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**Left:** Attendees at the vigil read biographies of those killed in the Orlando shooting. **Right:** Oakton Community College employee Amy Finkenblne gets hugs of support after she helped organize a vigil for the victims of the nightclub shootings in Orlando, Fla.

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## SHOUT OUT

# Myrna Orenstein, Evanston author

Evanston author Myrna Orenstein recently came out with the third edition of her well-received book, "Smart But Stuck: Overcoming Frustrations From Learning Disabilities." A practicing psychotherapist in Evanston, Orenstein overcame a learning disability herself. She recently filled in some details about her approach.

#### Q: What do you consider the book's main message?

A: Feelings of stupidity in people with undiagnosed learning disabilities can spark and fuel their resilience. Individuals are forced to look for other options to avoid being in situations where their perceived stupidity is exposed. This capacity to find alternatives and act on them ... is the hallmark of resilience.

#### Q: How important is diagnosis in setting a proper course of treatment?

A: It depends. A formal diagnosis is mandated when learning failures interfere with academic or vocational functioning. On the other hand, a formal diagnosis is less important when the primary issue is a negative self image. When



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Myrna Orenstein

people suffer from undiagnosed learning disabilities, they have a lingering sense of doubt about their own competence because learning failures were attributed to personality problems. People with learning failures were called lazy, not caring, etc.

#### Q: Can you give us an example?

A: I'm treating an individual in her 90s who always lost stuff. She perceived herself as a "scatter-brain" and, even though there was

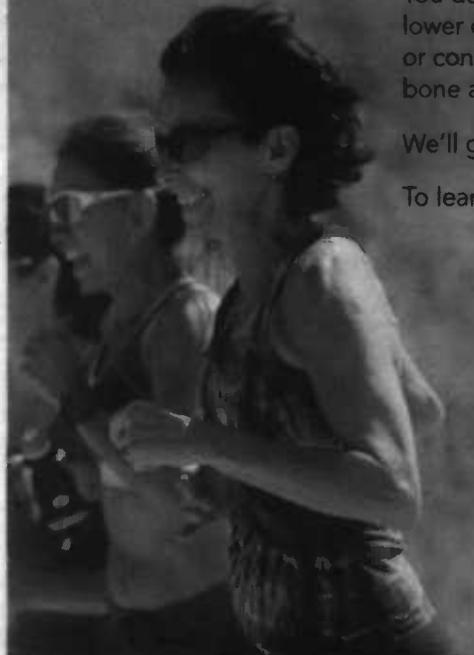
no formal diagnosis, it was so helpful to suggest that the problem might be because of ADD and not that she had a flawed personality. It was like a weight was lifted off her shoulders and made so much sense to her. So, this possibility helped her modulate the nagging of self blame that she lived with all her life.

#### Q: What led you along this particular career path?

A: My interest in adults with learning disabilities began when I started my Ph.D. classes in the '80s. I realized that I was working much harder and longer than others and the work of my mentor, Joseph Palombo, an expert in learning disabilities in children, led me to get tested. That's when I found out about my own learning disabilities, which prompted me to be curious about other adults who did not find out until after the age of 17. I interviewed 20 people who shared their stories of shame, humiliation and resilience. They urged me to write a book, and after my dissertation, that's what I did.

—Bob Seidenberg, Pioneer Press

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# 'These were beautiful..loving people'

## OCC holds vigils to honor Orlando shooting victims

MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

Amy Finkenbine has been an Oakton Community College employee for only a handful of months, but upon hearing the horrific news out of Orlando, Fla. last weekend, she said she felt a need to do something.

Finkenbine works in enrollment services on the Skokie campus. When she went back to work June 13, she sent out "a feeler" to the LGBT Working Group at Oakton of which she is a member, she said.

"Everyone responded. Immediately, everyone put in the effort to get this going."

Oakton held vigils at exactly 2:02 p.m. June 15 on both the Skokie and Des Plaines campuses. The time was chosen to reflect the same time — only in the a.m. — when one lone gunman entered an Orlando gay nightclub June 12 and opened fire, killing or injuring 103 people, according to authorities.

The massacre claimed 49 lives.

"We have been working to change the culture here around LGBT issues and to create a community for LGBT students," Finkenbine said about Oakton. "To ignore this tragedy that happened to that community would really be a kind of assault on them again."

About 50 people attended the vigil on the Skokie campus, more than twice that number came to the larger Des Plaines campus, according to college officials.

"I personally identify with the LGBT community," Finkenbine told those gathered around her, her voice cracking. "Trying to put this event together has been one of the most emo-

tional things I have ever experienced, and I don't even know anyone in Orlando."

Finkenbine said the reason for coming together today was to remember the lives impacted by the tragedy. Slips of paper with pictures of the victims and their biographies were handed out to those gathered; crowd members read one, passed it and took another.

They learned about many of the victims at the Pulse Nightclub days ago including Enrique L. Rios Jr., 25, who was reportedly vacationing in Orlando at the time of the attack.

"He had been working as a coordinator at True Care Home Health Care, and studied social work at St. Francis Hospital," his biography read. "His mother said his family has been 'torn apart.'"

During the vigil, Finkenbine relayed the events of what happened at the nightclub, trying to hold her emotions together, but the focus was always on those impacted by the gunfire, not the one who perpetrated it.

"We mourn, we grieve for their sons, their daughters, their brothers, their mothers," she said. "They were partners, they were co-workers, they were school mates. They were queer men, they were people of color, they were straight allies, they were trans individuals and they were queer people of color who lost their lives."

Following the vigil, some stayed to plant 103 small flowers outside the building, the number representing those killed or injured in the attack. The flowers were donated by Pesche's Garden Center in Des Plaines, Oakton officials said.

The vigil in Skokie drew faculty members, students and those even outside the



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS

Several people June 15 planted flowers outside Oakton Community College in Skokie after a vigil for the victims of the nightclub shootings in Orlando, Fla. A plant was planted for each of the 103 people who were injured or killed.

Oakton community.

Skokie resident Dr. Tasneema Ghazi, a former Oakton teacher, said everyone including Muslims are "hurt very badly" by the Orlando tragedy.

"I think it's very educational and important to be bringing people together now," she said. "We need to support each other. These were beautiful people, loving people. I have never met or heard of anyone in the LGBT community who is

not kind and gentle and loving."

Ghazi is executive director of the IQRA International Education Foundation, a nonprofit Islamic educational establishment it says was created "to creatively respond to the growing need of our children, youth, and adults for sound Islamic instruction in the modern global village."

"As a Muslim and as just a person," she said, "I am crying today."

During the vigil, Finkenbine asked if anyone in attendance wanted to speak, but there was only a solemn silence. Then a voice from the crowd said, softly, "never again."

Lindsey Hewitt, an associate professor of anthropology at Oakton and also a member of Oakton's LGBT Working Group, said the Orlando tragedy is not about one subculture or one religion or one nightclub.

"Rather, it reflects how

every single diverse member of the United States — even people at Oakton Community College — are affected by this tragedy," she said. "We need to raise awareness every time and anywhere that we can when something like this happens. It's not until we're really visible in our anger and our grief that we can affect change."

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# Niles library staff to enroll in state pension fund

BY LEE V. GAINES  
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Niles library employees will soon be enrolled in a state pension fund.

The change comes after staff and elected officials at the Niles Public Library District spent more than a year studying its retirement offerings and possible alternatives. At their last board meeting on June 15, library trustees voted 5-1 to join the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, according to a press release from the library.

The pension plan will be offered to all full-time and part-time employees working 1,000 hours or more per year. Niles library director Susan Lempke said in an interview this week that 45 full-time employees and 25 part-time employees will qualify for IMRF. She said Trustee Carolyn Drblik was the sole board member to vote against joining the pension fund.

Lempke and library business manager Greg Pritz have previously stated the investigation into the library's retirement offerings was undertaken because the library was having difficulty hiring and retaining qualified staff members due to its retirement offerings.

"Not being a library that offers IMRF means when we do hire another person from another library, we know they'll be back out the door in three or four years," Lempke said. She said the library has repeatedly lost staff members who, despite their desire to stay on, felt they needed to have a pension plan for their family's sake.

The board's decision to join IMRF comes after staff at the library were surveyed about which retirement option they liked best. The library presented employees with two alternatives to IMRF, including a hybrid plan and a 401(a) plan.

When asked which plan presented benefits staff personally, 32 employees chose IMRF, 23 picked the hybrid plan and just two selected the 401(a) option, Lempke said. Employees were also asked which plan they thought most benefited the library, she said, and 34 voted for IMRF, 22 chose the hybrid plan and five selected the 401(a) plan. She said staff also provided written comments that laid out "in real human terms what a pension plan would mean to them."

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— Susan Lempke, Niles library director

The library commissioned an actuarial study to determine how much it will cost the district to join the pension fund. The study concluded that the library would be required to contribute 8.12 percent of employees' salaries for the first two years of enrollment in IMRF. The annual cost for the first two years will total \$221,000. The amount the library will be required to contribute in its third year in the pension system will likely increase, Pritz previously told Pioneer Press. He said factors including the number of employees retiring from the library and returns on the pension fund's investments will impact the library's contribution to IMRF.

The contribution from the district is recalculated on

a yearly basis while employees are required to pitch in a flat 4.5 percent of their earnings to the fund. Staff will also be given an opportunity to buy back prior year's work, which could cost the library district between \$850,000 and \$3.6 million. Pritz said prior service contributions will be paid by the library over a 30-year term.

Currently, staff at the library receive 7.5 percent of their annual salary through a defined contribution plan and are not required to contribute anything to the plan. They may take a portion or all of the amount retirement money offered by the library home as additional salary. Board members told the library's administrators they wanted to phase out the practice of allowing employees to take retirement contributions home as salary.

Lempke said the district will not be able to enroll all of its eligible employees into the pension fund in time for the next fiscal year to begin on July 1. She said staff will be entered into IMRF by August 1 after the pension fund's board votes to approve the library district's entrance into the system next month.

Pritz has previously said that the switch to IMRF may cost taxpayers more money. Lempke, however, said the benefits of IMRF outweigh any additional costs.

She said the library has emerged in the last decade as a major asset to the village of Niles and the entire library district. She said the library offers programs and classes and has helped bridge a digital divide for people who may not have the money to purchase expensive electronics but are still able to receive free training on the devices from qualified library staff.

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

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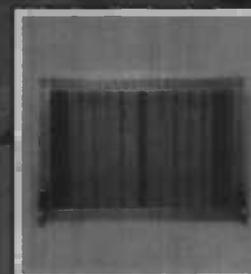
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# Gathering for peace

## Religious leaders take part in interfaith panel

BY LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

In the wake of the mass shooting in Orlando that claimed the lives of 49 people and injured scores more, several Morton Grove religious leaders present at an interfaith panel June 14 cautioned the crowd gathered to resist falling prey to a growing sense of anxiety and fear.

Leaders from the Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Baha'i faiths gathered together for an annual interfaith panel at the Muslim Education Center on Menard Avenue for a discussion dubbed "Social Justice: at the Heart of Religions." The event was a continuation of a tradition that began four years ago and which is held at the beginning of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Each year, the panel focuses on a particular faith-based subject and takes turns interpreting the topic from the perspective of their respective religions before an audience of several hundred attendees. Dinner and prayer services followed the event.

The panel discussion focused primarily on how each faith defines social justice.

The Rev. Elizabeth Jones, pastor of St. Luke's Community Church and a guest on the panel, said she's noticed a "free-floating anxiety" amongst some of the individuals she has spoken with in recent months, and that anxiety was made more prevalent and profound by the shootings.

She urged the crowd to resist a sense of fear and helplessness in the wake of the Orlando tragedy.

"I have hopeful news for us today. We are not helpless even though the events of last weekend did occur. We can do something. We can each of us do something in our corner of the world. We can pursue peace. That is



LEE V. GAINES/PIONEER PRESS

Rabbi Samuel Gordon of Sukkat Shalom speaks at an interfaith panel discussion sponsored by the Muslim Community Center in Morton Grove on June 14. The Rev. Elizabeth Jones of St. Luke's Community Church and professor Inamul Haq of MCC are seated next to him.

what I've been going around and talking to different groups of people about: pursuing peace," Jones said.

The shooting presents an important opportunity to reflect on the uncertainty of life, Dilnaz Waraich, vice president of the Winnetka Interfaith Council, said in an interview during the panel event. She said appreciation for life and for one's neighbors is a good strategy to counter any sense of unhappiness and fear.

In acknowledgment of the tragedy, Donelle Bergeson, moderator for the event, said "on behalf of the Muslim Community Center, we would like to say, as a community, we are horrified and deeply saddened by

the violence that lead to the deaths of innocent human beings."

"These could be people we know. It could be a family member or a friend, or a family member or a friend of someone you know, someone that died or was wounded," she said. Bergeson led the attendees in a moment of silence to honor those whose lives were lost.

Rabbi Samuel Gordon, of Sukkat Shalom, who represented the Jewish perspective on the panel, highlighted, however, the significance of interfaith events, particularly in light of the shooting.

"What we are doing here this evening is even more

vital and important," he said. "The ability for us to come together, particularly in times like these when there are those that would divide us or demonize others, the ability to come together at the local level and fight against that discrimination, particularly after Orlando this Sunday, is of great importance."

The issue of gun control was also touched on by Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, who attended the event and spoke following the panel discussion. Suffredin noted his involvement in the drafting of an assault weapons ban in the county. Unfortunately, he said, "we get no traction away from Cook

County."

"I'm happy to join with you, and I look forward to meeting with you in these coming days as we try to remind everybody that there is still sanity and the gun violence in Orlando and every day in the streets around us is insanity, and we will help bring peace," Suffredin said.

When asked by an audience member what their "personal prayer" was following news of the country's most recent mass shooting, Gordon, who spoke on behalf of the panel, continued to note the need for more gatherings of individuals from varied religious groups. He said people have a choice to come to-

gether or to perceive one another in terms of racial, religious and cultural differences.

"We need to continue doing these kinds of things. It's a hope we can continue to build together to fight against the demonization of other people," Gordon said. "Whether it's a question of Islam, or gays and lesbians in Orlando — and it turns out the vast majority of whom were Puerto Rican and Latino — we can all look at each other in terms of faiths and colors and see somebody not like ourselves or we can see someone like ourselves."

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## Three teenage boys injured in early morning shooting

Cops say violence could be related to weekend gunfire

LEE V. GAINES  
Pioneer Press

Evanston police say a shooting that injured three teenage boys June 20 may be related to a different shooting that occurred June 18 in which a 16-year-old was shot in the chest.

Evanston Police Cmdr. Joe Dugan wrote in an email that the city's police department "is not getting much cooperation from the victims in either incident." He wrote that preliminary information investigators have gathered that a shooting that injured a 19-year-old and two 17-year-olds may have been in retaliation for the June 18 incident in which a 16-year-old boy was hospitalized after taking a bullet to the chest at 4:40 p.m. near the intersection of Lyons Street and Ashland Avenue. He wrote that there are "no

smoking guns" in the investigation and "we have to keep all avenues open, but that is where things are pointing now." Dugan wrote that the department does not have enough information to say the shootings were gang related or the result of a dispute between the teens involved.

At about 1 a.m. June 20, three male teens were shot while standing on the west side of the 1700 block of Dodge Avenue, according to Dugan. He said the gunshots originated from between two buildings on the east side of the street. Officers on patrol heard the gunshots and located a 19-year-old Evanston resident who was shot in the left arm and a 17-year-old from Skokie who was hit in the right thigh. Police transported the victims to Evanston Hospital. A third victim, a 17-year-old from Evanston, walked into the hospital with a wound caused by bullet fragments in his left hamstring area. He said the injuries sustained by



EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police investigate a crime scene in the 1700 block of Dodge Avenue after three boys were shot in Evanston early June 20.

the teens were non life-threatening.

The boy who was shot on June 18 was taken to Evanston Hospital and police said his condition had stabilized. Witnesses to the shooting told police they saw two males flee the scene on foot. Anyone with information is asked to call Evanston Police at 847-866-5000 or by using Text-A-Tip at CRIMES (274637) and entering EPD-TIP in the message line with the tip information.

## Woman charged with stealing from assisted living facility

BY KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

A Des Plaines woman faces felony charges after prosecutors said she embezzled more than \$370,000 from her employer.

Shawna Wolff-Giesler, 41, has been charged with theft and engaging in a continuing financial criminal enterprise, the Cook County state's attorney's office announced.

Wolff-Giesler worked at Econocare, a group purchasing company based in Lincolnwood, from March 2007 until August 2015 when she was fired, prosecutors said. After her ter-

mination, officials at Econocare, which purchases equipment for assisted living, long-term care and retirement facilities, discovered "numerous suspicious checks" written to Wolff-Giesler from the company's corporate bank account, authorities said in a news release.

The ensuing police investigation revealed that about 80 checks had been made out to Wolff-Giesler or to her credit card account, spanning the years she worked at the company, officials said. The checks, forged with the company owner's signature, were then deposited into Wolff-

Giesler's bank account, or applied to her credit card balances, prosecutors said. An Econocare representative declined to comment on June 16.

If convicted, she faces up to 15 years in prison, prosecutors said. She was arrested earlier this week, and bail was set at \$100,000. She's since been released on bond.

Wolff-Giesler is scheduled to appear again in Cook County's Skokie branch court on July 6. She could not be reached for comment on June 16.

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#### BURGLARY

■ Alex Marcano, 23, of the 6000 block of West Montrose Avenue, Chicago, was charged with burglary and retail theft June 10 in connection with two separate alleged incidents. According to police, Marcano was accused of stealing items from a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue and burglarizing a car in the parking lot of the same store. The owner of the car told police that a Link card containing \$200 in cash and a laundry card containing \$10 were stolen. Mercado was given a July 1 court date.

#### RETAIL THEFT

■ Unita Upshaw, 23, of the 300 block of West 157th Street, Calumet City, was charged with felony retail

theft June 6. Police said she was accused of stealing \$361.41 from a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue while employed at the customer service desk.

■ Linda Meyer, 61, of the 4400 block of Opal Avenue, Norridge, was charged with retail theft June 8 after she allegedly stole two pairs of shoes and a purse valued at \$129 from an undisclosed store. She was given a July 26 court date.

■ Patricia Korbel, 57, of the 9500 block of Terrace Place, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft June 8 after she allegedly stole \$53.76 worth of food and household items from a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. She was given a June 23 court date.

■ Christine Bor, 25, of the 4900 block of Hull Street, Skokie, was charged with felony retail theft June 10 at a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. She was given a July 1 court date.

#### PUBLIC INTOXICATION

■ A 21-year-old Des Plaines man was ticketed for public intoxication June 10 after police and paramedics responded to a parking lot on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

#### BURGLARY

■ An apartment on the 8800 block of Wisner Street was burglarized June 10 between 10:30 a.m. and 9:40 p.m., police said. A bucket containing approximately \$300 in change was reported stolen.

#### THEFT

■ A package was reported stolen June 6 from the lobby of a condominium on the 9100 block of Terrace Place.

■ A man attempted to make a purchase from a store located on the 8500 block of Golf Road using a counterfeit \$100 bill June 7, police said.

■ A mall employee re-

ported his backpack was stolen June 8 from an unlocked office in the food court of Golf Mill Shopping Center.

■ A 2006 Suzuki motorcycle was reported stolen June 10 from outside a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road.

■ An 86-year-old Des Plaines man told police that \$1,824 in cash was stolen while he and his wife shopped inside a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. According to police, the man had placed the cash in a folder and put the folder in a shopping cart. Store surveillance video showed a man walking next to the couple's shopping cart and grabbing the folder before leaving the store, police said.

#### BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

■ Four cars were reported burglarized June 10 on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

## Man charged with sexually assaulting Niles teen

A 19-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested by Niles police this week after a teenage girl accused him of sexually assaulting her inside a car.

Ayyub H. Hanna, of the 9000 block of Golf Road, was taken into custody June 14 and charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault and unlawful restraint.

According to police, a 17-year-old girl reported that she was out with Hanna and two other teens on June 10. After Hanna dropped off the other two individuals, the girl asked him to drive her to her Niles home, but instead of doing so, he allegedly drove to the 7200 block of Lill Street in Niles, where he parked his car, police said.

The girl told police that she became nervous and started to text her friends

when Hanna grabbed her by the hair and slammed her head into the car's console "multiple times," police said. The teen reportedly told police that Hanna had locked the car doors and forced her to perform a sex act on him, implying he had a knife.

Police said the girl performed the sex act and told investigators that Hanna took pictures of her with his cellphone and threatened to blackmail her with the photos.

The girl and her father reported the alleged assault to police three days later, police said.

Hanna is being held without bond in Cook County Jail and is scheduled to appear in court on June 30.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press

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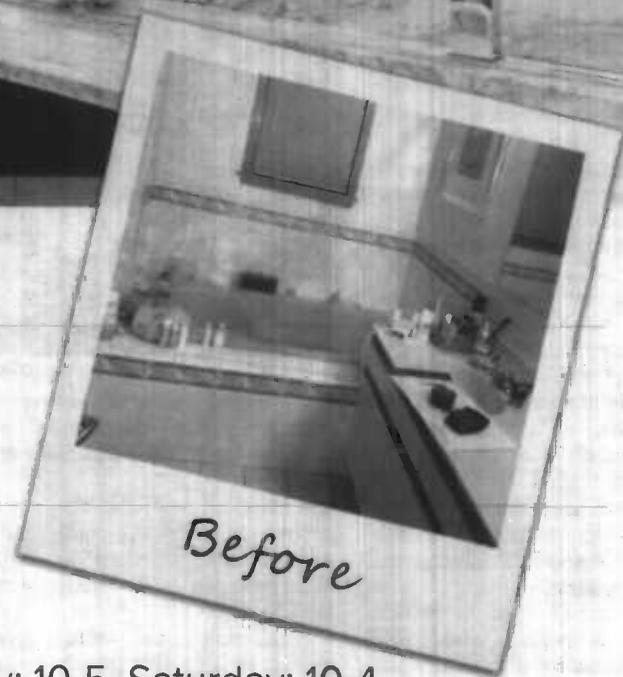
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## EDUCATION

# D207 schedule changes may not happen until 2018

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
Pioneer Press

If Maine Township high schools change how daily classes are scheduled, it won't happen for at least another two years.

That's the word from District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace, who explained that the administration's proposal to move to a half-traditional, half-block schedule format will not occur prior to the 2018-19 school year.

"There's lot of if/then equations to solve," he said.

For now, the administration is preparing to conduct informational meetings with current and future parents at each of the three District 207 schools, fol-

lowed by "more conversations with teachers," Wallace said. The public meetings are tentatively being scheduled for July, he said.

"If people understand what we're doing and why we're doing it, I really feel like it's going to be well-received," Wallace said of the scheduling change.

The proposal as it stands is being called the "Hybrid 4 Schedule" and proposes an eight-period day, three days per week, with four-period days on Tuesday and Wednesdays, according to a FAQ sheet published by the district. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays would be 90 minutes long each. Classes held on Tuesday would differ from those held on Wednesday.

A sample schedule provided by the district shows classes meeting for 50 minutes each on Mondays and Fridays and 46 minutes on Thursdays.

According to the current schedule, all three schools run on a nine-period day, with most classes 45 minutes long. Science classes are a period and a half, or 70 minutes long. Classes are shortened slightly on Wednesdays.

Wallace said the proposed hybrid schedule will increase the amount of instruction students receive in 89 percent of their classes and will give students more time for career and college counseling on the block schedule days.

"We think we can im-

prove academic and social/emotional support for our students with this schedule," Wallace said.

Though instructional time in most classes would increase, science instruction would decrease by 105 minutes per week under the proposed schedule. But, according to the district, the schedule does allow "an extended period class of approximately 90 minutes" that can be used for "deeper inquiry learning opportunities, lab experiment opportunities, and/or extended practice opportunities in many performing fine arts classes."

Additional information provided by the district can be found on its website, [www.maine207.org](http://www.maine207.org), under



JENNIFER JOHNSON/PIONEER PRESS

The Maine Township administration's proposal to move to a half-traditional, half-block schedule format will not occur prior to the 2018-19 school year, officials say.

## "D207 Schedule Recommendation FAQ"

The hybrid schedule was expected to appear before the District 207 school board on June 6 for consideration, but it was removed due to what a posting on the high school websites called "inaccurate information spread ... through a social media campaign that has misinformed the public."

A 2014 report published

by the Maine Teachers' Association Scheduling Committee concluded that studies have found "mixed results" when it comes to whether block scheduling improves standardized test scores. But the report also says block scheduling "has adverse impacts" on subjects other than math and science.

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# Northwestern students help lighten Skokie doctor's load

BY BRIAN L. COX  
Pioneer Press

If long lines at airport security checkpoints are a headache for travelers imagine trying to get past TSA agents while carrying a 70-pound operating microscope.

Skokie ophthalmologist, Dr. Stuart Sondheimer, runs into that problem every time he travels to do pro bono cataract surgery on people who would not typically be able to afford it. He said his work as a volunteer eye surgeon with an organization called SEE International has taken him to many developing nations including Vietnam, El Salvador and Honduras.

According to its website, Santa Barbara-based SEE International "provides sustainable medical, surgical and educational services through volunteer ophthal-



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Northwestern University engineering students, along with professor Richard Freeman, left, examine a surgical microscope with Dr. Stuart Sondheimer.

mic surgeons with the objectives of restoring sight and preventing blindness to disadvantaged individuals worldwide."

Sondheimer said volunteering to help give people sight can be heavy work in more ways than one. He said the bulk and weight of some

of the medical equipment he needs to do the surgery is a constant problem when traveling.

In order to tackle that predicament the Skokie eye surgeon teamed up with freshman engineering students at Northwestern University recently and they

came up with solutions to help lighten the load of his charity work.

In March three teams of four engineering students were assigned as part of their coursework the task of reducing the weight of the microscope and the bulky cases it is transported in, said Northwestern University professor Richard Freeman, adding that the challenge was part of a class called Design, Thinking and Communications.

"It's a learning experience, but it's also an opportunity for them to stretch their engineering skills," Freeman said.

On June 7 Sondheimer met with the students and was able to see what they had come up with.

"I thought the students came up with some really good ideas," he said.

The operating microscope magnifies and illumi-

nates, allowing eye surgeons to see inside the eye, Sondheimer explained.

"If you can see it then you can fix it," he said. "That allows us to do good work even in very remote areas. We have to lug around a lot of equipment."

The microscope and the cases they are packed in weigh more than 70 pounds, which Sondheimer said can make a routine trip to the airport cumbersome.

"We often bring in entire operating rooms," he said. "In some airports you can't bring in packages as heavy as the microscope."

The students immediately dove into the project and after more than a month of hard work they were able to reduce the size and weight of the cases, switch out heavier parts of the microscope with lighter materials and also added a three-gallon water balloon

to counter the weight of the microscope's "swing arm," Freeman said.

"It's always satisfying when the students are able to learn something," he said. "It is great when they can learn a lot and have a success and delight their client."

Sondheimer said he was a bit skeptical at first because his medical equipment suppliers had told him they had reduced the weight of his equipment as much as possible.

"They were wrong," he said. "It could be done better and these kids came up with some good solutions."

Freeman said his students findings have been sent to, SEE International, and that he is also sending them the parts from the prototypes his students made.

