made decoder glasses.



Enclose a penny with your scratch and sniff message cards for quick and easy reading.

# Dogs as date bait: Fido can be furry cupid

Study: Women like men with canine pets

By Caitlin Gibson  
The Washington Post

Attention dog-loving singles! A new study has confirmed what so many dog park visits and “yappy hours” and gimmicky Instagram accounts have already made so obvious: Your furry friend can help you find romance.

But there is, of course, a caveat: Using Fido as date-bait is far more effective if you happen to be a single guy. (Sigh. Even dog ownership isn't exempt from male privilege.)

The study, titled “The Roles of Pet Dogs and Cats in Human Courtship and Dating” and published in December in the quarterly research journal *Anthrozoos*, surveyed random Match.com users in the United States who included pet info in their dating profiles. Of the 1,210 people who responded, 61 percent were women — and dogs and cats were by far the most common pets listed.

(Still no word from science on the impact of exotic pets on one's dating life — though I do know a guy who made his future wife choose between him and her parrot after the bird repeatedly tried to bite his face.)

The study's researchers theorized that “women will place more value on how a potential mate interacts with their pet than will single men” — and the results proved them right: The ladies



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A study in *Anthrozoos* Journal confirms what dog park visits make obvious: Your furry friend can help you find romance, especially if you're a single guy.

were more than twice as likely as the gents to say that they were attracted to someone because he had a pet, and also about twice as likely to judge their date based on how they reacted to a furry companion.

(Sorry, cat lovers. Dogs are more commonly used as social barometers in the dating scene. About 32 percent of the 20-something women surveyed said that a guy with a feline friend was a potential deal-breaker.)

So why are women more likely to swoon over a partner with a

dog? “Put in terms of evolutionary and life history theory, females allocate a higher proportion of their reproductive effort to parenting while males expend more energy on mating,” the researchers said. Basically: Women are more likely to want a guy who seems like he would be a responsible, caring parent; guys are more likely to want a girl who seems like she would look good in a bikini.

The study (which has some notable limitations — the survey sample comes exclusively from

the online dating pool, and includes only heterosexual, gender-normative people — pointed out that because pets are increasingly treated like members of the family, their role as a stand-in for potential future kids is all the more significant.

Hence the “Hot Dudes with Dogs” account on Instagram, and those Purina Puppy Chow “Puppyhood” video ads featuring that floppy-haired guy and his floppy-eared puppy. All just a shameless ploy to win over the ladies by using our evolutionary instincts against us. (That guy and that puppy, though ...)

Men are onto this tactic, too. Guys were more than twice as likely to admit that they've used a pet to lure a potential date, the study said — and dogs were used far more than cats as this sort of “social tool.”

But the romantic perks of dog ownership don't necessarily extend to women, according to the survey as well as my own highly unscientific follow-up research, i.e. reviewing my own personal history and calling a couple of dog-owning women.

Deborah Ben-Moshe, a single District of Columbia resident and proud owner of Georgie, a 3-year-old mixed breed pup, told me that she's hopelessly charmed by guys who are into her dog. She still remembers the man who responded to her dating profile with a note that said: “I can't decide who is cuter, you or your dog” — but she more often encounters guys who seem a bit daunted by a woman who has

committed to pet ownership.

“Women see a guy with a dog, and they see a guy who is responsible and wants to settle down, and that's really endearing,” Ben-Moshe says. “But for women with a dog, I think guys may see that and feel like, holy crap, this girl is ready to have babies and settle down. ... And I think that might be scary for them.”

When I first started dating my husband, he was definitely not thrilled about my dog, Maggie, and he was REALLY not psyched at the prospect of living with her. Flash-forward two years, and he now regularly serenades her and tucks her into her bed like a child. So keep an open mind, fellas.

And do you really want to waste your time with a guy who is spooked by a dog anyway? Online dating coach Erika Ettin, author of “Love at First Site: Tips and Tales for Online Dating Success from a Modern-Day Matchmaker,” notes that her dog, Scruffy, has often revealed certain traits in would-be partners.

“I've learned that owning a dog tells me if you're a germaphobe, it tells me if you're high-strung,” she says. “If you sit on my couch, you'll probably get some dog hairs on you. And I don't necessarily want to be with someone who is that uptight about a few dog hairs.”

And when it comes to dating, there is at least one perk of dog ownership that works for men and women: “I've used Georgie as an excuse to get out of a bad date,” Ben-Moshe says. “So, that's a positive!”

## PET OF THE WEEK



Curly Q

My family felt they did not have enough time for me so they are giving me a chance to find a new family that will have plenty of time for me. I am a very active and playful little dog that loves walks and having fun. While I did not live with dogs, they said I was good with them. I lived with a two-year old child and did fine. I am a happy and easy-going dog, ready for a new start in life thanks to Save-A-Pet.

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# Daily Offers strikes again, but this time PayPal is ready

Dear Help Squad,

I was searching around and found your column "Help Squad: Daily Offers doesn't deliver, neither does PayPal buyer protection plan." I wanted you to know that I had the very same experience with Daily Offers. This person somehow uses ICAN [Postal Service] to set up fake deliveries so that it can show tracking information that an item has been delivered when it has not. In my case, I ordered sports chairs, and I was at home the entire day the delivery was supposedly made (Jan. 4). I never left the house that day and actually took delivery of other packages. I just reached out to PayPal to ask for a refund under its buyer protection program, so it remains to be seen how that goes, but is there anything else that you think can be done here?

Mark, Los Angeles

At my request, Mark emailed me all of his correspondence to and from Daily Offers, ICAN Postal Service and the PayPal Resolution Center.

In looking over Mark's Daily Offers and ICAN documents, I noted several

irregularities:

- An unreadable combination of letters and symbols in the "Subject," "To," "From" and "CC:" fields in Daily Offers' emails.

- Eleven, rather than 10, digits in ICAN's phone number on the company's tracking history web page.

- Phrasing such as "... feel free to reply to this email keeping the code of your enquiry in the subject line. Shipping and payment related questions which were received over the website or phone can't be processed promptly."

- And, as previously noted in the December column, Daily Offers' web address changed yet again. The URL included in Daily Offers' emails to Mark now redirects to a fourth URL I've seen for the company.

Many of the above are possible indicators of a non-U.S.-based operation, and as such have greater potential to be fraudulent. Using phone numbers provided on their websites and in Mark's tracking correspondence documents, I was unable to



CATHY CUNNINGHAM  
Help Squad

reach anyone from Daily Offers or ICAN Postal Service to ask about these irregularities. With every attempt, I reached generic messages saying the person I was trying to reach was unavailable or working with another customer.

While my correspondence with PayPal's media relations department in December had not resulted in an abundance of useful information, the consumer did receive a refund as a result of that intervention. So with great optimism, I emailed some questions to PayPal's general media relations address. I quickly heard back from an individual requesting he be identified only as a PayPal spokesperson.

In response to my questions about PayPal's knowledge of Daily Offers, as well as the status of Mark's refund request, I was told: "[Mark] should be receiving a phone call later today — please feel free to reach out to him to see his outcome."

Though Mark hadn't received a refund at that point, within the week, his account

was credited the full \$68.85 he was due.

The next day, I received this official statement from the PayPal spokesperson: "Due to our privacy policy, we cannot comment on specific user or merchant accounts. We always have our customers' best interests in mind, which is why we have both buyer and seller protection policies in place for when disputes do arise, as was the case here. We expect all our merchants to use established, legitimate shipping services in order to serve their buyers well. If we determine in a dispute that this is not the case, we will take appropriate steps to reimburse the buyer under our protection plan."

Because each merchant's delivery service falls outside of PayPal's control, if a buyer sees an unfamiliar shipping company at checkout, it might be advisable to cancel the order at that point.

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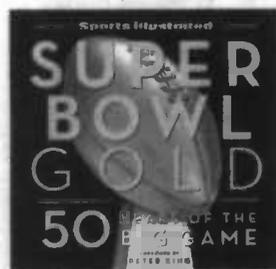
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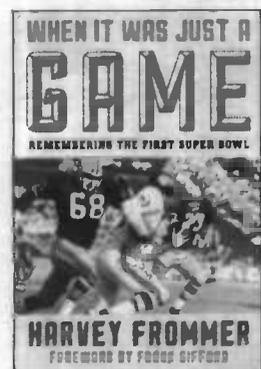


## Super Bowl Gold: 50 Years of the Big Game

Edited by Kostya Kennedy, *Time*, 336 pages, \$40

It is hard to beat *Sports Illustrated* when it comes to publishing a coffee-table type book documenting the golden anniversary of the big game. Prior to the Internet era, the Super Bowl wasn't official until readers received their *Sports Illustrated* with its account of the game. The book features photos, original text from *SI* writers and remembrances from players in each of the 49 games. The classic writing of Tex Maule, Dan Jenkins, and Paul Zimmerman still stands up after all these years. Zimmerman wrote of Chicago's most

memorable Super Bowl Sunday: "It will be many years before we see anything approaching the vision of hell that Chicago inflicted on the Patriots in Super Bowl XX." The photos, though, carry the book. There's the unforgettable photography of Neil Leifer (his iconic shot of Vince Lombardi being carried off the field in Super Bowl II), Walter Iooss Jr. and Heinz Klutmeier, among many others. Many of the photos are true works of art and in their own way document the history of the game. There is a telling two-page spread showing Joe Namath, wearing only a bathing suit, being interviewed by a single TV reporter at the beach prior to Super Bowl III. The contrast is on the adjoining page with a shot of a sea of reporters, most of them getting nowhere close to players, during the insanity of media day for last year's Super Bowl. The book also has an introduction by long-time NFL writer Peter King and stories by Austin Murphy, Richard Deitsch and Bill Syken on the growth of the game from commercials to the halftime shows.



## When It Was Just a Game: Remembering the First Super Bowl

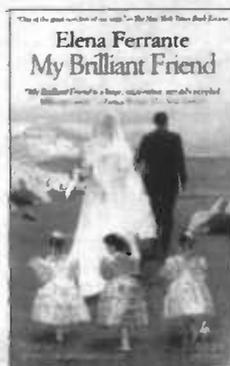
By Harvey Frommer, *Taylor Trade*, 301 pages, \$29.95

Long before it became a huge, lavish, if not garish, mega-spectacle, the Super Bowl actually got off to a modest start. Harvey Frommer documents the game and all the events leading up to Super Bowl I in 1967, when it was formally known as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game. He relies mainly on an oral history from the players, coaches, media and more who were involved in Green Bay's victory over Kansas City. The game wasn't even close to a sellout in Los Angeles. Sports fans weren't excited about the supposed showdown following the merger of the two rival leagues. Indeed, the times were much different: Reporters actually could knock on the door and interview players in their hotel rooms during the days leading up to the game. Frommer delivers an entertaining account of a different and transformative era for pro football. The book also has a fascinating

inside look into the Lombardi-coached Packers. His players recall how the legendary coach pushed them to achieve excellence, and his intense anxiety about the prospect of defending the NFL's honor against the upstart AFL. Said guard Jerry Kramer: "Lombardi ran the show, and he was way bigger than anything and anybody we had ever seen."

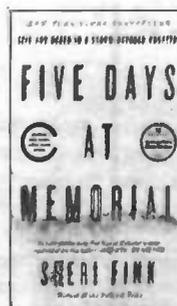
### CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante (Europa Editions, \$17).
2. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" by Marie Kondo (Ten Speed, \$16.99).
3. "The Sustainable Edge: 15 Minutes a Week to a Richer Entrepreneurial Life" by Ron Carson and Scott Ford (Greenleaf Book Group, \$19.95).
4. "My Name Is Lucy Barton: A Novel" by Elizabeth Strout (Penguin Random House, \$26.00).
5. "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).



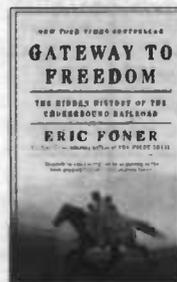
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### NEW IN PAPERBACK



#### Five Days at Memorial

By Sheri Fink, *Broadway*, 566 pages, \$17  
Fink investigates patient deaths at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. As Katrina struck and the hospital lost power amid climbing heat, caregivers designated certain patients to be last for rescue. Months later, several caregivers were accused of deliberately injecting patients with drugs to quicken their deaths and ended up in front of a grand jury.



#### Gateway to Freedom

By Eric Foner, *W.W. Norton*, 305 pages, \$16.95  
Foner explores the history of the Underground Railroad, which helped more than 3,000 fugitive slaves escape to freedom between 1830 and 1860. Foner uses newly discovered documents, such as the detailed record kept by Sydney Howard Gay, one of the Underground Railroad's key organizers in New York, to flesh out the narrative.



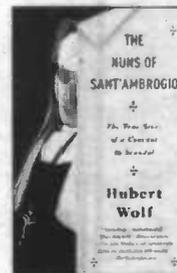
#### Blood-Drenched Beard: A Novel

By Daniel Galera, translated by Alison Entrekin, *Penguin*, 375 pages, \$16  
The father of an unnamed young man tells the story of how the man's grandfather was executed by vigilantes. The man sets off for the coastal town where his grandfather was killed, but information doesn't come easily, and a neurological condition prohibits the man from recognizing faces he's met, ultimately leading to danger.



#### Five: A Novel

By Ursula Archer, *Minotaur*, 324 pages, \$15.99  
A woman's corpse is discovered in an Austrian meadow with numbers and letters tattooed on the soles of her feet. Detective Inspector Beatrice Kaspary identifies the digits as map coordinates, which lead her and colleague Florin Wenninger on a gruesome scavenger hunt for body parts sealed in plastic bags. The riddles that accompany the parts point to a five-stage plot.



#### The Nuns of Sant'Ambrogio

By Hubert Wolf, translated by Ruth Martin, *Vintage*, 476 pages, \$17  
Wolf reveals documents from the Vatican's archives that detail the Sant'Ambrogio convent, which was investigated by the Catholic Church in 1858 after a letter from a German princess to a relative saying she feared for her life. The Church's investigation discovered that Sister Maria Luisa was a murderer and sociopathic embezzler who coerced novice nuns into lesbian initiation rites and heresies.

