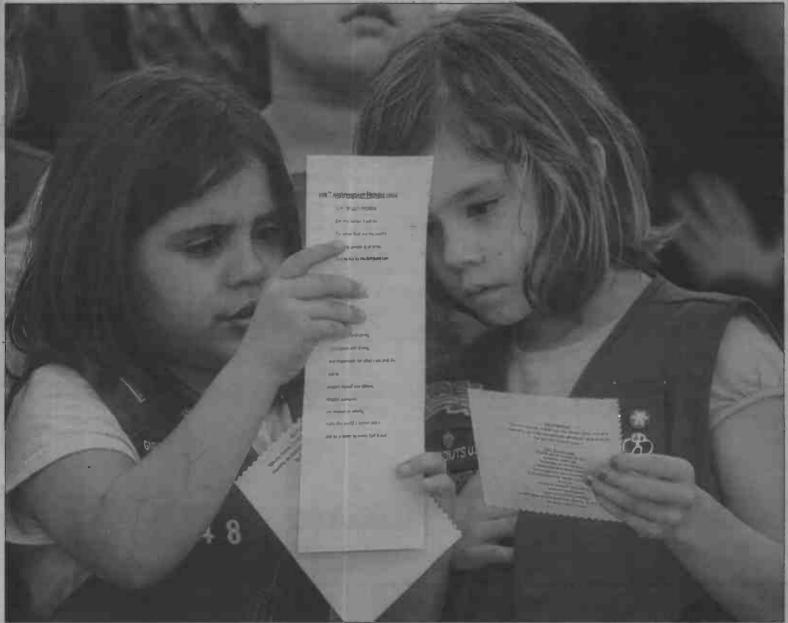
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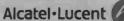
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# 9TH DISTRICT Primary is a cakewalk for seven-term congresswoman

BY KAREN BERKOWITZ

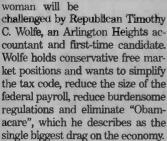
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Simon Ribeiro has twice before filed for the 9th Congressional District seat held by U.S. Representative Janice D. Schakowsky, once as a Republican and once as a Green Party candidate. But this was the first time Ribeiro, now 30, challenged the popular liberal in the Democratic primary.

The results were predictable. With the majority of precincts reporting in both the Chicago and suburban portions of the district,

Schakowsky, 67, was commanding 90 percent of the vote in the redrawn district.

In the November genelection, the seven-term Congress-



The Republican primary was uncontested after Wolfe challenged the petitions of Susanne Atanus, a frequent candidate, and succeeded in bouncing her off the ballot.

The left-tilting 9th Congressional District took on more Republican turf under Illinois new Congressional map, which was redrawn by Democrats to erase the Republican gains of 2010, as well as adjust for the state's loss of one U.S. House seat following the 2010 census.

The new 9th District still includes a portion of Chicago's lakefront and Evanston, Lincolnwood, Skokie, Morton Grove, Niles and Park Ridge. However, the redrawn district has shifted north to include all of Wilmette, Winnetka, Northfield and Kenilworth. The district also has taken on new territory in Glenview and southeast Northbrook, as well as Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and Rolling Meadows.



Police cars and officers at Glenbrook South High School on Wednesday. The school was closed for the day after an incendiary device was found in a nearby hospital parking lot earlier in the morning. IJOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

GLENVIEW POLICE

# Niles man charged in fire scare

Leonard

Reinebach

BY TODD SHIELDS

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A 20-year old Niles man was charged March 14 with criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct for allegedly lighting a fire in a hospital parking lot that led to cancelling all classes at nearby Glenbrook South High School in Glenview.

At 11:30 a.m., Glenview police arrested Leonard Reinebach, of 8248 N. Newland Ave., at his home. Items left at the scene led police to his arrest. a suspect whom detectives questioned last week. Sgt. David Sostak of the Glenview Police department said Reinebach was released later that day on a \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court next on April 13 in the Skokie Courthouse.

Employees at Glenbrook Hospital, 2100 Pfingsten Road, called the Glenview Police Department about 4 a.m. ed the incident. after an explosion was heard in the

west parking lot near Landwehr Road and the Glenview Fire Station, stated a police department release. No injuries were reported and the parking lot was not dam-

Investigators first believed a crude incendiary device had exploded, but at 2 p.m. a release stated they found burned items and a metal container.

"No evidence recovered from the scene indicated the presence of an explosive device," the release said.

Police ordered the closure of two schools near the hospital — Glenbrook South High School, 4000 West Lake Ave., and Winkelman School, 1919 Landwehr Road — as they investigat-

The high school has a student population of 2,700, and the property adjoins the hospital

> By 9 a.m., the school grounds were void of students. Police vehicles blocked entrances on West Lake Avenue, and several were parked in front of the school's main

"As always, the safety of our students and staff is our

incident were any students or staff in any danger," stated school spokeswoman Karen Geddeis, in a release, adding that that Wednesday was a late-start day for students.

Geddeis also said school officials were determining if and when the said April 2 might be a likely date, since it was already designated in the school calendar as an emergency day.

The hospital remained open that morning, but access to the building was limited, police said.

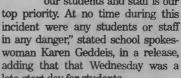
As a precaution, hospital spokesman Andy Buchanan said early morning non-emergency procedures were delayed, but normal operations had resumed by 10 a.m.

The Cook County Bomb Squad and personnel from the Department of Homeland Security assisted police.

Police are not looking for more sus-

Reinebach is the son of the likenamed Leonard Reinbach who ran for the 9th Congress seat twice and for mayor against then-mayor Nick Blase.

Staff Writer Bridget O'Shea and Sun-Times Media contributed to this report



missed day would be made up. She

# **DISTRICT 67**

# Final vote on referendum still out

BY CATHRYN GRAN

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Classroom size, programs and structural improvements hung in the balance as about 40 supporters of two Golf School District 67 referendums waited for results while munching on pizza at a local Morton Grove estab-

With four of five precincts reporting by Pioneer Press' deadline, the unofficial totals were 415 against and 344 for increasing the education/operations fund tax

The preliminary numbers to increase the district's debt ceiling were 398 against and 391 in favor.

The district serves portions of Morton Grove and Niles.

The district had sought to increase by .342 percent to 2.401 from 2.058 the amount to be collected through property taxes to fund operations/education and to issue \$9.72 million in bonds to, among other projects, replace the heating/ventilation/air conditioning units, sprinklers and plumbing at Golf Middle School, 9401 Waukegan Road,

and Hynes School, 9000 Belleforte

The last time district voters approved a referendum was in 1969.

Student. Tessa Toth said she wanted the referendums to pass because the arts are an important part of school.

"I don't want to stop doing the fun stuff at school like band and chorus,"

Resident Michael Silverstein said the referendums were needed to keep the schools strong.

"We have no room to go negative," he said. "We have excellent schools

and excellent staff. The kids are thriv-

Silverstein said good schools attract people to the community.

They want to raise their children here," he noted. "We're one of the best places to raise a family. If we start sliding, how will we get back to where we

Teacher Elise Gould said the students deserve a proper environment.

"It would be nice not the have leaky radiators, brown water," she said. "The safety of the children is the most important thing. They deserve the best."



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# **PIONEER PROFILE**

# Music is instrumental in life of songwriters group co-founder

Tim Spadoni's ultimate goal is to perform songs that he has written on stage with his wife.

A music lover with a passion for song writing, Spadoni used to write songs in college but it wasn't until about six years ago when he surprised his wife with a song he wrote on her birthday that he plunged into

the art of song writing.
"Now I can't seem to stop," said Spadoni, of Niles, who has completed about 30 songs and has started at least 100 more.

Spadoni is a member of the Chicago Songwriters Meetup group and other songwriters groups, including the group in Niles that meets monthly.

Spadoni was one of the instrumental people in getting the Niles songwriters group started a few months ago.

The goal of the songwriters group is to create a supportive environment where other local songwriters can provide comments, compliments and advice regarding lyrics,



Tim Spadoni

melody and performance. Spadoni enjoys hearing honest feedback from others in the group and thinks it's important to learn from their

"You get a lot of interesting views on your material," said Spadoni, who noted the diversity of the members of the songwriters group.

Spadoni played trumpet in the school band and guitar in college, and sings in the St. John Brebeuf choir. He has performed in several plays in Skokie and he met his wife

Spadoni enjoys different types of music but the majority of the songs he writes fall into the folk and country-rock category.

At his home he has set up a modest recording studio with percussion instruments, a guitar and an electric piano.

One way Spadoni shares his music is through the Internet. He uploads his songs on websites, such as ReverbNation and SoundCloud. He has also posted one of his songs on Youtube

Spadoni said it could take weeks, months or years to complete a song. He has booklets full of songs that are half-finished and he said the Niles songwriters group gives him motivation to finish his songs so he can share them at the next meeting. He said that his wife helps him tremendously with his song writing.

Spadoni previously had a career in information technology as a project manager and is now in the masters program at Dominican University pursuing a degree in Library and Information Services.

His daughter caught the creative bug while seeing her parents perform and is now a stage manager in New York

As for Spadoni, he would love to perform on stage with his wife again. He is looking forward to auditioning in April for a talent show in June at Niles Public Library. Spadoni used to perform at the Festival event at St. John Brebeuf several years ago and remembers there is a lot of local talent out there. He encourages local songwriters to join the Niles Songwriters group, which meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month.

Auditions for the local community talent showcase will be 2-4 p.m. April 1 and the performance will be 3-4:30 p.m. June 9.

# OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Oakton to break ground on new \$39M building April 5

For the first time since its Des Plaines campus opened in 1980, Oakton Community College will kick off a major construction project at the site when it breaks ground on a \$39-million Science and Health Careers Building at 10 a.m. April 5, according to a news release.

The 93,000-square-foot building, scheduled for completion in 2014, will launch the college's \$68.5-million five-year Facilities Master Plan, approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2010.

The new facility meets contemporary and emerging-science and health-career educational standards, and will house the college's anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, earth science, medical laboratory technology, nursing, physics, and physical therapy assistant programs. Located on the northeast side of the existing campus, it will feature sophisticated labs; flexible, light-filled classrooms; enhanced technology; and abundant lab-preparation and storage space.

The Science and Health Careers Building will celebrate the site's natural highlights. Offices and student study spaces will provide views of the lake, while windows in the corridors and classrooms will frame the surrounding forest. Oakton will seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the facility, which will feature a number of "green" elements. The building will maximize solar heat gain and mitigate winter winds. A system that uses exhaust air to pre-

heat and cool supply air will reduce heating and cooling loads, and occupancy sensors will regulate lighting. Daylight harvesting will bring natural light to 75 percent of the classrooms and the building façade will

"This state-of-the art facility will position the College among the leading providers of science and allied health training in the region," Oakton President Margaret B. Lee said in a news release. "In addition, our Facilities Master Plan will create more than 1,000 new jobs and pump more than \$130 million into the local economy."

Other components of the Facilities Master Plan include an enrollment center that will integrate admission, advising and counseling, financial aid, registration and records functions; a student gathering center; classroom upgrades; and a range of infrastructure improvements. The college will fund the plan with \$40 million in general-obligation bonds; \$23 million in reserves; and private, state and federal grants.

Legat Architects is lead architect for the Facilities Master Plan 7 including the Science and Health Careers Building. The company is a leading sustainable-architectural and interior-design practice specializing in higher education, commercial/mixed use, corporate office, health care, K-12 education and municipal facilities. It serves clients regionally and nationally from its Illinois offices and its joint venture firm in Columbus, Ohio.

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# **DISTRICT 71**

# Culver flies flags to clear air on environmental conditions

BY NATASHA WASINSKI

How safe is the air in Niles today? Find out by simply driving by Culver School and looking up.

The school is participating in a special program supported by the Environmental Protection Agency to notify teachers, coaches, students and others about outdoor air-quality conditions.

Schools across the county are raising a colored flag each day that corresponds to their local air-quality forecast based on an EPA index.

Culver began flying color-coded flags this month on a flagpole on the east side of the campus, at 6901 W. Oakton St.

'This is something that is not only beneficial to the school but to our community," said school health clerk Kathy Morrissey.

The flags indicate how clean or polluted the air is by using five colors corresponding to Air Quality Index (AQI) levels.

The index focuses on health effects people may experience within a few hours or days after breathing polluted air by measuring five common pollutants: ground-level ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide.

The EPA has established national air-quality standards for



A yellow flag indicating low air pollution flies below American and Culver School flags. The school raises a colored flag each day that corresponds to Niles' air quality forecast as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency. NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

each pollutant to protect the public against harmful health effects.

Culver School staff check the index on the EPA website every weekday morning and change the flags as appropriate, Morrissey

They range from green 7 indicating air quality is good and safe from negative health impacts 7 to purple, meaning air quality is very unhealthy and that time spent outdoors should be limited, according to the EPA.

The flags are particularly useful to people who are unusually sensitive to air pollutants, such as those with asthma and other lung diseases, older adults and children.

Air quality is deemed acceptable when the flag is yellow, though the EPA advises sensitive groups to consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion.

An orange flag warns that the air is unhealthy for sensitive groups, and they should avoid being out-

doors altogether when the red flag

The AQI measure of particle pollution in the Chicago area for most of March rated the air's quality as good, until March 13 when moderate or yellow — levels were reached.

Particle pollution is composed of a number of components, including acids, metals and soil.

The sizes of particles are linked to their potential for causing health problems through inhalation, affecting the heart and lungs.

Morrissey said Culver School staff is attuned to students with respiratory and cardiac problems, and that students are allowed to self-limit their symptoms.

According to the EPA, children are more susceptible to air pollution than adults because their lungs are still developing and they breathe more air per pound of body weight.

The agency advises indoor activity is acceptable for people experiencing symptoms outdoors even if air quality that day is unhealthy.

No student activities about the program are planned as of yet, Morrissev said, but she hopes students might take the initiative and educate their peers by writing about air quality and the flags in the school

Morrissey encouraged residents to learn more by going to the EPA website airnow.gov.

DISTRICT 71

# Tech specialist added for troubleshooting support

BY NATASHA WASINSKI

Contributor

Niles Elementary School District 71 is hiring a technology support specialist to help meet the demands of its growing technology initiatives.

The Board of Education approved the new position Feb.

"If we want our technology to grow we need the support to do it," said Superintendent Amy Kruppe

The school district currently has one full-time staff person dedicated to implementing and managing technology programs at the district-level and at Culver School.

Kruppe said while other area districts have between one and five technology per-

sonnel, the District 71 technology director is working at

"Right now we're just getting by," said Technology Director John Urbanski.

Hired last year, Urbanski splits his duties between maintaining technology infrastructure systems and training teachers and staff on utilizing technology in class-

He said problems arise when troubleshooting issues need to be addressed imme-

As a result, he does "a lot of running around" for tasks like changing ink cartridges in printers and rebooting ma-

Kruppe said Urbanski's expertise is sometimes required school staff are well-versed in technology

'The teachers are there to teach. The teachers are not there to install updates on their computers," Kruppe said. "And John is chasing his

Adding support staff will free up time for Urbanski toconcentrate on technology infrastructure, she said.

Board member Krueger said she is concerned that the school district bit off more than it could chew with its technology plans.

'We're buying all these things and it seemed the whole picture wasn't looked at." Krueger said. "Are we going too fast for what we got?"

In the last five years, Dis-

even though district and trict 71 purchased additional servers to support its growing number of technology programs, including electronic student information, business, media, and credit-card processing systems.

Additionally, all classrooms are now equipped with two to three computers each and a Smart Board, an interactive touchscreen whiteboard.

Culver School also has mobile computer carts and 30 iPads that travel between classrooms.

Students have immediately benefited from having these tools at their fingertips, Kruppe said. For example, students created this year the school's first online student paper, "The Paw Print," using laptops and iPads.

Urbanski said the future of technology in schools involves even more mobile devices. which will require additional troubleshooting time as the devices are connected to other machines and systems.

Krueger asked whether the costs associated with the position are accounted for in the district's budget.

Kruppe said while the district didn't initially plan for the position, it can afford to hire someone by "making adjustments.

Board member Jim Mahoney suggested that the district look into contracting with a technology service provider instead of hiring staff.

The immediacy and urgency of tech problems warrant someone to be on-site at all times, Kruppe said.

"Learning is about now, not when someone can get to it. Kruppe said. "You need a person here on-site to make this happen."

Board member Nielsen agreed, saying staff members possess a certain commitment to a school, as opposed to a service provider who can "walk away and say if it doesn't work, call me," she

This past fall Culver School sought an intern from Oakton Community College to assist with the school's technology needs but "that wasn't what we were looking for," Kruppe said. "What we really need is a full-time person."

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# **DISTRICT 63**

# Pension, building maintenance costs taint financial forecast

BY NATASHA WASINSKI

Contributor

Staff layoffs and other budgetary cuts last year put East Maine School District 63 on a fiscally sound trajectory, yet looming capital projects and possible increases in salary and pension costs make for a grim financial forecast.

David Bein, executive director of business services, presented a report of five-year financial projections to the Board of Education on March 7.

Like many school districts in Illinois, District 63 is facing higher expenses and stagnant revenues, he said.

Tax-cap laws restrict property-tax growth to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), or 5 percent, whichever is less.

Bein said the CPI has averaged about 2.5 percent for the past decade.

When expenses exceed that average it typically means expenditures are increasing more quickly than revenue, making it more difficult to balance a budget, he said.

Bein said the district's commitment as of late not to go to taxpayers with a referendum "reflects the ability of officials and administrators to manage and control our expenses."

Last spring officials voted to trim the current budget by \$1.6 million to dig the district out of its hole of deficit spending.

District 63 budgeted to spend \$43.1 million and collect \$44.6 million in the 2011-12 school year.

Yet pension, capital and higher salary costs could force the district into shortterm borrowing by 2017.

# **Capital plans**

Maintenance and upkeep during the next five years are expected to cost a total of \$6.6 million, Bein said.

District 63 is developing a long-term capital maintenance plan and has identified immediate needs that could be addressed as early as the coming summer.

Repairs to remedy chronic flooding problems at Gemini and Nelson schools, expected to take place before the 2012-13 school year, would cost \$986,357.

A roof replacement at Melzer School and upgrading district-owned vehicles are budgeted at \$616,000.

The average age of the district's seven vehicles is 12 years, Bein said.

Other capital projects likely to occur add up to more than \$5 million, including roof replacements at Gemini, Nelson and Washington schools, and flooring, window and parking-lot maintenance.

Loans are an option, Bein said, and today's rates are historically low.

Since interest and borrowing rates are nearly identical at 1.1 to 1.2 percent, issuing debt now is almost like obtaining "free money," he said.

District 63 has the ability to borrow for important projects because it has spent little over its debt-service base of \$150,000 to \$200,000, Bein said.

He said he thinks district could extend its borrow power to at least \$4 million.

## **Pension reform**

Springfield's backlog of bills totaling \$8 billion is forcing legislators to look at extreme budget cuts, including eliminating the state's involvement in pension plans.

District 63 now directs an amount equal to .58 percent of each staff member's salary to his or her fund.

The call for school districts and public universities to pay more, if not all, of the costs for retiring teachers is gaining steam, Bein said, especially as House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, has said he would not see it any other way.

The worst-case scenario would be that amount reaching the maximum 8.9 percent.

Bein said pushing pension costs to school districts would result in a "backdoor tax increase across the state" for which the Illinois General Assembly would not take re-

sponsibility.

Illinois' public schools ar already more reliant on loca property tax than most othe states.

On average state funding in the United States account for nearly half a school dis trict's income, said Bein, com pared with Illinois' 30 percen contribution to school bud gets.

This year District 63 is treceive 13 percent of its revenue, or \$5.8 million, from Il linois.

Property taxes account for 77 percent of the district funds.

# **Increasing salaries**

Bein said school budget cannot be balanced withou first addressing employee salary and -benefits costs.

Three of four collective bargaining agreements a District 63 expire at the end of next year.

If current trends continue salary increases may diffe from the CPI rate of 2.5 per cent.

Last year teachers had received a 5-percent pay in crease.

Bein said a budget canno be perpetually balanced when its largest expense annually grows two-times faster than its revenue.

"Eventually your expense will completely gobble up your revenue," he said.

# **SCHOOL BOARD RECAP**

# OKs superintendent's new contract, student fee hike

Among actions taken at its monthly meeting, the District 63 Board of Education:

 approved a three-year contract for Superintendent Scott Clay that freezes his salary through next year.

The performance-based employment agreement is effective July 1 through June 30, 2015.

The board voted to extend Clay's current earnings of \$177,735 until July 2013. His yearly pay-raise percentage from then on will equal the average percentage increase of the district's four bargaining units.

Clay's salary for this school year rose by 2.5 percent in September. Teachers had a 5-percent pay raise.

 approved student fees for the 2012-13 school year with a \$10 increase for transportation and universal fees for first through eighth grades.

Fees for books and materials, gym, lockers, music, sports and graduation remain the same.

Parents pay a universal fee for curriculum enhancement not covered by the budget, such as field trips, educational assemblies, computers and teacher stipends for afterschool programs. These fees previously had not increased since 2003-04.

 adopted a district travel plan developed in conjunction with Active Transportation Alliance that identifies solutions for eliminating barriers students face in traveling to school.

 heard a presentation by Director of Technology Judy Satkiewicz on the district's compliance with Internet safety regulations.

Since December the district has been incorporating its curriculum into kindergarten through second-grade classes so that all students receive Internet-safety lessons.

Satkiewicz also said new security precautions were implemented in the past five months to restrict unauthorized system access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities.

That follows an incident the past September in which

malware attacked the district's computer network and caused shutdown of network traffic.

 heard a report from Board Vice President John Jekot about his recent advocacy work on Capitol Hill as a member of the Illinois delega tion to the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network.

Jekot met with representatives from the offices of Sens. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., to lobby on matters related to local control, the No Child Left Behind Act and Title I funding.

Board President Jane Wojtkiewicz sałd she appreciated his and the network's efforts to advocate at different levels of government because funding issues are "bigger than this district."

"We're not an isolated situation," she said.

— By Natasha Wasinsk

# DISTRICT 64

# Lincoln principal promoted to asst. superintendent

Lincoln Middle School Principal Joel Martin has named the new assistant superintendent for human resources in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64.

The District 64 Board of Ed- of about 750 fullucation on March 12 confirmed and part-time staff Martin's appointment, effective July L Martin will replace Sandra Stringer, who is retiring in orientation, the summer after 10 years as

assistant superintendent

In his new role Martin will lead the district's hiring and evaluation members, including recruitment and

projections and dismissals,



Joel Martin

employee records, alignment with mandated regulations, collective negotiations and other related responsibilities.

Martin received his bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University and his master's degree from Gover-

teacher-staffing nors State University. He is now pursuing his doctoral degree in education from National Lewis University.

Martin was one of 50 applicants for the position of assistant superintendent for human resources. A screening panel selected nine applicants to interview and a committee consisting of teachers, administrators and a Board of Education member then interviewed the five finalists.

by how quickly Mr. Martin has built successful relationships with teachers and staff members at Lincoln and with employees and administrators across District 64," said District 64 Superintendent Philip Bender. "We believe his commitment to two-way communication with staff and colleagues, strong organizational skills, and

"We are very impressed knowledge of the upcoming state-mandated changes in performance evaluations for teachers and principals make him an outstanding fit to help guide District 64 into this new era."

Martin is now in his second year as principal at Lincoln. As a result of his promotion, District 64 will now begin the search for a new principal of the Park Ridge middle school.

# DISTRICT 71

# Culver administrators receive pay raises

Among other action at its year is \$96,820, representing monthly meeting, the District 71 Board of Education:

approved a three-year contract for Culver School Principal Peggie Maniscalco and Director of Student Services Kristen Ninni.

The employment agreements are effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Maniscalco's salary for the 2012-2013 school

a 3 percent increase from her current earnings. Hired last April, Maniscalco is currently serving her first year as principal of the school.

Kristen Ninni, currently on leave, will resume her post as performance-based director of student services this summer. Interim director Stephanie Beane's contract expires June 30. Under the new contract, Ninni will

\$96,820 for 2012-2013 school

Both Maniscalco and Ninni's salaries will increase annually in an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index that is not less than 3 percent and not more than 5 percent. ■ increased Superintendent Amy Kruppe's individual spending authority to \$5,000. approved a five-year con-

work 260 workdays and earn tract with Comcast for phone and Internet services that includes more bandwidth to support multimedia.

"The Internet is not fast enough for what we need right now," said Technology Director John Urbanski, citing bandwidth issues earlier in the school year. The monthly cost is capped at \$1,719 a

Natasha Wasinski

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The qualifications for the technology support specialist are a high school diploma and proficiency in technology networking, hardware and software systems, and systems support in the area of education.

The starting salary is \$40,000 plus benefits, which some board members said might be too low for the skills

"I don't think that we're going to find someone for \$40,000, even in a bad economy," Mahoney said. "This job is out there for \$70,000 plus."

Kruppe said the pay 7 which averages out to be about \$19 an hour 7 is a good starting wage for a recent college graduate.

Urbanski added: "It's a great entry level job."

The School Board approved the position by a vote of 4-2, with members Mahoney and Kruger opposing.

Kruppe said the technology support specialist is expected to start mid-March.



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# **NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

# None injured in kitchen fire in Niles apartment

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

The Niles Fire Department responded to a kitchen fire at 12:30 p.m. March 14 in a sixunit apartment building at 8256 W. Demspter St.

Niles Fire Chief Steve Borkowski said the fire was accidental in nature and started from a stove in a kitchen inside a third-floor apartment.

As firefighters put out the fire, which reportedly took about 20 minutes, the Niles Police Department evacuated the first and second floors of the building.

Borkowski said one person was in the apartment at the time the fire started.

No one was injured in the blaze, Borkowski said.

"We don't suspect any malice," he stated.

Borkowski said that the kitchen sustained fire damage and the other rooms showed smoke damage.

A fire caused extensive damage to the top floor of a six-unit apartment building at 8256 W. Dempster St. the afternoon of March 14. No one was injured. The cause of the fire was under investigation. [ALLEN KALETA-FOR



# **BUDGET MEETING**

# Trustees debate level of pension funding in 2013

The first of two special meetings to discuss the 2013 budget was held March 13.

Trustees debated the funding of the police- and fire-pension funds. The proposed 2013 budget includes \$1.1 million in improvements to the Police Department and a 20-percent increase in the water rate.

Niles Finance Director Scot Neukirch explained that the budgeted contribution to the fire-pension fund for fiscal year 2013 is 82 percent of the actuarial recommended amount, and the budgeted contribution to the police-

pension fund is 84 percent of the actuarial recommendation. In the police fund there is an unfunded liability of \$26.5 million, while in the fire fund the unfunded liability is \$23.5 million.

The budget calls for a half-million dollars in reserves to be put toward the pensions. Of the estimated amount collected by the quarter-cent sales-tax increase, \$1.1 million will also go to fund pensions and \$890,000 to the water fund for stormwater relief.

"I think it's inexcusable that we don't start now, at least

paying the actuarial recommended amount," Trustee Jim Hynes said.

In order to pay the actuarial-recommended amount in both pension funds, an additional \$944,000 would have to be added to the budget, Mayor Robert Callero explained.

Hynes said that if the current board doesn't take action now to adequately fund the pensions, future generations will have to deal with it.

"I don't want to have my children and grandchildren pay for it," Hynes said.

Trustees Louella Preston

and Rosemary Palicki agreed with Hynes that the village should be paying the actuarial-recommended amount, especially as the pension funds have gone underfunded for several years.

"I was elected to serve the people of Niles," said Trustee Andrew Przybylo, who was not in favor of increasing the pension contribution even further to meet the actuarial-recommended amount. "To give more than that in these economic times is inexcusable."

Trustee Joseph LoVerde

questioned why Przybylo felt that the residents of Niles would suffer if they increased pension contributions, as there is a \$1.4-million projected surplus in the 2012 budget.

The proposed 20-percent water rate will result in an increase per year of \$121 for an average Niles homeowner. If approved it would likely take effect in the summer. The \$1.1-million in repairs and renovation at the police station include installing an elevator, repairing staircases, pavement and flagpole relocation.

Trustees emphasized that lage Hall.

they are still interested in seeing cost reductions in Niles Free Bus operations, such as possibly eliminating a route that has low ridership. Village Manager George Van Geem said a public hearing is necessary to make changes to the routes or to start charging a nominal fee, and the village would need approval from PACE. Staff will continue to pursue the goal of reducing costs to run the Free Bus.

A subsequent budget workshop was scheduled to have taken place March 20 at Vil-

Popies included at the open police and the pensions.

# Members sought for mayor's committee on long-term planning

Contributor

Niles Mayor Robert Callero is looking for residents and businesses to help implement the village's long-term comprehensive

The mayor recently formed the ad hoc Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Subcommittee which he said will take ideas from the village's Comprehensive Plan and put them into action. The committee will consist of six

"I want residents and businesses on this committee," said Callero.