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# Meyers pokes fun at Trump in NU commencement

By JOHN KEILMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Late-night comedian Seth Meyers, fresh off a round of jousting with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, mostly stayed away from politics June 17 when he gave the commencement address at his alma mater, Northwestern University, but he couldn't resist one small jab.

After telling the graduates about the soaring words offered by recent graduation speakers such as first lady Michelle Obama and "Hamilton" playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, Meyers added this:

"My favorite inspirational quote came from Donald Trump, who said to the graduates of Trump University, 'If you want your money back, you're going to have to sue me, you losers.'"

Meyers, 42, a 1996 Northwestern graduate who was born in Evanston, started his comedy career by joining the school's improv troupe, and after graduation sharpened his skills at the iO Theater and the Amsterdam-based Boom Chicago comedy ensemble.

He returned to the area in 1999 to put on a two-person show in Chicago called "Pick-Ups and Hiccups" that won rave reviews. Two years later, he joined the cast of "Saturday Night Live," where he ultimately became the anchor of the Weekend Update sketch.

He left SNL in 2014 to become the fourth host of "Late Night," the NBC franchise originated by David Letterman. He made news this week by facetiously banning Trump from the program in a gesture of solidarity with the Washington Post,



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Seth Meyers, the host of NBC's "Late Night" talk show, receives an honorary degree and gives the commencement address June 17 at Northwestern University in Evanston.

which Trump has barred from his campaign events.

"We instituted this ban despite the fact that he's never been here, or asked to be here, or would ever be caught dead here," Meyers said. "I just think that takes an amazing amount of cour-

age on our part."

Trump, a frequent target of Meyers' jibes, responded in kind.

"He has begged me to do the show for the last two years. I have told him emphatically 'no,'" Trump said in a statement. "I only like

doing shows with good ratings, which, as everybody knows, I only make better (by a lot)."

Despite that fracas, Meyers, who received an honorary doctorate of arts at the ceremony, kept the focus on his school days, joking that his new title would make him "the doctor least requested in an emergency."

He recalled struggling through a geology class his freshman year, only to take the same class, which had been retitled, his senior year, achieving the same mediocre result. He said he had the university to thank for his career success.

"I truly believe I would never have been on 'Saturday Night Live,' I would never have hosted a talk show, if it wasn't for my time at Northwestern," he said. "Because when I performed in the (school's improve

show), I thought I just might possibly be funny, because these people are smart."

Students said afterward they appreciated Meyers' light touch.

"He was very energetic," said Kelley Park, 22, a neurobiology graduate from Bloomfield Hills, Mich. "I think it was more entertaining than other speeches I've heard."

Jeremy Meagher, who earned a master's degree in public policy, said he was impressed with Meyers' wit and humility.

"I like that he didn't try to be too wise, like a typical commencement speech," said Meagher, 25, who grew up in Paris. "I think it was a good dose of reality, balanced with humor. Not too much politics, which was good."

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Like most Park Ridge community organizations (there are too many worthy ones to mention here), Taste of Park Ridge committee members revel in not only contributing to a celebratory event, but just as importantly, the camaraderie that develops from working harmoniously to achieve a common goal. This fellowship, fostered by an unselfish desire to assist, defines volunteerism, and those who experience it, almost magically recognize a kindred spirit upon meeting one. This innate sense of working together to produce a joyous celebration of all that is positive in town, is primarily responsible for the Taste. Taste volunteers come from all walks of life in Park Ridge, from service clubs like Park Ridge Kiwanis and Rotary, to city workers, Park District employees, community groups, residents, merchants, and loads more. Undeniably, the Taste could not function without them, and the TOPR team is humbly grateful.

**Taste Chairman and Republican State Senatorial Candidate Mel Thillens**, along with **Taste Volunteer Coordinator Franklin Ramirez**, are particularly pleased with this year's Community Groups' response to their annual ticket sales volunteer requests. "We have enjoyed another record volunteer enrollment for 2016, which demonstrates just how important the Taste is to our community," declared Thillens. The entire committee is gratified by the incredible support generated by the fest again this year. Recently added to the impressive **Taste Sponsorship Roster** are: **Formula Fitness Clubs, Dolly McCarthy Show, Groot Industries, the Evan and Martha Olson Family, Park Ridge Knights Football Club, Park Ridge Psychological Services, Sprout Pediatric Dentistry, State Senator Laura Murphy, and Neal Salah's State Farm Insurance Agency.** The Taste committee is thrilled to have them!

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# Toy company teaches kids kindness

## Activity kits teach altruism

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH  
Pioneer Press

Teaching her three children the importance of altruism and giving back has always been a priority for Nicole Jakob. These values led the Winnetka mom and former graphic design artist to launch Renegade Made, her new line of craft and activity kits created for kids to perform caring gestures, while having fun at the same time.

"As an artist, I am very aware of street art, where someone leaves a piece of art in public for people to walk by and enjoy or ponder it," said Jakob, a University of Arizona graduate who worked in graphic design and marketing for several years. "I came up with the idea for my kits while taking one of my long, brainstorming walks, thinking, 'I could create something for my kids to make and display that would make others happy, and they would still think it was cool.'"

Renegade Made produces four kits designed for kids ages eight and up: "Fairly Painless Tattoo Lounge for Charity," "Sidewalk Chalk Tagging Kit," "Random Acts of Flowers" and "Made You Look Kit." Each kit consists of a craft that kids make at home. They then go out and perform anonymous, kind gestures with the products they have created.

For example, the "Random Acts of Flowers" kit contains the materials and directions to make 12 tissue paper flowers in a cardboard vase. Kids do the craft and then hang the vase in a public space, such as on a chain-link fence, a porta-potty or a bus stop. The sign on the vase reads, "Take one," and each flower contains a leaf tag that reads, "I



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"I came up with the idea for my kits while taking one of my long, brainstorming walks, thinking, 'I could create something for my kids to make and display that would make others happy,'" said Nicole Jakob, founder of Renegade Made.

made this for you. Do something nice for someone today."

"The idea is that we are giving kids the power to realize that something as little as a handmade flower can make someone happy or might change their day a little bit for the better," said Jakob, who said she spent several years creating the kits. "The focus is that they are doing it anonymously, not for a Facebook mention or other recognition, but rather because it makes them feel good by knowing they did something nice."

Renegade Made kits, which are manufactured overseas and safety tested by American standards, are available at several toy stores and bookstores in the U.S. and in Canada, including the Guggenheim Museum store.

in New York City, Children's Gift Shop in Northfield and The Book Stall in Winnetka.

"These toys are a great thing to have for those times when kids say to mom or dad, 'I have nothing to do,'" said Stephanie Hochschild, owner of The Book Stall. "This is an instant activity. It reminds me of growing up when you would go outside and find something fun to do. It's running around in the neighborhood and having fun, while doing a kind act."

A portion of all profits of Renegade Made is donated to one of two nonprofit organizations: Camp Kesem, which funds overnight camp for kids whose parents have been affected by cancer, and Random Acts of Flowers, which collects unused flowers from grocery

stores and florists, re-vases them and gifts them to hospital and nursing home patients.

The kits were recently nominated for Best Toy for Kids by ASTRA, the American Specialty Toy Retail Association.

"The message I hope to send is that you have the power to change someone's day for the better, and that's a lot of power," Jakob said. "It doesn't have to be a big, grand gesture. It can be a small, little thing that is silly or funny, and makes someone who isn't having a great day laugh or smile or feel good."

To learn more, go to [www.renegade-made.com](http://www.renegade-made.com).

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance reporter.



Renegade Made's four children's activity kits are shown here on display at Winnetka's The Book Stall.

# New Mexican restaurant 'shaking up' Glenview

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH  
Pioneer Press

When asked how his new restaurant is doing, Moe Taleb offered a big smile and answered, "We're shaking up this town!"

Taleb is the owner of Mesa Urbana, a new Glenview Mexican bistro that opened three months ago on Milwaukee Avenue, just north of Lake Street in the spot Captain's Quarters called home for as long as most people can remember.

"I looked at a few locations and this felt really right," said Taleb, owner of Chicago-based Zig Zag Catering. "What's drawing people in is word of mouth. So far, this feels like the busiest, most successful restaurant I've seen in my life."

Mesa Urbana, which underwent a gut rehab, is a 2,200-square-foot space that seats 125, and 20 at the bar. Edison bulb lighting, dark wood floors and tables, and colorful murals give it



JACKIE PILOSSOPH/PIONEER PRESS

"I'm very proud of the dishes we serve here and the city ambience and feel we are bringing to Glenview," said owner Moe Taleb, right, shown here with chef Eusebio Garcia.

exactly what Taleb aimed for: a quality, high-end look.

"My idea was to invest in the

best decor, which includes everything from furniture to the art and silverware and glasses, so that the

customer feels the top-notch quality," he said.

Taleb said he took that same approach when it came to his food and drinks, hiring chef Eusebio Garcia, who previously worked at well-known Chicago restaurants Park Grill and Red Light, and mixologist Berto Esparza.

"Like the food, all of our margaritas and other cocktails are made from scratch," Esparza said. "The trick is freshly squeezed juice every single day, straining out the pulp and making all of our syrups in-house."

Mesa Urbana's menu includes salads, appetizers, tacos and a variety of seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes. A children's menu is also available.

Garcia's favorite dishes include the ceviche trio, a fusion of Mexican-, American- and Asian-style ceviche; pescado tacos with pan-seared grouper, cabbage, pineapple relish, avocado and caper aioli; grilled salmon with caramelized mango, green papaya

and avocado creme fraiche; baby rack of lamb with Yukon potato puree and roasted tomato in chimichurri sauce; and carne asada, an angus skirt steak with nopales empapelados, beans and watercress salad.

"The dishes we make are simple, not complicated," Garcia said. "We're taking a piece of fish or meat, cooking it to perfection and offering it with a Mexican flavor and fresh ingredients and vegetables."

"He's not a big fan of marinating things. It's all about freshness," said Taleb, who previously owned Kith and Kin, a Lincoln Park gastro pub that he ran for five years before closing it in 2013. "I'm very proud of the dishes we serve here, and the city ambience and feel we are bringing to Glenview."

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Chris Kennedy of Chicago was one of the last bicyclists to take off June 12 on the Honor Ride for military veterans held at Evanston Subaru in Skokie.

## Hundreds cycle in Honor Ride Chicago to help wounded vets

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

Last year, hundreds of bicycle riders had to wait out heavy rain before they were able to take off from Evanston Subaru in Skokie for the annual Honor Ride Chicago.

Ride 2 Recovery, which sponsors such events across the country, calls the Honor Rides "a non-competitive cycling event that lets the public ride alongside our healing heroes."

Rides vary from 10 to 100 miles and are designed for all skill levels, the organization states. Injured veterans always ride for free.

Funds raised for the Honor Rides provide "crucial, life-changing funds" for Project HERO programs, which help wounded, ill and healing veterans improve their physical and mental health, according to the organization.

This year, hundreds of riders took off early June 12 from Evanston Subaru under clear skies. The event contributed to the nearly \$450,000 Honor Rides have raised in 2016, according to Ride 2 Recovery.

This year's ride marked



Josh Sharpe of Florida leads riders June 12 at the start of the annual Honor Ride for disabled military veterans held at Evanston Subaru in Skokie.

the third year that Evanston Subaru in Skokie has served as the Chicago area's host. Evanston Subaru owner Rob Paddor has been involved in Ride 2 Recovery for some five years, he said, having ridden in a mammoth multiweek event on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Since then, he has participated in many other week-long rides, he said.

This year's lead rider, Josh Sharpe, a Navy veteran, rides a hand-cycle throughout the year along the Florida Gulf Coast, according to a Ride 2 Recov-

ery biography.

Sharpe is an accomplished mono-skier, wheelchair tennis player and hand-cyclist, Ride 2 Recovery reports. A three-time competitor of the 280-mile Alaska Midnight Sun Hand-cycle Stage Race, he has ridden his hand-cycle down the California coast from San Francisco to San Diego twice, Ride 2 Recovery says.

For more information about Honor Rides, see [www.ride2recovery.com](http://www.ride2recovery.com).

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# Annual Ricky Byrdsong race touches on Orlando shooting

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC  
Pioneer Press

The dads of the 49 victims of the Orlando nightclub shooting were thought of by many on Father's Day at the 17th Annual Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate in Evanston.

"Focus on the love and not on the hate," said Evanston's city clerk Rodney Greene at the event. "The more we love, the more hate disappears."

The June 19 race brought out 300 volunteers and more than 5,000 participants to Northwestern University's Floyd Long Field on a blue-sky morning with early morning temperatures approaching 70 degrees.

The annual Race Against Hate remembers Ricky Byrdsong, a Northwestern University basketball coach and Skokie resident who was shot and killed in 1999.

Fairness and equality have been awareness goals since the event was launched.

Sherialyn Byrdsong, of Atlanta, Ricky Byrdsong's wife, and Karen Singer, execu-

tive director of the YWCA Evanston/North Shore, presided over a moment of silence at the starting line before the 5K and 10K races.

"No, things are not getting better," Sherialyn Byrdsong said earlier, before speaking to attendees from a riser on Sheridan Road. "Intolerance is not getting any better."

"What is most disappointing to me," Byrdsong continued, "is the inability of our Congress to pass common sense laws that could limit guns from getting into the hands of dangerous people."

This year's race raised more than \$300,000, Singer said. Proceeds benefit YWCA of Evanston/North Shore's racial justice and violence prevention outreach.

The first to finish the 10K was Chris Schmidt, of Evanston, with a time of just over 35 minutes. The first to finish the 5K was William Hague, of Winnetka, at 15 minutes.

*Karie Angell Luc is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.*



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS

At the 5K start line, runners including Carlos Reyes of Evanston, center, observe a moment of silence at the 17th annual Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate in Evanston on Sheridan Road by Northwestern University.

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# Kabul House plans move to Evanston

## Downtown Skokie restaurant relocating to a bigger space

BY MIKE ISAACS  
Pioneer Press

One of Skokie's most popular and highest regarded restaurants is leaving downtown for larger digs in Evanston, its owner says.

Kabul House owner Akmal Qazi said the family tried to stay in Skokie, but repeated efforts to find a larger space did not work out, forcing the move to 2424 Dempster St. just over the Skokie border.

Around the end of summer, Kabul House's downtown Skokie location will close and the new Evanston restaurant will open up in days if even that, he said.

The move is more difficult for Skokie to digest as the Kabul House has been a major eating attraction in downtown for nearly the last six years.

Skokie provided the Qazi family with interior grant assistance and design funds as well as promotional and marketing assistance to open at 4949 Oakton St., the village said in a statement. During the past several years, Skokie and the Qazi family worked together to try to find a new location for a larger restaurant.

"It is unfortunate that our collective efforts did not result in the restaurant remaining in Skokie," the village said in its statement.

The Kabul House, which serves Afghan cuisine, has received strong customer reviews on Yelp ever since it opened. It also has won several notable dining awards including the Michelin Bib Gourmand distinction multiple times.

Ironically, the success of the restaurant in downtown Skokie is just why Skokie lost it.

Qazi said when Kabul House initially opened, he didn't think it would be so busy. Now on weekends, he said, there are often long waits and customers have to be turned away.

To be able to expand the Kabul House menu and add additional seating as well as a party room, he said, it became clear a bigger venue was needed.

"We're going to start catering not only food, but we're going to do events," Qazi said. "We'll be able to set up a full event with staffing and decor for different occasions."

The Evanston Kabul House will also include a tea lounge for the first time, he said.

"We'll be one of the first tea lounges in the area that will be within the restaurant and serve different types of Afghan teas and desserts."

Following a significant renovation, the Kabul House will occupy the same building that was once home to Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles. It will triple the size of the current Kabul House, according to Qazi, and increase seating from 60 to about 140.

The restaurant will include outdoor seating and valet parking service. Staff will double from the current 30 to about 60 employees, he said.

"We did not want to leave downtown Skokie," Qazi said. "We had to make this move from a business decision because we really couldn't close on any property in downtown Skokie. We have outgrown our own facility."

Qazi said his family looked at about five different downtown spots that fell through, mostly because of the sellers.

In one sense, at least geographically, the change is a return to the restaurant's roots.

Shortly after Kabul House opened in downtown, Qazi told Pioneer Press the story of how it arrived there.

Qazi's father, Abdul, initially opened an Italian restaurant in Evanston as strictly a business venture.

Qazi and his brother spent a lot of time eating Italian food at the restaurant but soon grew tired of it. So Abdul Qazi started making his kids Afghan food, and his customers grew to like that food more than the Italian food, Qazi recounted.

Kabul House first opened near Dempster Street and McCormick



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Akmal Qazi, left, and his father, Abdul Qazi, are closing downtown Skokie's popular Kabul House restaurant at the end of the summer to move into larger space located in Evanston just over the Skokie border.

Boulevard not far from where the new restaurant will be located.

Six years later, though, it closed, and two years after that, Kabul House re-opened downtown with Akmal replacing his father as the owner.

The coming closing of the downtown Skokie Kabul House will not end the family's relationship with the village. A second restaurant the family owns — Boiler Shrimp & Crawfish — continues to operate on Dempster in Skokie.

Village officials and Qazi said they are optimistic that another successful restaurant can come to the Kabul House space.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the Qazi family to market the prime downtown Skokie corner location that has afforded Kabul House the opportunity to successfully grow, and hope to welcome a new restaurant to the site in the near future," the village said in its statement.



Downtown Skokie's popular Kabul House restaurant at 4949 Oakton St. is scheduled to close after not being able to find a new location for a larger restaurant in downtown Skokie.

"Yes, we're working close with the village to see if someone else wants to come and take hold of our hot spot restaurant," Qazi said. "We're having a lot of people look

at it now all because of the success that we've had here."

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# Political extremism a threat to U.S.



RANDY BLASER

I guess there is just no room for the middle ground anymore, or for moderation in general.

And that leaves people like me, people who look for solutions and common-sense ways to resolve differences, somewhat lost and frustrated.

There seems to be no voice of reason anymore. There seems to be no more sanity in today's body politic.

It reminds me of lines in the great poem by William Butler Yeats called "The Second Coming."

"Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world," Yeats warns. And a few lines later, he states: "The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity."

Isn't that a perfect de-



SPENCER PLATT/GETTY

People visit a memorial for those killed at the Pulse nightclub on June 16 in Orlando, Fla.

scription for our politics today? The presumptive nominees for president from the two major parties are full of passionate intensity.

Are they the best our nation has to offer? Polling data indicates that a majority of Americans don't think so. It has been said that no election in history

will feature two candidates who are disliked by so many people.

How did we reach this point?

One of the great qualities of the American people throughout our history has been the ability to compromise, to find a middle way. I think we are losing that ability.

On nearly every issue, there seems to be no middle ground. There is not one issue that has some aspect that all people can embrace. It is all one way, or nothing.

Donald Trump has received a lot of criticism for his proposals on immigration — build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico and stop entry into the nation by all Muslims.

That's not a solution. That's a temper tantrum.

It is also the antithesis to the thesis that is current national policy: No enforcement of immigration laws and a policy that effects open borders.

Those are the two choices regarding this issue? All or nothing?

I'd like to believe we are a nation of intelligent and good people that can find solutions to all our problems. Why can't we work to find a solution other than to let everyone in or let no one in? Why can't we figure out which refugees from the Middle East might pose a threat to U.S. national secu-

rity and those who don't, then detain those who do and let the others in?

The gun control debate is raging this week after the awful shooting in Orlando. Without knowing all the details, once again the two sides are entrenched and hardened, blaming each other for the tragedy.

Gun advocates will accept no restriction on their right to access any weapon, no matter how deadly in the hands of a disturbed individual.

How can that be defended?

Yet my great city, Chicago, has gun restrictions — maybe the toughest in the country. It is also the murder capital of the nation.

And our leaders are silent about it. They are immune to the weekly body count, which is a terrible national tragedy.

You mean to tell me we can't find fair and reasonable solutions to these problems, in which law-abiding citizens can have their guns for sport shooting, collecting and hunting,

while the crooks and bad guys can't access the type of guns the police and military use?

This all-or-nothing mentality is doing great harm to the nation. We're becoming a nation of finger-pointers, blamers, shamers and haters of those who don't think or act like me.

We are more divided than any time since the Vietnam War era. And rather than seek a middle way as a possible solution, both sides demonize the other and harden their positions. The right and the left talk past each other and don't even attempt to understand the other side.

And that's a great national threat, greater than ISIS, greater than a sputtering economy and greater than the racism and bigotry that still plagues us in all too many ways.

A house divided against itself cannot stand.

It's time we think about saving the house.

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## When kids read to dogs, everyone wins



PAUL SASSONE

Just animals.

The more we learn about animals, the more we realize they are not "just" animals.

Animals may not be able to read. But, it turns out, reading can play an important part in the lives of dogs.

Animal welfare groups across the United States are implementing programs in which volunteers read to dogs.

For example, the Humane Society of Missouri has the Shelter Buddies Reading Program in which kids ages 6 to 15 read to shelter dogs. Humane Society officials say the dogs relish the attention, become more trusting and thus more adoptable.

A similar program in New York City is operated by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Severely abused or traumatized dogs are read to by adult volunteers. The type of book doesn't matter, as long as it is read in a soothing voice. The dogs begin to associate humans with kindness instead of cruelty. They also receive training and behav-

ior therapy. The goal is to make these dogs adoptable.

But, dogs always give more than they get.

Reading Education Assistance Dogs (READ) is a program in which kids read to shelter dogs. But the beneficiaries are the kids.

Started in Salt Lake City by a nonprofit group called Intermountain Therapy Animals, the goal of READ is to help children with reading problems improve their reading skills and learn to love reading.

There are READ volunteer teams in 49 states, four Canadian provinces and 59 teams in Europe and other parts of the world.

Kids read better and learn to love reading — and

the shelter dogs enjoy the attention and companionship of human beings. For once, a win-win situation really is a win-win situation.

This is the whole dog/human relationship in a nutshell: Dogs are good for people and people are good for dogs.

I couldn't find a READ program in Illinois. Maybe there is one or more that I just couldn't find. I'd hate to think Illinois doesn't have anything like this.

More about READ can be had by going to [TherapyAnimals.org](http://TherapyAnimals.org).

Just animals, my foot!

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JIM PRISCHING/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Seven-year-old Johnathan Loseh of Sleepy Hollow reads a book to Noble, a German shepherd therapy dog. The Dundee Township Library in East Dundee sponsored a program that allowed children to read to Noble the dog.

## Re-evaluating reasonable doubt in day care death case



DAVID RUTTER

Everybody wants justice for Melissa Calusinski just as much as they want justice for the little Deerfield boy who died in 2009 while in her care.

Now there will be rehearing of old evidence and examination of what might be new evidence. That will determine if the Carpentersville woman gets a new trial in the daycare death of 16-month-old Benjamin Kingan.

For almost everyone involved — including the child's grief-traumatized parents — the heartache seems to have no resolution.

But doubt is a good place to start. The only place, really.

The judge who presided over the Lake County jury that convicted Calusinski of first-degree murder in 2011 was sure enough in 2012 to sentence her to 31 years.

That result was based on guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. But the same judge no longer is sure. How do we know this?

If he were sure justice had been done then, Judge Daniel Shanes would not have needed to take any action now.

Shanes has taken what might be the rarest course of any presiding judge. He wants to hear his case again, and he seems open to changing his mind.

Presiding judges normally cringe even when their decisions are taken through the traditional appeals court process.

Shanes heard all the evidence in 2011. He did not stop the trial and direct Calusinski be declared not guilty. If he had been as sure now as he was in 2011, he

would need not reassess anything.

By saying the evidentiary hearing should proceed, Shanes has validated palpable, actionable doubt. He could rule for a new trial or simply reverse the original verdict and tell Calusinski to go home with her family.

Convince me, he's telling the lawyers. But, he says implicitly, there's a problem, and we can't ignore it.

It's the sort of basic, reasonable, legally defined doubt that might require a "not guilty" verdict. Not allow it — require it.

We will see.

There are several signs to indicate how sure Lake County prosecutors are about their task.

They not only fiercely fought a retrial but also this evidentiary hearing, too. They are protesting too loudly, as well they might. Lake prosecutors bear the unfortunate scars of their recent sins, so their moral high ground is constructed on cascading quicksand.

Lake County jurisprudence soon will be dragged to this required enlightenment.

Prosecutors have fought every glimmer of doubt, every suggestion they botched the case as they have botched others. Now they claim to happily embrace an event they tried to quash from the beginning.

Here's what is absolutely true in a case with contested arguments for almost every fact: There is doubt. Even the prosecutors know this.

Very deep doubt that justice was done in 2009. Reasonable doubt about evidence the jury did not see, did not understand.

That doubt should have existed when Calusinski was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. The facts of the case are now confronted with valid alternatives about the X-rays and lengthy, manipulative interrogation she under-

went that produced a confession.

The centerpiece of the dispute is whether the child died of a skull fracture caused when he was deliberately dropped. And whether Calusinski was convinced by interrogators that she must have done it because there was no other good theory.

But Lake County Coroner Dr. Thomas Rudd has supplied multiple ways the child may have died. Had Rudd been the coroner in 2009, the case might never have been tried.

The X-rays used to convict Calusinski are in dispute, including whether the skull fracture was new, old or the result of the child's reported habit of striking his own head on hard objects.

That skull fracture was mentioned 32 times in the trial. Rudd says those X-rays, and as yet unseen X-rays, do not show what prosecutors say, and there is no clear evidence anything Calusinski did caused the child's passing.

Rudd even withdrew the original cause of death and changed it to "undetermined."

He has offered up profound and reasonable doubt.

Assistant State's Attorney Stephen Scheller said deep differences in interpreting the fracture in itself don't prove Calusinski's innocence. But no one has to prove she is innocent.

If the judge decides the re-visited evidence means she gets a new trial, then the vocabulary changes.

Calusinski is immediately transformed from a convicted murderer into an innocent-until-proved-guilty defendant.

Scheller will have to prove she is guilty. He probably already knows that task lies ahead.

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## Why are we a no-vacation nation?



JERRY DAVICH

I'll be taking a vacation soon, and I'm already making a list of work-related responsibilities to do while I'm away.

What's wrong with me? What's wrong with us? Should we place blame solely on our reliance to all the electronic devices keeping us connected to our workplace? Or is there something deeper at work, tapping into our conditioned psychology of work, work, work?

Instead of recharging our body and mind's batteries for a few days, we're constantly recharging our phone and laptop's batteries to keep us on the grindstone grid. But why?

Possibly, some of us fear losing our job so we'll do whatever it takes to employ the illusion of job security. If that means working during our vacation, so be it. If that means being on call for any work-related problems, it comes down to feeling needed over feeling relaxed. We willingly believe the workplace mirage that we're all indispensable.

Others might be addicted to work, though they'd never admit it. Without their workplace identity, some of these workplace junkies wouldn't have much of an identity in society. Outside of their office, and their esteemed titles, they're merely, say, another middle-aged guy with a receding hairline and beer belly.

In our digital age, it's becoming much harder to distance ourselves from workplace duties when we are supposed to be "off



EYEWIDEOPEN

Even when Americans use their vacation days, they often bring their work with them. The rise of technology makes unplugging from work more difficult.

work." So we plug in our devices, pick up our phone calls and continue to produce even when we're off the clock. Even more troubling is that many of us boast about our unused vacation days, as if it's a badge of merit.