— Jeremy Mikula



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## Reenactments: Real-people Oscar roles

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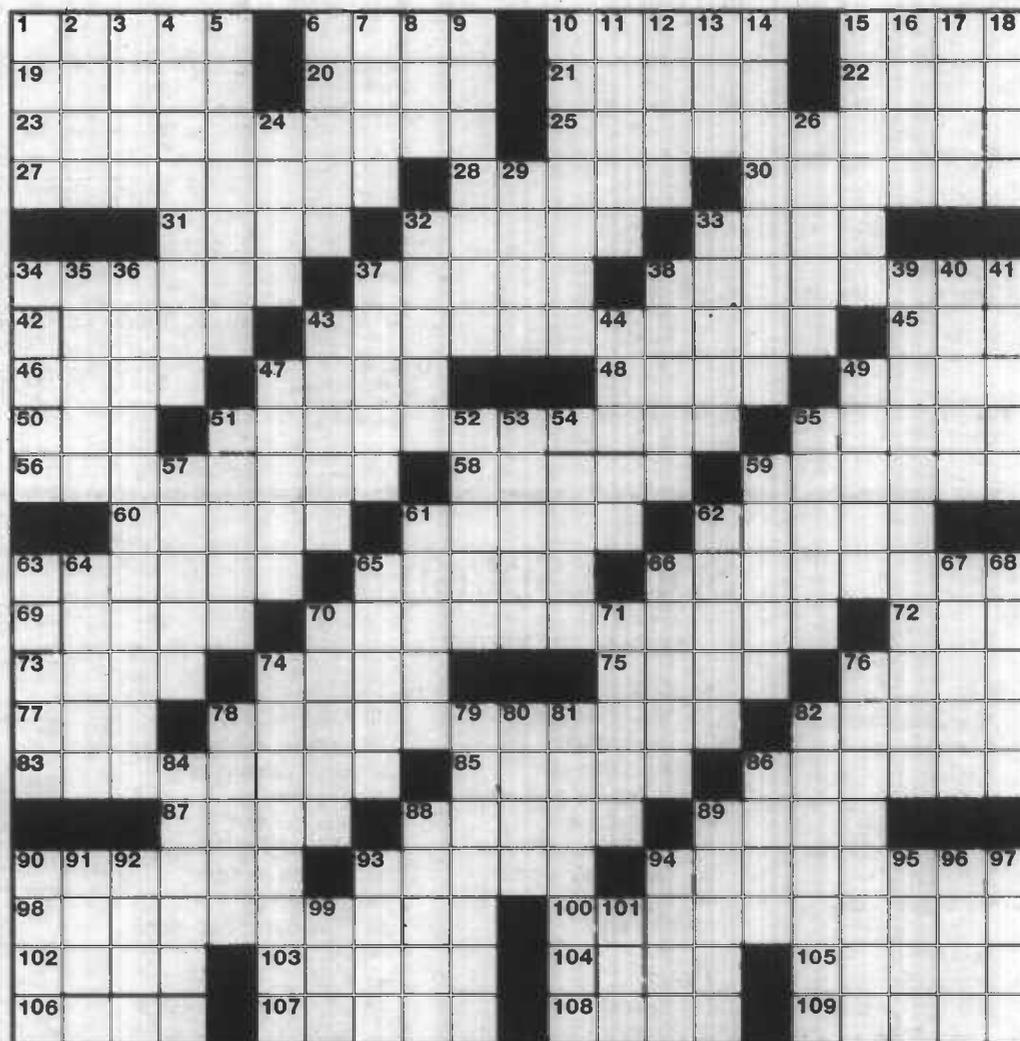
### Across

- 1 Takes a fall  
6 Pro — (proportionally)  
10 Home office locale, maybe  
15 Leatherworking tools  
19 Utility bill datum  
20 Take — (acknowledge applause)  
21 Ben Stiller's mom  
22 "This doesn't look good"  
23 Jason Robards (1976)  
25 Martin Landau (1994)  
27 Cause of coastline corrosion  
28 Perform poorly  
30 Quick-wittedness  
31 British noble  
32 Actress Deschanel  
33 Med. insurance systems  
34 Pubware  
37 Gelato flavor  
38 Cosmetics container  
42 Landlord's sign  
43 Sissy Spacek (1980)  
45 Filler of 34 Across  
46 Rotational line  
47 Shakespearean schemer  
48 Sign over  
49 Filler of 34 Across  
50 Industry, informally  
51 Maureen Stapleton (1981)  
55 Take off  
56 Podded plant  
58 "Snowshoe" hoppers

- 59 38 Across contents  
60 Kid-lit elephant  
61 Spanish dim sum  
62 Name on the *Little House* books  
63 Economic coalition  
65 Sultan's wives  
66 Part of the brass section  
69 Withdrew, with "out"  
70 Robert De Niro (1980)  
72 Whitney's claim to fame  
73 Sounds amazed  
74 Spacious  
75 Field of expertise  
76 Diamond ploy  
77 Start of the 7th century  
78 Patty Duke (1962)  
82 Wall climbers  
83 Snowmass sportswear  
85 Fastens securely  
86 Tapering fully  
87 Muses' domain  
88 Sources of spores  
89 Let off steam  
90 For formal occasions  
93 Arena walkway  
94 "Just 'cause I felt like it"  
98 Jamie Foxx (2004)  
100 Paul Scofield (1966)  
102 Podded plant  
103 Pocahontas' hubby  
104 Faint trace  
105 Word usually seen before a date  
106 Spa treatment  
107 Jefferson, religiously  
108 Lyrical tributes

### Down

- 1 Sandwiches or stand-ins  
2 "Got it now"  
3 Granny  
4 Frequent 007 adversaries  
5 Genesis villain  
6 Detection device  
7 With proficiency  
8 Tip of a boot  
9 Overused compliment  
10 Environmental  
11 Barely visible  
12 Radio station format  
13 Funds for the future  
14 Ointment ingredient  
15 Hot time  
16 Second word of a Hemingway title  
17 Come up short  
18 Tibia's place  
24 Trojan War instigator  
26 Nutmeg State sch.  
29 Tugboat sound  
32 Space-shot state, for short  
33 Teacher of Beethoven  
34 Tentative efforts  
35 Venom, for instance  
36 Helen Mirren (2006)  
37 Boston airport  
38 Court hearings?  
39 Anthony Quinn (1956)  
40 Blast from the past



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- 41 Experiments  
43 Truman's birthplace  
44 Ultimate heights  
47 Clarification starter  
49 Brief effort  
51 Tapered off  
52 Chicago airport  
53 Carnation location  
54 Emmy category  
55 March master  
57 Does road work  
59 Ska fan, perhaps  
61 Not available  
62 Informal farewell  
63 Merchandise  
64 Pediatrician/author  
65 Mythical underworld  
66 Drills (through)  
67 IQ test developer  
68 Visibly impatient  
70 Casts aside  
71 100-store complexes  
74 Hit a homer, slangily  
76 Folic acid, for one  
78 Unkind  
79 Israel's legislature  
80 British noble  
81 Office extension  
82 Absurdist playwright  
84 France's answer to da Vinci  
86 Legal aide, for short  
88 Feudal domains  
89 Frolics  
90 Take a fall  
91 Casino chip collector  
92 Fictional governess  
93 "... for — know"  
94 Mr. Potato Head piece  
95 Order properly  
96 Predatory dolphin  
97 Lowest high tide  
99 Sushi spread  
101 Camouflaged

## Quote-Acrostic

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

## Clues

## Words

- A. Hoops  
oops:  
2 wds. 162 151 50 135 20 111 71
- B. P.M. London  
address:  
2 wds. 153 100 31 75 14 84 130 113 48 19
- C. Start of a  
creed:  
3 wds. 143 109 32 167 128 60 68 83
- 13 21
- D. Buck 161 18 142 85 12 134 98 115
- E. Take a nap:  
3 wds. 56 126 157 24 35
- 147 103 116 97 73 4
- F. Sinatra's  
birthplace 158 46 76 145 118 92 7
- G. Letter for  
letter: L. 132 166 78 41 139 117 59 67 27
- H. Winner of  
the most  
Australian Opens 155 137 80 30 105 45 63

- I. Bluefins, e.g. 44 123 25 15 88 55 150
- J. Oman, e.g. 96 160 148 22 106 82 6 65 36
- K. Blondie  
before  
Bumstead 28 159 49 53 93 133 81 114 52
- L. Beneficiary  
of sorts 131 120 144 38 69 3 58 163 101
- M. Hillary's  
Everest  
companion 39 170 9 17 62 149
- N. Subway  
power source:  
2 wds. 136 79 57 124 87 37 70 110 11
- O. Late UAW  
leader 54 2 146 8 102 74 42
- P. TV, to  
snobs:  
2 wds. 23 47 10 122 91 165 138 152
- Q. Messy one. 168 72 127 34 154 86 5 104 121
- R. Kind of  
potatoes or  
salad 1 77 141 125 99 51 119 90 29
- S. River from  
Tibet to the  
Arabian Sea 169 156 108 95 43
- T. Priest-to-be 129 66 164 33 107 16 89 61
- U. Name  
synonymous  
with status  
quo: 2 wds. 171 140 40 112 26 64 94



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## Splish Splash

BY CHARLES PRESTON

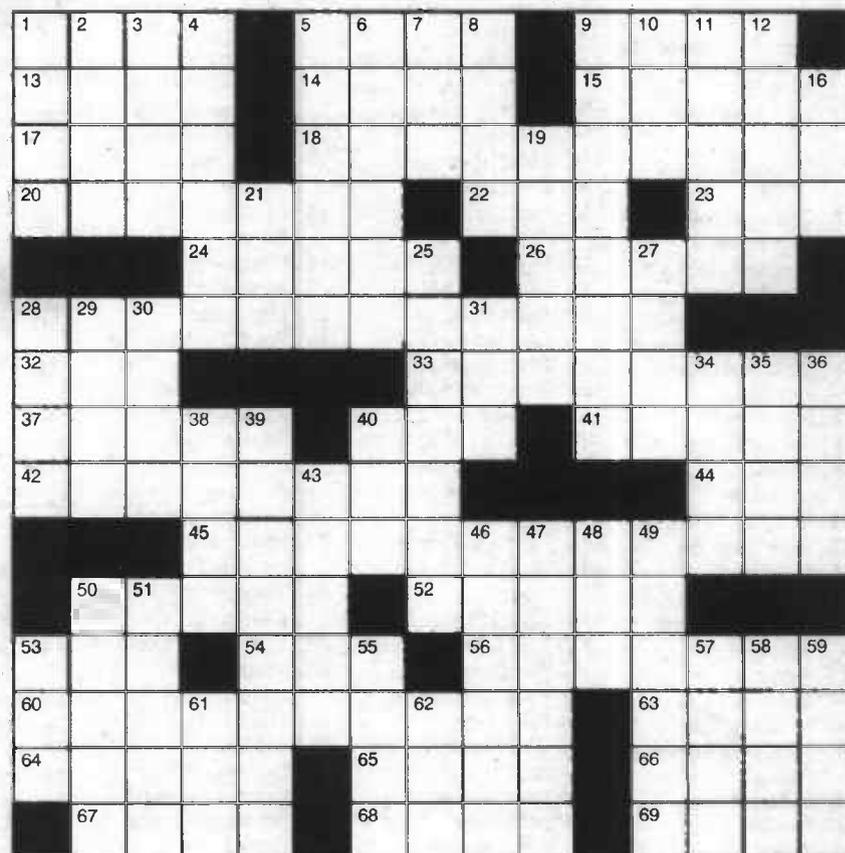
## Across

- 1 Magician's word  
5 Peevishness  
9 Hacks  
13 Swit costar  
14 City in Judah  
15 Famed NBA center  
17 Restrict  
18 With great ease  
20 Bach's *Coffee* \_\_\_\_  
22 Appetite  
23 Diminutive ending  
24 Like unripe fruit  
26 "Once upon \_\_\_\_..."  
28 Fell in torrents  
32 Circle segment  
33 Pulley attachment  
37 *Three Lives* writer  
Gertrude  
40 Sheep, sometimes  
41 Littoral region  
42 Soak through  
44 Mamma \_\_\_\_!  
45 Light plane  
50 Besieged Gulf War city  
52 Remain stationary at sea  
53 Pro \_\_\_\_  
54 "Wild Bill" Donovan's  
erstwhile agcy.

- 56 Looking like a rake?  
60 New-mother's  
celebration  
63 Kind of mate  
64 Kate's TV partner  
65 Iris' place  
66 Birthplace of Ceres  
67 Optician's product  
68 Act the demagogue  
69 Impart

## Down

- 1 Parisian oasis  
2 Olive genus  
3 *Descent of* \_\_\_\_  
4 Chinese gambling game  
5 Topped  
6 Toward the core  
7 Medieval love poem  
8 Clio relative  
9 Football ritual  
10 Novelist Radcliffe  
11 Mohammedan princess  
12 Room for René  
16 Pipe cleaner?  
19 Intended  
21 Duffer's dream  
25 Scottish biographer  
James
- 27 Kind of worm  
28 Carpentry tool  
29 Jocular Johnson  
30 Cupcake topper  
31 Itty-bitty  
34 Easy victory  
35 One of five Great ones  
36 Wash's partner  
38 Devilkins  
39 Emotional disorders  
40 Airport info.  
43 Cut \_\_\_\_: be showy  
46 *My Sister* \_\_\_\_: 1955  
film  
47 Direct taunts towards  
48 New Mexico's \_\_\_\_ Lake  
49 Small bite  
50 "\_\_\_\_ that you can be":  
USA slogan  
51 Mosey  
53 TV Guide abbreviation  
55 Whiskey \_\_\_\_  
57 Actress Skye  
58 Onetime Georgia  
Senator Sam  
59 Pleased  
61 Yang's opposite  
62 Charleston's locale;  
abbr.



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# Misaligned

By MARK BICKHAM

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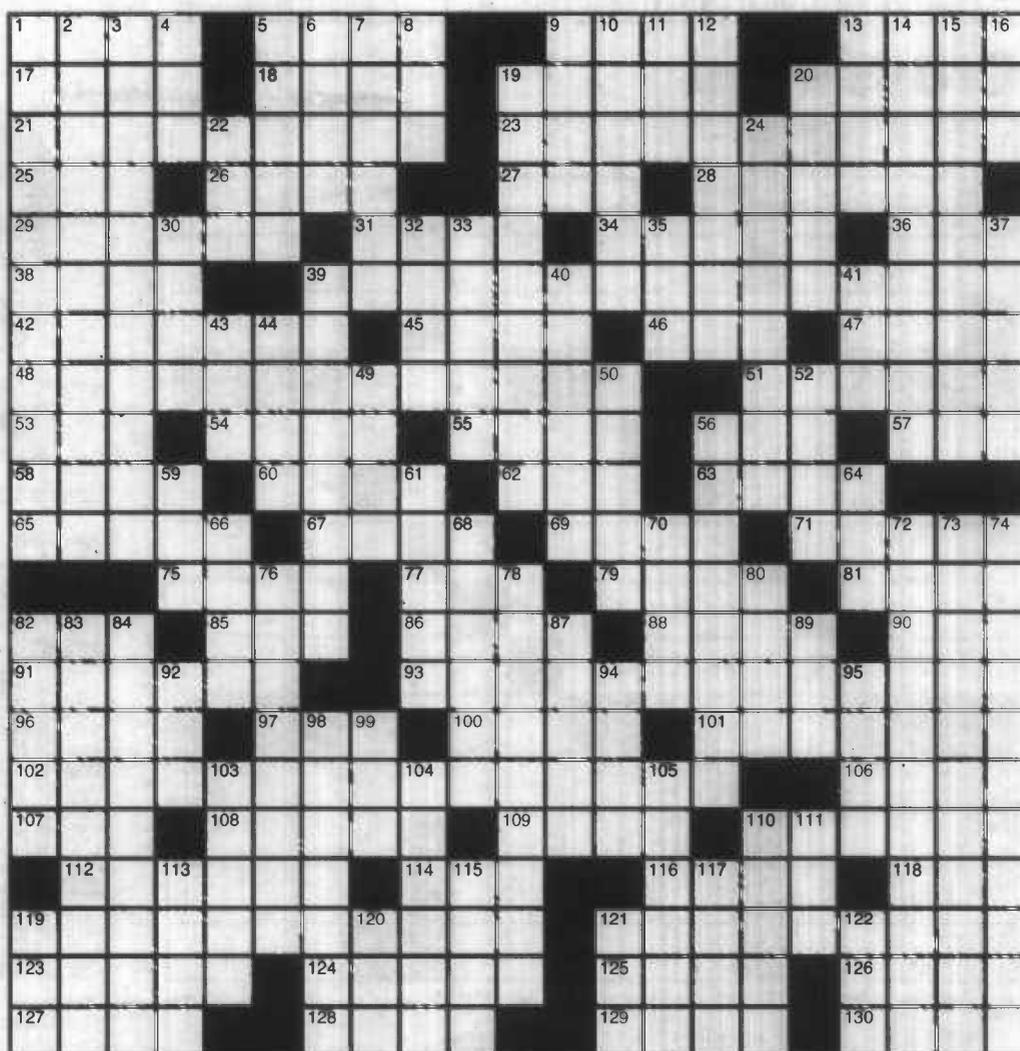
## Across