Applications are now being accepted and can be obtained through the village's website, www.vniles.com, or by calling Chuck Ostman at (847) 588-8041.

The new subcommittee will be chaired by Ostman, the village's director of Community Development and staff liaison to the Buildand Zoning Committee. The Building and Zoning Committee will hear recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Subcommittee on how share Preston's concern.

BY TRACY GRUEN to best implement the goals that are outlined in the plan.

Callero said that Ostman is a perfect fit for the chairperson because as the director of Community Development he is familiar with the village's Municipal Code.

The Niles Comprehensive Plan is the village's guide to how land should be used and developed. The village refers to it as a "road map for the future" which also addresses transportation, open space, character of the community, facilities and infrastructure and urban design.

The Building and Zoning Committee worked closely with the planning firm Houseal Lavigne and Associates to develop the Niles 2030 Comprehensive Plan which the Village Board adopted on Oct. 25, 2011.

Trustee Louella Preston had expressed her desire to create more permanent standing committees rather than subcommittees that are created and appointed by the mayor.

"We have more standing committees than we ever did before," responded Callero, who did not

# GIRL SCOUTS CENTENNIAL



Sue Beaumont, of Park Ridge, came to the local Girl Scouts 100-year birthday celebration at Golf Mill Shopping Center on March 12 wearing her mother's scout uniform and sash. "And I wore my white gloves," Beaumont said, "Because you always have to wear the gloves for a ceremony." | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# District 64 may close campuses during lunch to ease fee burden

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

Parents may get some relief if Park Ridge-Niles District 64 board members vote next month to have a closed campus for elementary schools and eliminate a lunch-supervision fee.

Parents now pay \$165 to \$215 in order for their children to stay at school to have lunch.

Business Manager Becky Allard explained that across the district about 30 students go home for lunch every day on average.

If approved next month the district will lose about \$375,000 in revenue it would have collected from the lunch-supervision fees.

principals Elementary-school recommend that the elementary

schools be consistent with the closed-campus system at the middle schools. They feel a closed campus is better for safety and security

Staff recommends that children no longer take the bus or walk home for lunch, but parents would be able to pick up their children to go home for lunch.

"We are very high in our fees," said Board President John Heyde, noting that he remembers when his child started first grade he was surprised at the cost of the lunchsupervision fee.

"I'm very excited," parent Katie Renali said following the meeting, referring to the staff recommendation. "It's a big savings."

Renali has approached board

members at several meetings to request a decrease in school fees. Renali, who has three children enrolled in District 64, said a great portion of the school-fee cost was the lunchsupervision fee and those fees put a financial burden on families.

"There has to be a balance by some kind of revenue increase," said board member Anthony Borrelli, referring to the loss of \$375,000 in

Allard recommended that the required participatory and bus fees stay the same next school year, the before-school fee increase by 3 percent and the middle-school lunch fee increase by 4 percent.

The board will take a vote on staff's recommendations regarding fees at the board meeting in April.

# Comment on proposed floodcontrol solutions at open house

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

A Stormwater Commission open house will be 3:30-7:30 p.m. March 22 at the Niles Senior Cen-

The goal of the open house is to educate homeowners about why chronic flooding exists in their neighborhoods and to give them a chance to make comments regarding the recommended engineering solutions.

'We haven't set priorities yet but we have a good idea what projects improve the situation for the most people," said Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinez-

At the open house there will be public-education tables featuring information from the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and village staff members.

Topics included at the open police and fire pensions.

house will include short-term and long-term solutions to flooding issues, such as maintenance of sump pumps and the importance of Deep Tunnel from a regional standpoint.

"The cost-sharing program is an integral part of the plan," Vinezeano said.

The proposed cost-sharing program calls for residents and the village to share the costs to install an overhead sewer or other device at a resident's home.

We don't have the money to build all the sewers we need to protect everybody," Vinezeano said, adding that it would cost \$40 million to fix the sewers in one area of town.

Village Trustees passed a quarter-cent sales-tax increase to fund a stormwater-relief program expected to come before the board for a vote May 22. Of the estimated amount collected by the tax hike, \$890,000 will go to the water fund for stormwater relief and \$1.1 million will go toward funding the

# **NEWS BRIEF**

# **Scout earns Eagle** ranking

Tim Duffey, of Niles Boy Scout Troop 175, has successfully completed his Eagle Scout project, as well as passed the scrutiny of the specially assembled Eagle Board of Review.

He will be honored at a special Eagle Court of Honor, scheduled to take place in June, where he will receive his Eagle patch, neckerchief and slide to commemorate the accomplishment.

Duffey worked to provide funding for a local pet shelter in Niles and hosted a seminar on pet care to the

public. He held two car-wash dates and secured more than \$900 for the

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Tables of items allegedly stolen in residential burglaries fill the South Park Recreation Center in Park Ridge. The Park Ridge Police Department was hoping to return as many items as possible their owners. I JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

# Victims of suburban burglary ring have chance to get their stuff back

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Park Ridge's South Park Recreation Center took on the appearance of a rummage sale this week, though none of the thousands of neatly displayed items was actually for

Hundreds of watches and pieces of costume jewelry, handguns, sports memorabilia, cell phones, foreign coins, silverware, cigars, police scanners and space heaters were among items Park Ridge Police say were stolen during residential burglaries that occurred in several suburbs during the past year.

According to Park Ridge police the property was taken from 30 to 50 suburban homes by a burglary crew of four men who were apprehended in late-January following weeks of surveillance by Park Ridge detectives and members of a multi-jurisdictional task force. The proceeds were recovered from a building on the 4200 block of Irving Park Road on Chicago's Northwest Side, said Park Ridge Police Det. Mario Faso.

Park Ridge Police would not confirm the identities of the four men until formal charges were filed against them by the department. The men were in custody at the DuPage County Jail on residential-burglary

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON charges in Addison and unincorporated Itasca.

Park Ridge Police have one charge of burglary pending against the men in connection with a break-in reported in Park Ridge, Faso said. Each of the suspects has a criminal history, he said.

Faso, who called the suspects "a very sophisticated crew," said the men targeted affluent neighborhoods, and cut the wires to phone lines and burglar alarms on the residences they burglarized. They also appeared to know when the occupants of these homes would be away.

"They did enough homework on their victims to know what their pattern was," he

After cataloging more than 3,000 seized items police invited members of area law enforcement to view them March 8 and March 9 in hopes of identifying the owners.

The investigation is still pending, but once it is complete, a showing of the proceeds to the public could also occur, Faso said.

"Hopefully we can get most of these items back to their rightful owners," he said.

More than 600 watches and several hundred of pieces of costume jewelry, including necklaces, rings, bracelets, brooches and rosary beads, make up the bulk of the pro-

ceeds. More than 40 handguns were also seized and displayed, as were bags of coins and rolls of dollar bills

A number of small jewelry boxes also sat conspicuously empty among the proceeds. Investigators believe items of greater value, particularly gold jewelry reported stolen in some of the break-ins, were already pawned or sold by the time police obtained a search warrant for the Irving Park Avenue building where the remaining items were found.

Faso said none of the men lived the building, but used it for storage of the burglary proceeds.

Police were not sure what they will do with the items that remain unclaimed, Cmdr. Lou Jogmen acknowledged. For the past several weeks the property has been housed in a meeting room at the Park Ridge Public Works Service Center because the Police Department's property room is too small.

"This will not fit in our property room at all," Jogmen said, looking over the tables filling the Recreation Center's community room.

Victims of residential burglaries that involved severed phone and alarm-system lines should contact the detective assigned to their case with any questions about the items seized by police, Faso said.

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# **POLICE** BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the weekly bulletin prepared by the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of quilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

# BURGLARY

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A 59-year-old Niles woman reported that someone between March 13 and March 14 entered her 2002 Toyota SUV on the 8200 block of New England and stole 20 CDs from the center console. Three other burglaries took place on the same block between March 13 and March 14.

A 44-year-old Park Ridge man reported that someone stole a briefcase, wallet. passport and numerous credit cards from his vehicle March 12 in a parking lot on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

### **AUTO THEFT**

A 2008 Honda van was stolen between March 12 and March 14 from a parking lot on the 800 block of Civic Center Drive.

# **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

A maintenance worker

from a condo-management company reported on March 12 that someone spray-painted a derogatory reference to women on the hallway outside of a first-floor unit on the 9100 block of Terrace. It was unknown when the damage was done, police said.

### THEFT

Two unknown males stole two cell phones from a display in a cell-phone store on the 5700 block of Touhy. The value of the phones is about \$1,200.

# SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The following incidents in unincorporated Maine Township were compiled by the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

# **ASSAULT**

A 62-year-old man told police that a 25-year-old man threatened to get a gun and shoot him March 2 during an argument at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Linda Lane. The victim told police the argument involved a dog the younger man had recently sold him. Police spoke with the suspect and told him not to have contact with the victim.

### BATTERY

Police responded to the 9100 block of North Knight Avenue on the night of March 1 after two men reportedly became involved in a physical altercation. According to police a 52-yearold man was reportedly punched in the mouth by his 53-year-old neighbor. The suspect, who had a cut on his head, appeared intoxicated and asked the responding police officer to shoot him, police said. The

victim refused medical treatment and declined to press criminal charges against the other man.

### THEFT

A theft from a vehicle was reported March 6 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Linda Lane.

# **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Criminal damage to property reports were filed March 1 on the 8800 block of Dee Road; March 2 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Linda Lane; and March 7 on the 8800 block of Robin Drive.

Vehicles were reported damaged March 1 on the 9200 block of Hamlin Avenue and March 4 on the 8800 block of North Shore Drive.

### HIT-AND-RUN

Hit-and-run accidents were reported March 5 on the 8900 block of Potter Road; March 6 at Bay Colony on the 9400 block of Bay Colony Drive; and March 7 on the 8900 block of Stevens Drive.

A Commonwealth Edison transformer caught fire on a pole Feb. 29 on the 9300 block of Fern Lane, the North Maine Fire Department said.

# **FIRE SAFETY**

BY CATHRYN GRAN

cgran@pioneerlocal.com

# **Demonstration** shows value of sprinklers in fire suppression

Fire started by a burning candle destroyed a room in a minute-and-a-half during a demonstration March 7 in Morton Grove.

The purpose of the presentation, watched by firefighters from Morton Grove and surrounding communities, was to show the value of fire-suppression sprinkler systems.

The demonstration, held in the parking lot of Xylem at 8200 Austin Ave., consisted of two trailers similarly furnished to represent a typical room with curtains, couches and tables with candles.

The flame from the candle

in the first room ignited the curtains, explained Tom Lia, executive director of the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board and a former fighter.

"From there it spread to the rest of the furnishings," he said. "The temperature (in the demonstration room) reached in excess of 1,500 degrees.

He further explained: "Once the flames reached the couch, that was it. People don't realize that it's the furnishings that burn."

Morton Grove Fire Chief Tom Friel echoed that senti-

"Look around (any) room," he said. "Just about everything is combustible."

The demonstration showed how effect in-home sprinkler units could be in suppressing fires, he added.

A single sprinkler used 40 gallons of water to extinguish in 30 to 40 seconds a fire similar to the blaze not combatted with such a system, Lia said.

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### **DES PLAINES**

151 W Bradley St.: Dimond Trust to Elena Preoteasa, \$220,000, Feb. 23

1623 Ashland Ave.: Apt 4a, Gmac Mortgage Corp to Qunoot Sharafi, \$37,000, Feb. 23

1636 Ashland Ave.: Unit 208, Van Vleet Trust to Joan M Parcelli, \$122,000, Feb. 22

1669 Maple St.: Crement Trust to Gricelda Perez, \$200,000, Feb. 27

1829 Orchard St.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Veronica Lara, \$70,000, Feb. 23

1905 Rancho Lane: Kazim R Papa to Samuel P Iype Mariam Samuel, \$195,000, Feb. 24

1925 E Oakton St.: Apt 1g, Federal National Mortgage Assn to Nelson Joseph, \$45,000, Feb. 24

395 Graceland Ave.: Unit 707, Janice E Beyreis to Tony Isho, \$159,000, Feb. 22

405 Woods Road: Fannie Mae to Anna Pasik Fleury Lukasz Kuzak, \$202,500, Feb. 17 **610 Patricia Lane:** Moran Trust to Oana Colcer, \$180,000, Feb. 24

758 Laurel Ave.:, Geiger Trust to John Geiger Carol Geiger, \$230,000, Feb. 27

835 Pearson St.: Apt 402, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Gerard Stencel, \$45,500, Feb. 17

880 E Algonquin Road: Peru Rostescu Iosa to Mohammad Mohsin, \$158,000, Feb. 21

8936 N Parkside Ave.: Apt 306, Federal National Mortgage Assn to Elvis Kujukovic, \$79,000, Feb. 22

897 W Grant Drive: Flagstar Bank Fsb to Corneliu Contac, \$115,000, Feb. 23

9001 Golf Road Apt 9b: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Jim Hatzis, \$55,500, Feb. 17

9001 Golf Road Apt 8g: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Arham Fida Hussain, \$60,000, Feb. 22

9666 Lois Drive Apt F: Philip J Mathew to Rez Deguzman, \$90,000, Feb. 17

9989 Linda Lane: Bogdana Buzdugan to Nora Quindao, \$30,000, Feb. 22

## **EDISON PARK**

7505 N Olcott Ave.: Moriarty Trust to Kevin R Brumley Jr, \$195,000, Feb. 27

7721 W Jerome St.: Nb Pad Holdings Iii Llc to Jesse D Connell Tracy A Connell, \$590,000, Feb. 21

### **GLENVIEW**

156 Princeton Lane: Winkelmann Trust to David Alex, \$432,000, Feb. 22

1628 Blackthorn Drive: Robert Blomquist to Gayle Nelson Blomquist, \$11,000, Feb. 23

**1695 Redfield Drive:** Harris Na to John Miskella Denise Miskella, \$250,000, Feb. 17

1719 Grove St.: Apt 10, Pagani Trust to Adam E Glessner, \$100,000, Feb. 22

2006 Grove St.:, Joseph M Hanrahan to Robert F Loftus Maureen M Loftus, \$635,000, Feb. 27

2350 Chestnut Ave.: Unit N201, James L Perkins Estate to Janice A Perkins, \$220,000, Feb. 24

2519 Allison Court: Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Aziz Khatri, \$187,500, Feb. 27

2928 Peachgate Court: North

Star Trust Co Trustee to Thaddcus M Przybylo Alicja Przybylo, \$340,000, Feb. 17

3071 Lexington Lane: Laszlo Koszeghy Iii to Nam Chong Park Young Sang Park, \$265,000, Feb. 17

**3215 Lindenwood Lane:** Evangelina Morales to Michael Fillinger, \$145,000, Feb. 17

3233 W Lake Ave.: Apt B, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Mumtaz T Budhwani, \$130,000, Feb. 17

326 Parkview Road: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Rae Sung Lee, \$222,000, Feb. 17

4403 Ivy Drive: William G Dieschbourg to Kamran A Siddiqui Saba K Saddiqui, \$255,000, Feb. 17

**815 Echo Lane:** Bmo Harris Bank Na Trustee to James Block Alla Block, \$240,000, Feb. 23

## HARWOOD HEIGHTS

4754 N New England Ave.: Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Frank Gerach Cynthia Geraci, \$555,000, Feb. 22

6679 W Montrose Ave.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Amir Yass, \$95,000, Feb. 23

**7620 W Lawrence Ave.:** Unit 2a, Central Mortgage Co to Michaela E Bogdon, \$64,000, Feb. 17

### **MORTON GROVE**

5506 Lincoln Ave.: Unit 118, Sovereign Bank to Jean Palivos, \$40,000, Feb. 22

5510 Lincoln Ave.: Unit 203, North Shore Investment Holding to Mary Mansoor, \$75,000, Feb. 22

5636 Lyons St.: William T Young to Rajani Kant Mishra Poonam Rajanikant Mishra, \$225,000, Feb. 23

**6247 Lincoln Ave.:** Carey L Rothbardt to Carey L Rothbardt Patrick Hann, \$2,500, Feb. 17

**7424 Davis St.:** Fannie Mae to Charles Patawaran, \$175,500, Feb. 27

8047 Gross Point Road: Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Evangelos Katsoulis Alexandra Katsoulis, \$230,000, Feb. 17

8825 Parkside Ave.: Daniel Mielke to Alina E Harangozo, \$155,000, Feb. 21

9216 National Ave.: Simona Zdrentan to George Wahbeh, \$450,000, Feb. 23

### NILES

8001 W Courte Drive Apt 407: Fannie Mae to Sylwiai Zlobicka, \$110,000, Feb. 22

8525 N Greenwood Ave.: Us Bank Na to Parin Upadhyay Divya Upadhyay, \$315,000, Feb. 22

8854 N Grace Ave.: Unit 3nw, Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Sergio Muro Maria Muro, \$80,000, Feb. 17

9847 N Huber Lane: Wells Fargo Bank to Ratomir Markovic, \$185,000, Feb. 17

### NORRIDGE

**5041 E River Road Unit 3b:** Kelly C Knieling to Savino Dargento, \$54,000, Feb. 22

### NORTHBROOK

1041 Marshall Road: Amrit J Patel to Wanida Thirakul Edmund Lau, \$150,000, Feb. 23

1353 Landwehr Road: Guenther M Schlesak to Ahillea Papaioannou Anastasia Barlas, \$367,000, Feb. 24

1436 Walters Ave.: Parkes Trust to David J Grenier, \$450,000, Feb. 23

1645 Ferndale Ave.: William Marshall to Mongjan Hsieh, \$250,000, Feb. 21

1671 Mission Hills Road Apt 410: Oscarson Trust to David Rubalsky Tamara Rubalsky, \$166,000, Feb. 23

2205 Ash Lane: Robert E Davis Jr to Matthew N Wiemer Sara A Wiemer, \$510,000, Feb. 22

2355 Asbury Road: Luecht Trust to Robert E Davis Jr Winnie Leung Davis, \$322,500, Feb. 23

**3625 Torrey Pines Park**way: 350 S Waukegan Llc to Nicholas A Drivas Aristomenis Drivas, \$570,000, Feb. 24

**4000 Maple Ave.:** Gross Trust to Sergey Kachar Borislava Kachar, \$540,000, Feb. 22

609 Picardy Circle: Jim Ryan to Greg Zejer, \$275,000, Feb. 21

### **NORWOOD PARK**

5129 N Oak Park Ave.: Sonja A Maletz to Gary Burgardt, \$180,000, Feb. 22

5854 N Mulligan Ave.: Waldemar Znalezniak to Gordon E Kersten, \$255,000, Feb. 23

**6201 N Melvina Ave.:** Renata Ponikiewska to Dale De Vinney Angela De Vinney, \$457,500, Feb. 24

6355 W Raven St.: Apt 1a, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Naum Neskoski Katerina Ilievska, \$41,500, Feb. 23

7349 W Rascher Ave.: Bmo Harris Bank Na to Chun Xiao, \$181,000, Feb. 24

### O'HARE

4624 N Commons Drive Unit 209: Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Boguslaw Kopec, \$50,000, Feb. 22

**5231 N Oakview St.:** Apt 3w, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp

to Dorota Wasko, \$81,000, Feb. 21

### PARK RIDGE

1419 W Touhy Ave.: Apt 12, Jeremy B Knautz to Pat Hallihan Jennifer Janesak, \$102,000, Feb. 22

1632 N Greenwood Ave.: Intercounty Judicial Sales Co to Diana L Hamilton Daniel J Erickson, \$195,000, Feb. 22

170 N Northwest Highway Apt 404: James R Falcione to David Depkon, \$215,000, Feb. 27

22 Park Lane Unit 519: Girot Trust to Jacen R Maleck Lucien R Battiato, \$189,500, Feb. 21

640 N Dee Road: Graff Trust to Ann Marie I Kartsistaris Gus C Kartsistaris, \$255,000, Feb. 22

837 Goodwin Drive: Brian J Cloney to Keith Gustin Margaret Gustin, \$211,000, Feb. 23

### PROSPECT HEIGHTS

1046 Cove Drive Unit 145b: Krzysztof Marek to Daniel Milewski, \$66,000, Feb. 22

1206 Highland Drive: Koski Trust to Domenico Pecoraro Salvatore T Pecoraro, \$372,500, Feb. 24

1553 Cove Drive Unit 193a: Jose Juan Rodriguez to Marek Prus Katarzyna Prus, \$43,000, Feb. 22

2 Patricia Lane: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Laurie L Larson, \$153,000, Feb. 17

806 E Old Willow Road Apt 111: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Wieslaw Makar Ewa Makar, \$26,000, Feb. 23

814 E Old Willow Road Apt 116: Brown Trust to Asad Ali, \$62,500, Feb. 22

## SKOKIE

4100 Oakton St.: Joe Yun Lee to Blanca Aguilera, \$390,000, Feb. 21

4654 Keeney St.: Apt 3w, Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee to Shahrukh Khan, \$54,000, Feb. 23

4747 Howard St.: Apt 106a, Marquette Bank Trustee to Victoria Isirov Louis Isirov, \$165,000, Feb. 24

4901 Golf Road Apt 110: Usa Residential Properties Llc to Salwan Y Zakariya Dana Shaba, \$122,000, Feb. 17

8210 Elmwood Ave.: Apt 401, Shafer Trust to Susan Skoog, \$120,000, Feb. 17

8505 Kimball Ave.: Dendorbres Llc Series 8505 Kim to Peter Batio Aikaterini Otto Batio, \$255,000, Feb. 22

9037 Kildare Ave.: Barbara I Wise to David Glogower, \$420,000, Feb. 21

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# **Decorative ranch**

1-story comes with hardwood flooring in living room

7424 W. Lawler Ave., Niles — \$217,500

Built in 1956, this 1,040-square-foot brick ranch features a living room with hardwood flooring, exposed lighting and windows overlooking the front yard.

Highlights of the kitchen include modern appliances, vinyl flooring and a tile backs-

Lighted by a chandelier, the dining room features decorative trim and hardwood

Wood-paneled walls line the basement, which comes with built-in shelving units and

This property has a 2.5-car garage and is located 1.5 miles northeast of the Park Ridge Metra station.

Listing agent: Connie Micek, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 847-529-1361, Connie.Micek@cbexchange.com



Large windows overlook the mature landscaping of this single-story ranch home in Niles.

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The living room features hardwood flooring and receives ample natural light from large windows.

# ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A two-bedroom, two-bath home at 8340 Callie Ave., Unit 41, in Morton Grove is on the market for \$240,000. The fourth-floor unit, built in 2003, has 1,693 square feet. Located near the Metra, the library, forest preserves, bike trails, restaurants and shopping, the condo has in-unit laundry and includes indoor parking for two vehicles. Andrzej Klisiewicz of RE/MAX

Masters is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 1.5-bath home at 5534 Oakton St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$199,913. The ranch-style house, built in 1959, has 1,200 square feet of living space. The brick home has a two-car garage, hardwood flooring under carpeting, a laundry room and storage in the fully paneled basement. The fixer-upper is being sold "as is." Jerry Doetsch of Koenig & Strey Real Living is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, two-bath

home at 7511 Lyons St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$274,900. The two-story house was built in 1957. Highlights of the totally refinished home include vaulted ceilings in the combined living and dining rooms as well as new cabinets, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops in the kitchen. Matthew Kombrink of RE/MAX Great American North is the listing agent.

- John Ferri

# MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Morton Grove	1.98%	\$223,000	19.57%	230	45
Niles	1.99%	\$188,500	18.94%	264	50
Skokie	1.19%	\$219,000	23.30%	558	130
Evanston	2.51%	\$315,000	14.26%	645	92
Lincolnwood	2.25%	\$297,250	19.55%	133	26
Edison Park	1.56%	\$252,500	6.93%	101	7
Park Ridge	2.41%	\$323,500	16.08%	367	59
Glenview	2.60%	\$378,750	12.32%	560	69
Wilmette	2,29%	\$580,000	5.66%	318	18
Forest Glen	0.86%	\$279,000	0%	6	0
Norwood Park	2.17%	\$267,500	15.66%	166	26
Des Plaines	0.70%	\$160,000	31.42%	786	247

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# DISTRICT 219

# Teachers earn national certification

Five Niles Township High School District 219 teachers have undergone the rigorous process to become **National Board Certified** Teachers (NBCT). Teachers who achieve certification have met stringent standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, selfassessment and peer review. The newest class of NBCT teachers is 6,200, which brings to nearly 100,000 the total number of board certified teachers in the United States.

District 219 teachers who achieved certification in 2011-12 include: Jayson Foster, Niles West, science; Daniel Horyn, Niles North, English; David Klingenberger, Niles West, English; Andrew Roche, Niles West, math; and Anthony Serafini, Niles West, science. District 219 employs 26 National Board Certified Teachers, in a variety of subjects.

"National board certification is synonymous with great teaching. While our

nation is focused on the need for the highest quality teachers, board certification truly is the gold standard," said Ronald Thorpe, president and **CEO** of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

# Student is physics semifinalist

Niles West High School student Patrick Liscio qualified as a semifinalist for the U.S. Physics Team. In January, Liscio and other students from across the country took an exam and the top 400 were judged to be semifinalists. Of those 400 semifinalists, 17 are from Illinois. Liscio must now prepare for the semifinal exam, a three-hour test with only six questions, which he will take this month. The top 24 students will make up the U.S. Physics team and five representatives will compete in the 43rd International Physics Olympiad which will be held in July in Estonia.

Liscio, a junior, is a member of the Math Team, Scholastic Bowl, Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Team and Science Olympiad.

# West student wins at Poetry Out Loud

Niles West High School senior Sam Chao won second place in the suburban school Poetry Out Loud regional competition held Feb. 21 at The Arts Center of Oak Park. Her recitation of "More Lies" by Karrin Gottshall and "The Legend" by Garrett Hongo qualified her for the state competition, which will be held on March 29'in Springfield. In 2010, Chao won the 2010 regional competition and also competed at state.

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have partnered with U.S. state arts agencies to support Poetry Out Loud, a contest that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

# West news named NSPA online finalist

Niles West News (NWN) has been selected as a finalist in the 2012 National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Online Pacemaker contest, which recognizes high school publication websites. Out of 159 entries, 31 sites were chosen as finalists based on content, design, writing and editing, rich media and breaking news. NWN is one of 15 finalists in the 1,500 or greater enrollment category. Winners will be announced at the spring Journalism Education Association (JEA)/ **NSPA National High School** Journalism Convention held in Seattle on April 14.

In'2011, NWN was awarded an Online Pacemaker award, as well as First Place Best of Show in the Publication Website Large School category. 2011 was also the inaugural year for NWN.

The faculty adviser for NWN is Evelyn Lauer, a Certified Journalism Educator. Lauer was also recently recognized as a 2012 Rising Star by the JEA, one of eight journalism teachers in the country to be honored.

# Students advance in History Fair

On Feb. 25, District 219 students participated in the Suburban High Schools History Fair Regionals held at Niles North High School. Fourteen District 219 students qualified for the Metro High School Finals that will be held at the University of Illinois at Chicago on April 10. This year's theme is "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History."

The following Niles North students advanced in the competition: Exhibits: Aisha Mujtaba, "Impact of the Sanitary District on Public Health in Chicago during the Progressive Era"; Judy Cabael and Cathleen Lee, "Jane Addams: Inspiration for Social Reform"; Emma Decker, "Reforming Sexual Knowledge: Ida Craddock, a Woman Before Her Time"; and Lindsay Pietz and Karen Savella, "The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters: Equal Working Rights for All.'

Documentaries: Michelle Scaunas, Yuliya Yukhividin and Zainab Khan, "Reacting Against Nativism: The Lager Beer Riot of 1855"; and Ma-hum Ali, Manar Elkheir and Lara Dababneh, "The Chicago Spoken Word Revolution." The following Niles West students advanced in the competition: Documentary category: Biana Galan and Erin Fair, "Literary Renaissance."

# **West Debate** reaches top 16

Niles West Debate sent 26 debaters to the 45th/annual Viking Classic Invitational, a competitive tournament held at Homewood Flossmoor High School on Feb. 24 through 26. Teams from Wisconsin. Michigan, Iowa and Illinois participated.

In the Novice division, James McLellan and Lizzie Prete were 5-1 in the preliminary rounds and were the fifth seed entering the elimination rounds. They made it into the round of 16, but ended up losing to the 12th seed from Iowa City. Janat Ahmed and Nick Charles, 4-2 in the preliminary rounds, were seeded 14th going into the elimination rounds. They lost to the third seed from **Dowling Catholic High School** in the round of 16. Gershom Chan was named the 8th speaker, out of 102 debaters. Other debaters competing in the Novice division: Julia Sarata, Sahar Jiwani, Michelle Sproat, Alwin Alex, Tahir Meeks, Morgan Gstalter and Joe Bakes.

