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HOLLYWOOD HYSTERICS



"From Here to Insanity," the 58th Annual Field School Variety Show, opened March 9 at the Park Ridge school, 707 N. Wisner Ave. Tickets were available for performances scheduled for 7 p.m. March 16 and March 17, and 2 p.m. March 18. |CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Board to name replacement after three-term member steps down

BY NATASHA WASINSKI Contributor

Niles Elementary School District 71 is seeking a board member to fill a vacancy left by longtime board member Karen Johnson.

Johnson gave notice of her immediate resignation to Secretary Mary Krueger last month.

"It had gotten to a point where I found difficult to support some things," Johnson told Pioneer Press.

First elected to the board in 2000, Johnson was in the middle of her third four-year term.

Johnson said she thought "long and hard" before deciding to leave because she was concerned about the message it would send to her kids and the community.

"I don't view myself as a quitter," she said. "I wrestled with that and what was the right thing to do."

Though she wouldn't go into specifics, Johnson said Culver School has "a lot of change coming, most of it good" that requires the staunch support of district officials.

"(For me) to stay on the board, it would not be fair to the district," she said.

"I don't have enough fight left in me."

During her board tenure Johnson had served as board president and vice president, and participated in the policy, curriculum and building and grounds committees.

Most recently she sat on the contract negotiation committee, which began meeting in January with Niles Council of Teachers Local 1274.

"She's been a very active member," Superintendent Amy Kruppe said of Johnson. "She has seen a lot of changes and has been through a lot of wonderful things."

Kruppe added: "I've enjoyed working with her."

Johnson said as a board member she was challenged to make decisions that impacted her two children, now in eighth grade and high school.

"I sat at that table and voted on things that were not in the best interests of my children but in the interest of the greater whole," she said. "It was one of the hardest things I had to do."

Johnson said selflessness is needed to make a difference in students' lives.

"I was there for all the kids. I believe every child deserves every opportunity," she said. Johnson said over the years she has appreciated officials' and administrators' hand-on approach to district operations because it instilled a sense of trust and transparency with their constituents.

"We think about what (our) actions say to public," she said. "We don't keep anything hidden."

Johnson added that board member service is an "honor and privilege." She said the School Board would benefit from filling her seat with a non-parent resident, such as a local business owner or retired senior citizen.

"(The district) would get a perspective that you otherwise wouldn't have," she said. "It would remind (the board) that (it) is responsible to more than just the school, but to the whole community."

The District 71 Board of Education discussed its member appointment process at its monthly meeting on Feb. 21.

District bylaws require that the board fill an empty seat within 45 days of a member's departure.

If a vacancy occurs with less than 60 percent of time remaining in the departed member's term, elections are not required and the appointee serves the remainder of the unexpired term.

VILLAGE BOARD Delinquent police fines to be seized from tax returns

BY TRACY GRUEN Contributor

A local debt-recovery program to help the village of Niles collect unpaid police fines by taking the money from state income-tax returns was approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki reported last month at a village-board meeting that there is about \$1.7 million in outstanding fines owed to the village. He said that amount has been accumulated during the past seven years.

Niles Finance Director Scot Neukirch said officials submitted a test file to the state of Illinois to be evaluated, and then the village will receive an estimate of what percentage it could expect to collect.

"I hope to get it all," Strzelecki said.

"We do what we can and then we go to the collection agency," Strzelecki said.

He explained that if someone has six outstanding tick-

ets or \$1,000 in fines, the village will notify the Secretary of State to get the violator's license suspended.

Neukirch said the village will continue working with a collection agency until officials know how effective the new program is.

Neukirch said there are some outstanding code violations and other areas in which the village is owed money, but police tickets have been the most challenging, as many are owed by people who are not residents of Niles.

The new program could potentially be used to recoup funds in other departments, but the village is starting with the Police Department.

"It's not unique to Niles," Strzelecki said at the board meeting. "A lot of towns have the same problem."

The program affects people who file and are owed an income-tax return from the state, or work for the state and are due a paycheck or pension, Neukirch explained.

MARCH 20 ELECTION

Some Niles voters to decide on pair of referendums in District 67

BY CATHRYN GRAN

Residents of Golf School District 67 on March 20 will have to decide whether they want to allow the district to increase the education/ operations-fund tax rate by .342 percent to 2.401 as the amount to be collected through property taxes.

The district also is seeking voter approval 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 Ave.

For a District 67 resident in Morton Grove, approval of the operations referendum will cost a property owner an additional \$47 and an additional \$47 and an additional \$31 for the bond issue for each \$1,000 the owner now pays in district property taxes.

For a Niles District 67 resident, the numbers are \$51 and \$34, respectively.

The last time district voters approved a referendum was in 1969. 19

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PIONEER PROFILE

Niles retiree makes second career of volunteering

If anyone needs a helping hand, n Neukirch is their man.

Neukirch, a longtime resident Niles, has been a member of the es Citizen Corps since 2009. He an as a member of the Citizen's ice Academy and soon moved to the Community Emergency ponse Team (CERT) training gram.

'I just enjoy helping people," a nble Neukirch said. "I like giving nething back."

The Illinois Crime Prevention Asiation recognized his volunteerism and crime-prevention contributions, and named him "Citizen of the Year.

Neukirch is a retired member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors. He said that when he retired, his son, Scot Neukirch, finance director for the village of Niles, suggested that he look into taking a police course. Previously he had always been busy working and now he is glad to have time to volunteer

Neukirch got involved and became a certified CERT trainer. He is routinely available when Niles police officers are in need of assis-

NILES LIBRARY BOARD



Ron Neukirch, a longtime resident of Niles, has been a member of the Niles Citizen Corps since 2009. He began as a member of the Citizen's Police Academy and soon moved on to the Community Emergency Response Team training program. I PHOTO COURTESY OF THE VILLAGE OF NILES

tance. For example he was there to help during the recent major storms in Niles.

'We went out and directed traffic because the police are all over-

whelmed," Neukirch said. Neukirch volunteers and directs

traffic during the Fourth of July parade, and helps out at other community events, such as National Night Out. He became a citizen-corps instructor and teaches classes at the Niles Police and Fire departments.

"He's the type of guy who doesn't healthy," he said.

have 'no' or 'I can't' in his vocabulary," said Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki. "He's always there pitching in. First to arrive, last to leave. You can always count on him."

"I never, ever thought about receiving such an honor as this." Neukirch said, noting that he was flabbergasted when a sergeant came to the door and handed him a letter about the award.

Neukirch is the field-operations supervisor for the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program of the Niles Police Department.

He has also been through FEMA's ground search and rescue training. He is one of the people called when there is a lost child, because FEMA program graduates receive special training regarding how to handle such situations. He may also be called to help recover items at a crime scene.

Neukirch said he is proud of his two children, Dawn and Scot, and his grandchildren.

Lucky for Niles, Neukirch's volunteering to help fellow citizens is something he is passionate about.

"I'll be doing it as long as I'm

Trustees move forward with plans for \$5M renovation

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor Niles Public Library trustees on Feb. 29 approved an architect's proposal for a renovation that comes with a price tag of more than \$5 million.

The proposal includes the installation of a new heating system, creating a more attractive entrance and cafeteria area and adding an

automatic check-in system for books. The teen area will also be relocated and will include a study

The proposal also includes a renovation cost of about \$4 million, furniture for \$525,196 and technological upgrades for \$523,000. In addition, costs include a \$376,000 design contract. At the Feb. 29 special board

meeting trustees decided to remove an outdoor roof garden area from the plan, eliminating \$193,000 from the total proposed cost.

'That's the cost of a home in Niles," library Trustee Morgan Dubiel said after the meeting.

Dubiel, who has been looking to

reduce the cost of the project, had asked staff to create a list of projects in order of priority at the last board meeting the week before. He said he was disappointed that there was no priority list at the Feb. 29 meeting.

Library Director Linda Weiss said officials have listened to what the community wants and have included those items in the proposal.

Dublel said his top-priority areas to renovate are the front entrance, children's area and teen area.

According to Dubiel the library has \$4.2 million in special reserves for construction, and he believes they shouldn't spend more than that amount for the renovation project.

"We're moving forward with no real strategic plan in place," Dubiel said.

Weiss contended that library officials have been working on the strategic plan for a long time.

A discussion of the library's strategic plan had been on the agenda for Feb. 29 but was postponed.

The board's next step will be the selection of a construction manager for the renovation project.

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Susanne Purc from Maine East High School's Polish Club performs a traditional dance from the southern region of Poland during last year's International Celebration. This year's event will be March 17. JON LANGHAM-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

Around the world in 3 hours

Maine East High School's 22nd annutake visitors on a figurative trip around the world as they experience the traditions of the Park Ridge school's diverse population.

International Celebration is open to the public and will be from noon to 3 p.m. March 17 in the school gym, at 2601 W. Dempster St. in Park Ridge. Visitors may enter on the east side of the high school, which faces the football stadium and Advocate Lutheran General Hospi-

Twenty ethnic student clubs will al International Celebration will again share entertainment, food and fashion of their native countries. Traditional dances, vocalists, a violinist and African drumming will comprise the entertainment portion, while a fashion show will give students an opportunity to display traditional and contemporary clothing from their cultures. Visitors can try a variety of ethnic foods and beverages available at booths set up around the gym.

"International Celebration is a special event when, for a few hours in one location, everyone in attendance comes together to celebrate the cultural and social diversity that is a fundamental aspect of who we are and what we do at Maine East High School," Principal Michael Pressler said.

This year's International Celebration will mark the culmination of a weeklong event called "Springcoming 2012." Springcoming will feature a week of "cultural awareness activities" focusing on Maine East's international make-up, Pressler said. Students will also raise funds for a charitable cause.

Maine East alum donates 'Kuehl' \$10K for disease studies

Dr. W. Michael Kuehl, a senior researcher for the National Cancer Institute and a 1957 graduate of Maine East High School in Park Ridge, recently donated \$10,000 to the Maine Township Township High School District 207 Educational Foundation.

Kuehl's donation was made in honor of his mother, Anne Z. Kuehl, who served as the first female member of the District 207 Board of Education.

Kuehl has requested that his donation be used to direct District 207 students' attention to the study of environmental causes of disease. The foundation and the District 207 administration are creating a program in which teachers and students strive to create exemplary units of study and student projects. These will be acknowledged with monetary awards known as the "Kuehl Prizes."

At Kuehl's request District 207 teachers in all departments will be encouraged to submit proposals outlining units of study that will explore the environmental causes of disease in terms of scientific studies, but also in terms of politics, literature, the arts, music and health studies

Kuehl Prize projects submitted by students from Maine East, West, and South will be on display for District 207 students and the community during the 2012-13 school year.

A group of judges, which will include Kuehl, public-health professionals, District 207 staff and foundation members, will choose the winners of Kuehl prizes. They will be announced at the Educational Foundation Benefit Dinner in April 2013.

Kuehl received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University, completed post-doctoral research fellowships at the National Institutes of Health and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and served as professor in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Virginia Medical School before coming to the National Cancer Institute in 1982.

DISTRICT 207 Dissolution of special-ed program cited in the majority of 25 lavoffs

Maine Township High School District 207 board members this month unanimously approved layoff notices that will be sent to 25 district employees.

"It's a routine, annual exercise," said David Beery, spokesman for District 207.

Of the 25 employees, 14 will be laid off due to the dissolution of Maine Township Special Education Program.

The remaining positions cut consist of two tenured teachers and nine part-time teachers.

This does not at all reflect the kind of budgetary issues that existed when we had the large reduction in force a few years ago," said Beery, referring to large reductions made in spring 2009.

Beery said in 2009 the district laid off 75 teachers and 62 noncertified employees.

At the March 5 board

meeting staff explained that some of the employees may later be hired back by the district.

"That typically happens," said Beery, noting that no one is guaranteed to get their position back. "It has happened in the past."

Beery explained that the "reduction-in-force" notices need to be sent out 45 to 60 days prior to the end of the school year, depending on whether those being laid off are tenured teachers.

As for those laid off because of the dissolution of MTSEP, Beery said it's a good possibility that some of them will be hired by one of the school districts that are still part of that special-education cooperative.

Whether teachers are hired back depends on factors such as the final counts of students in various courses.

MAINE EAST

Agent hired to sell house donated to fund art scholarship program

BY TRACY GRUEN Contributor

Township · High Maine School District 207 on March 5 hired a real-estate agent to sell a home left to the district by longtime Maine East High School instructor Fred Bacon.

Bacon died in 2010 and left his home on the Northwest Side of Chicago, at 6600 N. Keota, and his possessions to the district.

It was Bacon's desire to have his home and varied items such as his art collection sold, and the money to then provide art scholarships for students attending Maine East High School.

The house has been appraised at \$176,500, in addition to his "fairly large estate," according to Mary Kalou, assistant superintendent for business

"He had paintings and a lot of pottery that were sold," Kalou said.

Kalou explained that a couple years ago a Century 21 McMullen real-estate agent heard about the home and expressed a desire to work with the district at a reduced commission fee. According to a memo the district was unsuccessful with the sale through sealed bids.

Recently when the board sent out seven requests for quotes to different agencies, the same agent was the only one to respond. Kalou said she is confident the agent would have offered the lowest broker commission at 3.75 percent, even if other interested agents had been interested.

"I think it's being handled in the appropriate manner," said Michael Pressler, Maine East principal. "It's a fabulous opportunity for some kids at our school'

Last year the first art scholarship was given to a Maine East student who is now attending the Art Institute of Chicago.

Each year a \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to a senior at Maine East who is planning to get an art degree in college.

If a student is doing well academically the scholarship is renewable for up to four years.



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ILLINOIS SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISER Polar ice cop? Niles officer takes plunge for purpose

Sgt. Ron Brandt, of the Niles Police Department, on Feb. 25 braved the frigid waters of Lake Michigan in Evanston while participating in the Illinois Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run's statewide fundraising event.

The goal of the "Polar Plunge" was to raise funds for more than 21,000 Special Olympics Illinois Traditional Athletes and more than 11,000 Young Athletes with and without intellectual disabilities who train and compete throughout the year.

Brandt raised more than \$1,400 himself toward the fundraiser.

Anyone is interested in donating to the Illinois Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run ma contact Sgt. Eric Lambrechts, (847) 588-6566.

Upcoming Illinois Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run events include Cop on Top, June 15, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 10.

The frigid fundraiser for Illinois Special Olympics was held at Northwestern University Beach in Evanston. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sgt. Ron Brandt, of the Niles Police Department, participates in the "Polar Plunge" Feb. 25. [PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT



NILES POLICE Mark Twain school locked down amid false report of man with knife

Mark Twain School in Niles was placed on lockdown the afternoon of March 7 following a report that a man armed with a knife and threatening suicide approached, according to an email from the school principal.

Niles police later learned that the suspect had not been armed, and that the intial report that he was proved false. Police contacted school officials about 3:05 p.m. and informed them of the situation, Principal Nichole Gross stated in the email.

"The police had received a phone call that a suicidal individual with a knife was heading toward the school," Gross stated. "Students, parents, and staff who were still on property were asked to move into the building. Students who were already on the bus were dismissed."

The suspect ran north and was eventually apprehended at Feldman Field House, at the corner of Kathy and Western. At 3:35 PM, everyone was allowed to leave the property, Gross explained.

"At no time was there any

threat toward the school, students, or staff," Gross stated.

Niles police Sgt. Robert Tornabene reported that the suspect had been facing a mental-health issue at the time of the incident and that he was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hosptial in Park Ridge.

Parents or others connected with the school who have questions about the incident should contact Gross at (847) 296-5341, or by email at ngross@emsd63.org.

> — Tracy Gruen contributed to this report.

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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 guilt, Only a court of law can make that determination.

BURGLARY

A 53-year-old Niles man told police that on March 6 someone entered his residence on the 6800 block of Oakton Street when he was not home. The man said nothing appeared to be missing. An investigation was pending.

An 88-year-old Niles man told police that on March 6 at his home on the 6800 block of Seward he heard a loud noise at his back door and reportedly found the door to have been forcibly opened. The victim's son called 911. An investigation was pending.

VANDALISM

Someone between March 6 and March 7 reportedly spray-painted an obscene image of a male body part on the side wall outside a residence in the 7700 block of Oleander.

IDENTITY THEFT

A 20-year-old man who lives on the 9800 block of Huber, said someone used his Social Security number March 7 to apply for a tax refund. The victim said it is the third consecutive year a similar attempt has been made.

THEFT

Someone allegedly opened a victim's locked locker March 7 at a fitness center on the 6300 block of Touhy Avenue. The offender reportedly stole the victim's brown leather wallet containing \$60, credit cards and an Illinois driver's license.

A 17-year-old Niles man said someone entered

his 2007 Toyota between March 2 and March 5 in a parking lot on the 7500 block of Harlem, and stole his wallet and school ID card.

A 47-year-old woman reported that on March 5 another woman, between 35 and 45 years old, wearing dark clothing, took an iPhone from her purse while the bag was in a shopping cart at a grocery store on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The value of the phone is estimated at \$300.

THREATS

A 41-year-old Niles woman reported to police March 6 that her ex-boyfriend has been calling her home on the 7200 block of Lee since he was served with papers regarding child support. The suspect allegedly said that when he returned from a trip to Mexico he would hunt down the victim and make her pay.

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MAINE SOUTH

Trouble brews for Maine South student charged in coffee-cup theft

A Maine South High School student was charged with theft after he was accused of stealing a coffee mug belong-

SCHOOLS BRIEFS

Two more pertussis cases reported in District 64

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 was notified last week that two additional students had recently been diagnosed with pertussis, also known as whooping cough.

Lincoln Middle School, 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Park Ridge, was notified March 5 by the Cook County Department of Public Health that a seventhgrader had contracted the highly contagious bacterial infection

The same day, Roosevelt

ing to a teacher. Park Ridge Police arrested Kevin Jiang, 18, of the 700 block of Busse Highway, Park Ridge, March 1 in connection with the Feb. 24 incident. Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen said Jiang was accused of entering a Maine South classroom during the

School, 1001 S. Fairview

Ave., Park Ridge, learned

well

that a fourth-grader had been

diagnosed with pertussis, as

been 12 cases of whooping

five of them at Lincoln.