You can now leave your office, or avoid it completely, without ever leaving your workload. For many of us, vacations only change the scenery around us while we continue to do business. We're vacationing, yet we're not.

In France, the government recently passed legislation to ban certain employers from sending work-related texts and emails to workers. The "right to disconnect" ban is designed to reduce employee burnout, which is more of a problem in our country than theirs.

I don't quite understand other industries' workers and what compels them to work so much without cashing in their vacation time or needed sick days. Is it from a warranted fear? A warped sense of pride? Irrational rationaliza-

tions? You tell me.

Are we slowly turning into Morlocks, those cave-men creatures as predicted in H.G. Wells' 1895 science-fiction novel, "Time Machine"? If you recall, Wells speculated that our species would devolve into two classes — the brutal, light-fearing Morlocks and the leisurely, empty-headed Eloi who roam above ground.

Too many of us like to pretend we're the Eloi when it's obvious we're the Morlocks, chained to our work under the guise of attaining the American Dream. Does that dream include being overly stressed, tethered to our jobs around the clock and unable to relax for just a few days? Apparently so.

I'll find out when I attempt to get away from all my deadline demons. Don't be surprised if I choose not to immediately reply to your voice mails, emails and social media messages. Then again, I'd be surprised if I can actually pull it off.

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# Time to get picky

Berry farms are about to open for the season

BY ANNIE ALLEMAN  
The Beacon-News

Strawberry pie, strawberry smoothies, strawberry shortcake. Blueberry muffins, blueberry cobbler, blueberry pancakes. Raspberry jam, raspberry cheesecake, raspberry vinaigrette dressing.

Berries, berries everywhere, and so many luscious ways to use them. Very soon the strawberries will ripen, followed by the blueberries in July; and later in the summer the blackberries and raspberries.

If you like to get your fruit local, you're in luck — there are many farms in Northern Illinois that allow people to pick their own berries. Before you go out romping in the fields, it's a good idea to call or check the farm's website or social media feed for rules and regulations. Don't forget to wear old shoes and plenty of bug spray and sunscreen.

**Cody's Farm:** 19502 River Road, Marengo. 815-568-7976. E-mail: [codysfarmfreshvegetables@yahoo.com](mailto:codysfarmfreshvegetables@yahoo.com). [Codysfarm.com](http://Codysfarm.com). Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Co-owner Valerie Purdom emailed that the farm would probably be open around June 5, depending on the weather — the cooler temperatures have made the ripening process slow down. She will post on the farm's Facebook page as soon as picking begins. Pricing is still being determined for this year. She added that the strawberries "look great" and the "plants are in full bloom right now." Also, they've added straw between the rows to improve the picking experience, she writes. Credit cards, cash and



CODY'S FARM

Cody's Farm in Marengo has berries ripe for the picking.

check accepted.

**Grace Farm Studios:** 2719 Franklinville Road, Woodstock. 815-790-8895; [Gracefarmstudios.com](http://Gracefarmstudios.com). Email [owney@gracefarmstudios.com](mailto:owney@gracefarmstudios.com). Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday; call first. This is a small farm specializing in nine varieties of organically-grown red raspberries; as well as two varieties of gold raspberries, two varieties of purple and five varieties of black raspberries. Visa and MasterCard accepted. Check the website for instructions on entering the farm due to the Franklinville Road construction.

**Guelde Strawberries:** 4779 E. 1525th Road, Earlville. 815-246-9609; [gueldestrawberries.com](http://gueldestrawberries.com). Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; berry supply and weather permitting. This farm will open approximately the second week of June; keep an eye on the farm's Facebook page for up-to-date information. There are several types of strawberries for you-pick available and they provide quart boxes

and cardboard flat boxes. Cash or check only.

**Heider's Berry Farm:** 1106 North Queen Anne Road, Woodstock. 815-338-0301; [heidersonberryfarm.com](http://heidersonberryfarm.com). Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily as long as berries are available; strawberries are typically mid-June to July and again from September until the first frost. Raspberries are available in July and again in September until the first frost. Free admission and parking; cash and check only.

**McCann Berry Farm:** 18110 Kishwaukee Valley Road, Woodstock. 815-568-8810; e-mail [upick@mccannberryfarm.com](mailto:upick@mccannberryfarm.com). [mccannberryfarm.com](http://mccannberryfarm.com). Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily to July 4; then 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday early July to the second week of August. According to the website, the 2016 picking season could start early this year, with strawberries possibly available for you-pick the first week of June and blueberries ready in early July. Containers are provided; use your own berry containers and

receive 50 cents off. Free parking. Cash and check only accepted.

**Stade's Farm and Market:** 3709 W. Miller Road, McHenry. 815-675-6396; [Stadesfarmandmarket.com](http://Stadesfarmandmarket.com). E-mail [thefarm@stadesfarmandmarket.com](mailto:thefarm@stadesfarmandmarket.com). During you-pick season, the farm is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. This year's strawberry season is on track to begin June 12 and runs about three or four weeks, depending on supply and weather. The Farmtractions Theme Park will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through strawberry picking season and will re-open Sept. 10 for the Shades of Autumn festival. Attractions include a carousel, trikes, slide, train, hamster run, jumping pillow, giant sandbox, zip line (for kids and adults), petting zoo and more. Cost for the amusement park is \$10; kids 2 and under are free. Baskets are included in the price. You can only pick into Stade's containers. Cash and Visa/MasterCard are accepted.

**Tom's Farm Market:** 10214 W. Algonquin Road, Huntley. 847-

669-3421; [tomsfarmmarket.com](http://tomsfarmmarket.com). 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tom's Farm has more than for acres of you-pick strawberries boasting four different varieties. Pre-picked are also available. Strawberry season generally begins mid-June and lasts two to three weeks. Call ahead for ripening dates and field conditions. You-pick berries are priced by the pound. Cash and credit cards accepted.

**Up Berries:** 30683 Lanan Road, Kingston. E-mail [christine@upberries.com](mailto:christine@upberries.com); [Upberries.com](http://Upberries.com). Hours are 8 a.m. to sunset daily beginning in mid-July; check the website or Facebook for exact dates. This year will be primarily red raspberries and some blackberries. Red raspberries and blueberries are projected to be available in mid-July. There is a self-serve honor system in place at this orchard; there is no cashier on site. Cost is \$3 per pint of raspberries (tax included); cash or check only.

## MUSIC

## Duo honors 'The Piano Men' for Skokie Theatre show

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
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An acclaimed piano woman and her longtime professional partner will salute "The Piano Men," on June 25 at the Skokie Theatre.

Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael will perform the music of Barry Manilow, Michael Feinstein and Billy Joel, plus share stories about the three entertainers.

"I was inspired from my work with Michael (Feinstein), and how he utilizes the piano," said Menzie, who is one of the musical directors at Feinstein's Songbook Academy.

Tom Michael recalled a meeting 20 years ago when Feinstein took him out for coffee "and let me ask him lots of questions about the music industry and the Great American Songbook."

After deciding to build a show around Feinstein, Menzie said, "I started to think about other men that did the same thing — the piano didn't keep them from their audience."

"We wanted to do a show that people could really connect with," Michael explained.

They obviously made the right decision because "The Piano Men" had three sold-out performances at Davenport's Cabaret and Piano Bar in April.

"It seems like the music of our generation — the '60s/'70s — is really coming to the forefront now as the new Great American Songbook," Michael said. When they analyzed which performers were their favorites back then, Billy Joel and Barry Manilow hit the mark for both of them.

Menzie and Michael did extensive research for this show as they do for all of their shows. "We read, we look at YouTube interviews



TOM MICHAEL

Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael will perform the songs of Barry Manilow, Billy Joel and Michael Feinstein at the Skokie Theatre.

### Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael present, 'The Piano Men'

**When:** 8 p.m., June 25  
**Where:** Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie  
**Tickets:** \$25  
**Information:** 847-677-7761; skokietheatre.com

of the artist," Menzie said. "I spent a week with Michael Feinstein and when I would hear him say something to the students in coaching that made my heart stop, I would type it into my notes."

As they gathered information on the three men, the pair tried to discover, "How their first experience was with the piano, stories about who they were and how they grew as artists," Menzie said.

Michael was particularly interested in a video interview in which Billy Joel spoke about his first piano teacher. The audience will hear about that in the show.

They'll also hear about the fact that all three "Piano Men" performed at New

York's Carnegie Hall — as did Menzie and Michael on June 7.

The show is packed with musical numbers including, "Tryin' to Get the Feeling Again," "New York State of Mind," "You Are My Home," "Angry Young Man," "Piano Man" and many more.

Menzie's favorite number in the show is "the surprise," she said.

Drummer Irwin Berkowitz, Menzie's fiancé, performs alternate percussion on six of the numbers.

Menzie concluded that each of the artists they are saluting became most successful when they did what they loved, rather than copying anyone else's style. "It's really about being the best you," she said. That certainly applies to Menzie and Michael, who have sung together for about 27 years and been a duo for 18 years.

Menzie attributes their ongoing success to "really deep friendship and fun together, paired with the absolute commitment to being the best us."

"We love to be onstage together," Michael concluded. "And it shows."

## MUSIC

## Park Ridge native back for 'American Salute' concert

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

Park Ridge native Thomas Forde was a soloist at Opera Zurich's International Opera Studio for two seasons. He has sung with opera companies across the country and overseas, and also has an impressive resume of musical theater performances.

And yet, Forde admitted that he was nervous when he performed with the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society two years ago.

That's because he was "coming home to perform for all of the most important people in my life," he said.

Forde will be entertaining the hometown crowd again when he joins the orchestra on July 1 for an "American Salute."

Musical Director and Conductor Barbara Schubert said they invited Forde back because, "He was so great. He's such a wonderful musician and a nice person to work with. We got very, very good reaction to his performance two years ago. I actually asked him to come back last year but he was performing out of town so I tried to grab him as early as I could this year."

"The set that I'm most excited about is from a musical called 'The Civil War' by Frank Wildhorn that has probably some of the most underrated, beautiful patriotic music that has been composed for musical theater," Forde declared. "It's not performed very often in a concert setting."

Schubert is creating special arrangements for the pieces selected from that musical as well as from "Ragtime," which



GRAY TALENT GROUP

Park Ridge native Thomas Forde will perform patriotic music in Park Ridge July 1.

### Park Ridge Fine Arts Society presents, 'American Salute'

**When:** 8 p.m. July 1  
**Where:** Hodges Park at Vine, Main and Courtland, Park Ridge  
**Admission:** Free  
**Information:** www.prfa-s.org

Forde will also sing. "We're going to do some other related patriotic things — medleys of tunes from Civil War times and American folk tunes through the years," the conductor said.

Chances are Forde will have the same loyal fan base at the upcoming concert. He recalled arriving at Hodges Park at 4 p.m. for his sound check two years ago. His parents did, too, "so they could

reserve all of the space on the lawn for the 75 people they had invited," the vocalist said. It's a good thing they did because over 2,000 people were in attendance that night.

Forde spent his early years in Chicago but his family moved to Park Ridge, where his parents still live, in 1997 so he could attend Maine South High School.

"I really wanted to go to a school that had a fine arts emphasis," he explained. "When I was younger, I wanted to be a serious actor."

He focused on acting for his first couple of high school years, and then someone heard him sing and encouraged him to take vocal lessons because they needed low voices. "It was sort of fate from there that I ended up majoring in voice at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign," the bass-baritone said.

Forde has particularly fond memories of his time at the Opera House in Zurich. That two-season stint led to other opportunities, including performing with Opera di Roma and Santa Fe Opera.

Forde is currently living in Rogers Park, after spending 10 years nearly constantly on the road.

"I'm trying to make Chicago more of a home base," he explained.

One of his goals is to do more musical theater in Chicago. "My experience with Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook was very special — doing 'Les Miz,'" he said.

His focus now, though, is on the Park Ridge performance. Forde said, "It's an honor to be asked to come home and kind of represent Park Ridge in concert."



MICHAEL KETT

Families will enjoy amazing feats of fleas with Professor Marvel's Flea Circus & Magic Show on July 5 at Central Park, 9350 Central Park Ave., Skokie.

#### FAMILY FRIENDLY

## Fantastic fleas bring their circus stunts to Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Pioneer Press

They may be tiny — dare we say invisible? — but the stars of Professor Marvel's Flea Circus & Magic Show are mighty. Your kids will enjoy their exploits during a free interactive performance, 7 p.m. July 5 at Central Park, 9350 Central Park Ave., Skokie.

These fleas are sure to please.

"Madame Sophie does a high wire act," said Michael Kett, better known as Professor Marvel. "Hercules is the world's strongest flea. Pogo is a one-legged flea. He climbs a ladder, dives off a diving board and does 10 somersaults before landing in a pool of water, creating a huge flea-sized splash."

The list of tiny talents goes on.

"Alexander is a mind-reading flea," Kett said. "And the big finale is shooting Victor out of a cannon at 90 miles an hour and somebody catches him in a baseball mitt."

You won't believe your eyes when you see what the Professor calls "The Smallest Show on Earth"

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

#### On the road again

Lincolnwood's Community Park Play Dates moves to Flowers Park, 4520 W. Pratt Ave., 1-2 p.m. June 30. There will be active games, outdoor crafts and more at this free, drop-in event for all ages.

For details, call 847-677-9740 or go to [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).

#### Wiz biz

"Fun Wiz" Brian Wismer will lead Wacky Team Challenges for families, 2-3 p.m. June 25 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. There will be a variety of wacky games, trivia questions, Simon Says and much more.

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

#### Wizards wanted

Your children can Relive the Magic of Harry Potter, 7 p.m. June 24 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Kids can go to a coloring station, answer trivia questions, send an Owl Postcard and help assemble a Wrebbit 3D Hogwarts Astronomy Tower, an 875-piece three-dimensional puzzle.

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

#### You'll have a field day

A 3-legged race, hula hoop competition, bean bag toss and more family challenges await at Field Day & Summer Concert at Dee Park, 2-4 p.m. June 26 at 9229 W. Emerson St., Des Plaines. Activities run from 2-3 p.m. followed by Dave Rudolf's humorous, highly interactive musical Beach Party. Admission is free.

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

## FREE Movies in the Park

Thursday, June 23, Sundown at Lorel Park  
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Date Night at the Movies featuring:



Pack up the kids, blankets and lawn chairs and head to Lorel Park for an evening of free family fun. Movies will begin at sunset.

#### Coming Soon:

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Norms of the North

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Chris Krackenberger of Skokie, left, and Denise Tigges of Highwood, Misericordia residential administrators



Sharon and Jim Solomon of Park Ridge, from left, and Joan Berman of Oak Park, Misericordia parent



Charles Drlbin, from left, Anna D, Misericordia artist of "Fruit of the Garden" (center), and Alice Eysenbach, all of Skokie

### DRIEHAUS FASHION AWARDS SHOW RAISES \$140,000



ALLEN BOURGEOIS/DRIEHAUS DESIGN INITIATIVE

Amy Schult of Park Ridge, from left, Steve Thompson, and Kelli Thompson were among guests at the 15th DrieHaus Awards for Fashion Excellence held at 700 S. Des Plaines St., Chicago, April 29. The evening included a fashion show and proceeds of \$140,000 will help support fashion and design programs at College Chicago, Dominican University, The Illinois Institute of Art — Chicago and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. More information at [driehausdesign.org](http://driehausdesign.org).

### GALA MARKS 25 YEARS FOR CHILDREN'S PLACE



ANA MIYARES PHOTOGRAPHY/CHILDREN'S PLACE ASSOCIATION

Barbara Read, left, and Marida Kolak of Park Ridge, were among supporters at the "Once Upon a Time Gala" celebrating 25 years of charitable services of the Children's Place Association and its programs that help children facing illness and extreme poverty. The event, held at Morgan Manufacturing, Chicago, on April 16, raised \$650,000 to aid the organization. More at [childrens-place.org](http://childrens-place.org).

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# Living

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Cassidy Nordstrom identifies as nonbinary — fitting into neither of the two genders — and uses gender-nonconforming pronouns.

BY SE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## Defying categorization

More Americans, particularly younger people, identify as neither male nor female. Page 14

## SUBURBAN COOKS



JUDY BUCHENOT/COURIER NEWS

Pork roast cooked with a Dijon mustard crust and served with a rhubarb sauce.

## Rhubarb makes a tasty addition

By Judy Buchenot  
The Courier News

One of the first local crops to be harvested in the spring and early summer is rhubarb. For those who are unfamiliar with rhubarb, it looks similar to a stalk of celery but has a red color. The flavor is tart but fruity, similar to a green apple. It is frequently used to make pies and crumbles which makes many people think it is a fruit, but rhubarb is a vegetable. To neutralize the tart flavor, rhubarb is often paired in a pie with strawberries, which is why Bob and Mary McCann thought it made sense to grow rhubarb along with strawberries when they opened McCann Berry Farm in Woodstock 33 years ago.

The couple met when they were both high school teachers in Glen Ellyn. They commuted between Glen Ellyn and Woodstock for several years before deciding to move to Woodstock in

### Mary's Culinary Cue

Rhubarb can be easily frozen to use later in pies, sauces and beverage. Simply cut the stalks into three inch chunks and freeze in bags or freeze containers.

1998. Although Mary is 70 and Bob is 75, they still plan to be hard at work running their berry farm. They have three acres of strawberries, three acres of blueberries, and fields of sugar snap peas and rhubarb. Customers can pick their own produce or buy it already picked. The strawberries, rhubarb and sugar snap peas will be available until the beginning of July and blueberries will be ready around July 10. Mary has found it interesting that rhubarb is increasing in popularity.

"Years ago, a lot of people bought it to make strawberry rhubarb pie," she says.

"Then it wasn't as popular for a while but now, it has become really popular again." Mary suspects that part of the reason for the popularity is that rhubarb has been declared a superfood. "It is rich in vitamin C," she says. Rhubarb is also a source of antioxidants and potassium as well. It is high in dietary fiber which is helpful for people trying to lose a few pounds. "Some people just like to eat it cooked or with a topping like a crumble. Rhubarb has always been very popular in Europe but it has become more popular here."

Although rhubarb can be eaten raw, it is very tart. Mary says most of the time people cook rhubarb and sweeten it. "I like to cook it to medium soft so that it still has some structure and isn't too mushy." The cooked rhubarb can be used as a topping on ice cream or in many different recipes.

Just like any vegetable, there are many varieties of

rhubarb. Some are tarter than others. The McCanns grow a variety known as Canadian Red which has a less sharp tart flavor than some other varieties.

Rhubarb also can be used to make a flavorful cold summer drink. To make rhubarb tea, Mary suggests cutting 8 stalks of rhubarb into 3-inch chunks. Place it in 8 cups of water in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil and then reduce the heat to allow the rhubarb to simmer for one hour. Strain out the pulp and then add about 1/3 cup sugar or more if desired. Cool the mixture and then pour over ice.

There are also ways to use rhubarb when cooking meat. Rhubarb supplies a fruity flavor when it is cooked with chicken in a recipe Mary shares. Mary also offers a recipe for a sauce to be served with roast pork. The sauce includes orange juice and a touch of cider vinegar to add depth to the rhubarb flavor.

## Rhubarb Smothered Chicken

Make 6 servings.

- 1/4 cup corn oil
- 3 pounds chicken pieces
- Salt
- Pepper
- Paprika
- Dried oregano
- Crushed thyme
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 4 cups fresh rhubarb, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh garlic, chopped
- 1 cup white wine
- 3 tablespoons fresh finely chopped parsley
- 3 cups rice, cooked

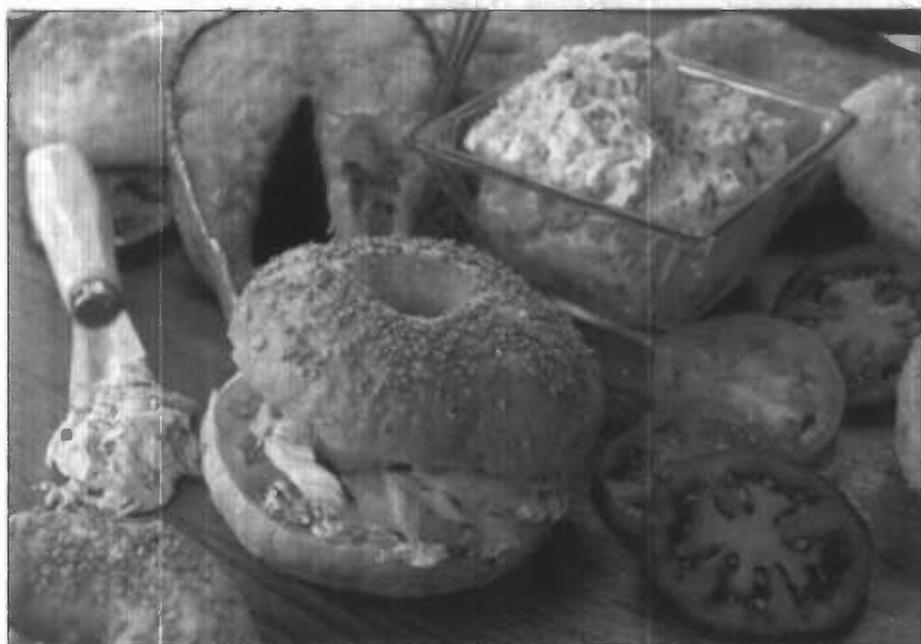
1. Heat oil in a large heavy frying pan until hot. Lightly season chicken with salt, pepper, paprika, oregano and thyme.
2. Add chicken to hot oil. Sprinkle flour over chicken. Brown chicken 6 minutes on each side. Add rhubarb and onions to pan. Cook and stir until onions are browned.
3. Add garlic and cook one minute. Add wine. Cover pan and simmer over medium-low heat 45 minutes. Stir often, adding water if mixture seems too dry. When chicken is tender and cooked through, stir in parsley. Serve over cooked rice.

## Pork Loin with Orange Rhubarb Sauce

Makes 8 servings.

- 3 pounds boneless top loin pork roast
- 1 cup Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups fresh rhubarb cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

1. Score top roast with a sharp knife in a diamond pattern. In a small bowl whisk together mustard, garlic, salt and pepper. Spread mixture on all sides of the roast.
2. Place on a roasting rack in a roasting pan. Bake at 325 degrees for about 90 minutes or until meat is done.
3. While meat is cooking, place rhubarb, onion, orange juice, cider vinegar, sugar and salt in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring often. Slice roast and spoon sauce over the slices or serve on the side.



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A homemade sesame-seed bagel with veggie cream cheese, smoked salmon and sliced heirloom tomatoes.

# Schmear heaven

## Top homemade bagels with veggie cream cheese, smoked salmon

Nestled in a little shack at 3259 E. 95th St. on Chicago's South Side, Calumet Fisheries tempts eager foodies to devour a lunch of crispy fried shrimp, oysters or clam strips before snagging a mess of James Beard Award-winning smoked fish to enjoy at home.

Yep, this unassuming, cash-only little shop smokes their fish and seafood on site using nothing more than all-natural oak wood. When the smoke house doors open, thick smoke billows out and reveals racks of perfectly smoked fish hanging from the ceiling. This is the stuff of culinary dreams.

Just yesterday, after noshing on a meal of fried scallops at a communal picnic table on the side of the road, I selected a stunning piece of smoked salmon from the shop to share with my family. As the folks at the market wrapped the salmon in



MELISSA ELSMO  
Out of Mel's Kitchen

white paper, I began thinking about the best way to enjoy such a perfect piece of fish.

Sure, I could have tossed it in a salad or simply served it on crackers, but staring at that pristine fish I couldn't shake the memory of enjoying smoked salmon on a chewy New York-style bagel with a healthy portion of vegetable-spiked cream cheese.

Unlike grocery store cream cheese, my New York-inspired schmear is loaded with an array of fresh veggies and herbs. I opted for yellow pepper, shredded carrot, scallions

and fresh dill in mine, but you can customize the vegetable mix to your personal tastes. With a little advanced planning, you'll have enough time to let the flavors meld overnight in the refrigerator.

A schmear this good is even better served on a homemade bagel. Some folks may think working with a yeast dough is complicated, but this simple recipe is quite forgiving. After a quick twirl on your finger, all these beauties need is a fast dunk in boiling water before being baked in a hot oven. Don't skip this step; boiling before baking gives bagels their signature chewy texture.

Slather a toasted homemade bagel with some fresh veggie schmear before topping it with sliced heirloom tomatoes and some gorgeous smoked salmon. Believe me, brunch will never be the same again.

## Homemade bagels with veggie schmear and smoked salmon

Makes 1 pound of cream cheese and 8 bagels.

### FOR THE VEGGIE CREAM CHEESE:

- 2 8-ounce packages plain cream cheese
- 1 yellow pepper, finely diced
- 2-3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- 3 Tablespoons snipped fresh chives
- 1 teaspoon coarse black pepper
- 3/4-1 teaspoon kosher salt (more or less to taste)
- 1-2 Tablespoons milk or cream

1. Place the cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whip attachment or use an electric hand mixer. Whip the cream cheese on high speed until softened (about 2 minutes). Add the yellow pepper, scallions, carrot, parsley, dill, chives, pepper and salt to the cream cheese and mix on low speed until just combined. With the machine running add the cream slowly to thin mixture to a spreadable consistency. Transfer the cream cheese to a container, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Cream cheese will keep for five days in the refrigerator.

### FOR THE BAGELS:

- 1 packet active dry yeast (1/4 ounce)
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 3 cups bread flour, plus extra as needed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 egg beaten with 1 teaspoon of water
- 2 Tablespoons sesame seeds

1. Place the yeast and sugar in a small bowl. Pour 1/2 cup of warm water over the yeast mixture and allow to sit without stirring for 10 minutes. Mix the bread flour and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook and turn to low speed.

2. Mix the yeast, sugar and water in the small bowl and add to the flour mixture. Add an additional 3/4 cup warm water and continue mixing adding additional water as needed until dough forms. A proper bagel dough should clean the sides and bottom of the mixing bowl. If the dough is too loose add more flour a bit at a time until the proper consistency is achieved. Continue mixing on low speed for 8-10 minutes until the dough is smooth and elastic.

3. Transfer the dough to a large oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Allow the bagel dough to rise in a warm place for about 1 hour until doubled in size.

4. Pull the dough from the bowl and place on a floured work surface. Punch down to burst any bubbles trapped in the dough. Divide the dough into 8 equal portions and roll into equal sized balls. Press your finger through the center of each ball to make a hole and twirl it around on your finger to increase the size of the hole. Set the bagel down on the work surface and repeat until all the bagels have holes. Cover with a cloth.

5. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Fill a large high-sided skillet with water and bring to a boil. When the oven is preheated uncover the bagels. Place 4 bagels (bottom side down) into the water and allow to boil gently for 2 minutes, flip the bagels and allow to boil on the top side for an additional 2 minutes. Flip and transfer to a parchment lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining 4 bagels.

6. Brush the bagels with the egg wash and sprinkle with the sesame seeds. Place the sheet pan in the oven and bake for 15 minutes. Increase the temperature to 450 and continue baking for an additional 10-15 minutes until bagels are golden brown. Serve warm or cool to room temperature before storing. Toast as desired.

