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Mary Jo Becker, 28, of Norridge, peruses the collection of books in the Little Free Library at the Norridge Park District on Feb. 2. The book exchange was set up in part by the Eisenhower Public Library last year as a way to allow people to take and donate books, with no obligation to return them.

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## SHOUT OUT

# Kamryn McKenzie, Maine South junior

For the third consecutive year, students at Maine South High School are coming together for a common cause through participation in the School-Wide Fundraiser. Junior Kamryn McKenzie is one of the organizers involved in this year's fundraiser.

**Q: Who is the recipient of the fundraiser?**

**A:** We are raising money for Cure SMA, which stands for spinal muscular atrophy. It's a genetic disease most common in children. Cure SMA is located in Elk Grove Village and a lot of students from Park Ridge go to a conference every year that Cure SMA puts on.

**Q: What kind of conference is it?**

**A:** It's a conference Cure SMA holds every year for parents of children with the disease. It's a time for parents to have a little time to do research themselves. Kids from Maine South will help babysit the kids during the day while their parents go to talks and informational sessions about the disease.

**Q: What some of the big**



KAMRYN MCKENZIE PHOTO

Maine South High School student  
Kamryn McKenzie.

**fundraising events coming up?**

**A:** Our biggest event is Hawk Fest on April 15, which is somewhat of a carnival fundraiser at our school where clubs run booths to raise money. We also have Pizza Madness [on April 28 at 5:30 p.m.]. Last year, about 12 local pizza businesses set up

stations where people paid \$5 to try samples from each place. All the clubs and organizations at Maine South also run their own events, like National Honor Society, which is holding a Color Run [on April 16].

**Q: What is your involvement in the fundraiser?**

**A:** I'm in the School-Wide Fundraiser Club. We organize the events and plan the activities so there are no overlapping dates. I help coordinate the website — [www.msgivesback.com](http://www.msgivesback.com) — which is new this year with a calendar and an online donation portion.

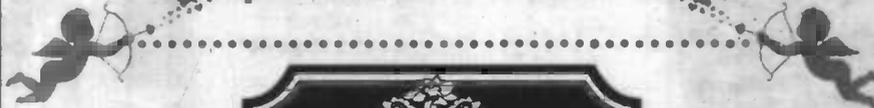
**Q: Can members of the community donate or is the fundraiser only open to Maine South students?**

**A:** Anyone can give; that's mainly why we decided to have the website [this year]. There's also a bunch of different events that parents and the community can come to, like the Color Run and Pizza Madness, which are open to everyone.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press

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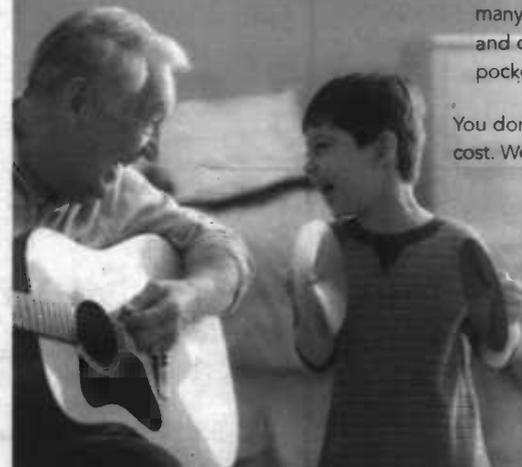
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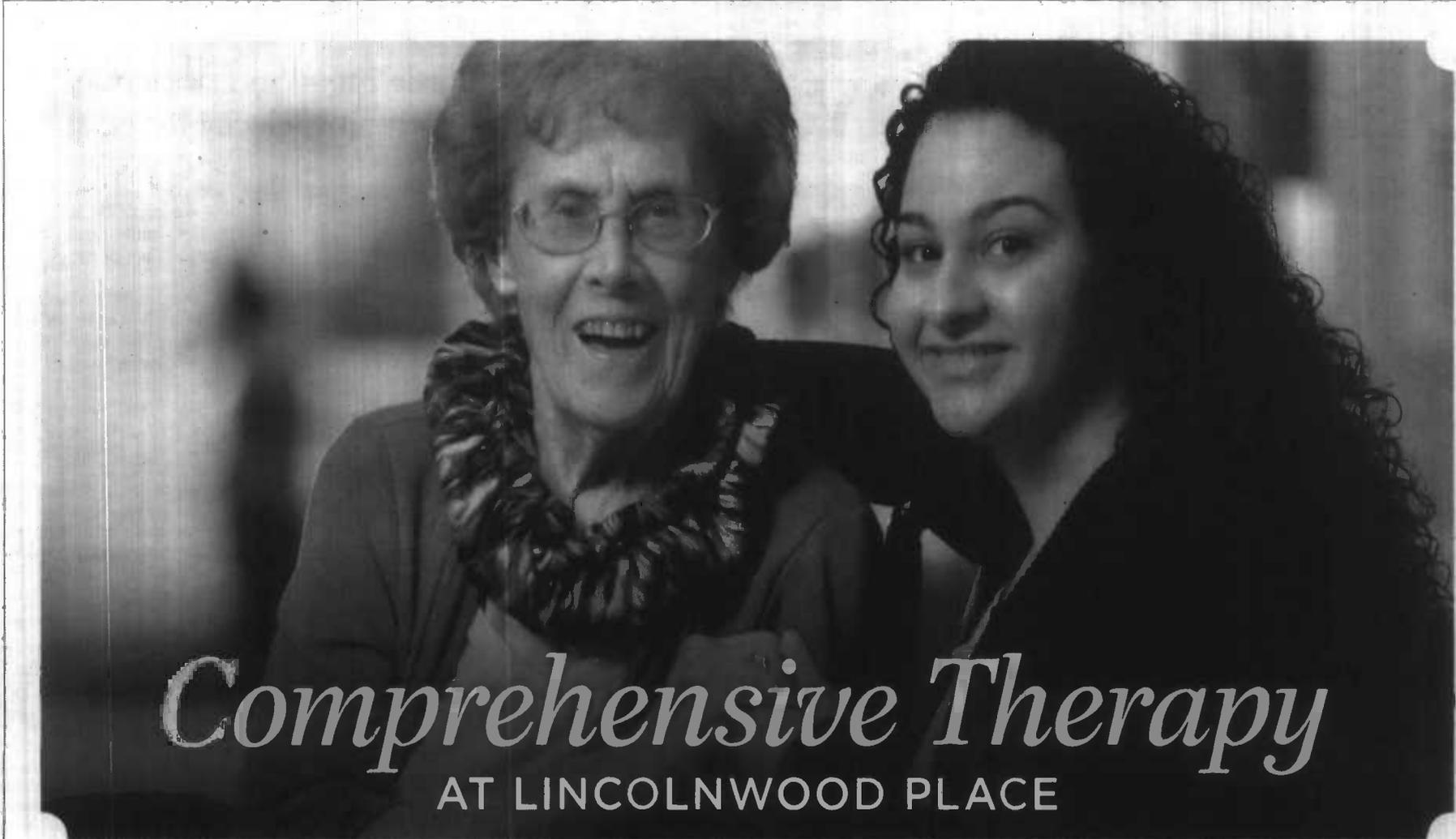


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# Sharing knowledge

Little Free Libraries 'contribute something special to the street'

BY NATALIE HAYES  
Pioneer-Press

A reading specialist at Winnetka's Washburne School, London Summerville's love for books extends beyond the classroom and into her neighborhood in Skokie, where she recently joined the Little Free Library movement — a grass-roots effort led by literature lovers who maintain free-standing book exchanges right on their front lawn.

With handcrafted glass windows and paint matched to the shade of blue covering her family's home on the 8000 block of Kenneth Avenue, Summerville's makeshift library is perhaps more elaborate than most. The thousands of Little Free Libraries that have been popping up across the country, since their recent gain in popularity, come in different shapes and sizes — some are splashed with colorful decor and adorned with miniature glass doors, others are housed in unassuming wooden cabinets or cardboard boxes.

Appearances aside, the intention of the makeshift libraries isn't to impress, but to serve a literary purpose to offer neighbors a simple and cost-free way to enjoy books.

Summerville's spacious library stands roughly six feet tall, and has become a statement piece in her front lawn, Summerville said, although she didn't exactly plan it that way.

"I was concerned about the size, especially because I thought ours might be bigger than what the village allows," Summerville said. "But I think it contributes something special to the street, and as long as no neighbors complain the village has said we can keep it up."

Only three residents in Skokie have Little Free Libraries, according to a map



LONDON SUMMERVILLE

It was a neighborhood-wide effort to install a Little Free Library on the front lawn of London Summerville, a Skokie resident who worked with her neighbors on the 8000 block of Kenneth Avenue to build a book-swapping library out of reclaimed materials. About 20 people gathered at her home in November to welcome the library to the neighborhood.

posted on the organization's website. The front-yard library trend has been slow to catch on in certain areas, and local laws in most towns haven't been updated to address their construction.

Ordinances regulating the libraries are absent from local zoning laws in Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, and Skokie. Lincolnwood, which doesn't have any Little Free Libraries listed on the map, does have what the Lincolnwood Public Library calls "poolside libraries." When the weather gets warm and the pool gets busy, library staff wheel a shelf-full of books over to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center, where people can swap books all summer.

"They're not library books that need to be checked out or returned,

but books that have been donated to us or books that are no longer part of our collection," said Deb Keegan, marketing director for the Lincolnwood Public Library. "It was really popular at the pool last year, and we plan to do it again next year."

The Niles Public Library does not have book-swapping yet, but the library director, Susan Lempke, said the Library Board could include plans for a Little Free Library in their next strategic planning phase.

A staff member won a Little Free Library box in a contest that was offered by one of the library's vendors last year, but Lempke said budget constraints have reduced the staff, and there hasn't been enough manpower to get the book-swapping library set up and

running.

"Unlike Morton Grove, we don't have a train station with a protective area where we can set up a place to swap books, Lempke said. "We have book collection service at the teen center at Golf Mill and we deliver materials to retirement centers and schools, but those books have to be checked out."

In Morton Grove, where just one Little Free Library is listed on the organization's map, librarians at the Morton Grove Public Library have joined the movement by placing a book swap at the Metra station.

But local ordinances, if eventually added, could potentially dictate where and when such libraries are allowed to open. The Little Library organization warns would-be library builders to check their zoning laws

first.

"Lincolnwood has not dealt with this issue — the zoning code doesn't address this, nor does the village's municipal code," said Aaron Cook, community development manager for Lincolnwood.

"I anticipate the stance on this issue would be to pursue adoption of regulations in the event they become more common and become an issue."

In Summerville's case, she doesn't think her library will be a problem, but she nonetheless played by the rules and submitted a zoning application to the village when she installed the library last November.

"It would be odd if someone complained about it," Summerville said. "In the last three weeks we've seen three different families we didn't know come by to

drop off and borrow books — we knew the kids on the block would use it, but it's good to see everyone enjoying it."

Summerville's Little Free Library was an undertaking of the whole neighborhood. After reading a story about the libraries in the news, Summerville asked a neighbor (who happens to be a cub scout leader) to help her build the structure. With the help of some kids from the neighborhood, the group collected reclaimed building materials, picked out paint colors, found shingles and glass, and assembled the house during a three-month period.

On the day of the installation, 20 neighbors came to the Summerville's house to help dig a hole for the post and donate the first books for the collection.

Four months since the Little Free Library opened, Summerville has received hundreds of books donated from unknown library visitors, who have helped keep the shelves stocked with plenty of titles for kids, teens, and adults.

"I put a photo of the library on Facebook, and then books just started appearing, and I have no idea where they came from," Summerville said.

The village of Skokie so far has no plans to interfere with the library, but the Little Free Library trend continues to be on the village's radar, according to Ann Tennes, director of marketing and communications for Skokie.

"We're aware that it's something that's a phenomenon in the country and it has stirred some interest in our community," Tennes said.

"The village is examining the issue for the time being, but we don't have any specific plans for any action either way."

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# Skokie sent letter to Niles over gun range concerns

By MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

Weeks before the local gun control group People For a Safer Society lost its court battle to try to stop a gun shop from being built in Niles, the village of Skokie fulfilled a promise to the group.

Skokie officials repeatedly said they would not join the lawsuit despite the group's campaign to bring Skokie on board. But what Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen promised was that it would seriously consider expressing the village's concerns in a non-binding letter to Niles.

In the letter to Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo, Van Dusen said many Skokie residents have expressed "deep concern and dismay" over the Niles Village Board's vote allowing Sportsman's Club and Firearms Training Academy to operate at 6143 Howard St.

"We ask you to reflect on the fact that your decision may impact Skokie residents, businesses and schools due to the proximity to the gun range," he said. "As elected officials, we all hold public safety to be of paramount concern and we must carefully weigh our actions with this in mind."

Przybylo said he was not surprised when he received the letter because "I was with (Van Dusen) four or five days before and he told me he was sending the letter and I said, 'OK, great.'"

Przybylo said the letter will have no bearing on Niles officials' actions regarding the gun shop and range because "we've made up our mind to do exactly what (Skokie) has done and other municipalities, including Chicago, have done and that is to create the hardest, toughest operating ordinance related to the gun store."

"We'll go in there and check their inventory and

make sure the people they have selling guns are qualified," he said. Przybylo added that the village will also work to ensure the shop does not engage in any illegal transactions, commonly called "straw purchases," in which someone buys a gun for another individual who is prohibited by law from possessing one or for an individual who does not want their name associated with the gun sale. He also said the village would make sure the store does not sell firearms repeatedly to people who have reported lost or stolen guns, because "that's a sure sign guns are going into the wrong hands."

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*Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen in a letter to Niles*

People For a Safer Society repeatedly and publicly asked Skokie to join its lawsuit because the planned gun shop is located near the Skokie border and some of its schools.

Village officials said it should not do so because a municipality's home rule authority allows it to govern on certain matters without interference.

Both Skokie and Niles have home rule powers. If the village were to join the lawsuit, Van Dusen told the group, it would have difficulty taking a legal position in court supporting home rule authority and then saying "except when someone is passing something we don't like."

Trustee Randy Roberts, in an earlier emotional address to the group, proposed the letter but supported that the village should not join the lawsuit.

In the letter sent to Niles, Van Dusen made a pitch to the mayor to consider the group's concerns.

"While we are not part of this litigation," he wrote, "we believe that honest, respectful, communication between parties often brings a more satisfying and just result beyond what any lawsuit can accomplish. We ask that you take the time, while the court's ruling on the motion to dismiss is pending, to meet with advocates who oppose the current location and to try to reach a solution which addresses their safety concerns."

Despite the letter, the ruling on the lawsuit moved forward last month without Niles and People For a Safer Society reaching agreement.

For the second time, a Cook County judge Feb. 19 granted motions to dismiss the suit filed by attorneys for Niles and 6143 Howard Partners, the company that plans to open the gun shop.

Przybylo said a draft operations ordinance is "95 percent done." He said village officials would like to work with the owners behind the gun shop and range on the local regulations but have had difficulty scheduling a time to meet.

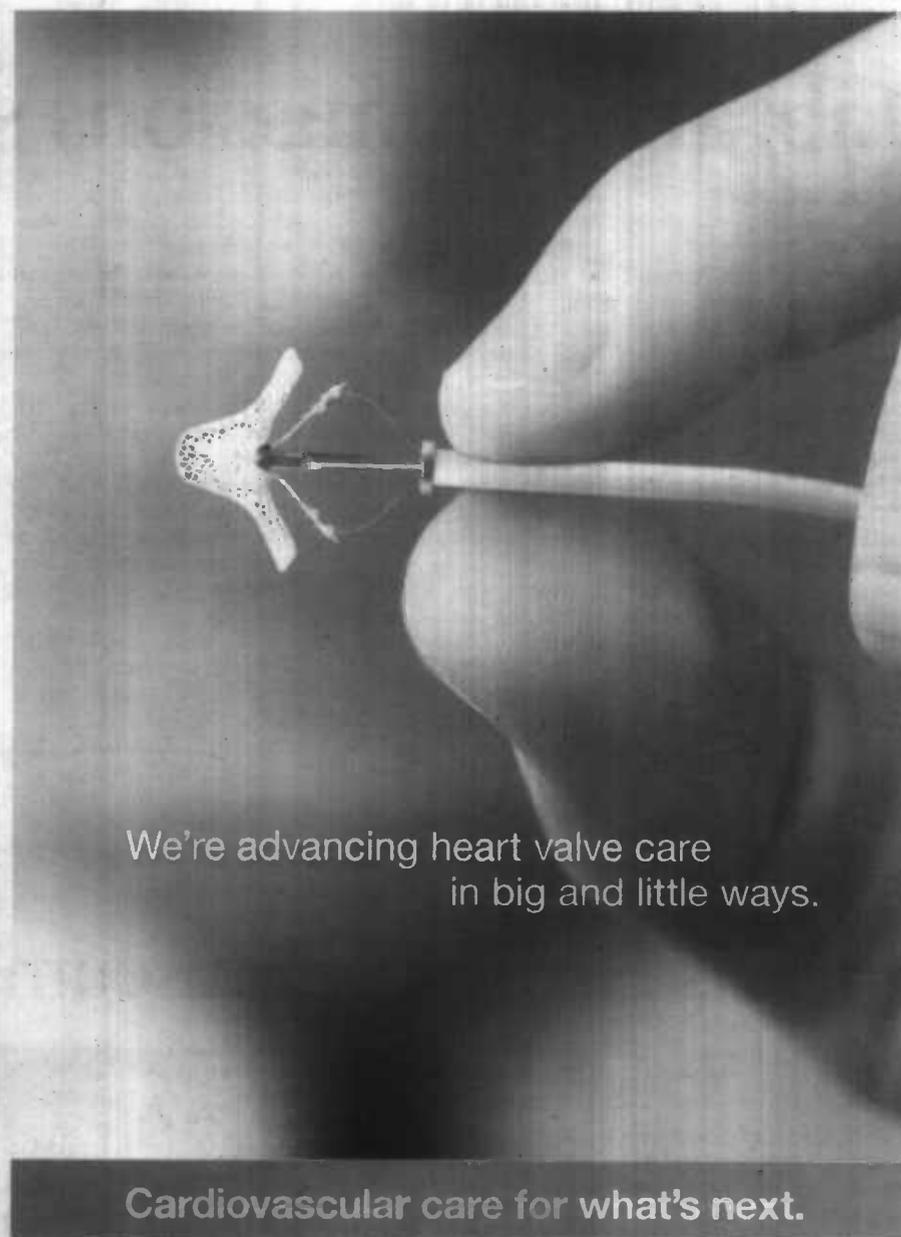
"We'll pass the operations ordinance on our own if (the owner) doesn't have time to meet with us," Przybylo said.

Asked when he expects the range and shop to open, Przybylo said "my guess is nine months."

A lawyer for People For a Safer Society said the group plans to appeal the ruling and push forward with its protest.

*Lee V. Gaines contributed.*

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# Library commissions study on pension plans

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

The Niles Public Library District has commissioned a study to determine how much it would cost the agency to offer pension plans to employees through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Last fall, the library district announced it planned to look into changing its current retirement offerings in an effort to attract and retain qualified staff members.

The actuarial cost study, for which the library paid about \$1,400, will determine how much it would need to contribute to employees' retirement funds were the library to join IMRF, library district Busi-

ness Manager Greg Pritz said.

IMRF cost studies commissioned by previous library boards provide an idea of what the library will need to pay, but Pritz said current figures are needed if the board is going to make an informed decision. He estimated the library will need to contribute around 10 percent of eligible employees' salaries to the fund annually.

"What the study will show the board is how much it would cost to get us started on IMRF, what the percentage of a person's salary overall is that we'd have to be paying," said Susan Lempke, library director.

"This would give the figure to start with and it

would change every year depending on the economy," she said.

Lempke said the amount employees would be required to pay into the fund is fixed at 4.5 percent of their annual salary.

The results of the cost study are expected back by the end of this month, Pritz said. He added that it's likely an IMRF representative will be scheduled to speak to the board about the pension plan at the April meeting.

The library currently offers staff members a defined contribution plan for retirement, also known as a 457B, through ICMA-RC, the company that manages and administers the program. The library provides qualified employees 7.5 percent

of their salary to be deposited each year into a defined contribution plan. Employees also have the option to deposit only a part or none of the contribution into the plan.

Of the 44 employees eligible for the program, only about 28 actually use it to save money for retirement, Pritz said. Of the nearly \$168,000 the library paid to employees as part of the retirement plan last fiscal year, two-thirds was deposited in the plan while the remainder was taken home by employees, he said. Both Pritz and Lempke, said library board members have discussed whether or not to continue allowing employees to take home the retirement contribution, but have not yet made a

decision on the matter.

Board President Linda Ryan did not return multiple requests for comment.

If the board chooses to switch over to the IMRF system, both Lempke and Pritz say it's possible the change could increase library district residents' tax bills. The hope, however, is that better retirement benefits will result in less turnover of library staff and higher quality, more consistent service for library patrons, Pritz said.

"Obviously, we do have a good staff here, but the new head of digital services, one of her questions to me was, 'do you have IMRF?'" Lempke said. "I was able to hire her, but I may not be able to retain her."

Residents who have criti-

cized the potential switch to IMRF have cited underfunded local and state pension plans. Lempke said that unlike other pension funds, the IMRF "has never gotten into bad shape" and "it's hard to help taxpayers understand that."

The board is expected to make a decision at or before its meeting in June in order for any changes to become effective on July 1, Pritz said.

"It's a significant change," he said. "Once you join IMRF, you are an IMRF facility going forward no matter what, so it's irreversible and that's why we're taking so long to study it."

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# Illinois Holocaust Museum prepares for awards dinner

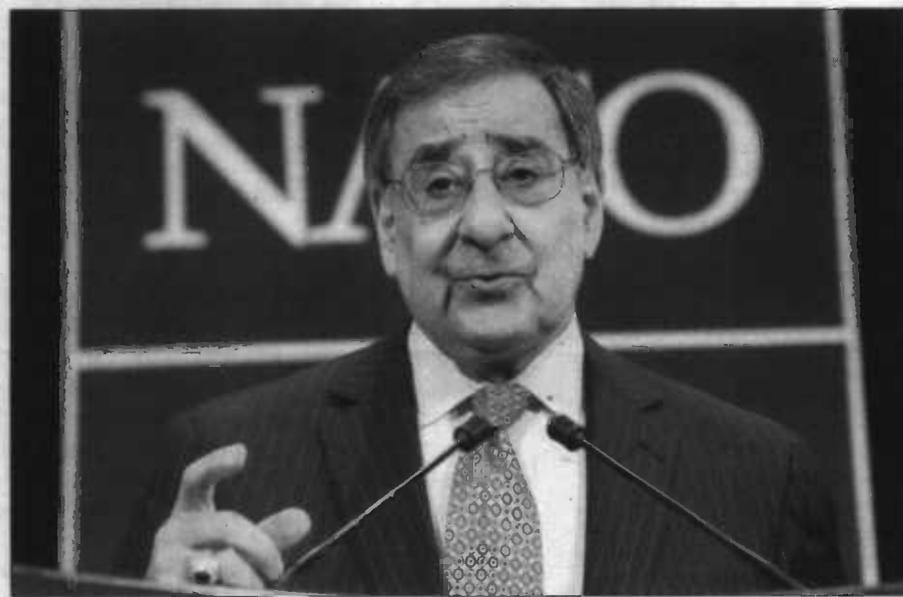
BY PIONEER PRESS  
Staff report

In a different way, there is no more important night for the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center than its annual Humanitarian Awards dinner, museum leaders say.

The museum not only honors those who have supported the museum in a large dinner attended by high-ranking dignitaries and many others, but it raises crucial funding so the institution can carry on its lofty mission, they say.

The March 17 dinner, scheduled to be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, is by far the museum's biggest fundraiser of the year, according to the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

Some 1,800 business, civic and community leaders are expected to attend, the museum says. Included are Gov. Bruce Rauner and his wife, Diana. Like every year, the event will honor Holocaust survivors and the museum and educational



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This 2013 file photo shows former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta speaking at a press conference in Brussels. Panetta is the scheduled keynote speaker for this year's Humanitarian Awards dinner.

institution they have created.

Dinner honorary chairs include the former Mayor Richard M. Daley, William M. Daley, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, Chicago Mayor

Rahm Emanuel, Consul General of Israel Roey Gilad, U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk, Dr. Steve Nasatir and Rauner.

Honorees this year include Harvey L. Miller with

the Survivor Legacy Award and Terry Duffy with the Humanitarian Award. The museum says the two were selected for their "lifelong humanitarian efforts which have strengthened their

communities."

The museum's Harvey L. Miller Youth Exhibition is on the lower floor of the museum, and Duffy "uses his passion for family and education to enhance economic opportunities and health for disadvantaged youth," Illinois Holocaust Museum CEO Susan Abrams said.

Scheduled as the keynote speaker is former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta. Panetta will discuss current events, anti-Semitism, genocide and global politics with J. B. Pritzker.

Like in past years, officials promise to review the achievements of the museum over the last year.

The museum engaged over 150,000 individuals this past year including 60,000 students and educators, it says. Additionally, the museum provided Opportunity Scholarships to students who would otherwise not be able to visit.

Dinner organizers say the museum will also shed more light on plans to "safe-

guard the legacy of Holocaust Survivors, whose numbers are dwindling."

The museum has embarked on a partnership with USC Shoah Foundation using state-of-the-art 3D video technology combined with voice recognition software to create "an immersive, interactive experience (with survivors) that is strikingly life-like," according to organizers. The technology was first introduced at last year's dinner.

"The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center leads the way in connecting Holocaust history to current issues in the community and world, and to inspiring new generations of 'upstanders,'" Abrams said in a prepared release. "This initiative will ensure that we can do this work for generations to come."

For more information on the Humanitarian Awards Dinner, go to [www.illinoisholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.illinoisholocaustmuseum.org).

# Lawsuit over gun store regulations dismissed

BY NATALIE HAYES

Pioneer Press

A lawsuit filed by Rev. Michael Pfleger and a group of activists last year that said lax local gun laws in Lincolnwood were to blame when guns sold by the town's only firearms dealer ended up at Chicago crime scenes has been dismissed by a Cook County judge.

In the July 2015 lawsuit, Lincolnwood was listed as a defendant, along with the villages of Lyons and Riverdale, as one of three Cook County towns with permissive local gun laws that Pfleger and the Coalition for Safe Chicago Communities say contribute to the illegal firearms market in Cook County.

The lawsuit was based on a 2014 report issued by the city of Chicago that says 20 percent of the guns from Chicago crime scenes come from four dealers in the Chicago area, including Shore Galleries in Lincolnwood.

Illinois does not regulate gun dealers at the state level, but leaves it up to municipalities to enact their own local gun regulations.

While state and federal guidelines require background checks and other security measures before a gun can be sold, the lawsuit sought to force the three towns to adopt more stringent municipal codes and ordinances that would serve as an extra layer of protection on the local level to do more to prevent guns from ending up in the hands of violent offenders.

"While the village of Lincolnwood appreciates and shares the concerns raised by the plaintiffs concerning gun violence, we have stated all along that the lawsuit was misguided and improper," said Steven Elrod, attorney for Lincoln-



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Lamon Reccord, right, leads a Call to Action Peace March on Dec. 31, 2015, down Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Leaders included the Rev. Michael Pfleger, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Lamon Reccord and Ja'mal Green. It started at Pioneer Court in Chicago, marched to Chicago Avenue, where they blocked the street, and then back to Tribune Tower.

wood.