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cough reported in District 64,

Maine East students

leadership contest

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Ribbons were given in areas

awards at the Family,

Career and Community

competition on Feb. 17.

Several Maine East High

Since November there have

school day, taking a coffee mug from the room and disposing of it in a restroom's trash can.

The school's dean was notified of the incident Feb. 28, Jogmen said.

Jiang was released on his own recognizance and assigned an April 9 court date.

including:

• Preschool literature — Julie Joseph, first place; the team of Aarti Tahiliani and Heidi Martinez, first place; and the team of Margherita Giovenco and Michell Vilchez, first place.

 Fashion apparel construction — Masera Ahmed, semi-formal/formal wear, second place; Shiva Sabet, casual wear, second place; and Femy Chirayath and Sharlin Usmani, casual wear, third place.

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WHITE EAGLE BANQUETS Taste of Morton Grove raises \$45K for local organizations

BY CATHRYN GRAN

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About 600 people attended the 24th annual Taste of Morton Grove on March 15.

Though final totals were not in, the event raised an estimated \$45,000, said Jacky Liston, executive director of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce, which helped with the project.

Among the 25 organizations to benefit from the Taste are the Morton Grove Baseball and Softball Commission, the village Historical Society, Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserve, Misericordia, Autistic Kids Foundation and the American Brain Tumor Foundation.

This year the Morton Grove Foundation enlisted the assistance of 20 local restaurants, which donated the food and the time, Karp said.

People wait in line for food from Graziano's at Taste of Morton Grove, a community event that raises money for area charities, on March 8. | DAVID BANKS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

BELOW: Tony Kalogerakos (right), of Morton Grove, reacts after winning a prize as Ron and Pat Martin, also of Morton Grove, look at his winning ticket at Taste of Morton Grove on March 8. | DAVID BANKS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA







Amanda Moswin, of Chicago, checks out silent-auction items. | DAVID BANKS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

NORTHRIDGE PREP

K-9 visit adds bite to law enforcement class

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

The star of a recent Niles police presentation at North-Preparatory School ridge wasn't a police officer or commander 7 it was a four-legged local nero named Odin.

Niles Police Officer Marijo Zawilla brought her partner, Odin, a Belgian Malinois, to participate in a canine demonstration in the gymnasium at Northridge Prep in Niles on Feb. 21. The demonstration was for students in a new CSI class at Northridge.

During the demonstration. Odin quickly searched the walls, chairs and other items for 1 gram of marijuana that Zawilla hid earlier. The K-9 found the illegal substance in less than a minute.

Students at Northridge Prep watched in amazement as the dog quickly sniffed out the drugs.

Later in the demonstration, a man dressed in a puffy protective suit came in and was pretending to be an offender. On command, Odin ran up to the man and started biting and pulling on the arm of the body suit.

A few weeks ago, Odin was instrumental in two real armed robberies that took place in Niles and he recently located heroin in a vehicle.

"They need a lot of confidence to do this job," Zawilla said of the dogs. She has been training with Odin for three years.

In order to help boost the dogs' confidence, Zawilla said that in training they often let the dog win.

So, what motivates Odin to listen to his partner? Surprising, it is not dog treats. It's a game of tug-of-war.

As a reward, Odin receives a few minutes of tug-of-war play with a chew toy and his tail wagged enthusiastically during the Northridge demonstration when he was given a chance to play short games.

Students had an opportunity to ask questions in-between the two demonstrations. Zawilla shared that Odin only understands Dutch since he's from Holland, but Zawilla is able to communicate with him through hand signals.

Zawilla explained that some dogs are friendly with



Niles Police Department K-9 handler Marijo Zawilla takes her dog, Odin, through the steps for searching a room for narcotics during a demonstration Feb. 21 at Northridge Preparatory School in Niles. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

strangers and others are more protective. Odin is only friendly around Zawilla and her family, she said. When her son is gone for periods of time, she has Odin smell his cloth-

Students seemed to enjoy the presentation.

"I thought it was really interesting," said Bobby Harig, a 10th-grader at Northridge.

Bill Whalen, dean of students, started the CSI class at Northridge this year and has had various members of law enforcement talk to the students. Students have also visited the Niles Police Department.

"I just want to expose the kids to different kinds of law enforcement," Whalen said.

Northridge Prep's Criminal **Investigations class listens to Niles Police Department K-9** handler Marijo Zawilla as she talks about her partner, Odin, a Belgian Malinois. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ing before seeing him again.



Niles Police Department K-9 handler Marijo Zawilla takes Odin through the steps for searching a room for narcotics. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES

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Jayendra Shah is the newest \$2-million winner from the Illinois Lottery's "Platinum Payout 20X," according to a news release from the lottery.

Shah bought his ticket on Feb. 16 at N&M grocery store in Niles, the release stated.

Shah and his family were presented with an oversized, commemorative check March 7 by Illinois Lottery representatives, the release stated.

he remembered buying the ticket "as if me the best gift ever!" it was vesterday."

"I was at home when I decided to scratch my ticket. I thought I was just going to win \$50," Shah said. "Then as I continued scratching I thought it was \$100. I was shocked when I realized it was a lot more than that. I thought I was going crazy - crazy, in a good way.'

He added that he feels blessed and is According to the release, Shah said thrilled beyond words: "God has given

Shah, who has been working since he was 13 years old, said his lottery win could not have come at a better time, the release stated.

"I just bought a house in Niles about eight months ago," he said. "This is go-ing to help me pay the mortgage."

He also plans to help some of his family members pay their education bills and go back to Baroda, India, to visit his family.



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Real estate information goes green



BY JULIE MORSE Realty Insites

Green is the color of the month — from St. Patrick's Day, to spring bulbs, and now to the Multiple Listing Service.

At the recommendation of green-certified Realtors, and to better serve environmentally-conscious consumers, Midwest Real Estate Data (MRED) has recently integrated a variety of green design, disclosure and data verification elements to its MLS listing service for the Chicagoland area. This information is either noted on the main listing, or accessed under the Additional Information link on online listings. Some, like Walk Score, pertain to all homes. Others are relevant only to new or retrofitted green homes, such as LEED-certified houses, which hold to the highest of green standards as determined by government agencies.

Walk Score has been around for several years as an independent international measurement of a home's walkability and convenience factors; the inclusion of Walk Score's data on Chicagoland home listings was just recently instituted. Ratings vary according to the home's proximity to stores, schools, transportation and restaurants — so, for example, an in-town house would typically carry a high walkability rating and a country home would likely have a car-dependent rating. Four metrics are also generated: drive times and estimated fuel cost; public transit options and time frames; walk and bike time; and common routes displayed on a map. Overall, responses to the green additions have been

well-received by Realtors and consumers alike, as educational tools like Walk Score are enhancements to the larger home-buying library of information. But, there may still be a few local glitches to work out. For example, Realtors in walk-to-everything East Lake Bluff have noted that lower-walkability scores have been applied to highwalkablity homes in their town due to insufficient or incorrect data regarding small local markets, restaurants and other institutions that the big system has missed. So double-check the information.

According to Jeff Lasky, MRED Director of Communications and Training, "People should note that Walk Score is a Wiki-like communitypased site, dependent on information the public feeds into it. If people see any discrepancies, they should go to the Walk Score website to correct it. The information is out there, and MRED's goal is to make it more convenient for our users."

There are other new tools available to consumers on the MLS related to green choices. For example, they and their Realtors can now search by green parameters, like LEED certification or energy efficiency ratings. To better protect consumers from green-washing --- ill-informed marketing practices that are perceived to make a home sound more environmentally friendly than it might really be - there are also up to 14 different disclosures that green builders or home retrofitters making green claims can fill out to stand by those assertions. These enhancements also make it easier for appraisers to gain better access to green and utility-savings information when it comes to secure green financing for so-designated properties. For more information, contact your local Realtor.

> Julie Morse is a Realtor in Illinois and Wisconsin.

HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

Brick split-level

'60s-era property features updated kitchen

9204 Merrill Ave., Morton Grove - \$349,000

Constructed in 1965, this 1,696-square-foot bi-level sits on a quarter-acre lot and comes with a two-car garage.

Highlights of the kitchen include modern appliances, hardwood flooring and granite countertops.

The living room consists of a vaulted ceiling, carpeted flooring and a large window overlooking the front yard.

Featuring three hanging lights, the dining room delivers hardwood flooring, decorative crown molding and a window.

The lower-level family room has carpeted floors, recessed lighting and sliding-glass doors to the back vard.

This property is situated 1.5 miles southwest of the Golf Metra station.

Listing agent: Helen Oliveri, Keller Williams

ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A two-bedroom, two-bath home at 5500 Lincoln Avenue, Unit 100-W, in Morton Grove is on the market for \$114,999. The rehabbed condo, built in 1972, has 1,250 square feet of living space. Highlights include new baths with porcelain tile and a remodeled kitchen that features granite countertops, maple cabinetry and stainless steel appliances. The unit also has updated electrical and plumbing systems. Carol Mayer of

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is the listing agent.

A four-bedroom, three-bath home at 5815 W. Monroe St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$389,000. The Contemporary-style home was built in 1951. Highlights of the completely remodeled, two-story house include hardwood flooring, a new kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, a huge master suite with walk-in closet, and a large yard. Giovanni Laverde of Coldwell Banker Residential is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 1.5-bath home at 8847 N. Moody Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$265.000. The all-brick, ranch-style house has 1,250 square feet of living space. Highlights include a family room in the basement with a large cedar closet, and a lovely patio for family gatherings. The property location is convenient to shopping, dining, parks and downtown. George Torres of Dream Town Realty is the listing agent.

This bi-level home in Morton Grove has large win-

dows overlooking the manicured front yard.

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Beds: 4

Baths: 2.5

- John Ferri

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Morton Grove	1.98%	\$223,500	19.13%	230	44
Niles	1.95%	\$188,750	19.63%	270	53
Skokie	1.95%	\$217,000	23.63%	567	134
Evanston	2.49%	\$322,000	13.82%	651	90
Lincolnwood	2.33%	\$297,250	19.55%	133	26
Edison Park	1.56%	\$255,000	7%	100	7
Park Ridge	2.36%	\$330,000	15.78%	374	59
Glenview	2.60%	\$376,750	12.30%	569	70
Wilmette	2.24%	\$580,000	5.63%	320	18
Forest Glen	0.65%	\$279,000	0%	6	0
Norwood Park	2.17%	\$267,500	15.85%	164	26
Des Plaines	2.44%	\$160,000	31.34%	785	246

Source: Chicago,BlockShopper.com. Data tracks last 12 months of sales.



Modern appliances, hardwood floors and granite countertops are featured in the updated kitchen.





Political novice takes on Jan Schakowsky for her 'safe seat'

In the 2010 general election, liberal Democrat Rep. Jan Schakowsky was opposed for re-election by a real scrapper on the right, Joel Pollak, as well as by a mild-mannered Green Party candidate, Simon Ribeiro.

Political handicappers thought Pollak, who did his best to paint Schakowsky as soft on Israel, might give her a run for her money. But Schakowsky won decisively, doubling Pollak's vote and, of course, leaving Ribeiro in the dust.

The lesson: Schakowsky, who has served the North Side and north suburban 9th District in Congress since 1999 - after a decade in the Illinois House enjoys about as safe a seat as a seat can be.

This time around, Pollak is gone. He is not running in the GOP primary. But Ribeiro is back, this time taking on Schakowsky in the Democratic primary.

Nobody is predicting an upset.

In her 13 years in Washington, Schakowsky, 67, has built a record as one of the most progressive members of Congress, to the point of giving a certain more moderate Democrat, President Barack Obama, occasional grief. She has consistently urged Obama to stand more firm in negotiations with Republicans on Capitol Hill, and she was among the last Democrats to sign on to the president's landmark Affordable Care Act — because she wanted stronger pro-choice abortion provisions. She is a leader in the House on women's issues.

Ultimately, Schakowsky says, she voted for the health-care reform package, though it fell short of what she had fought for, because compromise was necessary to achieve a greater good. Unfortunately, she says, Republicans have thrown out the spirit of compromise.

"That's our business, to compromise," Schakowsky said, in a meeting with members of the Chicago Sun-Times Editorial

BY SUN-TIMES MEDIA Board. "That's what we do."

Battle lines are being drawn in Washington, she said, because the nation is "at a real crossroads" when it comes to "values and the soul of the country." Democrats and Republicans, she said, hold fundamentally different views on the role of government, whom government should serve. and issues such as the growing income gap.

Ribeiro, 30, is a Catholic high school teacher and a former public school substitute teacher, jobs in which he says he has seen first-hand the consequences of our nation's misplaced priorities - spending far too much on wars abroad and the "war on drugs," rather than, for example, on education.

He would oppose bombing Iran, if it came to that, to stop it from building a nuclear bomb. And he would decriminalize marijuana.

When asked whether the administrations of either President George W. Bush or Obama have pursued any policies that might be unconstitutional. Ribeiro singled out the Patriot Act, enacted under Bush and reauthorized under Obama. He said it gives the government far too much power to probe American citizens' private records and communications. Ribeiro also said he's troubled that Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act, which allows the military to indefinitely detain terror suspects, including American citizens arrested in the United States, without charge.

Schakowsky, though an Obama loyalist in Washington, has been a consistent critic of both Bush and Obama on civil liberty and human rights issues. The United States, she said, needs "a national conversation" on the proper use of drone attacks and private military contractors, such as the company formerly known as Blackwater. Those sorts of arms-reach tactics, she said, could be the troubling "future of warfare."



1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



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Family's 'mysteries' call for staying on their case



In every household lingers a lifelong mystery. Who left the empty toilet roll in the **BY CHERYL** bathroom and

O'DONOVAN didn't replace it? Van Mom Strikes Again

I considered using forensics techniques to nail the offender, but those CSI guys banned me from the set.

Once in a millennia, my husband will replace the toilet roll. All of a sudden, he boasts the historical record for "always being the one" to perform this task.

He blatantly ignores the red cross marks on the bathroom tile where I have kept a resentful tally.

Security cameras would confirm the truth, that Mom replenishes the supplies, from toilet rolls to food.

This includes ransacking couches for change when there is a pizza lunch

'The "empty vessel" phenomenon permeates our home.

When I open the fridge door, I groan. There, behind the milk jug, is an empty pitcher that once brimmed with iced tea.

Contemplating what to cook for dinner, I search the freezer for hamburger or chicken, only to discover an empty ice cream box.

The likely perp is my young-est, because he looks the guiltiest

"The 'empty vessel' phenomenon permeates our home. When I open the fridge door, I groan. There, behind the milk jug, is an empty pitcher that once brimmed with iced tea."

when I ask. Did my child hope that ice cream cones from neighboring houses would want to move into that empty box?

Far worse, though, is when the dog gets in on the action.

He contributes to the "missing one shoe" phenomenon. When the mailman or friend or irate bill collector comes to our porch, he grabs a shoe between his teeth and greets them.

The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe still isn't speaking to me.

The Kirbster will grab other items, too, and greet guests with furry enthusiasm, even people who obviously do not like dogs.

In fact, the higher the hostility factor, the more Kirby will try to win them over. His winning tactics include jumping, sniffing and an

occasional slobber. When a shoe is not available,

Kirby improvises. He trots forward with an item between his teeth and I cringe in horror.

On a bad day, it's underpants, but today, it's a dirty crew sock.

With a showman's flourish, Kirby drops it in the glaring sunlight for indional learning assist at sug ruo bas bod

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OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Noted women's author to speak

Nationally-known spokeswoman and leading voice for young feminist issues Amy **Richards brings her message** to Oakton on March 22. The free event is part of Women's History Month at Oakton.

Richards is the author of "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future,' and co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, an organization for young feminist activists between the ages of 15 and 30. Her talk, scheduled at 7 p.m., at Oakton's Performing Arts Center, 1600 E. Golf Road, will be followed by a screening of HBO's "Gloria: In Her Own Words," for which she served as a consultant.

Oakton also will celebrate Women's History Month with the Chicago Writers Series at 6 p.m. March 27 at Oakton's Performing Arts Center. The series features Angela Jackson, a poet, playwright, and novelist who produced her first book of poetry, "Voodoo Love Magic," in 1974. A recipient of numerous literary honors, including the Carl Sandburg Award, Jackson's first novel, "Where I Must Go," was published in 2009.

To view the full slate of events celebrating Women's History Month at Oakton, visit www.oakton.edu.whm.

Social-emotional learning workshop

Learn more about social and emotional learning on April 23 at Oakton. Sponsored by Rush NeuroBehavioral Center, the conference, "Implementing Social and **Emotional Learning for all** Students," is designed for parents, teachers, and allied health and medical professionals. Ruth Cross, an educator for more than three decades and a trainer who leads workshops around the state geared to demonstrating that social and emotional learning promotes success in school and life, will serve as the speaker.

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to explain the social emotional competencies and how these relate to academic achievement; positive student development; and reductions in negative student behaviors. They will also plan and implement a systemic approach to social and emotional learning as part of any mobile bood start and another bood start another bood start and another bood start and another bood start and another bood start another b

district/school improvement process.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road. Registration fee is \$150 before March 16 (\$165 after March 16). Upon completion, participants will be eligible for continuing education credits.

To register or for a detail program brochure, contact Oakton's Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 635-1808 or visit the Rush NeuroBehavioral Center events page at www.rnbc.org.

Passport series in Glenview

Passport to the World, a series of popular lectures offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton, lands at Glenview's Vi at the Glen, starting March 20.

The four-week series takes flight with "China on the World Stage," an examination of how China has re-emerged as a political, economic, and military world power.

Other lectures include "The Democratization of Arabs?" (March 27); "Operation Freedom: The Berlin Airlift" (April 3): and "Did Marx Foretell Today's Economic Crisis?" (April 10).