MY PET WORLD

# What is the best type of food for your cat?

By Marc Morrone  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: I am getting many mixed answers when asking what I should feed my cat. It seems everyone I ask gives me a different answer (vet, animal control officer, cat owners). I have a 1-year-old Calico who is overweight. She eats about 1 to 1 1/2 cups of dry weight control food daily and no wet food.**

— Margaret Knoll, St. Paul, Minn.

**A:** These people gave you these answers because they were satisfied with the way their own cat did on that particular food. All cats react differently to different types of food, just like humans. Each cat will react differently to a prepared diet.

After a lifetime of feeding hundreds of cats, I have learned that a cat on a diet of dry food will usually be overweight, shed quite a bit more than normal and throw up a lot of hair balls and produce very voluminous stools. I have also had cats on a dry food diet that were in spectacular condition.

When I kept cats on a diet of raw food, every one of them were in great shape and had very small stools, so we used very little cat litter. However, the raw food was really expensive for me to continue to use and I have found that if I keep my cats on a diet of just canned food then it is a nice compromise between the raw diet and the dry food diet. To my eye they are not in as great shape as they



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When it comes to deciding what type of food to feed a cat, trial and error can help show what will work best, since all cats respond to food differently.

would be on a raw diet, but still are in much better condition than when I kept cats on a diet of just dry food.

My point here is that rather than just listening to all these different people spouting their opinions, you should try feeding all these different foods to your own cat and see which one fits your budget and lifestyle. This way, you can make the best choice based on the results that you see

yourself.

**Q: We have a Double Yellow Head Amazon Parrot now for the last seven years. He lives in a big cage in our den where we spend most of our time. We cover his cage around 8 p.m. even though he is still awake. We read on the internet that a parrot must have 12 hours of sleep every night since they live on the equator, so the light**

**cycle is 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. Would it be better for him if we put him in a different room of the house so that he can sleep for 12 hours?**

— Danielle Mckenzie, Portland, OR

**A:** What you read on the internet about parrots needing 12 hours of sleep is just another one of those internet myths about pet care that cause petkeepers so

much anxiety: There is not a scientific study that devoted itself to determining how much uninterrupted sleep a parrot needs. Yes, it is true that on the Equator there is 12 hours of night and 12 of daylight, but very few species of parrots live in that zone. They usually range north of it and south of it anyway.

Your bird is native to Mexico and Mexico is part of North America, so a wild Double Yellow Head Amazon living in its natural habitat would have only a few hours of darkness in the summer and a longer period in the winter.

My point here is that birds have evolved to experience random events and changes in their natural habitat and your pet bird should be exposed to the same sort of lifestyle. If you are staying up late, then your bird will as well. If he is tired then he will take a nap during the day to make up for it. He is a member of your family and most definitely should be kept where the family is all the time. Please do not shut him up all alone in a room just because you read a statement on the internet that is not at all based on science or common sense.

Marc Morrone has kept almost every kind of animal as a pet for the last half-century and he is happy to share his knowledge with others. Although he cannot answer every question, he will publish many of those that have a general interest. You can contact him at [petxperts2@aol.com](mailto:petxperts2@aol.com); please include your name, city and state.

PET OF THE WEEK



Madison

Madison is a lovable and playful, four-year-old, 40-pound, dark brown female pit bull terrier-mix looking for a loving guardian.

She is housebroken and crate trained. She's been through a series of training classes with her foster mom and has become an all-around awesome dog.

Madison is shy and timid outside the home and will need a patient dog-lover who will give her time and space to adjust.

Madison is very healthy, de-wormed, spayed and micro-chipped. Her adoption fee of \$200 benefits the Friends of Chicago Animal Care & Control. To meet and possibly adopt Madison, please contact her foster mom Anna at [bullylove22@yahoo.com](mailto:bullylove22@yahoo.com) or 708-351-8091 or Kat at [kat@fcacc.org](mailto:kat@fcacc.org)

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# Pay more longer you stay with cable, internet



**CATHY CUNNINGHAM**  
Help Squad

As regular readers of Help Squad are well aware, Comcast issues are popular. In fact, as I write, I have three such requests for help in my inbox. And while I try to offer assistance in response to most of the emails I receive, not every complaint results in a column. So in an effort to address a somewhat pervasive Comcast irritant — that of the extended cable/internet contract and what happens when it expires or you want to break it — I decided to get some advice from Illinois' ultimate utility-focused consumer advocate, the Citizens Utility



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Issues with Comcast are common among requests to Help Squad.

Board.

Jim Chilsen, CUB's director of communications, told me: "What we have observed at CUB is that cable/internet is one of the few industries where the longer you are a customer, the more you get charged."

He elaborated: "Cable companies seem to offer the most affordable rates to new customers. For example, a company might entice a customer to get locked

into a three-year contract to get a promotional price. You may get the best price in the first 12 months, in the second year you'll get a lower discount, and you may get shoved onto standard rates in the third year. There's a good chance the customer has no idea what these standard rates are until he or she is hit with them. As such, we recommend that people be assertive in calling their cable company to secure better deals."

Because some of the contract complaints I've received come from individuals on fixed incomes, I asked Chilsen if CUB recommends Comcast or AT&T packages specific to these consumers. He replied: "It is hard to advise customers on plans, because cable/internet companies, such as Comcast and AT&T, don't always make it very easy to find package or service prices. Often, the most prominent prices quoted

online are only applicable for new customers."

In addition, Chilsen warned of service charges that are not included in the package price, such as the cable box, DVR and high definition converter. He strongly advised that customers ask about these extra charges before agreeing to a contract.

He made another very important point: "Make sure to read your contract. Do not rely on what the sales representative is telling you because Comcast and AT&T rely on the written contract — not the agent's phone pitch."

For this reason, you should always ask for a confirmation email any time you commit to a plan change over the phone. "And if you are truly getting nowhere, mention that you are considering taking your business elsewhere. Oftentimes, you will be transferred to a 'retention specialist'

who will be able to offer you a better deal or solve your problem more quickly."

When you call, do it between 9 and 11 a.m., because, according to Chilsen, this is when you'll typically get the quickest response.

Thinking outside the big cable/internet company box, Chilsen concluded with this: "It's always good to consider dropping cable, or looking at other alternatives. You can find online alternatives to cable, like Hulu or Netflix. If you don't like those options, remember your public library has a wealth of free TV content — from workout videos to contemporary shows to movies."

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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## ROUNDUP | SCIENCE FICTION

**Too Like the Lightning**

By Ada Palmer, Tor, 432 pages, \$26.99

Serious utopian fiction is rare in these days of endless teen dystopias, and one reason is that it can easily become fatally boring — like listening to a professor drone on in class. I suspect that Ada Palmer, a history professor at the University of Chicago, is a pretty interesting teacher, because her strategies for enlivening the ideas that make up the core of her first novel are anything but dull. Set in a 25th century in which competing “Hives” promote their own ideas of government — monarchy, parliamentary democracy, corporate state, shareholder democracy — the novel is peppered with allusions to philosophers from Epicurus to Voltaire and even de Sade, yet never falls into the thinly disguised lecture mode of much philosophical fiction.

How Palmer keeps all this exciting has to do with those strategies. For one thing, her narrator, Mycroft Canner, is a brutal criminal whose sentence is to live his life in service to various families. For another, the plot begins with some seemingly inexplicable mysteries: the young son of the family he is working for can bring to life inanimate objects, such as his favorite toy soldiers; an influential list of the most powerful hives or indi-

viduals is in danger of being leaked; and a machine that can fool the almost universal tracking devices has disappeared, making what amounts to cyberterrorism almost untraceable. But Palmer's most innovative strategy isn't futuristic technology but rather the archaic and digressive 18th-century voice in which she (or Canner) has chosen to tell the tale. The result is a richly detailed, very odd future couched in language that recalls Henry Fielding more than Robert Heinlein (though there are occasional nods to science fiction along the way). A second volume is planned, so readers wanting all the mysteries neatly resolved will have to wait.

**Hwarhath Stories**

By Eleanor Arnason, Aqueduct, 392 pages, \$19

Eleanor Arnason's witty and sophisticated anthropological fiction has long been admired by readers and editors of literary science fiction, but it has escaped wider recognition by appearing largely as stories and novellas. The central conceit is that these tales are the work of an alien race, the Hwarhath, who only late in their long history come in contact with humans, whom they don't like very much but find fascinating. This first collection reveals a complex history of the Hwarhath through their myths, legends and science fiction, revealing a culture worthy of comparison to those of Ursula K. Le Guin.

The Hwarhath are covered in fur, but the more important way they differ from us is that heterosexuality is taboo, except for arranged couplings set up by the women elders of this matrilineal society. This gives Arnason plenty of opportunities to comment on gender roles within families and societies, but there is a lot more going on here. “The Woman Who Fooled Death Five Times” is a shrewd fairy tale, while “The Small Black Box of Morality” is a clever twist on creation stories and “The Potter of Bones” tells of a young woman whose fossil observations leads her to derive a theory of evolution entirely on her

own. The latter story also involves a character named Dapple, the first Hwarhath woman to form a theatrical company, whose biography is covered in three of the stories, giving the collection a novel-like sense of unity, even though each tale stands brilliantly on its own.

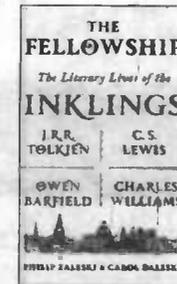
## CHICAGOLAND BEST-SELLERS

1. “Me Before You: Novel” by Jojo Moyes (Penguin, \$16).
2. “My Brilliant Friend” by Elena Ferrante (Europa Editions, \$17).
3. “A Man Called Ove: A Novel” by Fredrik Backman (Washington Square, \$16).
4. “Circling the Sun: A Novel” by Paula McLain (Ballantine, \$16).
5. “A Spool of Blue Thread: A novel” by Anne Tyler (Ballantine, \$16).



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## NEW IN PAPERBACK

**The Fellowship: The Literary Lives of the Inklings**

By Philip Zaleski and Carol Zaleski, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 644 pages, \$17

Zaleski and Zaleski explore the life and workings of the Inklings, the name given to the friendship between C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Owen Barfield and Charles Williams, who met weekly in Oxford to discuss literature, works in progress, religion, philosophy and other ideas.

**Among the Ten Thousand Things: A Novel**

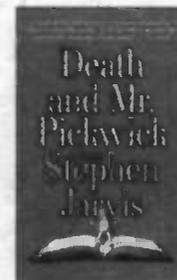
By Julia Pierpont, Random House, 335 pages, \$16

Well-known artist Jack Shanley leads a secret life. His wife, Deb, has largely avoided Jack's weaknesses until an anonymous package addressed to Deb is delivered to her children. In it are details of Jack's secret life, causing the family to spiral out of control in serious and humorous ways.

**Dear Mr. You**

By Mary-Louise Parker, Scribner, 229 pages, \$16

“Dear Mr. You” is a collection of letters and remembrances composed by the “Weeds” actress to the men, both real and imagined, who have impacted her life, such as the grandfather she never met, a beloved priest from her childhood, former lovers and the uncle of her adopted daughter.

**Death and Mr. Pickwick: A Novel**

By Stephen Jarvis, Picador, 802 pages, \$20

A fictionalized look at the life of Robert Seymour, “Death and Mr. Pickwick” follows one of the illustrators behind “The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club” as he meets a young storyteller using the pen name Boz — real name Charles Dickens — and the landmark novel they would create. Seymour committed suicide in 1836, the same year “The Pickwick Papers” began serialization.

**Girl in the Woods: A Memoir**

By Aspen Matis, William Morrow, 382 pages, \$15.99

Matis reflects on her five-month journey hiking from Mexico to Canada on the Pacific Crest Trail as a 19-year-old. Matis embarked on the journey of self-discovery after struggling through her first semester of college following being raped on just her second night in college.

— Jeremy Mikula



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## Two-Guy Guys: Informal and not

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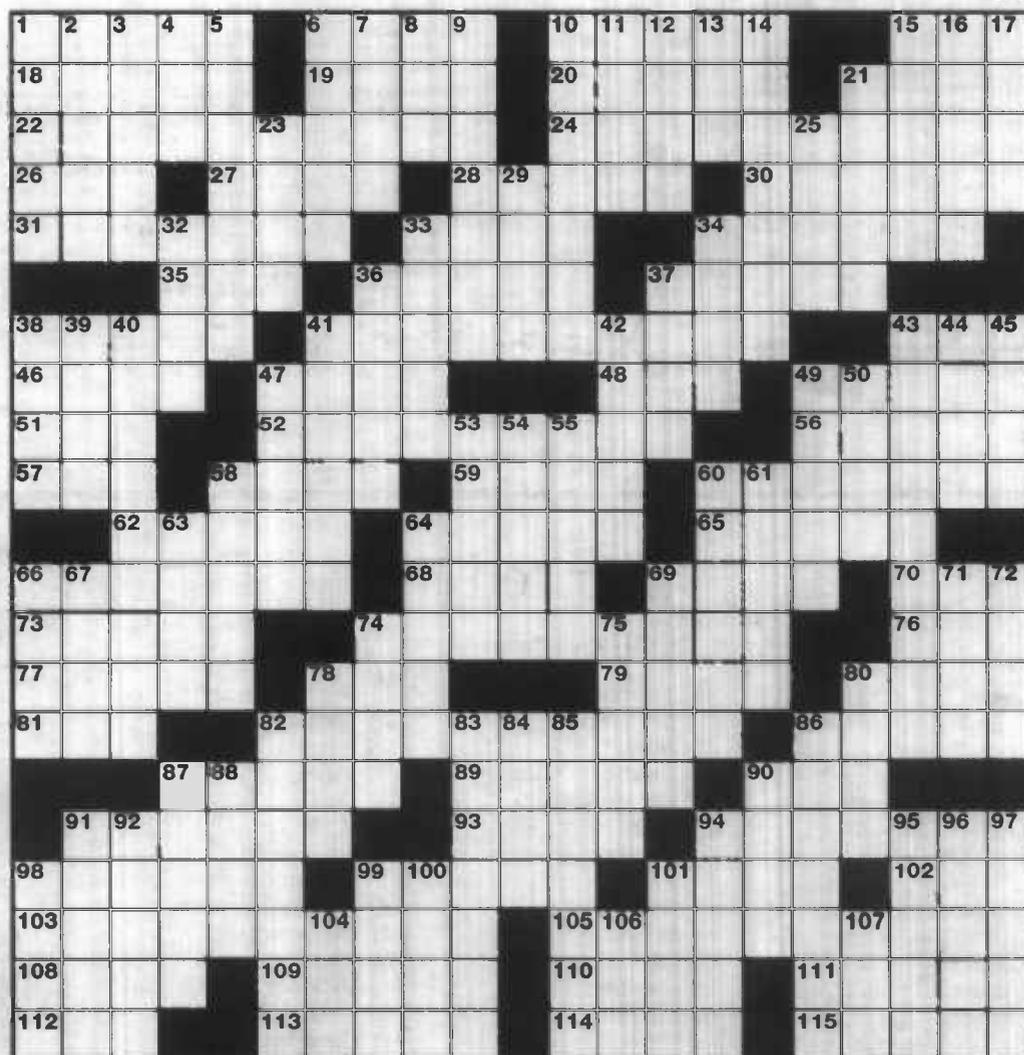
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15 Guided, as a raft  
16 Tylenol alternative  
17 Taper off  
21 Golf-shoe gripper  
23 To boot  
25 Charitable gift  
29 Don't mention  
32 Interstate sign  
33 Claude the painter  
34 Whittle away  
36 Austrian dessert  
37 The young Bambi  
38 2012 Affleck thriller  
39 Actress Tara  
40 *Singin' in the Rain* star  
41 City opposite El Paso  
42 Angora and alpaca  
43 Braves great  
44 Angler's hope  
45 Redolence  
47 Strike down  
49 Great time  
50 Office expense  
53 Model plane add-on  
54 Lagoon locale



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- 55 Pirate's pal  
58 Boxer Roberto  
60 Ill temper  
61 Water holders  
63 Tour org.  
64 *Old Man and the Sea* boat  
66 Accordingly  
67 Mild oath  
69 Single-person shows  
71 Perform on Karaoke Night  
72 Georgetown athlete  
74 Put a shine on  
75 Green gems  
78 Prefix for dynamic  
80 Expresses displeasure  
82 Anonymous Ms.  
83 2/7/16, for Super Bowl 50  
84 Algerian port  
85 Girder worker  
86 Poor excuses  
87 Cold-shoulder  
88 New Jersey senator Booker  
90 New pennies, mostly  
91 Lumberjack shirt pattern  
92 Fairy tale villains  
94 Rendezvous  
95 Darth — (Mr. Potato Head product)  
96 Name on a Beethoven bagatelle  
97 Choir's platform  
98 Person on your side  
99 Currier's partner  
100 Capital between Vilnius and Tallinn  
101 Added stipulations  
104 Morning hrs.  
106 Word on pennies  
107 Frat letter

## Quote-Acrostic

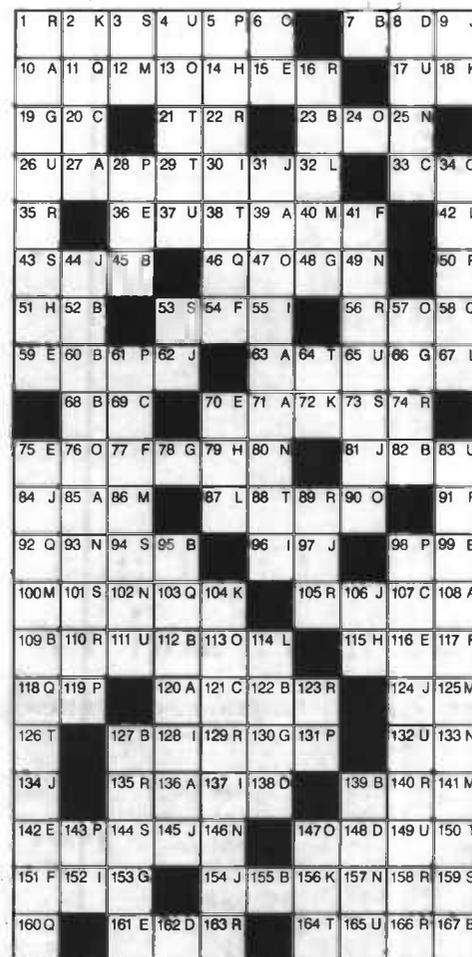
1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the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

## Clues

## Words

- A. Popular meeting snack: 2 wds. 63 108 85 39 27 136 71 120 10
- B. Teen parent's nightmare?: 2 wds. 52 109 112 122 155 95
- 167 45 7 139 23 127 82 68 60
- C. Exertion 107 33 69 121 6 20
- D. Mariner's time to 'shoot the sun' 138 162 148 .8
- E. To —, infant-safety measure, 116 99 36 70 75 59 142 15 161
- F. Hey there!, hyph. 41 91 117 54 77 151
- G. Coated pill 66 19 78 48 153 130
- H. Mortgage, e.g. 79 14 115 51
- I. Fifth, e.g. 128 30 55 152 96 137

- J. Sailed around Casco Bay: 2 wds. 84 81 62 124 145 9 106 44 154 97 31 134
- K. Unfinished 156 2 72 104 18
- L. Urged (on) 87 114 42 67 32
- M. Double shot, e.g. 12 40 100 141 125 86
- N. Measure to a grasshopper: 2 wds. 49 133 80 25 157 102 146 93
- O. ME, VT, NH, etc. 113 34 24 57 90 76 47 147 13
- P. Challenge, to a tot: 2 wds. 131 61 119 98 5 28 143
- Q. Turn over for safekeeping 58 103 46 11 118 160 92
- R. Person with patience: 3 wds. 166 110 163 129 105 74 1 158 16 22
- 135 56 50 89 140 123 35
- S. — nine days old: 3 wds. 144 73 53 3 94 159 43 101
- T. Command an army: 3 wds. 164 150 88 126 64 21 38 29
- U. Third spar 149 165 83 111 37 65
- 4 132 26 17



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## Spirited

BY CHARLES PRESTON

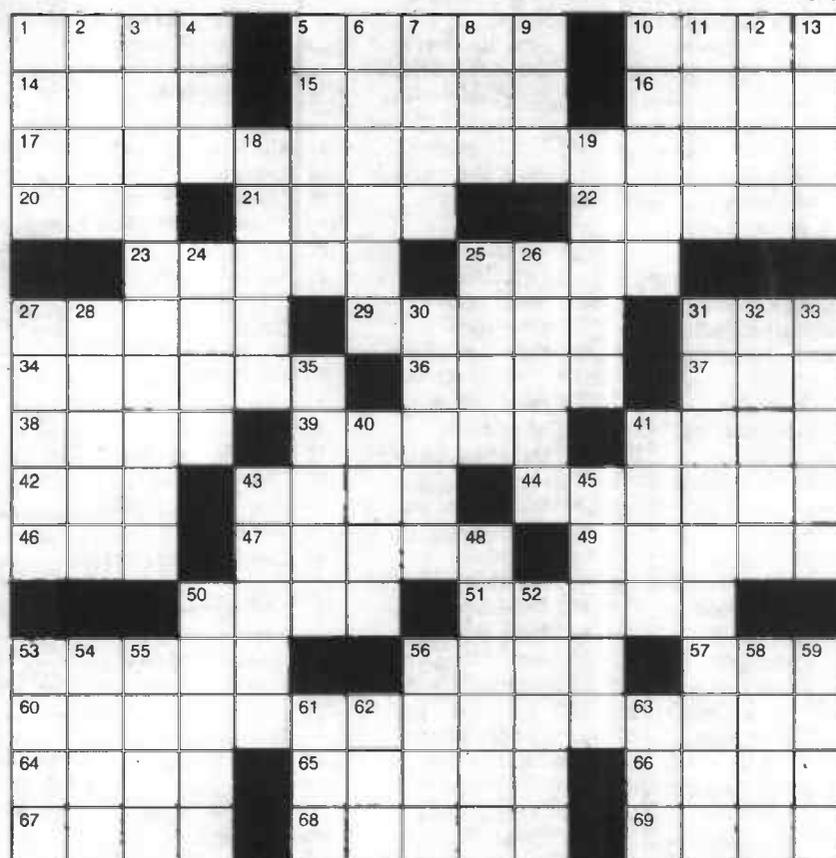
## Across

- 1 Ladybird, née Claudia — Taylor
- 5 Short cloak
- 10 Alien space vehicles?
- 14 Black tern
- 15 Eskimo boat
- 16 Message
- 17 Disney specialty
- 20 Beth's sister
- 21 Brens
- 22 Like a certain cereal grass
- 23 American versifier
- 25 Organ part
- 27 Austere
- 29 — plug
- 31 Navy man: abbr.
- 34 Breadwinner
- 36 Arden and others
- 37 River isle
- 38 "— the cup"
- 39 Underworld
- 41 Movie dog
- 42 Actress Merkel
- 43 To wax: archaic
- 44 Spring deposit
- 46 Chess pieces
- 47 Spikes, as a drink

- 49 Volume unit
- 50 Leftovers
- 51 Noisy
- 53 Relative of vinegar
- 56 Grow together
- 57 Small child
- 60 Hypnotic power
- 64 Volcano
- 65 Overhangs
- 66 Run without power
- 67 High —
- 68 Portion
- 69 Sign gas

## Down

- 1 Hoss Cartwright's brother
- 2 Ocean route
- 3 Relative of a gunslinger
- 4 Forelimb
- 5 Ballerina's skirts
- 6 Catkins
- 7 Covers
- 8 Man's nickname
- 9 Assam hill tribe
- 10 Draw off
- 11 Race or rest
- 12 American Indian
- 13 Swiss herdsman
- 18 Flour bleacher
- 19 Defrauds
- 24 Vessels
- 25 Lay by
- 26 Braid
- 27 Antitoxin
- 28 Philosopher, contemporary of Zola
- 30 Serving boy: archaic
- 31 Bunnytime
- 32 Fertilizer
- 33 Jack Benny's signature
- 35 Ostrich-like birds
- 40 Paris landmark
- 41 Theater grp.
- 43 — Barton
- 45 Mexican yucca fiber
- 48 Birth control advocate
- 50 Tarzan, e.g.
- 52 Wash
- 53 Norman city
- 54 Involved
- 55 TV's Martin
- 56 South Sea beverage
- 58 European capital
- 59 Govt. agents
- 61 Bandleader Brown
- 62 — -jongg
- 63 Bolivian export



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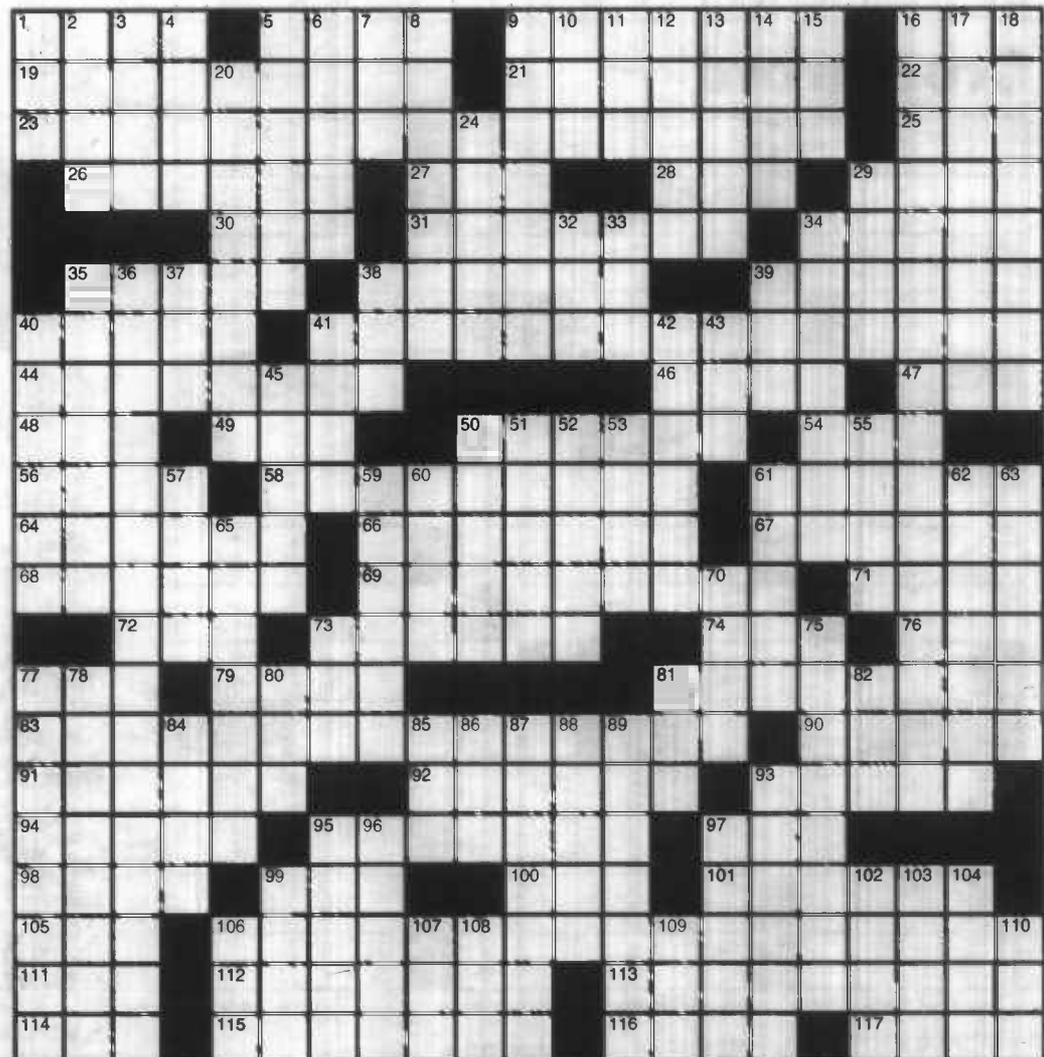
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## Across