As Lincolnwood and Riverdale fought to dismiss the lawsuit while refusing to budge on their existing local gun ordinances, the village of Lyons in October went the opposite direction. Officials there voted in new ordinances on gun sales.

Meanwhile, Lincolnwood and Riverdale filed motions to dismiss the suit late last year, and Cook County Judge Franklin Valderrama ruled in their favor on Feb. 25.

Lead attorney for the Coalition for Safe Chicago Communities, Tom Geoghegan, and Pfleger said they would likely appeal the ruling or file an amended lawsuit.

Pfleger reacted to the ruling with disappointment.

"It's sad to me that the judge cares more about the rights of the (gun) stores than the rights of the people, especially when we're dealing with the proliferation of guns during the highest rise in violence in Chicago since the 1990s," Pfleger said.

Jerry Turry, Lincolnwood's mayor, said the suit was without merit and said he was pleased with the

judge's dismissal of the case.

"The city of Chicago continues to point towards others when they should spend more time looking into the mirror," Turry said.

"Had any of them (Pfleger and the Coalition for Safe Chicago Communities) called us first, we would have demonstrated that our village ordinance is well-written."

In Valderrama's written decision to dismiss the complaint, he agreed with Lincolnwood's claims that a link between city gun violence and Lincolnwood's regulations of its firearms dealers does not exist.

Aside from Pfleger and the coalition, the four other plaintiffs named in the suit are described only as residents of Chicago's South and West sides — neighborhoods afflicted by violence from guns obtained in Lincolnwood, Lyons and Riverdale, according to the suit.

Riverdale's motion to dismiss argued that gun violence in Chicago's South and West sides is not fairly traceable to Riverdale's local gun laws.

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■ Daniel De La Paz, 21, of the 2200 block of West 19th Street, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Feb. 25 after he allegedly stole men's shirts and sunglasses valued at \$108 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. He has a March 10 court date.

■ Bradley Bartusek, 18, of the 200 block of Hi Lusi Avenue, Mount Prospect, was charged with retail theft on Feb. 29 after he allegedly stole game controllers valued at \$111.56 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. He has an April 19 court date.

**SPEEDING**

■ Jalin Malik Thigpen, 23, of the 9300 block of South Laflin Avenue, Chicago, was charged with speeding on Feb. 28 after his car was reportedly clocked traveling at 76 mph in a 35-mph speed zone on Touhy Avenue.

**DUI**

■ Josh MacIntosh, 52, of the 300-

block of Willow Street, Itasca, was charged with driving under the influence on Feb. 28. He was taken into custody on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue at 8:16 p.m. He has a March 14 court date.

**HARASSMENT**

■ A Niles man told police on March 1 that a woman he met through a smartphone "hook-up app" threatened to release via Facebook nude photographs he had exchanged with her unless he paid \$500. An investigation was pending.

**BURGLARY**

■ Two military medallions were recovered after a man allegedly burglarized an apartment unit inside a building on the 9200 block of Maryland Street on Feb. 26, police said. The man reportedly left the building after he was confronted by the manager.

**THEFT**

■ Four tires and rims were stolen Feb. 24 or 25 from a new car parked in the lot of an auto dealership on the 5700 block of

Touhy Avenue, police said.

■ A bag of "numerous items" valued at approximately \$250 was stolen from a car parked on the afternoon of Feb. 27 in a lot on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue, police said.

■ A laptop valued at \$3,000 was reported stolen Feb. 27 from the trunk of a car parked at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

■ On Feb. 28, police said an unknown man and woman stole multiple boxes of antihistamine nose spray, valued at \$431, from a store on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

■ A wallet was stolen March 1 from a locker inside a fitness center on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

■ A package delivered to a home on the 7400 block of Howard Street around noon March 2 was reported stolen, police said. The value of the package was estimated at \$100.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

■ Two tires were reportedly slashed on a car parked on the 7100 block of Keeney Street overnight Feb. 24-25.

## Chicago man faces weapons charge after shots were fired outside Skokie hotel

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

A Chicago man faces a felony weapons charge after he allegedly shot a gun outside a hotel in Skokie, according to Skokie police.

Reginald Terrell Bocclair, 26, of the 6600 block of South Claremont Avenue, Chicago, was charged Feb. 29 with aggravated discharge of a firearm in connection with an incident that occurred nearly two weeks prior in the parking lot of a DoubleTree Hotel on the southeast corner of Skokie Boulevard and Golf Road, according to a news release from the department.

Police responded on Feb. 20 to a report of shots fired outside the hotel and upon arriving discovered

that all the individuals involved had fled the scene, the release states. Police said no one was injured in the incident.

Skokie police investigated the case with assistance from the Evanston and Lincolnwood police departments, according to the release.



Bocclair

Skokie Police Sgt. John Moersfelder said he was unaware whether Bocclair had any gang ties nor was he able to provide an information regarding the cause of the incident.

Bocclair appeared in court March 1 and his bond was set at \$50,000 and ordered home monitoring, according to the release. He is due back in court on March 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Lee V. Gaines is a freelance reporter.

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# Northwestern takes aim at student loan debt

BY DAWN RHODES  
Chicago Tribune

Northwestern University students who qualify for financial aid no longer will have to borrow to pay for their education, part of a plan announced March 3 to make the school more affordable and prevent students from being saddled with debilitating debt.

Starting next fall, freshmen who ordinarily would have to take out loans will instead receive a combination of grants and scholarships, along with earnings from work-study and summer jobs, to cover their expenses. Current undergraduate students who already have \$20,000 or more in loans will have that debt capped starting next fall, and receive a scholarship instead of having to borrow more, according to spokesman Alan Cabbage.

A few dozen institutions across the country, including the University of Chicago, offer similar arrangements to relieve students of the borrowing burden. The issue of skyrocketing college costs has been highlighted by Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders' call for free college tuition, and experts say the initiative at Northwestern reflects a broader urgency for major universities to make their high-priced institutions affordable to a wider swath of candidates.

"The ability for students of limited means to be able to graduate and not have debt hanging over their head just opens up so many doors that might not be open otherwise," said Alison Segal, director of college access for Evanston Scholars, which helps students attend and complete college.

"We hear all the time about how students can be leaving their undergraduate institutions with six-figure debt. That's a crippling amount, especially if they want to go on to graduate

school. And it can affect their ability to help their own children in the future."

Around half of all Northwestern students qualify for financial aid, Cabbage said. Full-time tuition for undergraduates in 2015-16 is \$48,624, according to the school's website. Room and board, fees and average costs for books and personal expenses tack on almost \$20,000 more.

"We know that the fear of loans chases people away," Northwestern President Morton Schapiro said in an interview about the new policy. "It might attract some students who might otherwise not go here, but I think it's more about treating the students who come here better. We have a very successful capital campaign, we have a large endowment. We have the resources. The question is do we have the will — and we do."

Northwestern Senior Amanda Walsh, who leads a campus advocacy group for low-income and first-generation students, called the policy "a new lease on life" for those students.

"It's literally life-changing for many low-income students," said Walsh, president of Northwestern's Quest Scholars Network. "It absolutely changes the trajectory of their academic, personal and professional lives because they can now go to one of the best institutions in the entire world without having to worry about what job they're going to have to get after graduation, and without having to change their path to make sure that they get a job in a sector that's going to pay them a ton."

Northwestern also will increase aid for undocumented students who graduate from U.S. high schools, as well as for international, law school and business students.

Undocumented students, who do not qualify for federal or state loans and grants, now will qualify for the



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Students at Northwestern University make their way to classes March 3, with the Evanston campus' University Hall in the background.

privately funded Northwestern scholarships already available to U.S. citizens who apply.

Few institutions could even consider implementing a no-loan financial aid policy like that of Northwestern, which has one of the largest endowments in the country at just under \$10 billion. About 60 institutions have no-loan arrangements, according to U.S. News & World Report.

At U. of C., a \$100 million donation from an anonymous benefactor in 2007 provided full scholarships and partial scholarships for hundreds of students in an aim to eliminate student loan debt. That program, called the Odyssey Scholarship Program, received a boost in February thanks to a \$50 million gift from writer Harriet Heyman and her husband, Sir Michael Moritz.

In 2014, U. of C. launched

the No Barriers program, which replaces student loans with grants for students with need-based financial aid. Tuition, room and board, fees and personal expenses at U. of C. run about \$69,000.

"There's a lot of intimidation and fear (about student loans) and that keeps a lot of those kids out of the pipeline," said Veronica Hauad, U. of C. deputy dean of admissions and director of Equity and Access. "That burden of debt can also influence the things they achieve after they graduate. If they are afraid of their ability to pay off loans, that may put them on a different path. We want kids of all types to be able to do what they love, do what they're good at and move forward in a good way. Loans aren't bad, but there's a tipping point."

For institutions that cannot absorb that kind of expense, Segal said the aim

is to make it more affordable for as many students as possible. Schools routinely look to maintain or even lower their tuition rates, as is the case this year with University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University.

Northwestern also said it will put up the money this year to cover the Illinois Monetary Award Program grants, which are not being released to college students because of the months-long budget impasse in Springfield. About 500 students receive \$2.4 million in MAP grants, according to the university.

"We continue to hope that the governor and the legislature can reach an agreement on a (fiscal year) 2016 budget and restore MAP funding, which supports Illinois students," Schapiro said. "In order to enable our students to con-

tinue without incurring additional costs, Northwestern will stretch its institutional resources to make up for the lost state funds."

Last year, Northwestern announced increased aid to international students with the largest gift in Northwestern history. Roberta "Bertie" Buffett Elliott donated \$101 million to her alma mater in January 2015 to help enhance the field of global studies and endow scholarships for international students. A \$100 million gift from J.B. and M.K. Pritzker in October is enabling more financial help for law school students.

Financial assistance for undergraduates will total nearly \$160 million in the 2016-17 school year, an increase of 55 percent over the past five years, according to university officials.

# Spike Lee: My films do not 'belittle black women'

BY BRIAN L. COX  
Chicago Tribune

Spike Lee came to Northwestern University March 2 ostensibly to talk about his Chicago-set film "Chi-Raq" but along the way he name-checked Rahm Emanuel, Donald Trump and the Oscars — in less than flattering terms.

Following a "Chi-Raq" screening, Lee talked about his motivations for making the film — whose name generated controversy from the start — and pointedly challenged a female student in the audience who told him his portrayal of African-American women's sexuality "belittled" them.

"I don't believe it," he said. "Angela Bassett would not be in this film if she thought

we belittled black women."

Lee also veered into politics, both local and national. He suggested Mayor Emanuel — one early critic of the film's title — learned of the Laquan McDonald police shooting video earlier than the mayor has claimed.

Lee also told a story about President Obama visiting him in New York and recalled the swarm of Secret Service agents in his wake, including one who was supposedly holding the codes to launch the nuclear weapons. The filmmaker, who has endorsed Bernie Sanders, said he dreaded the thought of Trump being in that position.

He also briefly discussed his boycott of the Oscars, which faced heavy criticism for its absence of non-white

nominees in acting categories. Lee went to a New York Knicks game instead.

About 800 people attended the packed event at Northwestern, which was hosted by several campus organizations and departments. The media were not allowed to photograph Lee. During the talk he introduced two men who identified themselves as former gang members and cited the lack of jobs and opportunities in predominantly African-American neighborhoods as a fundamental problem.

Lee said he made the film "to bring light to this epidemic (of gun violence) that many people in the world do not know about."

He also addressed what might be done to effect



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Filmmaker Spike Lee, seen here at the Thompson Chicago hotel on Jan. 21, visited Northwestern University in Evanston on March 2 to discuss his controversial film "Chi-Raq."

change and said it "comes down to education."

"I came up in an era where we never made fun of someone who was smart.

We never said, 'Why are you trying to be white?'" Lee said. "Now this whole thing has been flipped. Smart

black kids are undervalued.

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Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.

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# Play takes on topic of modern bullying

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

Not quite a year-and-a-half ago, McCracken Middle School closed its doors for a couple days over a series of threatening Instagram posts that were shared with other 6th graders.

The growing prevalence of cyberbullying in American schools and communities suddenly found its way in Skokie's own backyard, and District 73.5 Superintendent Kate Donegan had to make a difficult call.

"Everything we did, every decision we made, was always about student safety and well being first," Donegan said after announcing the closing of school in October 2014.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts General Manager Michael Pauken said the McCracken closing was one of the factors that led to last week's staging of "Out of Bounds," a four-actor play about cyberbullying by the Working Group Theatre.

"This issue of bullying is a major topic in the current discourse and so we wanted to focus on that this year," he said. "The McCracken incident sort of opened my eyes to the whole concept of cyberbullying. I never gave it much thought personally, but that's what made 'Out of Bounds' particularly of interest."

After the first of two stagings — one aimed more for adults and the other more for students — Donegan joined two panelists on stage to discuss cyberbullying.

"I don't think parents always know who or how to report cases of cyberbullying so as to help their kid feel empowered enough to talk to an adult they trust," Donegan said before her appearance.

"Out of Bounds," part of the art center's Youtheatre educational programming, tells the story of one student's poor decision and the



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Katherine Slaven of Working Group Theatre plays the parent of a student who performs a cyberbullying act in a staging of "Out of Bounds" at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

ramifications it causes.

Amy is new to her school and goaded into sending an inappropriate photo of herself through social media. Naive students cruelly use that photo against her; suddenly one ill-advised act takes on life-changing repercussions.

The play is not so quick to cast judgment against students, parents and faculty as it is to reflect ignorance and underestimation about what quickly becomes a runaway train.

"Look, this has gotten so distorted that I don't know if there's any point assigning blame," says one of the play's adult characters, a parent. "I mean we're all to blame."

Panelist Carrie Goldman, author of "Bullied: What Every Parent, Teacher and Kid Needs to Know About

Ending the Cycle of Fear," said events depicted in the play reflect what she repeatedly sees.

Just last week, she said, she was working with a school in Milwaukee over an incident involving Instagram and Snapchat.

"What's amazing is how much it affects the lives of the kids ongoing for many, many months or years," she said.

Part of what Goldman and other anti-bullying educators grapple with is trying to instill in students confidence and moral fortitude "to do the right thing, to stand up to the kids who are acting so unkindly."

Donegan said one goal is to make students not bystanders but "upstanders," a term commonly used by the nearby Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Cen-

ter, which regularly addresses early age bullying.

The advent of social media has ramped up the stakes and at the same time made bullying easier to perpetrate, Donegan noted.

"Part of the issue is that you can do it anonymously or with a user name," she said. "I also think it gives a lot of courage to kids when they don't have to look at someone in the face to say mean or hurtful things."

A girl in the play who manipulates Amy into sending the photo is only the starting point of the problem. Others distribute the photo to a wider audience; if it doesn't exactly go "viral," the circulation of the photo may be enough to make it accessible for a long time to come.

"Let's say that 30 years ago, Amy was in school and

she took a picture of her without her clothes and people saw it," said panelist Hollie Sobel, a clinical psychologist at The Family Institute at Northwestern University. "Only the ones who were physically holding it would be the ones who see it. At that point, she could take it, actually destroy it and, what her mom wanted so desperately to happen — for it to disappear — could happen."

But with social media, Sobel said, a photo seen by some 10 people is suddenly accessible to thousands.

"One of the reasons we have some kids doing some of these self-harming actions is that they feel like there is nowhere where they can go, where they can get a fresh start," she said.

Some 500 junior high-age students saw the play on

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— North Shore Center for the Performing Arts  
General Manager Michael Pauken

its second day, according to the center. The adult audience was held down the night before because of inclement weather, but those there took keen interest in Amy's story.

Angelo Mitello said he was a former high school administrator for many years and currently works with suspended high school students in his role at Jewish Child and Family Services in Skokie.

"When I get kids involved in any bullying situation, I try to set them up in places like nursing homes," Mitello said. Or they help people with disabilities. Then they have to write a report, he said.

"Some of the feedback I get is when they can see other people who may in a sense have been bullied, it has an impact on them," Mitello said. "You can't just punish (bullies)."

The panelists agreed that punishment in itself will have limited impact on curbing bullying behavior.

Donegan believes schools need to start looking at social emotional well being just like they look at academics. Various steps are taken when a student is failing math or reading, she said.

"The same thing needs to happen about social emotional well being," the superintendent said. "As a society, I think we also need to look at mental health in a very different way."

# Neighbors: Support for treehouse led to fight

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

A Park Ridge couple say their support for a neighbor's controversial backyard treehouse led to a fistfight — and criminal charges — last week.

Tony Mendoza, 43, who lives on the 900 block of North Western Avenue, admits getting into a physical confrontation with one of his neighbors on the morning of Feb. 24.

Mendoza says the fight began after the man gave him the middle finger while looking at the new, red sign Mendoza and his girlfriend, Angie May, had just put up in their front yard. The sign reads, "Save the treehouse! A treehouse = family fun. Get a life people!"

The message refers to a large wooden playhouse

that was built on top of a tree trunk in the backyard of Mendoza and May's next-door neighbor — a structure that city officials and the Park Ridge Zoning Board of Appeals say is too big, was built without proper permits and must be taken down.

Mendoza said the man who walked by his house on Feb. 24 is opposed to the treehouse. That morning, as Mendoza and May pulled into their driveway after dropping their children off at school, Mendoza says the man stopped in front of their house, looked at the sign and "pointed his middle finger at us."

"I got out of the car and said, 'Hey, hey, stop,'" Mendoza said. "I said, 'Hey man, you gotta apologize to my girlfriend.'"

Mendoza alleges that the man then swore at him.

He admits he then threw water in the man's face, which led to a physical fight that continued the length of several houses down the block, Mendoza said.

Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen said a police report of the incident indicates that the neighbor denied giving Mendoza the finger and had only waved at him before the confrontation. The man accused Mendoza of punching him, and denied hitting Mendoza himself, Jogmen said. A message left at the neighbor's home seeking comment was not returned as of press time March 1.

Mendoza was arrested and charged with battery, according to police. He is scheduled to appear in court on March 23.

"I don't feel good about it," Mendoza said. "I didn't

wake up that day thinking, 'I'm going to have a fight with my neighbor.' But I do believe in standing up for my rights."

That right, he said, includes displaying a sign on his front lawn, which both Mendoza and May insist is the reason why the neighbor made the gesture they say he made.

May said the idea for the sign supporting their next-door neighbor's treehouse came after someone sent her a chain of emails allegedly between residents unhappy with the play structure. The email comments included what she perceived to be a "dig" about the color of May and Mendoza's own front door — blue.

"When they did that, I had to let everyone know I am totally supporting these wonderful people," May

said of Margaret and Joseph Solomon, who had the treehouse built for their two young children in the backyard. "These are salt-of-the-Earth people. These are the kind of people you want to be next-door neighbors with."

May gave the same account of the Feb. 24 incident as her husband. Joseph Solomon said he didn't see the physical altercation between his neighbors, but called the incident "unfortunate."

"I regret someone getting hurt in any way that's related to the treehouse," he said. "It's disappointing that it came to that."

At the same time, he said he and his wife appreciate the support that the May-Mendoza family showed them with the sign.

The Solomons were ordered by the city last year

to remove their play structure, which, at its highest point, measures about 15 feet above ground. In January, they appealed the order before the Zoning Board of Appeals, which sided with the city.

Joseph Solomon said he received the Zoning Board of Appeals' formal ruling on Friday, Feb. 26, ordering them to remove the treehouse. The couple says it cost them about \$26,300 to build the play structure and its accompanying walkway.

Solomon says he plans to meet with an attorney to pursue the matter in Cook County Circuit Court.

"We would like to keep the treehouse," Solomon said. "I believe we did everything appropriately."

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## Lincolnshire fundraiser to benefit Skokie teen center

**'Tuned In' showcase corrals variety of live performers**

**BY RONNIE WACHTER**  
Pioneer Press

Jewish Children & Family Services hopes that an upgrade in talent will lead to an upsurge of new funding for their teen center this weekend.

JCFS will hold its ninth annual "Tuned In, the Larry Dobkin Showcase" on March 13 at Viper Alley in Lincolnshire.

Elizabeth Taggart, the group's director of marketing and communications, said that in the past, the event featured amateur performers who auditioned for inclusion. This year, though, JCFS allocated money for experienced and known acts.

"We wanted to stress that it was a little less talent-show-ish," Taggart said.

So the group hired the Chandelier Circus, a juggling and acrobatics outfit, Andrew Lustig, a Jewish slam poet who has shared

stages with Seth Meyers and Shimon Peres, One Giant Leap, an improvisational comedy group, and Voices in Your Head, a coed a cappella singing group from the University of Chicago. All of the talent is between 12 and 25 years old, Taggart said.

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— Elizabeth Taggart

she said.

The fundraiser will benefit Response, the JCFS's teen center in Skokie. Response offers a variety of services both at its facility, 9304 Skokie Blvd., and by sending staff and events to synagogues, day schools, camps and more, Taggart said, including counseling

and leadership training.

One of its specialties, Taggart said, is sex education, particularly in Orthodox communities, where some aspects of those conversations are taboo.

"It's not just for someone who's in crisis," Taggart said.

Response reached more than 13,000 teens and families in 2015, she said. Last year's "Tuned In" raised about \$100,000. In the hopes of increasing that sum, JCFS has changed the venue as well as the show: Taggart said the affair used to take place in high school auditoriums throughout the northwest suburbs, but now will take place at the Viper Alley event space in Lincolnshire.

"We're just looking for a really fun place where we could merge the performers with the audience, and encourage people to come early," she said.

The doors will open at 3 p.m., and the show will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$90 and are available at [www.responsecenter.org](http://www.responsecenter.org).

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# Soccer coaches build bikes at charity competition

BY F. AMANDA TUGADE  
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More than 300 high school soccer coaches, athletic directors and staff members packed into a space on Chicago's Northwest Side early March 6, hunched over pieces of children's bikes.

Tucked in a back corner of the room at Rio Chicago was a small circle of soccer coaches from Ridgewood High School.

Dressed in green and white to represent their school pride, the nine-member team kept a close ear on clues and sets of instructions.

Head coach Armando Cabrera and assistant coach Richard Schreiber said they received emails with small details about the charity competition, but they were prepared for anything.

"As coaches, we're big on teamwork and being together as a family," Cabrera said. "All the coaches on our staff are here today."

Ridgewood was just one of more than 50 schools in the Chicago area that participated in Buddy's Helpers Challenge Day. The charity event was co-sponsored by PepsiCo Showdown, one of the largest high school soccer tournaments in the U.S.

"The focus is making a difference on and off the field," said Joe Trost, PepsiCo Showdown's managing director.

Trost said officials from the PepsiCo Showdown work with Buddy's Helpers to teach young athletes about leadership, commitment and service.

"At the end of the day, not all of these kids are going to



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Ridgewood coaches Jan Wluczorek, from left, Kenneth Caslin and Richard Schreiber work on the bike challenge.

play college soccer, but all of them are going to become leaders at some point in their lives, whether they're leading their families, their work or their communities," Trost said.

Other area high schools that took part in the event included Hinsdale Central,

Lyons Township, Leyden Township, New Trier, Lake Forest and Maine South.

The charity competition consisted of two challenges that allowed each team to test and flex their communication skills.

The first challenge included assembling as many

children's bicycles as possible in 90 minutes. The second involved riding a trolley down to Michigan Avenue, taking photos at downtown hot spots and promoting local charities that the high schools have partnered with through social media.

Cabrera and Schreiber noted their team chose to support the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, which funds research on spinal cord injuries.

While 100 bicycles were completed at the event, a total of 500 will be donated to kindergarten through 2nd-grade students at Carl Von Linne Elementary School in Avondale.

Overall, the winners of the competition were Hinsdale Central, Glenbard East and Lincoln Way East.

Each of the three high schools received \$2,500,

which will go toward their charities of choice.

Trost said teams still had a chance to win \$1,000 for their causes by posting a photo on their social media accounts that best represents their work at the competition. The school with the most likes and retweets will win, he said. The winner of that competition was to be announced March 8.

Cabrera said while they didn't walk away with the main prize, the point of being a part of the experience was to teach their players that it takes a team to get something done.

"To me, that's a good thing," he said, "To show our players the camaraderie and the teamwork."

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# Park Ridge Le Peep closes after 30 years

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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While growing up in Park Ridge, Sundays for Matt Paoelleli came to mean French toast with his family at Le Peep.

"I think we started going there around 1987," he recalled. "We went there pretty much every Sunday for a good stretch of my childhood, into high school and even college. We were really loyal eaters."

But Paoelleli and others who have long made Park Ridge's Le Peep their go-to breakfast destination are now finding the dining room suddenly dark.

After 30 years in the Summit Mall, Le Peep, 100 Euclid Ave., served its last scrambled eggs and Peasant Potatoes on Feb. 28.

Kate Wessel, vice president of the Colorado-based Le Peep corporation and



MATT PAOLELLI

The Paoelleli family, of Park Ridge, dined at the Park Ridge Le Peep for the last time Feb. 28. Pictured are, top row, Chris Paoelleli, Joe Paoelleli, Le Peep manager Paulette Cocozza Ben Paoelleli and Tony Paoelleli; and bottom row, Theresa Paoelleli, Matt Paoelleli and Monica Paoelleli.

owner of the Park Ridge franchise for the last 22 years with her husband, Kevin, said the closure was the result of economic rea-

sons, combined with the lease not being renewed by the building's landlord.

"We needed to make updates and repairs to make us

a viable business," Wessel said. "We just were not able to come to an agreement with the landlord to do that. We can't afford to put more money into it."

Attempts to locate the landlord of the Summit Mall for comment were unsuccessful.

Wessel said she ran the Park Ridge Le Peep for about eight years and came to know the staff and many of the customers.

"It's heartbreaking for us not to be there," she said. "I know families that have grown up there. It's not something we made a decision on easily."

The closure of Le Peep comes just weeks after neighboring Siam Thai, also a staple in the Summit Mall for many years, shut its doors as well. Park Ridge environmental health officers Tim Schwarz and Laura Dee, who also handle

business licenses, said no new licenses have been requested for either space.

Le Peep of Park Ridge opened in 1986 and was one of the first of company's franchised restaurants to open in the Chicago area, the Chicago Tribune reported at the time.

Manager Paulette Cocozza had worked at the Park Ridge Le Peep for the last 23 years, she said, and will be moving to the location in Evanston at 827 Church St.

"I would like to say thank you to everybody because it was people like them who kept us here as long as we were," Cocozza said of her customers. "We are grateful for their patronage and will miss them greatly."

Cocozza said she did not know what will be happening with the restaurant's space.

Asha Patel, owner of the nearby Sav-A-Lot variety

store, expressed concerns that the loss of Le Peep may potentially have an impact on her business.

"People who came to eat at the restaurant would stop here," she said. "If it was busy on a weekend and they couldn't get a table right away, they would come here and buy something."

As for Matt Paoelleli, he, his wife, parents and three brothers marked Le Peep's last day in a traditional way: by dining together. He and his brothers were also given framed Le Peep ads that were displayed in the restaurant, he said.

"Park Ridge has some new businesses opening up, but Le Peep was an institution for us," Paoelleli said. "I hope another restaurant will open there that is affordable and is a place to go to brunch on a Sunday."