Featured lectures meet 1-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Vi at the Glen, 2500 Indigo Lane, Glenview.

The series-only fee is \$40 for in-district residents age 60 and over, and \$55 for out-of-district residents and those under age 60. Seating is limited.

All registrants will be charged an \$8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. However, students who register online will only be charged once per semester for an unlimited number of courses. Those registering in person, by mail, or fax will be charged an \$8 fee with each registration form.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or (847) 982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes and events, visit www.oakton. edu/emeritus.

Opera course at the Botanic Garden

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Study from home

Enhance professional development at home by enrolling in online courses offered through the Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning. Medical Math (HEA C15-02)

- Ideal for students in any medical field, learn how to calculate medication dosages and use scientific formulas.

Teaching Math: Grades 4-6 (TCR A13-302 - This course will help new teachers and seasoned pros reinvent their math teaching. Learn easy, inexpensive, and creative ways to help students conquer fractions, multiplication, division, and more.

Ennancing Language Development in Childhood (TCR BO3-302). Discover how children learn to process language and how they become proficient speakers and thinkers.

Featured classes have a course fee of \$114 (\$75 for in-district seniors) and run March 21 through May 11.

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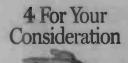
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A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players will present "Blarney, Beethoven and Brahms" at 3 p.m. March 18 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The program includes Frank Martin's Trio on Popular Irish Melodies; Beethoven's Irische Lieder for Violin, Cello, Flute and Piano; and Brahms' Piano Quartet in A Major, Opus 26. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$10 for seniors; \$20/\$15 at the door. Free admission for students. Visit www.chicagophilharmonic. org or call (847) 866-6888.

2. An artists' reception for "Viewpoints, Works in Fiber" will be held from 5-7 p.m. March 20 at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. The exhibit, featuring works by Barbara Schneider, Michelle Sales, Sally Schoch and Shelley Brucar, is on display through April 20.

3. "The Rest Unknown: how to live and how to die," March 16-31 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.

4. Evanston Dance

Ensemble presents "Count Me In" at 7:30 p.m. March 16, 4 p.m. March 17 and 2 p.m. March 18 at Northwestern University's Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets are \$22; \$15 for youth under 18 and senior citizens. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic. northwestern.edu.

Lincolnwood orchestra presents new Korean music

BY ELIZABETH OWENS-SCHIELE

When the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra performs "Sounds of Korea" on Sunday, March 18 at the Lincolnwood Community Center, founder and music director Philip Simmons will introduce Isang Yun's Tapis for Strings and two works commissioned by the Sejong Cultural Society especially for this concert: wu-ri-no-rae (our song) by Chicago composer Eun Young Lee and Images from Folk Tales for Violin and String Orchestra by Sung-Ki Kim.

Violinist Jennifer Cha also performs Fritz Kreisler's Praeludium and Allegro at the concert that spotlights Korean classical music and performers.

A violinist since the age of 4, Cha, who hails from Seoul, Korea, said, "I love playing Korean pieces and performing them for audiences because as a Korean-American, I feel that it is very important to raise the awareness of Korean culture."

Cha, 15, who now lives in Naperville, explained that, "I have a special connection to Korean music having been exposed to traditional Korean culture growing up in Korea. Most of all, I like that I can bring life to the notes on the page."

New works

Cha will be performing a newly commissioned Korean piece composed by Sung-Ki Kim, who is the head of the music composition department at the Korean National University of Arts in Seoul.

The 20-piece string Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will be led by Philip Simmons, its founder and music director, who also founded the American Music Festivals.

"Those in attendance will hear some of the finest Korean classical music ever written and be treated to a stellar performance by one of Chicago's most talented young violinists," said Simmons, who founded AMF as a nonprofit corporation in 1997 to promote cultural exchange and American music in the United States and abroad.

AMF represents the Chicagobased Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, and Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands where Simmons now lives, and participates in a variety of programs of international exchange. Last November, the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra performed with the Sones de Mexico Ensemble in the Pilsen neighborhood, and is currently working with Chicago's Bulgarian and Bosnian communities.

In addition to Sunday's performance, AMF also is planning a



Phillip Simmons conducts the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

'SOUNDS OF KOREA'

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood 3 p.m. March 18 Admission is free (224) 456-2399 or visit www. americanmusicfestivals.com

presentation on Korean music for District 74 students at Lincoln Hall Middle School on Friday, March 16.

"Korea seemed like a good fit to promote 'world music' in Lincolnwood," Simmons said, "and we found a wonderful partner in the Sejong Cultural Society."

Korean music is composed of simple folk tunes and melodies, describes Cha, yet ornamental elements generating excitement and flavor are interwoven into the melody to make it "virtuostic" and meandering throughout the piece.

"The 'Sounds of Korea' are very open and flowing," said Cha. "There are also many signature stylistic elements such as accents and slides. Open strings are widely used to mimic traditional Korean instruments such as the Gayageum and the Daegeum."

Korean subtleties

"This is brilliant music that challenges the performer, but is



Jennifer Cha

never self-indulgent," Simmons said. "Korean music is closely linked to the pentatonic scale, with memorable and charming melodies that are often bittersweet. The Korean composers use a variety of interesting effects for the strings including exaggerated glissandi and other percussive techniques, evoking the sounds of their native instruments. The music is simultaneously sophisticated and sensitive, it is very unique."

As the ensemble explored the music of the Far East, members also immersed themselves in the culture and tradition of Korea to better understand the music and the philosophy behind it.

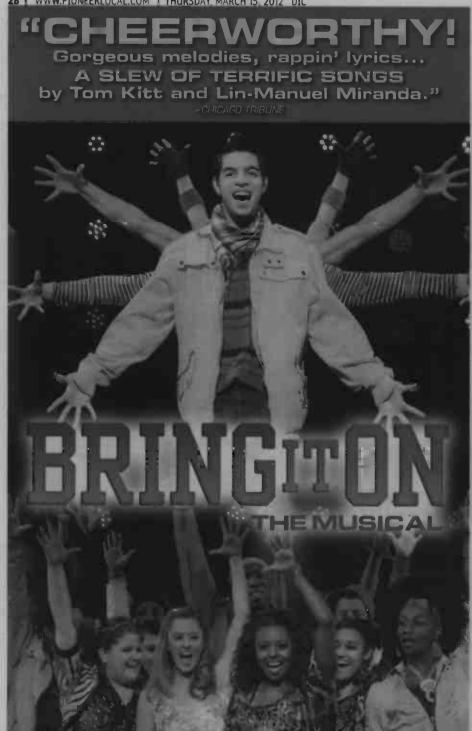


Phillip Simmons

"To me, Korean music and folklore are very personal and poignantly introverted," Simmons said. "One is always present to nature, and the mountains and the sea."

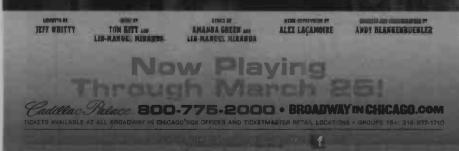
Simmons said the music performed at the concert represents the folk traditions central to Korean life that dates back much further than the division between North and South Korea, and remains common to both countries.

"I hope to bring the audience a concert full of passion," Cha said. "If I could convey my love for Korean music and music in general to the audience, and make them fall in love with it as well, that would be my dream as a performer."



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FAMILY FRIENDLY



Kids will learn about — and even touch — some exotic animals at the Exploritorium in Skokie at 11 a.m. March 24.

Exploritorium lets kids meet amazing critters

BY MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

Children will meet a variety of exotic creatures when Skokie's Exploritorium presents Amazing Animals from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24 at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St.

The event begins in the multipurpose room where the presenters will show kids and parents animals they might not normally see.

"Some of the animals [they] will be able to be pet," said Mary Grear, Exploritorium and special events supervisor for the Skokie Park District. "The children will learn a little bit about the animals' habits - what they eat, where they live, their different environments."

There will be time for audience members to ask questions during the 45-minute presentation.

"Then the families can go downstairs and play in the Exploritorium until 1 p.m.," Grear said.

The cost is \$5 per person for residents, \$7 for nonresidents. The show is recommended for ages 3 and older.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2700, or visit skokieparks.org/exploritorium.

Dino might

The author of 34 books on dinosaurs will share her knowledge with families during Dinosaur Encounter at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, Harwood Heights. Janet Riehecky will bring along more than 40 fossils and museum-qual-

ity replicas. Registration is required. For details, call (708) 867-7828 or visit eisenhowerlibrary.org.

Skate to celebrate

You and your kids don't have to wear green to the St. Patrick's Day Skate from 12:05 to 1:20 p.m. Saturday at IceLand, 8435 Ballard Road, Niles - but it might be nice. After all, they will be playing Irish tunes while you skate. Admission is \$5, \$3 for skate rental.

For details, call (847) 297-8010 or visit niles-parks.org.

Crafty way to mark the day

You also can join a St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave., from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday. Kids 4 and older, with a parent, will learn a little about Irish culture and St. Patrick. Then kids can make a simple Irish craft at this family event. Cost is \$5 per child for residents, \$7 for nonresidents.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 3000, or visit skokieparks.org.

Merry young time

Singing, dancing and instrument playing are all planned for the Merry Music Makers family music class for ages 1 month to 5 years with an adult, from 10:20 to 10:50 a.m. or 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Reservations are required.

For details, call (847) 825-3123 or visit parkridgelibrary.org.

MOVIE REVIEW Show 'Jump' started

BY BRUCE INGRAM

Film Critic

21 JUMP STREET

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Going back to high school might not seem so bad — if you had a badge and a gun within easy reach.

Those items don't do much to help the clueless undercover cops who are assigned to bust a high school drug ring in this rude and crude, but surprisingly clever and occasionally hilarious parody of the late-'80s Fox TV show that launched the career of Johnny Depp. Popularity, figuring out how to be cool, coping with girls and parents and coaches and teachers those are the real death traps in this "21 Jump Street." Drug dealers and motorcycle gangs are child's play.

In fact, the framework of the original "Jump Street," which featured Depp and crew as undercover agents posing as high school students, begins to seem like an awkward contrivance whenever the plot swings back around to police business. What this at-times-inspired action/comedy remake dreamed up by co-star Jonah Hill and screenwriter Michael Bacall ("Project X") and directed by the guys who made the similarly crazed animated comedy "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" does best involves taking a ridiculous premise and making it far, far more outrageous. Not to mention foulmouthed, politically incorrect and insanely violent. In other words, don't expect much of an homage to the original show, if you're in the mood for nostalgia. (Depp actually shows up for an uncredited cameo at one point, but what happens to him was definitely not part of the original "Jump Street" playbook.)

What do we get instead? Hill and Channing Tatum as a surprisingly effective comedy duo, for one thing, playing undercover officers Schmidt and Jenko, respectively. This is a major revelation from Tatum, very funny throughout and clearly having a blast playing off of his image as a hunky but not-so-bright



Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum star in "21 Jump Street," a new comedy based loosely on the '80s television series.

action/romance leading man. The new "Jump Street" opens with a flashback to Hill and Tatum during their high school days, when each was a loser in his own way - though dorky Schmidt, as a member of the Jugglers Society with a horrific Eminem dyed-blonde haircut, was much more a crash-and-burn victim than football hero Jenko, who basically couldn't make the grade in class. This unlikely pair bonds during police academy training, swapping brains and brawn as needed. The same applies to their early days as park bicycle patrolmen, where a botched drug arrest of bikers from the One Percenters gang (one example of the film's plentiful throwaway laughs) leads them in disgrace to the recently revived Jump Street squad - a deadend initiative dreamed up by some bureaucrat "recycling old '80s garbage and hoping we won't notice." That assessment, by the way, is delivered by Jump Street Capt. Dickson (Ice Cube, throwing an f-bomb every third word), only he doesn't say "garbage."

"Embrace your stereotype!" Capt. Dickson tells his new recruits before sending them back to their old alma mater in secret: Schmidt meant to infiltrate the dork/ geek contingent while Jenko works the popular-jock angle. Unfortunately, a misunderstanding leads to each going down the other's preassigned high school track, where much role-reversal comedy ensues. What's more, a lot has changed in the years since our heroes left high school: Now environmentalism and tolerance is in and the big drug dealer on campus (David Franco, brother of James) sings protest songs about recycling.

You have to admire a film that turns out to be so much better than anyone had any right to expect, and that applies to the new "Jump Street" - though it certainly isn't going to win any new converts to the Hard R-rated school of comedy. For every example of pure gross-out comedy, there are at least one or two instances in which the film earns its laughs through more sophisticated means: by undercutting genre expectations (anticipated explosions tend to fizzle), deflating the fantasies of its protagonists and still ringing true, for the most part, about the universally endured horrors of secondary education.

Unless you were homeschooled, there's bound to be something in "21 Jump Street" that makes you laugh. Don't be surprised, though, if you cringe first. DIC THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012 | WWW.PIONEERLOCAL.COM | 3B

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FOOTNOTE

Rated: PG for thematic elements, brief nudity, language and smoking

Stars: Shlomo Bar-Aba, Lior Ashkenazy, Aliza Rosen The competition between a father and son (Bar-Aba, Rosen) who both are ambitious Talmudic scholars reaches a new peak when the father receives a high honor. Joseph Cedar ("Beaufort") directed the drama. In Hebrew with subtitles.

21 JUMP STREET

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

Stars: Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum

■ Two inept young cops (Hill and Tatum) go undercover at their old high school to bust a drug ring. Phil Lord and Chris Miller ("Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs") directed the action-comedy. Reviewed in this section.

CASA DE MI PADRE

Rated: R for bloody violence, language, some sexual content and drug use Stars: Will Ferrell, Gael Garcia Bernal, Diego Luna The Alvarez brothers (Ferrell and Luna) find themselves in a war with Mexico's most feared drug lord (Bernal) when they vow to protect their father's ranch. "Saturday Night Live" writer Matt Piedmont directed the comedy.

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.

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



Jason Segel and Ed Heims are featured in "Jeff, Who Lives at Home."

learns they expect a favor in return.

STILL PLAYING

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.

JOHN CARTER

Rated: PG-13 for intense

sequences of violence and action Stars: Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe Any chance that "Tarzan" author Edgar Rice Burroughs' second most famous creation might catch on with the general public pretty much bites the red Martian dust with this muchanticipated, mega-budgeted misfire from Pixar wizard Andrew Stanton ("Wall-E"). There are a fair number of impressively entertaining scenes in this tale of a transplanted Civil War hero (Kitsch) fighting to save a

Martian princess (Collins), yet somehow the story fails to come to truly fantastic, adventurous 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 adaptation of the Dr. Seuss tale.

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 sheik to bring the sport of fly fishing to his desert.

THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY * * * *

Rated: G

Stars: Bridgit Mendler, Amy Poehler, Will Arnett ■ This warm, glowing adventure from Japan's Studio Ghibli has master animator Hayao Miyazaki's ("My Neighbor Totoro," "Spirited Away" and many more —all must-sees) patented sense of heroism and wonder — despite being directed by a protege. The intrepid daughter of a tiny family (based on the classic children's book "The Borrowers") living under the floor of a country house, braves the unknown after being discovered by a kindly, but sickly, boy. Something special.

WANDERLUST ★★★

Rated: R for sexual content, graphic nudity, language and drug use

Stars: Paul Rudd, Jennifer Aniston, Ken Marino Producer ludd Apatow's Hard-R-rated touch is lightly applied in this surprisingly low-key and consistently entertaining comedy romance. Unemployed and homeless yuppies George and Linda (Rudd and Aniston, nicely matched) can't quite get comfortable - not with George's piggish ultracapitalist brother (Marino) or the neo-hippie commune they stumble into on the road. Fortunately, they learn what's most important in life: doors.

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7-9:15 Dr. Seuss' The Lorax in 3-D (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15-1:30-3:45-6; Mon-Wed 1-3:15-5:30 Project X (R) Fri-Sun 10:20-12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40; Mon-Wed 12:40-3:10-5:40-8-10:15

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A Thousand Words (PG-13) Fri, Sat 12:50-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40-1; Sun-Wed 12:50-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40; Thu 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:15 Friends with Kids (R) Fri, Sat 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55-12:35; Sun 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55; Mon-Wed 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55; Thu 12:50-3:35-6:15-8:50 John Carter (PG-13) Fri-Wed 12:30-3:45-7-10:15; Thu 1:40-4:55-8:15

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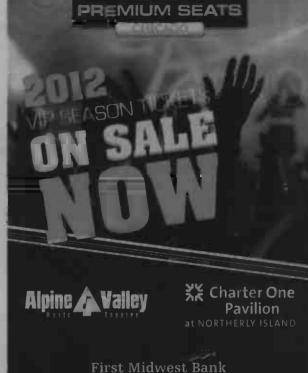
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NEW THIS WEEK

Rated: R for language including some sexual references Stars: George Clooney, Judy Greer, Matthew Lillard Not up to writer/director Alexander Payne's ("Sideways") previous efforts in terms of sharp-edged, acerbic brilliance (Academy Award notwithstanding), but quietly satisfying nonetheless. No big dramatic moments here, but plenty of nicely observed small ones, as devoted family man Clooney struggles to cope while his unfaithful wife lies in a coma and his teenage girls threaten to unravel. Extras include deleted scenes, music videos and "A Conversation With Alexander Payne and

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George Clooney."

Rated: R for some graphic nudity, sexual content and language

Stars: Kirsten Dunst, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Kiefer Sutherland Controversial Danish

director Lars Von Trier juxtaposes global catastrophe and chamber drama as a fantastically wealthy and fantastically miserable family lives a last few days before a rogue planet smashes into the Earth. There are moments of haunting beauty, particularly in the film's eight-minute visual overture to the apocalypse. But "Melancholia" is also a cold, contemptuous, misanthropic piece of work, with a philosophy blending nihilism and petulance.

RECENT RELEASES

IMMORTALS

Rated: R for sequences of strong bloody violence, and a scene of sexuality Stars: Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke, John Hurt More entertaining than you might expect, especially compared to last year's

punishingly bad "Clash of the



Road warriors: George Clooney and Shailene Woodley star in "The Descendants," now out on video.