- 1 Time to hang on?  
 5 Dinner —  
 9 Trunk hardware  
 13 Future flowers  
 17 Sheltered area  
 18 Declare frankly  
 19 NFL Titan, before 1999  
 20 "But I could be wrong"  
 21 Place of business  
 23 Powerful display  
 25 49-Down counterpart: Abbr.  
 26 "Assuming that's true ..."  
 27 Heap  
 28 Sics on  
 29 Like some guitar music  
 31 Comic Jay  
 34 Not nice at all  
 36 U.S. govt. broadcaster  
 38 Mandlikova of '80s tennis  
 39 Recidivists  
 42 Louise —, National Book Award winner for "The Round House"  
 45 Empire with provinces called *suyu*  
 46 Superman nemesis Luthor  
 47 Hebrew for "skyward"  
 48 Olive branch  
 51 Still being tested, as software  
 53 Objectivism advocate Rand  
 54 Stadium shaker  
 55 "There — darkness but ignorance": "Twelfth Night"  
 56 Undefined number  
 57 Thieves' room?  
 58 Cheat  
 60 Wound covering — center  
 63 Sweater sizes: Abbr.  
 65 Ancient Roman garment  
 67 Camaro option  
 69 Where shakes may be seen  
 71 Udder parts  
 75 Quarterback Tony  
 77 It receives many returns: Abbr.  
 79 Become less hostile  
 81 Frigate front  
 82 Meas. reduced by fog  
 85 Major conflict

- 86 Country singer McCann  
 88 Picnic side  
 90 Place for a nail  
 91 Van Cleef & —: French jeweler / perfumer  
 93 Red Label spirits  
 96 Crisis team acronym  
 97 Letters before F?  
 100 Mr. Knightley's wife, in the novel of the same name  
 101 Leaning  
 102 Clique  
 106 Olympic hawk  
 107 Teen's opening number?  
 108 Actress Ryan  
 109 Close  
 110 Common rejoinder in one-upmanship  
 112 "Full House" actor  
 114 Forest female  
 116 Rhein tributary  
 118 MLX + X  
 119 Vivien Leigh's last film  
 121 Misaligned ... or, literally, a perfectly aligned aspect of seven answers in this puzzle  
 123 Farm girls  
 124 Polonius hid behind one  
 125 Razor brand  
 126 Source  
 127 Blown away  
 128 Reddish horse  
 129 General — chicken  
 130 Shelter sounds

## Down

- 1 Does as expected  
 2 "But enough about me" follower  
 3 Occasionally  
 4 Board VIP  
 5 Black toon duck  
 6 Alamo competitor  
 7 In the future  
 8 Farm girl  
 9 Greeting from Kermit  
 10 King in "The Tempest"  
 11 Put in stitches  
 12 Hot-button political platform term  
 13 Warner —  
 14 Came apart  
 15 High degree  
 16 Fr. holy woman  
 19 Exclusion  
 20 Quite a bit  
 22 Fruit often dried
- 24 Shipping overnight, perhaps  
 30 Certain undercover cop  
 32 Andy's son  
 33 Painter Rousseau  
 35 32-team gp.  
 37 "The Lord of the whole wood," per Mr. Beaver  
 39 Blood typing concern  
 40 Worker with hides  
 41 Ball girl  
 43 Suffix with front  
 44 Sweet talk  
 49 Rites group  
 50 Titular character with no lines  
 52 "My eye!" in Minsk  
 56 "— Aunt": Little Rascals short  
 59 Cassis aperitif  
 61 Starts to bubble, maybe  
 64 NFL season opening mo.  
 66 Monastery garb  
 68 Easy read  
 70 Extremely  
 72 Production design team member  
 73 Said farewell to  
 74 Resort area souvenirs  
 76 With "a," eminently skilled at, as disguise  
 78 Severe disrepute  
 80 Be carried gently  
 82 Explorer — da Gama  
 83 "The Young Lions" novelist  
 84 External Jeep attachment  
 87 Napoleon's legion  
 89 Mountain State: Abbr.  
 92 List-limiting letters  
 94 Gram  
 95 Our Gang assent  
 98 Makes it big  
 99 Dogpatch conditional  
 103 Rides to the prom  
 104 Sinatra trademark  
 105 They may be rough  
 110 Black-and-white swimmers  
 111 Bit of a chuckle  
 113 Mimicked  
 115 "The Good Earth" wife  
 117 Hendrix hairdo  
 119 Wee  
 120 Granada gold  
 121 Meal opener  
 122 Food service trade org.

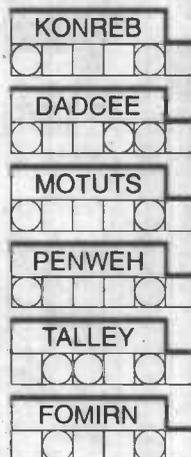


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## Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

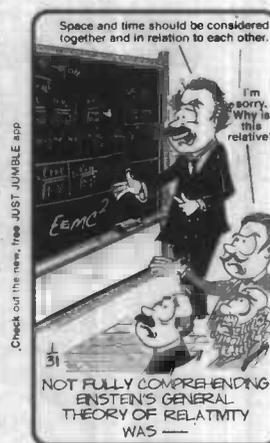


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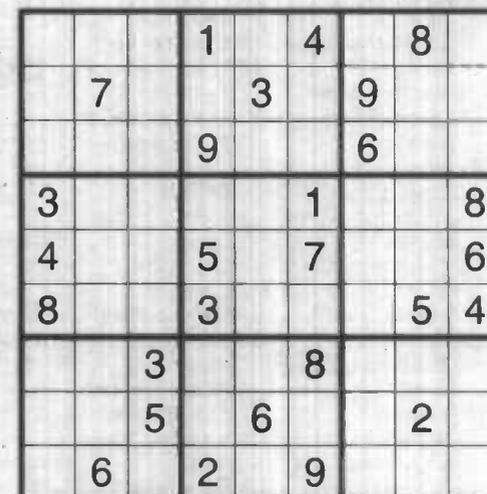
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## Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

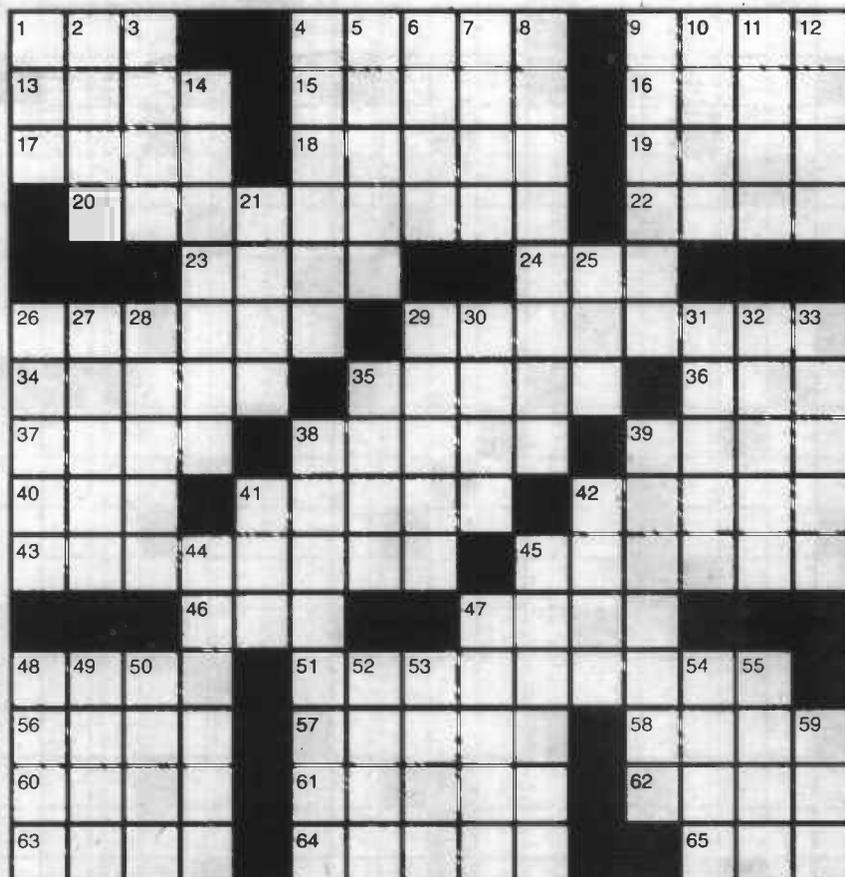
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# Crossword



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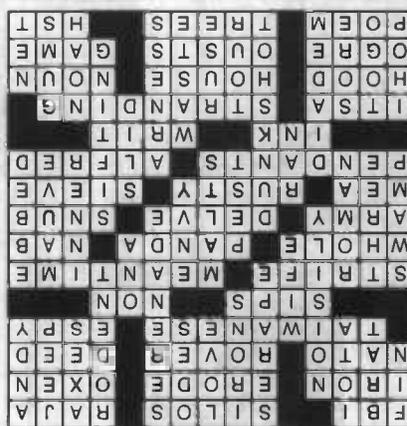
## ACROSS

- 1 J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.  
4 Grain storage towers  
9 Indian prince  
13 Wrought \_\_; fence material  
15 Wear away  
16 Plow pullers  
17 Intl. military alliance  
18 Classic name for a dog  
19 Owner's paper  
20 Like Keelung residents  
22 Notice  
23 Uses a straw  
24 Prefix for stop or sense  
26 Conflict; battle  
29 In the \_\_; for now  
34 Entire  
35 Black-and-white bear  
36 Capture  
37 Military force  
38 Dig for info  
39 Ignore rudely  
40 "Cry \_\_ River"  
41 Out of practice  
42 Sifter's item  
43 Necklace danglers

## DOWN

- 45 Mr. Hitchcock  
46 Pen contents  
47 Judge's order  
48 " \_\_ wrap!"; film director's cry  
51 Abandoning  
56 Parka feature  
57 Monopoly player's buy  
58 Part of speech  
60 Monster  
61 Kicks out  
62 Chess or poker  
63 "The Road Not Taken" or "If"  
64 Pines & locusts  
65 FDR's successor

## Solutions



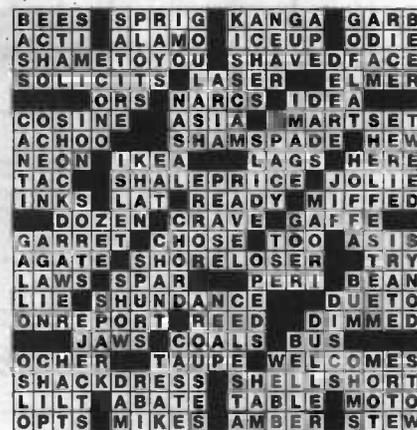
- 21 Married woman  
25 "Leaving \_\_ Jet Plane"; '60s hit  
26 Marshland  
27 Midafternoon  
28 \_\_ numerals; VI, XL, M, etc.  
29 Soda shop orders  
30 Jealousy  
31 Near the center  
32 Purple shade  
33 Receded  
35 Nuisance  
38 Basketball leaper's play  
39 Using a sieve  
41 Galloped  
42 Went down smoothly  
44 Royal crown  
45 Actor James \_\_  
47 Use foolishly  
48 Pancake house  
49 African nation  
50 \_\_ as a boil  
52 Sightseeing trip  
53 Trick  
54 Flood survivor  
55 Black Jack and Juicy Fruit  
59 Holey fabric



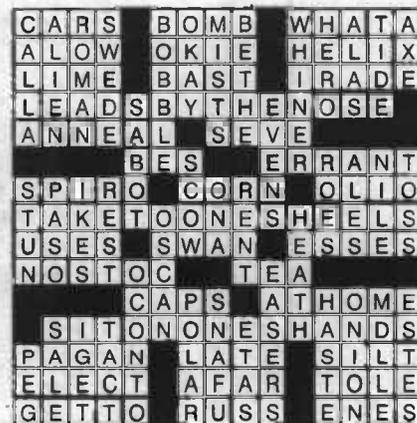
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## Last week's crosswords

### "Be Silent: Completely ..."



### "Anatomical"



### "Fare Play"



## Last week's Quote-Acrossic

(Lionel) SHRIVER: MISSING THE MARK: 'Cool' writers no longer use quotation marks, making readers determine which lines are spoken. Demarcation is preferable. Reading quoteless, heated dialogue is like watching movie chase scenes without sound.

## Last week's Sudoku

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

## This week's Jumble

BROKEN UTMOST LATELY  
DECADE NEPHEW INFORM

Not fully comprehending Einstein's general theory of relativity was —

UNDERSTANDABLE

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Interactive puzzles and games

# New local dating site dubbed 'anti-Tinder'

"Everyone is doing it but they all complain about how bad the sites are."

That's what Jill Rudman says about online dating, and it's the reason why the veteran matchmaker and Highland Park mom of four decided to launch a dating site, JybeChicago.com.

"We did a survey and the number one complaint we found about dating sites is that people are dishonest, they lie about their age, marital status, career, even their name," said Rudman, who has spent the past two years researching and developing a business plan for the dating site, which she hopes to launch this month. "The survey also revealed they were dissatisfied with the quality of people on the sites. It can be off-putting and frustrating to get all these emails from people who clearly are not a match for you."

Jybe got its name from the colloquial term "jibe," which is a slang term for connecting, getting along with or matching with someone.

What does Rudman hope will set her site apart from the dozens of other dating sites and apps?

Rudman said "three things."

"Jybe is an exclusive site, which means you have to apply to be a member," she said. "We do a background check on everyone to verify they are who they say they are, and if you are lying, you are not accepted."

Rudman also explained that Jybe, which is geared for singles ages 35-65, is a local dating site, meaning it is only for those living in Chicago and surrounding suburbs.

The last difference is that the profile setup is simple.

"On most of the other dating sites, the way the profiles are set up, you don't get to say a lot about yourself. You're checking boxes, answering, 'Do you like camping?' or 'Would you date someone with kids?'" Rudman said.



JACKIE PILOSSOP  
*Love Essentially*

**"This is taking a step back. It's going back to basics. I'm hoping this will strike a chord with people who swore off dating sites and said they would never do it again."**

— Jill Rudman, on dating site she is launching

"Our profile setup consists of one or two paragraphs where you can just tell people who you are, what you are looking for, and what your passion is so people can really get a sense of you."

Also included in the profile: three photos of yourself and an optional short video.

I had a chance to go on Jybe and navigate my way as I would if I were a member, and I have to say, it was delightful. There's no poking or winking at others. If you want to reach out to someone, you just send them an email through the site.

It really seems like Rudman is going back to the basics with this. It's no-nonsense and not complicated.