- 1 H.S. equivalency tests  
 5 Hold on  
 9 Mollusk named for its earlike extensions  
 16 Tool used at home  
 19 Type of question  
 21 One responsible to an officer  
 22 Narrow inlet  
 23 Job for the philharmonic's publicist?  
 25 Hockey legend  
 26 Rock bands  
 27 Made tracks  
 28 Essen-to-Leipzig direction, locally  
 29 Chief justice before Hughes  
 30 Sun. message  
 31 Where narcs may be found  
 34 Headline makers  
 35 Weaving components  
 38 Kitchen appliance  
 39 Nielsen unit  
 40 Michelangelo masterpiece  
 41 Sign over a woodcarver's shop?  
 44 Cell users' concerns  
 46 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"  
 47 QB's stats  
 48 Reliever Robb with 314 career saves  
 49 Side-to-side movement  
 50 Devon demolition work  
 54 Med. research agency  
 56 Much Arctic Ocean coastline  
 58 "Don't even try"  
 61 Modern storage unit  
 64 Heartless role for Jack Haley?  
 66 Union grievance figure  
 67 "We've Got Tonight" duettist with Rogers  
 68 Marx collaborator  
 69 Dodgeball taunt  
 71 Twice tetra-Long-running NBC comedy  
 73 Self-described toon "dust magnet"  
 74 Snitch  
 76 Engine room noise  
 77 "I pity the fool" speaker  
 79 Target Field player
- 81 "A kind of library," to Borges  
 83 Country club mentors?  
 90 Symposium group  
 91 Unexpected twist  
 92 Raise  
 93 North Atlantic perils  
 94 Modern break-ins  
 95 To whom Alice said, "Why, they're only a pack of cards"  
 97 Stylish '60s Londoner  
 98 Liniment target  
 99 Half a drum  
 100 Half of MXII  
 101 Ring combo  
 105 — slope  
 106 Crowding on the barbecue grill?  
 111 High end of many a scale  
 112 "The poetry of reality": Dawkins  
 113 Initiates, as a conversation  
 114 Uru. neighbor  
 115 "Dylan & —": 1989 rock album collaboration  
 116 Song  
 117 "Nice" Laurel and Hardy predicament
- 36 Late-shift laundry job?  
 37 Christmas buy  
 38 — A. Bank Clothiers  
 39 Beethoven opener?  
 40 Give  
 41 Mature eft  
 42 Ill-fated ones  
 43 Golden Gate phenomenon  
 45 Investors' goals  
 50 Refresh one's knowledge of, to a Brit  
 51 Grisham's "— to Kill"  
 52 Protest tactic  
 53 Martinique et Réunion  
 55 "In that case ..."  
 57 "I heartily agree"  
 59 Adage  
 60 Cleft-tongued critter  
 61 Fragrant conifer  
 62 Chinese water garden staples  
 63 Paint choice  
 65 What "can be yours ... if the price is right!"  
 70 Important times  
 73 Etui item  
 75 Obsolescent music source  
 77 Highest peak in the Calif. Cascades  
 78 One changing hotels, perhaps  
 80 Take the gold  
 81 Guinea pig, for some  
 82 Patriotic org.  
 84 Food to celebrate with  
 85 "Kiss of life," briefly  
 86 Small batteries  
 87 Saved from obscurity, with "up"  
 88 Probe  
 89 Leading  
 93 Sports journalist  
 95 Pal  
 96 Nestle securely  
 97 Express bereavement  
 99 Measurer of rpm  
 102 Movie about giant ants  
 103 Impudent  
 104 Burden  
 106 33rd pres.  
 107 A, in Arles  
 108 Red Seal label company  
 109 Heating stat  
 110 New car feature, for short

## Down

- 1 Car in a '60s hit  
 2 Goes astray  
 3 Air line  
 4 Very, in Mannheim  
 5 Doesn't use efficiently  
 6 Vow site  
 7 Lod's land: Abbr.  
 8 Remove, as a coupon  
 9 Strength-building food of comics  
 10 Snack on  
 11 Line on a globe  
 12 Snack cake brand  
 13 High-profile group  
 14 Flat charge  
 15 Med. recording  
 16 Marriage of theater performers?  
 17 Control tower vista  
 18 Raw beef dishes  
 20 Dedication to a saint  
 24 Fast-spreading emotion  
 29 Driving areas  
 32 "Cursed — that did so!": "The Tempest"  
 33 Caterer's vessel  
 34 Landmark case name  
 35 Signals to try to score



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## Jumble

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



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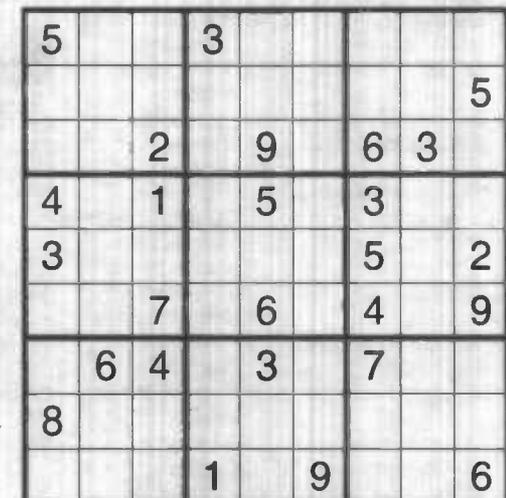
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## Sudoku

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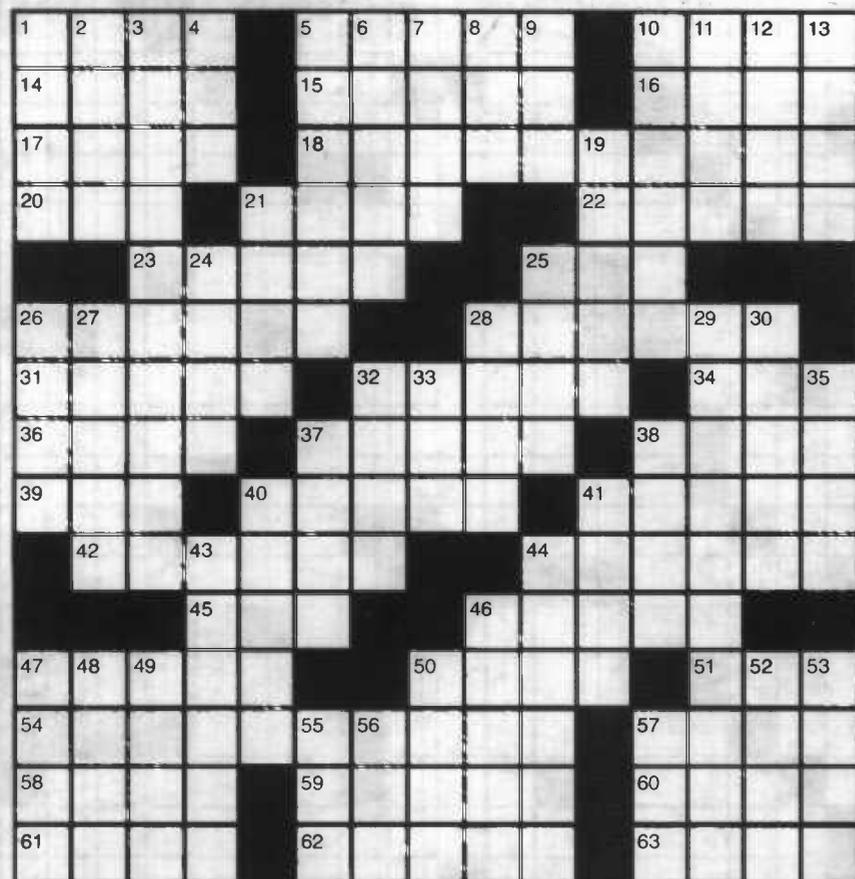
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# Crossword



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### ACROSS

- 1 Clinton's VP
- 5 Spend entirely
- 10 Informal talk
- 14 Floored
- 15 Chaplain, familiarly
- 16 Gap
- 17 Jewels
- 18 Autographs
- 20 Needless fuss
- 21 Greasy
- 22 Accumulate
- 23 "All \_\_\_ lead to Rome"
- 25 That fellow
- 26 Give confidence to
- 28 Unwanted nasal growths
- 31 "God \_\_\_ America"
- 32 "Guilty" and "Not guilty"
- 34 "\_\_\_ Van Winkle"
- 36 Elevator
- 37 Large New York borough
- 38 List of dishes
- 39 Flightless bird
- 40 Push up from below
- 41 Moral faults
- 42 Parents and grandparents-
- 44 Colorful parrots

### DOWN

- 45 Years lived
- 46 Smarter
- 47 Valiant
- 50 Prince William's bride
- 51 Anger
- 54 Entrepreneur
- 57 Painful swelling
- 58 Passed away
- 59 One's strong point
- 60 "This food looks disgusting!"
- 61 Split \_\_\_; hair problem
- 62 \_\_\_ aback; surprised
- 63 Inquires

### Solutions



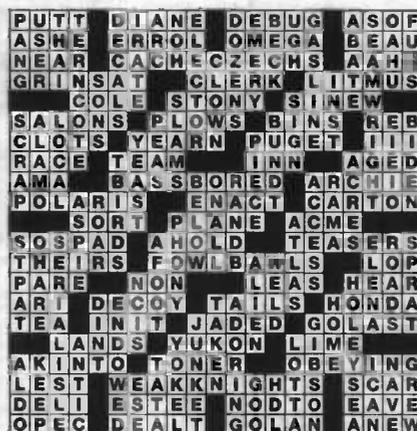
- 21 Crew members
- 24 Remove from office
- 25 Trick
- 26 Capable
- 27 Snail's trail
- 28 \_\_\_ up; confined
- 29 Not strong, safe, or steady
- 30 Tendon
- 32 \_\_\_ and cons
- 33 \_\_\_ Angeles, CA
- 35 Face, slangily
- 37 Drill a hole
- 38 Small rodents
- 40 Sire children
- 41 Bouquet holder
- 43 Bowie & Spade
- 44 Hand warmer
- 46 Spend foolishly
- 47 A-F connection
- 48 Precipitation
- 49 Mimicked
- 50 Actor Douglas
- 52 Mr. Springfield
- 53 BPOE folks
- 55 Fore and \_\_\_
- 56 Mauna \_\_\_
- 57 Not \_\_\_ long shot; in no way



# puzzle island solutions

### Last week's crosswords

#### "Switcheroo"



#### "Ladies Day"



#### "Going To School"



### Last week's Quote-Acrossic

BRYAN MILLER ON FOOD TIPS: Truck drivers really know nothing about restaurants. If you want a trusty tip, go to an appliance store and see the dishwasher repairman. He spends time in restaurants and has strong opinions about them.

### Last week's Sudoku

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

### This week's Jumble

UPBEAT AVENUE UPHILL  
BECKON YELLOW CACTUS

The new dad was exhausted, so for Father's Day, his wife let him —

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A BABY**

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# Looking for love? Try looking at your parents

"I'm not sure what I was thinking getting so involved with him."

"How could I have dated someone like her?"

"I was so stupid for marrying him."

"Things just changed and we grew apart."

These are common things I hear men and women say after a bad break-up or a divorce. It is only in hindsight that people realize their former spouse was completely wrong for them. Why are there so many mismatches?

According to Terry Gaspard, a Rhode Island-based therapist who specializes in relationships and divorce, who we pick as a partner stems from what we see and experience in childhood. And, it starts the day we are born.

"We all have a composite picture of the people who influenced us in the past — their looks, personality, tone of voice, behavior and so many other factors we were exposed to," said Gaspard, who has been in practice for 30 years.

Gaspard, a child of divorce herself, who is the author of her website, MovingPast-Divorce.com, as well as her new book, "Daughters of Divorce: Overcome The Legacy of Your Parents' Breakup and Enjoy a Happy, Long-lasting Relationship," said men and women gravitate toward relationships that resemble their parents' relationship or the way one or both of their parents treated them.

Why? Gaspard said there are a few reasons, which include a subconscious comfort in familiarity, a need to make old wrongs right and low self-esteem.

"You may pick someone who is emotionally detached, maybe because your father was that way and that is what you know," said Gaspard, whose personal experiences of being both a child of divorce and a divorced mom led her to her career and to writing her book, which was co-written by her daughter, Tracy Clifford.

"Although I know he loved me, I personally had a repetition compulsion — an unconscious tendency to want to fix the past, to recreate it, to make it better," she said.

Gaspard said self-esteem issues can stem from growing up with parents who suffered from depression or who were alcoholics, workaholics, divorced or who were emotionally unavailable or preoccupied and unable to meet the child's needs.

So how can you maximize your chances of choosing a healthy romantic partner



JACKIE PILOSSOPH  
*Love Essentially*

versus Mr. or Ms. Wrong?

Here are Gaspard's tips:

- Understand yourself and your own past. Talk to your parents or your siblings about your childhood. This isn't easy. Be prepared to show vulnerability and hear things that might make you uncomfortable

or sad. But facing it helps you heal and not repeat bad patterns of behavior.

- Look at how your parents resolved conflict. The most common cause of divorce comes from a couple who deals with conflict differently. Did your parents resolve conflicts effectively? Did they communicate or instead brush it under the rug? How one or both of you parents dealt with arguments is how you probably will.

- Look at your parents' compatibility. No couple is perfect, but unhappy, bickering marriages are bad role models. Wanting to do things together, having similar interests, having chemistry and having fun together are important in a healthy relationship.

- Resolve trust issues. Trust issues arise in adults who as children felt like they couldn't count on one or both of their parents. They might have felt at the time like their parents were unreliable or absent physically or emotionally. If you go into a relationship with unresolved trust issues, you could end up being suspicious, constantly looking for the worst in your partner or emotionally dependent (clingy). This can cause your partner to detach or possibly seek to end the relationship.

- Go to counseling. If you had a lot of conflict in your childhood, if there was abuse, addiction or divorce, counseling can help you assess how much of your past you might be bringing into your present relationship.

All relationships have challenges, but if you are with someone who is a good match for you, life's problems can seem so much more manageable. Connecting, bonding and getting through difficult times is so much easier when a couple is on the same page, which is why choosing the right person is key.

Having the courage to examine your past and face things that aren't so easy to drudge up really does have a huge benefit: It gives you the tools you need to find a healthy romantic relationship, happiness, and of course, true love.

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## HEALTH

# Night-shift workers can face multiple health risks



**DR. ANTHONY KOMAROFF**  
Ask Doctor K

**Dear Doctor K: I'm a nurse, and I can be assigned to work the day shift, evening shift or night shift. I hear that shift workers can develop health problems. What is known about that?**

Dear Reader: More than 9 million people in the United States are shift workers like you. Studies show that nearly 10 percent of night-shift workers have severe reactions to that schedule.

Some become overwhelmingly sleepy during the night shift, when they need to be alert.

Some have trouble concentrating and focusing on a task. Others can't really fall deeply asleep during the day, when they need to get some sleep.

There are even studies indicating that night-shift workers have higher rates of developing obesity and Type 2 diabetes. People who aren't night-shift workers, but who still sleep fewer than six hours per night, also have an increased risk for diabetes. So the risk of diabetes in night-shift workers may simply come from not getting enough deep, restorative sleep.

Studies that find associations between night-shift work and a disease like diabetes don't prove that the night-shift work causes the diabetes. So colleagues of mine at Harvard Medical School tested that possibility directly. They built an underground living space and asked 21 people to live in it for six weeks. They were shut off



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from the outside world, with no clue as to when it was night or day. The scientists decided when it was bedtime, and the lights went off. They also decided on the timing and content of meals, and on how active the subjects in the study could be.

For the first three weeks, the scientists made nighttime in the underground space occur at the same time as night in the real world above. Then, they gradually made "night" shorter, and made it occur when it was really daytime in the world above. Finally, they gradually made "night" longer, until it occurred when it was really night in the world above.

During that middle period, when study participants slept less and had disrupted circadian rhythms, they developed higher blood sugar levels and started to gain weight.

Another health risk faced by night-shift workers is from driving home after work.

Several studies show that they are more likely to have accidents. That's particularly true if their drive home lasts longer than 30 minutes, which is

true of about a third of shift workers.

Other studies find that about 20 percent of fatal auto accidents involve a drowsy driver.

To see if night-shift workers driving home were really "impaired" drivers, my colleagues did another experiment. They asked 16 night-shift workers to drive automobiles on a special test track. The workers wore a cap of electrodes that measured their brain waves, which can detect when someone is drowsy or actually falling asleep.

Each worker was tested twice: after seven hours of quality sleep and after a night shift.

After the night shift, brain waves revealed the workers were much sleepier.

Near-crashes occurred in 38 percent of the workers after the night shift — and in none of them after a good night's sleep.

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

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Banana peel thwarts warts; turmeric can cause bleeding

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: Have you any experience with using banana peel to cure warts? I had a wart on my finger for months, maybe a year. It was painful and distorting my fingernail. I had tried several other remedies, with no luck at all.**

**Out of curiosity and frustration, I took a banana peel and rubbed the inside on the wart, sometimes holding it on there for 10 minutes or so. The wart went away in about a week and hasn't returned. Any thoughts or explanations?**

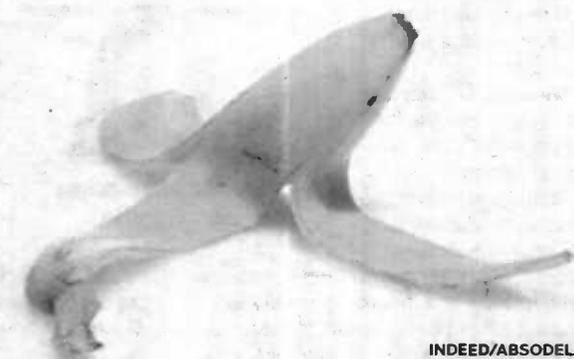
**A: We first heard about using the fleshy part of a banana peel as a wart treatment more than 17 years ago. The person suggested:**

"Take a banana peel and cut a round piece the size of the wart. Put the inner side next to the wart and tape it on with surgical tape. Change this every day with a fresh piece of banana peel. It may take a week or so to see results."

One parent wrote: "My son had a small wart on his left index finger. We applied a tiny piece of banana peel once daily before bedtime. (Seven-year-olds need to bend their fingers during the day.) I didn't expect to see results as quickly as we did."

We do not have an explanation for why this approach might work any more than we can explain why other wart remedies seem helpful. They include applications of castor oil, iodine, a cut potato, rubbing alcohol, milkweed sap and vinegar soaks.

**Q: My husband was taking turmeric for its anti-inflammatory prop-**



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erties, and it gave him good relief from his daily nagging arthritis pain. Then he got a severe nosebleed that was hard to stop.

We went to be seen at an urgent-care center, but we were eventually able to stop the bleeding on our own. As others have said, the only thing we could attribute it to was the turmeric. He has not had another nosebleed since stopping the turmeric.

A: The Indian spice turmeric used in curry and its active ingredient curcumin have demonstrated anti-inflammatory and anticoagulant activity (International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, November 2015). A number of readers have reported increased bleeding episodes after starting daily dosing with turmeric. They ranged from nosebleeds to heavy menstrual periods.

People taking prescription blood thinners such as warfarin (Coumadin) together with turmeric may be especially prone to problems. Some have reported dangerous increases in their INR (international normalized ratio) readings, a measure of the anticoagulation effect of the medicine. One person wrote: "I am taking warfarin. I had an elevated INR after I had two meals of curry in an

Asian restaurant. After I stopped eating curry, my blood work returned to normal."

**Q: I switched from Benadryl to valerian root several years ago. It's relaxing and provides a good night's sleep. Does this herb have anticholinergic activity like the ingredient in Benadryl or similar drugs?**

A: As far as we can tell, valerian root does not have anticholinergic activity. It should be less likely to cause a morning hangover, cognitive impairment or other problems than diphenhydramine, the ingredient in Benadryl and most PM sleep aids.

There are data to support better sleep with valerian root taken in the evening (Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine online, June 30, 2014).

For more information about valerian and other nondrug approaches to insomnia, we are sending you our newly revised Guide to Getting a Good Night's Sleep. It can be downloaded for \$3.99 at [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).

*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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# Defying categorization

By Cheryl V. Jackson  
Tribune Newspapers

Cassidy Nordstrom might be the very embodiment of gender fluidity.

When a nipple happened to slip from a favorite undershirt, Nordstrom was quick to flash a state ID identifying the Sonic carhop as male, thereby getting out of an indecent exposure charge.

And flak from a security officer suspicious of Nordstrom's gender in the women's bathroom at a club? Well, that meant whipping out a driver's license identifying the Chicago resident as female.

When it comes to gender, Nordstrom, 22, has evolved, coming out as bisexual in junior high school and then as transgender at age 16.

In 2013, starting hormone therapy to gain a more feminine appearance, Nordstrom began to identify as nonbinary — not fitting into either of the two genders.

Then a planned sex reassignment surgery was nixed. And Nordstrom, who fancies ankle-length skirts and T-shirts and wears makeup and a curly bob, took to using gender-nonconforming pronouns — “they” and “their,” as opposed to “he” and “his” or “she” and “her.”

“Gender is factored into so many basic human interactions,” Nordstrom said. “I thought, ‘Maybe I won’t have the surgery and just accept my body. I don’t have to alter it or correct it. I have the body that I have, and people just have to accept that.’”

And it seems that more people are.

Millennials are more open than the general population about gender and sexuality. But they’ve got nothing on Generation Z — those ages 13 to 20 — according to The Innovation Group of marketing communications firm J. Walter Thompson. A study by the group showed that about 56 percent of the younger group know someone who uses gender-neutral pronouns such as “they” or “ze,” compared with 43 percent of 28- to 34-year-olds.

About 48 percent of the younger group identify as exclusively heterosexual, compared with 65 percent of millennials, according to the study released in March.

And about 74 percent of the younger respondents reported being more accepting of people of nontraditional gender identities than they were a year ago. About 62 percent of those ages 21 to 34 said they were more accepting.

That might not be surprising, what with contemporaries like 17-year-old actor Amandla Stenberg, who in January revealed she was bisexual and identifies as nonbinary (she uses female pronouns). Or her 2015 prom date, rapper-actor Jaden Smith, who sports women’s clothing in

## More Americans, particularly younger people, identify as neither male nor female



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Cassidy Nordstrom identifies as nonbinary — fitting into neither of the two genders — and uses gender-nonconforming pronouns.

Louis Vuitton ads.

Of the 300 to 400 gay youths who participate in programs at the Center on Halsted in Chicago, 10 to 20 percent identify as trans or gender-nonconforming, said Avi Bowie, director of youth programs.

In the past year, Bowie, 36, began requesting that family and friends use gender-neutral pronouns.

“Talking on the phone to someone, they hear my voice and immediately it’s ‘ma’am’ or ‘miss,’” said Bowie, who dresses in men’s clothing and is married to a cisgendered woman, one who is assigned female at birth and still identifies as such.

At the center, staffers take pains to determine preferred pronouns for visitors, Bowie said.

“Receptionists who are answering the phones are trying to figure out what types of salutations we use for people,” Bowie said, noting that instead of Mr. or Ms., some are opting for the gender-neutral title Mx.

“I try to say ‘folks’ or ‘How are you all doing?’” when talking to groups of youths at the center, Bowie said. “But I make mistakes regularly.”

At Chicago-based Howard Brown Health Center, which has seen the number of new transgender visitors triple to three per day since 2011, staffers complete a

two-hour workshop focusing on gender pronouns and ascertaining what’s appropriate, said Cecilia Hardacker, director of education.

“It’s helping people realize they can’t make assumptions about people based on their appearances. It’s really a natural behavior we have, as human beings, to kind of size people up when we see them. We work hard to break that down.”

Other health centers, hospitals and organizations have requested information about the program, she said.

“There is a growing number of people who express themselves in different ways,” Hardacker said. “Gender fluidity is simply understanding the concept that none of those things are written in stone. Over the course of a person’s life, the way they feel about themselves can change.”

The Goodman Theatre in Chicago had a workshop on the topic for its staffers just as it was, coincidentally, casting Sydney Germaine, an actor who was assigned female at birth but identifies as nonbinary, in its recent production “The Matchmaker.”

Germaine, a recent graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, appreciated the effort.

“The theater industry is generally the best at understanding if I say I would like you to use gender-neutral pronouns,” said

Germaine. “Other times, I’m very nervous about if someone is not going to hire me because of it and how I present to them.”

Once they’ve been hired, gender nonconformists may face further intolerance.

Soon after arriving in Chicago 10 months ago, Germaine took the suggestion of a supportive manager at work and wrote an email telling employees about preferring gender-neutral pronouns.

One co-worker responded dismissively with cursing, which sent Germaine to the bathroom to collect themselves.

The fear of rejection extends to recreation.

At a recent Chicago Cubs game that went 13 innings, Germaine needed to use the bathroom for most of that time. But the thought of entering the men’s room was intimidating, Germaine said.

Germaine didn’t want any trouble from other Cubs fans who might take issue with using the men’s room.

“I held it the whole time,” Germaine said. “But I’m used to it.”

While some people are unbending when it comes to traditional gender identification, many retailers have responded with gender-nonspecific marketing and merchandising, said Rob Volpe, chief executive officer of Ignite 360, a San Francisco-based research firm. “Gendstirs,” he said, are young people whose fashion sense identifies as neither male or female, and he cited the recent introduction of Zara’s Ungendered androgynous clothing line as proof of nonbinary influence.

“We started seeing a lot of gender fluidity, where you’re seeing younger folks blending elements of female appearance with the male appearance,” he said. “You might see a boy walking down the street in a black skirt or see women sporting the more masculine tank top-look, but they’ve also got makeup on.”

That kind of acceptance means better lives for the next generations of the gender nonconforming, said Andre Perez, who is working on a documentary web series, “America in Transition,” through his Trans Oral History Project.

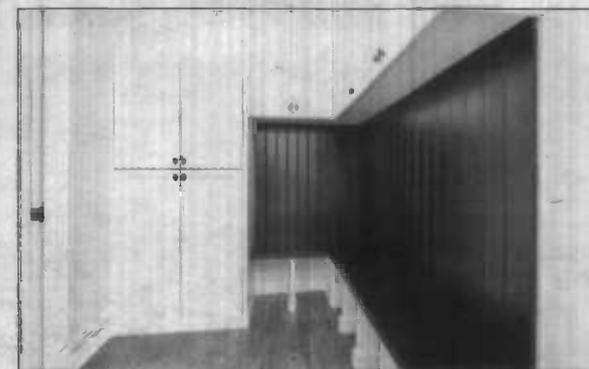
Trans groups often face high rates of suicide, domestic violence and unemployment or underemployment because they’re marginalized — even within gay communities — said Perez, a 28-year-old trans man.