Titans." "Immortals" boils the ancient Greek myth of Theseus down to a grudge match between our boy (future Man of Steel Cavill), and barbaric King Hyperion (Rourke), who is not a nice man at all. There's plenty of hacking, bludgeoning, blood-geysering 3-D carnage, but the real treat is the spectacular CGI eyecandy dreamed up by director Tarsem Singh ("The Fall").

JACK AND JILL

Rated: PG for crude material including suggestive references, language and comic violence

Stars: Adam Sandler, Al Pacino, Katie Holmes A one-joke movie and it's not a very good joke: Sandler doubles as L.A. advertising producer Jack and his obnoxious, braying, spectacularly needy identical-twin sister Jill. Every Thanksgiving, Jill makes Jack's life miserable by flying in for a visit and lack heaps abuse on his sister in front of his family - hilarious. What could be worse? How about Jack trying to hook up his sister with love-struck Pacino, so the "Godfather" star will appear in a Dunkin' Donuts commercial? Shockingly bad.

ALSO NEW

BAG IT ■ "Plastics" might have been

good career advice in the

1960s, but the global use of plastic bags and bottles has become a major environmental threat. This Docurama documentary explores the problem and proposes solutions.

HAPPY FEET TWO Tap-dancing Emperor penguin Mumble (Elijah Wood) returns in this sequel to the 2006 hit, this time helping his son cope with misfit problems. George Miller ("Mad Max") returns to direct the animated family comedy. Rated PG for some rude humor and mild peril.

THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN TWO HOURS

As the title suggests, this A&E documentary tells the 14-billion-year story of planet Earth in 120 minutes — most likely skipping over a few details.

THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

Martin Scorsese's controversial 1988 film imagining an alternative fate for Jesus Christ gets the Criterion Collection Blu-ray treatment including a restored hi-definition digital transfer. Extras include commentary by Scorsese, production stills, research materials, location footage shot by Scorsese, and an interview with composer Peter Gabriel.

MY WEEK WITH MARILYN One of Sir Laurence Olivier's employees (Eddie Redmayne) documents tensions between Olivier (Kenneth Branagh) and Marilyn Monroe (Michelle Williams) during the production of "The Prince and the Showgirl." The drama was directed by British TV veteran Simon Curtis. Extras include commentary with Curtis. Rated R for some language.

THE THREE MUSKETEERS Hot-headed young

D'Artagnan (Logan Lerman) teams with three down-ontheir luck Musketeers (Luke Evans, Ray Stevenson, Matthew Macfadyen) to prevent a beautiful double-agent (Milla Jovovich) from overthrowing the French throne. Paul W.S. Anderson ("Death Race") directed the adaptation of Alexander Dumas' classic. Rated PG-13 for sequences of adventure action violence. Extras include deleted and extended scenes and commentary.

WALLACE & GROMIT'S THE WORLD OF INVENTION

■ This six-part BBC series features Wallace as the host introducing viewers to unusual real-world contraptions.

NEXT WEEK

■ The Japanese films that partially inspired "The Hunger Games" come to home video in "Battle Royale: The Complete Collection," while the parade of Oscar nominees continues with "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," "The Muppets," and "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy."



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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. "Fools," by Neil Simon, will be presented at 7 p.m. March 15-17 and 3 p.m. March 18 at Resurrection High School, 7500 Talcott Ave, Chicago. \$5 at the door. Call (773) 775-6616.

"Hello, Dolly!" will be presented at 7 p.m. March 16 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 17 in the Niles North High School

auditorium, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Tickets are \$10 and may be reserved by calling (847) 626-2122.

"Hunger," through 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. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$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. \$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.

"Ten Chimneys," through

April 15 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore **Center for the Performing** Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie. 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. (except opening on March 16 at 7:30 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

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), at 7:30 p.m. March 24 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. \$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 Philharmonic**

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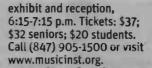
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Chroma Chamber Orchestra presents "New Dawn" at 7:30 p.m. April 1 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes Poulenc: "Aubade," with Marta Aznavoorian, piano; Milhaud: "La Création du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



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. lsso.org. April 1, 3:30 p.m.: "Italian Gala," with guest soloist 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.

The Lincolnwood Chamber **Orchestra** performs "Sounds of Korea" at 3 p.m. March 18 at the Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. The program includes "Our Song" by Eun Young Lee, "Images from Folk Tales" by Sungki Kim, and "Tapis for Strings' by Isang Yun. In addition, violin soloist Jennifer Cha will perform "Praeludium and Allegro" by Fritz Kreisler. Admission is free. For information, call (224) 456-2399 or visit www.americanmusicfestivals com

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. March 21, 6:30 p.m.: Chicago **Chamber Musicians presents** its Classical Conversations series featuring music by Francis Poulenc, Leonard Bernstein, Mikhail Glinka and Roberto Sierra. \$20; \$10 students. The Met: Live in HD, the

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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.'

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Mike Doughty says what he thinks

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Anyone who has read Mike Doughty's memoir, The Book of Drugs, might get the feeling the singer/guitarist doesn't want to talk about his former band Soul Coughing, like the book said everything he had to say about the subject.

In it, he tells the story of playing a solo show in New Orleans after the band split up, when a woman came up to him and implored him to get back together with his friends. However, he's made it clear up to that point in the book that the other musicians who made up Soul Coughing are not his friends. After he told the woman that's not going to happen, she asked how he'll play "Casiotone Nation". without the rest of Soul

Coughing. He yelled in her face that he's not going to play that song.

No names

Doughty also doesn't mention the names of his former band members - Yuval Gabay, Sebastian Steinberg and Mark De Gli Antoni - in the book; he refers to them only as "the drummer," "the bass player" and "the sampler player."

But, the shows that make up his current tour called "The Book of Drugs: Concert, Reading, Q&A," which pulls into S.P.A.C.E. in Evanston, on March 22, and The Montrose Room, in Rosemont, on March 23, are your chance to safely ask questions about his relationship with Soul Coughing, the alternative rock band that somehow survived eight years, 1992 through 2000. Their best known single is "Super Bon Bon" off the 1996 album "Irresistible Bliss."

The tour is also in support of his two most recent solo albums, "Yes and Also Yes," which was released last year, and "The Question Jar Show," a live, two-disc album released in February.

Doughty doesn't pull any punches in the book or in conversation when it comes to Soul Coughing. He can't

MIKE DOUGHTY'S 'THE BOOK OF DRUGS: CONCERT, READING, Q&A'

at S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22 \$22-\$42 (847) 492-8869, www.evanstonspace.com

Montrose Room inside the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont 8 p.m. Friday, March 23 \$20-\$40 (847) 544-5300, www.montroseroom.com



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stand being referred to as "Mike Doughty of Soul Coughing" because "of" indicates the present tense. He doesn't want to be associated with the other members whom, he says, own a majority interest in the songs he wrote, even the ones he wrote before meeting them.

The Soul Coughing years were dark, they were a time when his consumption of drugs transitioned from recreational to addiction.

"This tour is very specifically about answering the gnarly questions about Soul Coughing and talking about the darkness and the hurtfulness of those years," he said. "So, yeah, I welcome questions about that."

In the book, he tells of Soul Coughing fans showing up to his solo shows and shouting the titles of Soul Coughing songs, not knowing how much it hurt him. However, since the book was published in February, he's received apologies from fans.

"Now, it seems people are just startled by how dark it was," he said. "Now I'm getting people coming up and saying, 'I'm so glad you told me this. I'm so sorry for velling out, "Soul Coughing," in the middle of the shows. People appear to be genuinely shocked."

Doughty writes in The Book of Drugs about his self-esteem sinking to an all-time low during the Soul Coughing years and for a while after. At times, he believed the criticism from band members and from Soul Coughing fans.

Sobered up

But, since he sobered up 12 years ago, he's much happier and he's confident his songs are good. He can even laugh at the song "Na Na Nothing" from "Yes and Also Yes," which lists as co-writers Nikki Sixx of Motley Crue, Matthew Gerrard, who co-wrote and produced songs on the "High School Musical" soundtrack, and Dan Wilson, who has credits on Adele's album "21."

He said he lifted a small part from a song the three of them wrote, which he referred to as "a jaw-dropper of bad songness" to put in "Na Na Nothing" and therefore had to credit them. His song, however, is not bad songness.

"I felt like all the songs and all the recordings are exactly what I wanted them to be." he said. "I found so much satisfaction, I was so engaged with the music. It's been really amazing. It continues to be that way."

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Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst. org. March 18, 3 p.m.: Pianist Meng-Chieh Liu performs works by Robert Schumann, Isaac Albéniz, Fauré, Chopin and Liebermann. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. 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. 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. **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.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermel, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Visit www.northwestsymphony. org. March 18: "National Romanticism," featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 5 and Antonin Dvorak's Syphony No. 9, "From the New World.'

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Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore **Center for the Performing** Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Tickets are \$26-\$40: \$13 for youth 17 and under. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. April 15: Gus-tav Mahler's Symphony No. 4.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster. com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. March 24, 8 p.m.: Brit Floyd (Pink Floyd tribute show) - "A Foot In The Door" World Tour. \$29.50, \$39.50, \$55. March 30-31, 8 p.m.: Celtic Woman. \$32-\$72.

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 Peppers - 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.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse. April 14. 8 p.m.: Zozo, featuring folk singer/songwriter Andrew Calhoun, Casey Calhoun, vocals and dance, Gary Cleland, acoustic bass, and Victor Sanders, lead guitar. \$8 includes beverages and pastries.

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Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. March 18, 2 p.m.: Live@Lincolnwood presents The Schticklers, a Jewish jug band.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. March 17, 8 p.m.: Bluegrass band Sexfist; WhiteWater Ramble opens. \$12 general admission; \$18 reserved seating. 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.

Mullen's Bar & Grill, 8313 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. (708) 452-3190. March 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m.: Jazz Community Big Band, an 18-piece big band based in Norridge, plays the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton and others. No cover.

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 "BOOMI", featuring songs from the 1960s and '70s. \$50-\$60.

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Eleven (indie rock). \$10/\$12. March 28, 7:30 p.m.: Uncie Bonsai (folk). \$12/\$15. March 29: Anna Fermin with Hawley, \$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.

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.skokieartguild.org.

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. March 20-April 20: "Viewpoints, Works in Fiber," featuring art by Barbara Schneider, Michelle Sales, Sally Schoch and Shelley Brucar. An artists' reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. March 20.

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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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, vocalists and others in a performance of her "Traveler" program at 7:30 p.m. March 28 for "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. Tickets for the Shankar concert are \$26, \$10 for students. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. [PHOTO BY HARPER SMITH/ DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON

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 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 Chicago vocal ensemble, Salon, will perform a benefit for the North Shore Choral Society on March 18 at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel, Evanston, Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at 5 p.m. will be followed at 6 p.m. by an evening of song including classics from Massenet, Schubert, Sondheim and others. A recommended donation of \$35 will be collected at the door. Reservations required at (773) 741-6727 or info@

northshorechoral.org. **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.northwestsymphony.org.

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

BOOKS & POETRY "Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World," a free seminar examining the role of women in lewish literature

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 led by Benjamin Goluboff, associate professor of English. Copies of the books may be borrowed from the Skokie campus library. Participants are not required to attend all sessions. Selections include March 21: Park Avenue: A Memoir by Anne Roiphe. 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).

Oakton Community College Performing Arts Center, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. March 27, 6 p.m.: Chicago Writers Series will feature Angela Jackson, a poet, playwright and novelist who produced her first book of poetry, Voodoo Love Magic, in 1974. For information, visit www.oakton.edu.whm.

CHILD'S PLAY

Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000 ; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre. com. March 16-18: Disney Live! Three Classic Fairy Tales. \$15-\$70.

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. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. \$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.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. March 19, 3:30 p.m.: Kid Flicks features, "Dolphin Tale."

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst, org. March 17: Family Day of Music. Events include an open house with an instrument petting zoo, refreshments, early childhood music demonstrations, student performances, and more at 9 a.m.; a family concert by Rami Vamos at 10 a.m., \$10 per family; Skokie Montessori recorder group performance at 1 p.m.; and performances by The Joseph Sears School Band and Quintet Attacca at 3 p.m., and Evanston Escola de Samba at 5 p.m.

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. March 24, 2 p.m.: Saturday Family Movies series features "The Smurfs."

COMEDY

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.

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

Evanston Dance Ensemble presents "Count Me In" at 7:30 p.m. March 16, 4 p.m. March 17 and 2 p.m. March 18 at Northwestern University's Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The production includes 14 dance pieces exploring the relationship humans have with numbers. Tickets: \$22; \$15 for youth under 18 and seniors. Call (847) 491-7282or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

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. Milwaukee 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.

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Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. March 16, 1 p.m.: "Thunder Soul." March 22, 10:30 a.m.: "The Way." March 22, 1 p.m.: "A Streetcar Named Desire." 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 21, 7 p.m.: "Reds" (1981). March 28: "Man of the West" (1958). April 4: "Liebelei" (1933). 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.

Turner Classic Movies Presents Casablanca 70th Anniversary Event, 7 p.m. March 21 at local movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Randhurst Village 12, 200 Randhurst Village Drive, Mount Prospect. Tickets are available at theater box offices and online at www. FathomEvents.com.

LECTURES

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary. org. March 18, 2 p.m.: A slide lecture, "Palette of Provence and the Riviera: An Artistic Journey through the South of France," will be presented by Betty Winer.

ORGANIZATIONS International Brother-

hood of Magicians Ring 43 will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 16 in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. The program will feature teaching magic effects. The club welcomes prospective members who are interested in magic, as well as magicians of all skill levels. Guest fee \$5, which can be applied to membership. Visit www.

ring43.org. **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 17, 8 p.m.: "Let's Get Green" singles party at Morettis, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. \$15 includes buffet. March 18 and 25, 7 p.m.: Mambo Italiano at Tuscano's Restaurant, 4926 N. River Road, Schiller Park. Free.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary. org. March 15, 7:30 p.m.: Songwriters' Group meets. Bring original songs to play live and get feedback from others in the group.

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.

ET CETERA

"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, the event also features an introduction and questionand-answer session with **Osmond live from Salt Lake** City. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at www. FathomEvents.com.

Oakton Community College Performing Arts Center, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, March 22, 7 p.m.: Presentation by Amy Richards, author of Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future. The talk will be followed by a screening of HBO's "Gloria: In Her Own Words," for which Richards served as a consultant. Free. For information, visit www.oakton.edu.whm.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603

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Accordion master stays true to his art

BY DONALD LIEBENSON

Contributor

To hear Joe Martino, "The Great One Man Orchestra," perform is to be transported back to a bygone era when the accordion ruled. Where Martino grew up (Harwood Heights) and when he grew up (the late '50s and '60s), boys and girls, most likely the children of immigrants, wanted to play the accordion. More than 50 years later, he still does.

Martino is the co-headliner with Loris Giannoni, "DJ Italian Gold," for "Primavera al Pescatore," a Springtime dance to be held Saturday, March 17 at Pescatore Palace in Franklin Park. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30.

The evening will feature the Ballo Liscio style of ballroom dancing, primarily waltzes, polkas, tangos, tarantellas, and mazurkas, with some sambas and swing music for good measure.

Rock guitar, exemplified by the Beatles, quenched the accordion star, but Martino, 60, has remained true to his first love. He started accordion lessons when he was seven, his family lured by the local music school's offer of six free lessons.

"They went to elementary schools to canvass," Martino said in a phone interview. "Boys and girls, the children of Italian, Polish, German, and Irish immigrants, would be taken by their parents to accordion school."

Accordion heyday

Martino studied for nineand-a-half years with Vince Geraci, whom Martino dubs "the Liberace of the accordion." It was the heyday of the folk instrument. Accordion schools flourished through the Chicago area, he said, while entertainers such as Myron Floren, who played with iconic bandleader Lawrence Welk, and Dick Contino were

'PRIMAVERA AL PESCATORE'

Pescatore Palace is located at 3400 River Road, Franklin Park

Saturday, March 17; cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 Tickets are \$40 per person. For reservations call Joe at (630) 894-0856 or (630) 781-8047 or Loris at (708) 710-4526



Joe Martino

featured on television. Granted, the guitar was cooler, but for Martino, himself the son of Italian immigrants who nurtured their son's love of Italian music and culture, the accordion was "a dynamic expressive instrument" that remains "ingrained in me."

Music lessons were "a family outing," he recalled fondly. "The mother, father, sister, brother, everyone went. It was an era of family unity. I am very thankful that I had a family that cared and supported me that way."

Martino's pursuit of the accordion took him to Italy in 1962 where he studied for about four months.

For some 40 years, he has performed throughout the country, serving as an accordion ambassador and keeping alive his cultural heritage. He performs on an acoustic accordion outfitted with MIDI technology that makes it sound like he is being backed by a 10-piece orchestra.

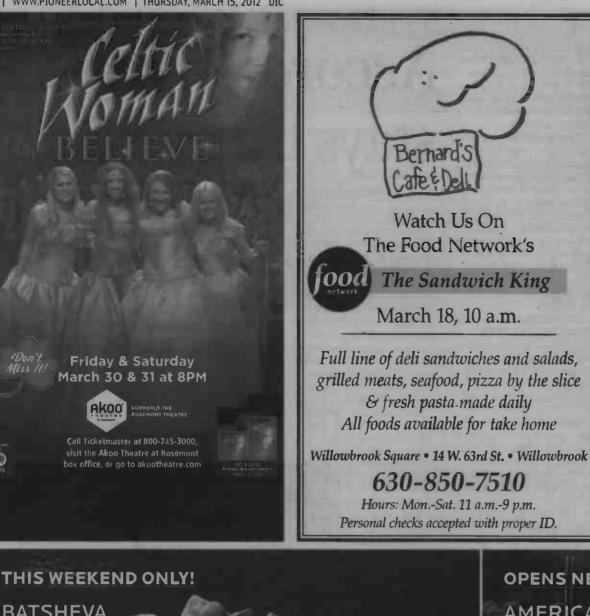
With his musical partner of 28 years, singer Luigi Lenzi, who passed away last year, Martino performed at Italian festivals and other venues. He has entertained an impressive array of politicians, including presidents Ronald Reagan and the elder George Bush. He and Lenzi were imported to California to perform at a private party for actor Roberto Benigni, the Oscar-winning star of "Life is Beautiful," who, like Lenzi, hailed from Tuscany.