In the Varsity division, Theo Noparstak and Ionass Placitis had a 4-2 record.





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Though the 17th seed, they missed advancing to the elimination rounds by 0.1 speaker points. Other debaters competing in the Varsity division: Emma Lazar, Vinay Patel, Nathan Anderson, Kris Trivedi, Breana Brill, Miranda Kang, Lia Isono, Jessie Amgalanjargal, Sana Khan, Alvssa Guzman, Nashiha Alam and Ari Hoffman.

**Niles West Debate is** preparing for the JV/Novice Policy Debate State Championship that will be held March 9 through 10 at Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville. Also coming up for Niles West Debate in March, the IHSA Varsity State Championships, JV/Novice Nationals and the Midwest Championships.

Eric Oddo is the Head Debate Coach for Niles West. Assistant coaches are Matt Fahrenbacher, Val McIntosh, Jeff Buntin and Kevin

# **Educators speak** at 38th ITBE

Several Niles Township High School District 219 faculty attended and presented at the 38th annual **ITBE Convention: Getting** 

the Balance Right on Feb. 24 and 25 in Lisle, IL. ITBE stands for the Illinois Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages - Bilingual Education. District 219 Director of Foreign Language and English Language Learners (ELL) Edmund Murphy and Niles West teacher Liz Kolany presented "RtI and ELL: What Does It Look Like?"

Niles North teacher Susan Dobinsky's workshop was titled "Pondering Participles: Why Can They Be Confusing for ELLs?" Dobinsky gave a short Arabic lesson at the start of her workshop, so that participants could feel how hard it is to try and recognize unfamiliar letters and words in a new language. Then she demonstrated how ELLs might misinterpret English participles because they are spelled with an "-ed," as is the past tense in English. "My intention," commented Dobinsky, "was to help teachers see what it feels like to be an ELL, and to help them see that something like participles, that fluent English readers might not even notice, could be a problem for ELLs.'

Niles North teacher Gevik Anbarchian served as the

convention chair and is vice president/incoming president of ITBE.

Illinois TESOL-BE is a professional, nonprofit organization which: promotes scholarship and professional interest, disseminates information, supports research and instruction in the teaching of standard English to speakers of other language or dialect and in bilingual education, and cooperates with other groups and organization having similar concerns.

# West's Echo effect wins at ICHSA

On March 3. Niles West's Echo placed second in the **International Championships** of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) Great Lakes Semifinal Competition. In addition, Echo Effect received the Best Choreography award and Michael Kim earned the award for Best Arrangement. According to Echo Effect Director Amy Branahl, "This was our best performance ever at an ICHSA Semifinal." Watch the award-winning group in action at the Voices Only performance held at 7:30 p.m. May 18 at Niles

Echo Effect members include: Steven Czajkowski, Doug Bako, Michael Kim, Rishi Patel, Steven Cristi, Mas Hoshi, Jimmy Song, Jonah Barquez, Surdeep Chauhan, Keenan Morales, Michael Nissan, Randy Tran, Kahlil Sassa and Vinay Patel.

# **West News named CSPA Crown finalist**

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) recently announced that Niles West News is a finalist in the 2012 digital newspaper competition at Columbia University in the City of New York. There are 27 high schools and 19 college finalists. The finalists will learn if they are a Gold or Silver Crown on March 16 at the Awards Convocation for **Scholastic Crown recipients** during the CSPA 88th annual convention in the Roone Arledge Auditorium of the **Alfred Lerner Student Center** on Columbia's Morningside Heights Campus.

Evelyn Lauer is the adviser for Niles West News.

# German day trophies won

Niles Township High

School District 219 students took home trophies in five out of eight categories at this year's German High School Day at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Niles North and Niles West were among 14 schools from the Chicagoland area to participate in this annual competition.

In the City Guide contest, a category reserved for first vear German students. District 219 won first and third place. Niles West students Ruhi Ourashi and lames McClellan won first with their comical presentation about Salzburg, Austria. Katherine Andrew and Hannah Kamm from Niles North took home third place with their creative presentation on Bremen, Germany,

Niles West student Vikram Shah won first place in Spelling Bee, for the second consecutive year. Niles West's Joy Sherman won third place for her interpretation of Robert Gernhardt's sarcastic poem "Ach." Christina Tillman from Niles North received third place in the Cover Art Contest.

Niles North also won first place in the coveted Skit category, for "Norbert, the Narcissist," a comical love story. The studentwritten skit was performed by Annemarie Reid, Dawid Szmigielski, Dan Chung, Harley Davidson, Marianne Leber and George Vail.

The teacher coaches for these students include Sara Shuster, Lydia Ronning, Natalie Bartl, Caroline Ahearn and Josef Neumayer.

# North math team earns second

The Niles North Math Team earned second place in the Cook Division of the North Suburban Math League Conference Meet that was held recently at Evanston Township High School. Niles North seniors won first place overall, the juniors earned second place overall and the freshmen took third place. Josh Lipschultz earned second place as an oralist. Ben Marks had a perfect paper and received an Honorable Mention for the John Benson **Outstanding Math Student** award.

The Math Team is coached by Bonnie Weiberg, Kathy France, Ankur Joshi, Conrad Musleh, and Sean Delahanty.





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# Opinion

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# **Movie Selector** dilemma: What will my wife like?



Obviously, I am not doing

I rent movies from Netflix.

thing like, "Wait a minute, wait a minute. Didn't we just see a
Western last week?"

To me, there are few pleasures as pleasurable as a good Western. But one must be judicious in the ordering of Westerns. One must also include a sprinkling of movies the other half of the household might like.

Thrillers are a pretty good

compromise. Women, as well as men, seem to like thrillers. But renting some thrillers

# "Sometimes the Movie Selector must select movies about relationships that have little, or no, gunplay."

as probably some of you do. So, every few days a disc arrives through the mail. I could rent more, or I could stream, but a movie every few days is just about right for my wife and me.

That's not the problem. The problem is what to rent. When it comes to making that decision, I waffle.

This can be illustrated by the number of movies I have selected and put into my

There are 366 movies in my queue.

I'm not kidding. 366 movies.

I know I'll never rent all 366 movies. What can I tell you? Selecting each of them seemed like a good idea at the time.

The root of the problem is that I have been designated Movie Selector for the family.

But there's a catch. I have to select a movie that not only I like, but that is a movie my wife would like to see.

If - when - I don't order such a film I often hear somenow and then is not going to give the Movie Selector carte blanche the rest of the time.

Sometimes the Movie Selector must select movies about relationships that have little, or no, gunplay.

So, I try to save in the queue some movies I think might be about relationships. I add movies that I would like to see, i.e., Westerns, and gunplay in general. Then, of course, there are the award-winning movies everyone says you simply must

And before you know it ... before I know it, there are 366 movies saved. I stare blankly at the titles and can't remember what more than half are or what they are about. Are they thrillers, Westerns, epics, relationship movies?

What should I send for next? If I order X, will the choice irk my wife? Has enough time elapsed between Westerns?

Uneasy lies the head that wears the Movie Selector

**1000 WORDS BY IACK HIGGINS** 



# Want to feel like a kid again? Use your imagination



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN Van Mom Strikes Again

An aunt of mine is in the hospital with pneumonia, and I pray she'll make a quick recovery.

I think of her with utmost fondness. Certainly

as she is today, a teacher, mom and wife. But I also remember our Musketeer days as kids.

Every summer, Mom, Dad and we five siblings would cram into our Ford station wagon and chug southward to Kentucky, where my maternal grandmother resided.

She and her youngest children lived in an old Civil War-era farmhouse. About a third of the house was walled-off because the floors had rotted and it was uninhabitable. This never stopped us ornery kids. We burrowed a path to the forbidden and marveled at the decay. We half expected Boo Radley to be back

There were eight of us, all

around the same age. We played softball for hours. Fished where there were snakes. We pretended to be the Pony Express, riding around on tobacco sticks. Our mail pouches were my mom's old purses. We even tried to herd the poor

We laughed and fought with each other. At night, we'd stare into the clear sky, count the stars and listen to the crickets.

maybe her Barbie looked a little mentally unstable.

Anyway, we didn't have a Ken doll, so we commandeered my brother's G.I. Joe. Joe was happy, because he had a small harem.

We concocted nefarious schemes in which our Barbies would be kidnapped and had to be rescued by Joe. We searched around for evil male characters. Desperate, we used a 3-inch-high Paul McCartney We girls created thousands of paper dolls, played dress-up and got complex — and (I wish I were mak-

"She and her youngest children lived in an old Civil War-era farmhouse. About a third of the house was walled-off because the floors had rotted and it was uninhabitable. This never stopped us ornery kids. We burrowed a path to the forbidden and marveled at the decay. We half expected Boo Radley to be back there."

yelled at when we got into our older aunt's make-up.

None of us had money, so we didn't have a lot of Barbies. Plus. my sister shaved her Barbie's head, resulting in a goth-punk look. Or

ing this up) a Right Guard aerosol can. The Right Guard can was Paul's evil twin brother.

Problems erupted when my aunt got ready for a date and couldn't find her deodorant.

# Gecko waves farewell as Geico waives extra bill



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN The Fixer

made an inquiry to Geico about how much it would cost to add my grand-daughter to my auto insurance policy. This was only an inquiry. But they immediately added her to my policy.

I protested, but they wouldn't take her off. As a result, I canceled the policy after completing the last date of my automatic deductions.

They informed me that I owed them an additional \$24.83 that was not on the original contract due to their addition of my grand-daughter. I told them over the phone that I was not paying this additional amount, but they still sent me a bill.

Can you help?

Verna Hooks

Dear Verna: We're guessing that any mention of a young driver — even a theoretical one who's your granddaughter — gets the attention of insurance companies. You told us you were willing to attest in writing that it was only an inquiry and that she wasn't driving your car, but you never received the document they offered to send.

We got in touch with Geico's PR folks and they were able to get that \$24.83 waived.

So you needn't worry about a pesky unpaid bill possibly affecting your credit.

Dear Fixer: On Feb. 6, while returning to work after picking up lunch, I found a hand-held scanner on Roosevelt Road in West Chicago. It belonged to Orkin Pest Control and looked like the type of device used to store customer information.

On the back, it said "REWARD IF FOUND \$50." I called the phone number and gave a woman my location. A short time later, the route manager came to my place of business, where he was reunited with his portable

Approximately an hour later, I received a call asking for my personal information so they could send a \$50 reward check.

I followed up with an email on March 3; however, to this day I have not seen a reward check.

Normally I would not make a big deal out of this, but it was on the back of the scanner that there was a reward. The glass was cracked on the front but I believe the information could still be downloaded, as those machines are very tough.

Carl Peszek

Dear Carl: The Fixer could see why this would, um, bug you. So we asked Orkin spokeswoman Susan Robinson to look into it. This matter apparently had slipped through the cracks, because Robinson said they were quite grateful that you took the time to return their equipment. Their accounting department is overnighting a check to you for your well-deserved reward money.

# Safe online shopping

Most of us know we should have antivirus software on our computers and only shop on reputable websites. But the April issue of Consumer Reports MoneyAdviser says there's more we should do to stay safe while shopping online:

 Never use the same password for multiple websites. (That's because if a hacker breaches one website's security, he would then potentially have access to all of your accounts.)

• It's worth creating a separate email account for any website that you do a lot of shopping on.

• Be sure to turn off your computer when you're not using it for long periods of time to reduce the chance of a malicious remote computer hacking in.

• Beware of free downloads. Many carry viruses and spyware.

For more tips, check out MoneyAdviser; subscriptions are at (800) 234-1970.

# **Costly lesson**

One of the joys of a Chicago summer is taking a Metra train to Ravinia, a vast woodsy paradise for us city dwellers, and settling onto their big lawn for an outdoor concert.

Last week, though, The Fixer got an email warning from Ravinia Festival organizers that while their 2012 lineup has been announced, their ticket sales have not yet begun. Apparently, online ticket brokers are offering seats they don't yet have to lock in consumers, the Ravinia organizers say. And you can bet the brokers' prices will be higher than at Ravinia's website, ravinia.org.

The Fixer recently heard a similar story from Matthew, who's waiting for the acclaimed musical "The Book of Mormon" to hit town. When he got an email saying that tickets were on sale, he clicked over to what appeared to be a legitimate site and placed an order for four tickets.

"I received a section number but not an actual seat assignment," Matthew wrote. He didn't worry too much until he got a different email, from American Express, saying presale tickets were finally being released.

"It was then that I realized my initial purchase was not through an official box office," he wrote. "It looks like this is a broker website, selling highly marked-up tickets."

This is not to say all ticket brokers are bad; they're not. But they exist to make money. So be sure you know whom you're buying from, and if you don't want to pay more than face value, stick with the official seller.

# Added online resource

If part of your spring cleaning involves getting your finances in order, check out FDIC.gov. The site has tips on getting the best deal on certificates of deposit, how to evaluate a home equity loan, how to avoid identity theft and more.

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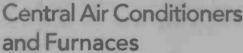
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# 4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a recorded version of the 1999 production starring Donny Osmond, will be broadcast to local movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston, at 7 p.m. March 26. Presented in a sing-along version with subtitles for audiences to join in, the event also features an introduction and question-and-answer session with Osmond live from Salt Lake City. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

2. Brit Floyd — "A Foot In The Door" World Tour, a Pink Floyd tribute show, will be presented at 8 p.m. March 24 at the Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$29.50, \$39.50, \$55. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster. com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.

3. "The Light in the Piazza" will be presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre through April 29 at the No Exit Cafe, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$29-\$34, with discounts available for groups, students and seniors. Optional dinner available, with three courses for \$20 excluding beverages, taxes and tip. Call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.theo-u.org.

4. Northwest Chicago Film Society presents "Man of the West" (1958), starring Gary Cooper, at 7:30 p.m. March 28 at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Preceded by a cartoon, Betty Boop in "The Bum Bandit." Admission is \$5. Visit www.northwestchicagofilmsociety.org.

# 'Screen Deco' honors the artistic eye

BY J.T. MORAND

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"The Artist" didn't win the Best Picture Oscar just because it was a good story about a silent film actor whose star flamed out when he refused to accept the advent of sound in motion pictures.

The black and white film grabbed the attention of the Academy because of the brilliance of the sets, the costumes and the props, which re-flected the style and design prevalent in the 1920s and '30s - art deco.

While film historian Matthew Hoffman acknowledges "The Artist" as a great film, he says there are better ones that show how art deco influenced Hollywood. He presents the latest Park Ridge Public Library film festival, "Screen Deco," every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. (except May 3) now through the end

The series began March 15 with "Cleopatra" (1934). Tonight, March 22, "Our Dancing Daughters" (1928) will be shown, followed by "Madam Satan" (1930) on March 29, "Grand Hotel" (1932) April 5, "Penthouse" (1933) April 12, "The Kiss" (1929) and "Female" (1933) April 19, "Wonder Bar" (1934) April 26, "The Black Cat" (1934) May 10, "She" (1935) May 17, "Things to Come" (1936) May 24, and "Swing Time" (1936) May 31.

# **Designer looks**

Hoffman, who has presented a series on film noir in 2009, Pre-Code movies in 2010 and classic comedies in 2011, said "Screen Deco" is a tip of the hat to art directors and set

"It's an architectural film series. The emphasis is going to be more on what's in the background," he said. "When you think about art deco in classic Hollywood films you think of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. On the surface, that's what people always remember. But in this series I also want to make a mention of set

He added, "There are all these great set designers and they don't really get acknowledged."

A native of Niles, Hoffman fell in love with art deco when visiting Chicago as a child and noting the architecture. At the same time, he noticed art deco elements in Fred and Ginger movies. He's chosen films that offer the most striking examples of art deco's influence and how it was

"Our Dancing Daughters," he said, is one of the best examples, but also not very well-known.



Kay Johnson in "Madam Satan"



Claudette Colbert in "Cleopatra"

The 1928 silent film, starring Joan Crawford, who dances in her teddy. Johnny Mack Brown, Dorothy Sebastian and Anita Page, and directed by Harry Beaumont, is about two women competing for the same man.

## Paris style

However, set designer Cedric Gibbons is the real star of this movie, Hoffman said. Gibbons brought back to the United States several ideas for set designs after visiting the 1925 art exposition, the International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts, in Paris, where art deco was all the rage. Hoffman calls "Our Dancing Daughters" a "brilliant" example of art deco among classic Hollywood films.

"'Our Dancing Daughters' is one of the first American films to actu-



Film historian Matthew Hoffman

# **'SCREEN DECO'**

Matthew Hoffman, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park

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ally show different art deco motifs that people were accustomed to in Europe," he said. "All the things that you think of being art deco dominate that film."

All these films are in black and white. But, Hoffman said the use of art deco almost adds color to them.

Art deco was even used in films that depicted a bygone time, such as ancient Egypt in the 1934 film "Cleopatra," starring Claudette Colbert and directed by Cecil B. Demille.

"Cleopatra's throne has a very streamlined look to it," he said. "Despite being removed historically, it incorporates these aspects of art

The films in this series cover several genres, which also highlight how art deco was used in costumes

"I think that's going to be part of the appeal as well," he said.



# **FAMILY FRIENDLY**



Gardener Carol
Brendler will
explain her odd
affection for
creepy crawlers
during Worms,
Glorious Worms
on Monday, March
26 at the Skokie
Public Library.

# Dig into creepy crawlers at the Skokie Library

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

Contributor

Carol Brendler loves worms and wants to convince kids to love them, too. The author of Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer will spread that message to kids ages 5 to 7 during Worms, Glorious Worms from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

"I'll talk about the book a little bit and read the book," Brendler said. "Then I'll talk about what worms are made of and all their different parts—how they have five hearts, they can't see and they have a mouth but they don't have a nose."

Then gardener Brendler will explain why worms mean so much to her. "I'll talk about why I compost and why the worms are so helpful for composting," she said.

The presentation will conclude with what is always the most fun for kids: looking for worms in the shoebox-sized worm bins that Brendler brings with her. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 324-3149 or visit skokielibrary.info.

# **Smurfing U.S.A.**

The tiny blue Smurfs are driven out of their village and into New York's Central Park by an evil wizard in "The Smurfs." You and the kids can drop in and watch their adventures unfold at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or visit nileslibrary.org.

# Scrambled eggs

The Easter Bunny will scatter treat-filled plastic eggs at the Golf View Recreation Center, 7800 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles, for the Spring Egg Scramble at 9:30 a.m. March 31. The event is for ages 1 to 8. Preregistrants will get a goody bag. Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$8 for residents, \$10 for nonresidents.

For details, call (847) 967-6633 or visit niles-parks.org.

### Make 'em move

Kids ages 2 to 6 will have a great workout at Let's Get Physical from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. The program, presented by My Gym Children's Fitness Center of Skokie, will include dance, gymnastics and movements. Registration is required.

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# Something to mull over

An imaginative author will tell how he gets ideas for his children's fantasy novels during An Evening with Brandon Mull from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Mull is the author of the Fablehaven series and the Beyonders series. Copies of his books will be for sale at this event for grades three through adults. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or visit skokielibrary.info.

# Get your 'Games' on

BY BRUCE INGRAM

Film Critic

# THE HUNGER GAMES

While the much-anticipated movie version of "The Hunger Games" may not quite score a bulls-eye in terms of coming to life on screen in a way that enhances the original novel instead of merely replicating it on film, this proficient and generally satisfying adaptation gets the job done and then some.

Fans of the mega-selling trilogy by Suzanne Collins will no doubt be as pleased by its faithfulness to the original as newcomers will be swept along by its compellingly exploitational, teenslaughtering plot. Especially since there could be no better choice than Jennifer Lawrence to play the grave, brave, yet compassionate huntress heroine Katniss.

A sci-fi update on "The Most Dangerous Game," by way of the controversial Japanese thriller "Battle Royale" (which similarly featured teens fighting to the death as televised entertainment), "The Hunger Games" opens with Katniss soothing the fears of her little sister Primrose (Willow Shields). Young Prim is frightened to participate in her first Reaping, an event in which one teenage girl and boy from the 12 districts of the dystopian future North American nation of Panem are selected to fight to the death on national TV in the annual Hunger Games. This is the means by which the oppressive Capitol has kept the poor (and starving) provincial districts under control since an armed revolt 74 years ago. Just to show that they're not all bad, though, the ruling class confers rock-star status each year on the Last Teen Left Standing and has managed to morph this object lesson in terror into a breadand-circuses entertainment.

When Primrose is selected as a Tribute, Katniss volunteers to take her place. Not only because that's the in films here, it's not surprising



Hunger no more, tween fans: Jennifer Lawrence stars as Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games," the film version of Suzanne Collins' best-selling novel.

sort of thing a loving big sister should do, but because it makes sense. Katniss has spent a lifetime honing her illegal bow-hunting skills in the nearby forest to feed her mother and sister. There's also something about her (thanks to the same quiet strength Lawrence displayed in her similar, Oscar-nominated turn in "Winter's Bone") that suggests, without a word being spoken, that Katniss is not someone to mess with lightly.

After being paired with poor little comparatively rich boy Peeta (Josh Hutcherson), who has long carried a torch for Katniss, the pair are rushed off to the Capitol for a crash course of pampering, makeovers, combat training and mentoring by the generally inebriated longago Games victor Haymitch (Woody Harrelson, ideally cast).

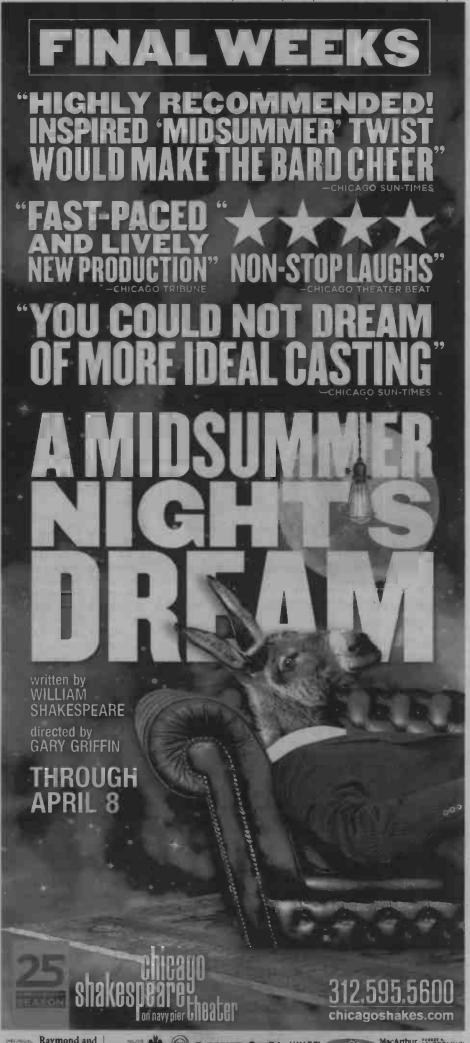
Considering that adapter/ director Gary Ross (a reliable and talented jack-of-allgenres whose hits include 2003's "Seabiscuit") is setting up the first of three

that the first hour is spent contrasting the Steinbeckian poverty of District 12 with the Orwellian nightmare of the totalitarian Capitol. That, in addition to gilding the proceedings with a glittering veneer of show-biz satire, presided over by smarmy, blue-pompadoured emcee Caesar (Stanley Tucci).

The second half of "The Hunger Games" effectively gets down to the business of survival of the fittest, however, and while it might be argued that the intensity of the action that follows has been watered down for a PG-13 audience, the suspense rarely falters. Especially since the screenplay emphasizes the empathy Katniss feels for her fellow contestants (including her bond with a young girl that paves the way for future revolution) and a burgeoning romance with the (it must be said) kind of drippy and bland Peeta — both of them mortal enemies according to the rules of the Games.

That's one way to guarantee a page-turning plot: Let readers know that only one of the characters can surviv

ludy McCaskey



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# **FILM CLIPS**

# **OPENING FRIDAY**

### THE HUNGER GAMES

Rated: PG-13 for intense, violent, thematic material and disturbing images — all involving teens

Stars: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth ■ The much-anticipated movie version of "The Hunger Games" does little more than faithfully replicate the megabest-selling original, yet, this proficient and generally satisfying adaptation gets the job done and then some. Primarily because of the perfect casting of Lawrence as the bow-hunting heroine of a televised competition in which only one of 24 teenage participants can survive. As likely to satisfy fan's as it is to sweep along newcomers with its compellingly exploitational, teen-slaughtering plot.

### THE RAID: REDEMPTION

 $\star \star \star 1/2$ 

Rated: R for strong, bloody violence throughout, and for language

Stars: Iko Uwais, Ananda George, Ray Sahetapy ■ Insane, hyperkinetic, brutal and bloody, "The Raid: Redemption" trumps every other action film in recent memory for pure, nonstop, mainline cinematic mayhem. Writer/director Gareth Evans somehow manages to up the adrenaline ante floor-by-floor as new recruit Uwais fights his way up a 15-story lakarta apartment building after his invading SWAT team has been wiped out, to capture drug-lord Sahetapy - his only means of escape. The fact that it also has a little bit of plot thrown in can be seen as a bonus or a bore, depending on your predilection.

# STILL PLAYING

### **CASA DE MI PADRE**

 $\star \star \star 1/2$ 

Rated: R for bloody violence, language, some sexual content and drug use

**Stars:** Will Ferrell, Gael Garcia Bernal, Diego Luna, Genesis Rodriguez

■ The funniest movie of the year may also turn out to be the strangest. In addition to the most intentionally awful. Ferrell stars as Armando (and speaks Spanish throughout) in this dead-on-target parody

alouy Rateu:



Cleaning house: Iko Uwais (right) stars in director Gareth Evans' hyperkinetic; brutal and bloody action film "The Raid: Redemption."

of a truly bad 1970s-era
Mexican action/melodrama
— defending family honor
against encroaching drug
lords and failing to overcome his passion for the
girlfriend (Rodriguez) of his
black-sheep brother (Luna).
Hilarious.

## **GOOD DEEDS**

Rated: PG-13 for sexual content, language, some violence and thematic material

Stars: Tyler Perry, Gabrielle Union, Thandie Newton

■ A successful businessman (Perry) finds his well-ordered life changing when he becomes involved with a cleaning woman (Newton) in his office building. Perry also wrote and directed the romance

### JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME

Rated: R for language including sexual references and some drug use

Stars: Jason Segel, Ed Helms, Susan Sarandon

■ A slacker (Segel) bonds with his disparaging brother (Helms) while helping him investigate his wife's possible infidelity. Jay and Mark Duplass ("Cyrus") wrote and directed the comedy.

# JOHN CARTER

 $\star \star 1/2$ 

Rated: PG-13 for intense

sequences of violence and action

Stars: Taylor Kitsch, Lynn
Collins, Willem Dafoe

■ Any chance that Edgar
Rice Burroughs' second
most famous creation might
catch on pretty much bites
the red Martian dust with
this mega-budgeted misfire
from Andrew Stanton ("WallE"). There are impressively
entertaining scenes in this
tale of a transplanted Civil
War hero fighting to save
a Martian princess, yet the
story fails to come to life.

# DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX

Rated: PG for brief mild language

Stars: Danny DeVito, Zac
Efron, Betty White, Ed Helms
A young boy who learns
how a mysterious old hermit
(Helms) turned a natural
paradise into a wasteland decides to make a difference in
his home town. Chris Renaud
and Kyle Balda ("Despicable
Me") directed this animated
Dr. Seuss adaptation.

# SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN

Rated: PG-13 for some violence, sexual content and brief language

Stars: Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt

■ A fisheries expert

(McGregor) is asked by a wealthy sheikh to bring the sport of fly fishing to his desert.

### SEEKING JUSTICE

Rated: R for violence, language and brief sexuality

Stars: Nicolas Cage, Guy
Pearce, January Jones

After his wife is assaulted, a husband (Cage) makes a deal with a vigilante group to punish her attacker — then learns they expect a favor in return.

### 21 JUMP STREET ★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language, drug material, teen drinking and some violence

Stars: Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum

■ This at-times-inspired parody of the late-'80s TV show that launched Johnny Depp is considerably better than you might expect — despite being rude, politically incorrect and insanely violent. The directors of the similarly crazed animated comedy "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" make the most of the surprising chemistry between Hill and Tatum as mismatched undercover partners sent back to high school to track down drug dealers.

# SHOWTIMES

Movie times are effective Friday and are compiled from information available on Tuesday. Please note that theater schedules are subject to change. If no listings are provided, please call the theater for information.

### ARLINGTON THEATERS

53 S. Evergreen St. Arlington Heights (847) 483-0123

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45; Sat-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:45-9:45 A Separation (PG-13) Fri 4:45-7:10-9:40; Sat-Thu 12-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:40 The Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri 5:15-7:30-9:50; Sat-Thu 12:45-3-5:15-7:30-9:50 21 Jump Street (R) Fri 4:50-7:15-9:50; Sat-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:50 John Carter (PG-13) Fri 4:20-7-9:45; Sat-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:45 Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri

5-7-9; Sat-Thu 1-3-5-7-9 Mirror Mirror (PG) Thu 12:01 Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Thu 12:01 a.m.