“This is an incredible moment really in the history of this country. How we talk about and treat trans people in the next five years and the types of policies we make are really going to affect how trans people live their lives for generations,” Perez said.

Cheryl V. Jackson is a freelance writer.



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2470 E Towne Blvd, Arlington Heights	Kevin C George & Janet M George	Kemplin Trust	05-10-16	\$199,000
1645 N Belmont Ct, # 24, Arlington Heights	Frank Donahue & Halyna Petryshyn	Robert M Stegerward	05-10-16	\$222,000
2320 N Huron St, Arlington Heights	Micheal D Mastrangelo Jr & Kathryn L Mastrangelo	Bradley Lemmennann	05-11-16	\$246,000
151 W Wing St, Arlington Heights	Colleen M McIlwee	Michael Born	05-10-16	\$248,000
804 W Brittany Dr, Arlington Heights	Chris Sampras & Sonia O Sampras	Christopher S Nevins	05-11-16	\$272,000
441 S Waterman Ave, Arlington Heights	Mark Darcy & Alicia Darcy	Gregory Coyle	05-04-16	\$302,000
1731 N Kaspar Ave, Arlington Heights	Dimtar Arabadzhev	Illinois Property Services Llc	05-04-16	\$304,000
934 N Kennicott Ave, Arlington Heights	Thomas Evans & Meghan Thomas	Jennie Jones	05-10-16	\$317,500
1402 W Grove St, Arlington Heights	Michael Escobedo & Nicole Escobedo	David M Cacioppo	05-10-16	\$360,000
1304 N Hickory Ave, Arlington Heights	Colin Barr & Kaylin Barr	Dian M Davis	05-04-16	\$395,000
517 W Ashford Ln, Arlington Heights	Alfred Levinson	Jeffrey T Lindeman	05-04-16	\$422,500
604 W Brittany Dr, Arlington Heights	Richard W Carter & Rebecca L Carter	Richard H Swanson	05-04-16	\$435,000
304 W Brampton Ln, Arlington Heights	Stephen T Beeler & Mika Kondo	Allison M Scillier	05-04-16	\$545,000
8 Bernard Ct, Buffalo Grove	Alexander Murovanny	Us Bank Na Trustee	05-11-16	\$252,000
212 Palmgren Ct, Buffalo Grove	Richard L Tracy III & Kathleen E Tracy	Joseph M Rubano	05-11-16	\$315,000
8995 Kennedy Dr, Des Plaines	Mathew Abraham & Susan Mathew	Norbert Sulba	05-10-16	\$73,000
9370 Bay Colony Dr, # 3N, Des Plaines	Eris Atar	Stanislaw Kumorek	05-10-16	\$110,000
2166 Estates Ave, Des Plaines	Mohammad Azam Hussain & Shah Imran Imran	Fannie Mae	05-10-16	\$141,000
1685 Mill St, # 406, Des Plaines	Pawel Lagoda	Brian Campion	05-11-16	\$172,000
274 Columbia Ave, Des Plaines	Steven Xu & Arica Baer	Bradley Hammond	05-10-16	\$229,000
9009 Jacqueline Dr, Des Plaines	Sameh Khan	Household Financecorp III	05-04-16	\$238,000
1675 Mill St, # 409, Des Plaines	Lillian Gerlach Rodney Ela	Merek Holesz	05-04-16	\$265,000
1681 Buckingham Dr, Des Plaines	Cindy Sabu	Valentin Petkov	05-11-16	\$293,000
10017 Linda Ln, Des Plaines	Jan Lesny & Maria Lesny	Linda Properties Llc	05-11-16	\$390,000
820 Oakton St, # 2F, Evanston	Danny A Valencia & Emily C Paulus	Neeta Badiani	05-04-16	\$21,500
2234 Central St, # 2, Evanston	Margaret Hanley	Joann Gillis Trustee	05-11-16	\$164,500
8631 Frst Ave, # 2W, Evanston	Martha Floberg	Kris P Vezner	05-10-16	\$193,000
616 Michigan Ave, # 2W, Evanston	Richard Christy Jr	Deborah J Pascal	05-04-16	\$195,000
214 South Blvd, # A, Evanston	Terence H Ro & Kyoung Min Ro	Elizabeth Geier	05-04-16	\$200,000
911 Maple Ave, # 2S, Evanston	Kristen R Wisniewski & David A Wisniewski	William J Sullivan	05-04-16	\$220,000
2109 Dobson St, Evanston	Jermy Koons & Meghan Koons	Ruth H Berger	05-11-16	\$280,000
1014 Main St, # 2, Evanston	Kevin D O Connor	Michael Van Tubbergen	05-04-16	\$295,000
1826 Ashland Ave, Evanston	Zipporah Porton & Jeffrey Parker	Wilmington Trust Na Trustee	05-11-16	\$305,000
515 South Blvd, Evanston	Thomas Wheeler	Sickel Trust	05-04-16	\$399,000
2619 Central Park Ave, Evanston	Roman Reyhanl & Sofia Reyhanl	Joseph W Durbin	05-04-16	\$490,000
1800 Ridge Ave, Evanston	Alan Bielawski & Diane Bielawski	Alliant Cu	05-11-16	\$900,000
3700 Capri Ct, # 305, Glenview	Violeta Diez & Daniel Nakano	Esther Goldberg	05-04-16	\$150,000
4160 Cove Ln, # A, Glenview	Lourdes Jacob	Kenneth M Alpert	05-06-16	\$174,000
616 Glendale Rd, Glenview	Erying Zhang	Diane Mersier Payton	05-11-16	\$270,000
424 Sheryl Ln, Glenview	Alex Getson & Corey Getson	Christopher J Clay	05-11-16	\$445,000
2111 Mlckey Ln, Glenview	Brooke E Hunter	Lindy Thomas Sr	05-04-16	\$600,000
980 Raleigh Rd, Glenview	Brian P Miller & Kimberly P Miller	Scott Pittman	05-11-16	\$805,000
2200 Harrison St, Glenview	Matthew Siami & Carrie Siami	Amsfr Llc	05-04-16	\$1,170,000
5500 Lincoln Ave, # 300W, Morton Grove	Kha Tran	Ahmed Motiwala	05-04-16	\$142,000
290 N Westgate Rd, # 310, Mount Prospect	Angel Mincheva & Mariana Mincheva	Anna Lasocki	05-10-16	\$87,000
1717 W Crystal Ln, # 307, Mount Prospect	Brian Tryba	Damian Fijal	05-11-16	\$140,000
24 N Albert St, Mount Prospect	Nikhil Mehndiratta & Pooja Mehndiratta	Tuyet N Duong	05-10-16	\$150,000
1421 S Birch Dr, Mount Prospect	Igor Bjelan & Sanela Bjelan	Sanhareeb V Marooki	05-04-16	\$280,000
313 N Willie St, Mount Prospect	Nell N Verceles & Jessica L Madigan	Carol C Cardamone	05-10-16	\$280,000
801 E Ironwood Dr, Mount Prospect	Richard Plizga & Melinda Plizga	Mark Wyatt	05-10-16	\$283,000

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1771 E Wood Ln, Mount Prospect	Mikhail Geyer	J Grady Difazio	05-04-16	\$330,500
505 S Wa Pella Ave, Mount Prospect	John P Thomson & Kathleen Thomson	Paul E Peldyak	05-04-16	\$340,000
1914 E Camp McDonald Rd, Mount Prospect	Rosendo Lopez Jr	Marian Cisowski	05-10-16	\$340,000
2003 E Wintergreen Ave, Mount Prospect	Eleonora K Georgieva	Ewa Smolko Azarjew	05-04-16	\$347,000
1407 S Birch Dr, Mount Prospect	Jesbin Manuel & Sanitha Joseph	Thomas J Stoll	05-04-16	\$350,000
107 N Fairview Ave, Mount Prospect	Ross W Arneson & Matthew Ian Bertke	Structured Enterprises Managem	05-04-16	\$356,000
16 S George St, Mount Prospect	Paul E Day & Kerry R Donahue Day	William C Pickett	05-10-16	\$373,000
13 S Maple St, Mount Prospect	Christopher Jannusch & Elizabeth Jannusch	Thomas C Meier	05-10-16	\$430,000
606 S Noah Ter, Mount Prospect	Mark Martinez	Piotr Barszczuk	05-10-16	\$465,000
9128 W Terrace Dr, # 4B, Niles	Gigl P Ho	Chicago Title Land Trust Co	05-10-16	\$93,000
8344 N Newland Ave, Niles	Michael Golbeck & Kristina Golbeck	Kevin Dora	05-04-16	\$215,000
6873 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles	Remise Release & Alienate Convey	Foster Property Investments	05-04-16	\$330,000
3801 Mission Hills Rd, # 307, Northbrook	Ahmed Mustafa & Lubna Mustafa	Darlene Daynor	05-11-16	\$185,000
2011 Walters Ave, Northbrook	Bonnie Szeto	Jjj & G Inc	05-06-16	\$225,000
1943 Koehling Rd, Northbrook	Joann Pantelis	Robert J Lyman	05-11-16	\$400,000
533 Dunsten Cir, Northbrook	Neal R Parikh & Priya Chadha	Bleri Hasimi	05-04-16	\$415,000
1127 Briarwood Ln, Northbrook	Kevin Dougherty & Stephanie Dougherty	Lynne Z Van Schaack	05-11-16	\$499,500
2403 Illinois Rd, Northbrook	Paul Moretta & Stephanie Moretta	Joseph Caputo	05-10-16	\$500,000
144 Lagoon Dr, Northfield	Benjamin And Eberline & Elizabeth Eberline	Melinda Foukal	05-10-16	\$425,000
829 N Maple Ave, Palatine	David J Depinto & Lissa T Depinto	William J Borkowski	05-04-16	\$31,000
1311 N Baldwin Ct, # 2D, Palatine	Miguel Salguero Perez & Ma Guadalupe Ambris Ambrocio	Jaime Jimenez Pelayo	05-10-16	\$69,000
235 E Palatine Rd, Palatine	Michael Bledsoe	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	05-10-16	\$90,000
140 W Wood St, # 404, Palatine	Gerd L Moore	Bryan H Cho	05-10-16	\$122,000
2020 N Rand Rd, # 209, Palatine	Peter Vasilos	Jillian Cycyota	05-04-16	\$124,000
325 E Forest Knoll Dr, Palatine	Randall Prueitt	Tcf National Bank	05-10-16	\$149,000
390 W Mahogany Ct, # 403, Palatine	Maciej Labowicz	Maciej Labowicz	05-10-16	\$165,000
228 W Dartmoor Ave, Palatine	Michael Rockwood	Jeffrey M Sperling	05-11-16	\$177,500
249 N Norman Dr, Palatine	Lucas A Merwin & Kathryn E Merwin	Bruce Heath	05-11-16	\$255,000
6484 Mill Valley Rd, Palatine	Jodi Triest	Marcey Tallian	05-11-16	\$268,000
455 W Wood St, # 401, Palatine	Thomas J Constantini & Pamela A Constantini	Donald J Skinner	05-04-16	\$317,500
420 E Carpenter Dr, Palatine	Matthew C Wood & Meghan A Wood	Stephen M Kolodziej	05-04-16	\$340,000
962 N Saratoga Dr, Palatine	Jun Cesar Santiago Atienza & Emily Ann Nei Son	Lee A Anderson	05-11-16	\$342,000
1695 W Arbor Ct, Palatine	Michael Bless & Christine Schnitzius	David Sardana	05-11-16	\$413,000
639 N Newkirk Ln, Palatine	Richard J Bertucci & Renee L Bertucci	Frank E Seifried	05-10-16	\$448,000
228 S Whitehall Dr, Palatine	Gregory P Woods & Maureen M Woods	Mark Odonoghue	05-11-16	\$529,000
1075 S Hiddenbrook Trl, Palatine	George T Lialios & Gordana M Lialios	Michael J Ward	05-11-16	\$740,000
400 Thames Pkwy, # 1G, Park Ridge	Adrian Moise & Dochia Moise	William J Burg	05-06-16	\$160,000
2400 W Talcott Rd, # 223, Park Ridge	Dobrita Rosoga	Joseph Anthony Martello	05-04-16	\$179,000
832 Sylviawood Ave, Park Ridge	Nicholas Lifton & Nina Ge	Lee B Burswold	05-04-16	\$281,500
104 Columbia Ave, Park Ridge	Timothy M Metropoulos	Bauman Trust	05-11-16	\$287,000
1901 Manor Ln, Park Ridge	Clemencia Casas Byots	Joel D Byits	05-10-16	\$310,000
1126 Harrison St, Park Ridge	Daniel Freier & Elise Freier	David M Neff	05-10-16	\$367,500
1405 Granville Ave, Park Ridge	Edward Weaver & Jennifer Weaver	Casimir Leja	05-11-16	\$482,500
876 Cider Ln, # 101, Prospect Heights	Belarmino Cruz	Peter D Schor	05-04-16	\$111,500
212 S Maple Ln, Prospect Heights	Jeffrey T Kramarczyk & Geri Anee Kramarczyk	Diane M Frey	05-11-16	\$209,000
1400 Aldgate Ct, # A1, Wheeling	Kelly A Rome	Abigail Shaffer	05-11-16	\$126,000
1168 Silverwood Ct, # B1, Wheeling	Jagjit Singh & Damanpreet Kaur	Steve A Peariman	05-04-16	\$165,000
321 E Dennis Rd, Wheeling	John T Smith & Rebecca Smith	Frank Santiago	05-11-16	\$166,000

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**Address:** 3351 Capitol St.

**Price:** \$329,999

**Schools:** Evanston Township High School

**Taxes:** \$3,565.12

**Agent:** Joan Brennock, Baird & Warner City North



**PALATINE**

Three-bedroom home with two full baths built in 1955 near wooded area. Updated kitchen, lower-level family room with wood-burning fireplace. Newer roof, furnace, A/C, electric and windows. Near shopping and Metra.

**Address:** 1052 W. Elm St.

**Price:** \$369,900

**Schools:** Palatine High School

**Taxes:** \$7,037

**Agent:** The Stick with Steve Team, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage



**LIBERTYVILLE**

Four-bedroom, two-bath ranch built on acres lot in 1977. Fresh paint, new carpet and furnace, split rail fenced yard with dog run, attached garage. Near high school shopping and I-94.

**Address:** 1270 East Park Avenue

**Price:** \$280,000

**Schools:** Libertyville High School

**Taxes:** \$9,682.34

**Agent:** Robert Frank, Robert E. Frank Real Estate



**WILMETTE**

Three-bedroom Cape Cod, with two full and two half baths, was built in 1936. Wood flooring, fully finished basement, asphalt roof and driveway, attached garage. Near schools, parks, Metra and I-94.

**Address:** 1018 Illinois Road

**Price:** \$780,000

**Schools:** New Trier Township High School Northfield

**Taxes:** \$16,908.08

**Agent:** Jill Blabolil, @Properties

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## Thursday, June 23

**"June's Got The Cash":** "June's Got The Cash" pays tribute to the great Johnny Cash and June Carter. What started off as a simple tribute band, has now blossomed into a traveling musical theater show. All shows are scripted with bits of comedy along with vintage costume changes and all of Johnny and June's favorite hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s. 7:30 p.m. June 23 through June 25. Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, free, 847-220-2919

**Society Artwork In Residence Program:** The Evanston Art Center launches an inaugural artwork-in-residence program, inviting six artists to "move in" to the second floor of the center's project space for 4-week residencies. From June 2016 to March 2017, the Art Center proudly hosts artists: Adriana Kuri Alamillo, Judith Brotman, Joseph Cruz, David Giordano, Kirsten Leenaars and Pedro Valez. Each of the artists chosen by curator Jessica Cochran address the residency theme Society during their stay. 9 a.m. Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central Street, Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

**Contemporary Native Women Opening Doors to Change:** Join the Mitchell Museum for the opening of its latest exhibit, "Contemporary Native Women Opening Doors to Change." Welcoming reception at 1 p.m., curator led tour at 2 p.m. and a panel discussion from 3-4:30 p.m. 1 p.m. All week, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults and Tribal members free, 847-475-1030

**Connecting Cultures: 40 Years at the Mitchell Museum:** The latest exhibit unveiled is: "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. All week, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 children, seniors; \$5 adults; Tribal Members Free, 847-475-1030

**Girls 4 Science Summer Garden Party:** Girls 4 Science will host its 5th Annual Garden Party Fundraiser to kick off summer in Chicago. Come out and enjoy some tasty hors d'oeuvres, refreshing cocktails, raffles and displays of research findings conducted by the

Girls 4 Science students. 5:30 p.m. Garden Party Fundraiser at a residence, 410 Wesley Ave., Evanston, \$50-\$60, 646-872-0654

**Evanston Legend: The Art of Peggy Lipschutz:** The City of Evanston sponsors a month long show of the paintings and drawings of Peggy Lipschutz with an Opening Reception between 2-5 p.m. on Oct. 4, with musicians including Rebecca Armstrong, Peggy Browning, Mark Dvorak, Maura Lally and Kristin Lems. 10 a.m. All week, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, free, 773-816-4716

**Summer Camp at the Actors Gymnasium:** Begin your day with a rigorous warm-up, followed by training and workshops in circus and aerial arts, physical theatre and drama, and dance. Students learn juggling, tumbling, static trapeze, Spanish web, tightwire, stilts and more; take fun-filled field trips; and create and perform their own circus-theatre performance at the end. 9 a.m. All week, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$1,180 (per session); \$2,275 (both Sessions), 847-328-2795

**Healthy Fruit Smoothies for Ages 13-18:** Master the art of making healthy fruit smoothies with the help of Glenbrook South Foods and Nutrition Instructor, Kelli McDonald. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or by calling. 2 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Senior Resource Specialist:** Stop by and find out information regarding the selection of appropriate retirement benefits, picking the right health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs, identifying supportive resources, and much more. Hosted by Kathy Gaeding from CJE Senior-Life. 10:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Lincolnwood Summer Concert Series:** This concert series is a perfect way to enjoy warm summer nights in June and July, featuring live music, free children's activities and bingo with great prizes. The weekly event is located near the big tent in front of the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. 6 p.m. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-9740

**Summer Storytime in Madeleine's Garden at Proesel Park:** Bring a blanket and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and outdoor activities geared toward birth through five-year-olds. The children must be accompanied by a caregiver. 10 a.m. June 23 and June 28, Proesel Park,

7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**A Podcast Listening Party:** Listen to the true stories, radio dramas and storytelling, plus receive recommendations for new podcasts to try. Even if you are not an avid listener, come to hear some of the shows that are capturing the imaginations of listeners everywhere. 6:30 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Between the Lines: The Empathy Exams:** Between the Lines meets at MGPL at two different times. The group will discuss "The Empathy Exams" by Leslie Jamison. 10 a.m. June 23 and June 28, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Wonder Ground Open Lab:** Look, touch, tinker and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. Activities are repeated each week from Tuesday to Thursday. 4 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

**Frank Lloyd Wright and Route 66:** In 1934, Frank Lloyd Wright and a group of architecture students escaped a harsh winter in Wisconsin and set out in an old truck down Route 66 on a journey to Arizona that became an annual event. 7 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Wee Play for Birth through 24 months:** Music, rhymes, giggles and books for caregiver and baby. Both sessions are for birth to 24 months. 10 a.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Mark Twain An American Original:** Perhaps the greatest American writer of all time and often credited with creating the modern American novel, Mark Twain was a friend to presidents, a political wit and an accomplished speaker. His amazing life story is telling and charming - and ultimately very inspiring. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10 NSSC member; \$13 non-member, 847-784-6030

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

**Rockin' in the Park 2016:** This concert series features the music of classic cover bands. The weekly concerts occur

every Thursday from June 2 through Sept. 1 with food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after every show. 7 p.m. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5554

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

**Skokie Synagogue Re-Opens Gift Shop:** The chairperson of the Gift Shop, Marcy Feinberg, says the gift shop opens to the public with "Beautiful gifts to bring at Passover as well as crystal glassware, books, photo albums, spice boxes and yads, challah covers, challah boards and kiddush cups for Shabbas." All week, 10:30 a.m. Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

**Interviewing:** Gain the knowledge and confidence necessary to enter an interview fully prepared, dressed appropriately and ready to engage in an effective conversation with the interviewer. To register for Career Moves workshops, visit [https://jvschicago-syhum.formstack.com/forms/career\\_identity](https://jvschicago-syhum.formstack.com/forms/career_identity). To learn more about the workshops, go to [jvschicago.org/career-moves-workshops-and-events](http://jvschicago.org/career-moves-workshops-and-events), call, or email [andrealevasseur@jvschicago.org](mailto:andrealevasseur@jvschicago.org). Fees are \$10 per workshop for Career Moves Clients; or \$20 per workshop for non-clients. 1 p.m. Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie, \$10-\$20 per workshop, 847-745-5460

**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. All week, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

## Friday, June 24

**Des Plaines Farmers' Market:** City of Des Plaines Farmers' Market is every Friday, open until 7 p.m. on Ellinwood Street starting at Lee Street. Available are fresh produce, olive oil, bird houses

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and birdseed, food storage containers, green products and more. 3 p.m. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, free, 847-827-5551

**Kermit Ruffins and the Barbecue Swingers:** 8 p.m. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$28-\$48, 847-492-8860

**The Ben Hecht Show:** 8 p.m. June 24, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 25, and 3 p.m. June 26, Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$30-\$35, 800-838-3006

**"Amy":** This film is rated R and is an Oscar-winner for Best Documentary. Singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse is featured in unseen archival footage and unheard tracks. A casual audience-led discussion follows matinee screenings, so just drop in. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Epic Minecraft Challenge for Grades 5-8:** Accept the challenge to think creatively, work with a tea and present your work. Win bragging rights and Minecraft prizes. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or by calling. 3:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Parkinson Wellness Recovery Brain-Body Training:** Brain-Body Training/PWR! is Parkinson-specific exercise, scientifically designed to target symptoms of PD. It includes boxing training for endurance, agility and stability. The instructor is Drew Surinsky, an exercise physiologist. 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$10-\$15, 847-502-0630

**"Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat":** Glenview Theatre Guild presents its summer 2016 production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." 7:30 p.m. June 24 and June 25, 2:30 p.m. June 26. Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. For groups, call 847-299-5124, 847-604-3411

**Storytime at Lincolnwood Town Center:** Join Lincolnwood Library at the Lincolnwood Town Center in Center Court for a storytime for children aged birth to age 5. 10:30 a.m. Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy, Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Movie Under the Stars: "Toy Story":** Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us as we celebrate Read for the Win in Lincolnwood with the original "Toy Story" outside on the big screen. Pop-

corn while supplies last. 7:30 p.m. Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Summer Lunch Movies "Rookie of the Year":** The film "Rookie of the Year" is rated PG and is for all ages. Noon, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

**Women In Business Breakfast with Laura Dee:** The Women In Business Networking Breakfast speaker is Laura Dee, Environmental Health Officer for the City of Park Ridge. Breakfast is served. 8:30 a.m. Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$10 members; \$15 prospective members, 847-825-3121

**Jack Ingram and Jameson Rodgers:** 8:45 p.m. Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, \$10

## Saturday, June 25

**Civil War Reenactment Weekend:** At Civil War Days there will be an opportunity to meet Abraham Lincoln and Sojourner Truth, to hear music and learn what life was like for ordinary people who lived through a truly extraordinary time. There will be a rally for drill in the afternoon as well as first person presentations throughout the day. 10 a.m. Fischer Farm, 16W680 Old Grande Ave., Bensenville, free, 630-834-3152.

**Evanston Farmers Market:** Shop for fresh produce, meat, cheese, baked goods, flowers and more from 51 vendors. Please note: Dogs are not allowed at the market (service animals excepted). LINK cards are accepted. 7:30 a.m. Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free, 847-448-8045

**FUSE: Studio:** Drop in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12. Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600.

**Overeaters Anonymous:** Overeaters Anonymous meets Saturdays. Newcomer meeting on the last Saturday of the month. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For information, call Hannah. 9 a.m. St Matthews Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-

0609

**Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday:** Adult Comedy every Saturday night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sculfield and Mark Simmons. National Headliners with movie and television credits on stage. Awesome venue with full bar and dinner menu. 9 p.m. Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 adult advance; \$20 at the door, 847-521-6434

**"Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories":** "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories" are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. June 25 and June 26, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

**Pioneer Day:** Discover how pioneers like the Kennicott family who settled at The Grove, lived, worked and played through hands on activities like candle dipping, basket weaving and arts of the blacksmith. 10 a.m. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-299-6096

**Farmers' Market Opening Day:** The Glenview Farmers' Market is a free weekly event open for shopping, rain or shine. Come see a parade of barnyard animals, provided by the Glenview Clovers 4H Club. 8 a.m. Glenview Farmers Market, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-657-1506

**Glenview Farmers Market:** This is the meet-up place for farmers from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. They bring fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and flowers, beef, bison, pork and poultry. Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride or visit the animals while you're at the farm. 8 a.m. Glenview Farmers Market, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-657-1506

**9 and Wine:** Ladies and Gents, (21 and older) join us for a relaxing 9-hole round. Finish up your game with a glass of wine in the clubhouse or on the patio and take in the view. 5 p.m. Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, \$45 per person, 847-657-1637

**Brian Wismer Presents Wacky Team Challenges:** Join the "Fun Wiz" Brian Wismer for this interactive show as he leads the whole family in individual and team challenges, including wacky games, totally terrific trivia, Simon Says, and much more. 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Morton Grove Farmers Market:** Shop for locally produced fruits and vegetables, flowers, crafts, baked goods, pantry items, body products and more at this weekly market. Extras include live music and entertainment for kids. 8 a.m. Saturday, Dempster Street and Georgiana Avenue, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436.

**Park Ridge Farmers Market:** Shop for fresh produce, soap, olive oils, flowers, pickles, pasta baked goods and meat. The weekly market also features live music and kids activities. 7 a.m. Prairie Avenue and Main Street, 15 Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-309-2433

**TheFitExpo Chicago:** The annual showcase features the latest health and fitness products alongside services from more than 200 exhibitors. 10 a.m. June 25 and June 26. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$25-\$40, 800-593-4537

**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. Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

## Sunday, June 26

**The Tenors 3:** A professional trio of classically trained tenor vocalists presents a program of diverse music encompassing opera, Broadway, operetta, standards, ethnic favorites, holiday melodies and more infused with a touch of comedy. 3 p.m. Leela Arts Center, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines, \$15 to \$25, 847-220-2919

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

**The Glenview History Center Farmhouse seasonal hours:** The Glenview History Center Farmhouse is now open on Sundays except on holiday weekends. For more information, please check their website. 1 p.m. Glenview History Center Farmhouse, 1121 N. Waukegan Road, Glenview, donations recommended, 847-724-2235.

**Critic's Choice "Theeb":** "Theeb" is not rated, taking place in Arabia, 1916, about a young Bedouin boy named Theeb (Wolf). He ventures on a treacherous journey across the desert, encountering mercenaries, revolutionaries and raiders as he tries to survive and live up to the name his father gave him.