At the Pescatore Palace Italian dinner and dance, Martino and Giannoni will alternate between live and recorded music. The Volare Dancers will also perform.

Pop classics

In addition to "accordion classics," Martino will also perform the music of Frank Sinatra (he recorded a CD in 2003 entitled "Accordion to Sinatra"). "It's always part of the program," he said. "I have a passion for his music, and playing it on an acoustic accordion outfitted with MIDI technology gives it a unique flavor."

Martino belongs to the breed of enthusiastically, unashamedly old school entertainers dedicated to keeping a musical tradition alive. "You can't find accordion players on TV anymore unless you go to PBS," he notes. "So many of the composers of this music are no longer with us. Who carries the ball? Do young kids grasp this music today? Do they hold it dear to their hearts? We have to pass it on to them so they will pass it on to their kids."



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Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with 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 22, 6:30-8 p.m.: Elliot Lefkovitz, Loyola University and Spertus Institute faculty member, leads a discussion of Nazis on the Run: How Hitler's Henchmen Fled Justice by Gerald Steinacher, recipient of the 2011 National Jewish Book Award. Free with museum admission. Reservations recommended. March 25, 1:30-3 p.m.: Debo-rah 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

CORRECTION

In a story last week on "The Houdini Box," the Chicago Children's Theatre production now at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts in Skokie, the writer of the show's book and lyrics was incorrectly named. Her name is Hannah Kohl. Pioneer Press regrets the error.

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.



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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a onceclose friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your selfconfidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.

CANCER (june 21 to july 22) Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most problems surrounding that recent personal

situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professionat help.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and nave a great time with loved ones.

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Prep for the Top 10 **Interview Questions**

By Carole Martin, Monster Contributing Writer

Too many job seekers stumble through interviews as if the questions are coming out of left field. But many interview questions are to be expected. Study this list and plan your answers ahead of time so you'll be ready to deliver them with confidence.

1. What Are Your Weaknesses?

This is the most dreaded question of all. Handle it by minimizing your weakness and emphasizing your strengths. Stay away from personal qualities and concentrate on professional traits: "I am always working on improving my communication skills to be a more effective presenter. I recently joined Toastmasters, which I find very helpful."

2. Why Should We Hire You?

Summarize your experiences: "With five years' experience working in the financial industry and my proven record of saving the company money, I could make a big difference in your company. I'm confident I would be a great addition to your team."

3. Why Do You Want to Work Here?

The interviewer is listening for an answer that indicates you've given this some thought and are not sending out resumes just because there is an opening. For example, "I've selected key companies whose mission statements are in line with my values, where I know I could be excited about what the company does, and this company is very high on my list of desirable choices."

4. What Are Your Goals?

Sometimes it's best to talk about short-term and intermediate goals rather than locking yourself into the distant future. For example, "My immediate goal is to get a job in a growth-oriented company. My long-term goal will depend on where the company goes. I hope to eventually grow into a position of responsibility."

5. Why Did You Leave (Or Why Are You Leaving) Your Job?

If you're unemployed, state your reason for leaving in a positive context: "I managed to survive two rounds of corporate downsizing, but the third round was a 20 percent reduction in the workforce, which included me."

If you are employed, focus on what you want in your next job: "After two years, I made the decision to look for a company that is teamfocused, where I can add my experience."

6. When Were You Most Satisfied in Your Job?

The interviewer wants to know what motivates you. If you can relate an example of a job or project when you were excited,

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the interviewer will get an idea of your preferences. "I was very satisfied in my last job, because I worked directly with the customers and their problems; that is an important part of the job for me."

7. What Can You Do for Us That Other Candidates Can't?

What makes you unique? This will take an assessment of your experiences, skills and traits. Summarize concisely: "I have a unique combination of strong technical skills, and the ability to build strong customer relationships. This allows me to use my knowledge and break down information to be more user-friendly."

8. What Are Three Positive Things Your Last Boss Would Say About You?

It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words: "My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he llkes my sense of humor."

9. What Salary Are You Seeking?

It is to your advantage if the employer tells you the range first. Prepare by knowing the going rate in your area, and your bottom line or walk-away point. One possible answer would be: "I am sure when the time comes, we can agree on a reasonable amount. In what range do you typically pay someone with my background?"

> 10. If You Were an Animal, Which One Would You Want to Be?

Interviewers use this type of psychological question to see if you can think quickly. If you answer "a bunny," you will make a soft, passive impression. If you answer "a lion," you will be seen as aggressive. What type of personality would it take to get the job done? What impression do you want to make?





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Healthcare & Nursing

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS EXPLORE CAREER OP

By Jennifer LeClaire, Monster Contributing Writer

While the career path in radiologic technology hasn't been as clearly marked as in other healthcare protessions, radiologic technologists (RTs) can still pursue a variety of career options within and outside healthcare.

In the clinical environment, RTs can branch out into one of the imaging specialties. In industry, RTs can develop rewarding -- and lucrative -- vocations in sales, training, consulting and education.

Among various RT careers, wages fluctuate fairly dramatically. For example, pay for a hospital staff technologist averages about \$47,500 a year, according to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists' (ASRT) 2004 Wage and Salary Survey. Corporate technologists, such as those in sales or training, earn about \$72,000, educators around \$53,000, and hospital or outpatient radiologic technology department administrators make about \$81,000.

Marketplace Technologists

While information from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that RTs work primarily in healthcare settings, technologists still have many other career options.

"Computer technology has really opened up the avenues in this field," says Jim Sutton, director of radiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. "Rad techs are making a good living selling and repairing X-ray equipment, and going out into the field to train employees at healthcare facilities how to use it." RTs can look for such opportunities at X-ray equipment vendors like Del

Tingle X-Ray Systems.

As healthcare consultants, RTs can work with radiology department managers, administrators and educators on strategies and methods for achieving desired outcomes. They can also be marketers who develop long-range strategic plans for institutions. Much like company nurses. RTs can also work at industrial medical clinics, mobile-imaging companies, research centers and dovernment agencies.

As educators, practicing RTs can teach at X-ray schools or hospital in-house training programs. Hospital or X-ray school program directors earn about \$62,000 a year, according to the ASRT. Landing a faculty post at a university requires a master's degree or doctorate.

Get Ahead in Healthcare

Within healthcare, advancement means taking advantage of on-the-job learning opportunities. Once RTs pass their licensing exam, the majority of their remaining training occurs in-house, says Patricia Clark, manager of performance improvement and quality assurance for Temple University Hospital's radiology department.

"Technologists can take evening classes in-house to learn the skills necessary to move up from a starting position to a place in CT (computed tomography) or interventional or even MRI (magnetic resonance imaging)," she says, referring to some of the higher-paying specialties within the field. "When a position opens up, the ones who took the time to go to those classes will usually get the job, because they've already done

Medical Systems Group, Summit Industries and some of the work in their clinical experience." **RT Stepping Stones**

> Two career levels designed to serve as stepping stones into the profession are emerging to address the lack of a well-defined RT career path: radiologist assistant and RT aide. "Radiologist assistants are the advanced practice level, and RT aides are the pre-professional level," explains Cathy Parsons, chairman of the ASRT board of directors. "This will remove some of the heavy load from radiologic technologists and give us a TRN'S pool of future workers to draw from."

Visible career paths overcome a stigma that there's no room for advancement in radiologic technology, Parsons says. They also foster professional development, promote recruitment and encourage loyalty to the field by providing attainable rewards for pursuing additional education and credentialing, she adds.

RTs looking for that upward step in any setting should apply themselves and absorb all they can in an extern program, Clark says.

"Learn and become a good technologist and a good patient-care provider," she advises. "Providing the patient with excellent care is your first goal. Sometimes we miss that."

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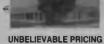
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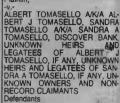
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Judicial Sales-Beal Est, Judicial Sales-Beal Est, Judicial Sales-Beal Est, Judicial Sales-Beal Est Judicial Sales-Real Est. Uudicial Sales-Real Est. Uudicial Sales-Real Est. Judicial Sales-Real Est. the deposit paid. The Purchaser at the sail the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgageor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's atter-amount bid de. Case # 10 CH 51879 MORTON GROVE SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUN-TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUC-CESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Num-ber 1004120. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION No. NOTE 02 Att 10 CH IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUN-TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY Attorney Code. 2 ase # 10 CH 017993 NOTE uant to the Fair Debt Colli ractices Act, you are advise liaintiff's attorney is deemed 168002 Attorney Code, 21102 se # 10 CH 050263 NOTE: Pur-init to the Fair Debt Collection intiffs attorney is deemed to be lebt collector attempting to collect lebt collector attempting to collect Purscices Act, you are advised that Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintif's attorney is deemed to be a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1411610 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/12 #261893 uant to the Fair Debt Co ractices Act, you are advis DEPARTMENT - OTAL VISION S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-BANK OF AMERICA, N.-BANK OF AME suant to the Fair Practices Act, you Plaintiff's attorney Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1418292 ebt collector attemptir ebt and any information be used for that purp debt collector attempt debt and any information that put Mongagee or the monganet in full of the ney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will re-ceive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale the property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospec-tive bidders are admonsthed to will be used for that purpose. 1418617 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/12 #263141 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/12 HOME 1416181 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/12 #261943 BUFFALO GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAN-CERY DIVISION MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUN-TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY 1417494 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/12 #261968 SKOKIE SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAN-CERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MEL-LON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE YATAN KHAN, ZAFAR AHMED KHAN, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, MATIONAL ASSOCIATION, VIL-LAGE OF SKOKIE, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SKOKIE SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUN-TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY WINSTON WILLIAMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS NONRECORD CLAIMANTS SKOKIE IN - THE CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COM PANY makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospec-tive bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all infor-mation. If this property is a condo-minum unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the as-sessments and the legal fees re-quired by The Condominum Prop-erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(9)(1) and (0)(4). If this property is a condo-mon interest community, the pur-chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attomory The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (50) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Plaates refer to lile number 14-10-33409, THE JUDICIAL ' SALES AND VELLS FARGO BANK, NA COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUN TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCER DIVISION BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I INC., SUCCESOR BY MERGER TO BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE COM-PANY OF ILLINOIS DIVISION Defendants 10 CH 004884 riamini, vs. ANGELA ROMANI; MILL CREEK, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIA-TION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANGELA. ROMANI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendente laintiff. DIVISION GUIDANCE RESIDENTIAL LLC Def dozisa
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THE JUDICIAL' SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, LL 60606-4550 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status eroont of cendino sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-33409 ARDC4 00468002 Attorney Code, 21762 Case # 10 CH 046783 NOTE: Pur-suant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be Aupatrick Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076. The montgaged real estate is im-proved with a single family resi-dence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common inter-est community, the purchaser of the subsection (21) of Section 18.5 of the Condomnium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified unds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for in-paction or information call the Sales Clerk it Plaintiffs Attorney, 31 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, c STL2 360-9455 W10-4530. CORPORATION relling Officer, (312) 444-1122 118307 aintiff's attorney is deemed to be debt collector attempting to collect debt and any information obtained a debt collector attemps a debt and any information will be used for that pu taxes levied against saw thout any and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of tille and without recourse to Plantiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to config-i mation by the court. 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SKOKIE, L6 60076
NCDTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 18, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corpo-ration, will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Cor-poration, One South Wacker Drive-24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60066, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the fol-lowing described real estate: Com-monly known as 9018 NILES CEN-TER ROAD, SKOKE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-309-072/080. The real estate is im-proved with a condol/ownhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the high-est bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or traction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due with-in twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgage ac-quing the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienon acquing the residential real estate house rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to gener-al real estate taxes, special assess-ments, or special taxes levicid against said real estate and is of-lefed for sale without any represen-tation as to quality or quantity of the and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is fur-ther subject to confirmation by the Vel. MEHBUB S. KAPADIA, SEEMA M. KAPADIA, UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Counter-Defendants than a mortgagee, shall pay the as-sessments and the legal lees re-quired by The Condominium Prop-erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g/t) and (g)(4). If this property is a condo-minium unit which is part of a com-mon interest community, the pur-chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 755 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION SUMMORE & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710, Please refer to file num-ber 10-8150, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 254-9710, Attomev File No: 10-8150 Attomev BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 236-SALE YOU can also visit The Judi-cal Sales Comporation at www.tisc. C om for a 7 day status report of pending sales, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 234-9710 Attomev File No: 10-8150 Attomev AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Counter-Defendants 10 CH 6218 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreidosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 4, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corpora-tion will on Thursday, April 5, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, self to the highest blider for cash, the follow-ing described mortgaged real es-tate: Commonly known as 6505 Longmeadow Avenue, Lincolinwood, IL 60712. P.I.N. 10-33-441-009-0000. The mortgaged real estate is a two story, single family residence with 5 bedrooms and 5.5 batks (If the sub-led mortgaged real estate is a unit performing and 5.5 barrs if the sub-ject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community the purchaser of the unit ofter than a mortgagee shall pay the assess ments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the condominum Personet A THE CALL estate is a unit of a common inter estate is a unit of a common inter set community, the purchaser of the partitifs attorney. The Sale Clerk, CoDILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 1980/30 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, L. 40527, (630) 794-9876 between the condominum Property Act Sale terms: 25% down by certified Lunds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for in spection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser of the subsection by continent in full of the amount bid, the purchaser of the walk approximation, Visit our website at to the premises after confirmation For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-piece.attt LAW. For information, contac Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Cleft CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAG of Section 18.5 of the condominium Property Act THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TO A PRIOR RECORDED FIRST

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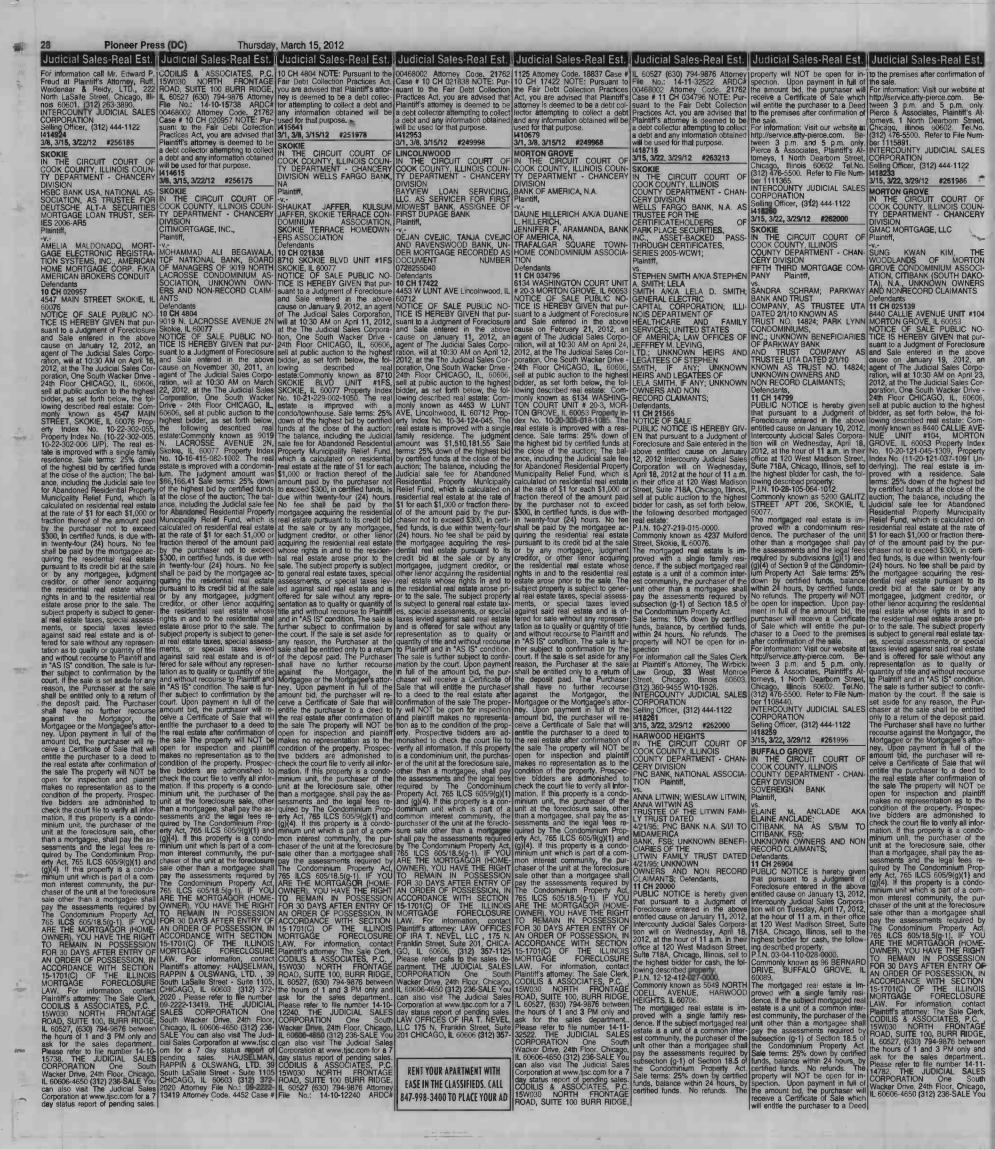
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will be used for that purpose. 1416227 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/12 #261946

MIS, 3/22, 3/23/12 #201940 MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUN-TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. S/B/M TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVIC-HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Pulantif GALINA SANDLER

V. MICHAEL F. SCHAAB AKA MI-CHAEL SCHAAB, JULIE C. SCHAAB AKA JULIE SCHAAB, TCF NATIONAL BANK, CHASE BANK USA, N.A., FA/A CHASE MANHATTAN BANK USA, N.A.