### **RENAISSANCE PLACE** 1850 2nd St., Highland Park (847) 258-7282

Delicacy (PG-13) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10; Mon-Thu 2:50-5:30-8:10 Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:40-5:20-8; Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-

The Footnote (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:30-5:10-7:40; Mon-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:40 A Separation (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:50; Mon-Thu 2:15-5-7:50 Friends with Kids (R) Fri-Sun 12-3-5:40-8:20: Mon-Thu 3-5:40-8:20

# **HIGHLAND PARK**

445 Central Ave. (847) 432-3300

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri, Sat 1:15-4:15-7-9:45; Sun-Thu 1:15-4:15-7 The Artist (PG-13) Fri, Sat 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:45; Sun-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:15 In Darkness (R) Fri, Sat 1-4-7-9:45; Sun-Thu 1-4-7 The Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri-Thu 1:15-7:15 My Week with Marilyn (R) Fri, Sat 4:15-9:45; Sun-Thu 4:15

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> **SHOW PLACE 12** 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles (800) 326-3264



Ice Cube (from left), Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum star in "21 lump Street."

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### NORRIDGE

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The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri 2:30-3:30-6-7-9:25-10:25; Sat 11-12-2:30-3:30-6-7-9:25-10:25; Sun 11-12-2:30-3:30-6-7; Mon-Thu 4-4:45-7:10-7:55 21 Jump Street (R) Fri

2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55; Sat 11:35-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55; Sun 11:35-2:10-4:45-7:20; Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15 John Carter (PG-13) Fri 2-4:50-7:40-10:30; Sat 11:10-2-4:50-7:40-10:30; Sun 11:10-2-4:50-7:40; Mon-Thu 4:30-7:35

Silent House (R) Fri 2:25-5-7:10-9:40; Sat 11:55-2:25-5-7:10-9:40; Sun 11:55-2:25-5-7:10; Mon-Thu

4:55-7:05 Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri 1:50-2:50-4:15-5:15-6:30-7:30-9-10; Sat 11:30-12:30-1:50-2:50-4:15-5:15-6:30-7:30-9-10; Sun 11:30-12:30-1:50-2:50-4:15-5:15-6:30-7:30; Mon-Thu 4:15-5-6:40-7:25 Act of Valor (R) Fri 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:20; Sat 11:20-2:15-5:05-7:50-10:20; Sun 11:20-2:15-5:05-7:50; Mon-Thu 5:10-7:45 **Ghost Rider: Spirit of** 

2:20-4:55-7:25-9:50; Sat 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:25-9:50; Sun 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:25; Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20 **Journey 2: The Mysterious** Island (PG) Fri 2:05-4:40-

Vengeance (PG-13) Fri

7:05-9:35; Sat 11:40-2:05-4:40-7:05-9:35; Sun 11:40-2:05-4:40-7:05; Mon-Thu 4:40-7

### PICKWICK

5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge (847) 604-2234 www.pickwicktheatre.com

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45



Eddie Murphy in "A Thousand Words." | PHOTO BY BRUCE

John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Thu The Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:30-8:45 Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:30-6-8:15

# **ROSEMONT 18** 9701 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont (847) 447-1030

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The Hunger Games in D-Box (PG-13) Fri, Sat 10:50-11:20-2:10-2:40-5:30-6-8:50-9:20-12-12:30; Sun-Thu 10:50-11:20-2:10-2:40-5:30-6-8:50-9:20

21 Jump Street (R) Fri, Sat 11:10-11:45-1:50-2:25-4:30-5:05-7:15-7:45-10-10:30-12:40; Sun-Thu 11:10-11:45-1:50-2:25-4:30-5:05-7:15-7:45-10-10:30 Casa de mi Padre (R) Fri, Sat 11:15-1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:45-1; Sun-Thu 11:15-1:303:50-6:10-8:30-10:45 Seeking Justice (R) Fri, Sat 2-7:05-12:15; Sun-Thu 2-7:05 A Thousand Words (PG-13) Fri-Thu 11:35-4:35-9:40 Friends with Kids (R) Fri-Thu 11-1:45-4:25-7:10-9:55 John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:05-7:25-10:40 John Carter in 3-D (PG-13) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:35-6:55-10:10 Silent House (R) Fri-Thu 12:25-5:25-10:20 The Gruffalo/The Wiggles Sat, Sun 11:35 a.m. Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri. Sat 10:45-1:10-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:35-1; Sun-Thu 10:45-1:10-3:30-5:55-8:15-10:35 Dr. Seuss' The Lorax in 3-D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:50-5:20-7:40-10:05 Project X (R) Fri, Sat 10:55-1:15-3:45-6:05-8:25-10:55-1: Sun-Thu 10:55-1:15-3:45-6:05-8:25-10:55 Act of Valor (R) Fri, Sat 2:45-7:50-12:45; Sun-Thu 2:45-7:50 Safe House (R) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:20-9:10

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The Artist (PG-13) Fri, Wed. Thu 4:45-7:15; Sat-Tue 2:30-4:45-7:15

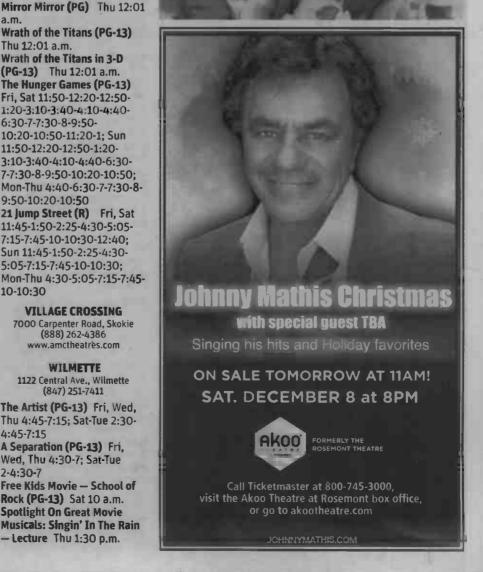
A Separation (PG-13) Fri. Wed, Thu 4:30-7; Sat-Tue 2-4:30-7

Free Kids Movie - School of Rock (PG-13) Sat 10 a.m. **Spotlight On Great Movie** Musicals: Singin' In The Rain - Lecture Thu 1:30 p.m.



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"Absolute Hell," through April 29 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. In London one month after World War II has ended the members of the La Vie En Rose club prepare to repair both country and selves. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

"After the Revolution," presented by Next Theatre April 5-May 13 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$30-\$40; \$15-\$20 for Young Adult (ages 25 and younger) and students. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

"The Cherry Orchard," by Anton Chekhov, will be presented by Piccolo Theatre through May 5 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston, Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$22 seniors: \$15 students. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"Encores: After the Theatre and Other Stories," April 21-May 20 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for previews, at 7:30 p.m. April 21, 22, 24 and 25. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www. piventheatre.org.

"Hunger," at 7:30 p.m. March 22-23; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 24; and 4 p.m. March 25 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. During the 900-day Nazi siege of Leningrad, a Russian botanist is charged with protecting a cache of

valuable seeds for future generations. \$32 and \$35; \$27 seniors; \$20 students. Call (773) 761-4477 or visit www. lifelinetheatre.com.

"The Light in the Piazza" will be presented by Theo **Ubique Cabaret Theatre** through April 29 at the No Exit Cafe, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$29-\$34, with discounts available for groups, students and seniors. Optional dinner available, with three courses for \$20 excluding beverages, taxes and tip. Call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.theo-u.org.

**National Theatre Live se**ries broadcast, "The Comedy of Errors," 7 p.m. March 27 in Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. \$20; \$16 students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic. northwestern.edu.

"Nunsense - The Mega Musical!" will be presented by The Rising Stars Theatre Co. at 7:30 p.m. April 20, 21 and 28 and 2 p.m. April 22 and 29 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. Tickets: \$17; \$15 for children 14 and under and senior citizens. Order tickets online at. www.risingstarschicago.com or call (773) 736-2490.

'The Rest Unknown: how to live and how to die," through March 31 at 5344 W. Lawrence, Chicago. Genesis Ensemble, a Chicago theater and performance company, has taken over three empty storefronts in Jefferson Park to lead an interactive tour of art and performance inspired by Maira Kalman's book, The Principles of Uncertainty. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and

5 p.m. Saturdays. Space is limited to 12 people per tour. Tickets should be booked in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/224711. For information, visit www. genesisensemble.org. "Ten Chimneys," through

April 15 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie. For decades, Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne entertained the most influential artists of their time - from Noel Coward to Sydney Greenstreet at Ten Chimneys, their legendary Wisconsin retreat. In this new play, the arrival of a young Uta Hagen for an onstage rehearsal sparks an offstage romantic triangle. Performances are Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (April 3 only) and 7:30 p.m. (April 3 only); Wednesdays: 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (no show April 11); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (no show April 8) and 7 p.m. (April 1 and 15 only). Tickets: \$25-\$60. Young Adult tickets (25 and under) are \$10. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org. Salon Series panel discussion will be held on March 25 at 1 p.m. and will feature a historian from The Ten Chimneys Foundation; reservations required at (847) 679-9501, ext. 3555, or specialevents@ northlight.org.

### CLASSICAL

Bach Week Festival, featuring the Bach Week Festival Orchestra, Chorus and soloists, with Richard Webster, music director and organist, 7:30 p.m. April 27 at Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston; and 7:30 p.m. May 4 and 3 p.m. May 6 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. April 27 is an organ program, Bach to the Beginning, featuring J.S. Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor, and works by C.P.E. Bach, Niels Wilhelm Gade, Giuseppe Guami, Horatio Parker and others. The May 4 concert features guitar soloist Adam Levin playing Bach's Lute Suite in E Major. The May 6 concert offers Bach's Sonata No. 1 in G Minor, with violinist Robert Hanford, and other works. Single ticket prices are \$40; \$35 seniors; \$25 students; and \$10 children 12 vears and vounger. Festival subscriptions are \$105; \$90

for seniors; \$60 for students. Call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.bachweek.org.

Bella Voce a cappella choral ensemble presents "Music of the Sistine Chapel," a program of choral motets composed by members of the Papal Choir (the choir of the Sistine Chapel), Europe's most prestigious musical ensemble of the Renaissance period, at 7:30 p.m. March 24 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. Tickets: \$38 premium; \$30 general; \$15 for students. Visit http:// bellavoce.org or call (877) 755-6277.

Chicago a cappella performs in the Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$35 for preferred seating, \$28 for general admission, \$22 for seniors; and \$12 for students. For tickets, call (773) 281-7820 or see www. chicagoacappella.org. April 14, 8 p.m.: "All About the Women," starring actress Barbara Robertson.

**Chicago Bach Project** presents the Chicago Bach Choir & Orchestra performing J.S. Bach's St. John Passion at 8 p.m. April 4 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1010 W. Webster Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$40-\$75. Visit www. ChicagoBachProject.com.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www. chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets are \$20-\$75. April 22: "Speck-tacular Beethoven!" Scott Speck leads the CPO in Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and the "Fidelio" Overture. CPO principal tuba Rex Martin performs Vaughan-Williams' Tuba Concerto, and guest soloist Robert Hanford performs Camille St. Saëns' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso.

**Chroma Chamber Orches**tra presents "New Dawn" at 7:30 p.m. April 1 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes Poulenc: "Aubade," with Marta Aznavoorian, piano: Milhaud: "La Création du Monde," with a 15-minute pre-performance presentation by art historian Mark Pohlad on "Milhaud, Duchamp and the French Avantgarde"; and Copland: "Appalachian Spring." Pre-concert art exhibit and reception,

6:15-7:15 p.m. Tickets: \$37; \$32 seniors; \$20 students. Call (847) 905-1500 or visit www.musicinst.org.

The European Union Youth Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy, will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 24 at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The program includes Beethoven's Choral Fantasy; Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major (with piano soloist Yefim Bronfman); and "An Alpine Symphony" by Strauss. Tickets: \$26; \$12 for students. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org.

**Evanston Symphony Or**chestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony. org. Tickets in advance are \$27; \$22 for senior citizens. Tickets at the door are \$30; \$25 for seniors. Tickets are \$5 for students, subject to availability, at the box office with ID. Admission is free for children 12 and younger. May 13: "Dufour Plays Mozart," with guest soloist Mathieu Dufour, principal flute of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The program includes Bach: Toccata & Fugue in D Minor; Mozart: Flute Concerto #2 in D Major; and Brahms: Piano

Quartet in G Minor. **Lake Shore Symphony** Orchestra, conducted by Russell Vinick, performs at Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie, Chicago. Tickets are \$18; \$12 seniors and students. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www. isso.org. April 1, 3:30 p.m.: "Italian Gala," with guest so-loist violinist Henry Criz. The program includes Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 "Italian"; Bach: Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor; Wieniawski: Scherzo-Tarantelle; and Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.

ern University, 700 University Place, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. April 2, 7:30 p.m.: Violist Viacheslav Dinerchtein, accompanied by pianist Winston Choi. Admission is free. April 11, 7:30 p.m.: Clarinetist Steven Cohen and the Lincoln String Quartet will play works by Bliss, Joan

Tower and Mozart. \$8; \$5 for

Richard Goode piano master

students. April 30, 7 p.m.:

class. \$6; \$4 for students.

Lutkin Hall at Northwest-

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. May 2, 6:30 p.m.: Chicago Chamber Musicians present Classical Conversations. Hosted by conductor Ryan Nelson, the concert and conversation focus on the influences

of jazz, blues and tango on classical music. \$20; \$10 for students

The Met: Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera's series of live performance transmissions into movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Randhurst Village 12, 200 Randhurst Village Drive, Mount Prospect. Tickets are available at the theater box offices and online at www. FathomEvents.com. April 7, 11 a.m.: Massenet's "Manon." April 14, 11:55 a.m.: Verdi's "La Traviata."

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St., Evanston, unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$30-\$75. March 25, 7:30

p.m.: "Mirth & Melancholy," with the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra, Jane Glover, conductor. Guest soloists are sopranos Lisa Saffer and Elizabeth Futral, Thomas Cooley, tenor, and Christopheren Nomura, baritone. The program includes Handel: L'Allegro, il penseroso ed il moderato. April 22, 7:30 p.m.: J.S. Bach's Mass in B Minor, with the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra, Jane Glover, conductor. May 20, 7:30 p.m.: "Friends," with the Music of the Baroque Orchestra, Jane Glover, conductor. The program includes works by Vanhal, Haydn, Dittersdorf and Mozart.

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# POETRY READING



Angela Jackson, a poet, playwright and novelist who produced her first book of poetry, Voodoo Love Magic, in 1974, reads her work at 6 p.m. March 27 as part of the Chicago Writers Series at Oakton Community College Performing Arts Center, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The program is free and open to the public. For information, visit www.oakton.edu.whm. | PHOTO COURTESY



# Fine balance in Piccolo's 'Cherry Orchard'

BY TOM WITOM

Contributor

Piccolo Theatre's production of Anton Chekhov's classic, "The Cherry Orchard," may be the 11-year-old Evanston theater company's most ambitious undertaking yet.

A 13-member cast, directed by Zachary Davis, handily

uses its limited performance space to maximum effect. The 1904 drama mixes tragic with the comedic, and Davis strikes the right balance.

The timeless story, which opens in rural Russia on a fine spring day, features characters locked in struggles to remember — and to forget.

As part of the backdrop, at

the turn of the 20th century a new and restless middle class is emerging, and in the wake of serfdom's abolition, the aristocracy has fallen on dire straits.

Following a five-year sojourn in Paris, Liubov (Amy Gorelow, an expressive actor, though a little young for the role) left behind a difficult relationship in order to return to the family estate she left after the death of her young son. She's accompanied by her 17-year-old daughter Anya (Alyson Grauer); Carlotta (Basia Kapolka), the girl's governess; and Yasha (Kurt Proepper), a self-absorbed manservant.

Reunited with Varya

(Berner Taylor), her adopted daughter and manager of the estate, Liubov is thrilled to find her much-loved orchard in bloom, the nursery in the house just as she left it and Firs (fine work by Michael D. Graham), a doddering 87-year-old servant, as irrepressible as ever.

But memories of her lost

child and late first husband unsettle Liubov, as does news from businessman and old family friend Lopakhin (Glenn Proud) that because of missed mortgage payments, foreclosure on the property looms.

Liubov finds comfort in her infantile 51-year-old brother Gayev (David W.M. Kelch),

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Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst. org. March 31, 7:30 p.m.: The Three Choirs Festival, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Music Institute of Chicago Chorale. Joining the Music Institute of Chicago Chorale are City Voices, based in Oak Park, and the Choir of the First Congregational Church of La Grange. The program includes polychoral works with brass by early Baroque composers Giovanni Gabrieli and Heinrich Schütz, as well as music by Henry Purcell, Gabriel Fauré, Percy Grainger and others. \$15; \$10 for seniors; \$7 for students. April 15, 3 p.m.: Quintet Attacca and Axiom Brass perform perform a joint concert. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. April 29, 3 p.m.: Performance by The Lincoln Trio, with guest violist Roberto Díaz. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

**The Newberry Consort** presents "Les Caractères de la Danse" at 3 p.m. April 15 at Northwestern University's Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston. Baroque dancers Paige Whitley-**Bauguess and Thomas Baird** perform 18th-century dance with accompaniment by The Newberry Consort on violin, harpsichord and cello. Preconcert lecture begins one hour before the performance. \$35; \$5 for students. Visit www.newberryconsort.org.

Northeastern Illinois University, Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. April 20, 8 p.m.: Jon Manasse, clarinet, and Jon Nakamatsu, piano. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students.

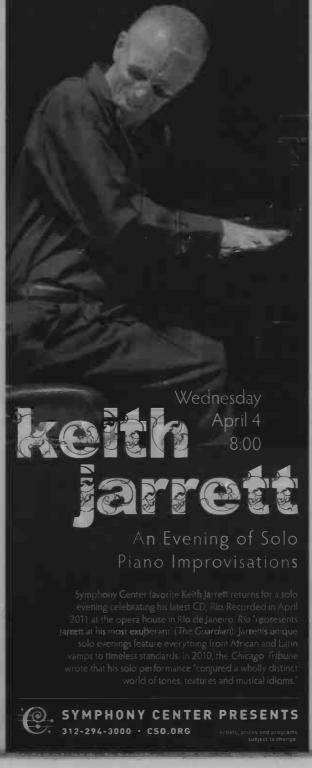
The Northwest Choral Society, under the direction of Alan Wellman, will present its spring concert, "Psalms and Songs," at 7:30 p.m. March 31 at Trinity United

Methodist Church, 605 W. Golf Road, Mount Prospect. The program includes Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," as well as works by Jean-Philippe Rameau and Brahms. The Dolce Strings, a Chicago-based string quartet, and harpist Cathy Litaker will accompany the chorus, in addition to NWCS's collaborative pianist Lori Lyn Mackie. A complimentary preconcert lecture and discussion of the music will be hosted by chorus member John Morrison at 6:45 p.m. at the church. Tickets for the concert are \$20; \$15 for students and seniors. Visit www.nwchoralsociety. org or call (224) 585-9127. Park Ridge Civic Orches-

tra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www. parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. April 29, 2:30 p.m.: "Sacred & Profane," with Edgar Muenzer, conductor. The program, featuring soloists Sarah Hibbard and Peder Reiff, includes Dvorak: Scherzo Capriccioso, Op. 66; Mahler: "Blumine"; and Orff: "Carmina Burana." Peter van de Graaff, producer and host of WFMT's "Through the Night," will narrate the

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. April 13 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble performs works by Bernstein, Bach, Milhaud, Wagner and others. \$6; \$4 for students. April 15, 6 p.m.: Harold Hall Robinson string bass master class. Admission is free. April 16, 5:30 p.m.: Northwestern Concerto/





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# **'THE CHERRY** ORCHARD'

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but she's unwilling to face reality and sell her family home. Liubov can't escape her debts, nor can she go back in time to her idyllic childhood state. But that doesn't prevent her from recklessly spending even as she crosses her fingers in hopes that "something will come up" to resolve her financial bind.

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Glenn Proud and Amy Gorelow appear in a tense scene of Piccolo Theatre's production of "The Cherry Orchard."

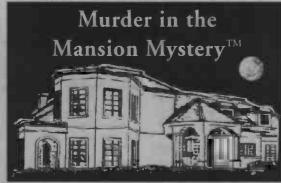
and rails against so-called intellectuals full of empty talk, to heighten interest and increase the drama of the

Meanwhile, Yepikhodov (Nathan Thompson), a clerk at the estate, provides comic relief with his clumsy postur-

ing and hopeless approach to love and romance. A hopeless love triangle involving Yepikhodov, Yasha and maid Dunyasha (Nicole Keating) provides another source of amusement. Also getting laughs is Semyonov-Pishchik (Andrew Koppelman), as

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Aria Competition. Admission is free. April 21, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra presents "From Russia," featuring Prokofiev's Sinfonia Concertante in E Minor and Tchaikovsky's "Manfred" Symphony in B Minor. \$8; \$5 for students. April 27, 7:30 p.m.: Contemporary Music Ensemble presents "Chicago Voices," a program featuring composers with strong connections to Chicago. \$6; \$4 for students. April

28, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra presents "German Fest," featuring works by Wagner, Mahler and Beethoven. \$6; \$4 for students.

Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. April 6, 7:30 p.m.: Trombone faculty recital. \$8; \$5 for students. April 10, 4:30 p.m.: Paul Kantor violin master class. Admission is free. April 11, 5 p.m., and April 12, 4 p.m.: Lynn Harrell cello master class. Admission is free. April 12, 7 p.m.: Lynn Harrell chamber music master class. Admission is free.

Segovia Classical Guitar Series will be presented by the Northwestern University Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music and the Chicago Classical Guitar Society through April 14. All concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive; on Northwestern's Evanston campus. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org.

March 31: Guitarist Sharon
Isbin will share the stage
with Brazilian percussionist
Thiago de Mello. The program
will include excerpts from
her album "Journey to the
Amazon" and other favorites.
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14: Eduardo Fernandez's program will conclude the 2012
Segovia series. \$24; \$10 for
students.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd.,

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Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www. ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. April 1, 7:30 p.m.: Van Halen with special guest Kool & the Gang. \$49.50, \$79.50, \$149.50. **May 4:** Rammstein Made in Germany 1995-2011 Tour. **May 26,** 7 p.m.: LMFAO. \$25, \$35, \$59.50, \$69.50, \$99.50. May 28, 7:30 p.m.: Red Hot Chili Pep-pers — I'm With You World Tour. \$39.50 and \$59.50. May 30, 6 p.m.: Nickelback with special guests Bush, Seether and My Darkest Days. \$51.50, \$65, \$87.50, \$96.50. July 19, 7 p.m.: Rock of Ages Tour — Def Leppard/Poison with special guest Lita Ford. \$29.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$95.

Bluegrass Legends Concerts at the American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. www.chicagobluegrass.com. Doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: \$20; \$15 for children 16 and under and senior citizens. March 30: Tommy Brown & County Line Grass with guests 2010 Kentucky State Clogging Champion Melanie Belfiore and Chicago's Can I Get An Amen!

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p.m.-1 a.m.: Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones. \$5 cover.

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InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room, \$5. Ticket prices for other shows vary. For information, visit www. montroseroom.com. March 23: Mike Doughty. \$20 general admission; \$30 VIP. March 31: Michael McDermott (folk rock). \$12 general admission; \$20 VIP. April 20: Cindy Bradley. \$20 general admission; \$30 VIP.

The Lakeside Singers will present "The Fabulous '60s" at 8 p.m. April 20 in Nichols Concert Hall at The Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The classical first half of the concert will feature music by Tallis (1560), Brahms and Verdi (1860), and Bernstein, Britten and Thompson (1960). The second half features popular music from the 1960s. Tickets: \$30: \$20 for students and seniors; \$10 for childen under 12. Cal (847) 382-5085 or visit www. lakesidesingers.com.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. April 1, 7:30 p.m.: Grammy nominated jazz vocalist Gregory Porter. \$18 general admission; \$28 reserved. April 4, 8 p.m: Jazz guitarist Lee Ritenour. \$28 general admission; \$43 reserved. April 14, 9 p.m.: Rupa and The April Fishes perform Argentinean tango, gypsy swing, American folk and more. \$18 general admission; \$28 reserved. April 15, 8 p.m.: Quiet Riot (heavy metal), \$35 in advance: \$40 at the door. April 18, 8 p.m.: Split Lip Rayfield (bluegrass/ country). \$19 in advance; \$23 at the door. April 19, 8 p.m.: Leon Russell, with special guest Nicholas Tremulis. \$38 in advance; \$43 at the door. April 20-21, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: Cabaret vocalists present "Judy at Carnegie Hall."



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**North Shore Center for the** Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. March 31, 7:30 p.m.: Harmony Sweepstakes A cappella Festival, a showcase for vocal harmony music, hosted by 2011 Chicago Regional Champions The Brotherhood Singers. \$19.50. April 21, 8 p.m.: Liz & Ann Hampton Callaway in "BOOM!", featuring songs from the 1960s and '70s. \$50-\$60.

The Orion Ensemble performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$26; \$23 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. May 6, 7:30 p.m.: "All That Jazz!" featuring a world premiere by guest pianist Miguel de la Cerna, a Fauré quartet and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

**Regenstein Recital Hall** at Northwestern University. 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. April 25, 7:30 p.m.: Small Jazz Ensembles, "Pannonica," featuring compositions of Thelonious S. Monk. \$6; \$4

for students. 'Soundings: Celebrating Singular Voices in Music, Northwestern University's 2012 spring music festival, March 28-April 7 on the **Evanston campus. Concerts** will take place in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, and master classes will be held in Regenstein Recital Hall, 60 Arts Circle Drive. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. March 28, 7:30 p.m.: Sitarist and composer Anoushka Shankar, daughter of Ravi Shankar, melds music of Spain with ancient forms of traditional music from India, with flamenco and fandango guitarist Melon Jimenez, vo-

calists and others. \$26; \$10 for students. March 29, 7:30 p.m.: Grammy-nominated pianist Gabriela Montero performs classical works by Romantic-era composers as well as her own improvisations. \$18; \$10 for students. March 30, 7:30 p.m.: "Clarinetissimo!" features virtuosic clarinetists performing music ranging from classical to klezmer. \$14; \$10 for students. March 30, 4 p.m.: Sharon Isbin master class featuring Bienen School guitar students. Admission is free. March 31, 7:30 p.m.: Grammy Award-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin and Brazilian percussionist Thiago de Mello will perform works from the album, "Journey to the Amazon." \$26; \$10 for students. April 5, 7:30 p.m.: Violinist Jennifer Koh presents "Bach and Beyond, Part I," featuring solo violin masterpieces inspired by J.S. Bach's Partitas Nos. 2 and 3. \$18; \$10 for students. April 6, 10 a.m.: Jennifer Koh violin master class. Admission is free. April 6, 4:30 p.m.: Accordion demonstration and lecture in Regenstein Recital Hall. Admission is free. April 6, 7:30 p.m.: "The Big Squeeze," a celebration of the accordion featuring classical, Celtic, jazz, tango, South American and zvdeco music. \$16; \$10 for students. April 7, 7:30 p.m.: Arturo Sandoval and the Chicago Jazz Orchestra perform big-band jazz standards. \$20; \$10 for students.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. March 22, 7 p.m.: Mike Doughty, \$22-\$42. March 23: Communion with Ben Howard, The Staves, Nathaniel Rateliff, Bear's Den, \$12/\$15. March 24: Jackopierce (country/ rock). \$27/\$30. March 25, 7 p.m.: California Guitar Trio, \$17/\$20. March 27: El Ten Eleven (indie rock). \$10/\$12. March 28, 7:30 p.m.: Uncle Bonsai (folk). \$12/\$15. March 29: Anna Fermin with Hawtey, \$12-\$22. March 30: Janiva Magness CD release party (blues). \$15/\$18. March 31 and April 1, 7 p.m.: Melissa Ferrick (folk). \$25/\$30. April 4: Lost in the Trees with Poor Moon (orchestral folk). \$15/\$18. April 5: Trevor Hall (rock/reggae). \$15/\$18. April 6-7: The English Beat (ska). \$38-\$40. April 10: Preservation Hall Jazz Band. \$26, \$36,

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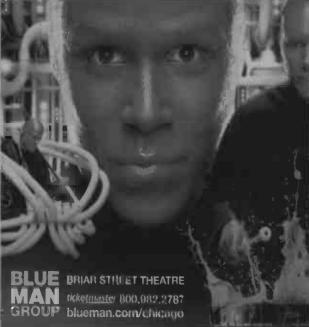
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Adrianne Gonzalez (Ameri-

cana). \$12/\$15. May 2: Eleanor Friedberger (indie pop). \$12/\$15. May 3: Robbie Fulks (country) \$17/\$20. May 4-5: An Acoustic Evening with Over The Rhine (folk/ Americana). \$25 standing room; \$35 general admission seating; \$45 reserved table seat. May 6, 7 p.m.: "Darkness on the Edge of Town" performed in its entirity by John Mead, Alton Smith and members of The Old Town School of Folk Music faculty. \$12/\$15. May 11: NRBQ (rock). \$20/\$25. May 12, 7 p.m.: Freedy Johnston with Alison Scott, \$15/\$18. May 12, 10 p.m.: Sam Llanas, formerly of The BoDeans, \$12/\$15. May 13, 7 p.m.: Claudia Schmidt and Sally Rogers with Craig Champlin (folk). \$15/\$18. May 14: David Lindley (bluegrass). \$20/\$25.

