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CULVER SCHOOL

Program challenges students to start chain reaction of kindness

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

More than 300 people listened to a presentation on "Rachel's Challenge," with heavy but hopeful hearts at Culver School on Jan. 24.

The program was based on Rachel Scott, who was tragically killed during the Columbine High School shootings, and her positive message to start a chain reaction of kindness.

And such a chain reaction of kindness is taking off in Niles. The same evening, Mayor Robert Caliero proclaimed Niles as a Rachel's Challenge Town.

"I've never attended a more powerful presentation," Village Trustee Joseph LoVerde said if the program at Culver. "It had a profound impact on me." During the presentation emotional parents and students together watched video clips of Rachel and her strong belief in kindness during the emotional presentation.

Scott was always friendly to new students who didn't have friends yet or special-needs students who also felt left out.

The speaker challenged the students at Culver to go outside their own comfort zone and sit with new students sometimes during lunch or invite the youngsters to sit with them.

He also talked about the power of positive contact. "It's important to tell the audience to start choosing the right people to be around.

"I think it was great," Damaris Gibson said of the event. She said her children came home from school and were so excited about the Rachel's Challenge presentation they saw at school.

"It had a really good impact on them," Gibson said. "This school is really good about having a no-bullying policy."

Principal Peggy Maniscalco said Rachel's Challenge is having a positive impact on students at Culver. Maniscalco said two students who were engaged in "bullying" behavior came into her office and shared that they have come to make peace with each other as a result of Rachel's Challenge.

"I think success is measured by what continues to live on," Maniscalco said.

A Rachel's Challenge club was started at Culver School and the members will continue to spread Rachel's positive message.

Children at every grade level are making paper chains that emphasize acts of kindness seen or experienced while at school.

They are also tying ribbons with positive messages on students' lockers. Maniscalco said Gemini Junior High School in Niles has also expressed an interest in holding a Rachel's Challenge event.

GOLF MILL SHOPPING CENTER

Hearing on 25-cent tax hike slated for Feb. 28

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

A public hearing on establishing a special district that would increase sales tax at Golf Mill Shopping Center will take place Feb. 28.

The proposal involves the village levying a sales-tax increase of 25 percent or 25 cents on a $100 purchase.

Finance Director Scot Neukirch said the village hasn't established this type of special business district for at least 20 years, but has created TIF districts, which are similar.

The goal of establishing the special business district and increasing the sales tax is to create a 30,000-square-foot junior department store and a three-tenant building on Milwaukee Avenue with a fast-food drive-through next to the lot. It was estimated that $400,000 of additional revenue per year will be generated if the proposal is approved. The additional funds would also be used to fund various projects, including sewer improvements, sidewalks, facade improvements and environmental initiatives.

In August, Mike Williams, general manager of Golf Mill, and Wendell Hollan, first vice president at CB Richard Ellis, approached the Niles Village Board of Trustees stating that they needed the village's assistance in order to stay competitive with other shopping centers and be successful.

Williams said the plan is the same as presented to the board in August, but they have hired Houseal Lavigne Associates, the company that worked on the village's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, to help with their presentation to ensure their plan is cohesive with the village-wide 2030 plan.

Some trustees have emphasized the importance of the plan coinciding with the comprehensive plan.

"We want to stay even with the competition and keep our shopping center the 'crown jewel' of Niles," Neukirch said.

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DISTRICT 207

Someone may be coming to collect from students who owe money

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Students have been racking up debt in Maine Township High School District 207, and officials are considering using a collection agency to get their money back.

Business Director Mary Kalou said there's slightly more than $100,000 owed to the school district.

"We've been watching and it's been growing," Kalou said.

She said a senior could have racked up outstanding costs during the past four years.

"We knew once we went through this year's book sales we wanted to take a look at how much was outstanding," she explained.

Kalou said nearly 500 students owe money for a host of different things, such as outstanding books and athletic equipment.

Kalou said students are not required to buy their own athletic equipment, but they are required to return borrowed equipment.

A number of different collection agencies have approached the school district to offer their services, but the district hasn't selected an agency yet.

Kalou said she is unsure when this item will appear before the Board of Education for approval.

If the district decides to use a collection agency, parents will first be notified by letters sent home.

"If the school's letter doesn't get a response, they'll be turned over to the collection agency," Kalou said.

Kalou said collection agencies claim to have been successful in collecting money owed by students at other school districts.
BUSINESS

Owning American Science & Surplus 'ideal job' for Cable

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

If it's broke, Philip Cable will fix it. Or at least he'll try.

Evanston's Cable, owner and CEO of American Science & Surplus, has been inventing and recycling things, ideas and businesses long before being green was in.

He acquired the quirky educational supply store in 2000 and has yet to look back.

"This is the ideal job for me," said Cable, a self-described "lifelong science geek."

Scagull yarn, Russian gas masks and the once-popular cheeseburger phone are a few of the more random items that crowd shelves in Cable's "something-for-everyone" shop.

American Science & Surplus is also known for practical goods that can't be found anywhere else, such as robot parts, distinct tools, and electronics.

"We appeal to a lot of 'do-it-yourselfers', inventors, artists," Cable said.

Cable, who turned 50 Jan. 1, said he had a tendency as child to disassemble household items for their workable motors.

It wasn't uncommon to see smoke billowing from his home's basement windows when his experiments went awry, he said.

Despite a fondness for science, Cable studied English in college because he "never had the math chops to be a scientist," he said. He did, however, have a knack for creative business.

In his mid-20's, Cable packed up and drove to Chicago from Ohio in a 1968 Rambler Rogue to find work.

After hearing hammering pounding in a house in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, Cable knocked on the door and asked the contractor if he needed help.

He worked six months rehabbing the house before venturing on his own.

Cable found and purchased a nearly condemned residential building, spent eight months fixing it up, then sold it for a sizable profit, all before age 30.

Cable had found a niche and has been revamping, rehashing and reinventing ever since. Other business forays include opening a 12,000-square-foot bar near Wrigley Field where imbibers played mini-golf and operating catalogue-marketing company that sold science-related good for kids.

After taking night classes and earning an MBA from DePaul University, Cable was ready to acquire an already-established business.

American Science & Surplus was for sale and Cable became its buyer. Founded in "about 1987," the company now employs a staff of 60 and has retail stores in Chicago, Geneva and Milwaukee. Catalogues and orders, which account for 70 percent of the business' sales, are processed in a 69,000-square-foot warehouse in Niles.

Despite a track record of moving from one endeavor to the next, Cable said that he'll stick with the science supply store for white.

Besides, he said, where else can you work in an office where gadgets whizzing by employees' heads is considered normal?

"I'm very happy," Cable said. "It's a good fit."
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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

District 64 contest helps students learn to love science

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Students were busy launching paper airplanes at a target on the floor and building tall structures using straws and pins — but it wasn't just regular Saturday morning fun.

Students in Park Ridge-Niles District 64 were competing in the annual Science Olympiad held Feb. 4 at Emerson Middle School in Niles. For more than 20 years students in the district have participated in the annual Science Olympiad.

It is a family affair, with parents volunteering as both coaches and judges in the competition, which involves third- through fifth-graders competing for medals while learning and having fun.

This year about 175 students participated in the friendly competition that featured various events, such as the Catapult, which involved shooting a rubber band at a target; Aerodynamics, which required throwing a paper airplane at a target; Structures, for which students worked together to build skyscrapers out of straws and pins; Egg Drop, in which they designed a device to successfully catch an egg dropped from 12 feet; and Mystery Box, in which participants had to guess what was in different containers based on the objects' various properties.

“We just want to encourage their interest in science,” said Anthony Clishem, District 64 science curriculum coordinator for kindergartners through eighth-graders.

Clishem said studies are finding that some students lose interest in science in high school and college because the math and science becomes more difficult. He feels it is important to spark kids’ interest in science at the grade-school level so it stays with them.

“We really try to plant those seeds earlier,” Clishem said. Students dedicate much time and effort to prepare for the big competition.

Clishem said students practice well ahead of time.

“I'm so happy,” Emily Buerek said of how she and her teammates performed in the Structures competition. “It was very exciting.”

Buerek and her teammates were working hard to create a 10-foot, 7-inch structure out of just straws and pins. They won first place for their effort.

“It really got us interested in science,” Buerek said of the Science Olympiad.

Steve Buerek, Emily's dad, who was cheering the team on said: “These events are great for instilling discipline.” He added that he believes the Science Olympiad also teaches children that good preparation leads to success.

Roberto Botello's daughter, Nicole, participated in the Egg Drop and took first place in the competition. He felt it was a good opportunity for the children to be involved in a competitive atmosphere and also learn about science.

The 2012 Science Olympiad winners included:

• in Aerodynamics - first place, Jack Dombro and Owen Mech, Grade 5, Field School; second place, Mason Conrady and Nicholas Wallace, Grade 3, Carpenter School; and third place, Billy Peck and Cole Schmeiser, Grade 5, Field School.

• in Mystery Box - first place, Jack Massari, Liam Cannon and Will Stonebridge, Grade 4, Field School; second place, Erin Converse, Sarah Biagi and Madeline Biagi, Grade 5, Washington School; and third place, Emma Winckler and Sophie DiMaso, Grade 3, Field School.

• in Rubber Band Catapult - first place, Billy Buerek and Ethan Rich, Grade 3, Field School; second place, Stephen Pontikes and Damien Emmer, Grade 5, Franklin School; and third place, James Lawrin and Joey Szymek, Grade 4, Field School; Victoria Pontikes and James Keefe, Grade 5, Franklin School; and Molly O'Brien, Grade 3, Emily Schneider, Grade 4, and Karen Van Den Eeden, Grade 4, Washington School.

• in Egg Drop - first place, Nichole Botello and Trusha Warren, Grade 5, Field School; second place, Madison Purcell and Kitty Harns, Grade 5, Roosevelt School; and third place, Matthew Asson and Alex Gonzalez, Grade 3, Field School.

• in Mystery Box - first place, Jack Massari, Liam Cannon and Will Stonebridge, Grade 4, Field School; second place, Erin Converse, Sarah Biagi and Madeline Biagi, Grade 5, Washington School; and third place, Emma Winckler and Sophie DiMaso, Grade 3, Field School.
Students urged to take risks, make mistakes at career day

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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"The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker" it wasn't. Golf School District 67's first career day garnered a wide variety of guest speakers from entrepreneurs to tradesmen to a couple of local celebrities.

The program grew out of discussions among the district's partnership committee members, Superintendent Jamie Reilly said.

The district serves residents of Morton Grove and Niles.

"Career Day is a way to get the community linked in," Reilly said. "And it's good for students to hear about what's going on outside the school, to talk to people about whatever it is you want to do." She urged students to take risks and make mistakes at career day, adding, "I saw a couple of kids saying, 'I want to do this. I know I can do this. I'm going to do this.'"

Sarah Kustock, Comcast sports anchor, told a group of students that her job entails many of the skills they're learning in school right now.