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# Pickwick owner planning new eatery in Park Ridge

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George Paziotopoulos couldn't stay away from the restaurant business for long.

The former owner of the Pickwick Restaurant is looking to make a comeback in Park Ridge with a new, albeit smaller, endeavor just around the corner.

Paziotopoulos said he is planning to open Silvers, an American-style restaurant in the former Siam Thai location at 104 Euclid Ave. in the Summit Mall shopping plaza.

Though he is not promising a replica of the Pickwick Restaurant, which was a staple in the city for decades, Paziotopoulos did say that the menu will feature "a little of everything" at reasonable prices.

"I had good success in the past," he said. "I hope to

have success in the future as well."

Paziotopoulos joined the Pickwick Restaurant just over 30 years ago as its manager. After four years, he bought the restaurant, running it for another 26 years until its closure in December 2014.

"I did not want to close it," he admitted, explaining that a proposal from a new entrepreneur and a higher rent offer for the space at 1 S. Prospect Ave. won out. In September 2015, Park Ridge resident Tim Griffin opened The Pick, a sleek and modern restaurant that retains part of the Pickwick's neon sign above the doorway.

"For the first five, six months [after the Pickwick closed], I had a hard time," Paziotopoulos acknowledged. "I didn't know what to do. To be out of business, no place to go. I had done

this for a long time and I had a hard time coping with it."

His thoughts drifted to opening a new restaurant, he said, and he began looking around Park Ridge for an available space. That led him to the Summit Mall and signing a lease for the Siam Thai storefront.

Paziotopoulos said he has no plans to expand into the neighboring building, which, until Feb. 28, had housed Le Peep for 30 years. "To be honest, I was very shocked to see Le Peep go. It was there as long as I was," he said.

Silvers will likely not be open for breakfast, Paziotopoulos said, and will feature mainly lunch and dinner entries, like steaks, fish, burgers and sandwiches, though the menu has not yet been finalized.

The name Silvers, Paziotopoulos said, is a nod to

Park Ridge's past as home to silversmiths who designed and crafted silver jewelry and other objects at the Kalo Shop on Clinton Street in the early 20th century.

Judy Barclay, co-president of Park Ridge's Kalo Foundation, which works to preserve and promote the city's art history, said she hopes the restaurant's name will bring about more public awareness of this history.

"They will ask, 'Why did you name it Silvers?' and he'll tell them," Barclay said.

Paziotopoulos said he does not have a timeline in place for when the restaurant might be open for business. Park Ridge environmental health officer Tim Schwarz, who also handles business licensing in the city, said Paziotopoulos spoke to him in January about opening a new eatery, but has not yet submitted



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George Paziotopoulos, former owner of the Pickwick Restaurant in Park Ridge, says he is planning to open an American-style restaurant called Silvers where Siam Thai restaurant once operated in the Summit Mall.

any plans.

Paziotopoulos, who lives in Rosemont, said he is looking forward to returning to the city that "feels like home."

"I miss being there," Pa-

ziotopoulos said of Park Ridge. "I'm glad I'll be back. And I hope the customers will support me for the next 26 years."

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# Is flyover country taking its revenge?

About 10 years ago, we took a family vacation and drove to Colorado. When we hit Nebraska, it was like entering a foreign country. Talk about culture shock.



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I soon realized I was in a territory called “flyover country” by the governing and cultural elites of the New York-Boston-Washington axis. I found it humorous, until I realized that even sophisticated Chicago is in flyover country.

I think of this now as we are all perplexed by the popularity of Donald Trump, who now seems on his way to winning the Republican nomination for president. Months ago, I judged Trump to be a buffoon, one of those political know-nothings who arise in American politics every so often, but amount to nothing.

Like the Know-Nothings of old, I thought Trump would eventually fade. But I was wrong. He hasn't.

Next, I focused on the angry voters as an explanation for Trump's popularity and also the success of Democrat Bernie Sand-

ers. I still think voters are angry, but I've since been wondering why they are so angry that they are willing to risk everything with the likes of the un-

tested Trump or Sanders? And then I thought of the drive through Nebraska — “flyover country.” How would you like to be considered an after-thought by the ruling elites? How would you like to be told again and again that where you live, what you do and what you think is just an after-thought?

How would you feel if the issues you care about were ignored for decades, and then when you complain about it you're called a hater, or a redneck, or a rube?

Take for instance, what perhaps is Trump's No. 1 issue: He's going to build a wall along the southern border.

Average Americans have known for decades that immigration into this nation needs to be reformed. Our leaders have done nothing. The problem has grown worse over the years and has now reached a crisis level. Positions



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Presidential hopeful Donald Trump speaks during a campaign event March 3 in the ballroom of the Westin Portland Harborview Hotel in Portland, Maine.

have hardened to extreme — Trump threatening to build a wall and Obama refusing to enforce federal law.

In flyover country, regular people think: There's no middle ground? We're not smart enough to figure out who can come in and who can't? It's the same thing with another Trump favorite — Muslim refugees from Syria. Forget that our Middle East policy

has caused this refugee crisis. But think: Why does the question boil down such an either/or choice? Aren't we smart enough to figure out who could come in, who should be detained for further review and who should be refused. Isn't that why we have an entire immigration department?

If you have lived in the cities, cities that once were great centers of industry, you're probably pretty

upset about what has happened to them over the last few decades. Burnt out neighborhoods, no jobs, distressed housing, failing schools and rampant poverty.

Many of the residents of these communities are African-Americans. They've suffered the ill-effects of government neglect — the first flyover country — for so long that what to do about their plight isn't even an issue up for discussion anymore.

A generation of students have been told to study hard and work hard to get into a good college. Parents have taken out second mortgages, and many students have gone into half a lifetime of debt, to fund these great educa-

tions. Now weighed down by debt, many of these students can't find a job in their field, or any job that would require a college education. Why did they work so hard? Why did they sacrifice? Why did the costs of a college education increase 500 percent since 1985 while the overall consumer price index has risen 115 percent?

Why are the voters so angry? Wouldn't you be?

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## St. Patrick's Day isn't the only March day worth celebrating

My mother being Irish, St. Patrick's day always was a big deal at our house. Mom made sure we all were wearing something green when we toddled off to school on St. Patrick's Day.

Every year, she would attend a St. Pat's parade somewhere. And everyone in the family received a St. Patrick's Day card each and every year. My father was not Irish, but Italian. He didn't work at it, though. He just worked at work. So, I didn't even know about, much less observe, St. Joseph's day until I was an adult.



PAUL SASSONE

St. Joseph's Day is March 19, while St. Pat's is March 17. Everyone celebrates St. Patrick's Day. St. Joseph, not so much. A big reason for this dis-

parity, I think, is that on St. Patrick's Day, you do things for yourself. On St. Joseph's Day, you do things for other people.

St. Patrick's day provides us with a reason (excuse) to drink to excess. St. Joseph's Day provides us the opportunity to help the less fortunate. The day goes back to a drought plaguing medieval Sicily. The people prayed for relief to St. Joseph. The drought broke. To

thank the saint, the people prepared a banquet to which they invited the poor and ill. Italians, and Italian-Americans, continue the tradition today.

Volunteers at churches and other Italian-American organizations prepare meals on or close to the day and collect donations, which go to a worthy cause.

Since St. Joseph's Day is about giving, there is not the extreme behavior that often comes with St. Patrick's Day. You won't see any fights at a St. Joseph's Day table, unless it is over the last meatball. I'm not suggesting you give up St. Patrick's Day festivities. But you might want to take in a St. Joseph's Day table, as well. The food always is homemade and there-



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A St. Joseph statue and a spread of desserts are pictured.

fore delicious. And your donation will help others. I can't list — and don't know — where all the St. Joseph's Day tables are. But here are a few I do know:

You won't see any fights at a St. Joseph's Day table, unless it is over the last meatball.

March 11: Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, 1414 N. 37th Ave., Melrose Park. First seating is noon to 3 p.m., second seating 4 to 8 p.m. Call 798-343-2162.

March 13: St. Isaac Jogues Church, 8149 W. Golf Road, Niles. Call 847-966-1180.

March 13: St. Celestine Church, 3020 N. 76th Court, Elmwood Park. 708-452-4654.

March 13: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 1101 N. 23rd Ave., Melrose Park. Seating at 1:30 p.m. 847-537-3365.

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# What I'm wearing



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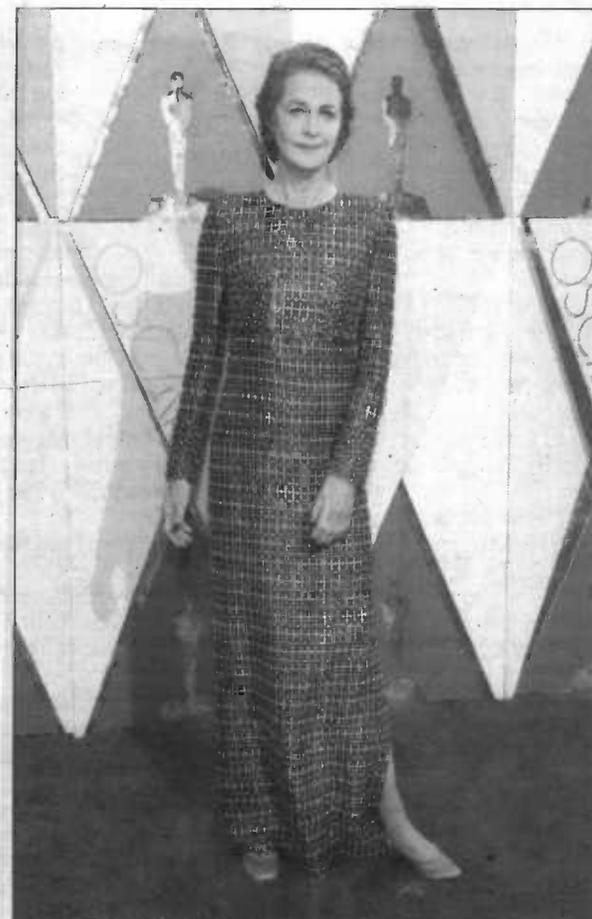
"I make the decision about what I'll wear and don't spend too much time after that. I like to do my makeup myself. I like to keep all that down to a minimum." — Charlotte Rampling, as quoted in the *New York Times* a week before losing at the Oscars.

Quelle coincidence! Like Charlotte Rampling, I too like to make all fashion decisions myself; and without dilly-dallying over the process. For instance, while reading Rampling's statement, I myself was draped in a gown and robe of my own choosing.

For that particular breakfast occasion, I had selected, in haste, just any old thing. I never expected to be sharing my choices, but as long as you ask, I sipped coffee while sporting a vintage Lanz nightgown, in frayed flannel, with a non-coordinating bathrobe (why not?!) of brushed terry. I've owned the former for absolutely ever, and the bathrobe? Well, I can't recall its provenance. One does collect these things over the years.

Later, I had to slip into something a little less intimate for a foray to the grocery store. Refrigerators don't fill themselves, after all. When making my wardrobe selections, it doesn't matter whether I'm walking the red carpet or walking the dairy aisle: I look for style with just a hint of stretch.

With that in mind, I chose an old, hand-me-up pair of Lululemon yoga pants. Normally I don't like to admit that my younger sister shares her cast-offs with me. As the older sibling, I'm keenly aware that it is my role to be the one magnanimously casting



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Actress Charlotte Rampling attends the 88th Annual Academy Awards on Feb. 28 in Hollywood, Calif.

downward.

But what with the world going on and on about recycling, and me being just the tiniest bit cheap, I found myself graciously accepting her used pants. And, mon cher, as long as I've got a platform, let me take this opportunity to gush a bit of appreciation.

"Thank you, dear sister. Giving me your old stuff proves you like me. You really, really like me."

Amid all this talk about fashion, let's not forget there's still the face-to-face. And oui oui, Rampling and I agree that keeping it all down to a minimum is le plus important! So what if my pallor tends toward Nanook of the North? A little blush, a hint of Chap-Stick, and a well-insulated balaclava can give one the confidence to go out no

matter what the thermometer reads.

What's this I'm only now discovering? Red carpet questions about who one is wearing have become taboo? #AskHerMore has identified it as a form of sexism? The Representation Project wants E! to capture in-depth insights into Hollywood's A-Listers during a 10-second interview? It's no longer chic to divine who designs for the divine? Mon Dieu!

Well, you know what I say: chins up, darling. If rambling on about clothing is sexist, then talk of such trifling matter is dead to me.

But before I abandon the topic completely, I really must know one thing: Donald, who does your hair?

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MAMA'S GOTTA MOVE

# Better care for new moms — it takes a village

I've never felt more invisible than when I became a new mom the second time around.

It started with a trip to Costco. Just a few weeks prior while I was pregnant and shopping at the same store, two employees had offered to help load my groceries into my car.

Now, I was two weeks postpartum and attempting my first errand, with a 2-year-old and newborn baby. As I checked out, the clerk commented on my little guy, "How old?"

"Fifteen days," I said. "Congratulations," she said to me. I waited for her to ask if I'd like any help with my two giant boxes of food. She didn't, so I figured I'd have better luck with the attendant at the door.

"Beautiful baby," he said, while checking my receipt. Still no offer to help. Maybe I was expecting too much; how were Costco employees to know that I shouldn't be lifting anything heavy? I didn't want to act entitled, so I headed out to load my own car.

From this point on, I started paying attention — at the gym, in parking lots, at stores and restaurants. It was the same scenario everywhere. The attention that had once been on me, the pregnant lady, was now a simple, "He's so cute," directed at my baby. The more it happened, the more invisible I felt, but the more it confirmed that I should suck it up and be a big girl. He was so cute. I was just his empty-bellied mama. I didn't dare say anything.

Looking back, I wish I had.

When I think about how we treat new moms in this country, my heart hurts.



**NICOLE RADZISZEWSKI**

Maternity leave in some workplaces is almost non-existent. Our standard postpartum medical care is bare bones. It's been six weeks and you're not bleeding? You be on your way, Mama. Never mind that your body underwent nine months of transformation while growing a human and then participated in an extreme sport — you'll be fine.

But that's the big stuff — the stuff we can't control. What saddens me is how this big stuff has trickled down into our communities. How it's shaped the way we, as individuals, businesses, health care practitioners and local governments, treat new moms and reinforce the idea that they don't matter.

It doesn't have to be this way. We might not be able to change the big stuff, but we can enact change in our communities.

Doctors and midwives can educate patients about conditions such as diastasis recti, prolapse and incontinence, and can encourage new moms to see a women's health physical therapist. In some countries, seeing a PT is a standard part of postnatal care. The least we can do is make women aware of these conditions and let them know where they can get help.

Fitness and wellness businesses can stop capitalizing on helping mamas "lose the baby weight."

When we see a new mom at the gym, we can help her move better and feel better, rather than selling her on a weight loss product. For starters, we can congratulate her just for being there.

Businesses can offer closer parking spots for new moms. I've seen these for expecting moms at some stores. It's often just as, if not more, physically stressful for a new mom to lug a baby in a car seat, than it is for a pregnant woman to walk.

Restaurants can provide changing tables in restrooms and comfortable areas for moms to nurse. Recently, there was a discussion on an Oak Park moms Facebook page about which local restaurants have changing tables. Moms will support businesses that consider our needs.

We as individuals can ask the right questions and offer support. A few kind words can help moms who are struggling with emotions to realize they are not alone and that help is available.

We can reach out to our neighbors by bringing them food, baby sitting older siblings, running errands and being generally helpful.

We might not like the current health care or legal system.

But better care for new moms starts right here in our community.

It takes a village to raise a mama.

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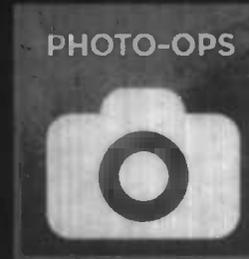
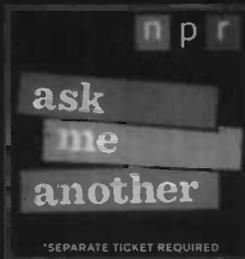
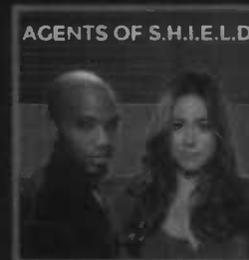
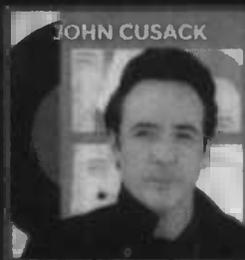
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# 'Butler': The conversation that changed the Civil War

BY CATEY SULLIVAN  
Pioneer Press

When you consider the source, the words are doubly shocking: "I have no purpose to interfere with the institution of slavery. I have no lawful right to do so, and I have no inclination to do so." That's President Abraham Lincoln talking in March, 1861, tacitly endorsing the concept of human beings as property.

With Richard Strand's drama "Butler," Northlight Theatre delves a little-known slice of history that unfolds about two months after Lincoln made the above stance on slavery. The story of a field slave named Shepard Mallory (Tosin Morohunfola) and Union General Benjamin Butler (Greg Vinkler) changed the way the United States viewed slavery, and re-defined the issues at the heart of the Civil War.

"What happens when the law is at odds with what's morally right? That's what this play addresses so powerfully," says Morohunfola. "Butler" opens in May, 1861, shortly after Mallory escaped his plantation. Along with two others, he risked a perilous water crossing to seek refuge at Monroe Fort, under the command of General Butler. The conversation that ensued between the two men changed history.

"The meeting between Butler and Mallory had huge repercussions as far as what the war was fought over, how long it lasted and how it ended," Director Stuart Carden said. "What 'Butler' does so well is show how the scope of history can be shaped by two guys, face-to-face, in a room."

Butler was a Constitutional Law stickler who vowed to uphold the law of the land in war-

## 'Butler'

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time and peace. That law included the definition of black people as property, a notion unequivocally bolstered by the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

When Mallory showed up at Fort Monroe, the Civil War was in its infancy. The South had fired on Fort Sumter in April. Lincoln responded by amassing an army. Butler was fighting for the North, but he felt a sworn-duty to uphold the law, war or no war. Moreover, he had an awful lot in common with Jefferson Davis, the Mississippi Senator and soon-to-be



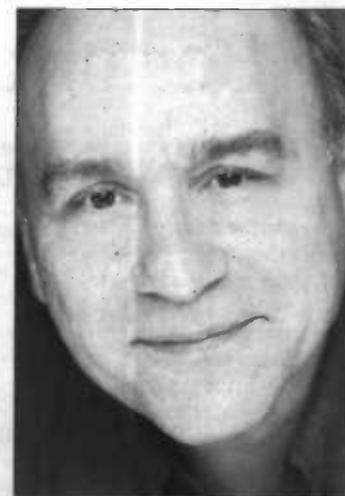
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Tosin Morohunfola

elected President of the (newly seceded) Southern States of the United States.

"Butler voted with Jefferson Davis on around 50 different ballots during the Democratic Convention that took place the year before the play starts," points out Vinkler. "He didn't agree with slavery, but he wasn't an abolitionist either."

When he met Mallory, Butler



NORTHLIGHT THEATRE

Greg Vinkler

was forced to come to a reckoning between morality and the law. "His eyes are awakened to the fact that this black man thinks and breathes and feels and deserves the same dignity and respect as all men," says Morohunfola. "Mallory was a man with agency and intelligence and he forced Butler to see that while it might be legal, it's wrong to treat people with oppression and violence."



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Bob Dylan is performing at Ravinia June 24, his first appearance there since the 1960s.

## A first time for everything: Paul Simon, Diana Ross at Ravinia

BY GREG KOT  
Chicago Tribune

Bob Dylan has long cited the Staple Singers as a musical inspiration, and Dylan once asked Mavis Staples to marry him. Now the master songwriter and the gospel great are joining forces June 24 as part of Ravinia's summer concert series. Public on-sale begins at 5 a.m. April 26. Visit [www.ravinia.org](http://www.ravinia.org) for the full schedule, including classical, jazz and movie events.

The pairing, which finds Dylan playing Ravinia for the first time since 1964, is among the 140 performances announced March 2. More than half of those will be first-time sets at the venue on its 80th anniversary, and the shake-up makes for one of Ravinia's more intriguing pop lineups in recent memory. It's brimming with '60s and '70s stars, from Chic

to Jeff Beck. One of Dylan's songwriting contemporaries, Paul Simon, had never played Ravinia, but that will change June 18 when he headlines the Highland Park venue. Another '60s icon, Diana Ross, performing July 27, is also a Ravinia newbie. Other first-time performers include a reunion June 12 of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Duran Duran and a retooled Chic led by Nile Rodgers on July 8-9, the Alice Cooper-Joe Perry-Johnny Depp supergroup Hollywood Vampires on July 17, country innovator Marty Stuart with Billy Bob Thornton on Sept. 2, and Barenaked Ladies and OMD on June 9. Buddy Guy will celebrate his 80th birthday a day late with one of his fans, Jeff Beck, on July 31. Collaboration also seems likely when Lyle Lovett and his Large Band are joined by Emmylou Harris on July 18. Bonnie Raitt rolls through with her

veteran touring band Sept. 3, and Don Henley doubles up on the back of his latest solo album, the country-tinged "Cass County," on Aug. 14-15. Among a handful of tribute concerts, Warren Haynes will pair June 26 with the Ravinia Festival Orchestra to give a symphonic sweep to the music of the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia. This might not sound particularly promising, but Haynes is a versatile guitarist who has worked in myriad contexts. Garrison Keillor's farewell tour as host of public radio staple "A Prairie Home Companion" arrives June 11 with Keillor and his successor, Chris Thile of Nickel Creek and the Punch Brothers.

The pop/rock lineup has only a handful of artists who emerged in recent decades, including O.A.R. on Sept. 4, Train on Aug. 26-27, Seal on Aug. 28 and Soundgarden's Chris Cornell on July 3.

## EVENT

# SingStrong Chicago 2016 unleashes a cappella weekend

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Lovers of a cappella music can immerse themselves in the sounds of barbershop to beatbox, and everything in-between, during SingStrong Chicago 2016, March 11-13 at Niles West High School in Skokie.

Freddie Feldman of Skokie is the producer of SingStrong Chicago, which raises money for Alzheimer's research; this year it will be donated to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund. Like everyone involved in staging this weekend-long event, and most of the performers, Feldman donates his time.

Feldman devotes many hours to this project because of "not just the good it does raising money for Alzheimer's research," he said, "but the good it does in the community and how it spreads the love of a cappella music. It never ceases to amaze how new people that discover the event are floored when they see the quality of what's out there and what we bring."

Audience members will hear performances by headliners from all over the world. That includes Vocoladente from Germany and Accent, a group formed over YouTube that has members from Canada, Sweden, France, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The group Face, which competed on the TV show, "The Sing-Off," will also be there. "They've got a really good rock sound," Feldman noted.

Feldman will also be performing with his group Listen Up!, a Jewish a cappella group.

The producer praised return performer indie live



RON GOULD STUDIOS

Members of Jewish vocal band, Listen Up!

## SingStrong Chicago 2016

**When:** Friday to Sunday, March 11-13

**Where:** Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie

**Tickets:** \$15-\$35; \$100 for weekend pass; \$200 VIP pass; senior, student and group discounts available

**Contact:** [www.SingStrong.org](http://www.SingStrong.org)

looper Julia Easterlin. "We had her a couple of years ago and people were amazed at the songwriting that she does and the arranging that she can do using just her voice and a looper," he said.

In addition, groups from around the country and high school groups will compete in two a cappella competitions. A wide variety of classes and coaching sessions are offered.

SingStrong associate producer Diana Preisler, star of "Pitch Slapped," which just completed its first season on Lifetime, is heavily involved in the event. Preisler has worked on SingStrong since its inception in Washington D.C. a decade ago.

"I help organize preproduction," Preisler said. "On site, I'm one of the go-to people that you'll see throughout the weekend. I host some of the concerts, I coach a lot of groups.

When I'm not teaching master classes, I'm known for my performance master class, which is called Rockstar 101."

Preisler said that Rockstar 101 is "one of my favorite parts of the SingStrong weekend. My whole philosophy is: They see you louder than they hear you. I show groups — whether they are high school, college, semipro or pro — little tweaks that they can make in their performance that make a very big difference."

"We started out with a single SingStrong event in the D.C. area, which we've been doing for 10 or 11 years," Feldman said. "This is our fourth year here in Chicago. This year we also added SingStrong New York. We've raised over \$100,000 for Alzheimer's research."

In addition, a portion of the proceeds is donated to local music programs.

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### MUSIC

## Orchestra teams up with students, pianist for Russian concert

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

The Russians are coming to the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge.

Audiences will be treated to three unforgettable works by Russian composers when the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents, "Russian Night" on March 16.

Conductor Victor Muenzer said the program was built around returning visiting pianist Leah Dominy's planned performance of Prokofiev's "3rd Piano Concerto."

"Then when we talked to Maine South about the possibility of their brass and wind players joining us on stage, the '1812 Overture' was an obvious choice," Muenzer said.

Muenzer added Tchaikovsky's "Overture-Fantasy: Romeo and Juliet" to complete the all-Russian program.

Dominy was invited to play with the orchestra again because she was a big hit two years ago when she performed Ravel's "Piano Concerto" and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." It was a mutual decision between the conductor and the pianist that she play the Prokofiev concerto.

"I studied with Alexander Toradze, who is really well known for his recording of Prokofiev's five concerti with the Mariinsky Orchestra," Dominy said. "Some say it's the best recording of the works. So my love and appreciation for the music started with my experiences in his studio."

This will be the first time Dominy has played that piece with an orchestra. "I really love the piece for his rhythmic vitality," she said.

Dominy, who also teaches extensively in the Boston area, said playing with the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra



LEAH DOMINY

Pianist Leah Dominy performs with the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra March 16.

### Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents 'Russian Night'

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Where: Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge

Tickets: \$25; \$20 seniors; free to ages 18 and under

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two years ago "was a really great experience. The musicians were so welcoming — and the audience."

Muenzer is pleased to include the Maine South High School students in this concert because, "The quality of their program is very high," he said.

The conductor said he is able to include the students because, "There's a part in the '1812 Overture' where there's this big commotion and all these big heroic

themes and then suddenly you hear this slow brass music. It's very regal and there are bells happening. That's where an extra brass band can join in. Some of the string players are going to join us for the whole piece."

Muenzer's main problem is fitting everyone onstage. The concert will feature 65 members of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, plus 25-30 Maine South musicians.

Muenzer described the third selection, "Romeo and Juliet," as "such a popular piece. There's this great romantic scene that's been used in movies. For a 16- or 17-minute piece, it captures the story of what would be a three-hour Shakespeare play. This is the brilliance of Tchaikovsky. You get all the back-and-forth, all the battle scenes, all the romantic interludes. He composes it so efficiently that by the end of that 17 minutes, you feel like you've experienced the whole thing."



DEVONSHIRE PLAYHOUSE

From left, David Stasevsky, Maya Reyna, Charlotte Check and Yoel Goldson are off to see "The Wizard of Oz" at Devonshire Playhouse.

### FAMILY FRIENDLY

## Devonshire Playhouse teens present 'The Wizard of Oz'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Dorothy and her pals head off to see "The Wizard of Oz" in Devonshire Playhouse Teen Performers' production of the beloved musical.

"I've been trying to give students who return year after year a good variety of musicals," said director Jessica Sawyer. "Last year, we did a contemporary musical so this year I wanted to do something traditional."