### **ART GALLERIES**

**Emily Oaks Nature Center,** 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. Through April 29: Skokie Art Guild's 2012 Members Only spring exhibit. For information, visit www.skokleartguild.org.

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Through April 20: "Viewpoints, Works in Fiber," featuring art by Barbara Schneider, Michelle Sales, Sally Schoch and Shelley Brucar.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through March 23: "Two Plus Two = Jackson, Owens, Williams and Wheatley." The exhibit features works by Preston Jackson, professor of sculpture at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago; Joyce Owens, curator of the Galleries Program at Chicago State University; Bernard Williams, a former instructor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and Rhonda Wheatley.

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### Actors play facets of Williams' soul

No matter how dedicated an aficionado of theater you are, chances are good that you've never seen a full-fledged production of Tennessee Williams' "Camino Real," a poetic allegory that had audiences bolting for the exits during its 1953 Broadway debut.

Since then, the play has seldom been attempted by professional companies.

As a matter of fact, you're not likely to find many actors in the major revival of "Camino Real" running through April 8 in Chicago's Goodman Theatre who have seen it produced, and certainly none who have seen it interpreted along the lines envisioned by Spanish director Calixto Bieito — internationally known for radical revisionist productions of major theatrical and operatic works.

### **Grand failure**

"Colleges and theaters that tend to be more experimental try it every once in awhile," said Matt DeCaro of Western Springs, a Chicago theater veteran playing the character who serves as the exploitational villain of the piece, Camino Real boss-man Gutman. It was such a grand failure when it was first

### **'CAMINO REAL'**

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produced that people keep trying to find a way to make it a success."

It's not surprising that audiences and critics were unreceptive to "Camino Real" during its first production. Williams had achieved one success after another with his naturalistic dramas "The Glass Menagerie," "A Street-car Named Desire," "Summer and Smoke," and "The Rose Tattoo." So the poetic allegory of "Camino," in which characters including Don Quixote, Casanova and Lord Byron, along with a recently defeated American heavyweight boxer named Kilroy, and assorted lost souls, find themselves trapped in a spiritual limbo and afraid to move beyond its oppressive yet familiar walls.

"He had never written a nonlinear piece before," said Barbara Robertson of Glenview, a Goodman veteran who plays the prostitute Rosita. She spends much of the play in silence,



Jacqueline Williams as La Madrecita de los Perdidos in "Camino Real" at Goodman Theatre. | PHOTO BY LIZ LAUREN

but not before announcing announcing that "the spring of humanity has gone dry in this place.'

"All of his previous plays were stories," said Robertson. "This is a dream - and that's very different."

Those who know this play or have done some research into Tennessee Williams will know that he often stated that 'Camino Real' is the most personal of his plays," said Evanston actress Jacqueline Williams (another Goodman regular), who plays the saintly La Madrecita de los Perdidos — The Little Mother of the Lost - who begs God to be merciful to the tormented inhabitants of Camino Real. "It's abstract, it's avant garde, in many

ways it's one big poem, but there's a lot of truth in this

"There's quite a lot to see and hear and take in; quite a lot to think about on many levels. 'Camino Real' is about love and desperation and being at a cross roads in life, or perhaps the end of the road."

### Williams' dream

In his American stage debut, Bieito, currently the artistic director of Barcelona International Teatre, has made the playwright's personal investment in 'Camino Real" more explicit by identifying Williams with the Don Quixote character. also known as The Dreamer, who opens and closes the show with a monologue. And



at Goodman Theatre. | PHOTO BY LIZ LAUREN

he conceives of all the other characters in the show as facets of Williams' persona.

In literal productions, The Dreamer falls asleep after his opening statements. In Bleito's adaptation, he chokes to death on the cap of a medicine bottle (as Williams did) with the unkind assistance of Gutman. Everything that follows is intended to be understood as the playwright's experience during or immediately after his death.

"We see Williams die at the top of the show and at

the end of the show," said DeCaro, noting that the final speech of The Dreamer includes elements taken from an essay written by the playwright in the New York Times after the play's debut. "Everything between is a kind of dreamscape. We are his hallucinations, the products of his imagination."

"This play isn't harnessed by reality, or anyone's conception of reality," Robertson said. "But one thing is obvious: The spring of humanity did not go dry in Tennessee Williams' mind — or his pen."

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proceeds benefiting SASI, a community nonprofit that helps adults in Chicago and the north/northwest suburbs who, due to aging, illness or injury, need assistance in the home. Through May 11: Paintings by Lowell Goone and Joanne Salvator.

### **AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Auditions for "Legally** Blonde" will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. April 2-3 at the Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. To obtain an audition packet, email rhhorwitz@skokieparks. org or pick one up at the Devonshire front desk. Production dates are June 15-24. For more information, call (847) 647-1500, ext. 2420.

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plications from arts and crafts vendors for the 2012 fair, slated for June 16-17 in Evanston's Main Street Station shopping district. For an application, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com.

Skokie Art Guild is seeking artists for its 51st annual Art Fair, to be held July 14-15 on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton, Skokie. Fine art; prizes and awards available. For information, visit www. skokieartguild.org or call (847) 677-8163.

The 2012 Johnny Mercer **Foundation Songwriters** Project at Northwestern University seeks talented young songwriters and writing teams working in any popular music style. Broadway composer Andrew Lippa will be joined by Tony Award-nominated composer and lyricist Craig Carnelia and three-time Grammy winning singer and songwriter Lari White to conduct the weeklong no-fee program presented by The Johnny Mercer Foundation and the American Music Theatre Project from June 18-23. The intensive Evanston campus program of master classes and workshops will culminate in a showcase of new works by participant songwriters and a starstudded celebration concert. Emerging songwriters in pop, music theatre, hip-hop, folk, Latin and country music are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is March 30. Visit www.mercersongwriters.org.

### BENEFITS

The Northwest Symphony Orchestra will hold a benefit from 2-5 p.m. March 24 at the San Filippo Estate's "Place de la Musique" in Barrington Hills. Attendees can view

the collection of restored antique music machines, an 8,000-pipe theatre organ, chandeliers, art glass and other functional mechanical antiques. Also, theatre organist Jelani Eddington will present a 60-minute performance on the 1927 Wurlitzer organ. Tickets are \$50 and can be ordered at www.northwest-**Illinois Storytelling Night** 

at the Knot, a benefit for the Illinois Storytelling Festival, will be held at 7 p.m. March 25 at The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. Free-will donations accepted. Visit www. storytelling.org.

### **BOOKS & POETRY**

"Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World," a free seminar examining the role of women in Jewish literature, will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, through

May 9, at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Presented by the Oakton Library, the series of readings, lectures and group discussions will be ted by Benjamin Goluboff, associate professor of English. Copies of the books may be borrowed from the Skokie campus library. Selections include April 18: American Pastoral by Philip Roth. May 9: Bee Season by Myla Goldberg. To register, contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888 (press 3).

### **CHILD'S PLAY**

Chicago Children's Theatre presents "The Houdini Box" through March 25 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The musical is based on children's author and illustrator Brian Selznick's novel about a mischievous boy who receives

a mysterious box that just might contain the secrets of Harry Houdini's success. Performances are at 10:15 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$15 for discounted upper balcony seating; regular tickets are \$28-\$41 for adults, \$18-\$31 for children up to 18 years old. Visit www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org or call (847) 673-6300.

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. www. nileslibrary.org. March 24, 2 p.m.: Saturday Family Movies series features "The Smurfs."

### COMEDY

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. April 7, 7:30 p.m.: DC Pierson, part of the sketch group Derrick Comedy, in 'DC Pierson is Bad at Girls." \$20. For tickets, visit www. gorillatango.com or call (773) 598-4549.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. www.maynestage. com. (773) 381-4554. April 27-28, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: Comedian Nick Thune. \$18 general admission; \$23 reserved. March 23-24, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: Actress and comedian Natasha Leggero, \$20. April 11, 8 p.m.: Judah Friedlander, \$22 general admission; \$27 reserved.

**North Shore Center for** the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www. northshorecenter.org. (847) 673-6300. March 30, 8 p.m.: Paula Poundstone. \$45-\$52. April 27, 8 p.m.: Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, stars of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?", present an evening of improvisational comedy. \$56-\$60.

Perla Café, 1813 Dempster St., Evanston. (847) 424-1382. March 24, 7-8 p.m.: Comedy performance by Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman, author of My Husband the Stranger, Still Single and Still Dating. No cover.

### DANCE

**North Shore Center for** the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. April 14, 8 p.m.: "Pushed to the Edge" presents Bharata Natyam, a dance theater from India, as practiced by Natya Dance Theatre, and contemporary Western dance, as practiced by Mordine and Company Dance Theater. \$30-\$38. May 12, 8 p.m.: DanceWorks Chicago and Muntu Dance Theatre, the largest African dance company in the United States. \$30-\$38.

**Happy Twirlers Dance** Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, through May 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Thacker and Lee streets. Des Plaines. \$6 per person. Call (773) 685-8407.

Leikarringen Heimhug Norwegian Folk Dancers meet weekly, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Norwood Crossing, 6016 N. Nina, Chicago. New members, age 16 and older, welcome. No dance experience needed, just interest in Scandinavian folk dance. For more information, call (847) 692-6616 or e-mail karlp57@aol.com; or (847) 823-7596 or kronmo815@gmail.com.

Line dancing for all ages is held from 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Mil-

waukee Ave., Niles, Beginner lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and new dance or review at 8 p.m. Admission: \$7; \$5 for ages 17 and under. Call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at somedaydd@att.net.

### **FAIRS & FESTIVALS**

Irish Fest, 3-10:30 p.m. April 21 in a heated tent in the Chase Bank parking lot at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue, downtown Mount Prospect. The event includes live music, Irish food and beer. Entertainment schedule: Trinity Irish Dancers, 3-3:30 p.m.; They Might Be Irish, 3:30-5 p.m.; Dooley Brothers, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; The Larkin & Moran Brothers, 8-10:30 p.m. Visit www. mpirishfest.com.

**Lincolnwood Public** Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. March 23, 1 p.m.: "The Guard." March 29, 10:30 a.m.: "50/50." March 29, 1 p.m.: "North by Northwest." March 30, 1 p.m.: "Ides of March."

Northwest Chicago Film Society presents the Classic Film Series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$5. For information, visit www.northwestchicagofilmsociety.org. March 28: "Man of the West" (1958). April 4: "Liebelei" (1933). April 7, 7 p.m.: Special Saturday presentation of "The Ten Commandments" (1956). April 11: "Angel" (1937). April 15, 7:30 p.m.: Special Sunday presentation commemorating the Titanic centennial — "A Night to Remember" (1958).

Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. www.portagetheater. org. March 30, 8:30 p.m.: Hesperidian Productions will premiere a short film, "Stiletto." The evening includes a short live performance onstage before the screening, live music and a post-performance Q-and-A session with the director, producer and actors. General admission is free; VIP tickets are available at \$20 (including service fee) and include reserved seating, complimentary wine, a pre-screening reception beginning at 7 p.m. and a post-screening party area.

"The 20th Anniversary of 'The Bodyguard,'" a onenight in-theater event, will be screened at 7:30 p.m. March 28 at local movie theaters,

including Randhurst Village 12, 200 Randhurst Village Drive, Mount Prospect; Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

Skokie Art Guild will host a demonstration of mosaic techniques by Angela Heller at 7 p.m. March 27 in the Radmacher Room at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. For information, visit skokieartguild.org.

### SINGLES

ComboSingles, open to singles 21-plus. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles. org. Bowling league at 6:30 p.m. March 25, April 22 and May 20 at Brunswick Zone, 824 E. Rand Road, Mount Prospect. \$15 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, for bowling and shoes.

Thunderbird Singles, (847) 266-2706 or www.thunderbirdsingles.com. March 25, 7 p.m.: Mambo Italiano at Tuscano's Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park. Free admission.

### **WORKSHOPS** & **CLASSES**

The Actors Gymnasium Circus and Performing Arts School, in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 328-2795. www.actorsgymnasium.com. April 9: A new session of classes in circus and performing arts begins. Course offerings for children and adults of all ages and skill levels include Aerial Arts, Circus Arts, Contortion, Acro Dance, Gymnastics and more. Also, a new course titled Single Weapon Class in Rapier Dagger will be available for adults.

Skokie Art Guild offers figure drawing workshops from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center. 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is \$20: \$12 for members. For information, call Steve Gal. (847) 673-4450, or visit www. skokieartguild.org.

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### **PLAY REVIEW**

### An illuminating look at theater royalty

BY CATEY SULLIVAN

Contributor

If you liked Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull," you'll love Jeffrey Hatcher's "Ten Chimneys." And if you're familiar with the titular Wisconsin mansion (now a museum) where Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontanne held court during their Broadway heyday, you're certainly apt to find Northlight's latest a fascinating look at the offstage intersection of human drama and scripted drama.

Whether this smart. well- acted, and quite funny piece will appeal to non-theater geeks who aren't enthralled by the prospect of a dishy backstage look structured around Chekhov's tragic comedy is debatable. What's not in question is the sparkling wit instilled in Hatcher's piece, or the archly marvelous work of the fine ensemble directed by B. J.

A bit of background: Ten Chimneys was the Chateau Marmont of its day, a beautiful, luxurious residence where a glittering roster of famous guests routinely repaired. The Lunt-Fontanne power couple regularly hosted the likes of Noel Coward, Laurence Olivier, Helen Hayes, Carol Channing and Vivian Leigh at the Genesee Depot, Wis.,

The storied atmosphere among such close-knit artists was an intoxicating mix of creativity and passion, sex and smarts. egos and eccentricities. Today, Ten Chimneys is open to the public, its interior almost exactly as it was when the Lunt/Fontannes lived there, their belongings meticulously preserved right down to the toiletries in the

Hatcher opens Ten Chimneys by putting a microscope on a single, fortuitous weekend at the home, ushering the audience behind the scenes where Lunt, Fontanne, Sydney Greenstreet and a young Uta Hagen are in rehearsal for a late 1930s staging of The Seagull." The quartet of actors is joined by Lunt's slavishly adoring, overbearing mother Hattie (Linda Kimbrough), his sister Louise (Janet Ulrich Brooks), and



V Craig Heidenreich as Alfred Lunt and Lia D. Mortensen as Lynne Fontanne in "Ten Chimneys" at Northlight Theatre. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BROSILOW

### 'TEN CHIMNEYS'

Northlight Theatre, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (April 3 only) and 7:30 p.m. (April 3 only); Wednesdays: 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (no show April 11); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (no show April 8) and 7 p.m. (April 1 and 15 only), through April 15

Tickets: \$25-\$60. Young Adult tickets (25 and under) are \$10

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Salon Series panel discussion will be held on March 25 at 1 p.m. and will feature a historian from The Ten Chimneys Foundation; reservations required at (847) 679-9501, ext. 3555, or specialevents@ marthlight.org

Louise's taciturn (and somewhat underwritten) husband Carl (Lance Baker).

From those seven characters, Hatcher spins a story that could keep both Freudian and Chekhovian scholars busy for weeks. In making "The Seagull" — the fraught story of actors gathered at a summer estate - the framework for the action in "Ten Chimneys," Hatcher manages to be clever without belaboring the obvious (and sometimes not-so obvious) between the play-within-the-

Jones elicits wonderful performances from his principals, with V Craig Heidenreich's Lunt and Lia D. Mortensen's arch, sophisticated Fontanne grounding the ensemble. Mortensen, in particular, is marvelous, carrying herself with the cool confidence of a smart woman who knows she's at the top of her game and the undercurrent of neediness that's so often present in

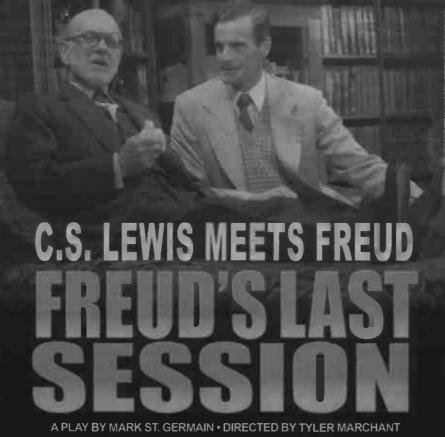
As Uta, Sara Griffin is a complex mix of eager innocence and sharp savvy she's an ingénue to be sure, but she's an ingénue with more than enough ambition and brains to propel her from doe-eyed newcomer to life-long luminary.

As Lunt's mother Hattie, Kimbrough does work to absolutely relish, swanning about as an imperious, devoted mother who simply does not allow the chore-like aspects of reality (financial matters chief among them) interfere with her glorious sense of entitlement.

Will "Ten Chimneys" appeal to those who aren't interested in Chekhov or enthralled by Hatcher's inside-the-actors'-studio microscope on the rehearsal

Maybe not as much as it will to those who know "The Seagull" inside and out. But you need neither a background in Russian drama or Broadway history to appreciate the passion, humor, and tantalizing intellect that propel "Ten Chimneys." Those things are universal, and Northlight has done a fine job illuminating them.

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"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," starring Donny Osmond, a recorded version of the 1999 production, will be broadcast to local movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Cente, Niles; and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston, at 7 p.m. March 26. Presented in a sing-along version with subtitles for audiences to join in, the event also features an introduction and question-and-answer session with Osmond live from Salt Lake City. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

### MUSEUMS

**Illinois Holocaust Museum** & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through June 17: "Ours To Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War." The exhibition explores the achievements of Jewish men and women who were part of the American war effort on and off the battlefield. March 25, 1:30-3 p.m.: Deborah Dash Moore discusses her book, GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation. Her presentation will be followed by a book signing. Free with museum admission. Reservations recommended. April 5, 6:30 p.m.: "All the Missing

Souls: A Personal History of the War Crimes Tribunals." In partnership with the Illinois Holocaust & Genocide Commission, the museum presents former Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, David Scheffer, as he provides an insider's account of the formation of the war crimes tribunals following atrocities in the Balkans, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Cambodia. The presentation will be followed by a book signing. Free with museum admission; reservations recommended. April 15, 2-3:30 p.m.: Linda Pressman discusses and signs her book, Looking Up: A Memoir of Sisters, Survivors and Skokie. April 19, 6:30-8 p.m.: In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, Abraham Foxman, Holocaust survivor and national director of the Anti-Defamation League, will discuss "A 21st Century Challenge: Protecting the Memory and Meaning of the Holocaust." Free with museum admission; reservations required. April 22, 3 p.m.: Holocaust Remembrance concert, "Celebrating the Cantorial Arts of Europe,' performed by cantors from Chicago-area congregations. Free; reservations required.



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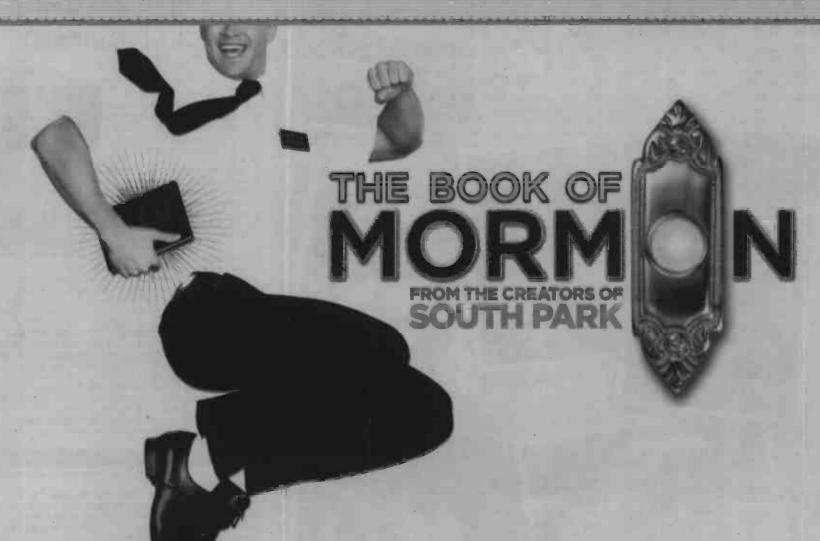








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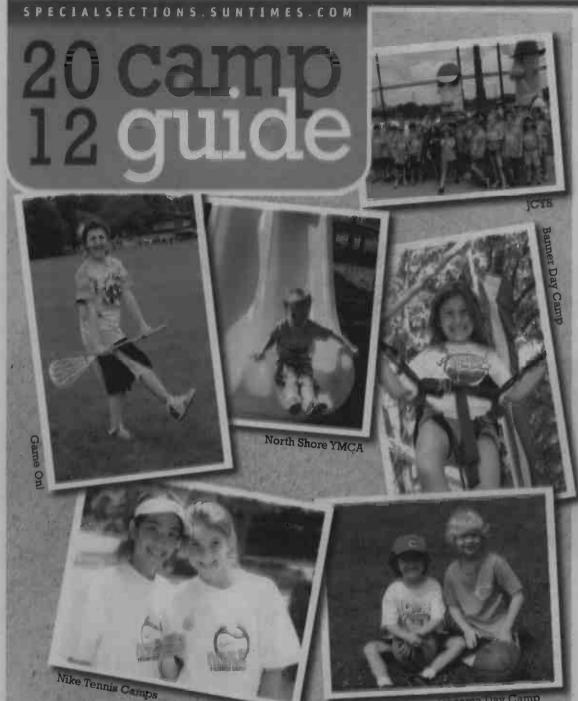
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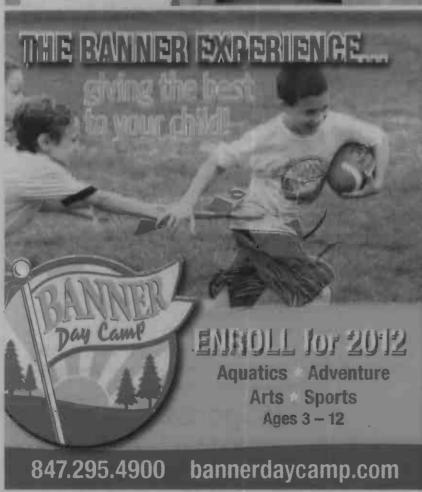
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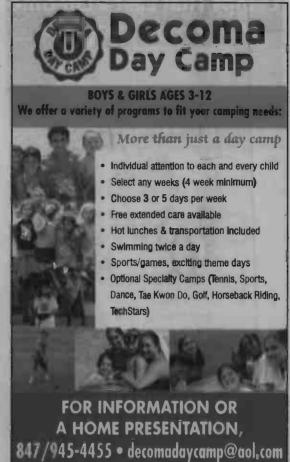
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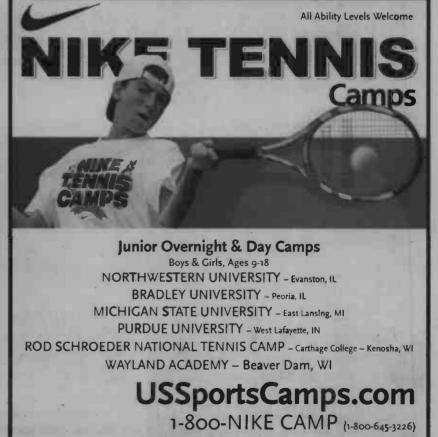
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### **SUMMER CAMP** fosters healthy habits

BY MARCY MARRO

For Sun-Times Media

While having fun and playing sports are all part of the summer camp experience, children are also learning about how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Daily physical activity is an important part of leading a healthy lifestyle. Sara Hokin, director of operations at Game On! Sports Camps 4 Girls, with camps in Lake Forest and downtown Chicago, said that summer camps could teach healthy habits with caring attention to the program and environment, as well as a staff of role models. The camp's multi-sports program promotes an active lifestyle by encouraging girls from age 4 through 10th grade to appreciate physical activity through sports and fitness for life, regardless of skill level.

"It's about building confidence and empowering through quality instruction, with solid fun as the essence," she said. "If campers can thoroughly enjoy and really experience the rewards of physical activity, they won't wish to live without it."

Hokin explained how they take the time to teach the values of persistence and progress through sports.

"We offer a program that shows our campers how to work toward and measure their progress," she said. "As they learn the thrill of skill improvement and achievement, their motivation to keep going only grows stronger."

Lifelong, positive habits can be promoted though sports, including but not limited to maintaining a healthy nody through feeling the rewards of a healthy diet and exercise; learning the benefits and feeling the pleasure derived from being a part of a team; time management; mental fortitude; persistence and more, Hokin said.

Exercise and fitness takes a front seat at Jay's Camp in Long Grove. The camp has two tennis courts, two full-sized pools, bike trails, two sand volleyball courts, a professional batting cage, four tetherball courts, basketball courts, two enclosed trampoline games and more on the camp's 12 acres of peaceful, secluded grounds. According to Jay Sherman, camp director, the camp is unique and highly personalized, and it provides every child building blocks, such as self-esteem and self-confidence, to help motivate them to become productive human beings.

In addition to exercise and fitness, summer camps can help promote healthy



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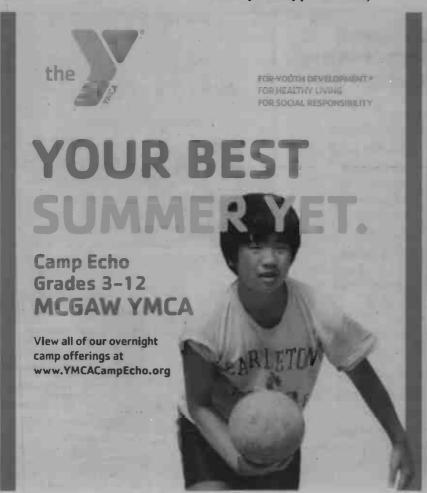
eating. At the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook, parents are encouraged to pack healthy meals and snacks for their children. Donald Langley, director of program services and innovation, explained that they try to build health lifestyles by starting them at a young age.

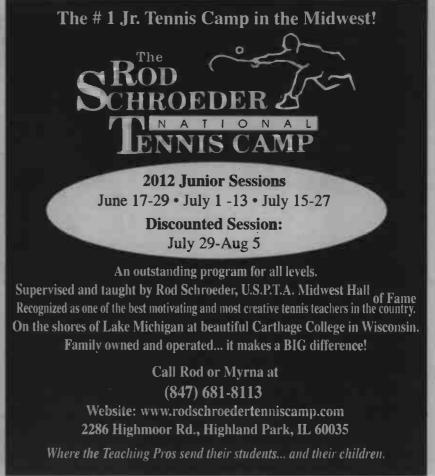
He noted that parents are encouraged to send foods and snacks that will help give children energy throughout the day, without loading them up on sugar.

"We try to teach kids why being active and being on the go is healthy," Langley said.

The YMCA also provides water so that the kids can remain hydrated and learn about water's healthy benefits. In addition to swimming four times a week, the camp also provides a healthy hot lunch for the children on Fridays.









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AGE GROUPS: 4-14

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Week #3: Jun 25th-Jun 29th Week #6: Jul 23rd-Jul 27th Week #9: Aug 13th-Aug 17th



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### Answers: Inside today's classified section

### **HOROSCOPES**

### For the week of March 28 - April 3

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don't know the full story behind the request. Don't rely on someone's unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That workplace problem still needs your attention before you finally can close the book on it. Meanwhile, a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you're seeking.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's time to stop licking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take time out to go over what's expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
An unusual request could put you in an

awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workaday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Start doing some serious thinking about a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes also might be involved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
With tensions easing at the workplace,
a more positive environment once again
encourages the free flow of ideas so typical
of the always innovative Aquarian.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone, and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy doing new things and staying ahead of the crowd. You would make a fine sports coach or military leader.

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**Death Notices** 

Lee, Mildred Anna
(Millie) 79 died in Tulsa, OK Wednesday, March
7, 2012. Long time resident of Park Ridge, Millie
was born in Chicago and lived in the area most of
her life until a move to Tulsa in 1997.
A graduate of Hyde Park High School and Wilson
Jr. College, Millie maintained a lifestyle of
homemaker and mother as well as active

homemaker and mother as well as active community volunteer. Regardless of locale, she saw a need and jumped in to assist. Both her children benefitted from her participation as Cub Scout and Girl Scout mother, Homeroom mother, Maine South Mothers Club and general chaperone and cheerleader.