Defendants 11 CH 24275

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SKOKIE North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attomey File No.: PA1020952 Attomey Code, 91220 Case # 11 CH 24275 (416102 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/12 #261929 BUFFALO GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUN-TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY THIRD MORTGAGE COM

Defendants, 11 CH 27311 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above t entitled cause on January 9, 2012, 1 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corpora-tion will on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. In their Edite at 120 West Madison Street, F Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to a the highest bidder for cash, the fol-2 kwing described property. GALINA SANDLER Defendants 11 CH 6948 50 OLD CAK DRIVE UNIT 114 BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 24, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corpo-ration, will at 10:30 AM on April 26, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corpo-ration, will at 10:30 AM on April 26, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corpo-ration, will at 10:30 AM koker Drive-24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, self at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the foi-lowing described real estate: Commonly known as 50 OLD OAK DRIVE UNIT 114, BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089 Property Index No. 03:04:300-021-1015. The real estate is improved with a 2 story muti-unb building. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified hunds at the close of the auction? owing described property: P.I.N. 10-27-115-058-0000.

P.I.N. 10-27-115-066-0000. Commonly known as 7636 KNOX AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076. The mortgaged real estate is im-proved with a single family resi-dence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common inter-est community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall he aunit of a to-nunity, the purchaser on ar than a mortgagee shall (assessments required by / ion (g-1) of Section 18.5 of down by certified yours, by ale terms: 25% down by certified inds, balance within 24 hours, by ertified funds. No retunds. The roperty will NOT be open for inthe amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of

The sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Be-tween 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Piantiffs At-tomeys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Num-ther 116712 1116712. ERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES

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CIRCUIT COURT OF

OOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS OUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAN-IERY DIVISION MERICAN METRO BANK.

AWAT ENTERPRISES, INC. AM-ULATORY HEALTH CARE FRIVICES, LTD., AMBULATORY ESIDENTIAL CARE CENTERS F AMERICA, INC. DANIEL AWAT A/K/A DANIEL R. GAWAT, RIGIL JAVIER, ANN JAVIER, ND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND ON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, elendants

ACTIONATION I CH 33166 VOTICE OF SALE VUBLIC NOTICE is hereby give inat pursuant to a Judgment Foreclosure entered in the abo Foreclosure entered in the abo nitted cause on February 18, 012, Intercounty Judicial Sales corporation will on Tuesday, April 0, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. In-teir office at 120 West Madison itreet, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, ell to the highest bidder for cash, ne following described mortgaged eal estate: commonly known as 7660 Gross

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 T Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.
 N P.I.N. 10-29-209-011-0000.
 T The mortgaged real estate is a one Natory, multi-unit commercial office building. The property may be made available for inspection by contact-ing Mr. Frank Sakelaris at (630) 416-3311.
 Sale terms: Biddem

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Ing Mr. Frank Sakelaris at (630) 446-331. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or cessful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid sall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. For information call Ms. Sheryl A. Fyock at Latimer LeVay Fyock LLC. 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Il-linois 60603. (312) 422-8000. 65027-03 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 147351

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAN CERY DIVISION TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUST-Plainthi, EDWARD GIYO, ASSET-BACKED HILDA GHELIAN; EDWARD GIYO, ASSET-BACKED MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SER-MORTGAGE FOR AEGIS tith, vs. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 11 CH 27311 UBLIC NOTICE

VS.A IOANA SAVOS, ARGENT MORT-GAGE COMPANY, LL.C., THE LO-TUS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIA-TION, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants.

TY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERT DIVISION U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANK-LIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 Plaintif, "Y."

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CIATION Defendants 11 CH 028949 8620 N. WAUKEGAN ROAD UNIT #405 MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur uant to a Judgment of Foreclosure nd Sale entered in the above ause on January 18, 2012, ar suant to a Judgment of Fored and Sale entered in the cause on February 14, 20 agent of The Judicial Sales agent of The Judicial Sales Corpo-ration, will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Cor-poration, One South Wacker Drive-24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the foi-towing described real estate: Com-monly known as 8620 N. WALKEGAN ROAD UNIT #405, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Prop-ety Index No. 10-10-8053 agent of The Judicial Sales ration, will at 10:30 AM on / 2012, at the The Judicial Sa poration, One South Wacks 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606 st sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the fol-lowing described real estate: Com-monly known as 563 PARVIEW TERRACE, UNIT #15-7, BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089 Property Index No, 03-08-201-038-111. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse, Sale-WAUKEGAN ROAD UNIT #405 MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Prop-erly Index No. 10-19-109-044-1041. The real estate is improved with a st condot/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% st down of the highest bid by certified tunds at the close of the auction; It hads at the close of the auction; It sale fee for Abandoned Residential & Propenty Municipality Relief Fund, F which is calculated on residential & real estate at the rate of 51 for No. 03-08-201-038-111. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms; 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judiclal sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on certificating.

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Mitware Defendants 11 CH 3573 4601 WEST TOUHY AVENUE* Lincoinwood, IL 60712 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 17, 2012, an cause on January 17, 2012, an in Judicial Sales Corpo-

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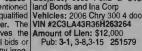
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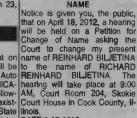
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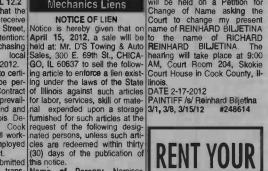


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PUBLIC NOTICE

Popelic Notice Representatives and parents of students who are home-school are invited by the Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE) to attend a special meeting on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. at the Molloy Education Center, 8701 N. Menard Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct timely and meaningful consultation re-lating to the services offered to home-schooled or non-public school students by the NTDSE on behalf of Districts (67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73, 5, 74). Dated this 15th day of March, 2012. Representatives and parents or Re 2012 Governing Board of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807. Vicki Goldberg Governing Board Secretary Pub: 3/15/12 259509

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tress, personal items. Pub: 3/15, 3/22 261691 County, Illinois. DATED this 15th day of March,

Public Notices Public Notices Public Notices Notice of Public Hearing LESTER AND ROSALIE ANIXTER CENTER

State of Illinois Chicago Notice is hereby

On Monday, April 2, 2012	At. 9:00 a.m.
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Chicago, Illinois 60614-4036 I. For the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Illinois Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants, and which is generally described as follows: A. Description of Project: Lester and Rosaile Anixter Center is applying to IDOT to obtain two paratransit vehicles in order to provide transportation for participants in our residential, em-ployment, and day programs who are not able to use non-accessible vehicles for community ac-tivities. This project will be included in a Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program undertaken by the State of Illinois on behalt of Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center, with State and Federal Eurode Funds

B. Relocation: Relocation assistance will not be required.
 C. Environment: This project is being implemented to minimize environmental impact.
 D. Comprehensive Planning; This project is in conformance with comprehensive transportation planning in the area.
 E. Elderly and Disabled: All new equipment included in this project will meet ADA accessibility rules for the elderly and persons with disabilities.
 I. At the hearing Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit orality or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.
 III. A copy of the application for a state grant for the proposed project for the intended service area will be made available for public inspection at Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center, 2001 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60614-4036 Don Whipker, Research Assoclate

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD TRAFFIC COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held by the Traffic Commission of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the follow-ing:

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ing: Property Location: Keystone at Lincoln Applicant: Airoom, LLC, Property Owner Nature of Request: The applicant requests that Keystone Avenue from the North right-of-way of Lincoln Avenue to just north of the Public Alley behind Airoom Plaza (approximately 66' x 160') be vacated for purposes of constructing a private parking lot. At the public hearing, the Traffic Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this applica-tion.

consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this applica-tion. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Traffic Commis-sion will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subse-quent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application. Information concerning this application is available for inspec-tion in the Police Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood Ullinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Traffic Com-mission of the Village without further notice other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting fixing the time and place of its reconvening. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opporti-nity to be heard regarding this application. This is not a "no-tice to appear." It is an invitation to all interested persons to submit oral or written comments concerning this application. Written comments must be received no later than 5 P.M. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Chier of Police at the Lincolnwood, IL 60712. Persons having questions may call the Police Develop-ment Department 4, 6470 673-2167. Dated: March 9, 2012 315/12 621

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Friday, March 30, 2012

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1715 West Roosevelt Road, Broadview, IL 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. • Attire: leopard Free before 10:00 p.m.





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Mayer – Balow Engagement

Roderick and Catherine Mayer are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Mayer to Mark Balow, son of Richard and Patricia Balow.

Allison and Mark were raised in Park Ridge, and attended Maine South High School where they began dating in their senior year. Allison is in her final semester of college, studying Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Mark is also in his final semester of college studying Civil Engineering at Iowa State University in Ames. The couple plans to marry in March 2013 at Mary Seat of Wisdom Church.

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.

Mondays, March 19 and 26 – Employment counseling, by appointment.

Tuesday, March 20 – Medicare counseling, by appointment. (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program)

Wednesday, March 21 – Grief and loss support group (call first).

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

The village of Niles was informed of a grant opportunity for homeowners with a minimum of \$10.000 worth of damage remaining from the 2008 federally declared flood. To be eligible, the following requirements must be met: Home must have been damaged by the 2008 disaster; must be a single family unit structure; must be located outside the 100-year flood plain; must be the homeowner's primary residence; homeowner must have been owner of record at the time of the disaster and continue to be the owner; homeowner must have applied for FEMA for disaster assistance in 2008; household must be considered Low and Moderate Income; home must still have a minimum of \$10,000 worth of damage. If all of the requirements above are met, contact the Assistant Village Manager at (847) 588-8007 before March 20.

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 Townshin 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 Moylan Krey 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 at Niles Township in Skokie, 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) 835-8261.

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 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-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henmueller, (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

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 equip-ment, 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 Foundation, dedicated to eliminate pediatric cancer.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800: reservations. 9847) 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 Jews in particular. Ours to Fight for brings to life the actions and feelings of these young men and women. Free with Museum admission. March 15, 6:30-8 p.m.: Clark University professor, author and Holocaust scholar Deborah Dwork discusses her book, Flight from the Reich: Refugee Jews, 1933-1946. Comprehensive research contributes to this compelling look at the search for safe haven from the Nazis. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. 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.Su

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.

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.

Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8624 W. Normal Ave., Niles, will host its annual St. Joseph's Table on March 18. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m.; a spaghetti dinner with a variety of treats will be served from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5. Call (847) 823-2550. All are welcome. Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent dePaul Society in their community work.

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 stitled "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 20: Your Pregnancy: How it Affects You and Your Child Forever," presented by Dr. James Keller, chair Obstetrics/Gynecology; March 27: "Pelvic Pain: Finding the Answers, presented by Dr. John White, chair of Surgery, and Dr. Lisa Laurent, radiologist.

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 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.

Former French teacher and Francophile Betty Winer follows in the footsteps of Van Gogh, Monet, and Matisse, in a slide-lecture format at 2 p.m. March 18. Winer has visited Provence and the Riviera numerous times, discovering and photographing the many picturesque and inspiring sites associated with the innovative art of modern times.

In coordination with the College Nannies & Tutors, teens are invited to take a free practice ACT test at 12:45 p.m. March 17; bring a calculator and pencil. On April 3 at 7 p.m., review passages and questions from an actual ACT reading test and learn test-taking skills and strategies.

Learn about making good academic and career choices before choosing a college at 7 p.m. March 20. Find out why early career planning is important, and four great steps for making college major and career decisions. This program is presented by Career Vision, a not-for-profit foundation.

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 the Balbar SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 26

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 volunteer drivers 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 be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be



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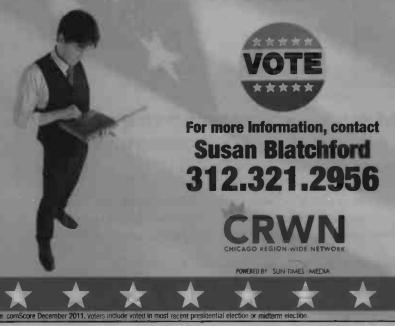
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Parks

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. 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,

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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 partles should contact the Director, Bret Fahnstrom at (847) 297-3000, ext. 26, or email bret@gmpd.org. And 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 young 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 Parks.

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 we 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 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. Call (847) 297-3000 or visit www.paperretriever. com/.

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, sing-

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premium. I wanted to pay, so I called **and** the representative gave me an address to send my payment. She also said my date of birth was incorrect (after all this time) so I sent in a copy of the original application, plus a photo of my driver's license.

The next month, I again did not receive an invoice, so I called again. This time, I paid over the phone and asked if I could pay by automatic deduction each month, which I thought would solve the problem.

I filled out a form and received a confirmation, but in January no deduction was taken.

I called again. The representative told me my premiums for January and February would be taken out in February.

But by Feb. 1, the premiums were still not deducted. I called again but couldn't get this corrected. I called again Feb. 18 and talked to a supervisor who said he would work on it that week. A week later, I called and asked for him again, but was told he was not available and they weren't allowed to give me his last name!

I asked if I could send \$428 to bring my account up to date. I have been postponing cataract surgery, since I was not sure if they would pay a claim, as my account still was showing I was only paid to Dec. 31.

I mailed the payment and they said the auto deduction would begin the next month.

I think five months to get this straightened out is ridiculous. They keep telling me it is a computer problem. I have never worked so

hard to make a premium payment. Audrey Scholly

Dear Audrey: The Fixer admires your tenacity in trying to give money to your insurance company!

Kidding aside, we can see why you'd want this billing problem fixed. You wouldn't want that same computer that couldn't bill you to later deny you coverage for not being current with your payments.

We took this to Blue Cross Blue Shield and they fixed it in a flash. Apparently, they had moved to a different billing system and your account lagged behind. Now they've got you on auto-payment and it really did deduct your money this month. Good luck with the surgery.

Costly lesson

Some things you can let slide. If you forget to empty the recycling bin, water a plant or cut your kid's toenails for a few days, chances are nothing catastrophic will happen. That's not the case when it comes to keeping tabs on your debit card, as G.S. found out. Her checkbook, debit card and state ID disappeared — lost or stolen, she doesn't know.

The first she learned of it was when her bank sent ner overdraft notices. By then, someone had fraudulently reached into her account and taken all her money.

Sadly, she didn't have a legal leg to stand on. The law says that consumers can be liable for \$50 in losses if they report a lost or stolen debit card within two business days but liable for up to \$500 in losses if they wait up to 60 days to report it. If they fail to report it after that, they can be on the hook for unlimited losses.

In a related tale of woe, another Fixer reader, P.M., learned the hard way that consumers should never write their PIN on the back of a debit card.

She did, and when the card was later lost and used fraudulently, her bank wouldn't help. The bank said that by not protecting her PIN from a thief, she essentially helped them take her money.

So dear readers, please keep your PINs private — and check your account activity frequently.

Not all plastic is equal

As The Fixer has written before, there are important differences between debit and credit cards when it comes to theft or fraud. A debit card is a straight line into your bank account — and if you don't catch the fraud right away, you can potentially be on the hook for unlimited losses.

Bankrate.com recently identified certain transactions in which it could be risky to use your debit card:

• Online purchases. Not to get paranoid, but with the potential for malware on your computer or someone eavesdropping on a wireless network or the merchant having its data compromised, there are all sorts of reasons to not use a debit card online. By using a credit card, you'll have more protection in case something goes wrong.

• ATMs in low-traffic, outdoor places. Scammers can quietly attach a skimmer to an ATM to capture your account information, plus install a pinhole camera to record your PIN. Stick to ATMs in busy, well-lit areas and stay away from any machine that appears to have been tampered with.

• At the gas pump. Gas stations are another spot where skimmers can be placed. Better to use a credit card or cash.

• Restaurants. Sadly, skimming has been known to take place in the back rooms of eateries, when the employee has taken your card for payment.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com/fixer, where you'll find a simple form to fill out. Or, you can mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026.

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ing, 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

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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. 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.

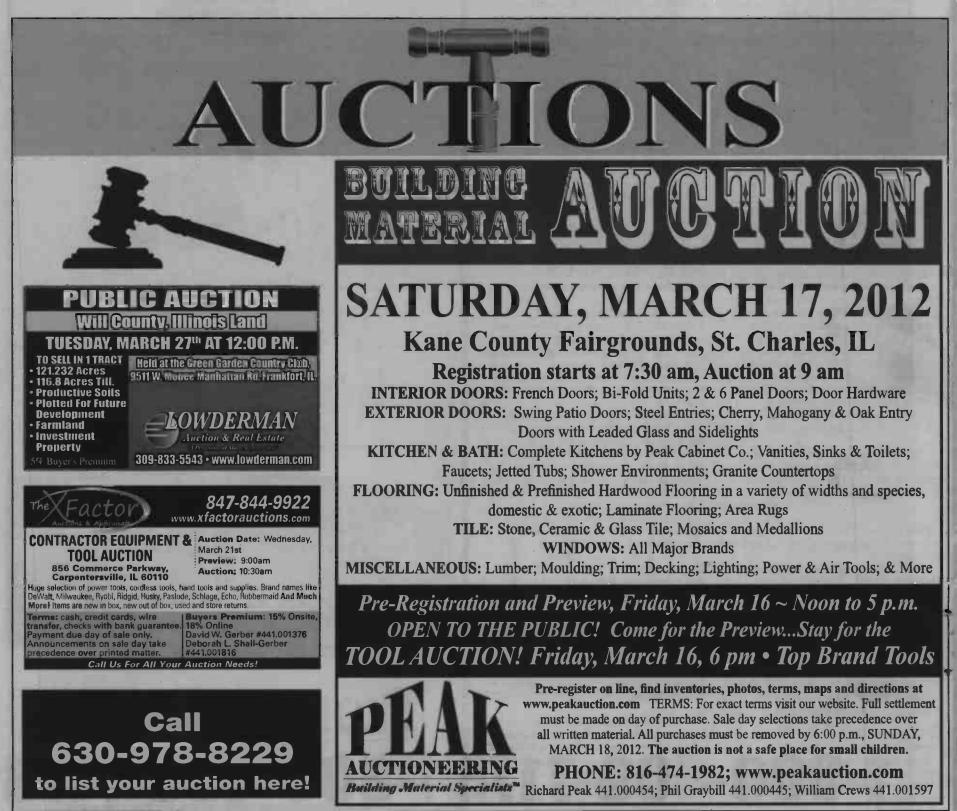
Reunions

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@sjbschool.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. com.