"The No. 1 skill is writing," she said of her profession. "Even though I do a lot of speaking, just about everything is written first."

The second skill is speaking, she said, noting she was "terribly shy about public speaking, even in college." "That made the job challenging," she said.

Kustock recommended paying attention to academics. "You need good grades even if you don't know what you want to do," she told the students. "With what you're learning, you never know what you're going to use. Always being prepared for the unexpected. Be ready for anything.

"You've got to roll with it," Kustock also advised not getting overwhelmed by a mistake. "We all make them," she said. "The secret is to learn how to make yourself better. Don't let it weigh too heavily on you."

And as tempting as it is to do something that comes easy, Kustock suggested working on the weak spots.

She used as an example a job covering hockey broadcasts. "That was hard; it was challenging; but sometimes you can't help what you're going to do," she said of her lack of knowledge about the sport.

"I took the criticism," she said. "Even with her lack of knowledge showing through in the early broadcasts. But now I'm comfortable with it."

"It was hard; it was challenging; but sometimes you need to take a risk." Student Brandon Nguin, of Morton Grove, said he enjoyed the variety of speakers.

"There was a lawyer, a comedian, a sports anchor," he said. "There's a lot of (job) choices out there."

A Golf Middle School student tries out the camera of Sun-Times Media photojournalist Joel Lerner during the school's career day Jan. 31. (JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA)
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Gangs and the illegal drug sales they control have been major drivers of property crime in the suburbs.

For most people, though, gangs remain a shadowy phenomenon, visible only in the occasional newspaper or TV clip and usually in Chicago, not the suburbs.


"This is a very complicated problem," said Jody Weis, president of the Chicago Crime Commission. "Gangs have been around a very long time, and they're not going away."

The former Chicago police superintendent made the comments during a media talk "Gangs: What We Know, What's Being Done and What's Left to Learn." More than 70 law enforcement officials participated in the three-hour panel.

Police say the harmful impact of street gangs is multi-faceted. Gangs sell heroin to drug addicts who trek here from as far away as Rockford. These addicts commit crimes like retail theft, copper theft and burglary to pay for their habits.

Meanwhile, gangs such as the Four Corners Hustlers and Vice Lords are also responsible for many crimes in the suburbs, such as armed robberies, burglaries, theft and even violence.

Local concerns

Oak Park and River Forest police responses to the 2011 Crime Commission survey show police here are watching the Four Corners Hustlers, followed by the Vice Lords (which have at least eight operating factions) the Latin Kings and Gangster Disciples.

But it is the presence of gang bangers on the West Side numbering in the thousands concerns police here. "The Gang Book's maps show a growth in the presence of street gangs on the West Side of Chicago, particularly the 15th district from Roosevelt Road to Division Street."

The Four Corner Hustlers dominate Austin, with the exception of a few areas run by various Vice Lord factions and another controlled by the Black P Stones.

Since 2006, the hustlers' turf has grown to almost 100 city blocks in the 15th District, and another 50 blocks in the 25th District's North Austin area.

Large gang populations are also present in the Chicago's Galewood to the north, Berwyn to the south and Maywood and Broadview to the west.

"We border various communities, some of which are challenged," said Oak Park Detective Cmdr. Ladon Reynolds.

He stressed that "gang activity" in Oak Park isn't a definitive term.

"They may reside in Oak Park. That doesn't necessarily mean they're active in Oak Park as gang members. I can tell you that we don't have any areas in Oak Park that are controlled by gangs."

River Forest Detective Sgt. Marty Grill said he too saw no evidence of overt gang activity in the villages.

"Based on my experience, there are many, many more gang members traveling back and forth through (River Forest and Oak Park)," Grill said.

Police in both villages diligently document any and all contacts they have with documented or suspected gang members, whether through arrests, traffic enforcement or street stops.

Oak Park has an officer permanently assigned to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and has two gang intelligence officers. River Forest's Grill regularly participates in WEDGE gang suppression operations as a supervisor. WEDGE involves Oak Park, River Forest and Elmwood Park police.

Educating about gangs

For years law enforcement authorities held to a policy of not publicizing specific gangs, out of concern that doing so glamorized their activities.

That appears to be changing. Weis urged the average citizen, and parents in particular, to work to understand everything about street gangs.

"Learn as much as you can about gangs," Weis urged. "They're a very disruptive influence on young people."

Reynolds echoed that recommendation.

"It's about communication between parents and children," he said of countering the threat of gang involvement by young people. "Parents are a huge part of that."

Grill is adamant that police must continue to maintain and increase pressure on street drug sales. The connection between drug use and property crime, he said, is "as clear as day to me."

What happens (east of Austin Boulevard) affects not just Oak Park but much of Cook County," Grill said. Drug addicts needing to feed their habits "are responsible for crimes everywhere from where they buy drugs to where they live."

"If we don't go after the street drug dealers, we're just inviting more users to come in, and then property crime goes up."

Future initiatives

Cooperation is key to future enforcement, police officials said.

"You have unprecedented cooperation in the Chicago area," said Weis, who has served with both the FBI and local urban law enforcement agencies.

"We always get excellent cooperation from the City of Chicago and suburban police departments and the federal agencies," said Grill.

"It's important for us to work with initiatives such as WEDGE and federal authorities," said Reynolds. "We can't do this alone. This is an urban environment and crime is transient."

Reynolds and Grill said they welcomed whatever improved law enforcement tools they are provided, including broadening racketeering charges and enhanced surveillance abilities.

Legislatively, Weis is looking for less restrictions on recording phone conversations.

"We should not have to get a court order in the middle of the night to get somebody to engage in a telephone conversation where we're trying to develop information that can put a shooter, a killer, in jail," he said.

Officials also called for a state RICO law (racketeering influence criminal organization) that would allow police to go after gang organizations more comprehensively.

"We're working with our legislative partners to try and develop a state RICO statute that makes sense and that will be laser-focused on gangs," Weis said. "To take out the organization and not just the individuals."
Gangs turn to social media to spread violence

BY FRANK MAIN
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Chicago gangs are still spray-painting their graffiti on alley walls, train cars and viaducts — but they’re also using their smart phones and computers for “cyber-tagging,” according to the Chicago Crime Commission, which released an updated book on the city’s street gangs Thursday.

“They’re tagging websites with information that is provocative and incites violence,” said Jody Weis, former Chicago Police superintendent and president of the commission.

“We need to keep in touch with their associates, according to the commission.

“They can talk to their whole gang this fast,” Weis said, snapping his fingers. “They can send a message: Everybody meet at this corner at this time. And everybody’s got it.”

Weis estimated two-thirds of school-related violence is spawned on social media sites.

“You and I get in an argument on Facebook and the next thing you know I’m shooting your sister or you’re shooting my brother,” he said.

Web chatter is a valuable tool for law enforcement officials to monitor for information on gang members, Weis noted. “A kid may say he’s never carried a gun and on his Facebook page there’s a picture of him holding an AK-47 or a Glock,” he said.

Authorities can obtain search warrants to go deeper into a suspect’s social media site and build a criminal case, Weis said.

Last year, Chicago Police tracked social media sites to combat mobs of young thugs robbing and assaulting people in the downtown area.

And in New York City, authorities recently announced charges against 49hood Starz gang members who allegedly bragged about their crimes on Facebook and Twitter.

The gang allegedly spoke in code about shooting a rival in a book revealed some gang members’ web conversations about shooting at police officers, mourning slain associates and boasting about drug dealing. One gang member even acknowledged police were watching his social media site.

The book also gave examples about authorities conducting investigations based on gang messages on the Internet.

One case led to the arrest of gang members who threatened a witness in a murder trial. In another case, authorities arrested a man who posed with guns on a website and claimed he was on a "murder mission."

“You can make some great cases,” Weis said.

The gang book estimates there are more than 68,000 members of 73 street gangs in the Chicago area.

Over the past decade, the corporate structure of many large gangs like the Gangster Disciples began to disintegrate as housing projects were demolished and gang members were scattered throughout Chicago and the suburbs, according to the book.

As a result, juveniles — those most likely to use social media — have gained power on the streets, making law enforcement’s monitoring of their Internet messages even more important, authorities say.

“Social media is now used as part of good police work,” said Leo Schmitz, commander of the Englewood District and the former head of gang enforcement for the Chicago Police Department.

“Now gangs not only mark their boundaries are (boast) about their prowess,” he said. “Right now, it’s beautiful for us.”

An illustration from the Chicago Crime Commission’s Gang Book shows an online gang conversation about a shooting.
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Anastasia Dalianis, a seventh-grader at Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge, was named the winner of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64’s 2012 Spelling Bee on Jan. 30. TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

DISTRICT 64

Lincoln seventh-grader advances in Scripps national spelling bee

Twenty-two students battled to be named champion of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64’s 2012 Spelling Bee on Jan. 30 at Roosevelt Elementary School.

In the end Lincoln Middle School seventh-grader Anastasia Dalianis spelled "imam" correctly to capture the championship over eighth-grader Julia Araneta. Taking third place was last year’s winner, Anna Benuzzi, an Emerson Middle School eighth-grader. Dalianis will now advance to the North Cook Regional Spelling Bee, which will be Feb. 8 at Sears School in Kenilworth. The competition is part of the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The District 64 Spelling Bee lasted 20 rounds, with the last seven a face-off between Dalianis and Araneta. The students who took part were all winners of their school's own spelling contest, which were held earlier in January. They included Grace Gallery, Will Harter and Georgia Penesis, of Carpenter School; Jessie Beck, Justin Kim and Gabby Galiciano, of Field School; Fallon Adams, Deliah El Bekkali and Ethan LaVaccarre, of Franklin School; Luke Burkum, Jensen Genyk and Anna Sealund, of Roosevelt School; Zoe Berthold, Elizabeth Gorney and Catherine Sernel, of Washington School; Ned Converse and Abigail Ekstrom, of Lincoln

Eighth-grader Julia Araneta, of Lincoln Middle School, waits for her word during Park Ridge-Niles School District 64’s 2012 Spelling Bee on Jan. 30. Araneta took second place in the competition. TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

Franklin School speech pathologist Jane Tufts was the pronouncer for the District 64 Bee. Judges were Franklin School Principal Dan Walsh, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal Andy Petrolina and Field School teacher Anne Ham.
Familiar firm hired for Carpenter asbestos bid

BY TRACY GRIEN
Contributor

A firm was hired to perform the design-and-bidding process for asbestos removal at Carpenter Elementary School at the school board meeting Jan. 23.