As a member and then President of the North Shore Jr. Board of the Northwestern University Settlement, she helped develop the first "Taste of Chicago" fundraiser and was a strong advocate for the Settlement through donations of time and advocacy. Her trunk was always full for a "trip to the Settlement" with articles collected from friends. A position as Secretary of the Central Committee reinforced her firm commitment to the Settlement and its programs.

Friend to many from elementary school forward. Millie could be counted on for assistance on anything; inspiration on many levels a perpetual curiosity about the world around her and a great bridge partner.

Survived by husband Robert E. Lee Jr of the home, son Robert and wife Susan, daughter Beth, grandchildren Austin, Walt, Madeline and Ellen and great grandson Ethan.

If so desired, memorials may be sent to the Northwestern University Settlement; 1400 Augusta Blvd, Chicago II 60648. NUSH.org

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Schonfeld, Clara

90, beloved wife of the late Jonas; loving mother of Gita (Marvin Swartz) Schonfeld and Marilyn (Mark) Davenport; cherished bubbe of Jonas (Laura), Sam, Miles and Zack.

Clara was a residence of Skokie for 55 years and member of Beth Hillel Congregation B'nai Emunah. A native of Russia, she was a vibrant and courageous woman who survived the Holocaust

and went on to lead a fulfilling life
Services have been held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jewish Family Services, 1937 Cornwallis Road, Durham, NC 27705. For Info: Shalom Memorial Funeral Home 847-255-3520.

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Tracy, Ann D. Ewing
Age 86, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas passed



away on Friday, March 09, 2012. Ann was born June 17, 1925 in Kirksville, Missouri to Irwin and Margaret (Baxter) Dunbar.

Ann is survived by, 2 sons: Robert (Lori) Ewing of Antioch, IL; Michael (Debbie) Ewing of Roswell, daughter: Patricia (John) Egart of Andover, brother: Baxter (Gisela) Dunbar

Overland Park, MO; 1 sister: Jean (Jim) Arndt of San Luis Obispo, CA; 5 grandchildren and 7 greatgrandchildren.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 20th from 10:00am - 12:00pm at CedarVale Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 1:00pm at Christ of the Hills Methodist Church in Hot Springs Village. Arrangements entrusted to CedarVale Funeral Home (501) 922-6100. Guest may register at www.atkinsonfuneralhome.net

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Vander Schilden, Anne C. (nee Barreca), age 94, of Skokie, passed away March 9, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Henry; Loving mother of John "Jack" L. (Pamela) Vander Schilden, M.D.; Proud grandmother of Jaclyn and Victoria; Fond sister of Mary Fosco, Yolanda Barreca, the late Donald Barreca, Eleanor Platt and Peter Barreca; Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 Karlov Ave., Skokie, IL 60076. Sign online guestbook at www.habenfuneral.com.



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Zdunek, Evelyn D.

(nee Freeman) Age 91, of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of the late Walter F.; loving mother of Karen (Brian) Patterson, Pamela Zdunek, Walter II (Mary) and Kimberly Bowers; devoted grandmother of Kelly (fiance Eric Stetler), Meghan, Kathleen and Kevin Patterson, Shannon and Brett Meurer, Michael, Stephanie, Matthew and Sarah Sladnick, Timothy, Justin, Brendan and Colleen Zdunek, Bradley, Brittany and Logan Bowers; great-grandmother of Braden and Nolan Meurer; dear sister of Conrad Freeman, Jr.; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 18, at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy) Park Ridge. Funeral Service was held on Monday, at the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, 418 W. Touhy ave., Park Ridge. Interment followed in Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorials to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research Founda-tion or Rainbow Hospice. Funeral Info. 847-823-

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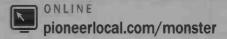
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### Revamp Your Online Image

By NicoleWilliams.com staff

Many young professionals are all over the Web, especially on social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace. But what might be cute and funny to friends and family may not be as humorous to potential employers (such as pictures from that blowout party you attended on New Year's Eve). It's not surprising that with the ease and affordability of search engines, employers can and do eliminate job candidates based on an applicants' online image.

In a 2005 survey of 102 job recruiters by ExecuNet, 75 percent said that they utilize search engines to research job candidates, and 26 percent have eliminated candidates based solely on what they have uncovered online.

Whether you're a new graduate looking for your first professional gig, or have already gotten your feet wet in the professional world, you need to keep tabs on your online image. You spend so much time on your resume - be careful about the rest of your online profile as well. Here are some things to keep in mind.

### **Beware of Social Paparazzi**

With blogs and photo-sharing sites abounding on the Web, there's no telling where that picture a fellow partygoer snapped is going to end up. While you should have a good time when you're out, keep in mind that you never know when the spotlight might shine on you. (In other words, when someone tempts you to do a keg stand, think twice before assuming the position.) You wouldn't want damaging pictures or videos surfacing on the Internet featuring you as the star.

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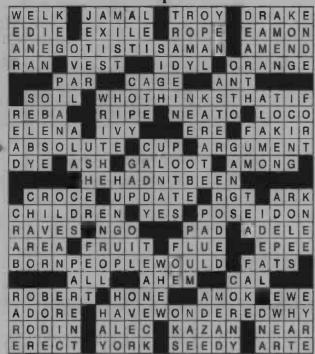
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P.I.N.: 09-15-103-011-0000
Dated, Chicago, March 14 A.D., 2012

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UNDER THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE STRUCTURED
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TRUST SERIES 2004-8
Plaintiff,
Vs.

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Defendants
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ASSOCIATION: UNKNOWN OWN
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ANTS; Defendants,

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

Defendants,

11 CH 27311

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

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U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS
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8620 N. WAUKEGAN ROAD UNIT #405 MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 18, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive -124th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8620 N. WAUKEGAN ROAD UNIT #405, MORTON GROVE, IL 80053 Properly Index No. 10-19-109-044-1041. The real estate is improved with a condo/lownhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgage acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgage, judgment creditor, or other ilenon acquiring the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quantity or quantity of

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVI**S**ION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORT GAGE ASSOCIATION

ANDREW JAMES NEAL LINCOLNWOOD SUITES CONDO MINIUM ASSOCIATION

MINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
11 CH 3573
14601 WEST TOUHY AVENUE
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on January 17, 2012, an
agent of The Judicial Sales Corpotration, will at 10:30 AM on April 19,
2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corpotration, one South Wacker Drive24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606,
sell at public auction to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the following described real
estate:Commonly known as 4601
WEST TOUHY AVENUE
Lincolnwood, IL 60712 Property In-

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quent to the aforementioned date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.

the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village. Skokie Village Hall is a fully accessible building. Persons requiring assistance should contract the Purchasing Office at 847-93-8240 or TTY 673-9330 Michael Aleksic Purchasing Agent Village of Skokie School District 68 seeks bids for management of the Food Service Program. Bid specifications will be available on March 22, 2012 for pickup at the Educational Service Center, 9440 Kenton Ave, Skokie L 60076, or by calling 847/676-9900. A pre-bid meeting and site visit will be held at 10:30 at m. on April 2, 2012 at the Educational Service Center. Sealed bids must be marked to of the attention of Ryan Berry and submitted by 10:30 a.m. April 12, 2012. Request for Proposals for Professional Services School Professional Service Serving the interest of the Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any Irregularities or Informalities in bidsing procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name and in the conduct or transaction of the grand was filed by the undersigned the grand with the County Clerk of Cook Generators R Us at 1850 S. 60th Ct., Cicero, IL and to its owner(s) is: George Schvach, the residence address of the pair by any owner(s) is: George Schvach, the residence address of the pair by any owner(s) is: George Schvach, the residence address of the powner(s) is: George Schvach, the residence address of the pair by any owner(s) is: George Schvach, the residence address of the perfect of the pursuant to construct and conduct a community survey on recreational attritudes and interests. This survey could be conducted in various manners including online, paper and/or group meetings. The consultant shall compile the survey results and prepare a report on the findings.

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FIND MOR available in a Request for Proposal document by contacting the Skokie Park District. Proposals are due by 3:00 pm on April 5, 2012. Direct all inquiries to: Mark Schneiderman Executive Director Skokie Park District 9300 Weber Park Place Skokie, IL 60077 847-674-1500 Pub:3/22/12 263780

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**Bid Notice** 

LEGAL NOTICE

### LOCAL CANDIDATES IN CHICAGOLAND WITH MONSTER. CALL 847-998-3400 Bid Notice

**REACH OUT TO** 

**MORE QUALIFIED** 

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Bid Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:
Notice is hereby given that Skokie & Morton Grove School District #69 is accepting sealed bids for: Summer Improvements 2012. Such proposals as herein concerned shall be for the fol-

lowing as described: BID GROUP NO. 1 BID PACKAGES #01, #02, #03, #04, #05, #06, #07, #08, #09,

BID PACKAGES #01, #02, #03, #04, #05, #06, #07, #08, #09, #10, #11, #12, & #13
Bid Package #01 - Demolition
Bid Package #03 - Asphalt
Bid Package #03 - Masonry
Bid Package #04 - Misc. Steel
Bid Package #06 - Acoustical Ceiling
Bid Package #06 - Acoustical Ceiling
Bid Package #07 - Roofing
Bid Package #09 - Flooring
Bid Package #09 - Flooring
Bid Package #10 - Palinting
Bid Package #11 - Pumbing
Bid Package #11 - Pumbing
Bid Package #13 - Electrical
Bid Package #13 - Electrical
Bid Package #15 - Burbains
Bid Package #16 - Burbains
Bid Package #17 - Burbains
Bid Package #18 - Burbains
Bid Package #19 - Burbain

Skokie, IL, 60077

TIME:

11AM (CST)

(as Date/Time stamped by Skokie & Mortori Grove School District #69 Receptionist)

Any bid received after the time and date stated above will be returned unopened to Bidder.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting has been scheduled for 10:00AM (CST) on Monday, March 26, 2012. This pre-bid meeting will take place at Maier Administration Center, 2nd floor, 5050 Madison Street, Skokie, IL 60077.

Pre-qualification of all bidders in this bid group is required prior to the bid due date. Submit one fully executed copy of AIA Document A305 "Contractor's Qualification Statement" prior to submitting this bid form via fax to 630-823-2195 or via e-mail to jhuseman@wightco.com.

The competency and responsibility of the bidders will be con-

to jhuseman@wightco.com.
The competency and responsibility of the bidders will be considered in making awards. The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid. Bonds shall comply with all laws of the State of Illinois governing public contracts let by governmental units. Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, certified check or cashier's check made payable to Skokie & Morton Grove School District #69 in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the

the form of a Bid Bond, certified check or cashier's check made payable to Skokie & Morton Grove School District #69 in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid shall be submitted with the Bid. Bid security is required of all parties submitting a proposal. A fully executed and compliant Bid Security must be included with the Bid Form.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12).

The Construction Manager for this project is Wight Construction, Inc. All questions concerning this project or those concerning bidding requirements should be directed to Jayne Huseman at 630-969-7000 – EXT 6974. Questions must be received in writing, via fax (fax # 630-823-2195), until 12:00 PM (CST) on Monday, April 2, 2012.

The School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to negotiate contract terms with various Bidders, and to waive all formalities or irregularities to any bid when such is deemed by the Owner to be in the Owner's best interests.

To ensure bidders are added to the official plan holder's list and receive all addenda or project related correspondences, it is highly recommended that plans and specifications be ordered through Digital Imaging Resources, Inc.

Plans and specifications, hard copy or digital (cd), may be ordered from Digital Imaging Resources, Inc. at a refundable cost upon receipt of a valid bid\* (actual cost to be verified with DIR). Order by prior reservation (allow 2-4 hours for printing) from DIR (Main Location — 650 West Lake Street, Suite 120, Chicago IL 60661, phone: 312-243-1250 x 245; fax: 312-243-1590) after 4:00 PM (CST) on Monday, January 16, 2012. Complete sets of plans and specifications may also be viewed at:

at:
Digital Imaging Resources, Inc. — Website www.dirinc.com ® Enter Planroom ® Public Plan Room ® Skokie & Morton Grove School District- Summer Improvements 2012® Bid Group 1 — Bid Packages #01, #02, #03, #04, #05, #06, #07, #08, #09, #10, #11, #11, #11, & #13.
\*\*Refund Is good for only one set of plans and specifications per project, hard copy or digital (cd), and does not include delivery fees.
This invitation is issued in the name of Skokie & Morton Grove School District #69.
Pub:3-22-12 265015

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### **Bid Notice**

BID NOTICE
The Board of Education of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, 164 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068, is requesting Ridge, IL 60068, is requesting bids for an exterior track at Roo

Atm: Mr. Scot Mackali, Directol Facility Management
Park Ridge - Niles CCSD 64
164 South Prospect Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068
All questions regarding the request for qualifications shall be directed to Scott Mackali, Director Facility Management tor Facility N (847) 318-4313.

asing Manager

Pub: 3-22-12 265303

Defendant, I shall, at 12:00 o' Shakhnazarov/Elizaveta clock noon (Central Standard Time) (Daylight Saving Time) on statute in such case made and provided. Dated at Rolling Meadows, Illi-Richard J. Daley Center, Clark and Randolph Streets, in the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, offer for sale, at public venue, all the right, title and interest of said Defendant Real Business, Inc. in and to the following de-STATE OF ILLINOIS

THE SOUTH 17 1/2 ACRES OF THE SOUTH 17 1/2 ACRES OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF Case No.12 P 000638

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Commonly known as: 9209 Pol
be filed in the office of the Clerk

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All bids to be in writing, to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles. storage rumished for such ani-cles at the request of the follow-ing designated person(s), un-less such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice. NAME OF PERSON(S) Robert Armstrong
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE 1991 Toyota MR2 JT2SW22M8M0016206 AMOUNT \$3945.34 Pub:3/15, 3/22, 3/29 260885

Name Change

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COOK COUNTY IN RE THE MATTER OF:

NAME FORM

State of Illinois County of Cook In The Circuit Court For Cook County, Illinois
In The Matter of the Petition of
Roman Grechkin/Elizaveta Koksharova

said Defendant Heal Business,
Inc. in and to the following described tract or lot or parcels of
land to-wit:
THE SOUTH 17 1/2 ACRES OF
PROBATE DIVISION

/s/ Judith E. Mack (Executor) /s/ Robert J. Ross (Attorney) Pub: 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 258808

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Probate

State of Illinois In The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois Probate Division In the matter of the estate Gerald D. Wulff (Deceased)

months from the date of the first tion's ongoing ability to meet the publication of this notice and commission's Criteria for Acany ctaim not filed within that creditation. KS is seeking comperiod is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must the mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

SKarl H Magnus

The Higher Learning Commission been filed. /s/Karl H. Magnus

For Change of Name

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's No. 120070
Case No. 06 CH 19850
By virtue of a certain Order of Default Judgment and Recorded Memorandum of Judgment, Writ of Execution issued from the Circuit Court of the Cook County, Illinois, in favor of Stone Investment, LLC, Plaintiff, and against Real Business, Inc., Defendant, I shall, at 12:00 of Cook now (Central Standard)

South LSA
Suite 7-4
Chicago, IL 60
The public Notices

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
To the legal voters, residents of County of Cook, I will file my pesued from the Circuit Court of the County of COOK and the State will convert the change of my name from Stone Investment, LLC, Plaintiff, and against Real Business, Inc., Shakhnazarov, pursuant to the The second Tuesday of said

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/s/Karl H. Magnus
Attorney
Pub:3/8, 3/15, 3/22 254131

Public Notices

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Web site at ww.
Comments on the Web site at ww.

such measures as may in pur-suance of law, come before the meeting, and especially to con-sider and decide the following: 1. Meeting Called to Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Electors

Farkway, Ste 201, Inverness, I-11.Citizens Comments
Inois 60067. 847-358-5757
COMK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 9209 Potter Road, Des Plaines, IL
50016.
P.I.N.: 09-15-103-011-0000
Dated, Chicago, March 14 A.D.,
2012
Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff
Pub: 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 266631-01

Mechanics Liens
That on 4/30/2012, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at:
Chicago, Il-1000 as before the clierk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or with her representative, or both, on or before September 15, 2012
Which date is not less than 6
months from the date of the first opublication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any public inspection at the Park be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attors. Chicago, IL 60660
All bids to be in writing, to sell the following articles to enforce.

Farkway, Ste 201, Inverness, I-11.Citizens Comments
12.Adjournment
12.Adjourn

Notice is further hereby given Hat a public hearing on said Budget will be held at 6:30 p.m., April 2, 2012 at the Park Ridge City Hall Council Chambers at 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Il-

Dated this 15th day of March 3/22/12 265521

TO PLACE A **CLASSIFIED AD** CALL 847-998-3400

PUBLIC NOTICE

If you live in Niles Township and have a child in grades K-8 who is home-schooled or attendance of the community of the community in the community is should be community in the c cerned about their educational

Retail Marting County C

230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500

Chicago, IL 60604-1411
The public may also submit comments on the Commission's Comments on the Commission's Web site at www.ncahlc.org. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its mic programs. Comments #258284

**Public Notices** 

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Board of Trustees semi-annual meeting. March 23, 2012. At Town of Maine Cemetery. 2101 W. Touhy Ave Park Ridge II. at 4:00 PM. Public invited. 3/15, 3/22/12 #256446

Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given by the of Education of Golf School District 67, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the tentative supplemental budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, will be on file and coneniently available for public in-pection at the administrative ffices, 9401 Waukegan Road, on Grove, Illinois in the col District from 8 a.m. to 4, Monday through Friday, the 22nd day of March, o.m., is further given that a

public hearing on said supple-mental budget will be held at 6:30 p.m., on the 26th day of April, 2012, in the Board of Edu-9401 Board of Education Golf School District 67 County of Cook, Illinois Louise Karlin Secretary Pub: 3/22/12 267434

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD, CALL 847-998-3400 OR VISIT PIONEERLOCAL.COM/CLASSIFIEDS

**Public Notices** 

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:

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Zoning Case Number

SU-12-02 and SP-12-01:

Application by Community Consolidated School District 64, for a special use, and consideration for any exceptions that may be requested as part of the proposal, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 4.6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge; in conjunction with a site plan review application to accommodate the expansion of a parking lot, in accordance with Section 4.5 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, at the following property:

City of Park Holge; in Conjunction with a sine pian review application to accommodate the expansion of a parking lot, in accordance with Section 4.5 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, at the following property:

LOTS 15 THROUGH 26 AND LOTS 74 THROUGH 85 AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF PARK RIDGE HOWARD-CENTER SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 16, 1924 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 8592109, ALSO THE ALLEY RUNNING BETWEEN ELM AND CHERRY STREETS VACATED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14361057, ALSO PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 27 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOW: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF LOT 85 AS DESIGNATED UPON SAID PLAT OF PARK RIDGE HOWARD-CENTER SUBDIVISION, SAID POINT BEING IN THE SOUTH LINE OF CHERRY STREET AD STANCE OF 198.23 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF CHERRY STREET, A DISTANCE OF 198.23 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 50 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, SAID POINT BEING THE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF CHERRY STREET, A DISTANCE OF 198.23 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 50 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, SAID POINT BEING THE EASTERLY LINE OF FEUERBORN AND KLODE'S WOODLAND PARK, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDER'S OFFICE OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF FEUERBORN AND KLODE'S WOODLAND PARK, A DISTANCE OF 199.31 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF ELM STREET; A DISTANCE OF 199.31 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF ELM STREET; A DISTANCE OF 199.31 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 74 AS DESIGNATED UPON PARK RIDGE HOWARD-CENTER SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF TANCE OF 595.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE WESTERLY LINE OF SEMENTARY BOOK AND RECORDER OF SAID SUBDIVISION, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE PAR

The property is commonly known as: George B. Carpenter Elementary School, 300 Hamlin Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068
All persons interested in the above described matter are invit-

ed to attend and will be heard.

The case file for this matter is available for review in the Department of Community Preservation and Development in City Hall.

Alfredo Marr, Chairman Planning and Zoning Commission

Pub: 3/22/12 267322

Public Hearings

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING partment of Community Preser-CONCERNING THE INTENT vation and Development in City CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE Gary Zimmerman, Chairman MORTON GROVE PARK DIS-Zoning Board of Appeals TRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLI-NOIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS

NOIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 - 2013 BUDGET AND APPROIATGION ORDINANCE WILL BE HELD ON THURS-DAY, APRIL 12, 2012 AT 6:45 P.M. AT THE PRARIE VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, 8834 DEMPSTER ST., MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS.

Pub: 3-22-12 267504 LEGAL NOTICE APPLICANT: FATIMA MUBEEN MOHIUDDIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, 2nd Floor, at the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butter Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the rollowing matter will be considered:

ZONING CASE NUMBER:

V-12-04
The Applicant seeks a Variation to increase the Maximum Height of First Floor Elevation from the 4 feet allowed to 5'- 9" proposed in order to build a single family home at the subject property, conflicting with Section 7.3, Table 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of

DIE 3 of the Zoring Violinaries of the City of Park Ridge.
LOT 111 IN SMITH AND HILLS PARK RIDGE MANOR UNIT NUMBER 2, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 (EXCEPT THE WEST 217 FEET) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS: 2072 De Cook
Ave., Park Ridge
All persons interested in the
above described matter are invited to attend and will be

neard. The case file for this matter is available for review in the De-

Public Hearings

ago, Illinois, 60618. (773)478-

Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no

Donald Pangallo Patricia Brooks
Cynthia George
Brenda Martinez ary Stelter, Jr. 2041 Pub:3/22, 3/29 263176
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pur suant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned will sell at a public sale by competitive bidding on:Date & Time 3-30-12 at 3 pm

Units to be auctioned; Unit# 605: King Steven. Motorcycle, tools,boxes,and more. Unit#1001 lidinsky Ri-chard. unit full of box furniture and tools. Unit#02 Timothy

TO PLACE A HELP WANTED AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS, CALL 847-998-3400

Public Hearings

Public Hearings

Skokie Plan Commission, Thursday, April 19, 2012, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:

ACTION TAKEN

P.M., to consider the following:

NEW

2012-17P - Zoning Chapter Amendment

Eitan Coresh of Visionary Real Estate, Inc. requests a zoning chapter amendment to add real estate service offices and property management agencies as permitted uses in M2 Light industry districts.

2012-18P - Special Use Permit: 4022 Church Street

Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Trustee under Trust #600235-04 and on behalf of Church Street Synagogue, requests a special use permit to expand an existing child day care not in a residence at 4024 Church Street into 4022 Church Street in a B1 Service Commercial district and any relief that may be discovered during the review of this case.

2012-19P - Zoning Map Amendment: 8120 Skokie Boulevard Village of Skokie requests a zoning map amendment from B3 Business to CX Core Mixed-use for the eastern portion of PIN 10-21-415-003 & all of PIN number 10-21-501-011. A map of the proposed area to be rezoned is available in the Planning Division office.

2012-20P - Zoning Map Amendment: 4820 Oakton Street Village of Skokie requests a zoning map amendment from M2 Light Industry to CX Core Mixed-use and 86 Downtown Science and Technology for PIN numbers 10-21-415-042 & 10-21-500-026. A map of the proposed area to be rezoned is available in the Planning Division office.
2012-21P - Zoning Map Amendment: 8158 Skokie Boulevard Village of Skokie requests a zoning map amendment from M2 Light Industry to CX Core Mixed-use for PIN number 10-21-402-077. A map of the proposed area to be rezoned is available in the Planning Division office.
2012-22P - Special Use Permit: 8158 Skokie Boulevard Village of Skokle requests a special use permit for an outdoor automated teller machine in a CX Core Mixed-use district and any relief that may be discovered during the review of this

any relief that may be discovered during the review of this

Case.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Plans and related documents are available at the Village's Community Development Department, Planning Division, (847) 933-8447 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
SPECIAL AID: Available upon request for the disabled. Call (847) 673-0500 or TDD (847) 933-8455.

Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. This no-tice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on March 22, 2012. Paul Luke, Chairman Pub 3/22/12 267851

Storage - Legal NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Set suant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS Orangeco, Inc, will conduct sale(s) by competitive Didding on: March 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. On the premise where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage. DISPUB012 - Life Storage Centers of AND Wingleyville will hold a public Nores aide property has been stored and which are located at February 10:00 a.m. On the premise where said property has been stored and which are located at Fulliw Serf-Service Storage Facility 08-7, 1711 W. Fullerton, Chi-6834 Act, Itilinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 10:00 and Wingleyville, Storage Centers of Wigleyville, Storage Centers of Wig below: 1009 Donna H 1026 Alexander Moffat Celeste Lopez 2179 Thompson 2233 Vive Br cereste Lopez 2179 Kara 170mpson 2233 Vive Bridges 3134 Perry Marshall 3158 Herb Rosen 4156 Jennifer Michels Public Storage/PS Crangeco, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment. Pub:3/15, 3/22 255941

Pub:3/15, 3/22 255941 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the SelfService Storage Facility Act,
State of Illinois, that Public
Storage/PS Orangeco, Inc., will
conduct sale(s) at Public Storace, by compatitive bidding on age by competitive bidding on March 30, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. on the premises where property has been stored, which are located at Public Storage, #20485,1414 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60605 312-427-1043 In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed walsh. boxes, personal below: 0051 Macthaun Jonkins D3076 Cednc Jones E4060 Gregory Garnett E4129 Robert Collins E4146 Rowelonda Hooks F5041 Stanley Long F5090 Richard Florence G6017 Satin Crable G6038 Tracey Adams G6063 Shavaughn Childs G6065 Kenneth Rodgers G6081 Yvonne Harris G6091 Stacey Haughton H7098 Cheryl Allen. Public Storage/PS Allen. Public Storage/PS Orangeco, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of pur-Sale is subject to ad-

Pub: 3/15, 3/22 249373

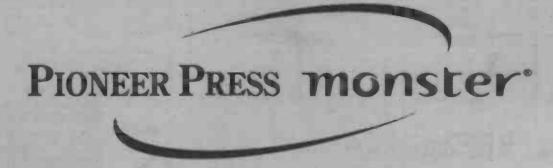
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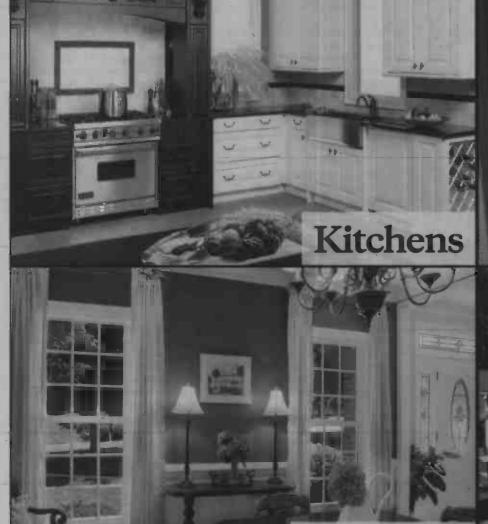


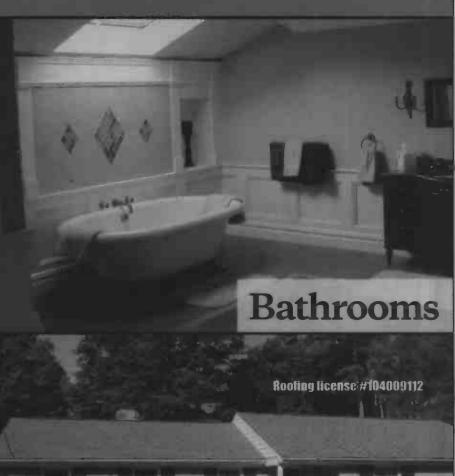
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"Ironically, my car has lasted longer than my marriage and as I start to think about replacing my 'red chariot.' I'm overwhelmed with the process."

### Car buying tips for beginners

BY BETH ENGELMAN

Mommy on a Shoestring

Last time I bought a car I was pregnant and married and had no problem relegating the "big decision making" to my husband. Sure, I test drove the cars and asked the important questions such as, "How do I pre-set the radio?" But for the most part, it was my husband who researched the models. chose the dealer and negotiated the price. Ironically, my car has lasted longer than my marriage and as I start to think about replacing my "red chariot," I'm overwhelmed with the process How can I get the best car for the best price and what exactly does that mean anyway? To help me through these issues I asked David Sloan and Paul Brian of the Chicago Auto Trade Association (www.cata.info) to walk us through the car-buying process and help us understand what it all means.



"Before you even consider going to a dealer, it's a good idea to do your research," says Brian. "You want to balance what you want, what you need and what you can afford." Although there are multiple websites to check out, Brian and Sloan recommend visiting www.DriveChicago.com (which is owned and operated by CATA) because it allows you to research and compare any new or used vehicle on the market. "Be sure to look at overall costs, not just price," cautions Brian. "Look at the length of the warranty and what's covered. Don't buy certain things that are cute and stylish but don't really pay off until later into an ownership cycle. For example, hybrids are a great idea if most of your driving is city-based, but if your daily commute is highway and moderately long distance, you'd probably be better off looking at a high mpg gasoline or diesel-powered car." Another tip? Review safety ratings which you can find on the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety website (www.iihs.org).