Sawyer praised her 18 performers noting, "We have a lot of really young but excellent talent. This is the first full musical that a lot of these students have done."

The director noted that she doesn't use elaborate sets. "We focus on the characters and the storytelling," she explained.

"It's a great all-ages show," Sawyer concluded. "There are a lot of funny moments, a lot of recognizable music and fun dances."

Performances are 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 12-20 at Devonshire Cultural Center,

4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Tickets are \$12; \$11 for ages 2-17 and seniors.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400 or go to [www.skokieparks.org/devonshire-playhouse](http://www.skokieparks.org/devonshire-playhouse).

### These mice are nice

Donald, Goofy, Cinderella, Rapunzel and other favorite characters are coming to the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont with "Disney Live! Mickey and Minnie's Doorway to Magic." Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 11-13. Tickets start at \$20.

For details, call (800) 745-3000 or go to [www.disneylive.com](http://www.disneylive.com).

### Seal of approval

Kids and grown ups will be enchanted by "Mearra: Selkie from the Sea," a Celtic fairytale musical, 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. It's based on the mythical tale of a seal that can transform

into a human.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or go to [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org).

### Rabbit response

A rabbit collects so many carrots that there's no room for him in his burrow in "Too Many Carrots" by Katy Hudson. Kids will hear the story of the selfish bunny and do related activities and a coloring project during a special storytime, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie.

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

### Clowning around

A former Ringling Brothers circus clown will lead an active game show during Brian Wismer's Family Fun Challenge. The Second Sunday Family Program is 2-3 p.m. March 13 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Pick up free tickets in KidSpace starting at 1:30 p.m. that day.

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Rita Lewandowski of Chicago, from left, Peggy Drewko of Park Ridge and Barbara Nakanishi of Niles

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Marilyn Adams of Westmont, from left, Nicole Beranek of Harwood Heights and Jill Adams McDonough of Elmhurst



Rita Turbak of Glenview, left, and Beth O'Driscoll of Park Ridge

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## SUBURBAN COOKS

## Irish soda bread a staple of holiday

By Judy Buchenot  
The Beacon-News

It's the time of year when everyone likes to wear green, hang up a shamrock for good luck and become Irish for St. Patrick's Day.

Naperville resident Peggy Brennan has already been cooking up slabs of corned beef and mixing up batches of Irish soda bread for several family events. Both Peggy and her husband, Jack, are first generation Irish Americans. They both have relatives they can visit in Ireland and cherish their connections to the Emerald Isle. In a few days, Brennan will be going down to Belleville, to be part of the St. Patrick's Day parade.

"My son-in-law helped get a chapter of the group started in Belleville where he lives," Brennan said.

The Ancient Order of the Hibernians is one of America's oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organizations, and it is patterned after a similar group in Ireland. Hibernia is the classic Latin name for Ireland, and members of the organization must claim an Irish heritage. The annual parade includes bagpipes, bands and several floats. Brennan rides on the float representing her clan and happily tosses Tootsie Rolls to the crowds. After the parade, several of her five children and their families gather for a meal together. The main dish, of course, is corned beef.

"I take care of cooking the corned beef — about 20 pounds of it," Brennan said. She prefers to buy the flat cut corned beef because "it has less fat and slices better."

She claims there are two main secrets to corned beef. The first is to cook it long enough. "For a four-pound corned beef, you need to cook it in a crock pot for six to eight hours or in a pot of water for three to four hours. I prefer using the crock pot because then I can walk away from it while it cooks," she said.

She places carrots, a quartered onion and a bay leaf in the bottom of the crock pot or pot. The corned beef goes in next. Then she adds enough water to cover everything along with the corned beef spice packet and starts it all

## Peggy's Culinary Cue

For authentic Irish soda bread, bake it in a cast iron frying pan or any frying pan that can go into the oven. The bottom crust and the edges will be very crispy while the center remains soft and moist.

## Irish Mass

There are many ways to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, from raising a pint to marching in a parade. Each year the West Suburban Irish provide another option by holding a mass to honor the good deeds of St. Patrick. This year's Irish Mass will be held on Tuesday at St. Raphael Church, 1215 Modaff Road in Naperville. The Prelude begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Mass featuring Irish hymns and instrumental music begins at 7 p.m. An Irish soda-bread reception begins at approximately 8 p.m.

simmering until it is tender.

"Red potatoes are traditionally served with corned beef, but you can use other potatoes. I boil the potatoes separately because they can get very mushy when cooked for a long time," said Brennan, who also cooks the cabbage separately. "I save some of the water from cooking the corned beef to use for cooking the cabbage. It gives the cabbage flavor." Her family also likes to make the Irish dish colcannon, which is a flavorful mix of potatoes and cabbage, to serve with corned beef.

The other secret to perfect corned beef is slicing it against the grain. "If you cut the corned beef and it is all stringy, you need to turn it and slice in a different direction," she said.

Brennan is also making 20 loaves of her Irish soda bread to take to the event. "I don't use my mom's recipe because it is really bland." Brennan uses a recipe that she found in the Chicago Tribune about 45 years ago that she has tweaked to make it her own.

"It is a sweet soda bread. It is definitely a simple spoon bread," referring to the mixing process done with a spoon.

Although corned beef and



JUDY BUCHENOT/BEACON-NEWS

Naperville resident Peggy Brennan shows off her corned beef meal, which is typical Irish American fare.

cabbage is not traditional Irish fare, Brennan says it is most definitely Irish American. She has traveled to Ireland on several occasions and says that authentic Irish food is "very plain and simple ... like a leg of mutton." She prefers to make dishes with more flavor that have evolved from those past recipes.

Interestingly, the farm where Brennan's mother grew up in County Mayo near Foxford is only about 10 miles from the area where her husband's relatives

lived. The families never met in Ireland, however.

"I'm typical South Side Irish" said Brennan, who grew up in Chicago with a father who was a policeman. She attended St. Sabina church and Catholic school and now is a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville. She shares her recipe for sweet soda bread and colcannon so that others may enjoy a taste of Ireland.

Judy Buchenot is a freelancer.

## Sweet soda bread

- 3 cups flour
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup raisins
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 cups buttermilk

1. Sift together the flour and sugar. Add salt, baking soda and baking powder to mixture and sift again. Add raisins to flour mixture. Set aside.

2. In a separate bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add melted butter and buttermilk. Mix together to combine. Pour mixture over the sifted dry ingredients. Stir until blended.

3. Pour into a greased 9-inch by 5-inch loaf pan or a greased 10-inch frying pan. If desired, sprinkle 1 tablespoon of sugar over the top of dough. Bake for one hour at 350 degrees or until a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean.

## Colcannon

- 1 pound Yukon gold potatoes
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 4 scallions
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup half-and-half
- pinch of nutmeg
- salt and pepper to taste

1. Peel potatoes and quarter. Boil in salted water until tender. Reserve  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of the water from boiling potatoes and then drain potatoes. Set aside.

2. Sauté cabbage in 2 tablespoons butter for about two minutes. Add the reserved cooking water, cover the pan and cook for about three minutes. Slice scallions and then add to the cabbage. Add potatoes, half-and-half, remaining 2 tablespoons of butter and a pinch of nutmeg. Mash mixture until smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

These ceviche tostadas are topped with avocado crema and feature cucumber, radishes and grapefruit.

# Spring into the season with ceviche tostadas

Citrus turns seafood into versatile dish



MELISSA ELSMO  
Out of Mel's Kitchen

The official start of spring is right around the corner and that makes me clamor for lighter and brightly flavored fare at meal time. Few things taste more like spring than fresh ceviche. Piquant citrus transforms delicate fish or seafood into a versatile dish suitable for serving as a first course at your next fancy dinner party or paired with an ice cold beer on a casual sunny afternoon.

## Tips for ceviche success

**1. Choose a firm white fish for ceviche.** Salt water fish like halibut and sea bass are excellent choices. Avoid fresh water fish like trout and oily fish like mackerel in ceviche preparations.

**2. Let freshness be your guide.** Don't stick with flounder out of loyalty to your favorite fish if the sea bass is looking better at the market.

**3. Talk to the folks behind the counter** at a reputable fish market before selecting a fish for ceviche and while you are at it, ask them to remove the skin, bones and bloodline from the fish before you take it home.

**4. Don't overdo it.** When fish spends too much time in an acidic

marinade it can become mealy and mushy. Proper ceviche will look opaque on the exterior, but remain slightly translucent in the center.

**5. Cut the vegetables and the fish uniformly,** but combine the marinated fish with the garnishes just before serving to keep colors vibrant and textures distinct.

Once you have the basics of this simple cooking technique down, confident cooks will begin to appreciate the customizable nature of ceviche. Purists will stick to lime, chilies, cilantro and red onion when creating a spring ceviche; more adventurous folks might choose to toss in a smattering of fresh corn kernels, sweet mango or verdant mint into the mix.

The most important to remember the possibilities are endless when it comes to creating a peppy plate of ceviche.

## Ceviche Tostadas

Recently I chose to use halibut in a ceviche and peppered it with all the traditional garnishes, but added cucumber, radishes, grapefruit and fennel seeds to change things up a bit. The resulting dish was springtime fabulous. (Makes six tostadas.)

### FOR THE CEVICHE:

- 1 pound halibut (or a suitable fresh fish of your choice), skinned and bones removed
- 2 jalapenos, seeded, minced and divided
- 1 small red onion, minced and divided
- Zest of 2 limes, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice (8 limes), divided
- 1/4 cup lemon juice (1 lemon)
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice (2 oranges)
- 1/4 cup fresh grapefruit juice (1 grapefruit)
- 1 English cucumber, diced into 1/4-inch cubes
- 3 radishes, thinly sliced
- 1 grapefruit, peeled and diced
- 3 scallions, snipped
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 2 teaspoons fennel seeds, toasted
- 2 teaspoons honey

### FOR THE AVOCADO CREMA:

- 1/4 cup minced cilantro
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 avocados, diced
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

### FOR THE GARNISH:

- 4-6 blue corn tortillas, fried until crisp or store bought tostadas
- 1/4 cup roasted pepitas
- Cilantro leaves
- Coarse salt

**1.** Place the fish on a clean work surface and cut it into 1/2-inch thick cubes and place in a large plastic container. Toss the diced fish with half of the minced jalapenos, half of the minced red onion and half of the lime zest. Gently mix in the salt. Pour 1/4 cup of lime juice, lemon juice, orange juice and grapefruit juice over the fish. Cover the container, place a tightly sealed bag of ice on the fish and place the ceviche into the refrigerator for 30 to 35 minutes, mixing gently after 15 minutes.

**2.** While the ceviche marinates, prepare the avocado crema. Place the cilantro and garlic in the bowl of a food processor and process until finely chopped. Add the diced avocado and process until smooth. Add the sour cream, lime juice and salt; process until smooth. Transfer the crema to a small bowl, press a piece of plastic wrap onto the surface of the mixture, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

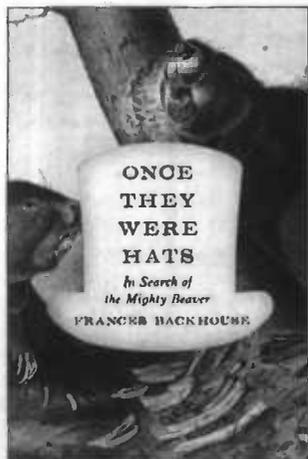
**3.** After 30 to 35 minutes the halibut will have taken on a cooked appearance. Drain off the excess citrus juice before folding in the remaining jalapeno, red onion and lime zest. Add the cucumber, radishes, grapefruit, scallions, chopped cilantro and fennel seeds to the fish. Whisk together the remaining lime juice and honey and fold into the ceviche mixture. Taste the mixture and adjust the seasoning.

**4.** To serve, spread some of the avocado crema onto a crispy tostada and top with a generous portion of ceviche. Sprinkle each tostada with pepitas, cilantro leaves and a touch of coarse salt and serve at once.

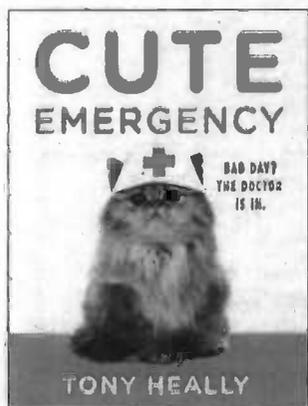
# Books look at animals, from apes to zoos

By Willam Hageman | Tribune Newspapers

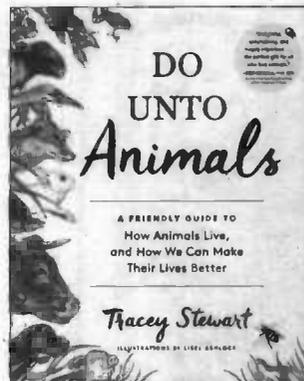
New animal books explore the historical and sociological significance of animals. Plus, there's room for some whimsy — as well as a look into seaworthy sex lives:



**"Once They Were Hats: In Search of the Mighty Beaver"** by Frances Backhouse (ECW Press): Man nearly drove the beaver to extinction, hardly the way to treat a creature that was a huge part of America's early days. Backhouse gives the little buck-toothed rodent the credit it deserves in an intelligent and interesting look at *Castor canadensis*.

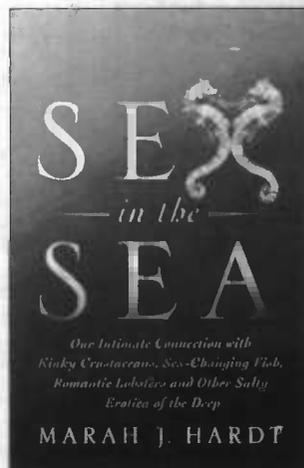


**"Cute Emergency: Bad Day? The Doctor Is In"** by Tony Heally (Three Rivers Press): An extension of his popular Cute Emergency Twitter account that shared "aw-inspiring" photos of cute critters, Heally offers 176 pages of dogs, cats and other animals — yaks! pigs! hedgehogs! — that will make the reader smile.



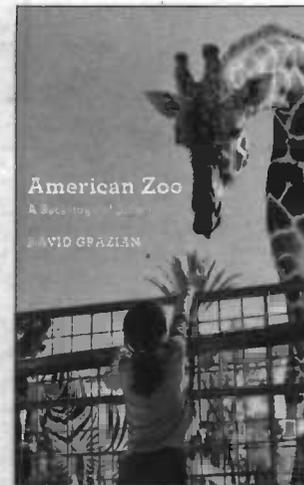
**"Do Unto Animals: A Friendly Guide to How Animals Live, and How We Can Make Their Lives Better"** by Tracey Stewart (Artisan): Stewart looks at the animals in our lives — the ones in our homes, our yards and on farms — from the perspective of an animal advocate, and gives readers not only facts and

advice, but also smart and caring ways to improve animals' existences. The book also features more than 300 beautiful illustrations by Lisel Ashlock.



whale's 12-foot penis, Hardt covers the waterfront

**"Sex in the Sea: Our Intimate Connection with Sex-Changing Fish, Romantic Lobsters, Kinky Squid, and Other Salty Erotica of the Deep"** by Marah J. Hardt (St. Martin's Press, to be published Feb. 9): Oh, the shenanigans that go on down below. From lobsters spraying urine on each other as part of their mating ritual to horseshoe crabs' orgies to the blue



man's strange relationship with nature. His book explores the issues.

**"American Zoo: A Sociological Safari"** by David Grazian (Princeton University Press): Sociologist Grazian took his young son on a cross-country excursion to visit more than two dozen zoos and aquariums. He saw that zoos have been transformed in recent years from sad places with cramped, barren cages to more open, expansive exhibits. But he also noted



**"Evolution: The Whole Story"** by Steve Parker (Firefly): Editor Parker has assembled the work of 20 contributing scientists in "Evolution," an approachable and interesting 576-page study of life on Earth, now and then. Diagrams, photos, charts and text all add up to a fascinating study.

## PET OF THE WEEK



Daphne

Daphne is an active girl searching for a family that's just as active. There's always something to keep her busy, whether it be sniffing everything outside or making new friends. Daphne loves meeting new dogs, but she can come on a little strong, so not all dogs love to meet her. Daphne could play fetch all day long. Because of her exuberant personality, it would be best if children in her new home were at least 12 years old or had experience with excitable dogs.

For more information, go to [napervillearea.humanesociety.org](http://napervillearea.humanesociety.org).

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# 'Clerical error' causes loss of call waiting

Dear Help Squad,  
We have had AT&T service for our home line and Internet for the past 40 years. We discovered, to our surprise, that call waiting on our landline phone was taken off. We thought this was a technical problem since we have had this service for a long time, so we tried calling customer service. Two and a half hours was spent on numerous calls with no resolution in sight. I even went to a local AT&T store and was told that this function was removed because it was too expensive to continue in our package that's no longer available, but we can have it back for \$9 per month.

This does not seem fair to me for my years of loyal patronage with AT&T. Please let me know if you can help.

*Ben, Lincolnwood*

Ben's AT&T bill from before and after his call waiting was removed showed that Ben was signed up for AT&T's Consumer's Choice Plus phone package.

AT&T corporate communications spokesperson Phil Hayes inquired whether Ben had made any changes to his

phone or Internet services over the past six months. Ben responded: "AT&T is a company that constantly needs monitoring with respect to billing. Every six months I have to call and work out a new deal for our Internet service, otherwise my bill would be astronomical."

The next day I received the following email from Hayes: "AT&T has reviewed the case and discovered that a clerical error led to the loss of the call waiting service. That service has been restored. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused the customer."

Ben confirmed his call waiting was back and added, "(The AT&T representative who called me) apologized for the difficulties I had in resolving the issue and said he would pick up the cost of my next month's bill."

When I pressed AT&T for more information on why this situation might have occurred, as well as why Ben found it



**CATHY CUNNINGHAM**  
Help Squad

so difficult to rectify, Hayes repeated: "It was a clerical error."

Consumer's Choice plans are landline phone packages that were negotiated via a legal settlement with AT&T by the Citizens Utility Board in 2006. According to CUB communications

director Jim Chilsen, "AT&T was moving toward getting regulatory approval to deregulate local phone service in Illinois. CUB entered negotiations with AT&T before the company succeeded in deregulating local service. Eventually, the (Consumer's Choice) plans were protected under the Illinois Telecommunications Act." He added, "The Illinois Telecom Act will be up for review again in 2017, and we will do our best to stop AT&T from ending the plans."

"We have received complaints from consumers — by my estimate, hundreds over the years — who said they had difficulty signing up for the plans, or were given wrong information about the plans,"

Chilsen said.

"As of now, Consumer's Choice plans are still in AT&T's tariffs. The company, however, is no longer required by statute to offer these plans to customers who don't qualify as low-income. So right now, any AT&T landline consumer in the Chicago area can sign up for Consumer's Choice, but that could change at any time if the company changes its tariffs."

AT&T provides an overview of the Consumer's Choice plans on its website, but with no pricing information. Per CUB, costs range from \$3.05 to \$19.70/month.

The possible explanation for Ben's troubles could be in AT&T's fine print: "If you ... decide to upgrade or downgrade your package, this may result in the removal of ... any discounts associated with your current package (possibly Ben's modifications to his Internet package?). (T)hose features may now be billed at the regular rate."

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

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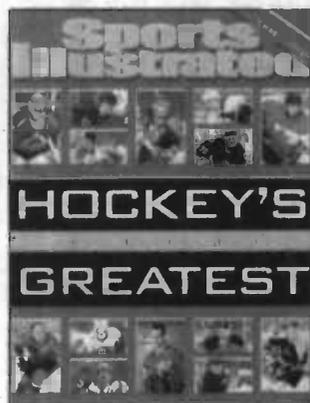
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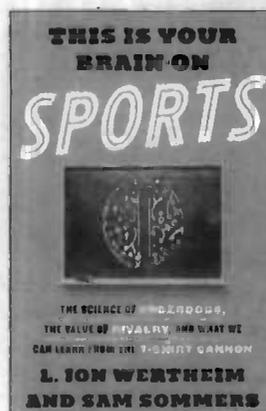


## Sports Illustrated: Hockey's Greatest

Edited by Bill Syken, Time Inc., 257 pages, \$32.95

There is something unique about hockey photography compared to other sports. The combination of vivid uniform colors, arena lights bouncing off the ice and the sheer physicality of the game often produces stunning photos. Sports Illustrated's new coffee-table-style book has various categories ranking the game's greatest players, coaches, moments and more, but the biggest winners are SI's photographers. The vintage shots are perhaps the best, capturing an era when the game was raw — free of helmets, goalie facemasks and, by extension for some players, teeth. Early in the book, there is a riveting two-page photo spread of the Blackhawks' Bobby Hull bearing down on two Detroit Red Wings players in the old Chicago Stadium. The silvery tone of the ice almost looks surreal. Blackhawks fans will agree with the SI panel in ranking Hull as the best left-winger of all time. There is an excerpt from a 1966 Sports Illustrated story that called Hull "the perfect muscular mesomorph." Hull is among the many great Blackhawks players featured in the

book, with one notable exception. Tony Esposito was not listed among the top 10 goalies; The Hawks' Glenn Hall was seventh. Let the arguments begin. Of course, that's the point of the exercise. The book also features several original stories and excerpts from SI's acclaimed hockey writers on the game's greatest players. Ultimately, though, it is the pictures that are truly hockey's greatest in this book.



## This is Your Brain on Sports

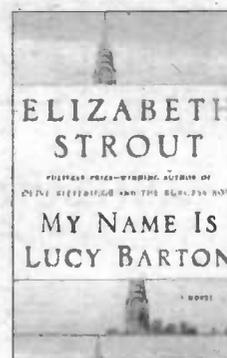
By L. Jon Wertheim and Sam Sommers, Crown Archetype, 288 pages, \$26

The first chapter shows why this isn't a typical sports book. It is titled, "Why the T-Shirt Cannon Has Something to Teach Us About Human Nature." The authors detail why fans who spend hundreds of dollars to attend games go crazy in pursuit of cheap T-shirts fired at the crowd. Good question. Wertheim, executive editor at Sports Illustrated, and Sommers, a Tufts University psychologist, examine various issues in an attempt to get to the roots of the psychology of sports. They delve into why the best players often make the worst coaches; why top athletes and teams often claim they don't get the proper respect; why a quarterback's looks could be a predictor of success, among other topics. There is an interesting chapter on how the biggest stars often summon their best performances while dealing with grief and adversity. And this chapter definitely will hit close to home in Chicago: Why fans of teams like the Cubs love rooting for a loser? The authors write: "The last time the Cubs won the World Series, construction on the Titanic had yet to commence. The team's fans haven't simply taken solace in a century-plus of losing; the

ritual losing is an essential part of the experience." The book offers a different and entertaining perspective in looking at the many facets of sports. In some cases, it even might change the way fans view their favorite athletes and teams.

## CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. "Brooklyn: A Novel" by Colm Toibin (Scribner, \$15).
2. "My Name Is Lucy Barton: A Novel" by Elizabeth Strout (Random House, \$26).
3. "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).
4. "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi (Random House, \$25).
5. "A Little Life" by Hanya Yanagihara (Anchor, \$17).



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## NEW IN PAPERBACK



## H Is for Hawk

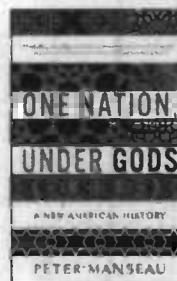
By Helen Macdonald, Grove, 300 pages, \$16  
Macdonald details her trials to train a goshawk named Mabel in an attempt to overcome her grief following her father's sudden death. Macdonald, an affiliated research scholar at the University of Cambridge, also explores the world of becoming a falconer and how goshawks are more difficult to train than other birds of prey.



## Lucky Alan and Other Stories

By Jonathan Lethem, Vintage Contemporaries, 160 pages, \$15

The tragicomic stories of "Lucky Alan" transform real situations into the absurd and surreal. In one story, a father takes his family on a trip to SeaWorld to avert a nervous breakdown, only for the trip to take a sinister turn. In another, long-forgotten comic book characters find themselves stranded on a deserted island.



## One Nation, Under Gods

By Peter Manseau, Back Bay, 470 pages, \$17.99

Manseau offers a new look at U.S. history through this perspective of non-Christian religions. Manseau considers everything from Thomas Jefferson's collection of books on all religions — which he mandated be placed in the Library of Congress — to the persecutions of "witches" in 1690s Salem and Buddhists during World War II.



## Pirate Hunters

By Robert Kurson, Random House, 304 pages, \$17

Kurson details the search undertaken by treasure hunters John Chatterton and John Matteredra to find the Golden Fleece, the ship of pirate Joseph Bannister, a 17th-century pirate whose exploits rivaled Blackbeard and Captain Kidd. Kurson explores Chatterton and Matteredra's travels around the globe for documents and accounts, their battle with governments and their historic find.



## Night Prayers: A Novel

By Santiago Gamboa, translated by Howard Curtis, Europa Editions, 315 pages, \$18

Arrested on charges of drug trafficking, Manuel must enter a guilty plea or be sentenced to death. But what he wants more than anything is to be reunited with his sister, Juana, who did everything she could to take him as far away from Colombia as possible, including becoming a high-priced escort involved with corrupt — and dangerous — politicians.