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1283 E Washington St. Apt 4: Tamara Vashakidze Lopez to Beata Gmines Slavicki, $48,000, Jan. 13
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915 S Mount Prospect Road: Jankowski Trust to Darusz Piatkiewicz, $160,000, Jan. 10
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9305 Knight Ave.: Camille Dziedzic, $73,000, Jan. 11
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6737 N Octavia Ave.: John T Stanko to Judith A Kehner, $287,500, Jan. 10
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7327 N Octavia Ave.: Consilgia Rutlitt to Jo Onz Michelle M Utz, $289,000, Jan. 12

GLENVIEW

1018 Castilian Court Apt 201: Judith Sales Corp to Sherwin Yellen Steven Yellen, $59,000, Jan. 13
1042 Arbor Lane: Herzog Trust to Jennifer Mcrae, $270,000, Jan. 9
1041 N Northwest Highway: Unit 205, Paul T Hensz to Kenneth M. Hensch, $270,000, Jan. 11
1137 Highland Lane: Eugeny Matusevich to Simon Manoyan Vartuyi Manoyan, $451,000, Jan. 13
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'80s-era home features sunroom, back deck

6630 Woods River Drive, Niles — $289,900

Constructed in 1987, this 1,677-square-foot townhouse sits on 0.06 acres and features a living room with hardwood flooring, tile ceilings and decorative trim. Highlights of the kitchen include a wrap-around breakfast bar, modern appliances and hardwood flooring.

The master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling, plantation shutters and decorative trim. Features of the master bathroom include tile flooring, a large mirror over the sink and both a jetted tub and separate walk-in shower.

The townhouse also offers a spacious sunroom surrounded by windows with decorative trim and access to a back deck.

This property provides a spacious garage and is a mile southwest from the Morton Grove Metra station.

Listing agent: Jill McKee, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 312-813-6540, jill.mckee@cbexchange.com

MARKET WATCH

ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDFUP NEW LISTINGS

A four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home at 6805 Prairie St. in Morton Grove is on the market for $319,000. Built in 1960, the Contemporary-style house has 1,898 square feet. Its features include an open kitchen-dining area, inlaid hardwood flooring, updated bathrooms, stainless steel appliances and new landscaping. Julie Naumiak of Baird & Warner is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, two-bath home at 6805 Prairie St. in Morton Grove is on the market for $294,990. Built in 2011, the attached townhouse sits on 0.06 acres and features a spacious sunroom, back deck and attached two-car garage. The townhouse also offers a spacious sunroom surrounded by windows with decorative trim and access to a back deck.

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Widow support group offers comfort in good company

By Jennifer Johnson

Two friends who found solace and support in each other following the loss of their husbands are hoping to reach out to local widows and widowers through a new social group.

Laura Tully Dennis and Wendy Doyle Diez, of Chicagoland Young Widowed Connection, a group open to men and women under age 55 who have lost a spouse. Other leaders of the group are Susan Svensson Donastello and Matt Croke.

The goal of CYWC is to provide people with referrals for resources, support, seminars, workshops and volunteer opportunities. CYWC also plans to organize social events every six to eight weeks.

“I think the community, the bond, the social outlet is so important when something like this happens in your life,” said Dennis, who was widowed at age 31. “You redefine yourself by the people you surround yourself with.”

The group’s first social, Valentine & Wine, will be 6-8 p.m. Feb. 11, at Winestyles, 108 S. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge.

“We wanted to try and do something around Valentine’s Day because obviously that can be a difficult time,” Diez said. “We thought it would be fun to do a wine tasting.”

The event, which costs $25 per person, will allow participants to sample various wines and appetizers while getting to know others.

“It’s going to be our first opportunity to start networking with people,” Diez said, explaining that additional information about CYWC will be provided.

Dennis and Diez, who both lost their husbands in 2009, decided to form a group for younger widows and widowers after realizing that people their age, especially those with young children, needed support and help in navigating their new lives. There is no formal membership and the group is open to anyone who has lost a spouse, fiance or partner, Diez said.

The motto of CYWC is “Touched by loss. Empowered through community.”

“There’s just nothing like being with people who are in the same boat and really get it,” acknowledged Diez, who was 38 years old when her husband, Chris, died from lung cancer.

“Forming the group has been empowering to me,” Dennis said. “It’s given me a sense of purpose in what is a really unfortunate situation. Being able to be on the giving end instead of the receiving end is something that can be a nice change of pace.”

To find out more about Chicagoland Young Widowed Connection or to attend the Valentine & Wine social, go to www.chicagolandwidowed.org or e-mail info@chicagolandwidowed.org.
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Suburbs: Get smart about gangs

Gangs in the suburbs. Five years ago we couldn't get local leaders to talk about gangs, let alone admit that the suburbs had gang members living and recruiting in our towns. It would have been bad publicity for the villages and good publicity for the gangs, police officials told us.

If they went public with police intelligence - including backgrounds, symbols, operations and criminal activities - they believed it would glorify the gangs and make it easier for recruiters in our towns.

Not any more.

It's time for the suburbs to stop being blind victims and instead be part of the solution.

The Gang Book, just released by the Chicago Crime Commission, is an encyclopedia — a wealth of knowledge — about gangs. It provides page after page of mug shots, member bios, tags/symbols and territories. It details the gangs' criminal history and how police have pursued them.

Chicago has more than 100,000 gang members, "more than any other city," said Jody Weis, president of the Chicago Crime Commission.

The suburbs have more than 15,000 gang members, Weis said.

This Gang Book shows how gang activity has increased or decreased in the suburbs and how many members are active in each community.

Many Chicago suburbs - 170 of 249 - responded to the Crime Commission's survey, acknowledging the threats to their communities and sharing information and resources.

Some suburbs did not. It seems they are in denial about the realities of gangs and that reporting on the issue would unnecessarily scare residents. They still think that gangs are just a big-city issue that doesn't affect their quiet, bedroom communities.

But gangs are everywhere, thriving on a drug trade that is fed by burglaries, robberies, thefts and violence.

"The threat posed by gang members is very real," said Weis. "It will take a comprehensive and integrated approach to return the streets to our residents." And that starts with education. Weis and other police leaders agree it's not just educating the police, they also need to educate the community.

"Most experts agree that solving the gang problem requires a far broader solution than police," Weis said. "It is critical for all components of the community — schools, parents, faith-based organizations, businesses and government agencies — to work together to address the threat posed by these extraordinary numbers of gang members."

The Gang Book is a good start. It signals an openness in communicating about the problem and a willingness to cooperate to end the cycle of drugs, crime and violence.

It's time for the suburbs to stop being blind victims and instead be part of the solution. It's time the suburbs got smart about gangs.

Remember to be responsible? Forget about it!

OK, so it's my week to carpool.
I stumble to the van, my shaky hand clutching coffee. I slide behind the steering wheel as my oldest son hops into the passenger seat.

En route to the high school, he criticizes my driving. "That's called a rolling stop, Mom."

Thank you, Joe Friday. The sooty snow covering much of our neighborhood is melting, revealing the brown, patchy substance known as grass.

The fog descends on the land like an endless bog, and I half-expect troll creatures to be hitchhiking for rides back to their bridges. One glance in the rearview mirror, and I realize those trolls might mistake me for one of their own.

I drop off the high-schoolers and swing back into our drive for the youngest, the junior-high kid. He trots out, backpack slung over an arm, gray hoodie covering his face. I smile. My own version of a monk.

The van door slams shut and he settles in back, snipping his seat belt into place. "Mom, I gotta have that chorus form signed by tomorrow."

I smack at my forehead. Just another thing we'd forgotten.

"Son, you're going to have to start remembering these things. It's your responsibility. You're 13 now."

"I didn't know where it was."

"Uh-huh. This form was mag.

"All proud of myself, I remembered my punch card; my shoes are laced. This is what I can teach my son. I have everything that is critical to a good workout, my New Balance shoes, my comfy clothes, my willingness to humiliate myself. Oh, great. I dive for my purse and search. I left my water bottle in the van."
Commuter Calendar

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publications. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3771 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60025. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7195 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

Center of Concern

The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 832-0453, offers a calendar of events:

- Monday, Feb. 13 - Alzheimer’s Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.
- Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - Income tax preparation, by appointment.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program).
- Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Grief and loss support group (call first).
- Friday, Feb. 10 - Bunko parties to benefit the Center, 12:30 and 6:30 p.m., South Park Recreation Center, Park Ridge.
- Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 25 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
- Saturday, Feb. 25 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Note: The center will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Two Bunko parties will be held to benefit the Center of Concern, a social service agency in Park Ridge. The events will be held Feb 10 at the South Park Recreation Center (Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue, Park Ridge). The first event, "Bunko and Lunch" for men and women, will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Later, "Ladies' Night" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. $15 ticket includes Bunko games and prizes, choice of beef, chicken or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy at (847) 318-1008 to make reservations. Tickets will be held at the door. Indicate which session and whether beef or pasta is desired.

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, Suite 310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 832-0453 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 CareRx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen assessment freeze, and the long-time-occupant homeowner property-tax exemption.

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Maine Township is again accepting nominations for the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen’s Award. The award recognizes a Maine Township resident who has shown support, service, and dedication to the township. The winner will be recognized at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 10 and will receive a plaque and monetary award. Deadline to submit a nomination is March 22. Nomination forms are available on the Maine Township website, www.mainetownship.com, or at the front desk of Maine Township 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.

State Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, R-65th, maintains her 65th District office at the following address: 1420 Renaissance Drive, Suite 306, Park Ridge IL 60068. Phone: (847) 297-6533; fax: (847) 297-2978; e-mail: repmul- ligan@usa.net; website and E-News sign-up: http://repmul ligan.com. The 65th District includes all or portions of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, Roselle, Norridge, Harwood Heights, Niles, Elk Grove Village, and the northwest corner of the 41st Ward of Chicago.

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 each 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 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

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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. Thodos Dance Chicago and Luna Negra Dance Theater perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 12 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are $30-$66, with packages available for seeing multiple shows; $10 for May 11 lunchtime show (847) 673-6300 or northshorecenter.org.

2. Chicago a cappella presents "Wade in the Water," a celebration of African-American spirituals, at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes the world premiere of a new commission, "No One Knows the Trouble I've Seen," by Grammy Award-winning arranger Joseph Jennings, and Jonathan Miller's new cycle, "Old Testament Spirituals." Tickets are $25 and $50; $15 for students and seniors. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.


4. "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 are $32 and $35; $27 seniors; $20 students. For information, call (773) 763-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

NEW STAGES FOR DANCE INITIATIVE

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Inspiring push

The upcoming collaboration, "Pushed to the Edge," will intermingle dancers from the two companies. "This particular work is about immigrants who come from far off bringing their knowledge to the table," Rajagopal said. "It's more about who's invited to the table. Who really is accepted and what do we have to do to be accepted. What are our differences and what are our similarities? How can we learn from each other? It's about how you're inspired by being pushed to the limit."

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, audiences will see a combined program by DanceWorks Chicago and Muntu Dance Theatre, the largest African dance company in the United States. Evanston native Julie Nakagawa is artistic director of DanceWorks Chicago; Amaniya Payne is artistic director of Muntu.

Nakagawa is also a board member of Dance/USA which, along with MetLife Foundation, supports the New Stages for Dance Initiative. She wanted to pair her company with Muntu for several reasons, including the fact that both companies are celebrating anniversaries this year — the 40th for Muntu, the 5th for DanceWorks.