### Get to know the dealer

It may seem counterintuitive but a dealer is one of your best advocates when buying a car. Sure, a dealer wants to sell you a car, but he also wants to make you happy so you'll remain a client for years to come. Talk to your dealer about ways she can help, such as finding credit easier than perhaps you'd be able to get on your own or working with other dealers to trade inventory so you can get the exact car



Sloan also suggests checking out the service department because chances are

you'll be spending time there for regular tune-ups, oil changes and the like.

### Purchase or lease?

Deciding on whether to purchase or lease a car is highly personal. Brian recommends that you first work the numbers with your dealer to see which option is a better fit. However, if you do decide to lease, keep in mind a few things. At the end of the lease you'll have no equity (other than a file filled with lease receipts), you still have to pay tax on the total amount of the car, even though you're only going to keep it for the length of the lease and if you do decide to purchase your leased car, you need to pay the tax again.

### **Buv** new or previously owned?

If you do decide to buy a car, you're faced with the option of buying new or previously owned. Obviously, a previously owned vehicle is usually less expensive and often comes with a warranty extension that helps mitigate the risk of buying something "used." However, the weak economy and large supply of new cars makes buying a new car more attractive as dealers are able to offer better deals and incentives.

Finally Paul Brian, who also hosts the radio show "Drive Chicago" on WLS AM890, has some advice for moms, especially those of us who are overwhelmed with the alphabet souplike jargon that comes with choosing a car (MSRP, MPG, APR, etc), "Pick a car that makes you look great in that LBD\*," says Brian. "And if your salesperson doesn't know what that is, tell him girls have their own jargon too!"

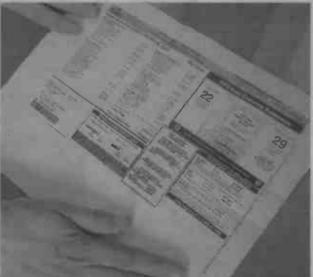




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### **WEBSITES:**

- www.cata.info Chicago Auto **Trade Association**
- www.DriveChicago.com
- www.iihs.org Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
- www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy



Beth Engelman learns the jargon that's on a car's window sticker, called a Monroney Label, for Mommy on a Shoestring. I DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

### **Center of Concern**

The Center of Concern. 1580 N. Northwest Highway. Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - Income tax preparation, by appointment.

Monday, March 26 -Employment counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, March 24 - Legal counseling, by appointment. Saturday, March 31 – Blood

pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed)

Homeowners desiring additional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider the Center of Concern's Shared Housing Program. Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, #310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (The center is open only until noon on Fridays.) The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See www.centerofconcern.org.

Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupanthomeowner property-tax exemption.

### Chamber

Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (847) 268-8180. Niles Chamber Women in Business Luncheon: Noon-1 p.m. March 27, North Suburban Physicians Group, 241 Golf Mill Center. Suite 600. Cost: \$20; register in advance. Annual Niles Night of Roses Awards Dinner: Honoring local citizens who make a difference, April 21 at White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant, 6839 Milwaukee Ave. Tickets. \$50, available through the Niles Chamber.

### Civic

Maine Township is again accepting nominations for the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award. The award recognizes a Maine Township resident who has shown support, service, and dedication to the township. The winner will be recognized at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 10 and will receive a plaque and monetary award. Deadline to submit a nomination is March 22. Nomination forms are available on the Maine Township website, www. mainetownship.com, or at the front desk of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Forms should be mailed to Township Trustee Susan Movlan Krev at the Town Hall address or faxed to (847) 297-1335.

A representative from the Niles Township Clerk's office will be available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment, call (847) 673-9300.

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

### Classes

The Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, offers a variety of classes for the adults in the horticulture, garden design, nature studies and botanical arts by Garden staff and other experts. For information or to register. visit www.chicagobotanic. org/school or call (847) 835-

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

### Clubs

The Twenty First Star Chapter, NSDAR invites women interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution to attend a **Genealogy Workshop from 9** a.m. to noon March 31 on the third floor of the Park Ridge Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Participants will have the opportunity to work with a club member on their lineage research and receive assistance with application papers. Bring along all records and information; there will be reference books available for use. Call Dorothy Wilson, membership chairman, at (847) 328-6946.

The Sweet Singers of Congregation Ezras Israel which entertains at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations. meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenberg Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars** Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, e-mail jamesbond54762@ yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

The Korean War Veterans Association, Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Levden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henm-

ueller, (773) 774-9671. The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob

Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

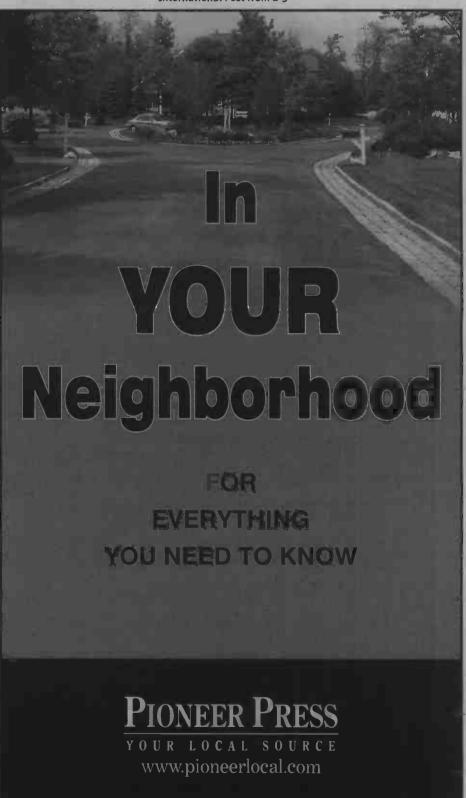
**Niles Chapter Toastmasters** meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove. 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

### Community

**Resurrection College Prep** High School presents an International Fest from 2-5

p.m. March 25 at Resurrection, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. The event will feature performances, food and cultural exhibits that represent the cultural heritage of Resurrection students. All are welcome. Advance tickets are \$3, general admission at the door will be \$5, senior admission is \$4, and children ages 12 and under admission is \$4. Tickets are available at

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www.reshs.org or by calling (773) 775-6616, ext. 112. Food tickets will be sold at the event.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles, will hold their Spring Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 3 and 4 in the Community Center. The Bake Shop features sweet tsoureki bread and koulourakia. Also, for the Pascha celebration there will be lambathes, dved red eggs sold by the dozen, and Easter gift baskets. The famous home-made Greek pastries, such as baklava, diples, kataifi, galaktoboureko, kourambiethes and melomakarouna will also be available for holiday entertaining. A Lenten Lunch will be served both days and shoppers can stop in the Coffee Shop to sit and enjoy a pastry and coffee. There is no admission and plenty of free parking. Call ahead to place a pastry order (847) 647-8880.

Our Lady of Ransom's annual Rummage Sale will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 30 in Paluch Hall, 8300 Greenwood Ave..

Niles. There will be a variety of items available: clothing, glassware, toys, tools, household items, jewelry, small appliances, exercise equipment, small furniture, lamps, bedding, books and more. There is also a "Treasure Room" that will have items that are new or slightly used. The sale benefits the parish as a whole. A pre-sale will be held from 6-9 p.m. March 29; \$3 admission fee. A Bag Sale will be featured from 9 a.m.-noon March 31 at \$3 per bag. Call Ruth at (847) 823-2550.

The Twice As Nice Moms Kids/Baby Resale will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24 at First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Find gentlyused baby and children's clothing, baby equipment, toys, books, coats, swimsuits and more. Admission is \$1. Check out www.twiceasnicemoms.com. Donations will also be accepted for the Bear **Necessities Pediatric Founda**tion, dedicated to eliminate pediatric cancer.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie: infor-

mation: (847) 967-4800; reservations: (847) 967-4889, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Museum admission prices: General Admission, \$12; seniors (65+), \$8; students (ages 12-22), \$8;children (ages 5-11), \$6. Reservations required for programs. Through June 17: Special Exhibition - Ours to Fight for: American Jews in the Second World War. Through their artifacts, letters, and photographs, the "Greatest Generation" tell the stories of what the war was like for all its participants, and for lews in particular. Ours to Fight for brings to life the actions and feelings of these young men and women. Free with Museum admission. March 22, 6:30-8 p.m.: Nazis on the Run: How Hitler's Henchmen Fled Justice by Gerald Steinacher, recipient of the 2011 National Jewish **Book Award for Holocaust** studies. The book examines uncomfortable issues such as the roles of the International Red Cross, the Vatican and Allied intelligence services in allowing Nazis and their collaborators to escape justice. Join Dr. Elliot Lefkovitz, Loyola University and Spertus Institute faculty member,

for discussion.-Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. March 25, 1:30-3 p.m.: Providing unique insights into the life of Jewish soldiers, Deborah Dash Moore discusses her book. GI lews: How World War II Changed a Generation. Moore, professor of history and director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at University of Michigan, relates how more than half a million Jews in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II not only battled the Axis enemy, but also fought the prejudiced attitudes of their comrades in arms. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC's

program: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V) and rechargeable (NiCd, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer). Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles **Public Services Department,** 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers —

PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals – mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs – printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/ cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org.

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others.

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### **Fundraisers**

The Stand Up for Epilepsy fundraiser will take place

March 30 at the Snuggery in Edison Park, 6733 N. Olmsted Ave., Chicago. The evening of stand-up comedy will feature Patti Vasquez, Pat McGann and Pat Tomasulo. Doors open at 7 and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at epilepsychicago.org. Proceeds will benefit the many programs and services provided by the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc., 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/ Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed or buys a gift card from the company and also asks for the Lutheran General discount will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the **Older Adult Services program** of the hospital. Call AiMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www. likenewautospa.com. The

fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

### Health

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a weekly community lecture series titled "Taking Care," focusing on Women's Health during March, All lectures will be held at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's West End Grille, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Free valet parking is available and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend however registration is required. Call (800) 323-8622 and mention class code 8G52 or visit www.advocateheatlh.com/ luth click on "I need a class or support group" and type in the class code March 27: 'Pelvic Pain: Finding the Answers," presented by Dr. John White, chair of Surgery, and Dr. Lisa Laurent, radiologist.

Advocate Medical Group is now providing immediate care and occupational health

services at the Advocate **Medical Group Patient** Center, 7255 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles. This will provide community members with convenient, quality medical care including treatment for non-life-threatening illnesses such as: Cuts and burns. sprains and bruises, eye injuries, flu symptoms, sore throats, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, ear aches, respiratory and urinary tract infections. The center provides easy access to X-ray and laboratory services to assist in diagnosis and treatment of these and other ailments. In addition, the clinic provides international travel medical services including for those planning a trip out of the country. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call, 847-647-0355

Golf Mill Hearing Aid Center, 8856 N. Milwaukee Ave., is offering free hearing evaluations. All who come in will receive a comprehensive audiological evaluation. Call (847) 296-3344.

Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436

Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

A local dialysis clinic, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicarecertified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings 10 a.m.-noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.

### Historical Society

Celebrate an afternoon of fun, food and friends at 2 p.m. March 25 at the Niles Historical Museum. 8970 Milwaukee Ave., when Peter Oprisko presents "The Rat Pack." He will deliver anecdotes of their antics and camaraderie. Free refreshments. Free admission Call (847) 390-0160.

The Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open to the public from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium easily accessible. Call (847) 390-0160.

### Kids

The Resurrection\_College Prep High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 🦤 from 9-11:30 a.m. March 31. All are welcome to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny, enjoy entertainment by Resurrection students and make Easter arts and

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### Striking new menus at bowling alleys



**Chef Cesar Gutierrez** of **Pinstripes serves** his Grilled Maple Glazed Salmon.

BY VERONICA HINKE

Contributo

hen a bowler's elbow flips up away from his body during a swing, it's called a "chicken wing." Chicken wings top the menu at most bowling allevs too. But more and more, wings and onion rings aren't the only food options. Chefinspired menus at bowling alleys are becoming almost as common as those inevitable gutter balls.

"People tend to think of bowling alleys as only pins, pitchers and pizzas, but lately old-fashioned lanes are turning into more family-friendly environments with a wider selection of menu items," said Jason Orawiec, owner of Fatman Bowl in Libertyville.

### **Light and fresh**

The Grayslake resident tests out new ideas for his menu based on trends. "Best sellers" on Fridays, especially during Lent, are his Blackened Fish Tacos. They're made with homemade jalapeno coleslaw and accented with freshly made chipotlelime mayonnaise.

Another Fatman favorite is a red pepper-stuffed portobello mushroom sandwich. "It's healthier than a burger," Orawiec said.

Barbecue sauce, chili and soups like Tomato Basil and Chicken Enchilada are also homemade at Fatman.

Plenty of homemade items are on the menu at eSkape in Buffalo Grove. A popular item, especially right now, is their pot roast, which is rich with the flavors of garlic and pepper. "The gravy is more on the béarnaise side," said General Manager Bill Feldgreber. The Buffalo Grove resident enjoys that pot roast at least once a week. "It's so tender it melts in your mouth," he said.

Cesar Gutierrez, culinary director for Pinstripes, has

### **GRILLED MAPLE GLAZED SALMON**

(Adapted from Pinstripes in Northbrook)

17-ounce salmon fillet Herb rub (using mix of favorite herbs), to taste Salt and pepper, 1 pinch

2 1/2 ounces red mixed

1/2 ounce olive oil

2 ounces vegetable broth 1/4 of peeled avocado

1 1/2 ounces cucumber, cut into diamond shapes

1 1/2 ounces grape tomatoes, halved

1 tablespoon mint dressing 1 tablespoon extra virgin

1 pinch salt and pepper

1 ounce maple glaze (recipe follows)

1 ounce red pepper coulis, (recipe follows)

Season salmon with herb rub, salt, and pepper. Grill salmon. Keep

In hot sauté pan, heat the quinoa, olive oil and vegetable broth. In mixing bowl, toss avocado, cucumber, tomatoes. mint dressing and olive oil. Season with salt and

Brush top of the salmon with glaze. Drizzle plate with red pepper coulis in a zigzag form. Top with the quinoa and then the salmon. Place the cucumber salad next to the salmon.

developed unlikely recipes for his bowling alley, things like Grilled Maple Glazed Salmon. The fish is served over quinoa and accented with homemade red pepper sauce and mint vinaigrette. 'The mint is there, but doesn't overpower," Gutierrez said.



### Maple Glaze

1/2 cup pineapple juice

1/2 cup maple syrup

1/2 cup brown sugar

5 ounces whole grain mustard

1 ounce soy sauce

Jalapeno (chopped, seeded and halved), to taste

In a medium sauce pot, combine ingredients and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Cool.

Like much of the rest of his menu, the meal is healthier than what you would expect at a bowling alley. "It's very light; it's a nice, healthy dish," he said. "You eat it and you feel good."

### Waffle Day

Gutierrez planned the



Chef Gutierrez sprinkles salt on the salmon. | BUZZ ORR-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

menu for a March 25 event, 'Waffle Day," which will be held at Pinstripes in Northbrook and South Barrington. Sweet Apple Cinnamon; Balsamic and Berries; and Bananas Foster and Nutella waffles will be on the menu.

Chef Brad Godinez's menu at Viper Alley in Lincoln-

shire includes modern choices like marinated skirt steak with roasted smashed potatoes and other foods that are becoming more expected in places where bowling is an option.

But the restaurant's nod to history is its "furnace oven," in which pizzas like their buffalo chicken with homemade barbecue sauce are baked. The pizza oven is enclosed in

a brick and steel structure from the original Shades, a former rock 'n' roll roadhouse that stood for many years where Viper Alley is today. "The oven looks like a 1950s furnace," Godinez said. But it works just fine. "It's like a 1958 Cadillac with new

### **Red Pepper** Sauce (Coulis)

1/2 pound canned, roasted red peppers, no liquid

1 tablespoon paprika

1/4 tablespoon cayenne 1/4 teaspoon salt and

pepper

1 cup vegetable oil

In blender, puree roasted red peppers. Add paprika and cayenne. Season with salt and pepper. While continuing to blend, drizzle oil into mixture until sauce is emulsified.

### **Mint Vinaigrette**

1/2 cup pesto

1/4 cup fresh mint (lightly

2 ounces mint jelly Lime zest and juice, to

In blender, combine pesto and fresh mint. Blend on slow speed for eight seconds. Add mint jelly and lime zest and juice. Blend together until incorporated. The consistency should be slightly thicker than the oil.

### **Blanched Quinoa**

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1 cup quinoa

3 cups water

1 ounce carrots, finely

1 ounce celery, finely diced

In medium sauce pot, combine guinoa and water. Bring water to boil and simmer for 15-20 minutes. Cook until mix looks translucent and germ has spiraled out from each grain. Add carrots and celery to hot quinoa.

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crafts. Each child will have the opportunity to take a photo with the Easter Bunny and receive a special gift. Tickets are \$10 per child and \$5 per adult and are required in advance. Tickets are available at www.reshs.org or by calling (773) 775-6616, Ext. 127 or by e-mail at sthorpe@ reshs.org. Resurrection College Prep High School for girls is located at 7500 W. Talcott Ave. in Chicago.

### Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www. nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

The Niles Public Library is hosting multiple programs and events for tweens and teens for spring break, March 25 through 30 - March 25, 2-4 p.m.: Play Brain Buster Trivia with friends: compete with others to answer questions on various topics from pop culture to sports to history, with top teams winning prizes. March 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Jerry Zimmerman a.k.a. Mr. Freeze, scientist at the world famous Fermi Lab, will present how scientists chill out with a special cryogenics display. March 30, 1-3 p.m.: Compete in a Wii Tournament; Dan Braun is back to host another epic Mario Kart tournament; prizes for the top three winners and refreshments for all. March 30, 3:45-4:45 p.m.: Join the Knights of Niles Chess Club; kids should know how to move the pieces. March 30, 5-6 p.m.: Learn Krav Maga Martial Arts; get in "Hunger Games" shape while learning martial arts self-defense moves from Master George of White Tiger Martial Arts. Registration is requested for some programs. Call (847) 663-1234 or go online to nileslibrary.org/calendar.

In coordination with the College Nannies & Tutors, teens are invited to review passages and questions from an actual ACT reading test and learn test-taking skills and strategies at 7 p.m. April

For anyone who needs some help downloading eBooks, go to www.nileslibrary.org/contactus and click on eBook Help or click on the Overdrive Download link on the homepage to find stepby-step instruction sheets for different eBook readers as

well as how to get started on MyMediaMall. MyMediaMall titles are now available for the Amazon Kindle.

Book Buddies — Students entering eighth grade in the fall and adults can become **Book Buddies. Buddies read** or listen to children read once a week for an hour. The **Niles Public Library provides** all materials and training.

The Niles Public Library is open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year.

Weekly, counselors from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at www.scorechicago. org/. If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis - Babytime: 11 a.m. on Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. Rise & Shine Storytime: 10 a.m. on Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

### **Maine Township**

The vocal magic of "Mr. Sound Effects" joins the expanded variety of exhibits, programming, and entertainment that will be featured at Maine Township's Senior Expo "Swing into Spring" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 20 at the Golf Mill Shopping Center. Other highlights of the day include the Legacy Girls, who will return with their signature performance, an Andrews Sisters musical revue, at 1 p.m. as well as bingo preceding the Expo from 9-10 a.m., sponsored by Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano; a Zumba

Gold demonstration from 11-11:30 a.m. by certified instructor Diane Garvey, who is a member of the MaineStreamer class; and two raffles, one at 10:45 a.m. and the second at 12:15 p.m. Displays will include senior housing, health, financial services, and other providers of products and services that benefit older Americans. Call (847) 297-2510 or visit www.mainetownship.com. Potential exhibitors should call the Expo Office at (847) 698-5069.

Maine Township's FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteerdrivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need he mobile, or he able to use a cane or walker, FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken at (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek at (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

### **Parks**

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Niles

Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2011, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, Session run up to May 17. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.

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Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

**Golf Maine** 

Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000; www. gmpd.org.

Resident Advisory Committee - The District is in the process of assembling a group of residents to offer their input to better serve future community programs and activities. Interested parties should contact the Director, Bret Fahnstrom at (847) 297-3000, ext. 26, or email bret@gmpd.org.

**High School Spring** Basketball League (Frosh-Soph) tryouts at Feldman, 1-3 p.m. March 24; teams will be drafted. Must bring high

school ID. Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 7 at 10 a.m. at Dee Park.

Cricket classes and clinics begin in April at Dee Park. Learn the basic fundamentals of this very popular sport. Children ages 7-17.

Spring Break Youth Basketball Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, March 26 to 30 at Feldman. Work on dribbling, shooting, footwork, offensive and defensive techniques.

L'il Shooters Youth Soccer

- Learn basic soccer skills including footwork, dribbling and passing. Ages 5-8 years old. Next session April 10 to May 15 at Dee Park.

The Painting Studio meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays or 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Feldman.

Over the Rainbow allows voung children to have fun learning the colors of the rainbow through stories and songs at Dee Park on Fridays. For ages 3-5 years.

Before & After School Child Care is available for children

attending Mark Twain, Apollo or Stevenson schools in District 63. Call for details.

Zumba is a Latin-inspired workout to get in shape. Ongoing classes are held at 7:15 p.m. Mondays or Tuesdays at Feldman (nine weeks).

Ballet & Tap - Ages 3 years to adult. Ongoing classes year round. Dee and Feldman

The Painting Studio offers classes for adults: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Feldman.

Tiny Tots Open Gym -Parents may drop in and supervise their 1-5 year-old any Wednesday or Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. for a variety of gym games at Dee Park.

There are still spots available for second-semester preschool (for 4-year-olds). Offered are morning (five days per week) and afternoon classes (Mondays through Thursdays). All classes are at Dee Park.

Tae Kwon Do is a popular martial arts classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.

Various rooms/gyms are available for rental for parties, meetings or ongoing activities. Call (847) 297-3059.

The Golf Maine Park District offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.

Religion

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its K'tonim Pre-School Program of Judaic Arts and Play, for children ages 2 and older. Children will enjoy Judaic arts and crafts, stories, games, singing, and snacks with their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings are welcome. Children under 2 are free. The 2011-12 classes will be held two Sundays per month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Schedule to be determined. Tuition per semester will be \$60 and \$75, respectively, for members enrolling one or two children; and \$85 and \$100, respectively, for nonmembers enrolling one or two children. Call the temple office at (847) 676-1566.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult **Christian Education classes** following 10 a.m. Sunday services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. service each week with 'Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch" the first Sunday of each month. Call the church at (847) 673-1434.

Messiah Lutheran Church. 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian education hour at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Childcare services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call (847) 966-8145.

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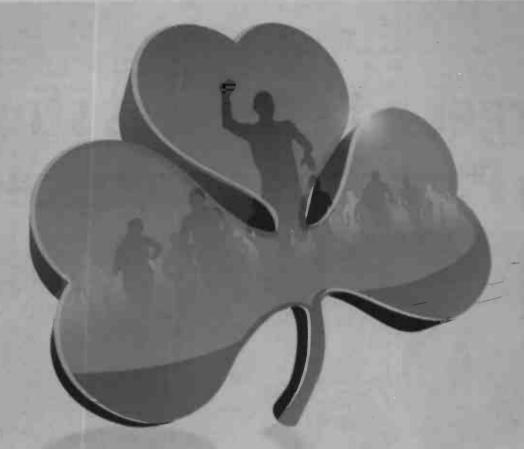
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# Shamrock on.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Sexy burger ad's success story is music to Park Ridge producer's ears

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

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A steamy new commercial showing Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue cover-model Kate Upton having a hot night out with a charbroiled burger has become an Internet sensation, with viewership of an extended version of a TV spot approaching the 3 million mark on YouTube.com.

Park Ridge native Rob Kleiner jokes that it's the background music he arranged and co-produced that is the commercial's real draw.

"TMZ declares my Carl's Jr./Hardee's commercial 'the greatest commercial of all time," Kleiner posted on his Facebook page shortly after the ad's debut late last month. "I'm sure it's because of my

The commercial, which advertises the Southwest Patty Melt sold by Carl's Jr. and Hardee's restaurants, features a provocatively dressed Upton at a drive-in movie, seductively biting into a patty melt and rolling around on her convertible.

The "sex-sells" nature of the ad has generated numerous headlines and, ultimately, some objections from those who feel it is too racy for prime-time TV.

"I think controversy will make more people watch it and that means more money for me, so I guess I like the controversy," acknowledged Kleiner who expects to benefit from royalties each time the spot airs.

Kleiner, a professional musician and songwriter, coproduced the background music, a remake of the 1959 Marilyn Monroe song, "Some Like it Hot," with Chris Winson. Kleiner said he was approached by the singer, Mozella, to do the music for the piece. Many different versions of the song were recorded in Kleiner's Los Angeles studio until executives found a version they liked for the commercial, he said.



Rob Kleiner, a Park Ridge native, produced the music featured in a new commercial for Carl's Jr. and Hardee's restaurants starring model Kate Upton. | PHOTO COUR-TESY OF CKE RESTAURANTS, INC

think," Kleiner said.

When he first saw the completed piece the songwriter acknowledged that he was happy to have been part of it.

It also made me really hungry for that cheeseburger," he added.

Kleiner has been writing and producing music full-time since he relocated from Park Ridge to Los Angeles not long after the song, "What Part of Forever," which he co-wrote pop-music artist Cee Lo Green, appeared on the "Twilight Saga"s "Eclipse" soundtrack in 2010.

"When you write a song, "It turned out pretty cool, I the two best things that can

happen are a big artist can record it or it gets used in a TV commercial or a film," said the songwriter, who has seen all three occur in his career.

Kleiner said record label executives and producers have been "eager to meet me and get to know me" since he arrived on the L.A. music

"When you move to L.A. and you've written a Cee Lo song, people want to write music with you," he said.

His latest project involves work on 2011 "American Idol" contestant Haley Reinhart's debut album, which is scheduled to release in May.



Park Ridge native Rob Kleiner in the studio. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or go to www.ehnt.org.

# Reunions

St. Mary Alumnae Association of St. Mary High School, formerly at 2044 W. Grenshaw Ave., Chicago, is sponsoring an all-class Reunion Luncheon to benefit the Sisters of Charity BVM Retirement Program. The event will be held April 29 at the Carlisle, 435 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard; reception begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Call (773) 620-2026.

**Resurrection College Prep** High School will celebrate an All-School Reunion on April 21, beginning at 6 p.m. at the school, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Classes that are celebrating a milestone year will be honored in a special way during the evening. Resurrection Alumnae

Coordinator Stefanie Thorpe is seeking graduates who are available to reach out to friends and help promote the event to their former classmates. Contact Resurrection Alumnae Coordinator Stefanie Thorpe at sthorpe@ reshs.org or (773) 775-6616, Ext. 127.

The St. Columbkille Alumnae Association will sponsor its annual reunion luncheon March 25 at the Fountain Blue, 2300 S. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines. Cocktail service will begin at noon and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Cost is \$35. Proceeds go toward the retirement fund of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary of the Woods, Ind. Call Charlene Swintek, president of the St. Columbkille Alumnae Board, at (847) 427-1981.

The Roosevelt High School Athletic Fund is holding an all-year reunion May 4 in the school cafeteria, 3436 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. There will be a buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Arnie Kamem, class of 1950, at (847) 432-2773; visit www. roosevelthschicago.org.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sibschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

# **Maine Seniors**

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.mainetownship.

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

# **Senior Center**

The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420 for an application. Visit www. vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

**Beginning Conversational** Spanish will be taught from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 4 to May 9. Lisa Basset of Oakton Community College will lead the class. Cost is \$30, members; \$35, non-members. Registration deadline is March 26.

Yoga in Chairs will be conducted from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Thursdays, April 5 to 26. The class will provide a way to increase flexibility, strength and balance. Cost is \$24, members; \$29, nonmembers.

The Niles Senior Center Caregiver Support Group is a source of practical and emotional help for caregivers, where issues such as hiring in-home help are frequently discussed. The group is facilitated by Niles Senior

Center social workers who offer coping tools, help relieve caregiver stress, and offer a safe place for caregivers to receive the support of other community members dealing with similar challenges. Contact Bev Wessels at (847) 588-8420.

Walk-in assistance in filing the Senior Freeze Application is available from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. No appointment is necessary.

Circuit Breaker appointments are now available by appointment only at the Niles Senior Center. Appointments are on Friday mornings.

Free tax assistance appointments are available in February. Some restrictions apply. Call the Center Tax Hot Line, (847) 588-8440.