— Jeremy Mikula



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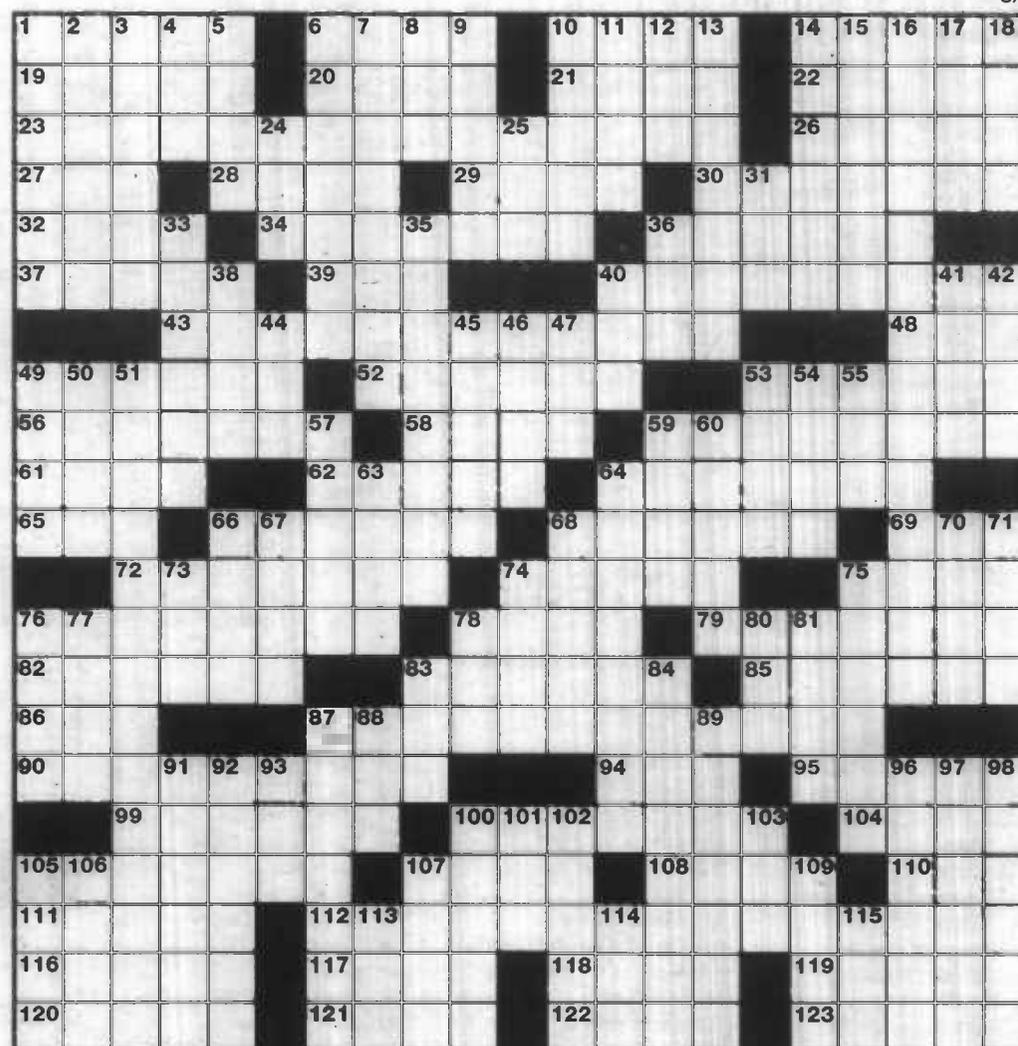
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### Across

- 1 Stinging remarks  
6 Symbols of sleep  
10 Day fraction  
14 Syndicated game-show host  
19 Texting alternative  
20 Pinnacle  
21 Ultimatum ender  
22 Belittle  
23 Muckraking journalist  
26 Daughter of Desi  
27 Corporation designation  
28 Cool one's heels  
29 Art on arms, for short  
30 One with a Nome home  
32 Fly fast  
34 Time-traveling canine toon  
36 Grass pieces  
37 Went astray  
39 Unkempt place  
40 Berate  
43 Mike Myers' film role  
48 Major DC lobby  
49 Discoloration  
52 Basis of organic chemistry  
53 Peeved  
56 Makes a comparison  
58 Swiped  
59 Unvarying voice  
61 Cameo mineral  
62 Shade of purple  
64 Engage in vote swapping  
65 *Casablanca* pianist  
66 With 68 Across, French designer  
68 See 66 Across
- 69 Group to be auctioned  
72 Confidential  
74 *The Zoo Story* playwright  
75 *Downton Abbey* countess  
76 Underused auto parts  
78 Coup d'\_\_  
79 Beginners  
82 Auto dealer's offerings  
83 Main course  
85 Iconic Old West marshal  
86 Plus  
87 Retired Czech tennis pro  
90 Unnamed wine-list selections  
94 Half of hex-  
95 Cope with change  
99 Piggy's frog friend  
100 Study of verses  
104 Spiny houseplant  
105 Speechless  
107 Start to catch up  
108 11th grader's exam: Abbr.  
110 Bradstreet's partner  
111 Falsified  
112 Homer Simpson's boss  
116 Literature Nobel  
117 Gray's subj.  
118 Munich Mrs.  
119 Enliven, with "up"  
120 Concludes one's case  
121 Polite denial  
122 \$5 bills  
123 Cone holders

### Down

- 1 Guatemala neighbor  
2 Key related to C  
3 Ill will  
4 Paper Mate rival  
5 Sluggish  
6 Most comical  
7 Over the moon  
8 CPR pro  
9 Make sure of  
10 Whopping  
11 Chihuahua cheers  
12 JFK's WWII service  
13 Secondhand transactions  
14 Leafy lunches  
15 Maltreated  
16 Painter known as "The Dripper"  
17 Setting for Singapore  
18 Discerning  
24 Once around a track  
25 Pop-culture phenomenon  
31 Many "Deck the Halls" syllables  
33 Metaphor for drastic cutting  
35 Inherently  
36 "Turn up the heat!"  
38 Heat conduit  
40 Hibernation place  
41 Small brown bird  
42 Media statistician Silver  
44 What to call a clipper  
45 Show for sure  
46 Bassoon cousin  
47 Stir-fry skillet  
49 Family business abbr.  
50 Director Dunham  
51 *Moonstruck* Oscar winner  
53 Crucifix letters



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- 54 When shadows are shortest  
55 NL East team  
57 Mascara mishap  
59 Something extra  
60 City near Salt Lake  
63 Cultural pursuits  
64 *CSI* procedures  
66 Long-nosed fish  
67 Lithography legend  
68 Santa \_\_, CA  
70 Small sweet sandwich  
71 Piece of work  
73 ICU personnel  
74 Mail-routing abbr.  
75 Noisy bug  
76 Lackluster  
77 Retired TV talk host  
78 Compass reading  
80 Sound of surprise  
81 \_\_ voce (orally)  
83 Golf pro Ernie  
84 Half of EU  
87 College football award  
88 Summer setting in Va.  
89 Erstwhile children's clothes retailer  
91 Carefully chosen  
92 Destroys gradually  
93 Rental ad abbr.  
96 First on the moon, alphabetically  
97 Spring suddenly  
98 Language class lessons  
100 Singer LaBelle  
101 Oil drilling equipment  
102 Switch label  
103 Exclamation of celebration  
105 Miles away  
106 Folk story  
107 Tiny fly  
109 Cooking meas.  
113 John \_\_ Lennon  
114 Med. scan  
115 Name in the news since 1958

## Quote-Acrossic

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

## Clues

Clues	Words
A. Popeye's creator	99 133 61 121 151 113 89 44 34 20
B. Ultimate party palace	54 79 136 165 25 36 73 130
C. Pulitzer winner for 'The Optimist's Daughter'	142 40 161 17 55 70 97 9 134 84 109
D. Revealing; hypn.	152 126 119 41 94 75
E. Ford of 60s and 70s	7 27 156 62 100 14
F. The whole thing; 2 wds.	105 69 128 37 31 132 66 154 85
G. Rock bassist, songwriter, producer	74 49 147 125 11 117 23 78 6 96
H. Wisdom	159 63 46 83 30 8 143

I. Impulsive and immature.	1 146 10 52 118 59 162 88 129 137
J. Cool as a cucumber	168 4 82 103 64 139 144 42 50 24
K. Commander Adama portrayer	138 28 57 76 43
L. Understanding	107 80 26 72 47 141
M. Wed	58 53 114 106 92 120 153 39
N. Yes!: 2 wds.	164 91 51 98 35 115 145
O. Win	45 2 71 15 123 110 33 155
P. Morse or Gadget	5 158 95 124 19 12 32 81 104
Q. Wee dab	18 150 38 77 108 140 166 122
R. Affability	135 167 127 148 68 16 86 111
S. Grow together	60 87 160 48 149 22 13
T. United	3 157 21 93 56 65 102 112
U. Part of Hong Kong	116 163 131 90 29 101 67

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## Feasts

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## Across

- Pitcher handle
- Gem State capital
- Wire measurement
- Ms. Caron's role, and namesakes
- Exhausted
- Mountain in Turkey
- Christmas fare
- Sparks or Rorem
- Legalese term
- Pouch
- Tea type
- Nods
- Obtuse
- Vowel sequence
- Computer need
- Fitting
- Desire Under the
- WWI soldier
- Classroom adjunct
- Initials of a US poet
- Dutch painter Jan
- Person
- Kind of gin
- NNW's opposite
- Lead-in to physics or turf
- Dairy offerings: L.

- Not leased

- Sells
- Diana, of films
- Louis XV, for one
- Pertaining to 60 Across
- Diving seabird
- Accompaniment to 17 Across
- Certain cap
- Child star McDowall
- Beat
- Retiring
- Fiery crime
- Cape

## Down

- Beta's preceder
- White and Blue rivers
- Innuendoes
- Evangelist McPherson
- Rotten
- Auto pioneer
- Homer's epic
- Because
- School subj.
- Christmas fare
- Nice thought
- Actor Alan
- Part of a book

- Detach
- Argumentative words
- What a cobbler does
- Puppy bites
- Small endings
- Put a piano right
- Khan
- Good grade
- Christmas fare
- "Honi soit qui — y pense"
- Fox's scent
- Owl and dance
- Organic compound
- "God bless us — one!"
- Man. Project result
- Slip
- Future Prince Charmings?
- Bis
- Habituate
- Oxford features
- Pungs
- Podium
- Hurt reaction
- Some Europeans: abbr.
- Part of a swimsuit
- Prefix for power

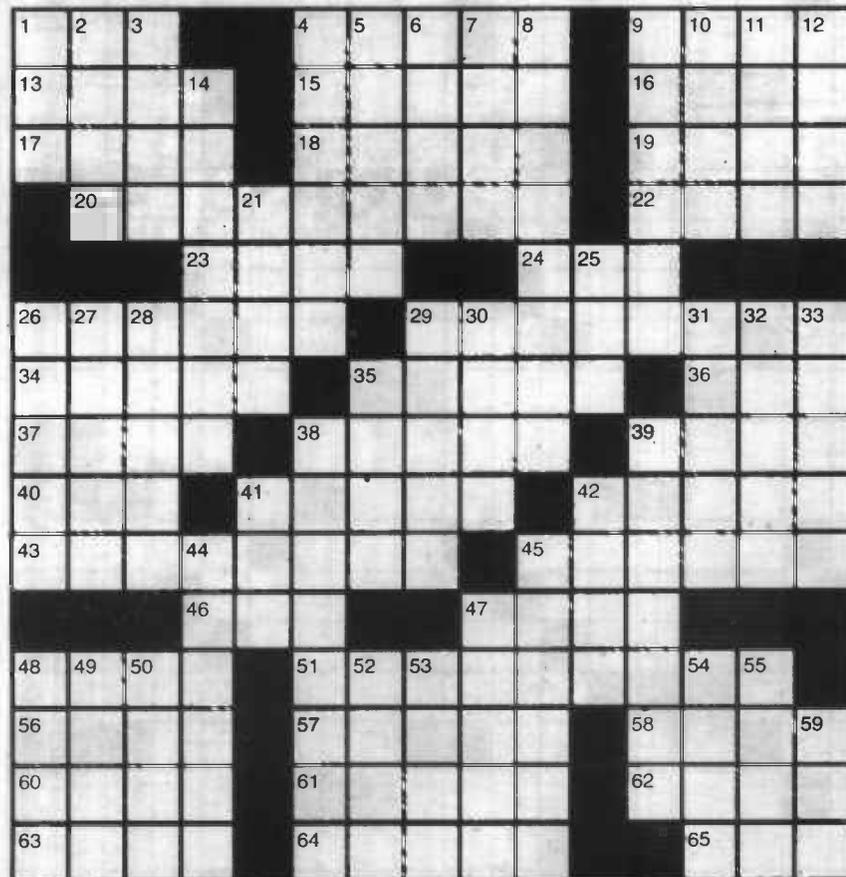
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# Crossword



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## ACROSS

- 1 Brown shade  
4 Deep hole  
9 Illegal way to make money  
13 Nights before big holidays  
15 Feel about blindly  
16 Word following Morse or zip  
17 Student's table  
18 Severity  
19 Highway  
20 Deadlock  
22 Charitable gift  
23 Nicklaus' pegs  
24 Just purchased  
26 Go higher  
29 Unnecessary  
34 Shadowboxes  
35 \_\_\_ off; berates  
36 \_\_\_ 180; change directions  
37 His and \_\_\_, like matching items for Dad & Mom  
38 Fortunate  
39 Baby's eating accessories  
40 Cochlea's place  
41 Songbirds  
42 Looks directly at  
43 Commandeers a plane in flight  
45 Larder

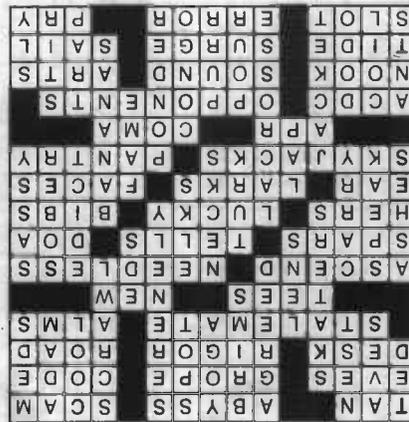
46 Next month: abbr.

- 47 Unconscious state  
48 Current letters  
51 Competitors  
56 Recess for a breakfast table  
57 Washington's Puget \_\_\_  
58 \_\_\_ and crafts  
60 Movement of the waves  
61 Sudden increase  
62 Spinnaker or jib  
63 Job opening  
64 Mistake  
65 Be nosy

## DOWN

- 1 \_\_\_ Kennedy  
2 Pennsylvania and Fifth: abbr.  
3 Finch's home  
4 Concurred  
5 Teacup edges  
6 Meditative exercise  
7 Blamish  
8 In a calm way  
9 Write quickly and awkwardly  
10 Chilly  
11 Actor \_\_\_ West

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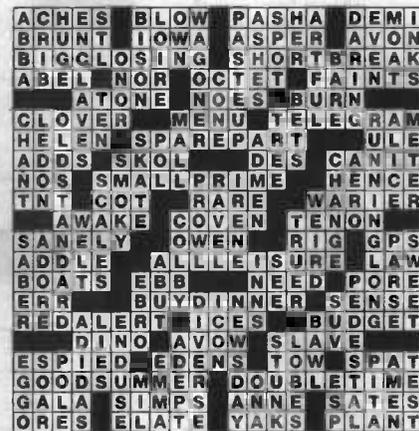
- 12 Prescriptions, for short  
14 Katarina Witt & Michelle Kwan  
21 Part of the eye  
25 Ames & Koch  
26 Hearth debris  
27 Say something  
28 Tote; bear  
29 Least popular chicken pieces  
30 Forest animals  
31 King's decree  
32 Not smashed  
33 Impudent  
35 Ankara native  
38 Sport that uses a rubber ball  
39 Yellow fruits  
41 Drink like Fido  
42 Renown  
44 Windbreaker  
45 Reflect on  
47 African nation  
48 Raid victims  
49 Bedspring  
50 Airhead  
52 Rain heavy  
53 Cat's sound  
54 Pitfall  
55 Mix in a bowl  
59 Devious



# puzzle island solutions

## Last week's crosswords

### "Here's Two You"



### "Greening"



### "Putting in Overtime"



## Last week's Quote-Acrossic

M(adeleine) ALBRIGHT: GOOD AND BAD DAYS: On good days I wore flowers, butterflies and balloons. On bad days, all kinds of bugs and carnivorous animals. It was an additional way of expressing what I was saying. A visual way to deliver messages.

## Last week's Sudoku

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

## This week's Jumble

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When the U.K. political leader wrote a poem, he was the —

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# Is it possible to love two people at once?



**JACKIE PILOSSOPH**  
*Love Essentially*

Is it really possible to be in love with two people at the same time? That's the question I think millions of men and women are wondering after watching a recent episode of "The Bachelor."

In case you missed it, bachelor Ben Higgins said "I love you" to two of his three finalists — JoJo and Lauren, who both said it first, by the way.

I don't think Ben is a bad guy, and I really don't think he is trying to hurt these women, but I have issues with him dropping the L word to two women in the same week. If I got stuck in an elevator with Ben tomorrow, I would ask him, "What were you thinking?"

Did Ben not realize that whichever girl he ended up with would be watching him tell the other one "I love you" on national TV? Maybe he was thinking his future wife would get over it. Maybe he's doing it for the cameras, although my gut says that's not the case. Or, what I'd like to believe is, Ben really does think he loves both of these girls, which is sweet and all, but in my opinion impossible. Here's why:

He's 27 years old. He's a baby.

He's gotten to know these girls on desert island vacations with a drink in his hand 90 percent of the time. In other words, he hasn't had the chance to get to know these women on any real level because the elements of their normal lives, which include real problems, have not been present.

While I'm completely speculating, Ben is probably given guidelines by show producers, and he is most likely expected to seemingly fall for some of the women. Think about it. In 20 seasons, have you ever seen a bachelor or bachelorette say, "You know what? There really isn't anyone here with whom I truly feel a deep connection. It's been fun, but I'm not falling for any of the contestants." In the history of the show, I'm pretty sure that's never happened.

In my heart, I truly think it is impossible for a person to fall in love with two people at the same time. But, I think it is very possible to start dating a bunch of people and then fall for two of them at the



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Season 20's final two episodes of ABC's "The Bachelor" will feature resorts in Jamaica as the journey for Ben Higgins, above, and comes to an end.

same time, meaning you really like them both, and possibly see a future with both. In time, the obvious choice presents itself or the person ends up with neither. But falling in love with two people? No way.

When a person is truly in love, they cannot think about anyone else the same way. Being in love feels like you have been waiting your whole life for this person and he or she is finally here — not two people are finally here. Being in love means you don't want anyone else on earth but this person — not anyone else but these two people.

I'm not going to say Ben's relationships don't have the potential for love. They might. But the couples need more time, and they need to date while living their lives, going to their jobs and handling daily responsibilities, stress and pressure.

I can't resist addressing the fantasy suite, which makes me cringe because I have a hard time accepting that all three of the finalists were willing to spend the night with Ben, knowing that their relationship wasn't exclusive.

I don't want to assume they all had sex with Ben because that might not be the case. But if any of the girls did sleep with Ben, it will undoubtedly hurt even worse if they don't get the final rose. And even for the girl who does end up with Ben, finding out he spent the night with the other two could be disappointing, confusing and might cause some resentment.

But despite all my issues with "The Bachelor," I think the show offers hope and a fairy-tale ending to millions of people looking for the one — or the two.

*Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.*

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## HEALTH

# Antibiotics aren't much help in treating sinus infection



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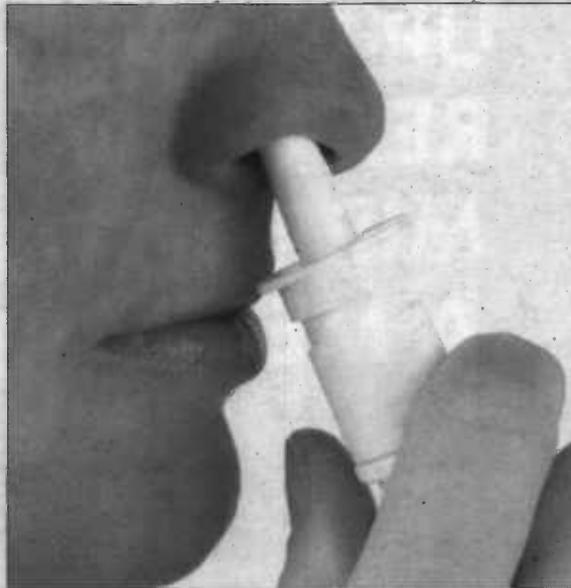
**Dear Doctor K: My doctor won't give me an antibiotic for my sinus infection. So what can I do to feel better?**

**Dear Reader:** Most cases of sinusitis are caused by viral infections. Viruses are bulletproof to antibiotics. All antibiotics can do in this case is cause side effects. So, the best course of action for occasional sinusitis is to use self-care steps to ease symptoms while the body clears the infection.

Your sinuses are hollow spaces in your facial bones. In response to infection, the sensitive lining of the sinuses swells up and starts to pour out mucus, triggering nasal stuffiness, a runny nose and facial pain. You might also experience fatigue, cough, impaired sense of smell, fullness or pressure in the ears, or headache. While your body fights the infection, these self-care steps can help to ease symptoms:

**Spray in some saline.** Saline (saltwater) rinses are very soothing. Frequent, gentle snorts of a prepackaged saline spray can help to loosen mucus.

**Use decongestants.** Over-the-counter decongestant pills or nasal sprays can be used on a limited basis to reduce stuffiness. **Nasal spray decongestants:** Limit yourself to no more than two doses per nostril per day for no longer than five days. If you use a nasal decongestant for too long, you can get the opposite effect from what you seek: Your nose may start running when you stop



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A saline nasal spray can help relieve symptoms of a sinus infection.

using the decongestant. **Decongestant pills:** A common side effect of these pills is moderate jitteriness. You shouldn't take such pills if you have uncontrolled high blood pressure or a heart condition.

**Take a pain reliever to ease headache or facial pain.** For inflammation, you may get more benefit from a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug like ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), naproxen (Aleve) or aspirin.

So when might it be reasonable to ask your doctor to prescribe antibiotics for a sinus infection, because it might be caused by bacteria? Here are some rules of the road:

■ When the symptoms are prolonged. For example, if after 10 days your infection is not getting better, it's reasonable to call your doctor and ask about an antibiotic.

■ When the symptoms are severe. Alarm signs of a bacterial sinus infection are sharp pain in the cheeks or teeth accompanied by a fever.

■ When the symptoms are getting worse. If you have cold-like symptoms that progress to severe pain and fever, antibiotics may be worth considering.

Finally, even if your doctor does eventually prescribe an antibiotic, don't expect too much. In clinical trials that compared antibiotics to a placebo pill for confirmed bacterial sinusitis, the antibiotic had minimal effect.

Why is that? Most likely it's because the sinuses are blocked. A bacterial sinus infection needs to drain. It's like a boil on your skin, if you've ever had one. Antibiotics help only a little — until the boil is lanced and the pus inside drains away. Also, the antibiotic in the bloodstream can't reach the bacteria inside the sinus, just the bacteria in the lining of the sinus (which is where the blood is flowing).

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## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Don't count on pharmacy to be above making errors

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: Ten years ago, I lived in a different city. I went to the pharmacy to pick up my prescription, and did the "grab and go."**

**When I got home, I started to pour the rest of the existing medication into the new bottle. (That was my habit at the time.) I realized that the new pills didn't look right, so I started checking. The medication in the bottle was for someone else, although the paperwork attached to the bag had my name on it.**

**I immediately went back to the pharmacy and told them they had put someone else's medication in my bag.**

**Several people were waiting for their prescriptions to be filled, and the pharmacy people tried to get rid of me, insisting that what I was saying could not have happened.**

**I was persistent, so finally the pharmacist checked my bag, just to shut me up.**

**Much to her horror, she discovered that not only was such a mistake possible, but that it had happened. To her relief, she found that the other person's bag hadn't been picked up yet, and my medication was in it. All she had to do was swap the bottles into the correct bags.**

**This could happen with any pharmacy anywhere. Since then I have been extra careful about checking my prescriptions.**

**A: We would all like to imagine that pharmacies are error-free zones. In truth, however, mistakes are shockingly common.**



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One study revealed a dispensing error rate "of more than 1 in 5 prescriptions" (Journal of the American Pharmacists Association, March-April 2009).

Last year, more than 4 billion prescriptions were filled in the U.S. A 20 percent error rate would represent 800 million mistakes. Although most are relatively minor, some have led to disability and even death.

**Q: You wrote about how to avoid colds. I am in excellent health, get an adequate amount of sleep, exercise every other day and wind up getting just one minor cold per year. I believe this is due to taking vitamin C and zinc daily, as well as my habitual exercise. When I feel a cold coming on, I take a couple of zinc lozenges that day, and the cold never materializes!**

**A: Zinc is essential for the immune system to function optimally.**

Older people, vegetarians and those taking diuretics and ACE-inhibitor blood pressure pills such as lisinopril may be low in this crucial mineral.

A recent study of older people with low zinc levels found that after three months of supplementa-

tion (30 mg/day), they had more T cells, and the cells were more active in responding to a simulated infection (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition online, Jan. 27).

**Q: I noticed that ads for prescription medication include a generic name of the medication that somebody is trying to peddle. Those generic "words" look like someone poured a bunch of letters out on the table. They are more like scrambled letters and do not make sense as regular words. What's the deal?**

**A: The FDA requires an official or generic name for every drug. Sadly, these often are difficult to spell and pronounce.**

New cancer drugs like ibrutinomab tiuxetan and pembrolizumab are tongue twisters, but so are old epilepsy meds such as levetiracetam. We agree with you that such hard-to-pronounce names are problematic for both patients and health professionals.

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

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# How to raise a political mini-me

With the Illinois primary looming, political scientists offer strategies for the homefront

By Nara Schoenberg  
Chicago Tribune

The 6-year-old came into the room, put his hands on his hips, faced down the nearest parent, and fired off a question: "Dad, what are we?"

"What do you mean, what are we?" his father asked.

"What are we? Are we Republicans or Democrats? I need to know because we're voting at school!"

As this story from political scientist Peter Hatemi suggests, shaping the political identity of your very young child is often as easy as pointing the way. But by the time they've reached adulthood, only about 65 percent of Americans will side with their parents' political parties.

Those odds don't sound very good, so in the spirit of primary partisanship, intellectual curiosity — and, OK, yes, a little friendly familial mind control — we asked leading political scientists: Is there a way to improve the likelihood that your child will grow up to be your political mini-me?

Lesson one: If you really want to get the job done, you should choose a spouse or partner who shares your political views.

"Without a doubt, who you choose as a mate is the single most important thing if you want your children to share your values," says Hatemi, a professor of political science, microbiology and biochemistry at Penn State.

The bad news for those seeking to improve their odds is that most of us already marry people with compatible political values.

And the bad news for men is that if the parents do differ politically, the kids are somewhat more likely to end up agreeing with their mom, according to Gregg R. Murray, an associate professor of political science at Texas Tech University.

So let's move on to Plan B: Talk to your kids.

Intuitively, it seems likely that talking about politics would improve the odds of winning over your kids, and that indeed is the strategy suggested by Helmut Norpoth, a professor of political



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science at Stony Brook University.

"The most important thing is that parents talk to their kids — talk about politics in one way or another," Norpoth says. "If parents are heavy-handed, that's probably not going to work. It probably works best if it's pretty informal."

In a paper published in 2015 in the *American Sociological Review*, Hatemi and his co-author Christopher Ojeda did find that communicating about politics was helpful, but only when children were close to their parents and viewed them as supportive.

With more communication alone (but not greater emotional support), the adult child's ability to correctly identify the parent's political party rose, an important win because a surprising 30 to 33 percent of adult children in the study couldn't correctly identify whether their parents were Democrats, Republicans, or

members of some other party.

So why wouldn't a better understanding of your parent's politics translate into better agreement on which party to support?

There are several possible explanations, Hatemi says: "Imagine you have a child who misperceives you, no matter what you say, or actually has different views, so the more you discuss it, the more they begin to resent you."

In other words, your kid might have all the information needed to follow in your political footsteps, but not the motivation.

One potential source of motivation is perceived social support, as measured by questions such as: How much do your parents listen to you if you need to talk about your worries or problems? How much do your parents understand the way you think and feel? How much could you count on your parents to lend you

a few hundred dollars if you really needed the money?

Children in Hatemi's study who reported more social support were more likely to adopt what they thought were their parents' party preferences. The problem was, they were often wrong about their parents' views.

The solution? Hatemi's study suggests a two-pronged approach:

"If you communicate with your child regularly about what your values are and why you have those values, there's a much higher probability of them really understanding you," he says. "And if at the same time you have a great and strong connection with them — good social support, good bonding — then you get the highest probability that your kids are going to mirror your beliefs. (You want them to) not only know what you believe in, but be close to you and want to believe those things."

## Tip sheet: Getting your kid's vote

If you want to raise a political mini-me, experts say your best bet is probably to:

- Marry someone with the same political views.
- Talk about news and politics at home.
- Come across as a supportive, understanding parent.
- Refrain from heavy-handed lobbying.

Murray says that when his 22-year-old daughter was growing up, he and his wife, who are both fairly moderate in their beliefs, were interested in encouraging her to think critically, rather than to adopt a particular political outlook.