A second reason for the collaboration, Nakagawa said, is for the two companies "to venture into new territory, logistically, geographically, as well as artistically. We knew it would be an opportunity to push each other a little bit.

DanceWorks and Muntu are jointly engaging a young Chicago choreographer, Monique Haley, to create a piece for them to perform. Nakagawa noted that the companies will also work together on other selections for the program.

In addition to the evening performance, Muntu and DanceWorks will perform a 45-minute lunchtime dance concert at noon on Friday, May 11 and an hour-long family matinee at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12.

Melissa Thodos concluded that the new Stages for Dance Initiative "really lends to trying some new, unique things and creating some new realities in dance."
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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Temperatures may be moderate, but there is still plenty of fun to be had at Winter Chilly Fest Saturday and Sunday at Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie.

Even if it’s warm it’ll be cool at this event

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Even if the warm weather continues, families will have loads of fun at the 7th annual Winter Chilly Fest, 4-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, Skokie.

“We’re able to provide great winter fun outdoors no matter what the weather,” said Facility Manager Lee Hansen. “We have a dozen snow and ice games.” These include making ice candles, breaking a block of ice to retrieve a prize, ice fishing for wrapped Swedish candy fish and doing a freeze dance.

There will also be hayrides, wildlife treat trees, animal silhouettes and a campfire where families can roast marshmallows or purchase fixings to make s’mores.

Indoors, participants will dine on turkey or vegetarian chili, cornbread, beverages and desserts.

Reserve by Feb. 10 and it costs $9, $7 for children under 10; reserve after that and it’s $2 more. Admission without dinner is $5.

Call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 or visit www.skokieparks.org.

Girl in a whirl

A twister sends a farm girl on an adventure in Christian Youth Theater’s “The Wizard of Oz,” Friday through Feb. 19 at Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. A cast of young people, ages 8-18, performs the story of Dorothy and her pals, the Scarecrow, Lion and Tin Man. Tickets are $9-$12 in advance, $2 more at the door.

Call (847) 516-2298 or visit www.cytchicago.org.

Yes, make a mess

Old clothes is the best dress option for 3-to-5-year-olds attending Super Science Kids, 10-11 a.m. Feb. 17 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. There will be science-related stories and some messy activities. Registration is required and kids must be accompanied by a grownup.

Call (847) 663-1234 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

Search party

You never know what you and your toddler or preschooler will find to do at the Park Ridge Public Library’s monthly Discovery Days. There are different crafts and activities each month. The next session is 10-11:30 a.m. Friday at 20 S. Prospect Ave.

Call (847) 825-3123 or visit www.parkridgelibrary.org.

It all adds up

Watch the Evanston Dance Ensemble explore the relationship between humans and numbers when they preview their new show, “Count Me In,” 3 p.m. Sunday at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Dance styles include ballet, jazz, modern and hip-hop.

Call (847) 673-7774 or visit www.skokieparks.org.
Charlene Brooks offers a Streisand valentine

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Barbra Streisand taught Charlene Brooks how to sing. That's the multitalented Skokie performer's story and she's sticking to it.

"I was a latchkey child so I was home alone a lot. My parents had their own business and they both worked all day," Brooks related. She filled her time listening to several of her parents' record albums repeatedly. One was Streisand's "Funny Girl."

"I had a little tape recorder," Brooks said. "I would listen to her music and then I would stop every phrase or two and record it until I thought I had got it just right. Then I'd go on."

From that beginning, Brooks has carved a diverse career as a cabaret performer, singer, cantonal soloist, actress, writer and lyricist. That early training with Streisand had a definite impact, though. Brooks noted that audience members frequently tell her, "You know who you remind me of.....When she was younger, people sometimes stopped her on the street and told her that she looked like Streisand.

Musical connection

"I felt this connection with her," Brooks said. "There weren't too many openly Jewish singers that I knew about. She was funny and she has a unique face, as I did. She resonated with me. I loved the passion that she put in all of her music - a controlled intensity."

It seemed only a matter of time before Brooks would create a tribute to her "mentor." You will hear the vocal resemblance when "Brooks Sings Barbra," on Valentine's Day at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights.

"I'm going to do some of the ones that people recognize plus a couple ones that I love to do," Brooks said. "When she was younger, people sometimes stopped her on the street and told her that she looked like Streisand."

Fan favorite

"The show premiered at Davenport's in Chicago. "It was the first time I ever sold out," Brooks said. "It was so much fun and everybody was so responsive. I've taken it to different places and people never get tired of it."
STILL PLAYING

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN
Rated: PG for action-adventure violence, some drunkenness and brief smoking.
Stars: Daniel Craig, Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis.
A young adventurer (Bell) becomes involved in a race for maps leading to sunken treasure with the sea-captain descendant (Serkis) of a mariner who scuttled his ship to keep it from pirates. Steven Spielberg directed the motion-capture animated adventure based on stories by the Belgian comic-book artist Hergé.

ALBERT NOBBS
*** 1/2
Rated: R for some sexuality, brief nudity, and language.
Stars: Glenn Close, Janet McTeer, Mia Wasikowska.
"I think you are the strangest man I have ever met," says chambermaid Helen (Wasikowska) to Mr. Nobbs — and she has no idea how right she is. For one thing, Mr. Nobbs (Glenn Close) is a woman, disguised as a man for employment and safety; for another, he has spent so many years living a lie he has become a virtual nonentity — a cipher even to himself. In addition to her peculiar, exquisitely subtle, Oscar-nominated performance, Close produced and co-wrote the screenplay to this odd, painful, but ultimately moving indie drama, directed with quiet restraint by Rodrigo García (“Mother and Child”). Two things conspire to lure Mr. Nobbs out of the safety of his self-effacing existence: Realizing he has finally saved enough money to buy a small shop and meeting another man like himself (Janet McTeer, also Oscar-nominated for her scene-stealing performance) who has a beautiful wife and a loving home. It’s clear early on that things will not end well when he tries to follow suit, but the tragic developments don’t unfold in entirely predictable fashion or with grim heavy-handedness.

THE GREY
***
Rated: R for violence/disturbing content including bloody images, and for pervasive language.
Stars: Liam Neeson, Dermot Mulroney, Ben Braver
Lean, mean and suspenseful from its opening moments, "The Grey" wastes no time sinking its teeth into you, and never lets go — until the slightly disappointing, ambiguous end. Neeson is perfectly cast as the reluctant alpha male trying to lead a half-dozen oil-rig workers to safety after a plane crash in Alaskan wilderness, fighting off cold, hunger and a ravening pack of wolves. Not bad at all.

HAYWIRE
***
Rated: R for some violence.
Stars: Gina Carano, Channing Tatum, Ewan McGregor, Michael Fassbender
Director Steven Soderbergh ("Contagion") can’t help getting flashily cinematic from time to time, but "Haywire" still delivers the adrenaline-pumping goods. That’s mostly thanks to mixed-martial-arts fighter Carano, playing a betrayed black-ops mercenary looking for payback. Her acting is so-so, but she clearly could kick the boot-tay of anyone in the cast.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Rated: PG-13 for thematic material and violence/disturbing images.
Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Janet McTeer, Ciarán Hinds
When a young lawyer (Radcliffe) travels to a remote English village to settle an estate, he discovers the vengeful ghost of a scorned woman haunting the town. James Watkins ("Eden Lake") directed the supernatural thriller.

FILM CLIPS
BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

OPENING FRIDAY

JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND
Rated: PG for some adventure action and brief mild language.
Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Josh Hutcherson, Michael Caine
A teenager (Hutcherson) teams up with his mother's boyfriend (Johnson) to search for his grandfather (Caine) on the island where he disappeared. Brad Peyton ("Cats & Dogs 2") directed this sequel to the 2008 hit "Journey to the Center of the Earth."

SAFE HOUSE
Rated: R for strong violence throughout and some language.
Stars: Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds
A young CIA agent (Reynolds) finds himself on the run after the safe house where he was guarding a prisoner is attacked, the agent must go on the run. Daniel Espinosa ("Easy A") directed the thriller.

STAR WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE
Rated: PG for sci-fi action violence.
Stars: Liam Neeson, Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman
This 1999 prequel to "Star Wars" saga returns in 3-D.

THE VOW
Rated: PG-13 for an accident scene, sexual content, partial nudity and some language.
Stars: Channing Tatum, Rachel McAdams, Jessica Lange
When a young woman (Lange) is attacked, the man (Tatum) dedicates himself to helping her remember their relationship. Meryl Streep and Helen Mirren also star.

STILL PLAYING

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### SHOWTIMES

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

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3 S. Evergreen St., Arlington Heights
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NEW ON VIDEO

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BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

NEW THIS WEEK

ANONYMOUS
★★★★ 1/2

Rated: PG-13 for some violence and sexual content
Stars: Rhys Ifans, Sebastian Armesto, Vanessa Redgrave

It's not too terribly surprising that Roland Emmerich (director of special-effects spectacles such as “Godzilla” and “The Day After Tomorrow”) made this Elizabethan costume drama based on the more-or-less discredited theory that the 17th Earl of Oxford actually authored Shakespeare’s plays and poems. Emmerich is, above all, a whiz-bang when it comes to delivering a ripping yarn and the enormously entertaining “Anonymous” lets it rip with the best of them. Screenwriter John Orloff shamelessly (and effectively) plays fast and loose with history in “Anonymous,” mixing the Oxford Theory in with an actual ill-fated grab for the crown of Queen Elizabeth (Redgrave) and a court power struggle pitting Oxford (Ifans) against old, frail Elizabeth’sboo-hiss chief advisor William Cecil (David Thewlis) over the succession of King James of Scotland. This beautifully crafted, powerfully acted and remarkably persuasive (while you’re under its spell) tale will have you swept up in the grand, Shakespearean — sorry, Oxfordian — drama of things.

From Guantanamo Bay.” This time around, Harold (Cho) has cleaned up and scored a high-paying gig on Wall Street, where he does his best to avoid his old low-life roommate (Penn) — who’s still very much devoted to the 420 lifestyle. The fun starts when Kumar stops by to say happy holidays and burns down the prize Christmas tree of Harold’s “ule-loving, Korean-hating father-in-law (Danny Tejro), which they attempt to replace during a desperate, 11th-hour Christmas Eve raid on Manhattan. Harris pulls out all the stops with his usual cameo.

RECENT RELEASES

DRIVE
★★★★

Rated: R for strong, brutal, bloody violence, language and some nudity
Stars: Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan, Bryan Cranston, Albert Brooks, Ron Perlman

This ultra-stylish, ultratough, yet almost sociopathically understated modern film noir from Denmark’s Nicolas Winding Refn (who won the best director prize at Cannes), features an intense, tightly controlled performance by Gosling as a Hollywood stunt driver who works nights behind the wheel of getaway cars — and turns out to be a dangerous and disturbing hero. Extras include an interview with Refn.

ALSO NEW

DANGEROUS LIASIONS

In 18th-century France, a bored noblewoman (Glenn Close) asks a former lover (John Malkovich) to seduce the virtuous lady (Michelle Pfeiffer) her current young lover plans to marry, Stephen Frears (“The Queen”) directed the Oscar-winning drama. Extras include commentary by Frears.