The Niles Senior Center Kitchen Band is looking for new members. Under the direction of ukulele-playing George Button, the popularity of this unique group of musicians has led to a very active performance schedule throughout Niles and the surrounding communities. If you like to sing, play the spoons, or are interested in learning how to play a ukulele, consider joining this fun group.

Join the Computer Interest Group to discuss all the recent computer innovations or individual problems or concerns. Contact laymi for

dates, (847) 588-8420. **Niles Senior Center Issues** in the News meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays.

An Effective Communications group for persons with hearing loss meets from 11 a.m.-noon monthly. Learn about the latest equipment and devices. Contact Trudi, (847) 588-8441.

Registration is required for the following winter program sessions: there is no cost for members of the Niles Senior Center; non-members pay a \$12 fee for each group Social Card Play of Billiards, Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m., 4:30 p.m.; Drop-in Art, Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon; Sudoku Club, Mondays, 11 a.m.- noon; Choral Group, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjongg, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Social Bridge, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.; Line Dance, Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.; Social Bunco, third Tuesday of the month, 1-3 p.m.; Computer Interest Group, every other

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Promiseland (Infants-Gr5): 9 & 11 am Elevate (Grades 6-8): 11 am Impact (Grades 9-12): 6 pm

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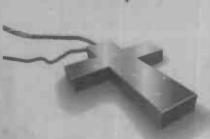
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The Niles Senior Center offers a wide variety of support groups. Cost per group is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers. Weight Management meets the first Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. **Diabetic Management meets** the second Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. Virtually Impaired Motivators (VIM) meets the third Tuesday of month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cancer Survivor Group meets the third Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m.

**Arthritis Foundation** Exercise Classes winter term, running to June 25 - Level 4 Advanced, meets 9-10 a.m. Mondays; includes weight training with under 3-pound weights, standing and sitting exercises. Level 1 Beginners/ Pain Management meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays;

includes gentle stretching, mostly chair exercises. Cost for each session is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers. Contact Sue Friedman.

The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; \$12 for six months for nonmembers.

## **Seniors**

Mather's-More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderatepriced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free bloodpressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips. Call (773) 774-4804 for more information, except where noted. **Chess Club** for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies. Sessions are Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Jazzercise - Jazzercise is a fitness program that combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance.

A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardio-kickboxing, and other fitness styles. The classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and the cost is \$5.35. Line Dancing is offered at 11:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Each class costs \$3.25. A variety of exercise classes fit for every level is available. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 a.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning routines. Each class costs \$3.25. Computer Classes - All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month. Trained **AARP Tax-**Aide volunteers are

preparing 2011 tax returns until April 9. Bring your 2010 tax return and 2011 income statements. Call (888) 600-2560 to schedule an appointment. Classic Looney Tunes Cartoons will be featured by media historian Mike Delaney at 1 p.m. March 22. He will focus on the classic **Warner Brothers cartoons** created between 1930 and 1969 and the quirky artists who worked in the famous TermiteTerrace on the studio lot. Suggested donation is \$8. Annette Isaacs presents a glimpse of her native country in "Culinaria Germania: The Delicious Dish on German Food" at 12:30 p.m. March 29. Suggested donation is \$10 (includes German sweet treats). A dinner theater program will feature the Norridge Those Were the Days Radio Players at 4:30 p.m. March 30, returning to the golden age of radio programming. Meal cost is \$10/discount. Suggested donation for entertainment is \$8.

**Golf Mill Shopping Center** is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment.

The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine **Township MaineStreamers** and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office at (847) 699-1070.

CJE SeniorLife is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors. 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency. Additional supportive services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available. For an application and tour of Robineau, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.

Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

Support

"Education and Support for You, Your Family, and Your **Child with Mental Health** Issues," sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, will take place from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, April 25 to May 30, at the Maryville Scott Nolan Center, 555 Wilson Lane, Des Plaines. This is a free. six-week course for parents of children and adolescents dealing with mental health issues. Trained family members discuss getting an accurate diagnosis, latest research, therapies, problem-solving, crisis preparation, dealing with the school and juvenile justice systems, and transitioning from adolescence to adulthood. Diagnoses discussed include childhood bipolar disorder, depression,



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A "Memory Box" workshop will explore emotions related to the loss of a loved one while constructing a memory box. The program will be given from 10 a.m. to noon on March 24 at Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect. Participants are encouraged to bring photos and /or small objects to be placed in the box. Other materials will be supplied. Registration fee is \$15.

La Leche League, a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 10 a.m. March 16 at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W Golf Road in Niles (Four Flaggs Shopping Center). Expecting and nursing mothers are invited to attend this series of meetings, continuing April 20, May 18, June 15. No registration is necessary. Babies are always welcome. Visit Illi.org.

Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter (2050 Claire Court, Glenview) grief support groups meet for eight weeks and are offered at no charge to the general public. The schedule for winter includes: Hope & Healing: Adult Loss, Thursdays, up to March 29, 6:30-8 p.m.; First Light: Spouse/Partner Loss, Wednesdays, up 8 to March 28, 6:30-8 p.m.; Families with Children, Wednesdays, up to March 28, 6:30 p.m., (847) 556-1999; Drop-in Group, first and third Fridays of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call (847) 556-1777 to register. Registration deadline is four business days before the start date of each group. Visit www.carecenter.org/ groupsupport.

Weight No More, a friendly weight loss support group, welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are \$5 monthly to defray the room rental costs and small fines for weight gain. Meetings take place from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229.

The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club for stroke

survivors and their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines: use south entrance. Contact Meg Potterfield, (847) 723-4765.

**Catholic Charities of the** Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its **Loving Outreach to Survivors** of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit www.catholiccharities. net/loss. Groups meet 7-9 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and also on the second Wednesday of each

Families Anonymous is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, in the Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from the parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only are used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

NorthShore Hospice will sponsor grief support groups. Soul Mates is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at North-Shore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Legacy is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at. NorthShore University Health-System Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org.

Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center. 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call 1-800-932-8677.

MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit http://sites.google.com/ site/momsclubofnorthernchicago or e-mail chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

One Hope United, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit www.onehopeunited.

org.
The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence or other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a

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The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its Family Support Group for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Nesset Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-2252.

The local TOPS Club chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominat. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871; to find another local chapter, visit www.tops. org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support

groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms G952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

An Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the Nesset Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nesset Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

The Neptune Society, the largest independent cremation company in the nation based in Des Plaines, is bringing comforting teddy bears to Chicago area children who are hurt, frightened or alone. The Neptune Society Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person

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whose death care is handled by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge and local fire departments to be given to a child in need.

The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services. (847) 679-3311 or cowen@ lesturnerals.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home+Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call

Linda, (847) 640-9590.

The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the **Outpatient Therapy Center,** Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

Holding Onto Hope - Rainbow Hospice is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Rainbow Hospice's Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

**Good Mourning Program** will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have

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lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge, The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

**Resurrection Medical** Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116:

The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday.

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The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

The Us Too! Prostate **Cancer Support Group meets** every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. Call Health Management, (773) 792-

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Baseball hosts Prospect,

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Lacrosse at Sandburg, 7 p.m. Volleyball at Maine West,

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Saturday

Volleyball at Marist Invite,

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Tuesday

Lacrosse at St. Laurence,

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Friday

Boys volleyball at Marist Invite, 5 p.m.

Softball at Hersey, 4:45 p.m. Saturday

Baseball hosts Schurz (DH), 10 a.m.

Boys gymnastics at Rolling

Meadows, 4:30 p.m. Boys track vs. Bolingbrook

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Invite, 8 a.m. Girls soccer at Evanston,

11 a.m.

Softball at Regina (DH), 10 am./noon

Monday Baseball on Florida Trip, TBD

Boys volleyball hosts Notre Dame, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

# Cone could be next shortstop sensation

Contributor

Niles North star shortstop Adam Warda has moved on to Southern Illinois University after a monster 2011 season, when he hit .485 with nine home runs and 48 RBI, and finished second behind Glenbrook South's Luke Harrison in voting for Central Suburban League Player of the Year.

Vikings head coach Ed Toledo said it will take multiple players to fill Warda's shoes.

You can't really replace Warda. He had a third of our RBIs or more. You can't replace him with one player or person," said Toledo, whose team finished 15-22 last season. "But we have some kids who played as sophomores last year, and we feel they are going to step up and have good seasons,"

The team's three-man junior nucleus includes third baseman/pitcher Matt Mc-Tague, catcher Gabe Dwyer and outfielder/pitcher Elliot

McTague expects to be the team's No. 1 starter, and when he's not pitching, start at third

"He had a good American Legion season for us last summer, and cemented his place in the field and on the mound. Ever since then, we felt he could be the No. 1 guy (pitching)," Toledo said. "He's added strength and has gotten quicker - he's a good defen-



Niles North base-runner Anthony Sanchez rounds third as Northside's Mike McMannon dives for the ball during nonconference action at Niles North. | ALLISON WILLIAMS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

sive player and hitter. On the mound, he's stronger and his velocity has improved. He'll be fine as long as he doesn't try to do too much."

Seniors David Schoenberg and James Fuller look to be the team's other top starters.

Junior Sammy Schwartz, senior Mo Raja, and juniors Jessie Green and Dan Ammer also should get work on

"The most important thing is consistency," Toledo said about the staff. "We don't have a flame-thrower - Mc-Tague is the closest to that — but the other guys can pitch well enough to win. If they work on doing what they're capable of doing, they are going to be OK."

Dwyer returns behind the plate, while Duarte is back at first base. Duarte is playing, but is not yet 100 percent after having knee surgery in December. Ammer will share duties at first base, and he and Duarte also will DH.

Schoenberg gets the nod at second base, while sophomore Ari Cone takes over at shortstop, long a strength at Niles North. Before Warda,

Tim Reichert held down the position for several years.

"He was at the sophomore level last year, and it's different hitting at the varsity level," Toledo said of Cone. "In time, he'll be OK. But it's a matter of him working through some growing pains at the plate. On the defensive end, that's why he's up. We're not really (worried about) that."

Junior Brad Schneider and Green likely will play third base when McTague is pitch-

In the outfield, Mark is back in center, while senior Clark Fox returns in right field. Toledo admitted the coaching staff entered the season still looking to select a starting left fielder. Senior Tommy Dixon is in the running.

The batting order projects to be: Mark, Schoenberg, Mc-Tague, Duarte, Ammer, Dwyer and Fox, who could move up into the heart of the order as the season progresses.

Niles North will take a spring break trip to Orlando, Fla., where the Vikings will play four varsity games against teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

# Pitchers will determine how much Demons improve

BY DAN SHALIN

Contributor

Maine East may have finished 4-23 last year, but head coach Ron Clark said his 2012 squad is poised for a breakout season this spring.

The Blue Demons had a young group in 2011, and Clark said that many of his players, though talented, need more seasoning than their CSL counterparts-because most did not grow-up playing travel baseball.

Maine East was in many of the games it lost, and last summer posted a record near .500. Now, Clark believes his team has to prove it can win the close ones if it's going to progress this season.

"Our biggest challenge is not who we are playing, but ourselves," Clark said. We have to work through some issues. In close games, we have to find ways to win those games instead of coming close and being happy. It will be critical to get off to a good start, for our confidence and buy-in."

And Clark thinks his team is capable of taking the next step in the CSL North this spring.

"I really believe that and am excited about this group," Clark said. "There is not any team I'd rather coach in our conference. This team is ready to take off. They've put in the time and work. Hopefully, we'll see the results of the hard work and effort."

Pitching appears to be a strength. Senior right-hander Cory Evans and semor twins Andrew and Tyler Glowacki are expected to be the main starters. Juniors AJ Plis and Greg Davis - the lone lefty on the staff - and senior George Zakharia also will pitch.

Evans, an all-conference selection last season, will play in the middle of the infield and bat leadoff.

"He's a versatile kid who can play either spot in the middle infield," Clark said. "He's an excellent bunter with a lot of speed. He's a heck of a player. We expect a lot from him in terms of leadership and performance."

The Glowacki brothers also are middle infielders, and Clark said both have improved offensively.

Senior Steve Khatchadourian is an imposing figure (6-foot-2, 245 pounds) at first base, and he's improved de-

Plis, senior Ramen Odicho and senior Nick Harloff will take turns at the hot corner.

Behind the plate, junior Phil Papaioannou returns after catching on varsity all of last season. He's a gem with the glove, according to Clark.

"You won't see too many better defensive catchers around," the coach said. "In my almost 20 years (coaching), he's been one of the best. He blocks the plate well, throws well, he's a smart kid and calls a good game. He's a coachable kid and a pleasure to be around. We're looking for big things from him."

Davis is expected to start in center field, and Zakharia is slated for right field.

"Those two are extremely solid and good defensive outfielders," Clark said. "Any time the ball is in the air, you are comfortable they will come down with it."

Plis could play left field if he's not at third. Senior Dan Klamerus is a strong offensive player who could be employed in the outfield or at DH, and senior Muhammad Tabani will get some opportunities in the outfield



Maine East's Cory Evans, who shut out Northside 3-0 in the Blue Demons' regional opener last spring, returns to lead the staff. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



# **JENNINGS CHEVROLET** JENNINGS VOLKSWAGEN

Every college basketball fan can identify the perennial Kentucky, powerhouses Kansas, North Carolina, Duke, etc. So it's no surprise that in the four years that preceded the 2011-12 season, two of them - Duke and Kansas - finished the regular season ranked in the Top 25 and also made it at least to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA tournament. But there was one other school that did so as well. Any guesses? It was Xavier University in Ohio, an Atlantic 10 team with a history of knocking off the big boys.

When the NHL's Atlanta Thrashers moved to Winnipeg before the 2011-12 season and became the Jets - 16 years after the original Jets moved to Phoenix - season tickets sold out in just 17 minutes, which was only four days after the move was announced. What made this even more surprising is that, with a metropolitan population of only about 750,000, Winnipeg is the second smallest market among the four major North American sports. The smallest? Green Bay of the NFL.

The 2012 Major League Baseball season marks the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Designated Hitter by the American League as a way to address declining offense. But not many fans remember that the DH was introduced only as a three-year trial. However, when league officials saw scoring jump almost a full run per game - from 3.5 to 4.3 the DH became permanent.





Niles West's Maya Sato (right) chases down the ball during the Wolves' CSL South loss to New Trier. Jallison williams-for sun-times media

# Word already out about sensation Tirovolas

BY MATT HARNESS

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Brett Clish sees his team's potential.

Even after starting out 0-3, the Niles West coach knows the Wolves can be good, especially with freshman sensation Vicki Tirovolas at for-

Although she was shut out Saturday in a 3-0 loss to New Trier. Tirovolas scored all four of the team's goals in the opening week of the season.

For her to being scoring these goals against two good teams is pretty good for us as a program," Clish said. "I know what will happen, though. Teams will find out about her and double-team her."

Or worse.

Tirovolas constantly fought off as many as four Trevians and never got enough free space to take one good shot Saturday.

Regardless, Clish expects Tirovolas to be trouble for most teams this spring.

"She has very good ballhandling skills, the best I've coached in nine years here," he said. "She can shoot right or left and is smart with the ball. She knows how to play.

"She's someone I've been waiting on for a long time."

Niles West started the season with a 4-1 defeat to Deerfield and a 5-3 loss to Glen-brook North before falling to New Trier.

But Clish saw improvement over the weekend against the Trevians, a team that could challenge for the state title. "We are always looking up,"

said the coach, whose club dropped to 0-1 in the CSL South. "We are positive."

Other than Tirovolas, Clish will count on seven returning starters.

One of them, Jackie Cardenas, showed her spirit Sat-urday in Skokie. The senior goalie turned back countless shots by the Trevians before succumbing to their persistent pressure.

Seniors Nicole Ostro, Karolina Ostapkiewicz, Maggie Swanson and Liz Troyk also are expected to contribute. Molly Kleppin and Monika Sosnowka lead the junior veterans in the field.

"I've known about Molly for a while," Clish said of the three-sport athlete who's played varsity soccer since her freshman year. "She's knowledgeable about whichever sport she plays. She reads the game very well."

Freshman Veronika Sostaric projects to be a differencemaker as a midfielder.

Despite nearly 66 shutout minutes against the Trevians, defense always will concern

"All three goals were defensive lapses," the coach lamented. "We were over-committing on defense, not taking good angles and getting beat on the outside."

Before the game, Clish promised the Wolves are pledged to working on defense in practice.

"Every day we are walking through situations until they understand what has to be done," he said.

Niles West, which was scheduled to play Maine South on Tuesday, hosts Leyden today (Thursday) and Oak Park-River Forest on Sat-



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Niles West Junior Sunshine Simon pulls ahead in the 55-meter hurdles during the CSL indoor

# **Niles West twins take** firsts at indoor meet

Contributor

Despite the graduation of superstar sprinter Kellion Gordon, the future looks sunny for the Niles West girls track and field team.

Twins Sunshine and Sunbright Simon come into their junior year ready to make their mark on the Wolves'

"In all honesty, each year you have certain girls that you'd love to keep but you lose to graduation," Niles West head coach Mark Medland said. "That's just part of it. Having those kinds of girls help the younger girls learn and improve. I have high hopes for Sunshine and her sister Sunbright."

The duo looked impressive at the CSL South indoor meet on March, 15 at Glenbrook South. Sunshine won the 55 high hurdles (8.8) and was third in the triple jump (34-feet-0) while sister Sunbright captured the 200 (27.9) and took fifth in the 50 (7.0). The two also teamed up on

BY ROB VALENTIN the 1,600 relay team that took second (2:21).

"The 55 was great," Sunshine said. "I was trying to get in the 8's. I really like the hurdles. I'm going to keep working hard and try to get to state this year. (Sunbright) pushes me a lot and it helps me get better."

We push each other all the time," Sunbright added. "And if we're not running the same race we cheer each other on. It helps a lot.

Niles West also returns a pair of state qualifiers in juniors Jasmine Townsend and Sydney Helwig.

Townsend was the sectional champion in the shot put last season and has thrown over 38 feet this season, qualifying her for the Prep Top Times Saturday at Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington. She won the conference title with a throw of 36-8.

Helwig placed 15th in the 100 high hurdles Downstate last season in 15.42. She skipped the CSL meet with a bruise on her foot but should be ready for outdoors.

Kelly Sanks placed first in pole vault at the CSL meet at 8-6 and the points she can accumulate in meets should come in handy.

"My (personal record) is 8-9 and I really want to get over 9, maybe 9-6 this year," Sanks said. "Hopefully I can make state."

Lily Chatman, who is a returning outdoor conference champion in the high jump, and won that event at the CSL meet clearing 4-10, can add some points as well.

Freshman Christine Mujica gives the Wolves some scoring potential in the 3,200. She handled her first big meet well, taking fourth at conference with a time of 12:17.4.

"Each time she goes out there she improves," Medland said. "That's kind of what we're looking for. With these freshman, there's no telling how much faster they'll get."

Another girl to look out for is sophomore Rosario Sievers, a foreign-exchange student who could make some noise in the three jumping events.





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Niles West's Bobby Tran heaves the shot put during the CSL South inndoor championships at Evanston. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES

# **Cross-country** runners anchor Wolves track

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Distance runners Neal Omar and Marc-Daniel Julien look to pick up the pace this spring.

Niles West coach Chris Vivone expects the senior pair to lead the Wolves in the 800 and 1,600-meter runs once the team heads outside. Omar and Julien both finished in the top five at Loyola Regional during the cross country sea-

ViVone also will count on senior Blake Helton in those

"That's our strength right now," Vivone said.

Jordan Nianick showed Friday at the CSL South indoor meet that he can contribute, too, by winning the long jump in 20-feet-11 3/4. He was the only winner for the Wolves, who finished fifth with 51 points.

A senior, Nianick is in his first season with the team after playing baseball for three

He's a hard-working guy

BY MATT HARNESS who really is into the long jump and trying to get better," Vivone said. "Very technical."

Senior sprinters Mike Wright and Jeremiah Jordan went 2-3 in the 50-yard dash at the conference meet. Wright finished in 5.65, and Jordan followed in 5.70.

"They are our leaders in the sprints, and I think they looked pretty good in that race," the coach said. "We will be counting on those two once we get outside."

Bobby Tran set a personal best in the shot put by throwing 46-10 to take fourth place. Niles West was missing top thrower Terrance Bramlett. who was out with an injured hip flexor.

"Bobby took a big step forward for us," Vivone said. "I am very happy for him and hope he continues to im-

Evanston won nine events to capture its fifth consecutive indoor conference championship with 163 points.

The Wolves are back in action March 31 at Andrews' invitational. .amag a comount



# Vikings' distance crew performs to expectations

Contributor

The Niles North boys track program has won seven CSL North outdoor meet titles in

But the results of Friday's CSL North indoor meet indicate an eighth straight title hardly is guaranteed.

The Vikings (94 points) finished third at Glenbrook North behind Deerfield (129.5) and Highland Park (117.5).

Niles North took second behind Deerfield last year, before scooping up the outdoor crown a few months later. However, following the graduation of several key runners - including Kosta Papazoglou, Devonir Casey, Montreal Sykes and Zheng Feng - Niles North has holes to fill before the championship portion of the schedule in May.

"We're progressing," said Niles North head coach Paul Swanson. "We knew this team was going to be a work in progress. We're confident by the end of the season that we can be a good track and field team.

"We've had some injuries and we didn't want to take chances, but that made for some inconsistent training, which shows up in inconsistent results. I feel like we can clear up those by the time we get to the meets that really matter"

After Niles North's memorable cross country season

in the fall, there should be little surprise the track team features several talented distance runners.

Junior Micah Beller won the 3,200 (9:35), while senior Carlitos Rangel topped the 1,600 (4:34.1). Senior Aron Sebhat was second in the 3,200 and junior Randy Mortell took second in the 1,600.

The team of junior Aquib Aboobaker, junior Emmitt Barr, senior Jeff Weisman and senior Daniel Noboa won the 3,200 relay.

In field events, senior Abe Youkhana captured the shot put (46-8). Senior Matt Curtis, a hurdler, suffered an injury during the conference meet and could miss some

an overall team leader. He's a fourth-year senior now and we're looking for him to do a nice job (with leadership)," Swanson said. "(Brandon Ochoa) has been doing a good job and is always a hard worker in practice. He's a good model for the other kids."

Senior O'Shayne Brown came in second in the 50 meters (5.8) despite coming off illness, while junior Kedar Kennedy crossed third (6.1). Senior pole vaulter Ethan Velasquez, a state qualifier last season, sat out the meet.

The Vikings now take their training outside in anticipation of meets on April 3 at Glenbrook North and April 7 at the Prospect Relayse erecc

# NORTH STARS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# Boehm brought it every game

BY MATT HARNESS

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By virtue of being a big man - and a varsity player for four seasons - Connor Boehm got the Shaquille O'Neal treatment this season.

Still, the New Trier senior managed to make a difference despite all the attention he received every time he touched the ball.

The 6-foot-7 Dartmouth-bound forward averaged a team-best 19.4 points and 9.3 rebounds a game, leading the Trevians (23-6) to a top seed at the Glenbrook South Sectional. The Trevians won their second regional championship in four years, before losing to Evanston in a sectional semifinal.

Every team knew, to be successful they had to limit his offensive input, and he did a great job of responding to that," New Trier coach Scott Fricke said of the all-CSL South selection and second team all-state pick.

Boehm played on varsity as a freshman, but Fricke barely recognizes the player who will graduate this spring after he helped New Trier post a 70-37 record in his four seasons.

"He was a tough kid," Fricke said. "Fundamentally, he needed improvement. When he caught the ball in the post (as a frosh), he traveled. His outside shot wasn't effective. But he improved all aspects of his game."

Boehm especially showed his utility this season. Despite drawing defenders from all angles, he was able to make New Trier's offense work. Along with his scoring production, Boehm finished the season with 51 assists in 29 games and was one of the team's deadliest threats from the outside.

"He was great at getting his teammates shots," Fricke said. "He did a really good job of passing out of the post. That really was one of the keys to our

New Trier won't soon forget Boehm, who ended his career with 1,525 points.

"He really became a complete player." Fricke said. "He was able to beat you inside, outside — and was improved on defense. The kid won a lot of games and was part of a winning program."



New Trier's Connor Boehm, who scored 1,525 points during his four-year varsity career, saw the Trevians go 70-37 and win two regionals during that span. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# NORTH STARS BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

### **MALACHI NIX**

Niles North junior guard

A constant source of excitement who never hides his love for the game, Nix has been a big part of Niles North's emergence. Behind the team's leading scorer, the Vikings won back-to-back regional titles for the first time. The point guard averaged 19.5 points, 3.2 assists and 2.1 steals a game.

## **AUSTIN ANGEL**

New Trier senior guard

The versatile ball-handler did a little bit of everything for the Trevians. A two-year starter after transferring from Boylan, the 6-foot-4 wing averaged 12 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists for the 23-6 club that earned the top seed at the Glenbrook South

# **JOSH IRVING**

Evanston senior guard

One of the most fearless shooters around, Irving served as a key contributor during the Wildkits' run to the program's first sectional title since 2008. The 5-foot-10 senior guard averaged a team-best 13.9 points a game and grabbed an average of 

# **CONNOR BOEHM**

**New Trier senior forward** 

A long-time focus of CSL defenses. Boehm was a fouryear player for the Trevians. The 6-foot-7 forward became one of the most dominant players in the area, averaging 19.4 points and 9.3 rebounds a game. He will play at Dartmouth next season. בטצוטע, טביטווו טלפבץ, זיושו-

# **LEONARD GARRON**

**Evanston senior forward** 

There weren't too many rebounds or loose balls that Garron didn't chase and recover. The 6-foot-4 senior provided the muscle during the team's run through the playoffs. Garron, who will play football at Southern Illinois next season, averaged 8.4 points and 5.9 

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**Connor Boehm New Trier senior** 

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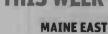
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Niles West's Kevin Ross drives the ball for a double during the Wolves' season opener with Wheeling. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# Ross heads long list of Wolves talent

BY DAN SHALIN him.

Contributor

A new part of the job for Niles West baseball coach Garry Gustafson is spending time fielding calls from major league baseball scouts.

Such distractions have become commonplace, since the Wolves feature one of the country's best players in senior shortstop Kevin Ross.

Ross, who hit .436 with 30 RBI, 35 runs and 16 steals last season, already has signed to play at the University of Michigan. Hearing his name early during June's MLB Entry Draft could force the right-hander to decide between college and the professional ranks.

Gustafson said he doesn't worry about Ross losing his focus because an arsenal of radar guns are pointed at

"He's used to that. He's been through it the past year and a half," Gustafson said regarding Ross, who transferred from Mather after his sophomore season. "He has no problem going out and playing, if those guys are there or not. He plays the game the right way. We're obviously looking for a big year out of Ross. He's a tremendous defensive player, and his bat speed and the type of hitter he is ... he's one of the top

hitters in the country." Ross will anchor an experienced infield that also includes junior Kyle Colletta and senior third baseman Jason Meger, both third-year starters. Senior Max Markoff returns at first base.

"Our infield is as strong as anybody's," Gustafson said. "We have Colletta and Ross

up the middle, and a thirdyear varsity third baseman in Meger. As far as swinging the bat and doing all the little things, (the infield) is as good as there is in the Central Suburban League. It's as strong as it can be when those guys are not pitching."

Each of the infielders could pitch, so their backups will have opportunities to play. Junior Matt Tan can handle second base, senior Evan Athanasiou can play several positions, including shortstop, juniors Jack Arcus and Nick Clark can fill in at third base, and juniors Mario Sivric and Jordan Griffith should play a bit at first base. Griffith also will DH.

The Wolves include a wealth of options behind the plate. Senior Erik Stojanoff is back after some starts last season. He'll be joined

by junior Seth Rosenberg, a left-handed hitting New Trier transfer who is another college prospect, according to the coach. Junior Jack Braja is a talented third catcher.

In the outfield, junior Jimmy Ostraga will be the everyday center-fielder after getting called up to varsity in the final weeks of last season. Athanasiou will play left field, and senior Trevor Talhami and junior Tommy Williams could draw starts in right. Junior Joe Younan and senior Quinn Winkler also will get innings in the outfield.

The pitching staff returns starters Meger and Colletta. Rosenberg also should start, while senior T.J. Bruning is back after battling the effects of knee surgery and a broken hand last season.

Other capable pitchers in-

clude lefty Winkler, Arcus, Ostraga, senior Elmwood Park transfer Nick Reyes, junior Eli Sherman, and Markoff, a lefty. Ross also can pitch and could be used as a closer.

batting order, 1 The through 7, looks to be: Ostrega, Colletta, Ross, Meger, either Rosenberg or Stojanoff,

Gustafson believes the team will compete for the top spot in the CSL South.

"We feel like we can play as well as anybody and contend for the conference," the coach said. "But Glenbrook South, New Trier, Maine South, and Glenbrook North on the other side (North), are all good. It will be a dogfight from start to finish. But our goal is to be contending the last week of the season. That's all we can hope for."

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