What I thought was kind of ironic is that Rudman has been married for 20 years. So I asked her about her attraction to the dating business.

"I love when people connect," she said. "It doesn't matter who you are or what you do for a living, everyone at the end of the day wants to have someone to come home to and I enjoy that feeling of helping them get there."

Here's the thing about dating sites. I always tell people that if you are considering joining one or more, be prepared to filter through the profiles and view 100 nonmatches for one member who you might like. It's kind of like shopping at Loehmann's or T.J. Maxx. You have to sift through racks and racks of clothing you would never consider, just to find that one gem.

I think Jybe is taking that element off the table. The site almost gives me the feeling of being at a small get-together with friends and friends of friends.

Rudman says, "It's anti-Tinder."

"This is taking a step back. It's going back to basics," she said. "I'm hoping this will strike a chord with people who swore off dating sites and said they would never do it again."

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## HEALTH

## Stand up for better health

Moving around, even just a little, makes difference



**DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF**  
Ask Doctor K

**Dear Doctor K:** Several of my colleagues have switched to standing desks. Does standing really make that much of a difference to your health?

**Dear Reader:** Research suggests that the more we sit, the more we're likely to develop heart disease and other illnesses, including diabetes and cancer. Whether it's sitting at the computer to get some work done or on the couch watching TV, too many hours spent on our bottoms increases the risk of dying from any cause — even if you exercise regularly.

Think of it this way: Say you sleep for eight hours. That leaves 16 hours in your day. Even the most physically active among us, who exercise one or even two hours a day, still have 14 hours to fill. That's a lot of time.

A study recently published in the *European Heart Journal* suggests that spending more of that time standing, as opposed to sitting, can have a big impact on your health. For the study, researchers monitored the activity levels of roughly 700 adults to determine how much time they spent sitting, standing, walking slowly, and walking at a moderate to vigorous pace.

Every two hours a day spent sitting was associated with an increase in weight and waist size, as well as in levels of blood sugar and cholesterol. As



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France is starting to take on adjustable height desks to eliminate the ravages of increased inactivity at work, enabling users to sit or stand while working.

you might expect, time spent walking rather than sitting not only lowered cholesterol and blood sugar levels, but also reduced waist size and weight. Perhaps more surprisingly, simply substituting two hours of standing for sitting also improved blood sugar and cholesterol levels.

A standing desk is certainly one way to increase the time that you stand throughout the day. There are other options too. See if colleagues will agree to a true "standing meeting." Get up and walk to your co-worker's office rather than relying heavily on email.

Here are a few other suggestions to incorporate throughout your day:

- Set an alarm to go off every 30 to 60 minutes during the day. When it rings, get up and walk around. I use this trick myself.
- Pace during phone calls. Stand up and walk around when you're on the phone. I use this one too.
- Make TV time less sedentary. Watch TV standing up instead of

sitting down. If you're really motivated, march in place or swing your arms. I'm considering this one.

I spend a lot of time sitting at my computer, writing this column (and other things). Roughly every half-hour, I get up, walk around, walk up and down one flight of stairs and wave my arms around. I'm convinced that it makes me less stiff.

Also, several studies have shown that constant fidgeting can burn off close to 300 calories a day, which helps control your weight. By fidgeting, I refer to things like pacing the floor, or just constantly shifting your weight or wiggling around in your chair.

We're not talking about training for a triathlon here — just some simple changes that won't even cause you to break a sweat!

*(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.)*

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Grapefruit, orange juices can affect meds differently

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: I have understood that grapefruit juice generally should not be used to take medicine. My wife believes that orange juice also is dangerous. She is urging me not to take my pills with orange juice.**

**I understand that grapefruit juice contains an ingredient that orange juice does not and that is what interacts adversely with medicine. This is now becoming a major issue for us. Can you resolve it?**

**A:** As with most marital disputes, the answer to your question is complicated. Scientists have known for 25 years that grapefruit juice has a special ability to increase blood levels of certain medications, including the hypertension drug felodipine, cholesterol-lowering meds such as atorvastatin and simvastatin, and the anti-anxiety agent buspirone. This can make side effects more severe. The only other fruits that act like grapefruit are Seville oranges and pomelos.

Ordinary orange juice and apple juice can affect other medications in a completely different way (*Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* online, June 10, 2015). Instead of inhibiting the intestinal enzyme (CYP3A) that metabolizes many medicines, these fruit juices inhibit the compounds that help move certain medications into tissues and cells. The affected drugs include aliskiren (Tekturna), fexofenadine (Allegra) and atenolol (Tenormin), most notably. The impact is to lower tissue levels and effectiveness.

The grapefruit effect can last for a few days,



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Orange juice can inhibit the compounds that help move certain medications into tissues and cells.

while orange juice activity disappears within a few hours. Whether or not you need to avoid taking your medication with grapefruit or orange juice depends on which drug you are taking.

**Q: I have been on metformin since I was diagnosed with diabetes several years ago. About a year ago, I developed debilitating neuropathy. Just going to the store for an hour kept me off my feet for a few days.**

**My podiatrist suggested a vitamin B complex. After taking it for two weeks, the difference is amazing. My feet hardly hurt at all, and I can bend my toes more than I could before. I think I'm getting a little feeling back in areas that are numb.**

**I read on your site that metformin can deplete B vitamins. I have suffered terribly for a year because doctors prescribe medicines without really knowing the side effects. Now I'm going to talk to my doctor about the gas and bloating I get from metformin.**

**A:** Metformin is known to deplete vitamin B-12. Levels should be monitored regularly for those on metformin or acid-suppressing drugs, which also can reduce vitamin B-12

levels. Symptoms of B-12 deficiency include numbness, tingling, nerve pain, difficulty walking, fatigue and anemia. We are sending you our "Guide to Managing Diabetes" with more information on metformin and nondrug ways that may help control blood sugar. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (70 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedon's People's Pharmacy, No. DM-11, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).

**Q: I have occasional heart palpitations. My doctor suggested I buy a device for my phone called AliveCor. He said it would detect atrial fibrillation. Is that true?**

**A:** The AliveCor device and app is available for iPhone and Android phones. It provides a mobile electrocardiogram that it can analyze quickly for A-fib. You can share the ECG with your doctor.

*Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Write to them in care of this newspaper or email via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).*

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# A role for birth fathers

## Adopted children's biological dads are pushing for stronger presence

By Leslie Mann  
Tribune Newspapers

You don't venture far into the world of adoption before you hear the word "triad." Picture a triangle with the adoptee at one corner, adoptive parents at another and the biological, or birth, mother at the third. But, wait — someone's missing ...

The birth father.

Too often, the birth father dangles from the birth mother's corner. Sometimes he doesn't even know she's pregnant.

Adoption has evolved from the pre-World War I "taking in" of the orphan next door, to closed adoptions, to open, which became the norm in the early 1980s.

"Open" ranges from exchanging annual letters to co-parenting. (We're talking domestic adoptions here; international adoptions are usually closed.)

All along, though, the biological father has been second fiddle to the birth mom.

"Until the 1970s, unmarried birth dads were not necessarily parents, legally, and their names were often left off of birth certificates or labeled 'unknown,'" said Susan Appleton, a law professor at Washington University Law School in St. Louis. "The birth mom made the adoption decisions."

Several Supreme Court decisions in the '70s recognized birth dads.

Since then, state laws have elevated their status further.

Research says "open" is healthier for everyone in the triad, but a major study, the long-term, ongoing Minnesota/Texas Adoption Research Project, doesn't even mention birth dads in its key findings. Fiction and films continuously portray them as an afterthought too.

More often, today's birth dad can parent the child or participate in the adoption decision, but the

burden is still on him to prove paternity.

And, the calendar works against him, said Adam Pertman, president of the National Center on Adoption & Permanency.

"The court takes so long to adjudicate the decision, the child is no longer an infant when a birth dad wins custody or visitation," Pertman said. "Removing him at an older age is heart-rending, as we see in cases like Baby Richard." (He refers to the highly publicized custody battle over Danny Kirchner, a young child whose adoption was revoked when his biological father, Otakar Kirchner, won custody in a case decided in 1995 by the Illinois Supreme Court. His adoptive parents had named him Richard.)

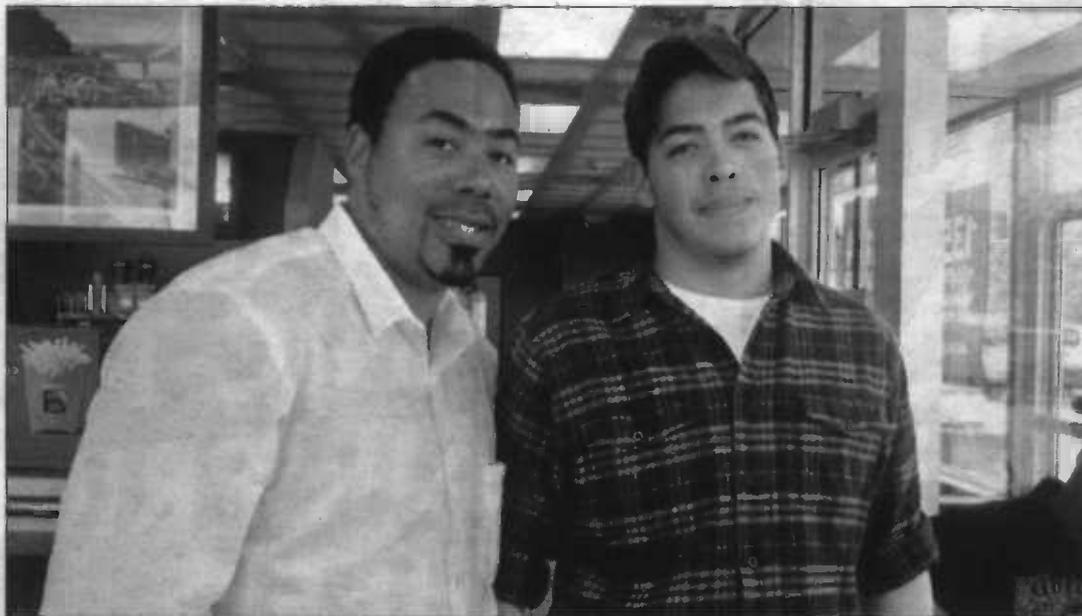
Complicating the matter is the advent of states' putative (alleged) father registries, which vary widely. They appear pro-birth parent, giving the birth father a chance to register his paternity and contest adoption.

In fact, their tight deadlines squeeze him out, say experts. And, because few people know the registries exist, the registration rate is low.

"Men say, 'What am I supposed to do, register every time I have sex?'" said Kris Faasse, vice president of Bethany Christian Services, an adoption agency with offices in 36 states. "I say, 'Ideally, yes.' But that won't happen."

Now, several trends are working in the favor of biological fathers. Ninety-five percent of adoptions are open now, according to the 2012 "Openness in Adoption" report from the Donaldson Adoption Institute, based in New York. Closed-adoption triad members can find each other when the adoptee is an adult, thanks to social media, DNA-linking websites and "open records laws" that allow access to birth certificates.

One baby step at a time, the birth dad's fate improves. Agencies



FAMILY PHOTO

Darrick Rizzo, left, author of "The Open Adoption: A Birth Father's Journey," meets his son, Ethan.

such as Bethany have male social workers to talk to the dads. Advocacy groups ask school administrators to include birth father responsibilities in their sex-ed classes. Watchdog groups push for pro-birth dad laws.

"Finally, the birth dad is evolving from an obstacle (in an adoption) to a partner," Faasse said. "More often, we see him involved in the child's life. In the end, we all want the same thing — what's best for the child."

### Advice for all involved

"Get a lawyer," echoed adoption experts. Visit the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

#### For the birth dad

■ Young birth dads need to tell their parents about the pregnancy. "We regret hiding it," said Darrick Rizzo, 37, a birth dad living in Pennsylvania and author of "The Open Adoption: A Birth Father's Journey," speaking of his own experience. "We should have had their guidance."

■ "Avoid conflict (put three exclamation marks here) with the birth mom," advised Joseph Cordell, a Creve Coeur, Mo.-based family law attorney. "She can make this difficult for you by saying you're not the father. When there's a conflict, the birth mom wins."

■ If the birth mom is married to another man, many courts consider him the father.

■ DNA tests can prove paternity.

■ "Join birth parent groups for help and support," said Jon Klaren, member of Concerned United Birthparents.

■ If you lose contact with the child, join the father registries in your state and in nearby states, and on the one maintained by the ALMA Society (Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association).

■ You have the right to know about the birth of the child, but not necessarily the right to be part of his or her upbringing. If the pregnancy is the result of rape, or if you have a history of abuse or violence, the courts can exclude you from the child's life. The laws vary from state to state, but judges rule on the basis of what's best for the child.

#### For the birth mom

■ "Don't shut out the birth dad," Faasse said. "The child has a right to have a relationship with him."

■ Before you decide to parent the child yourself, be realistic about your capabilities. Can you provide your child with food, shelter, love and guidance?

■ Don't use the child to hurt the birth dad you no longer like.

#### For adoptive parents

■ Beware of a birth mom who is unwilling to name the birth dad. It may be because he wants paternity rights or visitation. "Sometimes the birth mother says the pregnancy resulted from rape to cover her indiscretions," said Marie Anderson, an ALMA coordinator. Enlist an experienced

social worker, who can talk to the birth mom; if it is discovered that the birth mom was not raped, he or she also can help convince her to come clean so the word "rape" is not on your child's paperwork forever.

■ "Don't buy into the myth that birth parents want to snatch your baby," Faasse said. "They made an adoption plan because they cannot parent the child."

■ "Don't promise the birth parents what you can't deliver," Rizzo said. "You want that baby, so you say 'yes' to their requests. But if you don't want them at your holiday dinner, say so."

#### For adult adoptees

■ Recognize the possibility that your birth dad may not want to be found because he hasn't told his wife or other kids about you.

■ To find your birth parents' families, register your DNA with [23andme.com](http://23andme.com), [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and/or [familytreedna.com](http://familytreedna.com). "I found my birth dad's family on ancestry.com, although he had died," said Pam Kroskie, president of Hoosiers for Equal Access to Records. "As I met them, everything fell into place. I felt like I was filling in the blanks in my life."

■ Don't expect your birth dad search to have a fairy-tale ending. "If everything were hunky-dory with birth mom and dad, there wouldn't have been an adoption," Pertman said.

Leslie Mann is a freelance reporter.



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Contact: Angie Huser of David Weekley Homes, ahuser@dwhomes.com or call 800-403-2783

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## FAMILY FRIENDLY

# Moms and sons can dance like superheroes

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Daddies and daughters have the chance to bond at Skokie Park District dances designed just for them. Special Events Supervisor Mary Amato thought it was time for moms and their boys to have a special evening. That's why the park district is running a Mother-Son Superhero Dance, 5 p.m. Feb. 20 at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St.

"I have never been able to run a mother-son event before," Amato said. She chose the theme because of the current popularity of superheroes.

Kids will have a chance to meet a couple of superheroes. "Batman and Captain America are coming," Amato said. "Kids will have an opportunity to take pictures with the superheroes." Youngsters are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero.

Couples will dine on a child friendly dinner, dance to music played by a DJ and work on a craft project.

The cost is \$10 per person for residents; \$13 for nonresidents. Preregistration is required.

For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2700 or go to [www.skokieparks.org](http://www.skokieparks.org).