THE JAZZ SINGER

Jerry Lewis stars in a rare, early dramatic performance in this story of a cantor’s son who becomes a popular singer. Originally broadcast on NBC’s Startime series in 1959, “The Jazz Singer” was never rebroadcast and it now makes its home-video debut. Extras include a black and white kinescope of the show as well as a full-color video recording.

LADY AND THE TRAMP

Disney’s 1955 animated classic about a scruffy mutt from the wrong side of the tracks who falls for a lady dog and makes his name as a Hollywood star. Extras include a never-before-seen deleted scene and a deleted song.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

A lavish production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber Broadway smash, staged in London’s Royal Albert Hall with a cast and orchestra of more than 200 — plus special guests.

THE SUNSET LIMITED

A deeply religious black ex-convict (Samuel L. Jackson) confronts a white professor (Tommy Lee Jones) who has attempted suicide — after saving him and bringing him back to his apartment. Jones directed the HBO drama, based on a play by Cormac McCarthy (“No Country for Old Men”). Extras include commentary by Jones, Jackson and McCarthy.

NEXT WEEK

Ghost, human centipedes and naked nuns? Things get very scary and very strange next week when more spoofs make an unwelcome appearance in “Paranormal Activity 3,” a mad-scientist’s protégé tries to break the record for kidnap victims sewn into a daisy chain in “The Human Centipede II,” and a young novice’s wreak havoc in her convent in “Nude Nuns With Big Guns.”
BFF ‘Divas’ in concert at Northlight

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Contributor

The best of friends off stage, “The 3 Divas” have finally found a way to put their chemistry to work for an audience.

Don’t let the name fool you, though.

“The diva thing is tongue-firmly-planted-in-cheek,” said Susie McMonagle, who will share the stage with her pals Heidi Kettenring and Christine Sherrill during the threesome’s concert performance Valentine’s Day evening at Northlight Theatre in Skokie. “It’s kind of funny that we’re calling ourselves the divas, because we’re so not. We’re going to be singing some really hard songs and just belting them out, so that qualifies — but there’s no attitude going on.”

Local favorites

All three of these divas are familiar faces on Chicago stages, as well as veterans of Broadway and Broadway tours, and they have paired off from time to time: Evanston residents McMonagle and Kettenring have performed together and so have Kettenring and St. Charles resident Sherrill. Yet they never had the opportunity to join forces until McMonagle’s agent, Sam Samuelson of Wilmette, suggested teaming up for concert and cabaret performances.

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Shake-up

The show won’t be all hearts and flowers, however. While there will be plenty of sigh-inducing tunes, such as a medley of love songs from shows by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the general idea is that the divas are performing songs they love to sing. Kettenring will be singing Stevie Wonder’s “For Once in My Life,” for example, while McMonagle sings “Electricity,” a tune from the Broadway musical “Billy Elliot” that’s sung by the title character. (McMonagle performed in the first national tour of “Billy Elliot” and always admired that Elton John song.) She will also be performing “Some Enchanted Evening” from “South Pacific,” which is usually sung by a man.

“We’ll be shaking things up like that,” she said.

In short, McMonagle said, the idea is to have a good time — for them and the audience.

“We’re not looking at this as a formal evening of concert music,” she concluded. “It’s going to be more like three best-girlfriends hanging out and singing beautiful songs. Although we will be wearing pretty dresses and high heels. “You never know; I might even put on makeup.”
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Park Ridge orchestra salutes romance

BY DONALD LIEBENSON
Contributor

Love and discovery are the themes of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's "Valentine Romance" concert on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pickwick Theatre.

Love, of course, because Valentine's Day is nigh, and in the immortal words of Shakespeare, "If music be the food of love, play on!"

The PRCO will perform suites from two monumental works, Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" and Prokofiev's "Romeo & Juliet, Opus 64."

And discovery, with the world premiere of "Likht un Shotn (Light and Shadow)," a klezmer concertante composed by violist Daniel Golden, who is in his eighth year with the orchestra.

Klezmer premiere
Lisa Taylor, French Horn soloist and principal horn of the PRCO, was originally approached about playing a traditional concerto, Golden said, "but what she really wanted to do was a work involving a group of soloists." A klezmer fan, she asked Golden, who was a member of a klezmer band in Canada for several years, to compose something in that idiom. "She had seen me in action," he said.

"Likht un Shotn" is not an arrangement of traditional klezmer tunes, Golden emphasized, but a blending of klezmer and classical (klezmer-call?) that evokes the joyous and danceable rhythms of Eastern European Jewish music, as well as Middle Eastern, Balkan and gypsy music. In addition to Taylor and Golden, the piece will feature Alan Steiner on double bass and Joe Lili on trumpet.

"I think it's a very accessible program," Golden said.

Broadening the audience for the orchestra, now in its 18th season, is a priority for Music Director Designate and conductor Victor Muenzer, whose father Edgar, a 47-year veteran first violinist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, founded the PRCO. Victor, 53, will fully take over orchestra duties in July.

"My passion is connecting with audiences who have yet to discover us," he said, "so we're trying to change things up a bit. There will be a popular piece, such as 'West Side Story', on every program. I may talk a little more from the podium to let people know why we're performing these particular pieces and connect with them on a personal level. That's what music is all about and why we do what we do." He added with a laugh, "I mean, nobody does this for the money."

The concert's Sunday afternoon starting time is one way to reach out to families, Muenzer said, "but we need to get the parents coming."

Love stories
"Valentine Romance" is part of that effort to win minds and hearts. Muenzer suspects that "West Side Story" is the big draw, but "Romeo & Juliet," a suite created from Prokofiev's ballet, has much to offer audiences who may be more familiar with Tchaikovsky's orchestral work based on Shakespeare's immortal tragedy. "It has huge sweeping themes and much more of the feel of film music," he said.

"Likht un Shotn," he added, "is full of soulful melodies and dance rhythms that are extremely infectious. The piece has exceeded my expectations on what it was going to be."

What's more, he joked, in contrast to the stories of Tony and Maria and Romeo and Juliet, "it does have a happy ending."
PLAY REVIEW

Burning dialogue doesn’t warm up ‘Hesperia’s’ plot

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
Contributor

Do a quick Google on “born again porn stars” and you'll find there’s a surprising number of Evangelicals who gave up so-called sins of the flesh upon finding Jesus. Yet despite its grounding in an apparently not uncommon phenomenon, Randall Colburn’s “Hesperia” strains credulity.

The story of sex workers striving to make new lives in a wholesome heartland far from Hollywood’s den of flesh-peddling iniquities has the marks of a writer gifted in dialogue and able to see intense depths in characters all too often played as stereotypes. Still, the Writers’ Theatre remount of a script seen at a Right Brain fringe production in 2010 is marred by a script that’s hamstrung by improbabities.

Directed with insparing intensity by Stuart Carden, “Hesperia” (named for the small Midwestern town where its set), opens with promise. Ian (Nathan Hosner), brooding, dark-eyed and clearly anguished, is in mid-conversation with Jessica (Kelly O’Sullivan). Jessica is the blonde beauty who was both his best childhood friend and his love interest both onscreen and off after both fled troubled families, headed west and carved out careers as adult movie stars.

Colburn dialogue is spare and emotional, filling in the gaps in Claudia and Ian’s story without lapsing into clunky exposition. She’s now calling herself Claudia and has found both Christianity and a new mate. Having left Ian without a word (and having clearly left him heartbroken), she’s sent him a wedding invitation. Her intended? The local youth pastor, Trick (Erik Heilman).

And here’s where “Hesperia” begins to become unlikely.

Not only is Trick totally fine and forgiving about Claudia’s past as Jessica, he’s willing to welcome Ian into their home as a temporary houseguest (albeit on a couch in the garage), invite him to church and set him up with his unruly cousin. In theory, Christianity is based on such amazing feats of compassion. With Trick, the situation doesn’t read as compassionate so much as it does sexual disinterest in the woman he’s engaged to. Fortunately, the secret heart of a gay youth pastor is not where Colburn is going in Hesperia.

Unfortunately, Trick appears so sexually milquetoast toward Claudia that it seems like he’s a closet case, even if the script makes it clear he isn’t. Yet that’s not the deal breaker here. What does derail “Hesperia’s” plausibility is the premise that absolutely nobody in the tiny town knows of Jessica’s past except Trick.
Yes, there's a DVD that shows up late in the story — which only emphasizes the highly unlikely fact that nobody in town seems to have access to Internet porn. Even that would be possible, had Jessica and Ian not grown up in a town within the same high school athletic conference as Hesperia.

Surely somebody a mere town or two over would have known what happened to Ian after he stopped running track in high school and lit out west with his girlfriend. As if to explain away this plot hole, Colburn goes out of his way to stress that Jessica and Ian never spent any time in Hesperia growing up (except, apparently, for the occasional track meet). Despite that repeated insistence, it's tough to imagine that news of Jessica and Ian's ascension in the skin flick field surely wouldn't have spread.

Finally, there's a subplot between Ian and Daisy that is distracting, inconsequential, and confusingly conflicts with Ian's feelings about Jessica. What saves "Hesperia" is Colburn's ability to upend stereotypes and dig deep into his characters' psyches. The porn stars here are not amoral, self-loathing libertines. The Christians are not judgmental, close-minded, holy rolling simpletons. Carden elicits a gentle, humane warmth from Hellman's portrayal of Trick. As Jessica, O'Sullivan mingle the wounded sadness of lost innocence with a steely, determined anger to keep the past firmly in the past.

As a gawky teenager trying to juggle the pure thoughts with adolescent lustful longings, Tyler Rose walks off with every scene he's in. Hosner doesn't fare so well; the vibe he radiates is more Marlon Brando than Harry Reems.

Overall, "Hesperia" is a mixed bag. The dialogue often burns. But the plot could use some work.
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"Black Pearl Sings!", through Feb. 19 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Featuring a cappella renditions of rare American folk songs, the play tells the Depression-era story of two women dependent on one another to gain acceptance in a divided society. Performances on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Feb. 19). Tickets: $25-$50. Tickets for those 25 and under are $10, subject to availability. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"The Cherry Orchard," by Anton Chekhov, will be presented by Piccolo Theatre March 9-May 5 at the Evanston Arts Deport, 600 Main St., Evanston. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. $25; $22 seniors; $15 students; $12.50 for previews. March 9-21. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolitheatre.com.

"The Girl in the Yellow Dress," presented by Next Theatre Company through Feb. 28 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 272 Noyes St., Evanston. When Pierre, a French-Congolese pupil, signs up for English lessons with Celia, a beautiful young white teacher, they both get more than they bargained for. Set in contemporary Paris, the play explores the ways in which class, race, and language continue to divide us. Tickets: $30-$40. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.


"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. 70 students. Call (773) 761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

"The Light in the Piazza" will be presented by Thee Ubige Cabaret Theatre March 22-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.thee-u.org.