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.

A workshop for persons who are losing their vision will take place at 11:30 a.m. March 21. The program will deal with "Maintaining Your Lifestyle" — dining with confidence, communicating with friends and family, and finding local resources. Niles Senior Men's Club will host a St. Joe's/St. Pat's Party from 11:30 a.m. to 2;30 p.m. March 16. This year's menu will feature corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. The afternoon entertainment will feature Enzo Incandela. Door prizes will be included. Seating is reserved; pick up a Table Reservation Form at the Front Desk. Cost is \$15, members; \$20, nonmembers.

The Niles Senior Center Caregiver Support Group is a source of practical and emo-

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Butter trends spreading

Butter gets an upgrade with European style, flavor varieties and a new, brick shape

BY VERONICA HINKE

Contributor

Julia Child said "fat gives things flavor." One of her favorite fat flavors was that of butter. So once a guilty luxury, butter suddenly got a liberating green light when, in 2009, Columbia Pictures released the quirky bio, "Julie & Julia," that glorified that rich, dairy fat as a most necessary ingredient in Child's classic recipes. Butter sales have soared.

Food

And no one has watched those butter sales increase with more interest than Earl Haberkamp. He's the manager of the dairy and frozen foods sections at Sunset Foods in Highland Park.

Not only have butter sales increased, but choices have multiplied. In the last six months or so, Haberkamp has particularly noticed more choices in flavored butters. "Before it was just the standard butter or margarine," Haberkamp said.

New tastes

New on the shelves are brands like Twisted Butter, a line launched a few months ago by Northbrook natives, business partners Jane Johnson and Dave Milazzo. A highlight of their website (www.twistedfoods.com/ recipes.asp) is a spread of sweet and savory recipes, which showcases the many uses for their six flavored butters: Bacon, Dijon, Mustard & Green Onion; Blueberry, Honey & Lemon Zest; Cinnamon, Honey & Brown Sugar; Chive & Parsley; Cilantro & Lime; and Portobello Mushroom with Boursin-Garlic & Herb Cheese.

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, they'veintroduced a recipe for Corned Beef and Cabbage with Twisted Chive & Parsley Butter.

All Twisted varieties, each an offshoot of Johnson's days flavoring butters for sale at farmers markets in Northfield and Northbrook, are made with fresh ingredients. "To get the butters to where they are today was a lot of trial and error," she said. "The goal was to be able to taste the flavors, but not too much."

Her biggest challenge? Cilantro and lime. "At certain times of the year your cilantro is a lot fresher," she said. Johnson, once the chef at the helm of her former Northbrook catering company, "You've Got it Made," is considering more new flavors. Tomato, Basil and Garlic has been a hit at the farmers markets.

And she's getting serious about tarragon. 'You can use it on anything," she said.

Haberkamp has lately noticed a lot of recipes now even specifically calling for European butter. "It has a different taste to it," he explained. "It's richer; creamier."

Free range cows

That's because, as explained by the Irish Dairy Board, which has an outpost in Evanston, Irish butters are made from "cows that roam freely in Ireland's lush pastures."

The board's brand communications manager, Molly O'Loughlin, said she's lately even noticed high profile retailers in the U.S. accommodating the interest in European butter by manufacturing butter dishes to fit 8-ounce size butter "bricks," a change from America's traditional butter "sticks."

For their part, European butter makers are keeping up with trends in the U.S.

Kerrygold, one of the more prominent brands of Ireland, recently launched a soft butter made naturally, without oils, that sometimes is used to make spreadable butters; a reduced fat option has half the sodium and 20 percent less fat than typical butters.

The company's garlic and herb flavor butter has sold consistently since 2006. "The trend is for people to make their own compound butters, but people don't have the time," O'Loughlin said.

If you're low on time on St. Patrick's Day weekend, Grant Slauterbeck and his team at Glenview House in Glenview have a traditional menu planned — and plenty of butter will be incorporated. "My training is classic French," Slauterbeck said. "There will be plenty of butter in the mashed potatoes; pretty much everything we make here is finished with butter. Its richness plays against the acidity in dishes, exposing more of the complex flavors you might not get without

Somewhere, Julia is beaming.



Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots with a sauce made from Twisted Chive and Parsley Butter. | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Corned Beef and Cabbage with Twisted Chive & Parsley Butter

From Twisted Butter

Makes 8 servings

5 pounds corned brisket of beef ¹/4 teaspoon ground black pepper or 6 whole black peppercorns

1 teaspoon bay leaf

2 large carrots, cut into 4 pieces each

4 medium turnips, quartered

1 medium onion, peeled and quartered 1 small medium green cabbage, cut into 8 wedges

6 tablespoons Twisted Butter Chive & Parsley Butter, melted

4 tablespoons flour, sifted

1 cup half and half cream (can substitute milk) Salt and pepper, to taste Place corned beef in large pot with peppercorns, bay leaf and water to cover. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 4-5 hours until tender, skimming fat occasionally.

During the final hour of simmering, add carrots, turnips and onion.

During last 20 minutes, add cabbage.

For the cream sauce:

Make a roux by melting 6 tablespoons of Twisted Chive & Parsley Butter and stirring in 4 tablespoons flour. Slowly add cream, stir until it thickens. (Add more cream if it gets too thick.)

Transfer meat to cutting board, and thinly slice against grain. Arrange on platter with vegetables. Pour cream sauce over top and serve. Season with salt and pepper.

Jane Johnson of Northbrook, co-owner and executive chef of Twisted Butter, adds a sauce made from chive and parsley butter to the corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. I RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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tional 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

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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 Jaymi for dates, (847) 588-8420. Niles Senior Center Issues

in the News meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. An Effective Communica-

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 Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m.; All American, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon; Issues in the News, Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjongg, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Drop-in Ceramics, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Drop-in Wood Carving, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Social Scrabble, Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon.

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.

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A Timely Talk on "Landscapes Before and After" will be presented by Maureen Taylor, a Master Gardener, at 2 p.m. March 21 at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Taylor, who has her own landscape design business and serves as president of the Irving Park Garden Club, will discuss some of her recent projects that show the impact a professionally designed landscape can have on a property. She designed four community gardens with the help of

neighborhood volunteers and in 2007 won Mayor Daley's Landscape Award for her own yard and for her Community Gardens. Following her program, she will answer plant or landscape questions. Parking is available in the lot behind the building, entrance off Avondale Avenue. Refreshments will be available, and a raffle will be held. To register, call (773) 577-5323 or email info@norwoodcrossing.org.

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

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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. Caryl Derenfeld will present "Feisty Females: Women of Our Times" discussing movers and shakers like Hlllary Clinton, Maya Angelou, Doris Haddock and more at 12:30 p.m. March 15. Suggested donation is \$8. A St. Patrick's Day Special will be served on March 16 providing corned beef and cabbage, potatoes with carrots, celery and horseradish, Barley Blarney soup, soda bread and a Bailey's brownie. Cost is \$13; discount \$9.60. Also enjoy St. Patrick's Day with the Nippersink Rogues at 4 p.m. March 16. Enjoy a complete corned beef dinner, then celebrate with Irish tunes; show is at 5 p.m. Meal cost is \$12 (discount \$9.60); entertainment donation is \$8. 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 pro**gram. 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

Meet others to practice conversational Spanish at the Golf Mill Shopping Center Food Court at 3 p.m. Saturdays, March 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Look for "Meetup" sign on table near Subway. Call (847) 830 7656.

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.

Joyful Again! offers a retreat/workshop for widows and widowers March 17 and 18 at Holy Family Medical Center, 100 N. River Road, Des Plaines. This event is sponsored by Rainbow Hospice. Call (708) 354-7211 for particulars and to register. See www.joyfulagain.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 month.

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 NorthShore **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 HealthSystem 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 Nurs-

erv. 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 week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information. call (773) 205-3600.

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 nominal. 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 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 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.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month.

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

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) 792-5022.

Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C.

Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Wednesday of the month 5-7 p.m. at Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7866.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, In the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

Northwest Suburban Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome Support Group of Illinois meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Conference Room 1064. Email bzarnikow@aol.com to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

An area Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's Disease meets at 10:30 a.m. every second Saturday at Central Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jessi Lenth, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509.

Queen of All Saints hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Ionia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060. Additional meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave.

Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

Teen Center

The Niles Youth Council is a group of teens from sixth through 12th grade who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to check them out. Call (847) 375-8949. The Teen Center is located at 373 Golf Mill Center in Niles.

The Teen Center is working with the Niles Senior Center to find teenagers willing to help senior citizens with leaf raking, snow shoveling and general yard work while earning money. Complete the Niles Teen Job Connection form available on the center Web site and return it to Mark at the center. Information will be shared with the director of the center and contacts will be made with residents in need of services.

Register your bike through the Niles Teen Center or Niles Police Department. Every year the Niles Police Department accumulates a

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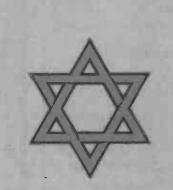
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Niles West forward Jewell Loyd (32) scored 3,077 career points to rank seventh in state history, gathered 1,478 rebounds to rank No. 12, blocked 275 shots and collected 402 steals. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

NORTH STARS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR Wolves' Loyd gifted in many ways

BY MIKE CAMERON

Contributor

Her middle name is Blessing, and Jewell Loyd has been that and more for Niles West the past four years.

The Pioneer Press North Stars Player of the Year led the previously moribund Wolves to an 88-34 record, including this season's outright CSL South championship and third straight regional title to go with a shared conference crown and supersectional berth two years ago.

"It is another very well-deserved award," said Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz. "Jewell will go down as one of the greatest two-way players in the history of the state and the

SECOND TEAM

Glenbrook North senior forward

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Evanston junior forward

country. Her will to win is second to 27 points on 50 percent field-goal acnone. She was an even better person. As a player, she's right up there with (former Naperville Central standout) Candace Parker for best ever."

Rated as the nation's top shooting guard, Loyd scored 3,077 career points to rank seventh in state history. Never taller than 5-foot-10, she snared 1,478 rebounds to rank No. 12. Loyd stands at No. 18 in blocks with 275 and pilfered 402 steals. Her rebounding, defense, extraordinary stamina and ability to avoid foul trouble were underrated because of her prolific scoring.

Loyd carried her last squad to a 22-9 record despite the toughest schedule in team history. Averaging curacy, Loyd scored 53 percent of the Wolves' points. She also averaged 12 rebounds, four steals and 2.2 blocks.

Shrugging off nightly poundings and a sore ankle, back and knee, Loyd willed the Wolves to five straight wins before a 48-46 sectional loss to Glenbrook South. She scored 16 of her 31 points in the fourth quarter. Loyd torched Maine West with a career-high 50 points, but was no less thrilled with beating triple-teaming Maine South 42-41 with passes in a selfless 12-point display.

The Notre Dame signee allowed herself an offseason consisting of one night's sleep before hitting the weights and working on her game

the very next day.

"I always want to get better. This year, I wanted to improve my defense and help my team win," said Loyd. "Now I'm working on my ballhandling and change of speeds for the next level."

After heading to South Bend, Ind., to watch the No. 3 Lady Irish in their regional, Loyd will play in the McDonald's All-American contest at 6 p.m. March 28 at the United Center and then travel to Denver for the WBCA All-American game on March 31, the off-day of the Women's Final Four at the Pepsi Center.

Loyd's collegiate career kicks off June 18 with summer classes and camps at Notre Dame.

FIRST TEAM

Player of the Year: Jewell Loyd, Niles West senior

Coach of the Year: Jeremy Schoenecker. Lovola

JACQUI GRANT

Maine South junior center

One of the top juniors in the state, the 6-foot-3 Division I recruit led the Hawks in scoring (13.1) and rebounding (6.4) as they won their third consecutive regional championship, Grant was an all-CSL South selection and was named to all-tournament teams at both the Bison Classic and State Farm Classic. She has offers from DePaul, Marquette, South Florida and New Mexico.

MARIYAH HENLEY Niles North senior

Henley, along with senior Alissa Hirsh, helped turn the Vikings into a contender in the conference during her four seasons. The Lewis-bound 6-footer averaged 17.6 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals and 1.6 blocks a game. An all-CSL North selection, she also was picked for the all-tournament team at Warren.

JEWELL LOYD Niles West senior forward

Loyd will go down as one of the best to ever play in the state. The Notre Dame recruit averaged 27 points as a senior and finished her four-year career with 3,077 points, the seventh-best total in Illinois history. She also averaged 12 rebounds and posted 22 double-doubles in 31 games.

MICHELLE MAHER Maine South senior guard

Part of a senior class that produced three regional titles, the point guard made an impact in Park Ridge. Headed to play at Western Illinois, Maher averaged 10.9 points and totaled a team-best 57 assists as the Hawks finished 25-7. She was an all-conference pick and also made all-tournament teams at the Bison Classic and State Farm Classic.

MAGGIE LYON

New Trier senior guard

The 6-foot-1 Lyon was four-year player and a matchup nightmare for opponents. The Northwesternbound Trevian averaged 20.2 points, 8.3 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game. Lyon earned allconference recognition, as well as all-tournament honors at New Trier and Dundee-Crown.

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New Trier junior Kerry Scafidi advanced in all-around last month to the state gymnastics meet, helping the Trevians make it as a team. | PHOTOS BY JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

NORTH STARS GYMNASTS OF THE YEAR

Scafidi, Stoddart form dynamic duo for Trevs

BY MATT HARNESS

Kerry Scafidi was the top gymnast for New Trier her first two seasons, competing in at the state meet as both a freshman and sophomore.

It wasn't until Scafidi teamed up with Sam Stoddart this season that the Trevians accomplished something not done in a long time.

The junior Scafidi and freshman Stoddart guided the team to its first trip to the state meet since the 1994-95 season. The Trevians totaled 141.775 points to finish eighth in the field.

"Obviously, Kerry's had a huge impact on our team," New Trier coach Jennifer Pistorius said. "She's an awesome gymnast and is up there with some of the best in the state."

The addition of Stoddart, another all-arounder, pushed the Trevians back to the final weekend of the season for the first time in nearly two decades.

"Sam also made a huge impact, especially as a freshman," the coach said. "It was



Behind freshman Sam Stoddart, New Trier competed at the state meet for the first time in 18 years.

such a different atmosphere this year than in the past. When the team goes to the state meet, it's awesome. Everybody is screaming and yelling."

yelling." Both Scafidi and Stoddart advanced to the state meet as all-arounders. What's more, Stoddart's 9.65 on the balance at Niles North was the top score in the event at all four

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Stoddart's season was even more impressive considering she struggled with chronic knee pain.

"I know she was hurt," Pistorius said. "But she always said she was fine. She learned so much from the experience."

Scafidi also shined on the beam, as well as the uneven parallel bars.

"She has some of the hardest tricks in the state," Pistorius said. "Her bars routine is one of the harder, but she had a fall in the preliminaries at the state meet that kept her from advancing."

Pistorius said Scafidi and Stoddart both are back at work this offseason. Scafidi trains at the Wheeling-based American Academy of Gymnastics, and Stoddart is at Flips Gymnastics in Lake Forest. "I am excited about the fu-

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is the only person on the list of

both the top 10 greatest coaches and top 50 greatest players. What's more, Wilkins is one of

only three people inducted into

the Hall of Fame as both a player

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(2011). That just happened to break the mark of eight berths, also posted by the Big East – three times (2006, '08 and '10).

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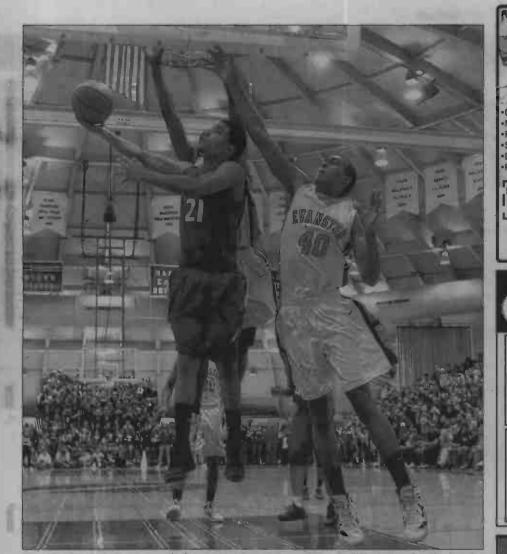
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Niles North's Eron Washington (21) scores against Evanston's Randy Ollie during the Glenbrook South Sectional final. Evanston won 62-42. [JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Pieces are in place for another extended run

BY MATT HARNESS

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In no way is Glenn Olson disappointed with Niles North's season.

Of course, the coach wanted the Vikings to capture another sectional championship.

But Olson understands the difficulty of winning one, much less two in a row.

"Since the four-class system, winning a regional title is a big deal," said the third-year coach, who's guided the Vikings to back-to-back regional crowns. "You want to keep going, and you're devastated when you lose. But there's an element of icing on the cake.

"We felt very good about this season, with this group, especially where we were at the beginning of the year. I'd be crazy to say I wasn't proud

of what they achieved." A four-game losing streak

early in the season left the Vikings searching for answers. They started the turnaround at Wheeling's tournament and continued it in the new year, winning 13 of their final 17 games to end up 21-9.

Things were looking good in the first half Friday during the Vikings' 62-42 loss to Evanston at Glenbrook South.

Niles North took a onepoint lead into the half, even though star point guard Malachi Nix missed all five of his shots and had zero points.

The Wildkits surged ahead by as many as 16 in the third before the Vikings (21-9) got on track after Mychael Henley's three-pointer.