## Early opportunity

Children with special needs and their families are invited to explore Niles Public Library before it opens, noon-1 p.m. Feb. 7 at 6960 W. Oakton St. They can visit Wonder Ground or simply enjoy the low-key atmosphere. Contact [youth@nileslibrary.org](mailto:youth@nileslibrary.org) to register.

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SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT

Real superheroes will dance with their moms at the Skokie Park District's party Feb. 20.

## Mandarin merriment

The Year of the Monkey will be highlighted, 3 p.m. Feb. 6, during the 2nd Annual Chinese New Year Celebration at Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. Attendees will hear the story of the Monkey King in both English and Mandarin, make a monkey craft and march in a monkey-themed lion dance parade.

For details, call 847-448-8610 or go to [www.epl.org](http://www.epl.org).

## On the move

The young dancers of ede2 will present, "Reasons for Moving," a dance theater collage inspired by the Mark Strand poem, "Keeping Things Whole," 2:30-

3:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in Petty Auditorium at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The company, directed by Allison Kurtz Volkers, is in its fifth season.

For details, call 847-673-7774 or go to [www.skokielibrary.info](http://www.skokielibrary.info).

## Show the love

A funny, tender love letter from a parent to a child will be read at the "Silly Wonderful You" Storytime, 11 a.m. Feb. 6 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. The book is by Sherri Duskey Rinker and illustrated by Patrick McDonnell. There will also be activities.

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

## AVANTI GUITAR TRIO PERFORMS AT ST. JOHN BREBEUF

The Avanti Guitar Trio performs at 3 p.m., Feb. 21, at St. John Brebeuf Church, at 8307 N. Harlem Ave. in Niles. The performance is part of Musica Lumina 2015-16 monthly concert series that runs through May. The program will feature music by Vivaldi, Albeniz, Hixson, Horst, Almeida, Moreira, Bellinati, and Boccherini. A free-will offering will be taken, but there is no admission charge. Call 847-966-8145 or visit [www.sjbrebeuf.org](http://www.sjbrebeuf.org).

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## SKOKIE'S FLYERS SQUIRT 1 AA WINS TOURNAMENT



SKOKIE YOUTH HOCKEY

The Skokie Amateur Hockey Association's Flyers Squirt 1 AA won the ARCTIC BLAST Tournament held Jan. 16-18 in Chesterfield, Mo. The Flyers, under head coach Anthony Booth and assistant coaches Darius Adamski and Victor Lazzaroni, went undefeated and twice took on the current Northern Illinois Hockey League's top team, the Junior Rivermen from Peoria. Skokie Forward Alex Faybysh was named "Most Valuable Player" for the tournament along with the Junior Riverman's Brady Grunden. The Skokie players hail from Skokie and other towns including Lincolnwood, Chicago, Evanston and Park Ridge. Visit [flyer-shockey.pucksystems.com](http://flyer-shockey.pucksystems.com).

## 'CHEF'S TASTING' SERVES UP \$70K+ FOR CHILDREN'S AID



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Brad Becker and Shelly Becker, both of Northbrook, left, with Susan Zagorin of Skokie and Judy Kopelman of Highland Park, were among more than 200 guests at the Fifth Annual Chef's Tasting hosted by the Rice Leadership Committee of Children's Home + Aid at the Woman's Club of Evanston on Jan. 22. The evening raised more than \$70,000 to support the Children's Home + Aid's Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Child + Family Center in Evanston that provides therapeutic treatment for troubled children in residential care. Visit [www.childrenshomeandaid.org](http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org).

## PARK RIDGE KIWANIS HOSTS SPAGHETTI DINNER



Chief Chef Fran Horvath, left, and John Morrell, kitchen manager, seen here at last year's Kiwanis spaghetti dinner, will take those roles once more for the Park Ridge "Noon" Kiwanis Club's 29th Annual Homemade Spaghetti Dinner, set for Feb. 5, at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave. The evening features a raffle and the Chordmasters, who will serenade at each table. Serving hours are 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children six to 12. Children under six, free. Dine in and carry out options available. Proceeds will fund community projects and organizations this Kiwanis Club supports. For tickets, call Dave Donovan at 847-692-9077.

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312 N Eastwood Ave, Mount Prospect	Petr Strapina & Agnes Domagala	Linda Magnini	12-23-15	\$253,000
107 N Eastwood Ave, Mount Prospect	Ann L Kaminski	Roger J Rusk	12-29-15	\$257,000
220 W Coventry Pl, Mount Prospect	Courtney Olson	Alina Pritsker	12-29-15	\$269,000
705 E Prospect Ave, Mount Prospect	Sandeep Aggarwal & Megha Aggarwal	Compass Real Estate Services	12-29-15	\$381,000
114 S Owen St, Mount Prospect	Ryan M Fitzgerald & Joellen M Fitzgerald	Javed Fouch	12-23-15	\$420,000
408 S Edward St, Mount Prospect	Nikolay Mollov	Compass Real Estate Services	12-29-15	\$425,500
9731 N Fox Glen Dr, # 6K, Niles	Tamara Samuels	Lillian Blustein	12-23-15	\$130,000
7209 W Lee St, Niles	Alice Shimshon & George Shimshon	Urban Investment Group Llc	12-23-15	\$242,500
8437 N Olcott Ave, Niles	Alexander Abell & Alison Frapale	Jan Smolinski	12-28-15	\$280,000
8850 N Merrill St, Niles	Slavica Stanojevic	Varghese Daniel	12-28-15	\$299,000
8425 N Western Ave, Niles	Cherie U Polintan	Maura Mauro	12-28-15	\$350,000
8020 N Oconto Ave, Niles	Raul Perez Velazquez & Agata Kosiba	Garfield Investments Llc	12-23-15	\$356,000
8276 N Wisner St, Niles	Nevres Vrtagic & Lejla Vrtagic	Marek Chaj	12-29-15	\$525,000
3851 Mission Hills Rd, Northbrook	Han Yung Kim & Wha Ja Kim	Robert B St John	12-29-15	\$130,000
610 Pflugsten Rd, Northbrook	George Vlahakis & Maria Vlahakis	Lumbreras Trust	12-23-15	\$210,000
2225 Valencia Dr, Northbrook	Benjamin L Werner	Morley Schesinger	12-23-15	\$405,000
485 Anthony Trl, Northbrook	Sergey Novoselov & Tatiana Vargnik	Lingyin Zhu	12-29-15	\$425,000
3625 Heritage Dr, Northbrook	Michael Lopatinsky	Gregg Salomone	12-29-15	\$525,000
229 N Broadway Ave, Park Ridge	Andrew Rajchel & Bonnie Rajchel	Fabianich Trust	12-30-15	\$274,500
1715 Pavilion Way, # 501, Park Ridge	Scott Schiave & Anne Hamblin Schiave	White Trust	12-28-15	\$280,000
118 N Western Ave, Park Ridge	Danica Louise Kuta	Sean M Finnegan	12-30-15	\$292,500
2211 Mary Jane Ln, Park Ridge	Randall David Eldridge & Sabrina Doreen Eldridge	John Xamplas	12-23-15	\$455,000
1731 Habberton Ave, Park Ridge	Paul B Bailey & Alicia A Bailey	Stephen M Crumbaugh	12-23-15	\$805,000

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**EVANSTON**

Sunny brick Georgian in Willard School district. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Living room with bookcases & wood-burning fireplace. Hardwood oak floors. Formal dining room. Updated kitchen. Sun room overlooks park-like rear yard featuring patio with fountain and sprinkler system, play house and storage shed. Lot is 50'x243'. Finished rec room in basement with decorative fireplace.

**Address:** 2750 Lawndale Ave.  
**Price:** \$579,900  
**Schools:** Evanston Township High School  
**Taxes:** \$12,015  
**Agent:** John Adamson/Weichert, Realtors Lakeshore Partners



**PALATINE**

5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement, 1st-floor laundry. Master suite has walk-in closet. Family room off kitchen with sliders to fenced yard with space for gardening. Newer roof, concrete driveway, high-efficiency furnace. 4th & 5th bedrooms could be combined to make another large bedroom. Most rooms freshly painted. Award-winning schools.

**Address:** 76 W. King Henry Court  
**Price:** \$305,000  
**Schools:** Palatine High School  
**Taxes:** \$8,604  
**Agent:** Susan Gould/Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices Starck Real Estate



**NORTHBROOK**

Oversized lot in Knolls neighborhood. Home has tons of potential. Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths. All bedrooms on the same level, master has separate attached bathroom and 2 large his and her closets. Kitchen has separate eating space. Large family room opens to rear yard. Basement can accommodate an additional guest bedroom, office space or rec room. Hardwood floors under living room, dining room and the 4th bedroom carpet.

**Address:** 865 Hawthorne Lane  
**Price:** \$499,000  
**Schools:** Glenbrook North High School  
**Taxes:** \$8,050  
**Agent:** Kati Spaniak/Keller Williams Success Realty



**MUNDELEIN**

Vaulted cathedral ceilings in the living room and dining room. Hardwood floors. First-floor den/4th bedroom. 2.5 baths. Huge loft overlooking living room. Open concept kitchen/family room. Master suite with large walk-in closet and private bath with double sink. Full basement. Spacious backyard. 2.5-car garage. Award-winning schools.

**Address:** 2210 Haverton Drive  
**Price:** \$319,900  
**Schools:** Mundelein High School  
**Taxes:** \$8,899  
**Agent:** Gina Collins/Coldwell Banker Libertyville

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## Thursday, Feb. 4

**Compelling Stories, Compelling Causes: Nonprofit Marketing Success:** Susan O'Halloran, author of "Compelling Causes, Compelling Stories," will help organization representatives use stories as a tool to boost fundraising efforts and media coverage. 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, \$40 (per registration); \$100 (for 3), 847-492-099Q

**The Things We Keep:** The Arc presents a family drama about an artist in the process of cleaning out her attic at the end of her life and her family's return home to settle the estate. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 6 p.m. Sunday, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$10-\$25, 847-448-8260

**Marjorie Prime:** Kimberly Senior directs this Pulitzer Prize finalist about an aging woman in the age of artificial intelligence who meets a young visitor programmed to help her hold on to her fading memories. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; 3 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Writers Theatre, 664 Vernon Ave., Glencoe, \$20-\$70, 847-242-6000

**Adult literacy classes: Spring session:** Native and non-native English speakers can improve their reading and writing skills. 9:15 a.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**BookBites: Reading Social:** Discuss "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Art in the Library Exhibit: The Call of the Shore:** Artist Cherie Piatt creates water colors of the seascapes and landscapes she finds so inspirational. Close your eyes, leave winter behind, and imagine the soothing sound of the waves on a sultry summer day. 9 a.m. Daily, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**BookBites: Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline:** Head to Hackney's On Lake for a lively books discussion. 7 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Coming Together In Skokie book discussion:** Book discussion on, "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henriquez. 1 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Neighbor Time:** Join us as we visit everyone's favorite neighbor. We'll watch, play, talk, and sing in the style of this classic children's television show. 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Reading with Rover:** These friendly dogs are great listeners, always positive and always fun to cuddle with and read out loud to. 7 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Amsterdam: The World's Most Liberal City:** Jim Kenney explores Amsterdam's transformation from a backward agrarian region into a global hub of wealth and power, followed by its long descent to its current status as a charming capital city. 10 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$40 NSSC members; \$52 non-members, 847-784-6030

**The National Park Service at Age 100:** Norman Moline reviews highlights of the National Park Service history and then focuses on sites in Illinois and adjacent areas, as the NPS celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2016. 1 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC members; \$13 non-members, 847-784-6030

**Tai Chi:** Practice the ancient, healing art of Tai Chi, which is the practice of controlled, relaxed body movements. 9 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$75 NSSC members; \$89 non-member, 847-784-6030

**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. Thursday, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

**Family Storytime for All Ages:** Stories and crafts for the whole family. 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday; 4 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Monday; 10:15, 11 a.m., 1, 4 and 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-4527

**German Stammtisch:** The group meets to practice German and learn about German culture. 1 p.m. Thursday, Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, free

**Mothers and Sons:** Northlight presents Terrence McNally's play about a mother who visits her deceased son's partner 20 years after his death and is confronted with a changing definition of family. 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$15-\$68, 847-673-6300

**Quilt Lecture:** Speaker Sara Lawson presents a trunk show and lectures on making bags. 7 p.m. Thursday, Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emenah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, \$5, 847-480-9777

## Friday, Feb. 5

**Guild Theatre produces Bus Stop by William Inge:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15-25, 800-838-3006

**Drop-In Chess Club:** Chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy to kids up to eighth grade. Bring a chess set, if possible. A parent must accompany kids under 8. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Medicare update: 2016:** Melissa Versch, LCSW, North Shore Senior Center Senior Health Insurance Program Coordinator, discusses Medicare changes in 2016. 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Princess Ball:** Enjoy a fun evening on a special date with your little princess. The royal ball includes music, dancing and refreshments. Space is limited and registration for each person attending is required. 6:30 p.m. Friday; 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$23-25, 847-724-5670

**Teen Library Council:** Earn volunteer hours while discussing and planning programs, activities and services for teens at the library. TLC members receive first priority to sign up for other fun and fulfilling volunteer opportunities and an invitation to a members-only party. 4 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Silver Screen Series: Saboteur:** The movie is about an aircraft factory worker Barry Kane who goes on the run across the United States. Mr. Kane is wrongly accused of starting a fire that killed his best friend. The cast includes: Priscilla Lane and Robert Cummings. 2 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Gentle Yoga:** Yoga instructor Olga Rudiak leads a series of yoga sessions for improved physical strength, relaxation and mental clarity. Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 and 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Sweetheart Daddy-Daughter Dance:** The annual dance from the Northbrook Park District offers an evening of music and memories. Girls and their dads receive corsages/boutonnieres and can enjoy DJ music, appetizers, desserts, games and a souvenir photo. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Hilton Northbrook Hotel, 2855 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, \$79-99 per couple; additional daughters \$29 each, 847-291-2995

**Storybook & Ruach Shabbat:** Welcome Shabbat with music and dance, a Shabbat story and more. Two parallel services and stories for children of all ages. 11 a.m. Friday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

**Share The Warmth:** Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

**Duplicate Bridge:** 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

**Beau Jest:** This comedy tells the story of Sarah Goldman, who doesn't think her traditional Jewish parents will respond favorably to her boyfriend, a gentile. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$24-\$34, 847-677-7761

**Friday Funnies at the Wilmette Theatre:** This presentation is hosted by author Jenniffer Weigel, featuring several comedic talents from the Chicago area. 8 p.m. Friday, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, \$15; 2 for \$25, 847-251-8710

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## Saturday, Feb. 6

**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. Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

**Ecology Center Winter Market:** 9 a.m. Saturday, Ladd Arboretum, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

**Overeaters Anonymous:** 9 a.m. Saturday, 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. Saturday, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 adult advance; \$20 at the door, 847-521-6434

**Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories:** "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories," is recommended for children ages 5 and up. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

**The Bolls:** 9:30 p.m. Saturday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**The Tails in Bloom Gala Fundraiser for the Evanston Animal Shelter:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, Tickets cost \$125; \$175 for VIP admission and \$2,500 for a table of 10., 847-866-5082

**Restoration Work Day:** Help collect seeds and remove non-native, invasive plants to make way for wildflowers, grasses and trees. 9 a.m. Saturday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6096