"Mark Twain: Patriot, Teacher, Philosopher" will be presented by the Saint Sebastian Players Feb. 27-March 11 at St. Bonaventure, 1625 W. Diversey, Chicago. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $15; $10 students; $7 senior citizens. Group rates available. "Theater Thursday" performance, which includes refreshments and conversation with production team members, takes place Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.; cost is $20. For information, call (773) 404-7922 or visit www.saintsebastianplayers.org.

"Oleanna," by David Mamet, will be presented in a staged reading at 8 p.m. Feb. 18 and 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at Oakland Community College's Footlight Theatre, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. $8. Call (847) 593-8000.

"Ten Chimneys," March 9-April 15 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except March 18, March 25 and April 8). Tickets: $25-$60; $25-$40 for previews, March 9-15. Call (847) 677-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"Words and Music," a concert reading series of new musicals in progress, presents "Moral Play" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Light Opera Works Second Stage, 1420 Maple, Evanston. $15. Call (847) 920-5360.

"You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," presented by the James Downing Theatre Feb. 18-March 4 at the John Waldron Arts Center, housed at Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sundays. Tickets: $20; $15 for students and seniors. Call (224) 725-3696 or visit http://jamestowntheatre.typepad.com.

CLASSICAL

Chicago a cappella sings spirituals in Evanston

By Annie Allemah
For Sun-Times Media

"Wade in the Water" is the name of one of the more well-known African-American spirituals, and it is also the title of the latest concert from Chicago a cappella.

Chicago a cappella performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

Some of the selections will be familiar to those who frequent Chicago a cappella concerts; others are brand new, said director Jonathan Miller.

"The most exciting thing about this program from a new music point of view is that we have several world premieres on this program," he said.

New work

Grammy Award-winning arranger Joseph Jennings, former music director of the men's choral group Chanticleer, was commissioned to do a new piece for these concerts. "We have a long history with his work because at our very first concert, we did his arrangement of 'Steal Away,'" which was a staple of our repertoire for the first 10 years or so," Miller said. "He's been a colleague of ours. We've done several of his other pieces. When we looked to who we wanted to commission for these concerts, he was at the top of the list. He was available, he said yes, and he wrote us this absolutely beautiful arrangement of 'Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen.' It's very slow and very beautiful. He really has a touch for the slow stuff. It's an interesting text because it's a text of sorrow, but there's also this 'Glory.'" The choir will also perform Jennings' "Way Over in Beulah Land."

Miller's new cycle, Old Testament Spirituals, also receives its world premiere at this concert.

"The first piece is very short. It's a narration of 'Little David, Play on Your Harp.' All four of the spirituals in this cycle are based on Old Testament stories. The first one is very sweet. The second one is much longer piece called 'Daniel, Moses, Joshua,' and I love this piece. It's a layering of 'Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?'; 'Go Down, Moses' and Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho.' I was able to make a piece that involves all three tunes in really unusual ways. It's a big piece; very effective. I think people will really like it."

Song variety

There will be about 20 songs in the 90-minute program, he said, including composer Robert Morris' "I'm Tired, Lord" and "Save Me, Lord"; Nathaniel Dett's "Walk Together, Children"; and Oak Park composer Paul Carey's arrangement of "Blind Man."

"There are a lot of people who say that the true American form of music is the spiritual, even more than jazz," he said. "It is easy to absorb and has an immediate emotional impact. These are stories everyone can relate to. They are stories of hope, of suffering, the demand for justice and looking for a better world, and the music is absolutely gorgeous."
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students. March 11, 3 p.m.: "Youthful Virtuosity." The program includes Borodin: Overture to "Prince Igor" and Dvořák: Symphony No. 7 in D minor, as well as a piano concerto performed by the winner of the Emilio De Rosario Concerto Competition. Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are $35-$50 senior citizens; $15 students. Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org. March 10, 7:30 p.m.: Counter tenor Lestyn Davies sings works by Handel. Chicago a cappella presents "Wade in the Water," a celebration of African-American spirituals, at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes the world premiere of a new commission, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," by Grammy Award-winning arranger Joseph Jennings; Jonathan Miller's new cycle, "Old Testament Spirituals; and arrangements by Robert Morris, Moses Hogan, and Oak Park composer Paul Carey. Tickets: $28 and $35; $22 senior citizens; $12 students. Call (773) 281-7820 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.


Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are $27; $22 for senior citizens. Tickets at the door are $30; $25 for seniors. Tickets are $5 for students, subject to availability, at the box office with ID. Admission is free for children 12 and younger. March 11: "Eternal Light," featuring the Chicago Chamber Choir.

The program includes works by Theofanidis, Sibelius, Lauridsen and Smetana. May 13: "Dufour Plays Mozart," with guest soloist Mathieu Dufour, principal flute of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The program includes Bach: Toccata & Fugue in D Minor; Mozart: Flute Concerto #2 in D Major; and Brahms: Piano Quartet in G Minor.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Vintze, joins with the Queen of All Saints choir and soloists performing for the Music of the Masters Series at 3:30 p.m. March 4 at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash, Chicago. The program includes the Faure Requiem and Brahms Requiem. Free-will offerings accepted. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lsso.org.


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works by Percy Grainger. High school students from the Chicago area will perform with the band for two numbers. The band will also host its sixth annual silent auction before the concert and at intermission, to raise funds for its education and outreach activities. Tickets: $18; $13 for senior citizens; $7 for students and children. Call (847) 632-2263 or visit www.northshoreband.org.

The Orion Ensemble presents “Celebrating Women Composers” at 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes works by Stacy Garrop, Louise Farrenc, Phyliss Tate and Fanny Mendelssohn. Tickets: $26; $23 for seniors; $10 for students; children 12 and younger are free. For tickets or more information, call (630) 628-9591 or visit www.orionensemble.org.


Rembrandt Chamber Players perform in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Single tickets are $35; $25 for young adults ages 18-30; $10 for students. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamber-players.org. March 4, 7:30 p.m.: “Pas de Trois.” The program includes works by Sir Malcolm Arnold, Debussy and Ravel.

Segovia Classical Guitar Series will be presented by the Northwestern University Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music and the Chicago Classical Guitar Society through April 14. All concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, or Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, on Northwestern's Evanston campus, as noted. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www. pickstaiger.org. March 3: Johannes Moller’s Lutkin Hall program includes music by Albeniz, Barrios and Gou-geon. $20; $10 for students. March 4: Johannes Moller will present a master class at 1 p.m. with Bienen School student guitarists in the rehearsal room of Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. Admission is free. March 28: Two-time Grammy nominee Anoushka Shankar and guests will perform a program in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall titled “Traveler.” Shankar melds music of Spain with the ancient forms of Indian classical music. $26; $10 for students. March 31: Guitarist Sharon Isbin will share the stage with Brazilian percussionist Thiago de Mello at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. The program will include excerpts from her album “Journey to the Amazon” and other favorites. $26; $10 for students.

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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.svsso.org. Feb. 19: The program, featuring guest soloists Michelle Areyzaga, soprano, and Aurelien Fort-Pezzato, violin, includes Gershwin: Cuban Overture; Granados: La Maja y el Ruisenor; Sarasate: Fantasy on Bizet’s “Carmen,” op. 25; Villa-Lobos, Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5; and Albé-niz: Suite Española No. 1.
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The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is the book chosen this month for the Pioneer Page Turners online book club.

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The Hunger Games, the first in a trilogy, is featured on the website of the Evanston Public Library and will be part of the month's activities.

The live Pioneer Page Turners book chat will take place at 7 p.m. March 1 and it is open to readers of any age to take part. For more information on the event, visit www.pioneer.org/library.
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 Feb. 22: Bread Givers by Anzia Yezierska. March 23: Park Avenue: A Memoir by Anne Roiphe. April 9: American Pastoral by Philip Roth. May 9: Bee Season by Myla Goldberg. To register, contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 516-2298 or visit www.cychicago.org.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leontine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

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Breaking Out of Long-Term Unemployment

Six Ways to Prevent Being Unemployed from Hurting Your Resume and Your Outlook

By Larry Buhi, Monster Contributing Writer

Long-term unemployment can wreak havoc on a person’s sense of self-worth and well-being. Worse, big resume gaps or current unemployment may also mark a job seeker as “damaged goods” and make a long job search even longer.

“I wouldn’t say the bias [against hiring the unemployed] is pervasive, but too many hiring managers don’t realize that the world has changed,” says Cheryl Ferguson, president of Recruiter’s Studio and recruiter for Decision Toolbox.

Throw in the towel? Don’t even think about it, career experts say. They suggest these practical steps to help even the most discouraged unemployed job seeker get motivated and beat the odds.

Check Your Mental Attitudes

The longer you’re out of work, the more anxious, insecure or depressed you may be – and this can hurt your chances of landing a job. “Attitude is a crucial part of the job search, and unfortunately it’s easy to be caught up in negative mental self-talk, especially with the media telling us how terrible everything is,” says Helaine Z. Harris, a Los Angeles-based psychotherapist.

If anxiety or depression is significant, don’t be afraid to seek counseling. If that’s not an option, simple calming breaths and even meditation can be effective, Harris says. “It’s essential to relax and clear the mind, so you’ll know the right actions to take and be able to magnetize the opportunities you want.”

Move Your Body

There’s documented evidence that physical exercise improves mental health and reduces anxiety. “Regular exercise creates more self-discipline and shows that you can do hard things, which makes it easier to handle tasks like making difficult phone calls,” says Penelope Trunk, creator of the social network site Brazen Careerist.

Step Away from the Computer

Job boards and social networking sites such as Twitter can be helpful, but they are not the only ways to connect. And relying on them can perpetuate the unemployment “hermit” trap. “If you’ve been out of circulation for a while, you have to remind people you’re still around,” Ferguson says. “You’re also likely to be a little rusty in networking, so it’s important to get out once or twice a week at least for a face-to-face meeting, lunch or networking event.”

Re-Examine Employment Strategies and Tactics

With a clearer mind, an energized body and a fuller social calendar, you can better gauge the effectiveness of your search. Career coach and author Dr. Marty Nemko urges unemployed job hunters not to assume they’ve been doing everything right.

“Are you really spending 30 hours a week job searching? Do you have a job search buddy, so you can be accountable to each other? Are you active in your professional association, in-person and online? Have you followed up relentlessly with warm leads? If you’ve done all of those things and still aren’t getting a job, you probably need to change your job target to a more in-demand job title or a lower-level job,” Nemko says.

Fill the Resume Gap

A resume should be a history of things you’ve accomplished, not necessarily a chronology of things you’ve been paid for, according to Trunk. With that philosophy, there’s no reason to have a gap in your resume. “There are very few professions where you have to be on the payroll in order to do the work,” Trunk says. “If you’re a programmer, write a patch on your own time. If you’re a shoe designer, design your own shoes.”