"I can't tell you that she had a really strong interest in (politics), given that her dad is a political scientist — much to my chagrin," Murray says.

If he and his wife had been inclined to exert maximum influence, he says, the best strategy would probably have been to work in tandem, talking regularly about politics, watching the news with their daughter, and interpreting public events in a partisan light.

Norpoth, who adopted a different political stance from his parents when he was growing up in Germany, says he doesn't think there was really anything they could have done differently.

"I must have been a cranky kid — a rebel," he quips.

But he does see some potential avenues for influencing some kids.

If, for example, you're doing volunteer work for a political campaign, and your child genuinely wants to get involved, you'll be in a good position to help shape his or her politics.

"It's like a parent spending time with a kid doing a sport — and the kid likes the sport," says Norpoth. "That, I think, is the way it would work."

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7042 Emerson St, Morton Grove	Vikaruddin Mohammed	Robert D Hanley	02-09-16	\$178,000
8340 Callie Ave, # 104, Morton Grove	Michael Beling & Seon Kyoung Kim	Andrew E Rabin	02-04-16	\$236,000
8905 Belleforte Ave, Morton Grove	Efthymios Grammatidis & Bessie Grammatidis	Antoaneta Galaboya	02-04-16	\$260,000
5412 Reba St, Morton Grove	Afrim Sejdiv	Leticia Flores	02-03-16	\$293,000
8809 W Golf Rd, # 8C, Niles	Wonhee Kim	Kyu B Hwang	02-02-16	\$96,000
6523 N Riverview Ave, Niles	Danielle Hansen Moran	Right Residential II Fund 2	02-08-16	\$295,000
8144 N Octavia Ave, Niles	Leticia R Siriapismai & Tania R Siriapismai	John Khamo	02-03-16	\$322,500
7051 W Touhy Ave, # 601, Niles	Emma Benyamin	Neveres Vrtagic	02-05-16	\$355,000
8207 W Park Ave, Niles	Vincent Joseph & Litty Vincent	Eve Bulava	02-04-16	\$485,000
200 S Dee Rd, # 2B, Park Ridge	Casey J Grimmer & Kathleen M Kalina Grimmer	Allen Rapp	02-09-16	\$155,000
530 N Dee Rd, Park Ridge	Krasimir Angelov & Lidia Angelova	Donald Psczczola Estate	02-09-16	\$205,000
1904 Linden Ave, Park Ridge	Dariusz Gorski & Izabella Gorski	Patrick E Walter	02-02-16	\$247,000
1829 S Fairview Ave, Park Ridge	Richard E Wharton & Sasithron J Wharton	Glen Mullaly	02-04-16	\$272,000
44 Park Ln, # 132, Park Ridge	Robert Jendras & Judith Steinhohrt	James R Marte Jr	02-03-16	\$290,000
1031 Glenlake Ave, Park Ridge	Hyder Farooq & Kari Farooq	Christopher A Lee	02-04-16	\$321,000
1212 Parkside Dr, Park Ridge	Dean Karkazis & Jennifer Karkazis	Dinkel Trust	02-09-16	\$490,000
411 Cedar St, Park Ridge	Michael Pagliari & Alexandra Pagliari	Robert J Ryan	02-04-16	\$1,029,000
328 S Knight Ave, Park Ridge	Mark Kaminsky & Julie Danny	Clada Construction Llc	02-05-16	\$1,100,000
10700 W Higgins Rd, # 220, Rosemont	Kiril Zlatarski	Judicial Sales Corp	02-10-16	\$51,500

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**DEERFIELD**

This split level home features living room with beamed cathedral ceiling, L-shaped dining room and hardwood floors. The newly remodeled kitchen has updated appliances and overlooks the family room with stone fireplace. Wood and glass French doors open wide into the first of three patios within fenced yard. A beautiful curved wooden staircase leads to the bedrooms. Close to I-94 and Metra.

**Address:** 640 Castlewood Lane  
**Price:** \$439,000  
**Schools:** Deerfield High School  
**Taxes:** \$11,463  
**Agent:** Nancy Abzug, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Deerfield

**NORTHBROOK**

Remodeled home with new kitchen has huge center island, richly-hued 42-inch cabinetry and top stainless steel appliances. Living room and dining room with fireplace and scenic wooded views from triple picture windows. Four bedrooms; Master bedroom boasts sparkling new bath and organized triple closets. Spacious front room with second wood burning fireplace. Heated sun room with planked ceilings opens to large patio and fenced backyard.

**Address:** 884 Bittersweet Drive  
**Price:** \$519,900  
**Schools:** Glenbrook North High School  
**Taxes:** \$8,910  
**Agent:** Nancy Gibson, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Northbrook

**HIGHLAND PARK**

Mid-century home provides an open floor plan, exposed brick and rich woods. Addition put on in 2008. Updated kitchen and baths. Over 4,000 square feet with new floor-to-ceiling windows on a cul de sac.

**Address:** 854 Woodbine Road  
**Price:** \$729,000  
**Schools:** Highland Park High School  
**Taxes:** \$19,397  
**Agent:** Maxine Goldberg, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Highland Park

**WILMETTE**

Updated farmhouse situated on a quiet street. Front porch, first floor living room, separate dining room, sun room, powder room and kitchen, with separate island and seating, granite counters, stainless steel appliances. Bonus mudroom and back patio overlooking fenced yard. Second floor includes three bedrooms and large full bath.

**Address:** 248 Wood Court  
**Price:** \$569,000  
**Schools:** New Trier Township High School  
**Taxes:** \$9,601.70  
**Agent:** Linnea Jacobs, @Properties

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## Thursday, March 10

**Teddy bear talk:** German historian Anette Isaacs discusses the woman behind the teddy bear. 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, \$3 suggested donation, 847-391-5399

**Meiko & Marie Digby: The Hapa Tour:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$17-\$30, 847-492-8860

**Diabetes month by month:** Learn how to prevent, manage and take care of your diabetes in order to prevent complications. Class is bilingual (English and Spanish). 5 p.m. Thursday, Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center, 1285 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, free, 847-666-2346

**Soul Strings an Evening of Chassidic Song:** Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois hosts "Soul Strings" an evening of Chassidic song and inspiration featuring renowned orator Rabbi Y.Y. Jacobson and singing sensation Eli Marcus. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Free general admission. Reserved seats are \$10, \$25, \$54, \$100, 847-564-8770

**"It's a Matter of Taste":** Members of both the Women's Club of Evanston and this year's beneficiary, Family Matters, write, direct, choreograph, and perform an entertaining variety show to benefit Family Matters. 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Woman's Club of Evanston, 1702 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$35-\$40, 847-475-3800

**Tribute to Bix Bus Tour to Hell:** See former clubs, ballrooms, homes and cemeteries where hot jazz musicians played during the 1920s in Chicago. Noon Thursday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, \$15, 847-996-0246

**"Connecting Cultures: 40 Years at the Mitchell Museum":** The exhibit celebrates four decades of thought-provoking exhibits, lectures, and performances through photographs and memorabilia. 10 a.m. daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 children, seniors; \$5 adults; Tribal Members Free, 847-475-1030

**"Marnie & Phil: A Circus Love Letter":** Through the spectacular circus wizardry of The Actors Gymnasium,

Marnie & Phil: A Circus Love Letter tells a time-spanning, multi-generational story that explores how our friendships stay with us over time, recede, and can come back to save us just when we need them to. 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$25; \$15 for students, 847-328-2795

**"Proof":** The story is about Catherine, a troubled young woman, who has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$35, 847-834-0738

**Much Ado about Mysterles:** This group meets quarterly. This discussion topic is: "Spoiling the Broth: Culinary Mysterles (part 2)." Registration is appreciated by calling the library or at the event website. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Teen Tech Week: Tech Petting Zoo:** Take a photo in front of our green screen and place yourself anywhere in the world; design and print a sticker using the Cameo Portrait printer; or program the LEGO Mindstorm to move at your command. 3:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Niles Songwriters:** Local songwriters meet on the second Thursday of the month at the library's Lower Level to discuss their craft and play their music. Acoustic instruments are welcome. 7 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Evening with the Author Christine Sneed:** Evanston author Christine Sneed reads her work at the Library. Her latest novel, "Paris, He Said," was published in 2015 and will be available to purchase. 7 p.m. Thursday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Neil DeGrasse Tyson: Five Cosmic Questions:** Before he dies, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, host of the renowned television series Cosmos, would like to know the answers to five questions about the universe and our place in it. 10 a.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$40 (NSSC member); \$52 (non-member), 847-784-6030

**Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings:** Chicago Fly Fishers Club meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays from October through May. Demonstrations of fly tying are per-

formed 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

**Silver Screen 101:** For those who would like to make a movie, come join in this class, where participants come away with a three to five minute short film project. Learn what a writer, a director, a director of photography and many other key positions contribute to the movie making process. For ages 18 and up to attend, but please register in advance by contacting the Centennial Activity Center. 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$100, 847-692-3597

**Park Ridge Garden Club Meeting:** Author Roy Diblik, a recognized perennial plant expert, grower, designer, speaker and author, shares tips from his book, "The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden." Learn how to combine complementary plants that thrive as a community with minimum maintenance. All are welcome. The PR Garden Club is a member of the Garden Clubs of IL Inc., Dist. IX & Natl. Garden Clubs, Inc. 7 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-302-2048

**Legends of Laughter II: The Comedy Teams Film Series:** This ten-film series showcases the great movie comedy teams of the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for patrons of all ages to enjoy. 7 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-720-3209

**Karaoke Thursdays:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

**Two Way Crossing at Joe's Live Rosemont:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, 10 p.m. Friday, Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$10, 847-261-0392

**Food Drive in Skokie:** Requesting donations of canned goods and dry food products to fill the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry. All foods can be dropped off at Walgreens. For further information, call Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation office at 847-675-4141. Walgreens, 3945 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

**The Jewish Course of Why:** The top 50 questions about Jews and Judaism

were selected for this Jewish Learning Institute course. Please call for more info or visit the website. The \$100 registration fee includes the textbook 9 a.m. Thursday & 9 a.m. Sunday, Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie, \$100; discount available.

**Jeff Dean in "Johnny Mercer: Dream":** Join Chicago cabaret singer Jeff Dean along with musical director Beckie Menzie as they explore Johnny Mercer's life, loves and music. Mercer provided 1,500 lyrics for 230 different composers, undoubtedly the most versatile and adaptable writer in the Great American Songbook. 8 p.m. Thursday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$22, 847-677-7761

**Special Exhibition "Three Years, Eight Months, and Twenty Days: The Cambodian Atrocities and the Search for Justice":** Learn about the Cambodian genocide and the current trials to bring the perpetrators to justice, 40 years later. 10 a.m. daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

## Friday, March 11

**Friday Night Fish Fry:** Enjoy all-you-can-eat Lake Perch Dinner for \$14.99. 5 p.m. Friday, White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville, \$14.99, 630-766-0304

**"Chicago Doo Wop Dreams":** Music, Chicago, Live brings their hit show to the historic Leela Arts Center in Des Plaines. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, Tickets are \$15 to \$25, 800-838-3006

**Livingston Taylor:** With Chelsea Berry. 7 p.m. Friday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$18-\$42, 847-492-8860

**How to Keep Your Mouth Healthy As You Age:** Each attendee receives free dental care items. Presented by Illumident Inc. GLEnergy is a partner program with the Village of Glenview Senior Services and North Shore Senior Center. Please register by calling the library or to the website. 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**"A New Slant on the Old West":** Karen Barrie, artist, blends her artistic talents and professional training into a multifaceted career as an author, freelance writer, and healthcare consultant. The exhibit space is open during regular

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**Appy Hour: Productivity:** Come with your smartphone or tablet to learn how to download apps for to-do lists, calendars, note-taking, and other ways of staying productive. Please bring device login information. 3 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Gentle Yoga:** Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 & 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Friday Fish Fry at Allgauer's on the Riverfront:** All-you-can-eat Friday Fish Fry with coleslaw, potato cake, french fries from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Allgauer's on the Riverfront/Northbrook Hilton, 2855 N. Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, \$13 per person, 847-664-7999

**European Art in the Age of Shakespeare:** Artists to be discussed include Caravaggio, Frans Hals, Rubens and Tintoretto, among others. 10 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC members; \$13 non-members, 847-784-6030

**The Columbian Exchange of Food and other items:** Sara Drower presents this fascinating tale of the exchange of plants, animals, technology, human populations, and ideas between Europe and the Americas. 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC members; \$13 non-members, 847-784-6030

**Share The Warmth:** Volunteers wanted — Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. A basic crochet stitch can be taught if needed. Bring lunch. Attendees often gather until 2 or 3 p.m. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

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

**Power Employment Workshop:** We'll show you how to set SMART goals to keep your search on track, use social media to connect with hiring managers,

"beat the Bot" and get your resume through today's Applicant Tracking Systems, as well as master the two critical interview skills that get you hired. 8:30 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

**Ellen Winters slings Rosemary Clooney:** Ellen Winters returns to the theater for a wonderful trip down memory lane with her tribute to Rosemary Clooney. 8 p.m. Friday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$25, 847-677-7761

**"The Music Man":** 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Wilmette Park District Auditorium, 3000 Glenview Road, Wilmette, \$14-\$16, 847-256-9686

## Saturday, March 12

**International Women's Day Conference: Women of Courage:** Come to hear a variety of speakers and learn at workshops covering topics: navigating the workplace to developing healthy relationships and embracing one's gender identity. Keynote Speaker: Dr Stacey Reicherzer "Women's Self-Sabotage on the Road to Success." RSVP to this event from inershoesfoundation.org or eventbrite. Tickets are: \$25 general admission; \$15 for Foundation members; free for Oakton faculty and students with ID. 9 a.m. Saturday, Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, \$15-\$25, 847-635-1600

**Kol Emet Spring Concert: We are Family:** Cantor Susan Lewis Friedman with special guest Cantor Daniel Singer of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York performs numbers from famous musicals, Jewish operatic works, and Yiddish theater that were popular at the turn of the 20th century. 8 p.m. Saturday, Beth Emet The Free Synagogue, 224 Dempster, Evanston, \$10 (Students/Children); \$25 (adult); \$18 (Senior), 847-869-4230

**Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday:** Adult Comedy every Saturday night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sculfield and Mark Simmons. 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:** 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 & Sunday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

**Special Genealogy Program: DNA, Behind the Scenes:** Dan Hubbard explains what you need to know about DNA and genealogy. Dr. Hubbard currently serves as president of the Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society. Please register by calling or to the website. 1 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Battle Balls National Bubble Soccer Charity Event:** Bubble soccer operators in cities across the nation are mobilizing to support Dave Dubin and AliveAndKickn, an organization which focuses on raising awareness for research, education and screening for Lynch Syndrome. 8 p.m. Saturday, Falcon Boxing Gym, 3090 N. Lake Terrace Road, Glenview, \$25 per person, 312-880-7061

**ACT Essay Prep Session:** To register, visit the website or call the library. 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Sounds of Brazil with Dede Sampaio:** Explore a new culture as this program explores many aspects of Brazilian history, geography, and customs through its music. The audience may participate in a hands-on percussion line. The Library is not responsible for unattended belongings and it is appreciated if strollers not be brought into the library for this event. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Second Saturday Breakfast Bingo:** Kids and families are welcome to enjoy some breakfast treats as everyone plays Bingo. Enjoy a kick start to one's weekend with a morning of family fun at the library. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Monthly meeting of Essential Tremor Group of Northbrook:** For people who have been diagnosed with Essential Tremor. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-564-1777

**Cosmic Skating:** The Northbrook Park District offers Cosmic Skating for all ages with a DJ, club-style lighting, games and activities. Skate rental available. 7 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Sports Center, 1730 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, \$5, 847-291-2993

**Dive for gold:** North Suburban YMCA members can celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the pool. The pool is green and kids collect gold tokens from the bottom. 2 p.m. Saturday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free,

847-272-7250

**Intro to Digital Photography:** Spend an afternoon learning how your DSLR camera works, how to adjust settings, basic lighting and posing techniques, and composition tips and tricks. 2 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Park District Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$59 Northbrook Park District residents; \$75 non-residents, 847-291-2995

**Writing the Short or Feature Screenplay:** This class is for writers ages 18 and up who can be in a creative environment to kick start the screenplay process. Please register in advance by contacting the Centennial Activity Center or for more information. 2 p.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Park District Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$100, 847-692-3597

**Twice as Nice Moms Spring Resale:** Join in this Spring Resale of gently used and like-new kids' clothing (sizes 0-10+), maternity items, baby equipment, toys and much much more. Bring a laundry basket for easy shopping. Please no strollers the first two hours. Half price sale is from noon to 1 p.m. All are welcome. 8 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, \$1 admit; purchases vary, 847-823-4135

**18th Annual Helping Hands Dinner and Silent Auction:** First table closes at 6:30 p.m. Rockhounds of all ages can bid on rocks, crystals, minerals, fossils, jewelry and more to add to their collections. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Takes place in the church gym. 6 p.m. Saturday, St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave., Skokie, free, 312-623-1554

**Preserving Survivor Stories:** Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and "natural language" technology software will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

**The 2016 Wilmette World's Fair:** Join Cultural Care Au Pair and Language Stars to celebrate the cultures of the world. Learn about South American, European and Asian cultures and traditions, featuring food, crafts, glitter tattoos and much more. RSVP is needed at [www.wilmetteworldsfair.eventbrite.com](http://www.wilmetteworldsfair.eventbrite.com). 3 p.m. Saturday, Language Stars, 335 Ridge Road, Wilmette, free, 847-256-8000

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## Sunday, March 13

**Albert Cummings:** 8 p.m. Sunday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$25, 847-492-8860

**Do Not Submit: A Storytelling Open Mic:** Second Sundays of the Month. Local event that is pressure free night for storytellers from zero to decades of experience to connect, share stories, and hone their craft. 5:30 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Concert for Peace: Moving to Peace:** Come hear the HAWK String Quartet and more, with a special appearance by members of the Glenview Community Church Chancel Choir, in a concert exploring the theme of peace. The free will donation to benefit: Hands of Peace ([www.handsofpeace.org](http://www.handsofpeace.org)). 3 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

**MGPL Kids: Yoga Kids:** Introduces your youngster (this is for ages 3-6) to yoga. To register, please call the library or visit the website. 2 & 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Flute-Tastic!** Enjoy performances by flautists Debra Stombres, Barbara Saks, Joyce Oakes, and guitarist Ken Rothacker. 3 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Brian Wismer family fun:** Former Ringling Brothers Circus clown Brian Wismer hosts a fun, active game show challenge for the whole family. 2 p.m. Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Two Pianos Four Hands: Pianissimo:** "Pianissimo!" features Susan Merdinger, Irina Feoktistova, Svetlana Belsky and Elena Doubovitskaya, who perform works by Beethoven, Smetana, Saint-Saens, and Debussy. 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Carnival at the JCC:** Magic by David Gichner, carnival games, face painting, lollipop prize tree, silent auction, and treats. 4 p.m. Sunday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, \$36 per family in advance, \$40 at the door, 224-406-9213

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois:** Jeanne Reed, wife of the late Walter Reed, will speak about her husband's book, "The Children of La Hille:

Eluding Nazi Capture During World War II." The JGSI meeting facilities at Temple Beth-El will open at 12:30 p.m. for the use of the genealogical help desk and library. 2 p.m. Sunday, Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 312-666-0100

**Survivors Speak:** Take advantage of the unique opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivor tell their story and answer questions. 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

**Architecture Tour: Symbolic by Design:** Learn how renowned Chicago architect Stanley Tigerman infused every space in the museum with historical and emotional symbolism. 11 a.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

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**JCC Chicago Film Festival:** The third annual JCC Chicago Film Festival introduces Chicago to the finest in Jewish film. Three titles will be shown: "A Blind Hero: The Love of Otto Weidt," "Every Face Has a Name," and "Surviving Skokie." Each screening will be followed by an audience talkback. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

**Yale's Whim 'n Rhythm A Cappella Group Performs:** Whim 'n Rhythm is Yale's premiere all-senior, all-female a cappella group. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette, Suggested donations: \$10 adult, \$5 child, and free for child under 6, 847-251-7333

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**Young Artist Showcase:** Amber Scherer, a local gifted pianist, will play a concert of classical music. She has been

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## Monday, March 14

**Community Service Club:** From making placemats for Meals on Wheels to creating coloring books for children in need, come complete projects for the community while earning community service hours. Grades 6-8, drop-ins welcome, and registration required. 4 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**"Big Little Lies" an Offsite Book Discussion:** This adult book discussion will be at the Lincolnwood Community Center and features "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty. 11 a.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Knitting Roundtable for Adults:** Ronnie Rund, an expert knitter, shows attendees how to knit or how to solve knitting challenges. Bring one's current project(s) and needles. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Happy Pi day:** Celebrate Pi, 3.14, on 3/14. Make bracelets using Pi code, solve puzzles and even complete a Pi workout. 3:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**American Politics and Current Events:** Come to actively contribute to the moderator-led discussion as we cover a wide variety of topics, or come just to listen and learn from the opinions of others. 9 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 (NSSC member); \$25 (non-member), 847-784-6030

**STAR Art Workshop:** Instructor Rae Penzin, teaches all ability levels in acrylics. Advance registration required. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$64 member, \$74 guest, 847-692-3597

## Tuesday, March 15

**Financial Planning Appointments:** Schedule a free one-hour consultation

with a Certified Financial Planner. Call extension 7700 to register. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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**Beginning College Planning Workshop:** Talk to a college counselor who believes it's never too early to begin preparing for college admissions. She will speak to parents and students grades 8-12. Space is limited so register in advance. 7 p.m. Tuesday, College Nannies and Tutors, 958 N. Harlem Ave., Glenview, free, 847-998-5657

**Veteran Center Services:** An informational table about readjustment services available to eligible veterans and their families in the form of counseling, benefits info, job referral and employment assistance. Hosted by the Evanston Vet Center. noon Tuesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Being a wise consumer:** Learn about differences between assisted living, supportive living, home health and home care, and find out about accessibility issues. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Enhance Your Memory: A Memory Training Class:** This four-part course combines presentations with group discussions, memory checks, and skill-building exercises for an innovative educational experience. Please register in advance by contacting the Centennial Activity Center or for more information. 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Park District-Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$49 member; \$59 guest, 847-692-3597

**A Leslie Goddard Park Ridge Premier Presentation:** A 20th Century Club favorite, Leslie brings famous historical figures to life through the use

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of costumes, stories, hands-on artifacts, period photos, and historical illustrations. 1 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, free, 312-391-6788

Wednesday, March 16

**Under 40 Networking:** There is no fee to attend, but please register as there is an occupancy limit. This is a BYOB event and feel free to order dinner off the menu — the food bill is paid by each individual. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sunrise Grill, 1930 Touhy Ave., Des Plaines, free, 847-867-6059

**David Cook:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$25-\$75, 847-492-8860

**Wednesday Night Live at Glenview's Rock House:** Bring along a musical instrument and take the stage for two songs. Sign-up starts at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all ages. Email to: carolfes@gmail.com with questions. 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 224-616-3062

**All Things Spanish:** This group invites both native and non-native Spanish speakers to join in practicing their language skills and expanding their love for Spanish/Latino culture. Contact Carolyn Ramirez at cramirez@glenviewpl.org for more information or to sign up for group updates on monthly meetings. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Circle Time Swap for Preschool Teachers:** An opportunity to discover new material for use in your classroom, learn what your colleagues are doing and see how they do it. For preschool and kindergarten teachers or aides in Glenview. CPDUs (ISBE) and DCFS credits are available. Please register by calling or to the website. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Local Spelling Bee Competition:** Illinois adults age 50 and over can showcase a lifetime of knowledge and demonstrate their spelling skills through three levels of spelling competition: local, regional, and the State Finals. The winner and runner-up of the Local Bee go on to compete at the Regional Spelling Bee; date and location to

be announced in April. Culver's of Morton Grove is co-sponsoring the local bee and donates prizes for winning spellers. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**ESL Conversation Group:** Practice speaking English in an informal and friendly group setting. All skill levels are welcome to attend. To register for this event, call or visit the website. 3 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-929-5090

**Chess Club:** Chess sets and clocks provided. No registration is required. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**The Film "Carol":** This is an adaptation of Patricia Highsmith's seminal novel "The Price of Salt." Showing at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Knitting Studio and Workshop:** Brush up on your skills, learn new techniques, or just spend an afternoon knitting with others. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 North-

field Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6060

**Beginning Bridge Classes:** Call to register in advance or for information. 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$79, 847-692-3597

**Russian Night at the Orchestra:** Joined by students of Maine South's band and orchestra on the 1812 Overture, the Orchestra also plays Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy," and Prokofiev's "3rd Piano Concerto" with keyboard artist Leah Dominy as soloist. A complimentary post-concert food and drink reception is included. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$20 for seniors, \$25 for adults, and free admission for ages 18 and under, 847-692-7726

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**"Deadpool" ★★ 1/2**

R, 1:48, comedy

"Deadpool" is a movie about an unkillable wisenheimer who never shuts up, even while enduring or inflicting a degree of brutality that would've earned an X or a NC-17 rating just a few years ago. Showcasing a character born in a 1991 Marvel Comics "New Mutants" installment, the routine revenge fantasy positions itself as the

outsider Marvel franchise wannabe. Early on, Wade Wilson, played by Ryan Reynolds, learns he has late-stage cancer and hooks up with a sadistic scientist who subjects him to a series of torture sequences. He's immortal and the cancer's gone. But so is his face and skin, and the sociopath Deadpool is born. But at least Reynolds is entertaining. — *Michael Phillips*



**"Gods of Egypt" ★**

PG-13, 2:07, Action

The effects-driven (into the ground!) "Gods of Egypt" is so screwy, yet so lame, its already-infamous whitewashed casting issues are the least of its troubles. We're in ancient Egypt, mythological division. Big cheese Osiris (Australian native Bryan Brown) is about to bequeath the kingdom to his benevolent son Horus (Danish actor

Nikolaj Coster-Waldau). But the war-mongering brother of Osiris shows up; he's mean ol' Uncle Set, played by Gerard Butler, and Set is set on causing tsuris for Osiris. He kills him, and the queen, and yanks out the shining blueish-white eyeballs of Horus for good measure. The rest of "Gods of Egypt" relays how Horus gets his orbs and his kingdom back. Call it "Clash of the Whitans," and call it a folly that doesn't have the energy or delirium to qualify as entertaining crap. It's just crap. — *M.P.*



**"Kung Fu Panda 3" ★★ 1/2**

PG, 1:35, animated

A third installment in a franchise isn't always great. But sometimes, it can be a comforting guarantee of a good time at the movies, as is the case with "Kung Fu Panda 3." Roly-poly goofy panda and Dragon Warrior, Po (Jack Black) is being promoted to kung fu teacher by his master. With a star-studded voice cast, there's no shortage of

humor, but the animation is the real standout in this film. The engaging and heartfelt story, coupled with eye-popping animation, makes this film a total knockout. — *Katie Walsh*



**"Risen" ★ 1/2**

PG-13, 1:47, drama

You're probably already familiar with the Easter story, and that's one of the issues with "Risen" — you know where things are going, so it's hard to sustain patience while the incredulous characters play catch up. The film puts a grimly modern lens on the story of a Roman tribune, Clavius (Joseph Fiennes) discovering salvation in