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2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Park Ridge Garden Club Garden Walk:** The Park Ridge Garden Club will hold their 22nd annual Garden Walk from 2-6 p.m. Six gardens will be featured. 2 p.m. Private Residence, 320 S. Lincoln Ave., Park Ridge, \$10 for advance tickets, \$15 the day of the walk. Free for children 10 and under, 773-576-2344

**Garden Conservancy's Open Days Garden Tours:** This is an invitation to the public to visit America's very best, rarely seen, private gardens. This tour features gardens in Lake Forest, including Pond Ridge and Thornewood. Transportation is by van and admissions to the gardens are included. 9 a.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$39 Skokie resident; \$49 non-resident, 847-677-7001

**Celebrate Mud Day:** Drop in for an afternoon of glorious mud play in celebration of International Mud Day. Make mud pies, mud blocks and mud cookies with mud galore. This event is for all ages, but please register all family members. 1 p.m. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$1 per person, 847-677-7001

**Skokie Farmers Market:** Farmers and vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin sell fresh-picked vegetables, fruits and flowers along with cheese, baked goods, coffee, sauces and spices. 7:30 a.m. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500

## Monday, June 27

**Book Bables:** Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

**The Mudflapps live every Monday:** The Mudflapps sing and play their hearts out every Monday in the pub from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. Food and drink served late. 8 p.m. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation Annual Golf Outing:** LSCRF hosts its 25th Annual Play for the Cure Golf Outing with proceeds going toward breast cancer research and educational programs at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of North-

western University. For more information regarding tickets and sponsorships, call or visit the website. 11 a.m. North Shore Country Club, 1340 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$900 per person; under 40-years-old \$550 per person, 312-926-7133

**Make-It and Take-It:** Children, with parents or caregivers may just drop into create a Fourth of July craft to take home. 9:30 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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

**Little Miss Ann:** Little Miss Ann is a Chicago-area musician who brings her interactive and upbeat show to Glenview. This is co-sponsored by The Glen Town Center. 7 p.m. Monday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**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. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

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

**Lego Club:** For students in kindergarten through eighth grades to join in this club on the fourth Monday of each month to create masterpieces at this new Lego Club. No registration is necessary. 4:30 p.m. Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

## Tuesday, June 28

**Rotary Club of Evanston Light-house:** This community leadership

group boasts 80 members and meets every Tuesday. 7:15 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

**Supervision Group:** Chicagoland's credentialed music therapists are invited to this networking event. 6:30 p.m. Dempster Street Theatre, 2008 Dempster St., Evanston, \$5, 847-448-8337

**Lego Club for Grades 1-2:** Join in a monthly free-build. The Legos are provided, however, space is limited and preference is given to Glenview Library cardholders. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or by calling. 10:30 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**The Reigning Queen:** Rarely granting interviews, Queen Elizabeth is a symbol, paradox, mystery, and source of great pride for many in Great Britain. Barry Bradford's presentation sheds light on Queen Elizabeth's public achievements and private character. Please register at [glenviewpl.org/register](http://glenviewpl.org/register) or call. 7 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**CJE SeniorLife Counseling Appointments:** CJE SeniorLife Resource Specialists provide counseling to adults 60 and over, their families and caregivers. Thirty-minute counseling topics include: selecting retirement benefits, health insurance and Medicare programs, determining housing needs, and supportive resources. 9:30 a.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 773-508-1054

**Storytime at the Pool:** Enjoy a brief, poolside story with a librarian during the first afternoon safety break each Tuesday. 12:45 p.m. Proesel Park Family Aquatics Center, 7055 N. Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

**Movies, Munchies and More Film "Akeelah and the Bee":** "Akeelah and the Bee" is rated PG, and is about a bright girl who is afraid of being perceived as a bookworm. She is encouraged by her teacher to enter the school's spelling bee, but although she faces a number of obstacles, she becomes all the more determined in her goal. The cast includes: Keke Palmer, Laurence Fishburne, and Angela Bassett. 11:30 a.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

**"Speedy" Screening:** Visit for a special curator-led tour of the "Flappers and Flyboys: The Bold Spirit of Morton Grove in the 1920's" exhibit. Also, view the screening of "Speedy," Harold Lloyd's 1928 classic film featuring mad-cap adventures through the streets of New York City. 6:30 p.m. Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0203

**Mozart's Requiem:** Niles Metro Chorus performs Mozart's Requiem this spring. New singers are welcome, and for more information, please call. Rehearsals are weekly, every Tuesday, 7 p.m. St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, free, 702-806-8421

**Camera Club:** The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. 10 a.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

**Life Transitions Group:** A support group for men and women who have been widowed for one to four years. The group is volunteer-facilitated and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m. Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$5 per session, 847-720-4170

**Country in the Park 2016:** This concert series features some of Nashville's most popular emerging country music artists. "Country in the Park" concerts occur every Tuesday throughout the summer. Guests can enjoy food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after select performances. 7 p.m. MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5556

## Wednesday, June 29

**Music in the Park and French Market:** This family summer concert series has something to offer all musical tastes. Early in the evening, there are free games, giveaways, photo-booths and a caricature artist. 5:30 p.m. Downtown Bensenville, 12 S. Center St., Bensenville, free, 630-766-8200

**Bensenville Farmers Market:** Shop for fresh produce and specialty foods from a variety of vendors. 5:30 p.m. Railroad Avenue and Center Street, Railroad Avenue between Center Street and York Road, Bensenville, free, 630-766-8200

**Live Music Wednesdays with the Josh Rzepka Trio:** Hear the music of Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other classics of the

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era played by the Josh Rzepka Bebop trio. Reservations can be made online or by calling. 6:30 p.m. Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

**Preschool Story Time:** Stories and songs for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

**Summer Walking:** Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., meet at the park bench outside the east wing of the Glenview Senior Center to walk together through and around the Gallery Park. Glenview Senior Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-446-4300

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

**Free Film "Galaxy Quest":** The Library's Classics on Wednesday film series features spoofs in June. Join in

this showing of "Galaxy Quest." For four years, the courageous crew of the NSEA Protector set off on a thrilling mission in space and then their series was canceled. Now, 20 years later, aliens under attack have mistaken the Galaxy Quest television transmissions as historical documents, and the actors must turn in the performances of their lives to save the universe. 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Summer Stories:** Join in a fun summer storytime for all ages. 10:30 a.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Garden Fun Wednesday:** Join in the Youth Services department for a gardening-themed art or science project on Wednesday mornings in June and July. 11 a.m. Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

**Northbrook Farmers Market:** Shop for farm fresh fruits, veggies, cheese, baked goods and more at this not-for-profit community farmers market. The market is open rain or shine, except in the event of severe weather. 7 a.m. Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook,

free

**Barbra Streisand The Soul of Stardom:** This two-week class is sprinkled with examples of Barbra Streisand's best film and television work, from "Funny Girl" to the present. Her rise to not only stardom, but to multi-faceted heights (writing, producing, directing, etc.), provides an inspirational story. 1 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 NSSC member, \$25 non-member, 847-784-6030

**The Bridge and the Canal:** Two one-of-a-kind projects: the Brooklyn Bridge and the Panama Canal, were driven by two men who refused to accept defeat. In two sessions, Gary Midkiff will present the achievements of Washington Roebling and J. Frank Stevens. 10 a.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$19 NSSC member, \$25 nonmembers, 847-784-6030

**Knitting Studio and Workshop:** Each Wednesday afternoon, certified knitting instructor Mary Staackmann provides personalized instruction, answers any questions about knitting, and perhaps gets you started on a new project. Bring your supplies or project in progress.

Brush up on your skills, learn new techniques, or just spend an afternoon knitting with others. 1:30 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6060

**Senior High Youth Group:** For all youth grades 9 to 12 to enjoy fun and friendship while engaging in meaningful discussions and service learning opportunities. The evening starts with a tasty dinner, sometimes chicken, sometimes pasta or pizza. 6:45 p.m. First Congregational Church of Wilmette, 1125 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-6660

**Taste On Chestnut Offers Garden To Table Summer Cooking:** This summer cooking series features three uniquely themed, hands-on cooking demonstrations on how to prepare the finest dishes using the freshest ingredients from your home garden or farmers market, including a Tasteful Tour of the Mediterranean, Grill Masters and a fun Couples in the Kitchen event. 5 p.m. Taste on Chestnut, 505 Chestnut St., Winnetka, \$55, 847-441-0134

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## Now playing

**"The Conjuring 2" ★★★**

R, 2:14, horror

"The Conjuring 2" is a consistently nerve-wracking sequel to the 2013 haunted-house thriller directed by James Wan. Paranormal investigators Lorraine and Ed Warren, played by Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson, travel to London at the Catholic Church's behest to see if there's anything to the rumor of the already-infamous Enfield poltergeist. Nothing else in "The Conjuring 2" is as terrifying as the 1977-era floral wallpaper lining the hallways

of the dimly lit and plainly haunted North London flat, not to mention the fearsome edge on Wilson's sideburns. Wan's latest offers little that's new, but the movie's finesse is something even nonhorror fans can appreciate. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Warcraft" ★★**

PG-13, 2:03, fantasy

It's all in the expectations, and the lower yours are, the more fun you might have at "Warcraft." This epic fantasy adaptation of Blizzard Entertainment's multi-player online role-playing game isn't going to win any awards, but it's bold, unapologetic, hardcore fantasy. There are times when it feels like watching an '80s heavy metal album cover in cinematic form, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. There's an audacity in how it drops the audience

into this fantasy land of orcs, wizards and mages with little to no context or explanation. If you're open to some insane, sometimes inane, but uncompromising fantasy, you just might enjoy yourself. — *Katie Walsh*

**"Now You See Me 2" ★★**

PG-13, 2:09, action

"Now You See Me 2" is the narrative equivalent of a Fruit Roll-Up, designed to be forgotten in as many minutes as it took to watch. The cast remains the chief reason it squeaks by. The sequel opens with the magician-thieves known as the Four Horsemen down one horsewoman (Isia Fisher, not present). The other three, played by Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson and Dave Franco, are hiding out after their last big swindle. In the

context of this grandiose-deception caper, strung together by some absurdly complex and elephantine illusions staged on a large, public scale, director Jon M. Chu's brand of flash and digital trickery is more to my taste than the Roll-Up served up in "See Me" 1. — *M.P.*

**"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows" ★½**

PG-13, 1:48, action

The best part of this "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" sequel comes after the movie is over, when the credits morph into the bright, cartoon style of the TV show we knew and loved. The movie is a befuddling and loud jumble of computer graphics and familiar character names crammed into a story that's overly busy but also too simple. This time around, the Turtles are struggling with the lack of recognition they get for keeping the

streets of the Big Apple safe from supervillains like Shredder (Brian Tee). — *K.W.*

**"X-Men: Apocalypse" ★★**

PG-13, 2:27, action

The stakes in the boringly apocalyptic "X-Men: Apocalypse" couldn't be higher. Its long-entombed, ready-to-party mutant god Apocalypse, played by Oscar Isaac, is both invincible and immortal, and he wants to control every single mind in every single human on Earth. Screenwriter Simon Kinberg lumbers through the conflicts, and director Bryan Singer handles the traffic earnestly and well. But this latest "X-Men" picture is no

gem. It's simply large and long. — *M.P.*

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#### Marshall, Jeanne K.

Jeanne Killmer Marshall, 95, was born March 1, 1921 in St. Paul, Minnesota, the daughter of Earl and Sarah Army Killmer. She died June 16, 2016, in Springfield, IL, less than three weeks after the death of her husband of almost 70 years, Wells Stewart Marshall.

Jeanne graduated from Central High School in 1939 and worked her way through the University of Minnesota where she studied home economics and graduated near the top of her class. She met her husband Stew while he was home on leave from WWII and they were married on July 26, 1946. She and her husband lived in St. Anthony Park (St. Paul) for many years. Jeanne was active in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, where she taught Sunday school and was a member of the ECW, as well as numerous other activities. The family moved to Park Ridge, IL in 1968. There they joined St. Mary's Episcopal Church where they were members for 48 years. Jeanne served on altar guild and provided hospitality for years to those in need. Jeanne was particularly known for reaching out to visitors and newcomers, welcoming them to the parish and making them feel at home.

Jeanne returned to the workforce in the late 1960s, working at Scott Foresman, and later for two professional societies: Data Processing Management Association (now Association of Information Technology Professionals) and the American Society of Lubrication Engineers (now Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers).

She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, sister, Helen (Norman) and brother, Marion. She leaves behind a daughter Mary Jeanne (Jim Scheider) and sons Wells Stewart III (Mary Carson) and David Killmer (Dominic Wolocko).

Jeanne was an optimistic person, seeking the good in others and always finding it. She will be greatly missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2016, at Concordia Village's chapel in Springfield. Curry Funeral Home in Pawnee, Illinois, is serving the family of Jeanne Marshall.

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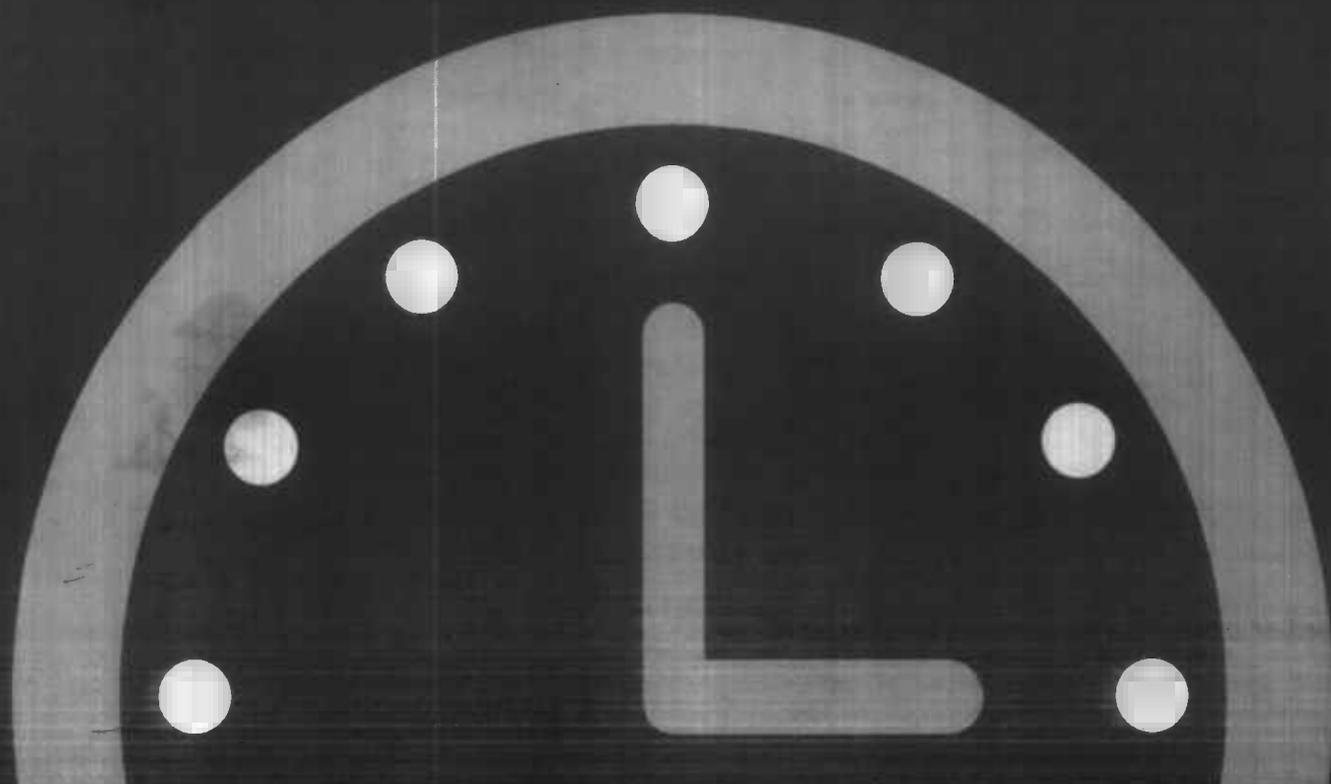
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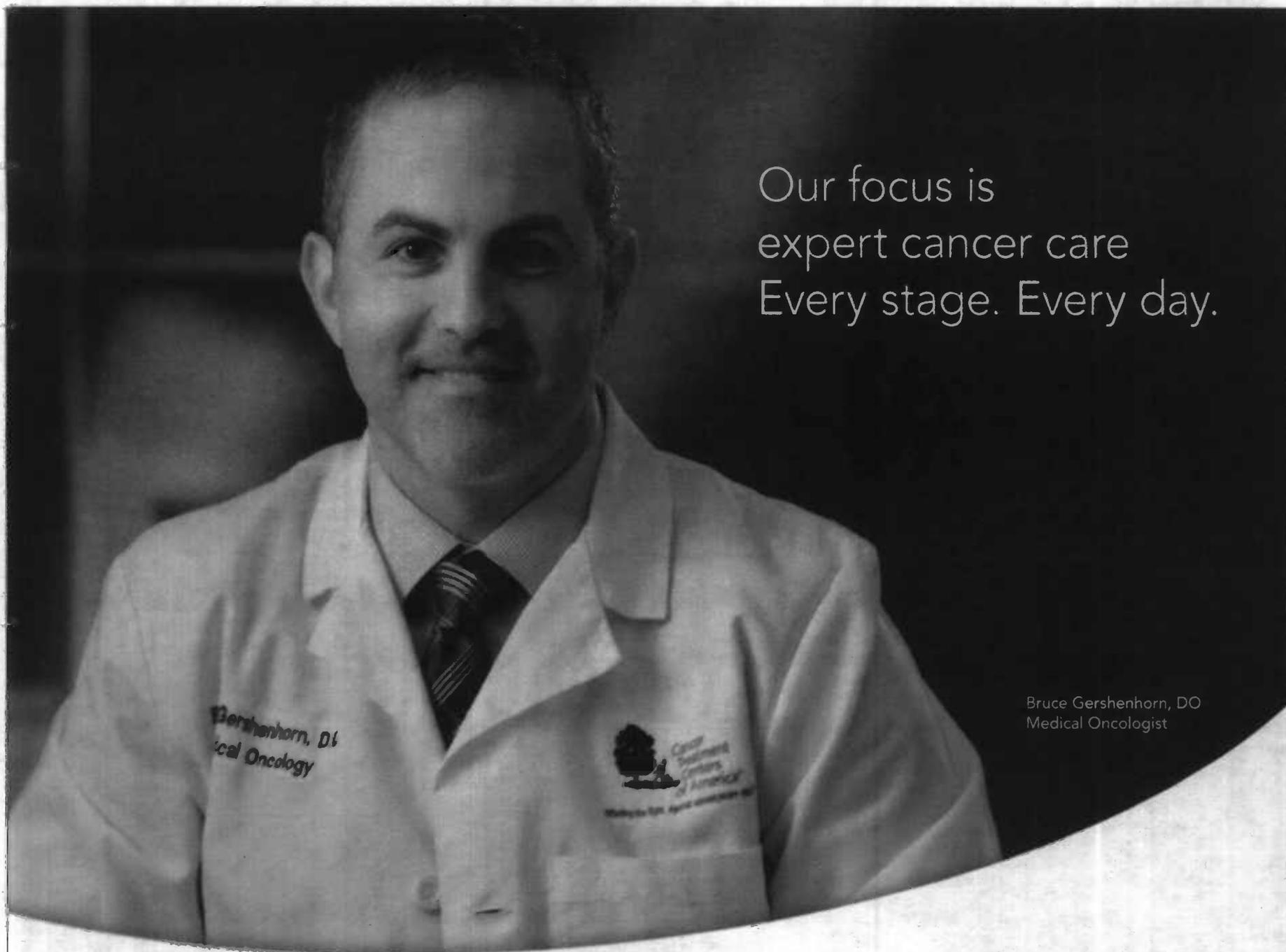
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# Should I stay or should I go (pro)?

Prep-to-pro route works for some baseball stars, but college path better for others

BY TIM FROEHLIG  
Pioneer Press

For baseball prospects, choosing whether to turn pro right out of high school or accept a college athletic scholarship can be one of the most difficult choices of their young lives.

Though turning pro is a dream for almost all players, minor-league ball comes with never-ending bus trips and a paycheck often between \$1,100 and \$2,500 a month, in-season only. Players drafted in the early rounds usually receive a substantial signing bonus that can offset the low wages earned during multiple seasons in the minors.

College baseball players are not paid but often have partial or full scholarships and can receive meals, housing and equipment from their schools. Players attending four-year universities cannot enter the draft again until after their third year of school. Junior-college players can leave after two.

Former Mundelein left-handed pitcher Ryan Borucki, who had a full ride to Iowa on the table, had an enormous decision to make when he was selected by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 15th round of the 2012 MLB amateur draft.

Borucki eventually inked a contract with a \$426,000 signing bonus after being flown to Toronto days after the draft, where a jersey with his name and number was waiting for him inside a locker at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

He was assigned to the team's Gulf Coast League rookie-ball affiliate in Dunedin, Fla., within days of signing.

"They rolled out the red carpet for me," said Borucki, now with the Single-A Lansing Lugnuts. "It was the best decision I ever made. College will always be there. It's not going anywhere any time soon."

For others, the decision isn't as clear. Libertyville graduate Evan Skoug, a sophomore catcher for national power TCU, had significant interest from the Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies and other teams after graduating in 2014.

Some scouts said he was likely

to be drafted in the first five rounds, but he chose college over pro ball when the prospective offers weren't to his liking. The Washington Nationals took a flyer on him anyway — in the 34th round — though they were aware he almost certainly would not sign.

"I wouldn't change going to college for anything," Skoug said before TCU opened College World Series play. "I'm having the best time of my life at TCU. My development here with these coaches has been way more than I expected. They've done a terrific job with me. I couldn't be happier."

Then there are players like right-handed pitcher Matt Dennis, who graduated from Rolling Meadows in 2013. The phone never rang on draft day that year, so he decided to accept a scholarship offer to play for Bradley, where he majored in psychology.

"I only had two or three Division I offers out of high school, to be honest," Dennis said. "I knew I could play, but no one had any interest in drafting me back then. Not a chance."

Dennis had a breakout season as a sophomore, when he posted a 3-0 record out of the bullpen with a 1.51 ERA and 12 saves, while holding hitters to a .193 average. He owns the all-time Bradley record with 18 career saves. He went 9-3 with a 3.89 ERA as a starter in 2016.

The Rockies then selected him in the 14th round, and like Borucki, he was sent to a rookie league days later.

He chose to skip his senior year at Bradley with just two semesters left before obtaining his degree.

"The first time I put that (Rockies) uniform on with the pinstripes, it was a no-brainer," Dennis said. "It's what I've dreamed about my whole life. After discussing things with my family, they agreed it was the best thing for me."

Though he politely declined to discuss how much his signing bonus was, Dennis said the Rockies agreed to put enough money aside to help him finish his degree during the offseason. That



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Mundelein grad Ryan Borucki decided to turn pro straight out of high school in 2012.

made his choice even easier.

Something similar happened to 1990 Waukegan grad Gary Bennett, who played catcher for eight MLB teams during a 13-year career. He was drafted in the 11th round by the Philadelphia Phillies and decided to forgo college. It took him five years to make it from the minors to the big leagues in 1995.

The Phillies set aside money to pay for college under the condition that Bennett used it within two years after his retirement. He said he never took a cent, as his business ventures helped him get by without a degree.

"There are colleges out there who will work pitchers to death and use them as many innings as possible without regard to how

much it might hurt them," Bennett said. "Not all coaches or programs do that. But they're out there."

"When you go pro, it's usually the opposite. You become an investment. Their only job is getting you ready to someday play for their major league club, so the last thing they want to do is ruin someone."

Lake Forest's Cal Coughlin, an infielder and pitcher who is committed to TCU, hoped to hear his name called earlier this month during the draft. But it never happened, despite his being in regular contact with the Pirates, Mariners and Rays.

"All 30 MLB teams were in touch with me, asking me to fill out surveys," Coughlin said. "Sev-

eral teams showed deeper interest, but my adviser and I, former MLB pitcher Jay Witasick, decided I should go to college."

He's using his situation as motivation.

"It kind of leaves me with a chip on my shoulder," Coughlin added. "But for most guys, it takes five, six, even eight years after high school or college to get to the big leagues. What better time than now, at one of the top college programs in the country, to fine-tune my skills?"

"Maybe my hard work will pay off, and one day my dream of hearing my name called will finally come true."

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Notre Dame's John Hendry throws to first during the Dons' 2-1 loss to New Trier in the Class 4A Loyola Sectional semifinal on June 2 in Glenview.

## Dons' Hendry uses draft as 'incentive' to improve

BY DAN SHALIN  
Pioneer Press

When recent Notre Dame College Prep graduate John Hendry was 7 and 8 years old, he had an older friend who nicknamed him "maggot" and gave him some tips about pitching.

The friend, whom Hendry called "cockroach," was Greg Maddux, the Hall of Fame pitcher then in his second stint with the Chicago Cubs.

Hendry's father Jim was the Cubs general manager from 2002 to 2011 and is now a special assistant to New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman.

"I was just a little kid, but it's kind of incredible how cool that is," said John Hendry, who doesn't recall any of the specific pointers he received from Maddux.

After a childhood of following his father to the ballpark, John Hendry recently began to forge his own links with Major League Baseball when he was selected in the 32nd round (950th pick) by the Colorado Rockies in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, which ran from June 9 to June 11.

A 6-foot-3, 225-pound right-handed pitcher and third baseman, John Hendry said he doesn't plan to sign with the Rockies. Instead, he intends to honor his commitment to the University of Indianapolis, a Division II program. But the Park Ridge native said he sees Major League Baseball's interest in him as motivation to keep working hard toward a professional career.

"For the next couple years, I will take this as an incentive to keep getting better," said John Hendry, who would be draft-eligible again after his junior year if he attends Indianapolis.

John Hendry turned in an impressive senior season for the Dons, who went 23-12 and captured the Class 4A Evanston Regional title. He went 5-2 with a 1.99 ERA and 30 strikeouts in 31 2/3 innings.

Notre Dame coach Nelson Gord said John Hendry may not record eye-popping numbers on the radar gun, but the coach said John Hendry's size, understanding of how to pitch and ability to thrive in big games makes him an intriguing professional prospect.

"He's not overpowering. But he has late movement on his fastball, he's a low 80s (mph) guy with a curve, slider and changeup, and he throws them all for strikes," Gord said. "He understands how to get guys out. What makes him great is that he doesn't shy away from the big stage and the big moment."

Notre Dame catcher Sam Ferri, an Arizona State signee who was drafted in the 38th round by the Yankees, said John Hendry does not fear anybody and seemed unfazed by the big occasions.

"The kid goes out there and just competes from the moment he steps on the mound," Ferri said.

Gord said John Hendry's big-game ability was first evident when the then-junior picked up an important save against Joliet Catholic in 2015. This season, John Hendry started and pitched three scoreless innings in a 10-0 win over Jacobs, which was ranked No. 1 in the area at the time, on April 18.

As a result of playing alongside Ferri and against some of the state's top talent, John Hendry was seen by several Major League scouts.

John Hendry said he was aware of which scouts were

at his games because they were friends of his father and often would come and say, "Hello."