Don’t Be Defensive About Unemployment

You’ve been out of work for a while. So what? So have many of the other candidates. “Don’t hide the fact you’ve been unemployed,” says John M. McKee, job coach and founder of BusinessSuccessCoach.net. “People won’t hire others who are prickly.”

McKee adds that you might need to stop saying the word “unemployed” if the word is getting in your way. Trunk agrees. “When someone asks what you’re doing now, don’t say you’re out of work, because you’re not,” she says. “You’re just not getting paid. Talk about the projects you’ve done and what you’re learning, and then mention, ‘I’m looking for a paid position like this.’”
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PUBLIC HEALTH CAREERS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE MANY LIVES AT A TIME

By Peter Vogt, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

If you watch TV shows like "ER" or have friends who are training to become nurses, doctors or other clinical professionals, you might think the only healthcare careers available are those focused on meeting individual patient needs. They're the jobs that tend to get the most airplay, literally and figuratively.

But behind the scenes are healthcare professionals who make their own critical contributions in the sometimes overlooked but important world of public health.

Three Activities

Public health addresses the healthcare issues of communities, particularly populations that might be deemed "at risk" for certain diseases or conditions. Health promotion and disease prevention are at the core of public health, and professionals in the field tend to focus on one of three broad activities, according to the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH):

- Assessing and monitoring the health of communities to pinpoint existing and potential health problems and set health priorities.
- Working with government and community leaders to develop policies to address identified health problems and priorities.
- Ensuring that all people have access to quality, cost-effective healthcare, particularly as it relates to health promotion and disease prevention, and continually evaluating that care's effectiveness.

11 Ways to Specialize

These three missions encompass hundreds of job titles, specialties and subspecialties. You'll never be able to learn about all of them, but you can get a basic idea of the types of careers you can explore by looking at the 11 core areas of study in public health as defined by the ASPH:

- Health Education and Behavioral Sciences: Professionals in this specialty area study how psychological, sociological, anthropological and even political concerns can affect public health.
- Environmental Health Sciences: According to the ASPH, half of those who work in public health focus on this specialty. Environmental health scientists examine factors in the natural environment (air, water and land) that affect people's well-being.
- Biomedical and Laboratory Practice: Scientists, microbiologists, biochemists and others in this sub specialty develop laboratory techniques to help diagnose and treat diseases and other conditions affecting people's health.

Nutrition: Nutritionists teach people how to eat well to stay healthy.

Public Health Practice: These generalists take the principles of epidemiology, biostatistics, behavioral science and environmental health to the people -- the "public" of public health -- to teach health promotion and disease prevention.

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**Pizza My Heart**
Warm, gooey pizza is the perfect Valentine's Day treat. I like to make mine with whole wheat tortillas but pre-made pizza crust, such as those by Boboli or Rustic Crust, works equally as well.

You need:
- Tortilla or pre-made pizza crust
- Pizza sauce
- Low-fat shredded cheese
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Optional: additional toppings (such as assorted vegetables, turkey pepperoni and/or sausage)

Directions:
Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
Use the cookie cutter to cut your pizza crust into mini hearts.
Spread pizza sauce on top of each heart and sprinkle liberally with cheese.
Add additional toppings as desired.
Bake for about 8-10 minutes or as directed.

**Strawberry Sushi**
Keep the good times rolling with this sweet dessert that comes courtesy of Megan at the aptly titled website, www.takeamegabite.com.

For the sushi:
You need:
- Pound cake
- Vanilla frosting
- Strawberries (sliced)
- Biscuit cutter

Directions:
Cut pound cake into sushi-size pieces with biscuit cutter.
Spread thin layer of vanilla frosting on each sushi piece.
Add coconut flakes and top with one or two strawberries.
Serve with chopsticks and a side dish of strawberry coulis for dipping.

**Fire and Ice Love Potion**
According to legend, this punch is more powerful than Cupid's arrow and definitely tastier!

You need:
- Cranberry juice
- Sparkling water
- Orange sherbet

Directions:
Combine equal parts juice and sparkling water with 1/2 scoop of sherbet.
Serve immediately.

**Let's get punny and practical**
Are your kids exchanging Valentine's Day cards at school? Ditch the store-bought cards for something a little more original, useful and fun.

**Valentine, I'm stuck on you**
Who doesn't love a decorative Band-Aid? Be sure to attach the Band-Aid with removable tape and keep the backing intact to ensure the Band-Aid can be used at a later date.

**Without you, Valentine's Day has no point**
The teacher in me loves this card that includes an unsharpened pencil.

**U R cute as a button**
Visit your local fabric or craft store to find an assortment of buttons in different shapes and styles. You can also use the extra buttons you might have lying around the house.

**Valentine, you color my world**
Have your kids color each card for a unique and personal touch.

**CALLING ALL KIDS!**
We are looking for kids who love to make leprechaun traps. E-mail Beth at Beth@momyonashoestring.com if you're interested in having your child's project featured in an upcoming article.
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St., in Morton Grove. The fee is $60. Contact Dorinda King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs

The Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at a member’s home (a week later than usual due to Valentine’s Day). The program will focus on Women’s Health and Workout Information. Call (847) 812-0862 for directions. All area tri-Deltas are welcome, whether a member or not.

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman’s Club will meet at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 13 at the South Park Recreational Center, 813 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. The program will be the club’s annual games and card party followed by dessert and coffee. Friends are welcome.

Valentine Bingo will be run by the Holy Name Men’s Club at St. John Brebeuf Ministry Ave., on Feb. 12. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. The program will be the first Wednesday 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

The Niles Lights on After-school Art Project unveiling ceremony will be at noon Feb. 18 at the Golf Mill Shopping Center, Entrance 8, near JCPenney. Join with parents, kids, business and community leaders of Niles.

Lights on After-school is a nationwide event that calls attention to the importance of after-school programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and its member communities are offering a Holiday Light Recycling Program at no cost to residents. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at various locations throughout northern Cook County: Garfield, Lakeview, Waukegan, Niles, Skokie and Evanston.

The program is in effect from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. through Feb. 29. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/battery.

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Museum admission prices: General Admission, $12; seniors (65+), $8; students (ages 12-22), $8; children (ages 5-11), $6. Reservations required for programs Feb. 12-13. 10:30-3:30 p.m.: Film and discussion. “The World Was Ours,” this documentary celebrates Jewish life in Vilna, referred to as “The Jerusalem of Lithuania,” prior to World War II. Q&A with filmmaker and native of Vilna, Mira Jedwabnik Van Doren, follows the screening. Fee with Museum admission. Feb. 19, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Exhibition “Ours to Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War; through their artifacts, letters, and photographs, the “Greatest Generation” tells the stories of what the war was like for all its participants, and for Jews in particular. Curator Talk with Lou Levine, 1:30 p.m. Free with Museum admission.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries. Partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC’s program: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V) and rechargeable (NiCd, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer). Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-6000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/battery.
The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 11511 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers – PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals – mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs – printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org or schools will not be accepted.

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ed by Dr. Nagui Sabri, cardiologist Feb 28: "My Heart Is Falling for You: What is Heart Failure?" presented by Dr. Samuel Goldstein, cardiologist.

Advocate Medical Group is now providing immediate care and occupational health services at the Advocate Medical Group Patient Center, 7255 N. Caldwell Ave, in Niles. This will provide community members with convenient, quality medical care including treatment for life-threatening illnesses such as cuts and burns, sprains and bruises, eye injuries, flu symptoms, sore throats, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, ear aches, respiratory and urinary tract infections. The center provides easy access to X-ray and laboratory services to assist in diagnosis and treatment of these and other ailments. In addition, the clinic provides international travel services including for those planning a trip out of the country.

Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (847) 647-0355.

Niles Heart Failure Clinic, 8856 N. Milwaukee Ave. is now open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. Weekday hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call (847) 390-0160.

Historical Society
The Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave, is now open on the public Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. Weekday hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call (847) 390-0160.

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.

Creative individuals who love to write songs are invited to join the Niles Public Library Songwriters' Group from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Febr. 16. All songwriters are invited to bring original songs to play live and get feedback from others in the group. This group is open to the newest songwriter, the seasoned professional or anyone interested in the songwriting process. Songwriters are asked to register by calling (847) 663-1234 or online at nileslibrary.org/calendar; for further questions, contact public and graphic design coordinator Sasha Vasilic at (847) 663-6404.

For anyone who needs 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 step-by-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 and/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 1:30 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 provide one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required.

To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at www.scorechicago.org. If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis - Babytime: 11 a.m. on Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. Rise & Shine Storytime: 10 a.m. on Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

Maine Township
Maine Township's FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities and in 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 to be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken at (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek at (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

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Chef's create fanciful fashions for foundation benefit

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

Chocolate has powers. It's been a magical food flavor for millennia. It's been a holy substance for religious rites, as well as payment for taxes and goods. In modern times, the sweet delight most often serves as an offering to attract the attention — or procure the forgiveness — of the object of one's affections. So it's quite reasonable that several local chefs have combined their love of chocolate and their passion for helping others pursue culinary career ambitions in a tasty project to promote a worthy cause.

Chocolate event

Because sugar is the livelihood of most of these creative cooks, they'll volunteer that expertise — some even crafting exotic, cocoa-laden Venetian carnival costumes — to benefit the seventh annual For the Love of Chocolate, a French Pastry School scholarship fundraiser set for Feb. 25 in Chicago's Merchandise Mart. Recently, Erin Silva Winston and husband Jonadab Silva opened Hota, a fine dining establishment, in Evanston. The two chefs met a few years ago, when the restaurant was Jacky's on Prairie. "Some of our first dates were here," Jonadab recalled.

Hota Restaurant's chef/co-owner Erin Silva Winston makes Dulce de Leche and Chocolate Mousse Tarts for a Valentine's Day special. TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

For more information about For the Love of Chocolate, visit: www.ForTheLoveOfChocolateFoundation.org.

The couple will make mango-crab ceviche on a beet salad.

Chocolate couture

Erin will also make a chocolate dress for the Venetian carnival-themed fashion show. She'll make the bodice of the dress from cocoa beans, decorate it with sugar flowers, and accent the entire outfit with gum paste orchids. "To tie in the Mexican theme of our restaurant," she said.

Chocolate Mousse Tarts made by Chef Winston. TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

She will also make Dulce de Leche and Chocolate Mousse Tarts to sample. The dessert, which features a very fashionable salted caramel, will star on Hota's menu for Valentine's Day. Erin mixes pecans into melted caramel and scoops the mixture into cake-like chocolate shells. Each tart gets topped with a piping of chocolate mousse.

This will be the second year French Pastry School graduate Josh Baudin, co-owner of Sweet Whimsy in Long Grove, will participate; it is the first year Baudin will design for the fashion show.

"We're going for kind of a woodland fanciful theme," he revealed. His male model will wear a man's skirt made of chocoa, a dark chocolate used often for such purposes. "I wouldn't eat it," Baudin advised. He'll use the chocoa to design a skirt to look like big chunks of tree bark. A wooden staff will be decorated in chocoa, gum paste flowers and real flowers.