Christ. Clavius and his men answer to the scheming Roman bureaucrat Pontius Pilate (Peter Firth), and carry out the brutal realities of Pilate's word, including the crucifixion of a man they call "the Nazarene." When the corpse goes missing, Clavius and Co. set off on a process of "CSI: Jesus," tracking down every disciple, friend and follower, unearthing fly-ridden corpses, turning Jerusalem topsy-turvy at Pilate's behest. It's an original and inventive way to illuminate the well-known story, but this is the only way in which the film feels compelling or fresh. — *K.W.*



**"Eddie the Eagle" ★★ 1/2**

PG-13, 1:45, drama

A cheery tale of unlikely sporting triumph, "Eddie the Eagle," directed by Dexter Fletcher, is often cookie-cutter sports-movie conventional, but you'd have to be stone-hearted to remain uncharmed by the story of real-life British ski jumper Michael "Eddie" Edwards (played by rising star Taron Egerton.) As a kid, Eddie de-

clares he's going to be an Olympian, despite his corrective leg braces and coke-bottle glasses. Training his sights on the 1988 Winter Olympics, and armed with the knowledge that Britain hasn't fielded a ski jumper since the 1920s, he figures the odds are in his favor to qualify for the games. He finds a drunken, washed-up American ski jumper, Bronson Peary (Hugh Jackman) to train him. Peary's outcast status allows a doubling down on the dark horse qualities that make eventual success taste that much better. — *K.W.*



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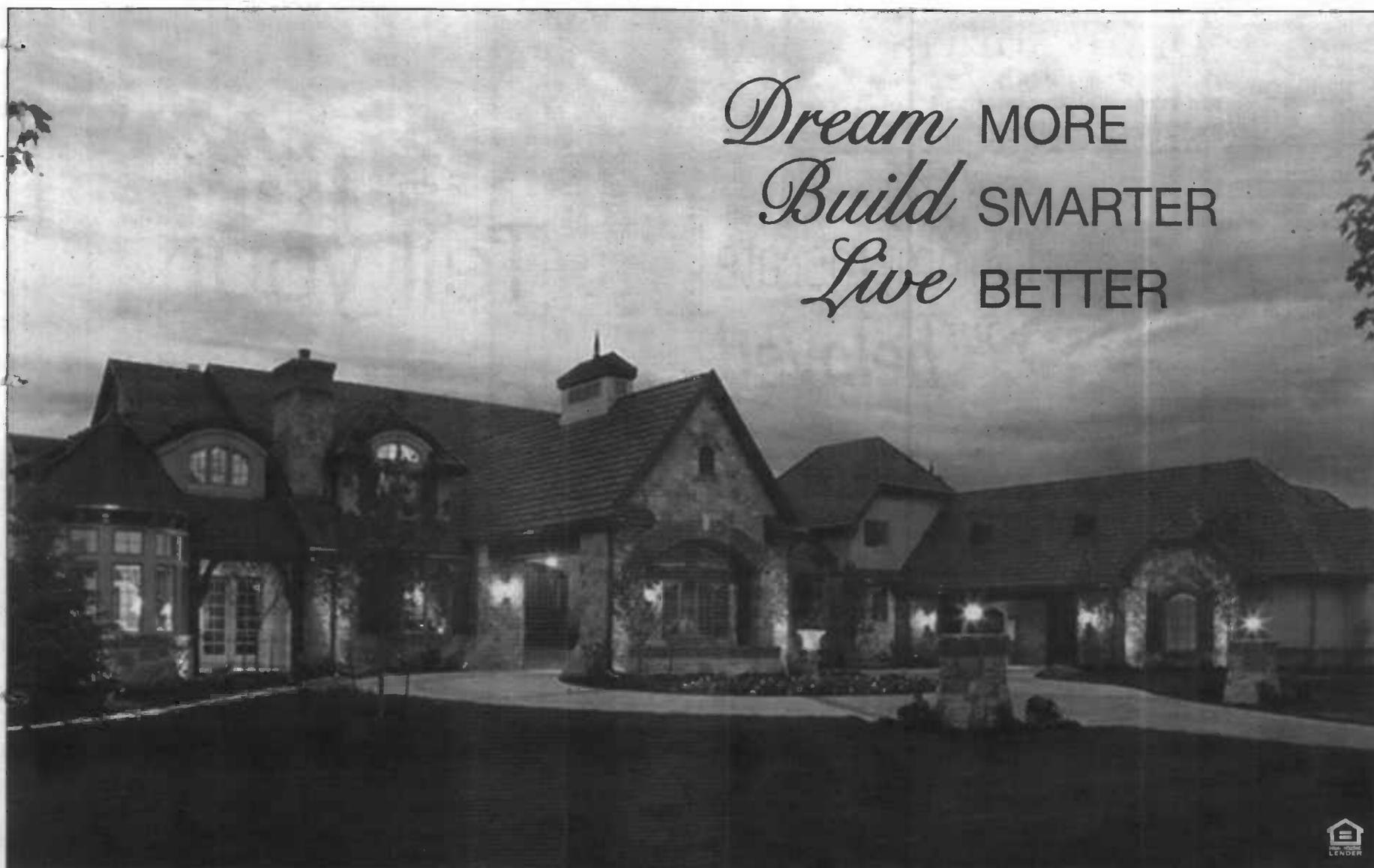
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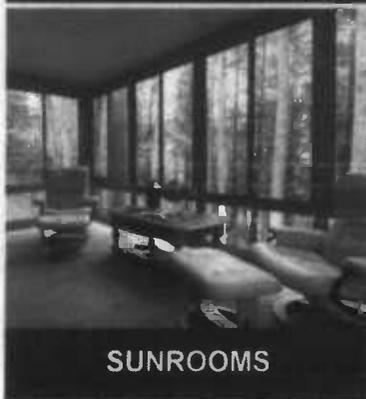
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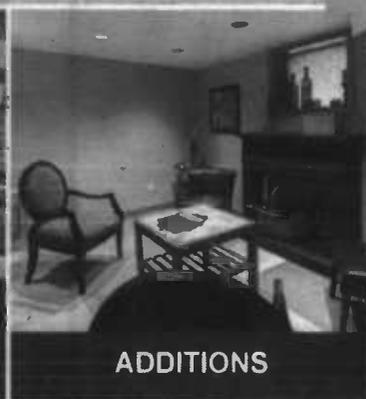
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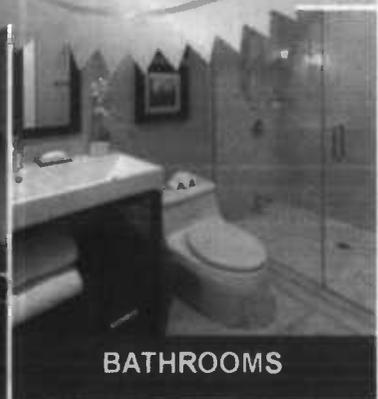
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# Still awaiting China's auto invasion

Inferior-quality vehicles, poor timing keeping brands out of the U.S. market

BY RICK POPELY  
Tribune Newspapers

Ten years ago, as new-vehicle sales were slipping and incentives were rising, auto manufacturers faced a potentially greater issue: Chinese brands were gearing up to sell low-cost vehicles in the U.S. that threatened to undercut the established brands.

The first Chinese vehicles were due to arrive as early as 2007, and industry analysts said it was almost certain they would be here by 2010.

Fast forward to 2016, and the only Chinese car or light truck you can buy in the U.S. is the Volvo S60 Inscription, a stretched, luxury version of Volvo's midsize sedan. Volvo is owned by Chinese manufacturer Zhejiang Geely.

The number of Chinese models available in the U.S. is due to double this summer, when the Buick Envision, a compact crossover SUV built by SAIC, will go on sale. Shanghai-based SAIC is a joint venture with General Motors, one of several partnerships between Chinese and well-known international manufacturers.

What happened to all those plans, and will Chinese manufacturers ever get here?

"They came to the realization that their product wasn't ready for the U.S. Consumers here are very, very discerning, and if they launched cars with subpar quality, that would really hurt them. Frankly, it would jeopardize any future plans to be successful in this market,"



VOLVO

The Volvo S60 Inscription is the lone Chinese-made car available in the U.S. Volvo is owned by China's Zhejiang Geely.

John Humphrey, senior vice president of global automotive operations at J.D. Power and Associates, said in a telephone interview.

Chinese manufacturers also had their hands full satisfying a rapidly growing domestic market, now the world's largest, with annual sales of around 24 million new vehicles, some 6 million more than in the U.S.

Now, though, China has excess production capacity to supply the home market, so car companies and the Chinese government are looking again at overseas markets.

Setting up a dealer network for vehicle and parts distribution, plus meeting stringent U.S. safety, emissions and fuel economy regulations, could take years.

"I think the earliest that you would see them on the road would be 2020 in any kind of meaningful volumes. They're going to

have to overcome a lot of dealer skepticism and a lot of consumer skepticism," Humphrey said. "It's not like turning a switch and shipping a bunch of vehicles over here in 2017. It's going to be a multiyear process."

Michelle Krebs, senior analyst for AutoTrader.com, agreed, saying, "I don't see it happening anywhere in the next four years, at least not in any volume."

After a record year in 2015, she and other analysts expect U.S. sales to peak this year and then fall off. That isn't the best time to launch a new brand, she said.

"That is no easy task, especially in the U.S., which is so competitive. We're moving toward our peak in the current (sales) cycle, and it's very expensive to establish new brands," Krebs said in a phone interview. "Average transaction prices are still going up, but not at the rate

that incentives are, and inventories are climbing, so we're already seeing a more competitive situation."

She also is skeptical that Chinese brands can succeed on price alone, because American consumers prize quality, reliability and safety even more. Moreover, millennials, the biggest chunk of the auto market for the next 30 years, also value brand equity and may reject unknown brands.

"What we see with millennial buyers is that they're very brand conscious and very aspirational. They don't care (where products are built), but they want the best products and very strong brands. Audi is a favorite brand among millennials, as well as luxury brands in general, and they like strong brands like Honda and Toyota," Krebs said.

With record numbers of off-lease vehicles flooding the used-car market, Hum-

phrey said, new Chinese vehicles with many unknowns will compete with like-new used cars from established brands.

"Do I want to take a chance on someone I've never heard of, like Great Wall or some other Chinese brand, or do I want to go with something that I know has strong quality, like an off-lease Accord or Camry or a Civic?" he said. "Any company from China is going to face a very uphill road."

Several Chinese companies have announced plans over the past 10 years to supply or sell vehicles in the U.S., but none has followed through.

Chery Automobile Co. was supposed to supply cars starting in 2007 to Visionary Vehicles, an enterprise created by the late Malcolm Bricklin, who co-founded Subaru of America and created the Bricklin sports car. After that fell through, Chery signed an agreement with

DaimlerChrysler to build a small car in China that was to be sold in the U.S. as early as 2008 under the Dodge brand. That agreement ended in 2008 as Chrysler prepared to enter bankruptcy.

Geely said in 2006 that it would launch a car in the U.S. in 2008 that started at \$10,000. Over the next two years, Changfeng Group Co., BYD Auto and Hebei Zhongxing Automobile, known as ZX Auto, also said they would begin selling in the U.S. in 2010 or earlier.

More recently, Guangzhou Automobile Group Motor Co., or GAC, said last year that it plans to sell an SUV in the U.S. at a 30 percent discount compared with rival vehicles starting in 2017.

Based on all those unfulfilled promises, neither Humphrey nor Krebs would predict which company is likely to be the first in the U.S.

Humphrey said he thinks the early ones will be state owned, either by the central Chinese government or a regional government, because they receive state subsidies and can absorb losses for longer periods than privately-owned companies. Beijing Auto, Chery and FAW are among the many government-owned manufacturers.

Krebs said she expects it will be a company that has had joint ventures with an international brand, such as SAIC (which partners with GM and Volkswagen), GAC (Fiat-Chrysler, Honda and Toyota) or Dongfeng (Honda and Nissan). Those brands have acquired more production expertise and a better idea of consumer quality expectations through their joint ventures, she said.

Rick Popely is a freelance reporter.

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Bob and Rosie Drucker, of Chicago, prepare to test-drive the all-electric Tesla Model X at the Tesla store in Highland Park, Ill., this month. The SUV's estimated range is 250 miles.

## Tesla's Model X worth wait

BY ROBERT DUFFER  
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Good things still come to those who wait, even in the digital age.

After four years of waiting for Model X, Tesla's sport utility vehicle, customers got to drive it and complete their orders as part of a 29-city North American tour.

Since 2012, more than 20,000 people made a leap of faith in the form of a \$5,000 (fully refundable) deposit, or reservation in Tesla-speak.

Tesla used the same chassis, power plant and technology as the peerless Model S performance sedan but expanded the body to accommodate three rows of easy-access seating. Then the company added falcon-wing doors, and the mechanical complexity was responsible for the protracted delays of the California automaker's third model.

The winged doors rise from the roof to offer easy access and ample headroom in all three rows, while still using an aerodynamic design.

The all-electric, all-wheel-drive vehicle, officially the Model X P90D performance SUV, has an estimated 250-mile range.

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Parting shot:

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The second-row seats, either in two bucket chairs or three seats across, get their own posts and controls. Child seats in the second row don't need to be removed to access the third row; just press the button to move the second-row seat forward.

In short, the doors are a back-saver. Getting in and out of the second and third row was easier than in my Honda Odyssey minivan and with less bending.

The doors can be controlled by the driver's huge 17-inch-by-11-inch touch screen, by buttons on the inside, or on the outside by pressing the door handle. The handles remain flush with the body until pushed, then the doors

take flight. Or just approach the car with the fob and the driver's-side door will open.

But the falcon-wing doors have another contender for coolest feature: the panoramic front windshield. While you're driving or riding shotgun, the Model X is like looking out of a helicopter. The windshield extends overhead into the roof to where the sunroof would be in traditional cars. The windshield visor that folds out from the door effectively splits the panoramic windshield in half. The overhead half is heavily tinted, so the sky appears in black and white.

The expansive front visibility contrasts with the very limited rear visibility in the tiny rear-view mirror, which appears staggered with head rests. Split the touch-screen interface into rear-view camera and navigation, for instance, and drivers will have eyes in the back and sides of their heads.

Then there's the gut-dropping performance of an SUV that can hit 60 mph in 3.2 seconds, just a shade off the 2.8-second time in the Model S.

It is no less breathtaking.

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## Leak rains on MDX parade



BOB WEBER  
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**Q: My 2005 Acura MDX front floors get soaked after driving in the rain or during snow-melt periods. So much so that I am able to press towels to the carpet and have to wring them out! I have checked the A/C condensate drain and it is clear. I have gotten underneath and see no holes in floor pans. I have run water on the sunroof, cleared the windshield cowl and soaked the windshield. No water. I have found comments about bad adhesive securing the two sections of firewall, and also information to drill weep holes at the bottom of the A-pillar, as water appears to accumulate in there. Seems this is an issue for many MDXs from about 2002 to 2009. Before I spend money to try fixes, can you tell me if you know of recommended repair processes?**

— T.M., Centerville, Va.

**A:** Trying to find the source of water intrusion is a lot like a dog chasing its tail. One common source is a plugged sunroof drain, but that is obviously not your issue since the floor gets wet after driving through standing water. When body parts are assembled to one another at the factory, a mastic sealer is applied to keep water out. Chances are, there is a gap in the vicinity of the fender-door pillar-firewall area. No amount of hosing down the car will reveal it. Forget the dealer. Find a good body shop that is able to R&R (remove and replace) the fender and fix the leak.

**Q: In your recent column, you mentioned voltmeters several times. My last car with a voltmeter was a 1984 Olds Delta 88. It was an option package that included an oil pressure gauge and coolant temperature gauge. It was an option that was well worth the money. My current car is a Toyota Avalon, nice car, but the dashboard is like most others. It has a large speedometer and a large tachometer (not of much use in an Avalon) flanked by a gas gauge and a temp gauge. Can**

**you drop the tachometer in favor of volt and/or oil pressure gauges? No. But all is not lost. There are voltmeters that plug into the cigarette lighter available on the Internet. I found a nice one with a digital display and red, green, and yellow LEDs. It's nice to glance over and see 13.8 or 13.9 when driving and 11.8 to 12.2 when starting up depending on how long the car had been sitting. We are not "powerless" as long they keep cigarette lighters in cars.**

— D.G., Darien, Ill.

**A:** There is a large selection of voltmeters available online and in auto parts stores, many well less than \$30.

We installed an LED voltmeter on our Harley, but had to wire it into the battery circuit. No cigarette lighter, or more appropriately power outlet, on the bike. There are no longer cigarette lighters on cars. No ashtray on either the bike or your Avalon.

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A letter-writer says Acura MDXs from about 2002 to 2009 are prone to water leaks.

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# Northridge slowed by injuries

BY ERIC VAN DRIL  
Pioneer Press

In many ways, the Northridge boys basketball team's season-ending, 37-27 loss to DePaul Prep was representative of the Knights' season.

Northridge trailed 14-4 after the first quarter against a more athletic team — one that includes Division I prospect Perry Cowan, a freshman forward. But the Knights didn't panic or overhaul their gameplan in the Class 2A Northridge Regional final on Feb. 26.

The Knights responded with a 14-1 run by "just sticking to the plan," senior guard Pat Hunt said. "As long as you stick to that plan, stick to the gameplan — don't change course — then you're going to be successful. We've been successful my whole career ... by sticking to the plan."

Northridge coach Will Rey added: "It's a marathon. You've just

got to stay the course, do what you do and do it well."

For the Knights (14-14), that included dictating the pace, offensively. They played a deliberate offensive style against DePaul Prep and, defensively, switched up the types of zone they played. They specifically focused on slowing Cowan and senior guard Craig Atkins.

The second-seeded Rams ended up winning by 10 points, but third-seeded Northridge was only down by five with less than a minute remaining.

"I couldn't have been more pleased with how hard they played and how well they played together," Rey said. "We just had trouble scoring, which is something that happened with us on and off, over the course of the season."

Rey attributed that to a lack of rhythm, which is the result of various members of Northridge's top eight suffering injuries. The

Knights didn't experience a major, season-ending injury, but their top eight players missed a total of 22 games, according to Rey.

Hunt and junior guard Kiko Maso were both injured in early February. Maso suffered an avulsion fracture, where a tendon ripped off a part of the bone at the bottom of his left foot. Maso was supposed to miss 4-6 weeks, but he returned in about three-and-a-half weeks. Maso played in Northridge's 50-36 victory over Rickover on Feb. 23.

Hunt sprained his right ankle. He returned for the regional final against DePaul Prep.

Maso and Hunt were key members of the Knights' starting lineup prior to their injuries, but they came off of the bench against the Rams. The reason, Hunt said, was to keep the starting lineup that led the Knights to five straight victories intact.

"This group just did a great job all year," Rey said. "They had a lot

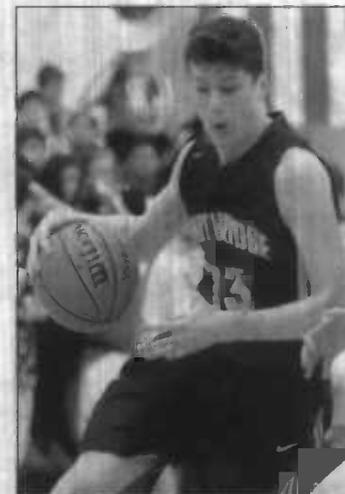
of adversity thrown at them and boy, they responded every time. It seemed like the more they had their backs against the wall, the better they responded."

Northridge reeled off five consecutive victories thanks to the leadership of its senior class, including co-captain Pablo Esparza, and the emergence of several non-seniors. Junior guard Sam Thornton, sophomore forward Joe Thursby and sophomore forward Andrew Deardurff all played well in larger roles.

Their emergence — along with the expected return of Maso, and sophomore guard John Kane and junior guard Ryan Haig developing further — bodes well for next season.

"It was really awesome to see that," Maso said.

Hunt added: "Going into this year, having lost four starters, a lot of people had doubts. I feel that we proved a lot of people wrong. Next year, it's going to be the same



PATRICK GORSKI/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Northridge's Joe Thursby drives against a DePaul Prep defender Feb. 26 in Niles.

deal with them. I really feel that Kiko and Sam and Ryan ... are really prepared well to lead the team next year."

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# Notre Dame's guards help beat Loyola, win regional

BY MATT HARNESS  
Pioneer Press

Ammar Becar and Anthony D'Avanzo are the two Notre Dame basketball players who receive the most attention.

But the Dons couldn't have won the Class 4A Loyola Regional without the play of Elvin Husejnovic, Lucas Simon and Matt Stritzel. The trio of guards scored a combined 23 points to help fourth-seeded Notre Dame beat 12th-seeded Loyola 52-50 on Friday, March 4, in front of a packed gym in Wilmette.

Notre Dame was scheduled to play top-seeded Evanston on March 8 in the Glenbrook South Sectional semifinal.

"I'm just out there doing my role, trying to make a play any way I can," said Simon, a senior and three-year varsity player. "I try to let the game come to me, try to play smart. A lot of teams focus on Ammar and Anthony, so sometimes it opens up opportunities for guys like me."

Simon scored Notre Dame's first four points of the game and the last four points of the second quarter to give the Dons (23-6 after the win) a 20-19 lead at intermission. He added two free throws in the fourth quarter to finish with 10 points.

"He kept us in the game in the first half," Notre Dame coach Tom Les said. "When we pound it inside, it allows those guys on the outside to get some good looks."

That was the case in the second half.

Becar, a 6-foot-6 senior forward, scored 12 of his

game-high 20 points in the third quarter, but the Dons went into the final eight minutes down 40-34. After two free throws from D'Avanzo, a 6-7 senior center, to start the fourth, Husejnovic and Stritzel connected on consecutive 3-pointers in a 31-second stretch to put the Dons ahead 42-40 with 5 minutes, 19 seconds remaining in regulation.

**"I'm just out there doing my role, trying to make a play any way I can. I try to let the game come to me, try to play smart."**

—Senior guard Lucas Simon

Husejnovic said it was the biggest basket he's scored in his varsity career. The senior played a smaller supporting role last season when Notre Dame won a regional championship.

"I don't remember it, really," he said of the 3. "It's a blur. I just remember hitting it, and the gym erupting. When Matt hit his, I was so happy."

While Simon and Stritzel started the regional final, Husejnovic came off the bench. He made his first appearance midway through the first quarter. Seconds later, he knocked down an 18-foot jump shot. He finished with five points.

"I have to have a good warmup and be ready at all times," Husejnovic said. "I

try to bring energy to the team when I come in, whether that's getting a loose ball, taking a charge or hitting a 3."

For his part, Stritzel, a junior, scored eight points, which included one free throw with 41.8 seconds left in the fourth quarter that increased Notre Dame's lead to four, 49-45.

"Elvin and Matt were huge," Simon said. "They hit some big shots for us. If us guards can do that, we are a dangerous team."

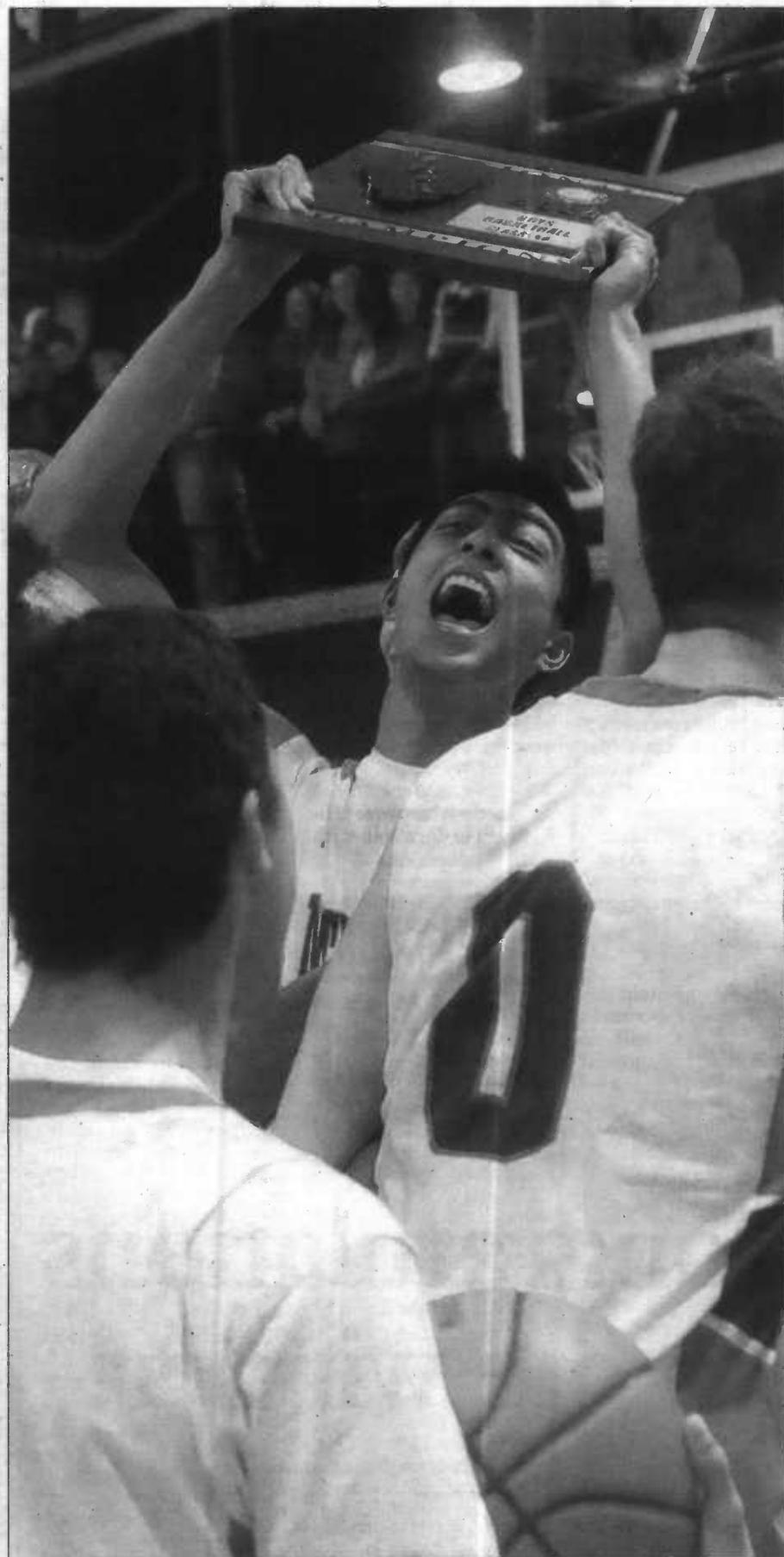
## Game notes

■ The Ramblers (16-15) were looking for their first regional title since the 2013-14 season when they went on to capture a sectional championship. They outscored the Dons 21-14 in the third quarter to take a 40-34 lead into the fourth. But Notre Dame started the fourth on an 8-0 run to go ahead for good at 42-40.

■ Junior guard Ramar Evans had 14 points for Loyola. After not scoring in the team's 51-49 win over fifth-seeded New Trier in the regional semifinal on Tuesday, March 1, senior forward Will Plodzeen recorded 12 points, including nine in the first half. Freshman guard Andre White Jr. came off the bench to score 11 points, none bigger than his 3-pointer with 7 seconds left in the fourth quarter to pull the Ramblers within one, 51-50.