**Good News - Learning about a Course in Miracles:** Focusing on the spiritual teaching, "A Course in Miracles," Barret Hedeon and Charlie Roberts guide participants to see that fear has no benefit. 10 a.m. Saturday, Good News with Barret and Charlie, 1800 Dewes St., Glenview, \$20 in person; \$10 for online streaming, 847-951-6328

**Concussions: keeping student athletes safe (grades 4-12):** For parents and athletes, SLICE is a fun, interactive educational program presented by the Concussion Legacy Foundation. Taught through discussion, video and interactive games, participants leave with a solid understanding of how to protect themselves from injuries. noon Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**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. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, 2114 Trowbridge Court, Glenview, free, 847-827-5551

**Flight-to-Fun Kids Club: Polar Bear Fun for ages 2 to 6 with family:** Chill out with Vito from Ben and Jerry's Scoop Shop and celebrate cold and creamy delights with stories, a craft and a yummy surprise. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**An Evening of Comedy:** Enjoy "An evening of Comedy," with author and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman and comedian Madge Jablonski. 7 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Grind, 989 Waukegan Road, Glenview, No cover charge, 847-729-0111

**Get Hooked: Heart Stitched Valentines:** This is for those ages 13 or up who can create valentines with a hand-stitched heart design. All supplies are provided. 1 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Viva Dream and Drum:** Drum yourself awake and enjoy Mexican hot chocolate while listening to Margarita Engle's beautiful book, "Drum, Dream Girl." For kids aged 4-7 and their families to also make and take their own drum. 10 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Niles Garden Club:** Librarian and avid gardener Maryellen Essig shows you how to take your tomatoes from seed to eat. 10 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Pitch Perfect 2:** It's been three years since the Bellas became the first all-female group to win a national title. But when they get banned, the defending champs worry that they've lost their harmony for good. 2 p.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Create a button necklace:** Learn how to create a unique necklace using buttons. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**An Evening of Camaraderie and Comedy:** Share an evening of camaraderie and comedy featuring comedian Brett Walkow. 8 p.m. Saturday, Lubavitch Chabad of Northbrook, 2095 Landwehr Road, Northbrook, \$25 by Feb 1; \$28 after Feb 1, 847-564-8770

**Sunshine Preschool and Early Enrichment Open House:** Families are invited to meet the teachers, explore classrooms, enjoy activities and learn about classes offered by the Northbrook Park District for the fall. 1 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Park District Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-291-2995

**Junie B. Jones:** Adapted from a series of popular books, "Junie B. Jones, The Musical" brings a precocious first-grader to life. 10 a.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$10-\$12, 847-291-2995

**Candlelight Skiing:** Candlelight skiing offers an exciting evening adventure on freshly groomed trails at the golf course. Youth and adult skis are available for rent; call the Golf Shop for ski conditions. 5 p.m. Saturday, Sportsman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, \$5, 847-291-2351

**Easy Line Dancing for Everyone:** A line dance is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows without regard for the gender of the individuals, all facing either each other or in the same direction, and executing the steps at the same time. 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$18 (Member); \$20 (Guest)

**Healing Touch Level 1 Class:** Learn how to boost natural healing. 9 a.m. Saturday, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, \$365, 847-373-9255

**Library Improvement plan community input meetings:** Citizens are invited to participate in these meetings to discuss ideas for Phase I of Park Ridge Public Library improvements. Representatives of Studio GC, the architectural firm chosen for its extensive experience in library design, will be on hand to get input from residents to develop a master plan for the renovations. 2 p.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-720-320

**Israel Scholarship dinner & dessert auction:** This is a fundraiser for TBI Youth Israel Scholarship Fund. Advance reservations required. 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, \$10 per person; \$25 per household, 847-675-0951

**Breaking Barriers: Equality in Sports:** Learn how world-class athletes overcame obstacles based on race, LGBT status, disability, and more, both on and off the field. Hear from athletes and Olympians including Bob Love, Former NBA All-Star and Director Community Relations, Chicago Bulls; and Hudson Taylor, Founder & Executive Director, Athlete Ally. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

## Sunday, Feb. 7

**Chicago Philharmonic Eight Seasons:** An evening of stunning string music with Scott Speck, conductor; and David Perry, violin; in Eight Seasons includes: composer Antonio Vivaldi's, "The Four Seasons;" composer Astor Piazzolla's, "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires;" and composer Osvaldo Golijov's "Last Round," with Visceral Dance Chicago. 2 p.m. Sunday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$25-75; \$10 students, 312-957-0000

**Rembrandt Young Artists Competition:** 10 a.m. Sunday, Regenstein Recital Hall, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 312-360-3145

**John Williams' Sunday music session:** 3 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Tropical Winds: South Pacific:** Take a trip to a South Pacific island during World War II. Watch as love blooms between a young nurse and a secretive Frenchman who's being courted for a dangerous military mission. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Stand Up For Kids Super Bowl Party 2015:** Proceeds benefit Chicago's homeless youth. 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Valley Lodge, 2132 Waukegan Road, Glenview, \$50, 847-724-7440

**Finding God in All Things:** Consider how mindfulness in ordinary experiences reveals the extraordinary. noon Sunday, St. Catherine Labouré, 3535 Thornwood Ave., Glenview, free, 847-826-4704

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**Samuel del Real Latin Jazz Trio:** Latin Jazz pianist Samuel del Real and his jazz trio entertain guests with the hot rhythms of Latin America. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Special Sunday:** An experience outside of typical library hours especially for children with special needs and their families. Explore the Wonder Ground or simply enjoy a laid back environment for an hour. noon Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Concerts on 3: Mira Luxion:** Enjoy a relaxed concert setting with a spectacular view from the third floor. Cellist Mira Luxion performs works by Bach, Cassado. 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Mother/Daughter Book Club Tea:** Mother/Daughter Book Club Tea for mother (or grandmothers/aunts) and daughters (K-3rd grade) to read a Rebecca Rubin book in the "American Girl," series. 11 a.m. Sunday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

**Biblical Scholar to Speak in Northbrook:** The Daughters of St. Francis de Sales host a celebration honoring Saint Francis de Sales and the 400th anniversary of the publication of the "Treatise on the Love of God." 10 a.m. Sunday, Our Lady of the Brook Parish, 3700 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 847-295-2095

**Guatemala in the Aftermath of Genocide:** More than 200,000 lives were lost and "disappeared," during the Guatemalan genocide. Join in this thought-provoking discussion that examines the ongoing struggles for truth, justice and collective memory 20 years after the atrocity. 2 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

## Monday, Feb. 8

**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:** Every Monday in the pub, The Mudflapps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**hoopla, MyMediaMall and Zinio Individual appointments:** Meet with trained library staff for a 45-minute one-on-one session and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows or music to your portable device. 10 a.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Book Discussion:** This book discussion features "The Book of Unknown Americans," by Cristina Henriquez. We are pleased to offer this program as part of ¡VIVA! Coming Together. 11 a.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Knitting Roundtable:** Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**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, 847-965-4220

**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

**Minecraft Monday:** Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to register to try their hand at this monthly MineCraft Monday challenge. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Babytime Storytime:** Drop in for the library's year-round short program of stories, songs and rhymes. This is followed by playtime for birth through two years old with a grownup. 11 a.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Polish book discussion:** Join us for some good coffee and a book discussion with our Polish speaking program in our library. We will be reading, "Ciemno Prawie Noc," by Joanna Bator. 7 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Homework Help:** Teens are available to help kindergarten through fifth grade students work on their weekly homework assignments. 6:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Small Things in the Solar System:** Astronomer Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium highlights little things with big interest, such as comets, asteroids and especially, the latest about dwarf planet Pluto. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC member; \$13 nonmember, 847-784-6030

**Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group:** Join in watching a short video and then discussing the corresponding articles from the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions booklet. 1 p.m. Monday, Winnetka Public Library, 768 Oak St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-7220

## Tuesday, Feb. 9

**Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse:** 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free.

**Tuesday Morning Music:** Garden visitors can enjoy free hour-long meditative musical performances in the McGinley Pavilion overlooking Evening Island. Music varies and is focused towards an older crowd. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440

**Smile and Rhyme Storytime:** Children ages two and up, with an adult, can drop in for Miss Fran's stories, rhymes and songs in the Cafe. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Heinen's Grocery Store, 1020 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Career counselling appointments:** Consult with a career expert for resume help and job search strategies for any stage of your career. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Appetizers and Artist Talk:** Artist talk by Alejandro Figueredo Diaz-Perera and Cara Megan Lewis from 5:30-6pm. Advance registration required. 5 p.m. Tuesday, 90 Miles Cuban Cafe, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Movies, Munchies, and More: Film: The Notebook:** The film, "The Notebook" is about a poor and passionate young man who falls in love with a rich young woman and gives her a sense of freedom. They soon are separated by their social differences. The cast includes: Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gossling. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Instagram:** Learn how to post photos and follow other users on the world's most popular photo-sharing app. Bring your smartphone or tablet. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**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, 847-965-4220

**Preschool Storytime:** Stories, songs and action rhymes for children ages 3 to 5 years old. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Meet the Raspberry Pi:** Children 10 and older can meet this tiny computer. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Two-year-old storytime:** Listen to stories with your little one. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Jazz Forum:** Enjoy a rare screening of the 1957 broadcast, "The Sound of Jazz," featuring Count Basie, Billie Holiday, Lester Young, Coleman Hawkins, Thelonious Monk and more. 1 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Teen advisory board:** 5 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Book lovers: My Brilliant Friend:** Tracy Gossage leads an evening discussion of "My Brilliant Friend," by Elena Ferrante. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**The Pope and the GOP:** Pope Francis' ringing endorsements of social justice and harsh criticisms of global capitalism have produced strong negative reactions from the GOP Catholics eyeing the presidency. What role does this pontiff's progressive views play in this election year? 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 NSSC members; \$15 non-members, 847-784-6030

**Great Books Discussion Group:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-7774

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## Wednesday, Feb. 10

**Live Music Wednesdays with the Josh Rzepka Trio:** Hear the music of Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other classics of the era played by the Josh Rzepka Bebop trio. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

**Preschool Story Time:** 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

**Excel 2010 Basics:** Learn the layout of the Excel spreadsheet, how to input data and the basics for writing formulas. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Local Spelling Bee Practice Session:** Illinois adults age 50 and over can showcase their spelling skills through three levels of spelling competition: local, regional and the State Finals. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**ESL Conversation Group:** Practice speaking English in an informal and friendly group setting. Discussions focus on a variety of practical, everyday and general interest topics. 3 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Toddler Time:** 10 a.m. Wednesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**A Salute to the Songs of Valentine's Day:** "My Funny Valentine" Senior Coffee Hour: Robbie Malkowski returns with jazz pianist, Dave Turner, for a concert of love songs to celebrate Valentine's Day. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Drawing Dinosaurs:** Come to learn techniques for drawing cartoon-like and realistic dinosaurs. 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Valentine's Day Maker Crafts:** Use the Silhouette Cameo Vinyl Cutter, 3D Printer and Laser Cutter to make Valentine's Day crafts. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Book discussion: Friendly Fire:** Benjamin Goluboff leads a discussion of "Friendly Fire," by A.B. Yehoshua. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Chess Club:** Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a beginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Night and the City:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Knitting Studio and Workshop:** Mary Staackmann provides instruction, answers any questions about knitting and perhaps gets you started on a new project. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6060.

**Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team Class:** The City of Park Ridge hosts this class for the Winter/Spring 2016. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Works Center, 400 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, free, 847-774-4231

**Monthly Networking Luncheon with Scott Hansen:** Join the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce to hear Hansen speak about "Success Blueprint Strategies to Increase Sales, Become More Productive, and Dominate Your Industry." 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$20 members; \$25 prospective members and walk-ins, 847-825-3121

**LitLounge: Into the Beautiful North by Luis A. Urrea:** The book is about the tiny Mexican village of Tres Camarones that has been losing its men to the lure of good jobs in the U.S. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Curragh Irish Pub Skokie, 8266 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, free, 847-675-9600

**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. 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

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**"The Revenant" ★★½**

R, 2:36, drama

The gorgeously brutal first hour of "The Revenant" marks the peak of director Alejandro G. Inarritu's glittering if not quite golden career. Then, as Leonardo DiCaprio crawls across miles of mighty pretty scenery, gradually it turns into not much of anything. The film recounts Hugh Glass' tortures, which include a plunge down a waterfall; near-hypothermia; and a digitally rendered leap on horseback off a cliff. That first hour is big and

imposing. The rest grows smaller, with the script's self-conscious deeper meanings either layered on top or — more successfully — left to Luzbeki's meticulous images of a sun-dappled 19th-century Eden now home to one too many Wal-Mart stores. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" ★★★**

PG-13, 2:16, fantasy

So, where were we? Let's skip past the prequel trilogy "The Phantom Menace," "Attack of the Clones" and "Revenge of the Sith." In chronological story terms we last saw Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, princess-turned-queen Leia, Chewbacca, R2-D2 and C-3PO whooping it up at the Ewok luau back in 1983 in "Return of the Jedi," celebrating the massive global popularity and merchandising sales of George Lucas' bright idea. The idea was

simple and quaintly retro: The world, Lucas figured, might enjoy a whiz-bang riff on the old "Flash Gordon" serials. Now, minus the Ewoks, the gang's back. And it is good. Not great. But far better than "not bad." Solidly, confidently good. — *M.P.*

**"Ride Along 2" ★★**

PG-13, 1:42, comedy

When a real-life police officer punches suspects at random and violates civil liberties right and left, it's a sign of trouble. When it happens in the movies, it's a sign of a sequel to "Ride Along," titled "Ride Along 2," the pro forma follow-up to the 2014 action comedy starring Ice Cube as the snarling Atlanta detective and Kevyn Hart as his frenetic brother-in-law to-be, now a cop himself. The script by Phil Hay and Matt Manfredi gives you next to

nothing for narrative complication and surprise and a meager amount of verbal jokes. The fun's mostly in the throwaway stuff and Hart's motormouth act. — *M.P.*

**"Dirty Grandpa" ★**

R, 1:42, comedy

When Robert De Niro receives his inevitable lifetime achievement Oscar, don't expect his highlight reel to include a single clip from "Dirty Grandpa," a brutally unfunny stab at ribald comedy that stands as the legendary actor's big-screen nadir. De Niro gives it his best raunchy effort as a senior citizen who convinces his stuck-up preppy grandson (Zac Efron) to take him to Florida. While its cross-generational leads may attract a few

curious moviegoers hungry for some humor, dreary word-of-mouth will likely force this fiasco into early theatrical retirement. — *Nick Schager*

**"The Boy" ★**

PG, 1:37, horror

Lauren Cohan ("The Walking Dead") plays Greta, an American nanny who finds a job in the British countryside. Her charge is a life-size doll that her employers, the Heelshires, believe to be a real human boy named Brahm. When the "parents" take an extended vacation without the child or his nanny, chaos ensues. Greta learns from a delivery man (Rupert Evans) that the doll is a replacement for the Heelshires' mischievous 8-year-old boy,