He said Rockies scout Scott Corman was the one who spotted him for the organization. Bill Schmidt, vice president of scouting, called on the final day of the draft to confirm Colorado had selected John Hendry.

Earlier that day, John Hendry had finished playing a baseball tournament with his club team the Illinois Indians, when a check of his phone revealed Notre Dame players discussing his draft news on a group chat.

"I didn't believe them (at first)," John Hendry said. "But then I saw (my name on) the Draft Tracker online and I was shocked. It was really cool and everyone was really happy."

John Hendry then received several texts and phone calls offering congratulations, one of the calls was from his father, who had heard his son's name called while inside the Yankees' draft room in Tampa, Fla.

John Hendry knows some people will think his baseball connections helped him gain attention from scouts, and it probably didn't hurt. But the big righty said he's out to prove he belongs, in college baseball and eventually in the pros.

"I want to go out and do what I can to make a name for myself," he said. "Once you've been drafted, you want to live up to that. I want to keep getting better and prove it's not a mistake and not a favor (to my dad). I want to make it for myself."

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# PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## OPRF'S CHARDONNAY HARRIS

By GARY LARSEN  
Pioneer Press

Following a dominant pitching display during the Class 4A playoffs, Oak Park-River Forest junior Chardonnay Harris is the 2016 Pioneer Press All-Area Softball Player of the Year.

Harris threw eight shut-out innings of relief in the Huskies' 4-2 win in 10 innings over Normal West in the state title game Saturday, June 11, in East Peoria. She clinched the Huskies' title with a strikeout, her 13th of the game. A day earlier, Harris pitched a one-hitter, striking out nine, in a 5-0 semifinal victory over DeKalb.

Harris, an Auburn recruit, finished the season with a 0.83 ERA and 183 strikeouts in 109 2/3 innings, sharing the workload with OPRF co-ace Emily Richardson. Harris also hit .407 with 11 RBIs.

**Q: Did winning a state title meet or exceed your expectations?**

A: It exceeded my expectations. To go into extra innings and then pull off the win? The last pitch, I was just thinking: spin it. My best pitch is my riseball, my strikeout pitch, so I just gave it my all. After she swung and missed, my body collapsed. I just remember I bent down and started screaming. It was one of the best feelings ever.

**Q: After the game, was the team able to fall asleep at a reasonable hour that night?**

A: No. We went to bed at like 5:30 in the morning. We went to a pizza restaurant after the game with all our family and friends and coaches, and then we went back to the hotel and we all jumped in the pool in our uniforms. That was prob-



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Oak Park-River Forest junior Chardonnay Harris dominated opposing hitters during the Huskies' run to a Class 4A state championship.

ably the second-best feeling.

**Q: How long did the feeling last?**

A: To this day, I feel it. I probably will, until we start school again. And if there are still people talking about it and someone mentions it to me, it will take me right back to this feeling.

**Q: Did the fact that you and Emily Richardson split time pitching this season keep you both strong for the state title run?**

A: I think so. I felt good. I hurt my back (on May 7 vs. Lincoln-Way East) and took a week and a half off, and

that's when Emily really had to step up. I appreciate her 100 percent, to get us through the supersectional and get us downstate. Without her, I don't know if any of it would have even been possible.

**Q: What's one of your favorite memories from the state finals weekend?**

A: Watching (senior) Ireland Flannery having the biggest heart in keeping us up. She picked up so many of our players, left and right, trying to get us all to give our best and have confidence in ourselves. That really pushed us through.

**Q: What did it feel like**

**when Maeve Nelson tied the state title game against Normal with a two-out triple in the seventh inning?**

A: We were all in the dugout with our fingers crossed that she would hit it. Maeve said that if she would have been thrown a changeup, that might have been it, but she got a fastball and she hit it. We all screamed. I screamed so hard I thought I was going to pass out. It was amazing.

**Q: At any point during the season, did any doubt creep in that this year's team might not win a state title?**

A: Not once. We knew we were going to do it from Day One, with the amount of determination we had since the first day of practice. After (coach Mel Kolbusz) made cuts, that Saturday morning at 8 a.m. was where it started, and we knew where it was going to finish.

**Q: What is your favorite TV show?**

A: "Grey's Anatomy."

**Q: If you could see one musical artist in concert, who would it be?**

A: Two of my teammates, Ireland Flannery and Caitlyn Santiago, went to see Beyonce, and I was beyond

jealous.

**Q: Vine? Snapchat? Twitter? Instagram?**

A: I would say Snapchat and Instagram. I communicate with a bunch of my teammates that I'll be going to (Auburn) with through Snapchat.

**Q: Favorite movie and favorite junk food?**

A: I just saw "The Conjuring 2" so I'll say that one, and I'm a Flamin' Hot Cheetos person.

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# ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM SOFTBALL

## Chardonnay Harris #PlayerOfTheYear

**P, OPRF, Jr.**  
**Key stats:** 15-2, 0.83 ERA, 109.2 IP, 183 K, 11 BB; .407 BA, 11 RBIs

**College:** Auburn (@Auburn\_Softball) #WarEagle

Harris started at the #IHSA Class 4A state tourney. She pitched a one-hitter in the semis, then threw eight scoreless innings in the final.

She struck out 13 in the

Huskies' 10-inning win over Normal West in the final.

The junior is a two-time all-West Suburban Conference and Pioneer Press First-Team All-Area selection for OPRF (@OPRFH-Shuskies).

"Chardonnay is a lock-down pitcher with a great strikeout-walk ratio." — OPRF coach Mel Kolbusz

### TOOLS



## Amanda Guercio @AmandaGuercio

**C, Lake Zurich, Jr.**  
**Key stats:** .530 BA, 14 HR, 40 RBIs, 42 R, 7 SB, .993 FPCT

**College:** Wisconsin-Green Bay (@GBPhoenixSB)

Guercio received 3,456 pitches in 190 1/3 innings behind the plate. She allowed only 12 passed balls. #defense

The team captain and

co-MVP hit 14 home runs to tie a Bears (@LZHSsoftball) record. She also earned all-North Suburban Conference honors.

"She's the player you want up to bat in the pressure situation...the one that the younger girls are in awe of." — coach Amanda Rodriguez

### TOOLS



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## Celeste Boshold @celeste\_bohold

**IF, Guerin, Fr.**  
**Key stats:** .634 BA, 12 HR, 69 RBIs, 1.329 SLG, .884 FPCT

**College:** Undecided

Boshold averaged three RBIs per game for Guerin (@GuerinPrep). She was walked intentionally seven times, including with the bases loaded.

At least seven Division I schools are interested in Boshold. She was an all-Metro Suburban Conference selection and had 16 multi-hit games.

"She is a Division I short-stop with range and an arm that is unmatched." — Guerin coach Tony Pecoraro

### TOOLS



## Giulia Magnelli @giulia\_magnelli

**IF/P, Ridgewood, Sr.**  
**Key stats:** .513 BA, .920 SLG, 10 HR, 10 2B, 53 R; 9-1, 2.91 ERA, 1.134 WHIP, 70 K, 16 BB  
**College:** DePaul (student) (@DePaulU)

Magnelli was named the 2016 Metro Suburban East player of the year as voted by the conference's coaches.

She also was a team captain and co-MVP for Ridgewood (@RHSinfo), which finished 28-8 and undefeated in conference play.

"Giulia was our three-hitter and one of our three top-line pitchers. Her hitting was outstanding at the end of the year." — Rebels coach Mike Glaub

### TOOLS



## Maeve Nelson @maeve\_nelson

**IF, OPRF, So.**  
**Key stats:** .492 BA, 10 HR, 52 RBIs, 9 2B, 49 R  
**College:** Northwestern (@NUSBcats)

Nelson's two-strike, two-out triple in the seventh tied Normal West in the #IHSA Class 4A state title game. OPRF won 4-2 in 10 innings. The two-time first-team

All-Area player is a three-sport varsity athlete who also plays basketball and volleyball for OPRF (@OPRFHShuskies).

"Maeve is unquestionably one of the best athletes in the state of Illinois and a team leader as a sophomore." — Huskies coach Mel Kolbusz

### TOOLS



## EXTRA INNINGS

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RETWEETS 4 LIKES 2

## Mia Davis

#GoNaz

OF, Nazareth, Sr.

**Key Stats:** .577 BA, .615 OBP, 5 HR, 20 2B, 10 3B, 47 RBIs, 50 R, 12 SB

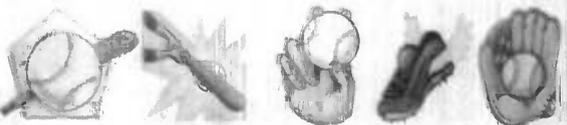
**College:** Eastern Illinois (@EIU\_Softball)

Davis paced Nazareth (@Naz\_softball) to back-to-back #IHSA Class 3A super-sectional appearances.

She was named all-East Suburban Catholic and helped lead the Roadrunners to a third-place conference finish.

"(Davis had) incredible instincts on defense while leading our team in every offensive category." — assistant coach Ian Matthews

### TOOLS



## Anysa Iliopoulos

@anysailiop

IF, Trinity, Sr.

**Key stats:** .537 BA, .984 SLG, 66 H, 15 2B, 11 3B, 6 HR, 34 RBIs, 52 R, 14 SB

**College:** Rutgers (@RU-Softball)

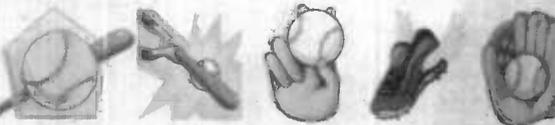
She is an Illinois Coaches Association (@ica\_softball) all-state and all-GCAC Red selection. She was also MVP

for Trinity (@Trin\_softball).

As a freshman, she backed up current Michigan (@umichsoftball) infielder Abby Ramirez.

"Anysa is the hardest worker I have had at Trinity. She has blossomed into a great Division I shortstop." — Blazers coach Bob Osborne

### TOOLS



## Emily Richardson

@Emicristina1010

P/DH, OPRF, Sr.

**Key stats:** 20-0, 1.15 ERA, 122 IP, 143 K, 23 BB, 10 shutouts; .394 BA, 9 HR, 33 RBIs

**College:** Valparaiso (@Val-poSoftball)

A four-year varsity player, Richardson threw two perfect games for OPRF

(@OPRFHShuskies).

She was a Second-Team All-Area selection in 2015 and a two-time all-West Suburban Conference honoree.

"Emily is confident, determined and the undisputed leader of our team." — Huskies coach Mel Kolbusz

### TOOLS



## Jessica Puccinelli

@jpooch1928

OF, Lake Zurich, Jr.

**Key stats:** .520 BA, 41 RBIs, 11 2B, 4 3B, 3 HR, 28 R, 7 SB, .967 FPCT

**College:** Undecided

Puccinelli showed off her arm by throwing out three runners at the plate in a single game for Lake Zurich (@LZHSsoftball).

Puccinelli and All-Area First-Team teammate Amanda Guercio (@AmandaGuercio) shared team MVP honors.

"Last year she was a good softball player, and this year she became a great softball player." — coach Amanda Rodriguez (@AmandajrTL)

### TOOLS



## Rachel Krzysko

@rachelkrzysko

OF, Barrington, Jr.

**Key stats:** .406 BA, 43 H, 10 2B, 38 RBIs, 10 SB

**College:** Undecided

Krzysko hit .424 with runners in scoring position and was 10-for-10 on steal attempts for the Fillies (@softballBHS\_).

She played catcher as a

freshman, right field as a sophomore and left field as a junior.

"Rachel's adaptability made a huge difference, and she gave our team so many different options offensively." — Fillies coach Perry Peterson

### TOOLS



## SECOND TEAM

Hannah Heraty

@HannahHeraty7

P, Libertyville, Jr.

College: Dayton

Meg Elsfelder

C, Evanston, So.

Carly Kordich

@carlykordich3

OF, Barrington, Jr.

College: Winona State

Mel Dolins

OF, Deerfield, Sr.

College: Vanderbilt (student only)

Jessie Lauret

OF, Libertyville, Sr.

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Ellie Ziegler

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3B, OPRF, Sr.

College: Dayton

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SS, Hersey, Jr.

College: Northern Illinois

Cat Klostermann

P, Nazareth, Sr.

College: Dominican

—Gary Larsen, Pioneer Press



OPRF's Chaddonay Harris celebrates during the Class 4A state championship game on June 11.

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# #BESTOFTHEBEST

Chaddonay Harris leads the All-Area softball team. This calls for a fire emoji. *Inside*



# PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## MUNDELEIN'S BRENDAN MURPHY

BY JON J. KERR | Pioneer Press

In the season's biggest moments, Mundelein turned to its best player.

Junior pitcher Brendan Murphy led the Mustangs (31-10) to the Class 4A state championship game with a 13-strikeout performance against Warren to win a sectional title, then tossed a complete game as Mundelein rallied past St. Charles North in the state semifinals for its first berth in the title game.

The Arizona State recruit led Mundelein with a 10-2 record and 110 strikeouts in 70 innings, as the Mustangs claimed the second-place trophy. He was also the team's best hitter.

Pioneer Press contributor Jon J. Kerr caught up with Murphy to discuss the season and life off the field.

**Q: In early April, you lost back-to-back games to Libertyville. The team started the season 8-6. What changed?**

A: Coach (Todd) Parola came up to me at a practice and said he wanted to see more fire from me, to play with more attitude and competitive spirit. He said no one cares that I'm going to Arizona State, that I have to be better. Soon after that, I pitched a complete game and we beat Stevenson. That was a turning point of our season. We got it rolling from there.

**Q: What were your emotions when you took the mound for the state semifinals at Silver Cross Field in Joliet?**

A: I tried not to look at the crowd and be overwhelmed. It was loud, and it rattled me a bit. It took me a while to get settled into the game. I wasn't effective the first three or four innings.

There was a lot of talking going on around the stadium with the St. Charles North student section. They were doing all this 'over-rated' stuff, and it got me fired up. I turned my game up. It was a good experience to play in that crowd and atmosphere.

**Q: You got two hits as the designated hitter in the title game. What did you take away from being part of a state runner-up team?**

A: In seventh grade, one of our feeder coaches told us we were the golden team. He said we had the best opportunity to do something special. We have this thing called the Mustang Way where it's about putting in the most effort in a short period of time. We did that this year. To see the fans and alumni support us, we want to go back.

**Q: What are your favorite social media accounts?**

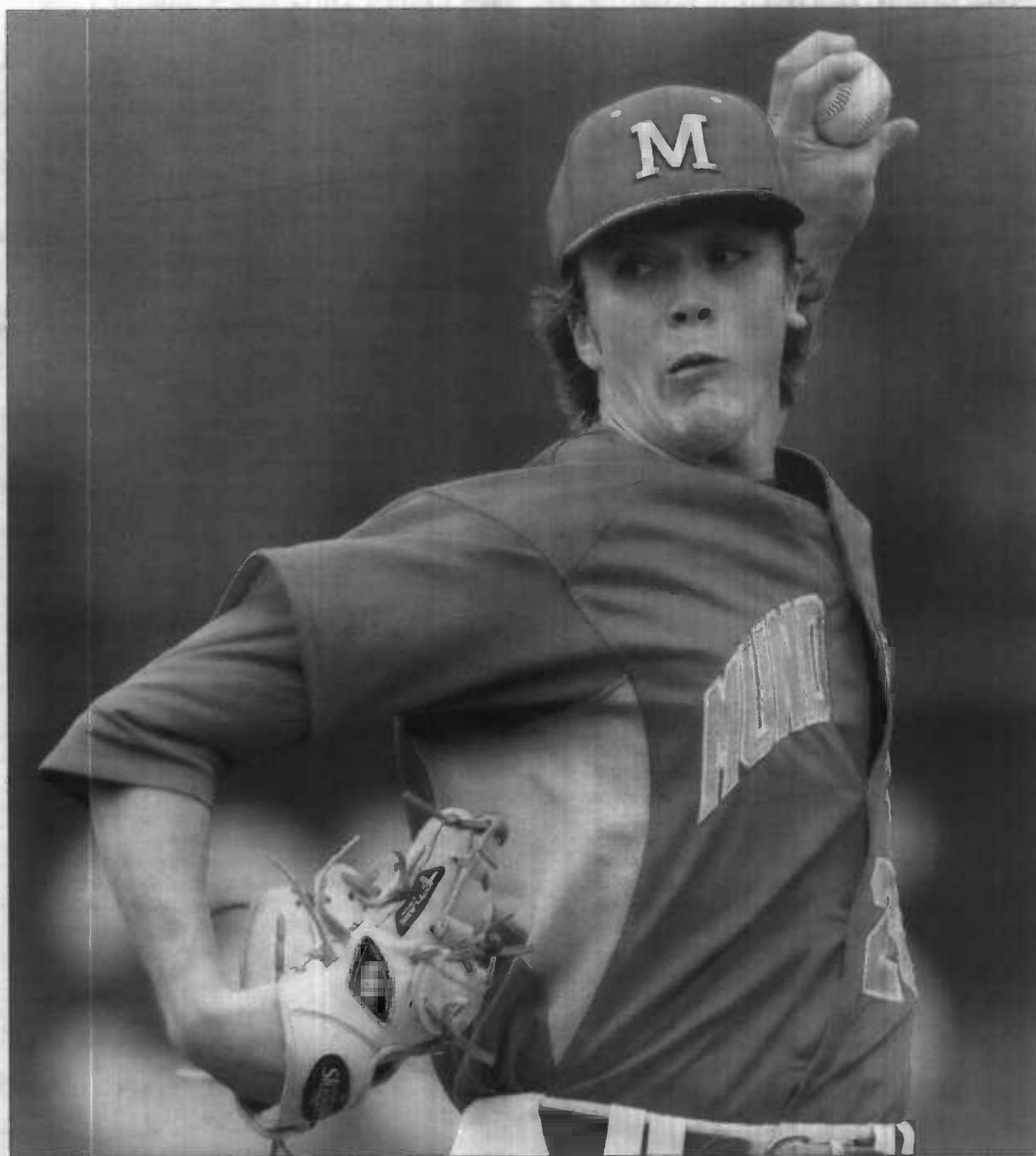
A: I'm not that into social media. I'm rarely on Facebook. My friends and I do Snapchat a lot (@brendo3justin44). I just posted a picture on Instagram (@brendomurphy3) of me and my grandpa on a baseball field. On Twitter (@brendomurphy3), I'll retweet things that are baseball-related. I don't post a lot. My friends call me Brendo so I use that on my accounts.

**Q: What's your favorite baseball movie?**

A: "The Benchwarmers." I can probably quote the whole movie. I've watched it at least 100 times. We quote it all the time. It's just funny.

**Q: On days you start, are you superstitious?**

A: I wear the same socks and compressor shorts. I do



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Mundelein's Brendan Murphy pitches against Warren on June 4 in Lincolnshire.

wash them.

**Q: What do you like to do outside of baseball?**

A: I like to go fishing. I'll

go to a pond by the Mundelein Little League fields or a pond in the neighborhood where my friend Will Mi-

chalski lives. I've caught bass there. My friend Jeff Morton has a pond in his backyard with bluegill.

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# ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM BASEBALL

## Brendan Murphy @brendomurphy3

LHP, Mundelein, Jr.

**Key stats:** 10-2, 69 IP, 1.12 ERA, 109 K, 29 BB, .90 WHIP; .433 BA, .476 OBP, .638 SLG, 16 2B, 34 RBIs

**College:** Arizona State (@ASU\_Baseball)

After Libertyville (@Lville\_Baseball) beat Mundelein (@MundyBaseball) 4-1 on April 11 and Murphy suffered the loss, he didn't lose again.

Murphy went 7-0 the rest

of the season with a 1.00 ERA and 76 strikeouts.

Murphy has what many coaches said is the best changeup they saw all year and a fastball clocked at 89 mph by Perfect Game scouting service.

"Every time he was on the mound we had a good chance to win. He rolled off some big wins for us." — Mundelein coach Todd Parola

### TOOLS



## Ben Brecht @BenBrecht31

LHP, New Trier, Sr.

**Key stats:** 10-0, 63 IP, 0.55 ERA, 97 K, 18 BB, 34 H

**College:** UC Santa Barbara (@UCSB\_Baseball)

With a fastball clocked in the high 80s and good control (2 BB/7 IP), Brecht might possess the best pure stuff of any area pitcher.

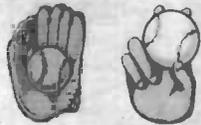
Brecht threw a complete game while striking out 11 in a 2-1 win against Notre

Dame (@NDDonsBaseball) in the #IHS Class 4A sectional semis.

He was picked by the Baltimore @Orioles in the 36th round (1,081 overall) of the #MLBDraft. #Birdland

"He was a captain and one of our leaders the last three years on varsity." — Trevians coach Mike Napoleon (@CoachNaps22)

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Speed



Hits for average



Throwing ability



Hits for power

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## Cooper Johnson @coopj325

C, Carmel, Sr.

**Key Stats:** 44% of runners caught stealing, six pickoffs, .372 AVG, .524 OBP, 3 HR, 24 RBIs

**College:** Mississippi (@Ole-MissBSB)

Johnson homered in the win over St. Patrick that clinched the ESCC title for Carmel (@CarmelBaseball) on May 16.

Although drafted in 28th round by the Cincinnati @Reds, Johnson announced on Twitter that he would play for Ole Miss. #RebsBSB #HottyToddy

"His ability to handle pitchers and shut down the running game was a major reason for the turnaround by our pitchers." — coach Bill Taylor

### TOOLS



## Dan Sullivan @DanJSully5

1B, St. Viator, Sr.

**Key Stats:** .400 BA, .447 OBP, .838 SLG, 13 HR, 35 RBIs, 14 2B, .964 FPCT

**College:** Undecided

Sullivan led the Lions (@ViatorBaseball) in eight offensive categories. They finished fourth in their first state berth since 1965.

He went 3-for-3 with two doubles and an RBI in his

final full game, St. Viator's Class 3A regional title win against Antioch on May 28.

Sullivan missed the Lions' sectional and state tournament games due to a bacterial infection.

"In my 19 years of coaching baseball, Dan might be the best hitter I've ever seen." — St. Viator coach Mike Manno

### TOOLS



## Tristan Michaels

2B, Barrington, Sr.

**Key Stats:** .444 BA, .486 OBP, .667 SLG, 3 HR, 25 RBIs, 15 2B

**College:** College of Lake County (@CLClancers)

Michaels was the best offensive player on a Broncos team that won 27 games, the most for the program since 2005.

As a junior, Michaels did not record a single at-bat for

the Broncos. In 2016, he led Barrington (@bhsbleacher) with 140 plate appearances.

"He worked his tail off and deserves all the accolades he has earned this year." — Barrington coach Pat Wire

### TOOLS



# #AllArea

Social media has connected baseball and softball players, fans, coaches and scouts at all levels like never before. This year's Pioneer Press All-Area teams are a celebration of that connectedness, with emojis to represent which of the five tools a player possesses, plus Twitter handles, hashtags and paragraphs that are 140 characters or fewer.

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Cooper Johnson balances life as @CarmelCorsairs catcher, @OleMissBSB recruit, draft prospect trib.in/1quM3vF



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Back from injury, Casey O'Laughlin hopes HR 'gets me rolling' trib.in/1T9SgXd #PioneerSports @FenwickAD



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## Cal Coughlin

@Calcogz22tt

3B, Lake Forest, Sr.

**Key Stats:** .426 BA, .530 OBP, .638 SLG, 3 HR, 11 2B, 25 RBIs; 61 IP, 2.81 ERA, 1.08 WHIP, 93 K

**College:** TCU (@TCU\_baseball)

While he primarily pitched and DHed, Coughlin played third when he wasn't

pitching during the state series for the Scouts (@LFHSbaseball16).

Coughlin hit a walk-off grand slam against Palatine in a regional semifinal.

"What sets him apart is his desire and passion for the game." — Lake Forest coach Ray Del Fava

### TOOLS



## Michael Ruffolo

@eliteshortstop1

SS, Ridgewood, Sr.

**Key Stats:** .435 BA, .542 OBP, 20 SB, .945 FPCT, 76 A, 27 PO; 2-0, 1.31 ERA

**College:** Indiana State (@IndStBaseball)

The Metro Suburban East player of the year had a big hand in the Rebels' 17-game unbeaten streak and

their conference title.

Ruffolo hit leadoff every game for Ridgewood (@RHSbaseball234) and was named team co-MVP, along with catcher Vito Iovino (@Vitolovino).

"Michael was our defensive anchor." — Ridgewood coach Chris Uhle

### TOOLS



## Casey O'Laughlin

@CaseyOLaughlin

OF, Fenwick, Jr.

**Key Stats:** .391 BA, .450 OBP, .574 SLG, 2 HR, 33 RBIs, 53 B

**College:** Northwestern (@NUCatsBaseball) #BIGCats

O'Laughlin led Fenwick (@baseballfriars) in four offensive categories — home runs, triples, hits and RBIs.

O'Laughlin threw out four

runners at home plate this season.

"Possesses one of the strongest, most accurate arms from the outfield I've had play for me in 36 years."

— Friars coach Dave Hogan



## Daniel Marks

@DanielM867181

OF, Libertyville, Jr.

**Key Stats:** .398 BA, .487 OBP, .520 SLG, 32 RBIs, 39 H, 9 2B, 11 SB

**College:** Undecided

Marks had more walks (15) than strikeouts (12) in 117 plate appearances for the Wildcats (@Lville\_Baseball).

He moved to the No. 3 spot in the order midway through the season because coaches wanted him to get an at-bat in the first inning each game.

"I saw great maturity in him as a hitter." — Wildcats coach Sean Ferrell

### TOOLS



## Cole Kmet

@ColeKmet

OF, St. Vliator, Jr.

**Key Stats:** .329 BA, .368 OBP, .650 SLG, 11 HR, 39 RBIs; 10-1, 2.39 ERA, 96 K

**College:** Notre Dame for football (@NDfootball)

Kmet tied for the team lead in appearances (18) and was second in innings pitched (64 1/3).

Kmet started and won a Class 3A supersectional versus Fenwick. He struck out eight and had three RBIs.

"Cole has power to all fields and is a gap-to-gap guy. He got so many big hits for us this season." — Lions coach Mike Manno

### TOOLS



## SECOND TEAM

Sam Ferri

@Sam\_Ferri  
C, Notre Dame, Sr.  
College: Arizona State

Ranko Stevanovic

SS, Notre Dame, Sr.  
College: Southern Illinois

Jeremy Gaines

2B, OPRF, Sr.

Connor Nelson

1B, OPRF, Sr.

Dylan McGuire

3B, New Trier, Sr.

College: Indiana\*

Brooks Gosswein

@brooks\_james24

LHP, Barrington, Jr.

College: Uncommitted

Nick Stefanowicz

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RHP, Notre Dame, Sr.  
College: Rockhurst

Liam McKeough

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OF, Loyola, Sr.

College: Denison

Eddie Pietschmann

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OF, Carmel, Jr.

College: Uncommitted

Brad Czerniejewski

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OF, Lake Forest, Jr.

College: TCU

\*Student only

—Jon J. Kerr, Pioneer Press

Mundelein's Brendan Murphy (26) celebrates after scoring in a Class 4A supersectional June 6 in Schaumburg.

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Mundelein's Brendan Murphy highlights the All-Area baseball team  
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