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Notre Dame's Lucas Simon holds the regional plaque after the Dons' 52-50 victory over Loyola on March 4 in Wilmette.

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Kaihara. Gustafson said Butera, who pitched on the freshman team last spring, could end up being the team's No. 1 starter.

**They said it:** "The team is a very hard-working group, and the young players will be tested early," Gustafson said.

## North Shore Country Day

**Coach:** Paul Kosinski

**Top returners:** Sr. SS/P Jackson Gray (.286 BA, 5-2), Sr. C Alex Nickel (.317 BA), Jr. 2B Andrew Potter (.400 BA, 14 RBIs), Jr. 3B/P Connor Watrous (4-2, 1.12 ERA)

**Newcomers:** N/A

**2015 record:** 19-12 (11-3 Independent School League), lost to Westmont in the Class 2A sectional semifinals

**Season outlook:** The Raiders are hoping to reload, not rebuild, this spring after losing eight significant contributors to graduation from a program that has produced consecutive 19-win seasons. Even with only two seniors with experience back, Kosinski said Gray and Nickel are "fantastic leaders" and he's optimistic about the team's future.

**Storyline to watch:** Kosinski will likely experiment during the first half of season as tries to figure out his rotation and lineup combinations. He said he's been preaching patience to the players in the pre-season.

**They said it:** "We definitely have gotten much younger, but we have added a lot of energy and athleticism. If we remain patient and persistent, we can definitely put together another solid season," Kosinski said.

## Northridge

**Coach:** Pat Hunt

**Top returners:** Sr. 1B/P Isaac Reitzel, Sr. OF Martin Burch, Sr. 3B Mike McCarthy, Sr. P/Util. Patrick Hunt, Sr. OF Joey Skokna, Sr. OF Joel Sacris

**Newcomers:** Fr. P/IF Thomas Bennett, Fr. IF Paul

**Bilello**

**2015 record:** 10-15 (5-6 Independent School League), lost to Aurora Christian in Class 2A regional semifinal

**Season outlook:** Even with six seniors, the Knights are young. They return four sophomores who played on varsity as freshmen: Middle infielder Billy Semano, catcher Carlos DeLeon, left fielder John Kane and pitcher/third baseman Andrew Deardurff. Given the continued development of its sophomores and seniors, Northridge figures to be improved in 2016.

**Storyline to watch:** Deardurff, one of Northridge's most promising underclassmen, was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his lower back at the very end of the Knights' basketball season. Pat Hunt said he hopes Deardurff will be back by Easter.

**They said it:** "There's something about this group I'm really excited about. They listen and they try to do exactly what we're telling them to do, whether it's with their hands, with their hitting, with their weight distribution, with fielding technique [or] throwing technique," Pat Hunt said.

## Notre Dame

**Coach:** Nelson Gord

**Top returners:** Sr. C/P Sam Ferri (.379, 9 2Bs, 20 RBIs; 1-1, 6 saves, 0.38 ERA), Sr. IF David Wendel (.248, 8 RBIs), Sr. IF/OF/P Tim Simon (.293, 20 RBIs; 3-1, 1.70 ERA), Sr. IF/OF Ranko Stefanovic (.227, 10 RBIs), Sr. P Nick Stefanowicz (0-1, 2.03 ERA), Sr. 3B/OF Matt Segovia (.276, 4 HRs, 13 RBIs), Sr. P Scott Kutschke (7-2, 1.57 ERA)

**2015 record:** 23-14 (9-9 East Suburban Catholic Conference), lost to Loyola in Class 4A regional final

**Season outlook:** Sixteen seniors return for the Dons, including all of their position players with the exception of middle infielders Mike Ferri and Thomas Norton. The Dons' pitching and defense both figure to be strengths this season.

**Storyline to watch:** The key for Notre Dame — especially in its conference and in the postseason — will once again be hitting top-line pitching, according to Gord. The Dons were knocked out of the postseason each of the last two years because they weren't able to score enough runs. They lost in the regional final by a score of 2-1 in both 2015 and 2014.

**They said it:** "We may end up with a dozen guys that are playing college baseball," Gord said.

## Ridgewood

**Coach:** Chris Uhle

**Top returners:** Sr. P/SS Michael Ruffolo, Sr. P/OF Keith Kerrigan, Sr. C Vito Iovino, Sr. P/Util. Michael Morrello

**Newcomers:** So. 2B Marco Vitale, So. OF Michael Campanile, So. 1B Matt Marvin

**2015 record:** 15-21 (9-10 Metro Suburban East), lost to Glenbard South in Class 3A regional final

**Season outlook:** Ruffolo (Indiana State recruit), Kerrigan and Iovino have all been varsity starters for the past three years. They'll not only have to provide leadership, but come through at the plate consistently, Uhle said. Kerrigan is the leading candidate to emerge as Ridgewood's No. 1 pitcher.

**Storyline to watch:** The key to the Rebels' season could be how well the middle of its order drives in runs. Uhle said Iovino, in particular, will be relied upon to be one of the team's primary run producers.

**They said it:** "This is the first year where [I] don't have a clear-cut No. 1 [pitcher]. ... [Pitching] is an area we're going to have to focus on, and make sure we're not leaving the ball over the plate because we don't have the velocity to make mistakes like that," Uhle said.

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not in the past — and maybe actually try to win a regional," Clish said with a laugh. "[That] would be good."

## North Shore Country Day

**Coach:** Lizzy Giffen

**Top returners:** Sr. M/F Rachel Gordon, Sr. D Lucy Fogel, Sr. D/M/F Katie Winslow, Sr. D Catherine Hayward, Jr. M/F Lauren Kaplinsky

**Newcomers:** So. Thandi Steele, Fr. G Abby Renaud, Fr. Paige Forester

**2015 record:** 9-5, lost to St. Edward in Class 1A sectional semifinal

**Season outlook:** The Raiders have 10 varsity returners, which is the most Giffen said she has had in her three-year tenure as the program's head coach. North Shore has a lot of potential because of its experience, especially with offensive standouts Kaplinsky and Gordon coming back.

**Storyline to watch:** Annie Kroll, North Shore's goalkeeper a year ago, was one of three senior captains the Raiders lost to graduation. Renaud is penciled in to start at goalie.

**They said it:** "Last year, we had a great year, and we're only hoping to build on that," Giffen said.

## Regina

**Coach:** Kyle McClure

**Top returners:** Sr. G/F Sarah Allworth, Jr. M Caroline Baubonis (seven goals, four assists), Jr. D Colleen Palmer

**Newcomers:** So. M Audrey McGraw, So. M/F Gianna Sparacio, Jr. D/M Kirby Weiland

**2015 record:** 7-8-1 overall (3-3 Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Red), lost to Deerfield in Class 2A regional semifinal

**Season outlook:** Regina will play in the PepsiCo Showdown for the first time this year. It has moved from the GCAC Red to the GCAC White — as well as from Class 2A to Class 1A,



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Niles West's Nichole Lopatin, left, scored a school-record 36 goals last season.

for at least this year and next year. Winning a regional title is a strong possibility this season, McClure said.

**Storyline to watch:** Allworth, Baubonis and Palmer are established veterans at this point in their careers. McClure said he expects McGraw, a talented transfer from California, to pair with Baubonis and create a very strong tandem in the midfield. They could end up leading Regina in scoring.

**They said it:** "We're really looking at the next two years and thinking, 'Hey, maybe we can win the school's first sectional championship next year when we have everybody back except for [Allworth]. That's kind of what our goal is,'" McClure said of the move to Class 1A.

## Ridgewood

**Coach:** Kenneth Caslin

**Top returners:** Jr. F Gab Nardulli (six goals, four assists), Sr. M/F Kristin Kelly (six goals, seven assists), Jr. D Natalia Czachorowski (zero goals, zero assists)

**Newcomers:** So. F Sam Magyar, So. G Olivia Nowak

**2015 record:** 5-14-3 (2-4 Metro Suburban East), lost

to Pritzker in Class 2A regional semifinals

**Season outlook:** The Rebels lost standout striker Justyna Golab to graduation, but they return a ton of attacking talent. Nardulli, Kelly, senior Ashley Hidalgo, junior Katherine Rasche, junior Michelle Montoya and senior Brisilda Xhambazi are all capable of being effective up top in Ridgewood's 4-3-3 formation.

**Storyline to watch:** Nardulli, who's one of the Rebels' most talented players, tore her ACL in September 2015. She's expected to start competing in early April, Caslin said. Caslin added that he plans on bringing Nardulli back slowly once she's cleared for contact.

**They said it:** "I'd say to stay switched on. Never shut down, mentally," Caslin said on the key for Ridgewood this season. "If a mistake's made, how do we recover from the mistake? I'm big on mental focus and mental strength, and to always have the girls thinking, 'What is next? What is next?'"

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# SEASON PREVIEW | BASEBALL

BY ERIC VAN DRIL AND  
MATT HARNESS  
Pioneer Press

## Loyola

**Coach:** Nick Bridich

**Top returners:** Jr. C Brendan Egan (.315 BA, .408 OBP), Sr. P Thomas Giella (3-3, 36 2/3 IP, 4.58 ERA), Sr. INF Jack Lombardi (.292 BA, .400 OBP), Sr. OF/P Liam McKeough (.255 BA, .426 OBP), Sr. 3B Thomas Smart (.286 BA, .403 OBP, 2 HR, 13 RBIs), Jr. Util. Sean Tully (.357 BA)

**Newcomers:** Jr. OF Drew Bartholow, Jr. OF Jack Blindt, Jr. SS Ryan Lin-Peistrup

**2015 record:** 18-17 (5-11 Chicago Catholic League Blue), lost to Oak Park-River Forest in Class 4A sectional semifinal

**Season outlook:** This is the deepest and most well-rounded club in Bridich's four seasons with the Ramblers. Although there are four returning starters in the field, he said there is competition for jobs at nearly every position, and the pitching staff has as many as 12 capable arms. The offense will be led by the likes of Bartholow, Blindt, Egan, Lombardi, Smart and Tully.

**Storyline to watch:** The junior class is big and talented, and one the Ramblers have been waiting on to reach the varsity level. Those players helped Loyola win its summer Connie Mack league for the first time since Bridich took over.

**They said it:** "We could win 35 or lose 35, but we feel good about our preparation and our players," Bridich said.

## Maine East

**Coach:** Ron Clark

**Top returners:** Sr. 1B/OF/P Bradley Augustyn (.278 BA), So. 1B/P Antoine Kelly (1-3, 40 IP, 40 Ks), Jr. SS/P Ryan Sands (.324 BA), So. C Jusuf Zvizdic (.240 BA)

**Newcomers:** Sr. OF Brett Friel, Fr. OF/P Ashton Schwab

**2015 record:** 8-22 (0-16 Central Suburban North), lost to Notre Dame in Class 4A regional semifinals

**Season outlook:** The backbone of the Blue Demons this spring will be their pitching staff, which includes several players with varsity experience. Clark said the depth will help Maine East keep its pitchers fresh. If the offense and defense are consistently good, then Clark said his club will be a formidable opponent each game.

**Storyline to watch:** Although an underclassman, the 6-foot-4, left-handed Kelly is an intriguing pitching prospect in his second varsity season. Clark said he had a standout summer and is "poised for a breakout season."

**They said it:** "This team has the pieces to



JON LANGHAM/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Notre Dame shortstop David Wendel throws a runner out at first during the Phil Lawler Summer Classic on July 20, 2015, in Lisle. Wendel, a senior, hit .248 last spring for the Dons.

be competitive and win their share of games," Clark said.

## Maine South

**Coach:** Bill Milano

**Top returners:** Sr. INF David Fleita (.259 BA), Sr. P Russell Langan (1.40 ERA), Sr. P Tyler Short (1-0, 2.50 ERA), Sr. P Kyle Zajdel (4-2, 2.14 ERA)

**Newcomers:** Jr. OF/P Dan Touhy  
**2015 record:** 19-13 (9-7 Central Suburban South), lost to Evanston in Class 4A regional final

**Season outlook:** According to Milano, the Hawks' strength will be their pitching staff. It's anchored by three veteran right-handers in Langan, Short and Zajdel. Left-hander senior Jimmy O'Brien also will be part of the rotation. Milano said all of them logged lots of innings during the spring and summer and look ready to lead the way. While they aren't power pitchers, they throw strikes and work ahead in counts, according to Milano.

**Storyline to watch:** As has been the case in recent seasons, the Hawks will rely on good defense and situational hitting, in addition to solid starting pitching, to win games this spring. Milano said he hopes a new-look infield that includes senior Austin Mose at first base, senior Tim Schau at second base, Fleita at shortstop and senior PJ Teahan at third base, will come together quickly.

**They said it:** "We will look to put the ball in play, use our team speed, and execute small ball," Milano said.

## New Trier

**Coach:** Mike Napoleon

**Top returners:** Sr. SP Ben Brecht, Jr. SS Clay Czynyski, Jr. 2B Kevin Donahue, Sr. OF Michael Hurley, Sr. 3B Dylan McGuire

**Newcomers:** Jr. OF Eric Nicholas, Jr. C Dylan Horvitz, Jr. IF Will McNulty  
**2015 record:** lost to Fenwick in Class 4A regional final

**Season outlook:** Several of New Trier's top position players are young, but experienced. Czynyski and Donahue are in their second varsity seasons in the middle infield. Junior Max Rosenthal was the Trevians' starting catcher last season, but Napoleon said he'll be sidelined for about two months due to a knee injury. Still, the return of Hurley, McGuire and junior 1B/OF/P Matt Kann bodes well for the Trevians.

**Storyline to watch:** Napoleon said his team's question mark going into this season is its pitching depth. The Trevians don't have a proven varsity pitcher aside from Brecht (UC Santa Barbara recruit) and senior Will Jamieson. New Trier will likely need multiple pitchers — both starters and relievers — to emerge in order to challenge for the Central Suburban South title.

**They said it:** "If you come to a game this year, there are going to be [professional] scouts if Ben's pitching," Napoleon said of Brecht, a hard-throwing, 6-foot-7 left-hander.

## Niles North

**Coach:** Ed Toledo

**Top returners:** Sr. 3B/P Phil Klawta (.267 BA, .387 OBP), Sr. INF/P Alex Nanut (.259 BA, .383 OBP), Jr. INF/P Giovanni Sanchez (.279 BA, .368 OBP), Sr. OF Robbie Schwert (.296 BA, .422 OBP), Jr. P George Sherman (2-2, 2 saves, 2.48 ERA)

**Newcomers:** Jr. P Cameron Benesch, So. IF/OF Don Martin

**2015 record:** 23-13 (7-9 Central Suburban North), lost to Maine South in Class 4A regional semifinal

**Season outlook:** Only Klawta, Nanut and Sanchez return to the starting lineup for the Vikings, but all three of them have multiple years of varsity experience. They also make up three-fourths of the infield. Toledo said they will be the leaders "on the mound, at the plate and in the field." Toledo said the players who are new to the lineup have the potential to make the Vikings a successful club this spring.

**Storyline to watch:** Senior outfielder Trevor Karol is healthy again after missing his entire junior season with a back injury. Despite the injury, Karol was at every game and practice, according to Toledo. Karol runs well, Toledo said, and will be part of the starting outfield.

**They said it:** "We will be a bit on the young side, but it all could be good, if the newcomers mature," Toledo said.

## Niles West

**Coach:** Garry Gustafson

**Top returners:** Jr. OF/1B Michael Gunartt, Sr. 2B Bobby Lochner, Jr. 3B Johnny Pabst, Sr. OF/P Sam Rukin, Sr. SS Christos Tountas

**Newcomers:** So. C Diego Acosta, So. INF/P Sam Butera, So. P Brandon Kaihara, Jr. SS/P Bryan Maldonado

**2015 record:** 13-17 (6-10 Central Suburban South), lost to Fenwick in Class 4A regional semifinal

**Season outlook:** Niles West will have a mix of veterans and rookies in the starting lineup, according to Gustafson. He said the Wolves might "endure some growing pangs" early, but it should serve the Wolves well to get the newcomers playing time from the outset. The good news is that Gunartt, a varsity starter since his freshman year, returns to the dugout. He's considered one of the state's best players in the Class of 2017.

**Storyline to watch:** The Wolves lost their entire pitching staff to graduation, Gustafson said, but he is high on his young arms, including sophomores Butera and

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# SEASON PREVIEW

## GIRLS SOCCER

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### Loyola

**Coach:** Craig Snower

**Top returners:** Sr. D Alex Yasko, Sr. M Shannon Powers, Sr. D Lauren Chrisman, Sr. F KK Phelan, Sr. M Natalie Joyce, Sr. F Devin Burns, So. D/M Riley Burns

**2015 record:** 21-4-2, lost to New Trier in Class 3A sectional final

**Season outlook:** Loyola is one of the most talented teams in Illinois. Its roster includes three players — Yasko, Phelan and Devin Burns — who have earned Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-state honors. Devin Burns (Iowa recruit) and Joyce are both fully recovered from torn ACLs that cost them their junior seasons, Snower said.

**Storyline to watch:** Riley Burns, who's Devin Burns' sister and has already committed to Iowa, is expected to shift to center back. She and Chrisman will likely anchor the Ramblers' defense. The way that pairing jells — and plays in intense moments — could be the key to Loyola getting to the state finals for the first time in program history.

**They said it:** "This will be the first time in three years that we've fielded a healthy team during tryouts," Snower said.

### Maine East

**Coach:** Guy Anderson

**Top returners:** Sr. G/D/M/F Klwdia Yousif, Jr. D/M Monica Guzman, So. D/M Kayla Villahermosa, Jr. D/M Diana Landi, Jr. D/M Sara Berrum

**Newcomers:** Fr. M/F Suzan-Elizabeth Georges

**2015 record:** lost to New Trier in Class 4A regional semifinal

**Season outlook:** Unlike the majority of teams in the Central Suburban League, Maine East only has a few club soccer players in its program. As a result, it will be imperative for the team to work very well together, Anderson said. The Blue Demons' defense has absorbed opponents' offensive pressure in the past. Anderson

hopes to create more offensive opportunities — especially with Yousif and Georges on the counter attack — this season.

**Storyline to watch:** Anderson usually chooses to keep freshmen at the lower levels. He made an exception for Georges, however. She has played for Sockers FC and has an advanced skill set, according to Anderson.

**They said it:** "You just can't sit there and play defensively for [80] minutes, or you're going to get killed. ... Right now, we're looking for a quick counter to catch our opponent off guard, basically. We still have to maintain some strength on the offensive end — and the offensive-midfield end," Anderson said.

### Maine South

**Coach:** J.J. Crawford

**Top returners:** Sr. D Taylor Barzowski, Sr. F Claudia Wine (nine goals, seven assists), Jr. M Sara Ignoffo (nine goals, five assists), Jr. M Molly Paddock (two goals, one assist), So. D Olivia Sellergren (three goals, three assists)

**Newcomers:** N/A

**2015 record:** 16-6-3 (2-2-1 Central Suburban South), lost to New Trier in Class 3A sectional semifinals

**Season outlook:** Entering the season, the Hawks' strength is their defense. That group is headlined by Barzowski, a 2015 all-conference selection, and Sellergren. They'll likely be joined by senior Katriana Hartmanis and senior Grace Waters. Crawford said he's going to ask Maine South's defense to keep the squad in a lot of games this season.

**Storyline to watch:** Can Maine South score enough goals? The return of Wine and Ignoffo certainly helps, but Crawford said the Hawks will have to really work for their goals this season. They'll also have to score in a variety of ways, he added, including on dead balls, passes from the wings and long shots.

**They said it:** "Hopefully we'll shock some people," Crawford said.

### New Trier

**Coach:** Jim Burnside

**Top returners:** Sr. G Dani Kaufman (7 GA), Sr. M/F Avery Schuldt (two goals, eight assists), Jr. F Natalie Laser (13 goals, five assists), Sr. M Celia Frei (five goals, six assists), Sr. M Bina Saipi (nine goals, 11 assists) Sr. F Kelly Maday (20 goals, 29 assists), Sr. D Katie Sadara (one goal, three assists), Jr. D Megan Murdoch (zero goals, two assists)

**Newcomers:** Jr. D Sam Urban, So. M Nicole Kaspi, So. D/F Caroline Iserloth

**2015 record:** 27-1-1 (4-0-1 Central Suburban South), won Class 3A state championship

**Season outlook:** The two-time defending state champions return 17 players from last year's team, including standouts like Kaufman (Bucknell), Laser (Southern California), Saipi (DePaul), Maday (Illinois) and Frei. New Trier's roster may be the deepest in Illinois.

**Storyline to watch:** The Trevians' main focus, going into the season, will be figuring out its defense. It lost center backs Caroline Smith and Jackie Welch to graduation. Urban, who Burnside said probably improved the most of any New Trier player in the offseason, figures to fill one of those center-back positions.

**They said it:** "So many girls know our expectations and our philosophy that I already have the feeling that we're going to get to some different levels of teaching and coaching and soccer that are hard to get to because teams change so much every year," Burnside said.

### Niles North

**Coach:** Paul Elkins

**Top returners:** Sr. G Nina Yonan, So. M Edina Taerbaum (two goals, three assists), Jr. M Karis Çatrinta (zero goals, five assists), So. F Jessica Rangel (five goals, two assists)

**2015 record:** 10-6-5 (2-1-2 Central Suburban North), lost to Loyola in Class 3A regional final

**Season outlook:** This year is going to be much different with-



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In this May 26, 2015, photo, Maine South's Claudia Wine, front, sprints to the ball during the Class 3A Evanston Sectional semifinal.

out Alyssa Brand, Elkins said. The IHSSCA all-state midfielder and Drake freshman did so much for the Vikings, including score 26 goals a year ago. Although Niles North returns Yonan, a stand-out goalkeeper who's committed to Wisconsin-Whitewater, the team's success will likely depend on how well a number of different players fill the void left by Brand.

**Storyline to watch:** Elkins said it will be vital for the Vikings to find ways to score goals this year and defend well in front of Yonan.

**They said it:** "We don't have one single player who's going to replace [Brand], but I told this to the girls: We have a lot of girls that are capable of stepping up their performance from last year. Really, [one of the keys to this season is] being a team in a true sense of the word," Elkins said.

### Niles West

**Coach:** Brett Clish

**Top returners:** Sr. F Nichole Lopatin (36 goals, nine assists), Sr. D Kaylie Dyer (one goal, one assist), Sr. M Emela Mehicevic (five goals, 18 assists), Sr. D/M Lily Griffin (two goals, zero assists), Jr.

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**Newcomers:** Jr. M/F Taylor Isirov, Fr. D Sammie Simkins, Fr. M/F Andrijana Sajic, Fr. D/M/F Ashley Dyer

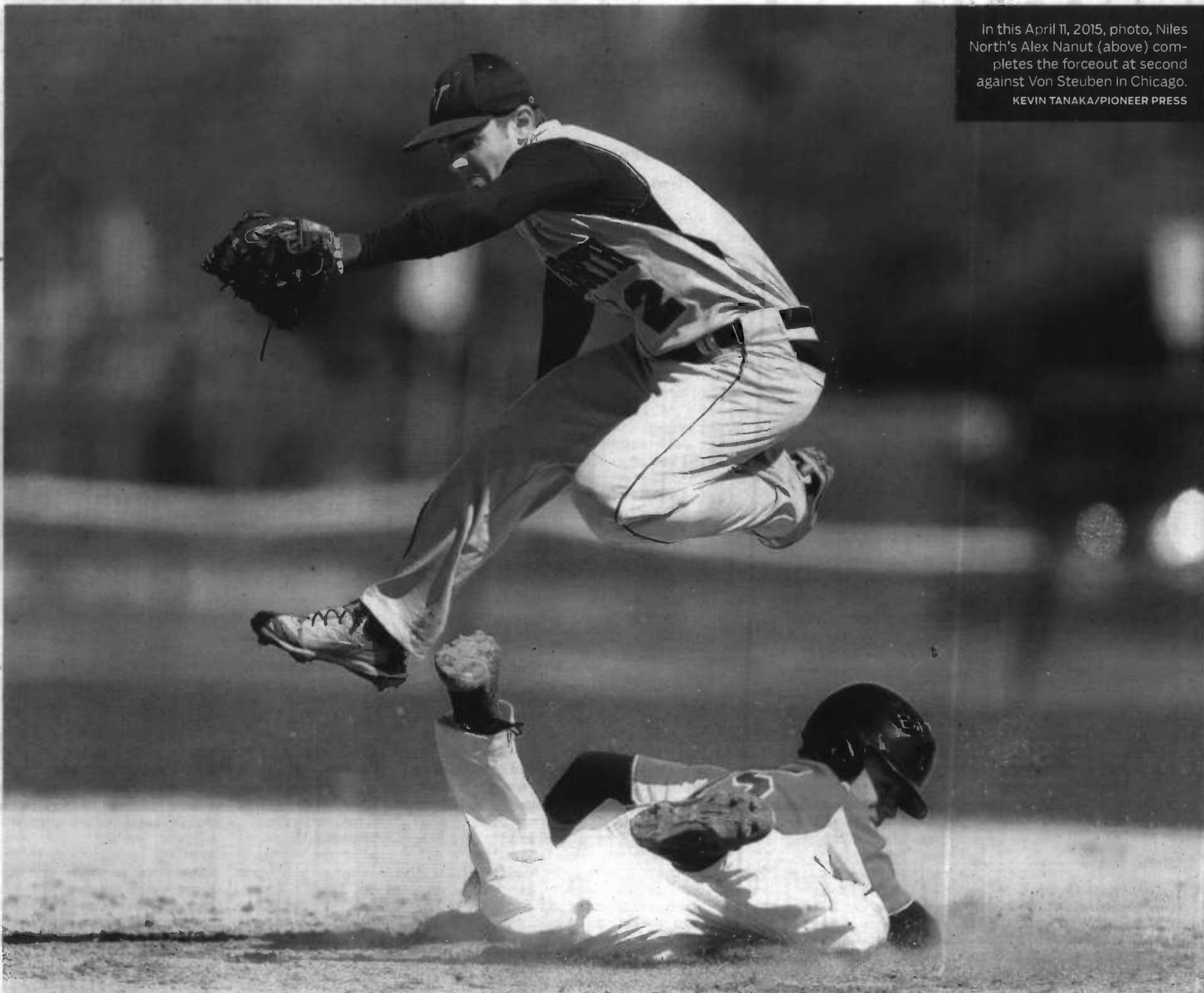
**2015 record:** 14-8-2 (1-4 Central Suburban South), lost to New Trier in Class 3A regional final

**Season outlook:** Most of the Wolves' core is back. That includes Lopatin, the program's all-time leading scorer who smashed the school's single-season scoring record a year ago. Isirov joined the team this year after choosing to play club soccer as a freshman and sophomore. She — along with the natural progression of Niles West's veterans and its talented freshman class — figures to help make the Wolves even better this year.

**Storyline to watch:** Niles West matched the program's single-season wins record in 2015. This year's team will try to beat it, but also finish among the top three in the difficult Central Suburban South and win a regional.

**They said it:** "We're hoping that we can finally break through and beat some teams that we have

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In this April 11, 2015, photo, Niles North's Alex Nanut (above) completes the forceout at second against Von Steuben in Chicago.  
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