Nix, who missed his first 10 shots and first two free throws, then buried a threepointer at the buzzer to bring the Vikings within nine at 43-34 by the start of the fourth. But Evanston was too

much for Niles North. "A lot of the shots they hit were tough shots, and they were able to get closer to the

basket than us," Olson said. But Olson was happy with how his players fought through the fourth quarter.

"That speaks volumes about our group, especially on a night when we literally had our worst shooting performance of the year," he said. "I am really proud of the maturity of our group. We scrapped as best we could on a really off night for us."

Henley is one the starter who will graduate. He finished his prep career with a team-best 17 points. Lorenzo Dillard added 12 points, while Nix ended up with seven.



George grabs showcase opportunity

BY MIKE CAMERON mcameron@pioneerlocal.com

"Da Donovan Bomb' George is ready to rumble.

He will step into the ring at 9 p.m. Saturday at New York City's Madison Square Garden in front of St. Patrick's Day revelers shelling out \$505 for a ringside seat and millions watching live on HBO.

George, 22-1-1 with 19 knockouts, will take on undefeated Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez (20-0, 14 KO) in a scheduled 10-round bout. A 2003 graduate of Maine East, George is ranked No. 4 in the world among super middleweights by the International **Boxing Federation. Rodriguez** is No. 5.

The winner not only earns a six-figure purse, but likely a title shot.

"I think you only get one big opportunity, and this is it for me," said the 27-year-old George, a taut 5-foot-11, 168 pounds. "Every boxer dreams of fighting on HBO, and every boxer dreams of fighting at Madison Square Garden. If I win, I should get a world title fight and another HBO fight. This is my shot."

The similarities between the combatants end with their nicknames, top-five rankings and outstanding records. Rodriguez, who will have a sixinch reach advantage, is a methodical, efficient jabber and punishing body puncher willing to go the distance. George is always the aggressor, packs



Donovan George lands a punch on Maxwell Taylor during his USBA title fight last April at UIC Pavillion. | COURTESY OF EMIL KEGEBEIN.

more wallop and ends more fights early.

"My game plan is to knock his head off," said George. "I am a long shot in this fight, and I am not as polished. My strengths are my right hand and punching power. If I hit anyone just right, they're going down. I am either going to come out victorious, or you are going to have to carry me out on my shield."

Two years ago, George suffered a badly broken nose at the beginning of his bout against highly ranked Francisco Sierra in Miami, Okla. The Niles native absorbed his only defeat, but showed nearly superhuman pain tolerance by lasting seven rounds.

Upon healing, George demolished previously undefeated Cornelius White in the first round on Showtime in Atlantic City. "Da Bomb" then thrilled a UIC Pavillion home crowd by flooring bigger, more experienced Maxwell Taylor in eight rounds to win the USBA crown last April.

"Some fighters' styles just mesh, and that is exactly what you have with Edwin versus Donovan," said promoter Lou DiBella of New York Citybased DiBella Entertainment. Knowing both of these guys, am predicting someone is going to get knocked out in this fight. They will be throwing bombs from the opening bell. This is going to be a good, old-fashioned barnburner."

George was a three-year varsity wide receiver at Maine East who reeled in

passes from quarterback Nick George, his big brother. But Donovan was aimless after high school until he dedicated himself to boxing under the tutelage of his father, Pete. The younger George was a three-time Chicago Golden Gloves champion and turned pro in 2004. He now lives in Chicago and is engaged to Maine South alumnus Aleksandra Peric.

"I'm not the typical boxer who was poor or came from a broken home. I chose to

fight. It saved my life," said Donovan George. "When I became disciplined about boxing, I also found discipline in my regular life. I owe a lot to my dad, who was a great boxer and has been a great trainer for me the whole way through.'

Peter George, a Lincolnwood police officer for the past 30 years, has built up quite a record as a trainer. In addition to his son, he trains Mike "Hollywood" Jimenez, who is 6-0 with three knockouts as a super middleweight pro, and super heavyweight amateur Matt Cameron, a Golden Gloves finalist last year.

'I believe in my heart that I will bring Don to New York City at 110 percent and ready to explode at the Garden," said Pete. "He won't be denied. He will make the people in the Chicago area proud. He is the hardest worker I have ever trained."

George splits his demanding training regimen between Windy City Fight Club and Chicago Fight Club. He has two more big fans in advisor Mike Michael and manager Gina Iacovou of New Jerseybased Cestus Management.

"Donovan is a great fighter and a great guy. I fell in love with him the first day I saw him, "said Michael. "For those who consider him an underdog, I am telling you that he is live, he is real, and there will be only one bomb left standing, and that is Don 'Da Bomb' George."

Wolves have inside track at reaching state

BY DAN SHALIN

Contributor

The top story in the Niles West girls track program in recent seasons has been the exploits of sprinter Kellion Gordon.

But after finishing sixth in the state in the 100 meters in 2011, Gordon has graduated and moved on to Iowa Central Jr. College

The Wolves, who are winding down the indoor season, return two state qualifiers In junior thrower Jasmine Townsend and junior hurdler Sydney Hellwig.

Head coach Mark Medland said the pair, along with senior Jessica Sutfin, another veteran of state competition,

will play important roles.

"It's helpful to have girls like Jasmine and Sydney, who have been state qualifiers and competed at that high level," he said. "They can share with the girls that experience."

Medland said the indoor season is more about preparation than results. Everything the team is doing now is geared toward success late in the outdoor campaign.

"Right now, it's kind of experimenting with the lineup to see where we stand." Medland said. "Our true goal every year is to qualify kids for the outdoor state meet and there are places where we're going to be able to do that. But we want to make sure girls are healthy and ready for fifth in the high hurdles at

the outdoor season."

Hellwig is sitting out the last few meets of the indoor season to nurse a bruised foot. After the hurdler battled a stress fracture last season, Medland and the training staff are not taking any chances. She will miss today's (Thursday's) CSL South Meet at Glenbrook South.

Medland expects to see more strong performances by junior twins Sunshine and Sunbright Simon. Sunshine Simon took third in the 55 hurdles at Rockton Hononegah March 3, and came in seventh in the hurdles at Saturday's 20-plus team Proviso West Invite.

Sunbright Simon crossed

Hononegah and also has been competing in the 50-meter dash.

They are scheduled to compete at Glenbrook South in the 4x4 lap relay with Sutfin and freshman Alexis Membreno.

Others displaying good form indoors include: junior high jumper Lily Chatman, the CSL outdoor champ last season; senior pole vaulter Kelly Sanks; freshman distance runner Christine Mujica; and sophomore jumper/ sprinter Rosario Sievers.

Sievers, who competes in the triple jump, high jump and relays, is an exchange student from Chile and will return home after this season.

Townsend won the shot put



Niles West's Sydney Hellwig (right), who competed in the 110-meter high hurdles at last year's state meet, is one of three returning Wolves with state experience. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

at Proviso West meet. Mujica was among the top finishers in the 3,200.

At Hononegah, the Wolves finished 10th out of 20 teams. Townsend came in second in In the position were in, we

the shot (38-1) to earn a spot in the Illinois Prep Top Times Meet in Bloomington.

The Wolves head north Saturday for the Wisconsin Whitewater Invite (9:15 a.m.). 111.4,644

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Today Girls track at CSL Indoor Meet at Glenbrook South, 4:30 p.m.

Girls soccer hosts Glenbrook North, 6:30 p.m. Boys water polo at Highland Park, 6 p.m.

Boys gymnastics hosts Maine, 6 p.m.

Friday

Boys track at CSL Indoor Meet at Evanston, 4:30 p.m. Boys water polo at Maine East Tourn., 4 p.m.

Baseball hosts Wheeling, 4:45 p.m.

Softball hosts Resurrection, 4:45 p.m. Saturday

Boys and girls track at

Whitewater, Wisc., Invite, 9:15 a.m.

Boys water polo at Maine East Tourn., 8 a.m.

Girls soccer hosts New Trier, noon

Baseball hosts Lakeview, 12:30 p.m.

Softball hosts St. Ignatius, 11 a.m. (DH)

Monday

Baseball hosts Lane Tech, 4:45 p.m.

Softball at Deerfield, 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys tennis hosts Notre Dame, 4:45 p.m. **Girls soccer hosts Maine** South, 4:45 p.m. Boys gymnastics hosts Niles North, 6 p.m.

NILES NORTH

Today Baseball hosts Foreman, 4:30 p.m. Girls track hosts CSL Indoor Meet at Niles West, 4:30 p.m. Friday Boys track at CSL Indoor

meet at Glenbrook North, 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Baseball hosts Northside, 10:30 a.m. (DH)

Softball hosts Prospect (DH), 10 a.m. Monday

Boys gymnastics hosts Wil-, lowbrook, 6 p.m. Girls soccer at Highland

Park, 5 p.m.

Softball hosts Gordon Tech, 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday

Baseball at Notre Dame, 4:15 p.m.

Boys gymnastics at Niles West, 6 p.m.

Softball hosts Libertyville, 4:45 p.m.

Wolves finish first at Foerch Invite

BY DAN SHALIN Contributor

The Adrian Batista era at Niles West has gotten off to a glittering start.

The first-year boys gymnastics coach already has led his team to three solid results, including first place in Saturday's Foerch Invite. It was the Wolves' first title in that event's 26-year history.

Batista, a 1994 Niles West grad, spent last season assisting longtime Wolves head coach Steve Foerch. This season, the two swapped places.

This always was going to be a big season for Niles West

moved into the school's new state-of-the-art gymnastics room for the first time.

"The facility is fantastic," Batista said. "It's impacted the boys already. (With the foam pit) it's much easier to get some of the kids to work on tricks. The true impact of the gym and the pit will still take a couple of years. With our freshman, it's going to make a big difference over time."

Batista said there are currently around 55 gymnasts in the program.

"We really did not have to do too much advertising the gym did that for us," the coach said. "It's .the biggest because its boys program has team Niles West has ever

had. But we have a big facility to house that many and it's great."

The Niles West varsity includes 16 gymnasts. That has allowed the team to use specialists, rather than allarounders.

"We want the kids to focus on two or three clean routines and try and do the best tricks they can do," he said. "Instead of trying to be OK on five events, we want them to be real good on two or three.

"We're not depending one or two guys, it's the whole team. If you only have three or four guys, and one gets hurt, it can ruin the team.'

The squad returns three 2011 state meet qualifiers

in seniors Casey Mahoney-Muno (vault and floor). Josh Nicolasin (rings) and Ari Lazar (pommel horse), the team captain.

Junior Elijah Bond, senior Chris Dwyer, junior Brandon Naguita and senior David Imamkarimov also will compete.

The Wolves opened the season by scoring 121 against Glenbrook South, climbed to 127 against Evanston and posted 131 at the Foerch Invite, which included teams from Palatine, Naperville North and Deerfield/Highland Park.

"I don't have a number, but the sky is the limit," Batista said. "I'd love to see us score 150 and be a state-qualifying team. Are we that good? I'm not going to say no. I don't think there is a cap to this team and I don't want to say we can't get in the 140s and then go higher."

Among the highlights Saturday at Niles West, were: Mahoney-Muno winning floor (9.0) and coming in second on vault (8.75); Lazar taking second on horse (8.2) and fifth on parallel bars (7.2); Nicolasin finishing second on rings (8.4); Bond capturing vault (8.8); Naguita placing fourth on p-bars (7.6); and Imamkarimov finishing fifth on high bar (6.7).

The Wolves host Maine coop at 6 p.m. today Thursday.

Vikings looking for good things down the road

BY DAN SHALIN Contributor

Niles North boys gymnastics coach Rick Meyer said he doesn't like to use the expression "building for next year," but it seems an appropriate way to describe his current team.

The Vikings lost a talented group of seniors, including state qualifiers Manny Magbanua (7th on rings), Brian Oh and Erik Suh.

The current team counts just two seniors. Despite being short on experience, Meyer said there is some talent. However, the coach reluctantly admits the group's best days may be down the road.

"We definitely got younger (after last year)," Meyer said. "We have a great group of sophomores and a lot of them will be moved up to varsity by season's end. We're in a rebuilding phase, so to speak." The Vikings do have one

experienced returnee in senior Mendel Moskovits, who qualified for state on parallel bars last season.

Meyer said he expects Moskovits to get back to state this season, potentially on two or three events. The gymnast is competing allaround, somewhat out of necessity.

"(Moskovits) is our anchor this year," Meyer said. "He's gotten better. He's not real strong on horse or vault. But in the position we're in, we

Niles North senior Mendel Moskovits returns to the Vikings after qualifying for state on the parallel bars. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

needed all the help we can get, even though those aren't his strongest events." The team will rely heavily

on several juniors, including floor) and Justin Salomon Marco Verceles (who excels on high bar and rings), Shaun DeGuzman (rings and

(vault, p-bars and high bar). Sophomore Scott Wong is a quality pommel horseman and will open the season on varsity. Meyer said Wong has a bright future.

"He's going to be good," the coach said. "If he's willing to work, I don't think it would be a stretch to say he could qualify (for state) on horse this season."

Daniel Matti is another sophomore Meyer said has been making positive strides on p-bars and high bar.

Meyer has taken the unusual step of not naming captains this season. The coach said nobody had earned the distinction, and he hoped everybody would share some of the leadership duties.

"I'm kind of waiting to see who was going to emerge as natural leaders. We have a lot of kids capable of doing Mever said. "We have a lot of kids trying to take on that leadership role, but I'm reluctant to give them the title (of captain)."

Early in the season, Niles North has been scoring near 110. Meyer said he hopes to climb to 120 later in the campaign

"We're hoping, but it's going to be a tough year," the coach said. "We're in a rebuilding phase and we're trying to get the most out of what we have in the gym. It's a good group of kids, they are buying into what we're selling and that's enjoyable and fun."

The Vikings return to action at 6 p.m. Tuesday when they visit rival Niles West.

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MAINE EAST

Today **Badminton hosts Maine**

South, 4:30 p.m. Girls track at CSL Indoor Meet at Niles West, 4:30 p.m. Girls water polo at Glenbrook South, 6 p.m. Boys water polo hosts Glenbrook South, 6 p.m. Boys gymnastics at Niles West, 6 p.m. Friday Boys water polo hosts Invite, 4 p.m. Boys track at CSL Indoor Meet at Glenbrook North, 4:30 p.m. **Badminton at Leyden Eagle** Invite, 4:30 p.m. Boys gymnastics at Leyden Eagle Invite, 6 p.m. Saturday Boys water polo hosts Invite, 8 a.m. Softball hosts Von Steuben, 10 a.m. **Baseball hosts Luther** North, 10 a.m.

Monday

Softball hosts Ridgewood, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Badminton at Evanston, 4:30 p.m.

Baseball hosts Wheeling, 4:45 p.m.

Girls soccer hosts Northside, 4:45 p.m.

Boys water polo hosts St. Charles East, 6 p.m.

Boys gymnastics hosts Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.

Girls water polo at Evanston, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Baseball at Fenton, 4:30 p.m

Softball at Proviso West, 4:30 p.m.

Boys water polo hosts Hersey 6 n m



Blue Demons unofficial Garvey champs

BY DAN SHALIN Contributor

The Maine East girls track team can take comfort in knowing it won the school's first James Garvey Invite since 2004, even though history will show otherwise.

In the final standings of Friday's six-team event at Maine East, the Blue Demons scored 119, but were edged out by St. Ignatius (121).

However, according to Lirette, the scorers had incorrectly recorded the times of a Maine East sprinter in the 50-meter dash, giving her fifth place instead of third. Had the timing been done correctly, Maine East would have prevailed 123-119.

"I was so thrilled for my team," Lirette said. "The last time we won this meet was in '04 and (this year) the girls ran and jumped really, really well across the board. It was a total team effort. We placed very well in several races and there were several races in which we double-scored."

Among the highlights for Maine East was the performance of sophomore Elanta Slowek, who won the triple jump (33-9.25), eclipsing the school nd by 16 in She also

was tops in the high jump (5-0).

"Elanta has a lot of spring in her legs and she loves to jump. She's a really good meet performer," Lirette said.

The coach said Slowek has benefitted from working with assistant Kapricia Poulos, the former Maine East and Milliken University athlete whose name is in the Park Ridge school's re-

Also victorious for Maine East was senior Elisa Gerena in the long jump (15-4.25) and the team of sophomore Veronica Malesinski, freshman Julia Skrzypek, Slowek and Gerena in the 4 x1 lap relay (1:28.6). The group was just .5 from breaking the indoor school ecord.

Among other highlights for Maine East were: Malesinski finishing second in the 50-yard dash (6.3); the team of freshman Leslie Christianson, senior Aahuti Patel, junior Lensa Sedeta and freshman Jessica Cuevas coming in third in the 3,200 relay (season-best 11:06); senior Kristen Georgopoulos finishing fourth in the 50-yard high hurdles (8.4); and senior Tori Walley coming in third in the long jump (15-0).

Next, Maine East will compete in the CSL North Indoor Meet at 3:30 mm.today (Thu

Lirette said she is not sure what to expect.

"It's hard to say, to be honest. We're a small team (in numbers), even though we have some power. But you don't know what any of the other teams have done this year," she said. "Deerfield is probably the favorite and maybe Highland Park. I'm hoping we could be third, maybe second if we hit.

"I'm cautiously optimistic to be honest with you. I know we won't finish sixth. But other than that, everything else is kind of up for grabs."

The conference meet will mark the end of the indoor season for Maine East, unless any of its athletes qualify for the March 24 Prep Top Times Meet, which some refer to as the Indoor State Meet.

Lirette said her sprinters, Malesinski and Gerena, have a chance to qualify in what will be the 55-yard dash, while Slowek could still earn a spot in that meet in the triple jump.

Note: Friday's meet was named for James Garvey, who spent 17 seasons coaching track at Maine East.

Garvey now works as an IHSA track official, and he was intentionally assigned to work as the starter/finish at the most that h



opening jump during her first-place performance in the long jump. | CURTIS

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