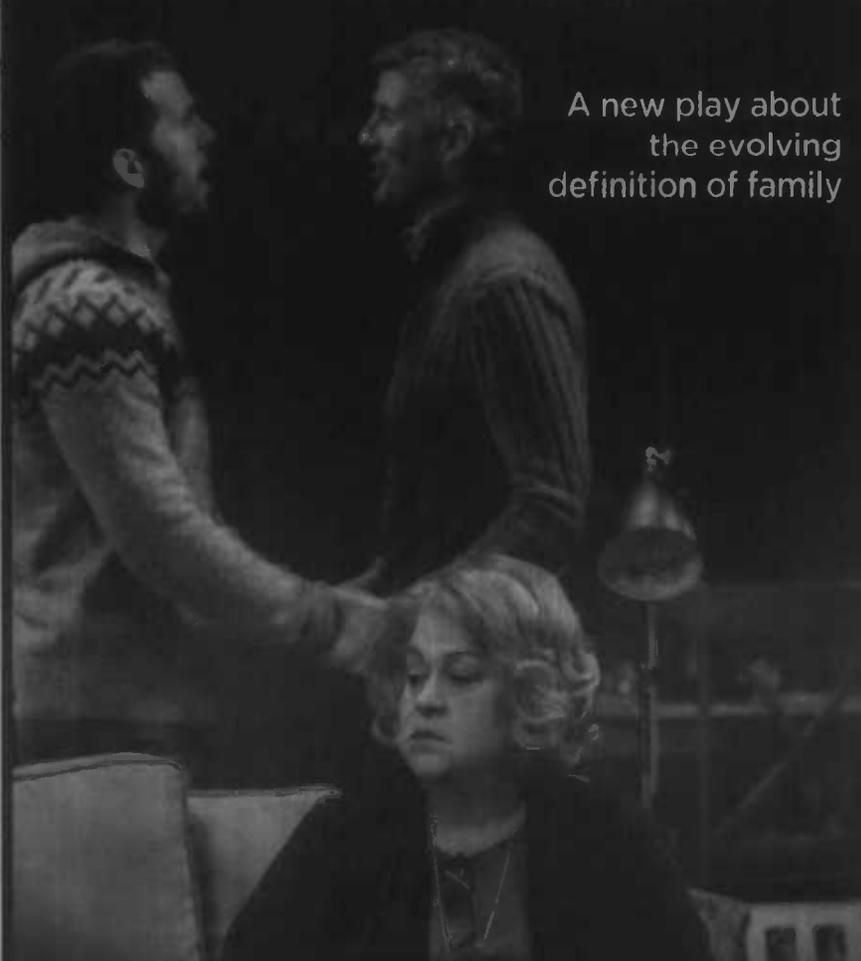
who died. While suspenseful at times, the movie is mostly ridiculous and ends with an unlikely finale. — *Varlety*

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# 2017 models in spotlight

New vehicles get introductions at North American International Auto Show

BY JEAN JENNINGS  
Tribune Newspapers

The North American International Auto Show in Detroit is one of the world's most anticipated auto shows, with dozens of global debuts drawing attention from no less than 60 countries. Running from Jan. 11 through Jan. 24, this year's show was less glittery than previous years in that several luxury brands — Bentley, Jaguar Land Rover, Maserati, Rolls-Royce and Tesla — chose not to participate.

In their place, the attention was grabbed by new 2017 models that may be less aspirational but are no less appealing.

Here is a sampling of the introductions that indicate where automakers are heading and what consumers may be driving down the road in 2016.

## 2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV

Shown at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas prior to the Detroit auto show, the all-electric Bolt was still important enough for General Motors Chairman Mary Barra to promote it in Detroit. The 200-horsepower compact has a game-changing 200-mile range, goes zero to 60 mph in under seven seconds and will sell for about \$37,000, reduced to around \$30,000 after federal subsidies. The styling is that of a compact (very compact) crossover, featuring tall seating positions. Because the battery pack is flat and mounted under the floor, there's 94 cubic feet of passenger room, roughly the same as the Honda Fit. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are on board, as is a 10.2-inch touchscreen infotainment system. Among the available features are a bird's-eye surround-view camera and a wide-angle rearview mirror camera. It goes into production near the end of the year.

## 2017 Chrysler Pacifica

The Pacifica replaces the long-serving Chrysler minivan that ushered in a new era of family haulers in the mid '80s. It shows Fiat Chrysler has respect for the family-car shopper. The 3.6-liter V-6 engine makes 287 horsepower



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The all-electric Chevrolet Bolt EV, unveiled at the Consumer Electronics Show, features a 200-mile range.



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The 2017 Chrysler Pacifica replaces the long-serving Chrysler minivan for maker Fiat Chrysler.



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The 2017 Honda Ridgeline is much more traditional in its appearance than previous models.

and is teamed with a nine-speed automatic transmission, yielding 28 mpg on the highway. A plug-in hybrid version comes out in the summer, promising 80 MPGe and 30 miles of range on electric power alone — not bad for a vehicle that seats eight. The pair of 10-inch fold-down screens, with Wi-Fi, will keep back-seat passengers happy, complete with a child-friendly Are We There Yet? navigation app. Just kick your foot under rear sliding door or the back liftgate, and it will open, hands-free.

## 2017 Honda Ridgeline

Honda's Ridgeline used to be a little odd-looking, but the all-new 2017 Ridgeline is much more traditional in appearance, even if it has a more carlike unibody structure. The 3.5-liter V-6 engine

should make around the same 280 horsepower as in the Honda Pilot SUV. If you think the front half of the Ridgeline looks a lot like the new Pilot, that's because they are built on the same platform and share a lot of parts; in fact, they will be built at the same Alabama plant. The Ridgeline has an exclusive locking in-bed trunk, plus an in-bed audio system. It also has a bed that's wide enough at 48 inches between wheel wells to allow a sheet of plywood to lay flat. The Ridgeline will be on sale by summer.

## 2017 Lexus LC500

The LC is a high-end, rear-wheel-drive, V-8-powered luxury coupe to compete against the Mercedes-Benz SL-Class and its ilk. To win over demanding shoppers in the premium luxury seg-

ment, the Lexus had to be a stunner, which it is, and powerful, which it also is, featuring a 5-liter V-8 engine that makes 467 horsepower and is teamed with a new 10-speed automatic transmission. The LC500 has an available active rear spoiler and a carbon-fiber roof. The enormous mesh grille is a love-it-or-hate-it proposition, but on this car it works well.

## 2017 Lincoln Continental

It has been 15 years since the last all-new Lincoln Continental rolled on American roads. This restyled luxury sedan is intended to please not only the high-end U.S. market but also the chauffeur-loving customers in the important China market. The 2017 Continental is elegant, if a bit sedate-looking. Its twin-turbocharged 3-liter V-6 engine makes

400 horsepower. Its seats, inspired by those on private jets, adjust by 30 settings and can be had with heating, cooling and massage features. An optional Revel audio system (we tried it) turns the Continental into a concert hall. And the Continental features what might be the most interesting use of LED lighting since Disney World: As you approach the car with your key, the LEDs begin to turn on in a hypnotic sequence, first the front, the taillights, then the headlamps, then to light up the pavement around the doors, then, subtly, in the interior. And check out the E-latch door handle, hidden almost imperceptibly into the body side below the windows. Jeeves-like and unobtrusive, just like the Continental. It goes on sale this fall.

## 2017 Volvo S90

Volvo is going full speed ahead into autonomous and semi-autonomous driving features, and this all-new flagship sedan is no exception. Although Volvo design chief Thomas Ingenlath acknowledges that S90 buyers are in a "rather conservative segment," this new Volvo sedan is as innovative as it is pure in its design. It will have plug-in hybrid power and Pilot Assist, which manages your steering to keep the car in its lane at speeds up to 80 mph. More than that, it is marking the world debut of large animal detection, which can spot animals such as horses and moose or, more likely in North America, deer that might get out in front of your vehicle.

It will be available with front- or all-wheel drive, with three powertrain choices: a 240-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder; a 2-liter turbocharged and supercharged four-cylinder engine making 316 horsepower; or a plug-in hybrid that generates over 400 horsepower. No more Volvo V-6s or V-8s. The S90 goes on sale in the summer.

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The 2016 Mitsubishi Outlander is a budget three-row crossover with good fuel economy.

## Outlander GT: Flaws, yawns

BY ROBERT DUFFER  
Tribune Newspapers

As Mitsubishi retreats from U.S. shores, cresting at 2 percent market share in 2002 before dipping to less than one-half of 1 percent since 2009, it has cast the redesigned Outlander crossover to hook budget-minded buyers looking for good warranties and better fuel economy.

But those traits don't quite appeal to the larger appetites of the American car buyer, which is why the three-row Outlander crossover and its smaller but better-selling stablemate, the Outlander Sport, are the Japanese company's great American hope.

The Outlander GT that we tested, featuring a 3.0-liter V-6 engine and all-wheel drive, gives budget-minded shoppers a top-of-the-line option.

Cramming in three rows means there are compromises. Straps flip down or pull up third-row seating, but headrests are stowed in the cargo floor. Too bad heads can't be stored there for the ride because there isn't much room.

The second-row 60/40 split seats slide forward for easy rear access, or fold down for more flat interior room. You might get away with hauling five kids —

### 2016 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER GT

3-row crossover

Price as tested:

**\$34,345**

Base price: \$30,995

MPG: 20 city, 27 highway

Engine: 3.0-liter V-6

Transmission:

6-speed automatic with all-wheel drive

**Parting shot:** Despite good fuel economy and a third row, the Outlander GT doesn't stand out from the competition.

without boosters — to the birthday party, but there better not be many gifts. Fitting an adult in the third row is problematic.

The Outlander GT, with heated leather seats and leather steering wheel, doesn't look or feel cheap. But the cabin was loud enough to make me think I had a window or door cracked.

The 3.0-liter V-6 is adequate, never fast. It's difficult to imagine the pokey feel of the 2.4-liter engine standard in lesser trims.

While the 2.4-liter engine option uses a continuously variable transmission, the 3.0-liter GT

comes with a 6-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters that Mitsubishi calls "sport-tronic." They let the driver rev the engine, but that and the feel of the shifters are as sporty as it gets; downshifting takes care of itself if you forget.

The "Super All-Wheel control" button lets the driver select between varying all-wheel drive modes. Eco mode returned excellent fuel economy of 25.9 mpg at highway speed.

We hit winter weather with snow covering ice that the AWD system was able to negotiate at cautious speeds without a problem in Snow mode.

There is a separate manual for the multitouch screen (infotainment), and you're going to need it as Mitsubishi's system is the worst we've tested. Poor voice command recognition means navigation must be done with the narrow touch pad, and many of the functions can't be used when in motion.

Mitsubishi needs this car to resonate with American buyers, but the Outlander GT doesn't stand out. Its flaws, particularly the loud cabin and dim infotainment system, will be enough to make shoppers look elsewhere.

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## Ford owners seeking safety advice, service satisfaction



BOB WEBER  
Motormouth

**Q:** I own a 2002 Ford Sport Trac with a V-6 engine. Once in a while it will completely shut down while driving at 25 to 45 mph. When this happens, I lose the power steering and power brakes. That's dangerous. I can restart it by shifting into neutral and cranking. It has occurred occasionally for several years. It may go several months without happening and then do it five or times in succession. My mechanic replaced the fuel pump, but that didn't help. It usually happens right after I have filled the gas tank. Any idea why this happens?

— P.J., Orlando, Fla.

**A:** We have heard some discussion about this issue but cannot find any technical service bulletins. The general consensus is that the problem may be due to liquid slugging of the emissions control vapor canister. This makes some sense since it occurs after refueling. It may be caused by pumping more fuel after the nozzle has clicked off. After the engine reaches operating temperature, the canister is purged of its vapors to prepare itself for when you shut off the engine. Drawing liquid instead of vapors may be the cause of the stalling. Don't top off the tank and see if the problem goes away.

**Q:** My 2013 Ford Escape had a safety recall regarding the restraints control module developing a short circuit over time. My local Ford dealer replaced the control



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2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac 4x4: An owner of a vehicle like this has a stalling problem when driving 25 to 45 mph.

module and a sensor for the air bag. Within several days the air bag light would come on and off. I returned to the dealer, and they wanted to charge me a diagnostic fee to find the problem. I explained I did not have a problem until they serviced the vehicle for the recall. I feel they should have corrected the problem without an additional fee. Is this related to the safety recall work or is it a separate issue? I am willing to pay for the repairs if it is a separate issue, but I feel it is recall related and the dealer should stand behind their work.

— J.G., Allentown, Pa.

**A:** We can't know for sure if this warning light is a result of the control module swap out, but it sure seems coincidental. It could be as simple as a loose connector not making full contact. Yes, the dealer should check it out as a courtesy since the techs there were the last to touch it.

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at my local Ford dealer. Everything was OK, including the brakes. However, I was then told that I should have brake caliper slide pins cleaned and lubed and also have a brake fluid flush. Was this appropriate at this low mileage? I declined this for now until I got more information.

— R.S., DeKalb, Ill.

**A:** We cannot give you a hard and fast answer about the caliper slide pins, but if the calipers are not moving back and forth as they should, uneven brake pad wear is usually the telltale sign. If the pins are extremely rusty, the caliper (s) may not move much at all, causing either poor braking or dragging brakes. So we think the pins are probably OK. As for the brake fluid flush, ask for proof. The only proof we accept is the color of the "Brake Strip" test strip. It is like litmus paper for brake fluid.

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# Incoming New Trier AD a 1988 graduate of Notre Dame

BY MATT HARNESS  
Pioneer Press

Bob Spagnoli has known Augie Fontanetta since the 1980s when Spagnoli coached Fontanetta on the Notre Dame Dons football team.

Even back then, Spagnoli said, Fontanetta stood out from the crowd.

"He was a hard worker and never afraid of the commitment," Spagnoli said. "He always understood the bigger picture."

Fontanetta, who grew up in Norridge, graduated from Notre Dame in 1988. After Fontanetta attended Northern Illinois, Spagnoli served as a mentor early in Fontanetta's career and helped him get a job at New Trier, where Spagnoli was teaching. Fontanetta worked as a teacher, coach and adviser at the school from 1994-2008. He served as the Trevians' head wrestling coach.

Now in his eighth year working in District 211, Fontanetta was hired as New Trier's athletic director on Jan. 18 at the New Trier District 203 board meeting. He replaces Randy Oberembt, who is retiring, and starts July 1.

"[New Trier] is a place I called home for 14 years, and it's nice to be returning back to that," Fontanetta said. "It's an exceptional place that offers athletic programs as part of the educational vision of the school. There already is a great coaching staff in place, and I am looking forward to working with them and giving them the support and resources they need to succeed."

Spagnoli, who is the girls track and field coach and a teacher at New Trier, said the school hired a winner in Fontanetta, who was one of three finalists and 40 candidates for the position.

"I couldn't be happier or prouder for him," Spagnoli said. "He's

done some great things in his career, and I think he's going to do great things here."

In District 211, Fontanetta was the athletic director at Fremd for five years before becoming the director of athletics and activities for the five-school district, which includes Conant, Fremd, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Schaumburg.

Fremd athletic director David Dick and Schaumburg athletic director Marty Manning both said Fontanetta will be missed. According to Dick, Fontanetta was visible at sporting events throughout the district.

"That truly shows he cares about [the student-athletes] and what they are doing," Dick said.

Manning, who's in his first school year as athletic director at Schaumburg, said Fontanetta has taken the time to offer him any assistance he's needed.

"He's been a tremendous men-

***"The first thing will be establishing relationships with everybody in the building, the parents and community. I want to create my own culture."***

—Augie Fontanetta, New Trier's new athletic director

tor for me in helping me understand both the day-to-day things that I need to accomplish as well as having a long-term outlook with our athletic department," Manning said. "He's an avid supporter in everything we do. He's been a huge advocate for our athletes, coaches and athletic departments."

Spagnoli said he isn't surprised to hear about Fontanetta's successes in District 211.

"He gained a lot of experience at New Trier," Spagnoli said. "He was on numerous committees and leadership teams. That experience carried over to his role at Fremd and then in that district."

As much as Fontanetta said he enjoyed his time in District 211, he couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to the school that gave him his first full-time teaching job.

"One of the things that drove me back to New Trier is its tremendous student body," he said. "They excel, both in athletics and in the classroom. A lot of things race through your head about what you want to get done right away, but the first thing will be establishing relationships with everybody in the building, the parents and community. I want to create my own culture."

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### Jon Arenas

Maine South senior  
**Best game:** He scored a game-high 23 points in a 58-53 loss at No. 7-ranked Evanston on Jan. 14. He had played the previous eight games at point guard for Maine South's basketball team.

### Olivia Schaps

Niles North senior  
**Best games:** With less than a second left to play and Hoffman Estates leading by one, Schaps hit a game-winning basket on Jan. 13. On Jan. 15 she blocked a Glenbrook North shot late in the fourth quarter to help the Vikings win.

### Connell Kelleher

Notre Dame sophomore  
**Best game:** Kelleher came in seventh at the boys bowling state tournament on Jan. 30 by finishing with a grand total of 2,799. He posted an average of 233.3.

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## BOYS BOWLING STATE NOTEBOOK

## Ochal concludes career, wants to help Dons in future

BY MATT HARNESS  
Pioneer Press

Tom Ochal ended his successful bowling career at Notre Dame at the state meet at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon.

The senior finished 42nd with 2,613 pins for a 217.8 average on Jan. 30 after a second-place showing last season. Ochal also competed at the state meet as a sophomore.

"I'm sad it's over, but all good things come to an end," he said. "I'm glad I had the experience I did. I'm going to miss it."

But Ochal might not be gone for long. He said he already has expressed interest in returning to the Dons in the near future as a volunteer coach.

"I will be coming back at some point," he said. "I mentioned it to the coaches, and they said they may need some extra help. They seemed all for it."

During this season, Ochal served as a mentor of sorts to sophomore Connell Kelleher, who placed a team-best seventh at the state meet. Ochal said he tried to get Kelleher to stay positive, even if things weren't going well for him.

"He could possibly be the anchor on the team next year," Ochal said. "The kid has a lot of potential. I see him scoring higher than he did this year."

Kelleher knocked down 2,799 pins and was 100 behind Stevenson junior Zach Singer, who posted 2,899 to capture the state championship. Kelleher is one of five

bowlers in the Dons' seven-person state lineup who has eligibility remaining.

As a team, Notre Dame finished 14th, but the Dons didn't survive the first-day cut, missing out by 44 pins.

## Niles North/Niles West

Sophomore bowler Avery Wolf said he didn't set any goals once he qualified for the state meet.

That's going to change next season.

"I was happy with getting there this year," said Wolf, who attends Niles North. "I told myself let's have fun and see how good I can do. I am going to raise the bar for next year. Now that I've been there, I am going to want to see how high I can get."

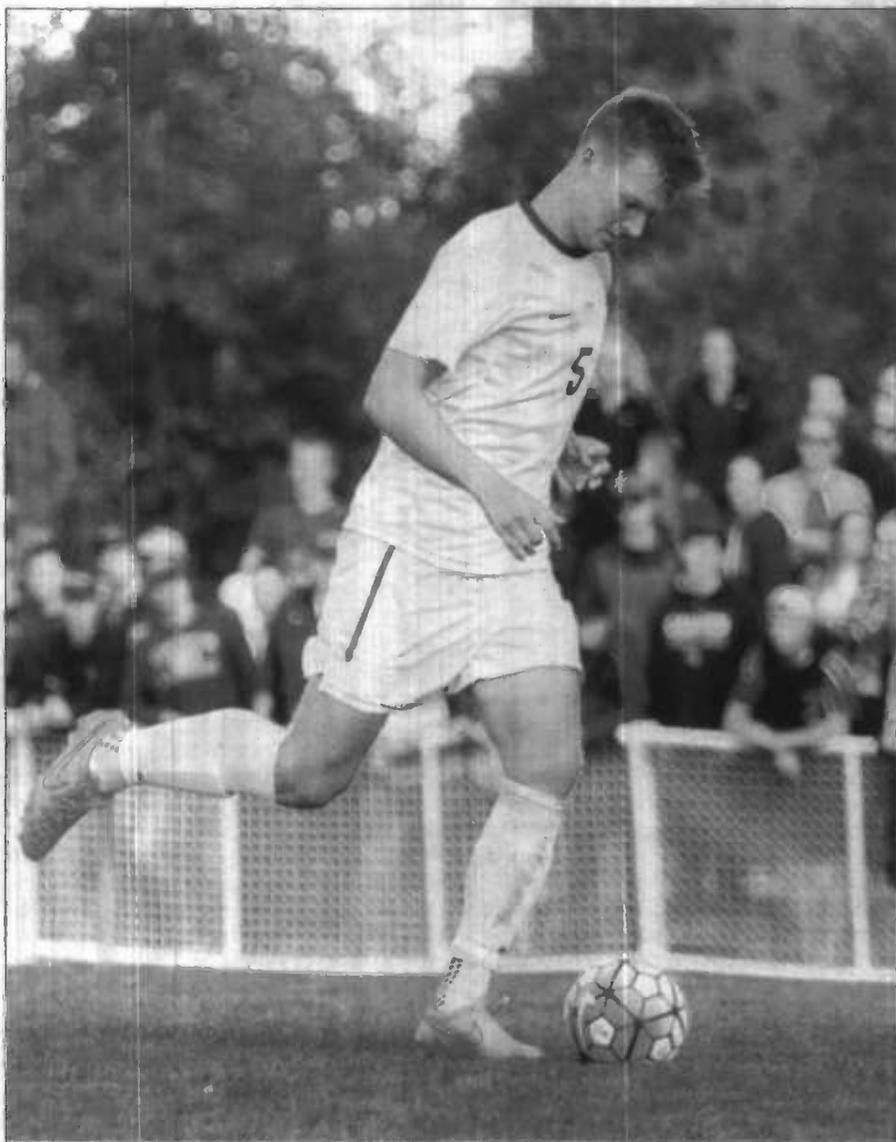
In his first trip to the state meet, Wolf tied for 51st with 2,585 pins for a 215.4 average.

"The experience of being there was great," he said. "I know what to expect for next time. There aren't a lot of [competitions] like [the state meet], so it's something you need to mentally prepare for."

Wolf was the lone bowler on the Niles North/Niles West team to compete at the state meet. The co-op team took seventh at the sectional, missing out on a state berth by one spot in the standings.

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CALVIN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Nick Groenewold, from Timothy Christian, was named first team D-III All-American.

## COLLEGE NOTES

## Groenewold named D-III All-American

BY NICK BULLOCK  
Pioneer Press

Timothy Christian graduates propelled the Calvin College men's soccer team to a 24-1-1 record, which included a trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament semifinals.

Leading the way was senior center back Nick Groenewold. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America named the Oak Brook resident a Division III All-American. He was also named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Most Valuable Player while earning a spot on the All-MIAA first team.

With Groenewold's help, the Knights' defense recorded 20 shutouts and allowed just five goals. Although many of his defensive contributions didn't show up in box scores, Groenewold did finish tied for sixth on the team with 17 points (7 goals, 3 assists). He also registered three game-winners.

Also on the Calvin team were senior midfielder Nolan DuBois, of Elmhurst, and freshman forward Tyler Vlasak, a pair of Timothy Christian graduates. Vlasak recorded five points in six games and DuBois appeared in 14 contests.

## Wesleyan honors soccer players

The Illinois Wesleyan men's soccer team boasted six area athletes who were awarded

letters for the 2015 season.

Leyden's Oscar Chavarria was a senior midfielder and Libertyville's Craig Kym was a senior goalkeeper. Both played in 15 games. Lake Zurich's Carlo Fava was a senior midfielder who started in each of the 16 games he played.

Deerfield's Eric Gilbert was a senior defender who finished second on the team in points with 11 (4 goals, 3 assists). Fellow Deerfield alumnus Ryan Kaplan was a sophomore midfielder who played in 16 games. And Lake Forest's Adam LaVitola was a junior midfielder who played in six games.

Among the Illinois Wesleyan women's team letter winners, junior midfielder Sarah Trach and freshman forward/midfielder Nathalie Orozco represented the Chicago suburbs.

Trach, a Hinsdale Central alumna from Clarendon Hills, was named the team's Most Improved Player for the 2015 season. She tied for sixth on the team in scoring with nine points (2 goals, 5 assists).

Orozco, a Vernon Hills graduate, finished eighth in points with eight (3 goals, 2 assists).

Have a suggestion for the College Round-up? Email Nick Bullock at [bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com](mailto:bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com).

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# Fadell's speed helps Notre Dame

BY ERIC VAN DRIL  
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The St. Ignatius boys hockey team pulled even with Notre Dame with 3:19 remaining on Jan. 31. The Wolfpack's game-tying goal made things dire for Notre Dame, which went on to win 3-2 in Chicago.

The Dons were in a must-win situation. The game would have gone to overtime if St. Ignatius and Notre Dame were tied at the end of regulation. The Wolfpack, as a result, would have earned a point and clinched sixth place in the Chicago Catholic Hockey League. Notre Dame would have finished seventh in the standings.

The difference between sixth and seventh might seem inconsequential, but in the Kennedy Cup seedings, it's the difference between facing Benet — one of the best teams in the state — and Fenwick in the CCHL's postseason tournament.

The Dons wanted to play Fenwick, which is why they pulled junior goalie Jimmie Hall at the end of regulation of a tie game. Notre Dame senior defenseman Max Fadell thought about the stakes of the game as he saw the loose puck with less than 20 seconds left in regulation.

"We had to win," Fadell said. "Normally, playing defense, I try to be aggressive and step up. I saw the puck squirt out, and I just did anything I could to get to the net."

Fadell has excellent speed. He was the fastest player on the ice against St. Ignatius, and he used his speed late in the game. Fadell jetted through the neutral zone, accelerated past St. Ignatius' defense and aimed far pad on his close-range shot.

St. Ignatius senior goalie Dan Engel (42 saves) stopped Fadell's attempt, but junior forward Jack Snarich was trailing Fadell as he darted toward goal.



Notre Dame's Max Fadell takes a shot while St. Ignatius' Jack Connelly (9) defends during their game on Jan. 31 in Chicago.

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Engel's save rolled right in front of the goal. Snarich was there. He finished the golden opportunity to put Notre Dame ahead 3-2 with 3.0 seconds remaining.

"I was always told to follow the play. The rebound came out, I just put it in," Snarich said of his game-winner.

It's cliché to call Fadell's skating ability a game-changer, but it truly was against the Wolfpack.

"His speed is huge," Snarich said. "He can take it from one end to the other and set up a nice play. It's big to have speed on the team, because speed kills."

Fadell was a forward on Notre Dame's team last year — he used his speed to score the game-winning goal in a massive upset of Providence in the state playoffs — but he has primarily been a defenseman this season.

"I like it back there," Fadell said. "You're kind of like the point guard out there, dictating everything."

A big reason why Fadell has moved to defenseman is that injuries have ravaged the Dons this season. Senior captain David Wendel only played about 30 seconds against St. Ignatius because of a right shoulder injury that's kept him out for about

six weeks, Notre Dame coach Bart Czachor estimated. The Dons also appear to have lost junior Nick Stempien, senior Jackson Delfosse and sophomore Will Panoutsos for the season to injuries. Stempien suffered a concussion while Delfosse and Panoutsos each sustained a shoulder injury.

"We're the walking wounded," Czachor said. "We have not had the same lineup for [two games] the whole year."

Those injuries, combined with the graduation of several quality players from last year's team, have required

Fadell to be a defenseman.

It's also made it imperative for Fadell to dart forward and create offense. He did that several times against St. Ignatius, including an instance where he hit the pipe in the first period.

"He's [done] that all year," Czachor said. "He's actually a forward, but we're so hurt, we have no options. ... We've moved him [to] the backend to let him rush a little bit and see what happens."

## Game notes

■ Notre Dame junior forward Josh Hemmer scored the game's first goal. St.

Ignatius junior forward Daniel McFarland made it 1-1 in the second period, but Notre Dame forward Kevin Golden scored just 15 seconds later to put the Dons back ahead. St. Ignatius junior defenseman Jack Connelly tied the game in the third period to set up Fadell and Snarich's late-game heroics.

■ Hall, a junior, finished with 15 saves for Notre Dame.

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# Flowers brothers show promise

BY MATT HARNESS  
Pioneer Press

Niles West boys basketball coach Bob Williams said the Flowers brothers — Aaron and Myreon — have the ability to be game-changing players.

They are physically gifted and hungry to get better, he said. However, they have not consistently played at a high level.

"Both are very positive kids, and they do their jobs on a day-to-day basis," Williams said. "We see flashes of what they can do in games. We just need to see it more often."

That's why Aaron Flowers, a 6-foot-3 junior forward, and Myreon Flowers, a 6-1 senior guard, were scheduled to work on their games at Golf View Recreation Center in Niles on Jan. 30 with Raz Asuncion, a local basketball instructor. The brothers, who also are high jumpers and triple jumpers on the track and field team, said they train with Asuncion at least once a week and each session lasts about two hours.

"It helps me a lot," Myreon Flowers said of the individual attention. "He watches my games, and he tells me how I can do things better."

Myreon Flowers has been working with Asuncion to put the correct spin on the ball when attempting a reverse layup. In the Wolves' 65-49 Central Suburban South loss at home to Evanston on Jan. 29, Myreon Flowers converted a transition reverse layup in traffic with 3 minutes, 1 second remaining in the second quarter to get the Wolves (8-11, 1-6 after the loss) within one, 22-21.

Myreon Flowers, who came off the bench against the Wildkits and scored four points, said he planned to talk with Asuncion on Jan. 30 about being more of an offensive threat and taking advantage of his opportunities. It's something Williams said he would like to see from the second-year varsity player, too.

"I need to attack the basket more," Myreon Flowers said. "If a shot is open for me, I need to take it more often. I've learned to create for myself, but I have to do

it in games."

As for Aaron Flowers, who's in his first full season on varsity, he said his focus with Asuncion is on improving his post presence.

"We work on my moves, rebounding, guarding bigger people," Aaron Flowers said. "It's a lot of footwork."

Williams said that when the soft-spoken Aaron Flowers asserts himself on every possession, he can be a dominant force down low. He scored three points in the loss to the Wildkits, who are ranked No. 7 by the Chicago Tribune.

"He makes a huge impact when he's big inside and active," Williams said. "It's great he has the ability, but he needs to show it more often. Same thing with Myreon. We need to get him to show more of what he can do."

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Niles West's Myreon Flowers drives inside on Evanston's Nojel Eastern on Jan. 29 in Skokie.



Niles West's Aaron Flowers drives to the basket while defended by Evanston's Dylan Mulvihill on Jan. 29 at Niles West.

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Notre Dame's  
Max Fadell  
controls the  
puck on Jan. 31  
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