Going bananas

Baudin will also make Tropical Baby Banana Pops. "I love frozen bananas," he said.

Bite-size banana pieces will be dipped in homemade guava jam and chocolate and topped off with a banana chip. He will also make Serrano Balsamic Cake, soaking bite-size, cone-shaped pieces of butter cake in serrano pepper balsamic vinegar. Once desired color is reached, add butter. Warm cream in microwave for a few seconds. Add cream, vanilla and salt to caramel mixture. Put back on stove until mixture reaches 150 degrees on a candy thermometer. Mix in pecans. Spoon mixture into tarts, topping with a pinch of sea salt.

Dulce de Leche and Chocolate Mousse Tarts

(Adapted from Hota)

Chocolate crust
1 stick butter
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup almond flour (can substitute with blanched almonds ground to cornmeal consistency in a coffee grinder)
1 small egg
1 1/4 cups flour
1 tablespoon cocoa powder

Cream butter and sugar. Add sugar and almond flour. Add eggs and half of the flour. Once combined, add second half of flour and cocoa powder.

Roll dough to about 1/4-inch thickness, and bake in individual tart pans at 175 degrees for 7-10 minutes.

Caramel, salted with pecans
1 cup sugar
2 1/2 tablespoons glucose (can substitute corn syrup)
1 1/2 sticks (1/4 cup) butter, melted
1 cup heavy cream
Scrapings from the inside of three vanilla bean pods
Pinch of salt

Sea salt, as desired, added to taste

Caramelize sugar and glucose in small kettle on stovetop until mixture becomes golden brown. Do not stir much while melting, or sugar will crystalize. Once desired color is reached, add butter. Warm cream in microwave for a few seconds. Add cream, vanilla and salt to caramel mixture. Put back on stove until mixture reaches 150 degrees on a candy thermometer. Mix in pecans. Spoon mixture into tarts, topping with a pinch of sea salt. Cool in refrigerator.

Mousse
1/4 cup egg yolks
1/4 cup simple syrup (Make syrup by dissolving two parts sugar into one part water)
3 1/2 ounces bittersweet chocolate
1 cup heavy cream, whipped to soft peaks

Whisk eggs and simple syrup in mixer. Place mixture over double boiler and whisk until thick. Place mixture back into mixer and whip until cool.

Melt chocolate in microwave and add to egg mixture. Combine chocolate and eggs with whisk. Fold in whipped cream. Once mixture is cool, spoon mixture into tarts, topping with a pinch of sea salt.
the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by AbitibiBowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged), no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com.

Religion

Ezra Habonim-The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4000 W. Dempster St., Skokie, will hold the following events; call (847) 675-4141: Cantor Benjamin Warschawsky, a tenor and opera singer, will lead the Shabbat services at 8 p.m. Feb. 10 and 9:30 a.m. Feb. 11. Enjoy the voice of Cantor Warschawsky. Free.

Enjoy three free weekly classes on the modern Jewish take on Spirituality, Values, and Community, hosted by Temple Judea Mizpah. The course is free and is for people seeking to learn more about Judaism who are not currently affiliated with a congregation. All are welcome, Jewish or not. To register, contact Felicia Ross at fross@urj.org or go online.
Dear Fixer: I purchased a Nook and a movie from the Old Orchard Barnes & Noble for my son for Christmas on Dec. 20. While I was there, they talked me into buying a membership, which costs $25 but saves you 10 percent on purchases. I agreed and was charged the $25.

The problem is Barnes & Noble can find no record of the payment or membership. I can't find the original receipt, but I went back to the store and showed them the bank statement showing the payment, the credit card used for the purchase and even the unopened movie.

I guess I will file a dispute for the $25 with my bank, but I really wanted was the membership I paid for. I went to that store twice and also to a different Barnes & Noble store and talked to their managers. I also spoke with their customer service department on the phone for an hour but no one can find any record of the transaction, which included the Nook and movie that are in my possession.

What irritates me is not the money but their unwillingness to fix the problem. As a financial representative, I know how much customer service means and am troubled to see poor service and companies cutting off their noses to spite their faces. There are good people working for these stores that lose their jobs when companies fail due to bureaucratic incompetence.

I know mistakes happen. That is why you have managers — to fix them. If they saw how much money I spent at Half Price Books since they denied my membership, they would be rethinking this.

Thanks for letting me vent.

Bob Sliekiewicz

Dear Bob: You told The Fixer the store was super busy with holiday shoppers that day and that the clerk had placed your application on a stack. We're wondering if some grinch came by and accidentally threw it in the trash.

Though you no longer had the store receipt, you did have the bank statement showing a total charge equal to a Nook, movie and membership, plus sales tax. That was enough to convince Barnes & Noble's senior VP of corporate communications, Mary Ellen Keating, to take action. She has promised to send you a gift card in the amount of $25, which you can take to the store and finally get that membership.

Dear Fixer: I was amused to find in my in-box today an email from someone I don't even know, who was supposedly mugged in Spain and needs me to wire $1,950 to him through Western Union. I vividly recall you playing out this scam and doing an article on it, but I can't remember if you provided information on where to report this.

I'd love to help catch this scammer. One time I actually was almost conned by a very clever email scam. That time, they sent me a notice from Bank of America saying my card needed to be verified so some purchases could go through. It linked to an official enough looking website that asked for my card number and PIN. Luckily for me, I never take out cash from my credit cards, so I didn't know my PIN. When my wife contacted the bank later, they let her know it was a scam.

John Fils

Dear John: You were smart to avoid these scammers. All of those "Help, I'm stranded in (name a city or country)" emails prey upon our natural inclination to assist a friend or relative in need. You told us you strung this scammer along for a while, offering to settle the bill immediately if he'd just tell you which hotel and manager were involved. That's when the scammer claimed he was stranded at a library and needed the money sent by Western Union.

Finally, you told them you had sent it by carrier pigeon — and they finally gave up.

A good place to report such online scams is at IC3.gov, the Internet Crime Complaint Center. The center is a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center with funding from the U.S. Justice Department.

Dear Fixer: Late last year, I signed up through my employer for a Visa debit card to be used, pre-tax, for payment on my CTA Chicago Card. My monthly pre-tax transportation allowance is $65.

Since the kiosks at the train station can only put a max of $25 per day on the card, I have to make three transactions per month for $25, $25 and $15.

The money goes on the debit card on the 21st of each month. On Dec. 22, I put $25 on the Chicago Card. The next day, I stopped at the same kiosk at the Chicago State stop and put on another $25. I put the remaining $15 on it on Dec. 27.

At that point, I realized that the transaction on Dec. 23 never went on my Chicago Card. I called my bank, and they were able to provide to me the approval code and the transaction ID number, which proved that the money left my account.

The bank tells me to contact the CTA. I have called the CTA on numerous occasions, only to be told they have no record of the transaction and I should get in touch with my bank. This is a classic back-and-forth with my money lost in a black hole. Can you help, please?

Jack Stern

Dear Jack: If a retailer's website can lose a purchase and an ATM can "eat" a cash deposit — things that can and do happen — we figured why couldn't a CTA kiosk misplace a $25 debit?

Turns out, it can. After we took this to Catherine Hosinski, media relations pro at the transit agency, the money people at the CTA were able to get to the bottom of this. Using the transaction information you provided, they found that your money had indeed gone to the CTA but somehow had never been applied to your Chicago Card.

They've offered their sincere apologies and be told you have no record of the transaction and I should get in touch with my bank. This is a classic back-and-forth with my money lost in a black hole. Can you help, please?

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.
to Judaism and beginning
Christian Education classes
Church, 8201 N. Karlov
two children. Call the temple
or two children; and $85 and
for members enrolling one
$60 and $75, respectively,
Tuition per semester will be
Schedule to be determined.
will be held two Sundays per
are free. The 2011-12 classes
will be at www.curiousaboutjuda-
CALENDAR
its annual reunion luncheon
bers are welcome. Call (847)
from preschool-sixth grade
church parsonage; children
each Sunday, with worship
Center, 8307 N. Harlem
Chapel in the Parish Ministry
ship. Call (847) 823-6984.
Most activities are at Maine
changes, estate planning
ments are on Friday morn-
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Williamson Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult
Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday
services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fel-
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
Ave., is open 24 hours a
day, seven days a week, for
spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call (847)
966-0445.
Ezra Habonim, the Niles
Township Jewish Congregation,
4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to
Judaism and beginning
adult Hebrew classes on
Sundays and monthly Yid-
dish. Members and nonmem-
ber are welcome. Call (847)
675-4141, or go to www.
eht.org.
Reunions
The St. Columbille Alum-
nae 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 $25. Proceeds
will go toward the retirement
fund of the Sisters of
Providence, St. Mary of the
Woods, Ind. Call Charlene
Swintek, president of the St.
Columbille 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
Kanem, class of 1950, at (847)
432-2773; visit www.
rooseveltschicago.org.
St. John Brebeuf Is looking
for all St. John Brebeuf School
alumni. Alumni should contact Lizzy Ryder,
(847) 966-3256, or e-mail
lyder@sjb-school.org, and
submit their name, year
graduated, address, phone
number, maiden name (if app-
licable) 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 Main-
streamers program offers
a variety of opportunities
for residents 55 and older.
Membership includes a free
subscription to the Maines-
streamers monthly news-
letter, 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 coop-
eration with the Cook County
Sheriff’s Office, is collect-
ing 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.
vnls.com, click on Depart-
ments and then Senior.
Registration required for
most programs.
The Niles Senior Center
Caregiver Support Group
is a source of practical and
emotional help for caregiv-
ers, 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 care-
rigers to receive the support
of other community members
dealing with similar chal-
enges. Contact Bev Wessels
at (847) 588-8420.
Walk-in assistance in fill-
ing the Senior Freeze Ap-
lication is available from 2-4
p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
afternoons. No appointment
is necessary.
Circuit Breaker appoint-
ments are now available by
appointment only at the
Niles Senior Center. Appoin-
tments are on Friday after-
nings.
Light Lunch and Movie be-
gins at noon Feb. 10. Lunch
is bratwurst on a bun, cole
dessert followed by
the movie, “You Don’t Know
Jack.” Cost is $5, members;
$7.50, nonmembers.
Free tax assistance ap-
pointments are available in
February. Some restrictions
apply. Call the Center Tax
Hot Line, (847) 588-8440.
“Securing Your Legacy:
Wills vs. Trusts” will be
presented from 10:30-11:15
a.m. Feb. 15 by James Gold-
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Changing dollar will weigh us down

I have nothing against the dollar bill. My only complaint is that I don’t have anywhere near enough of them.

BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

But the government doesn’t share my that the dollar bill is on the road to extinction.

Getting rid of the dollar bill is touted as a cost-saving measure. Being made of paper, dollar bills wear out, unlike metal coins. The General Accounting Office estimates using coins instead of dollar bills will save the government $65 billion over 30 years.

The thing is, we Americans have not shown a fondness for dollar coins. Remember the Susan B. Anthony dollar? First issued in 1979, it was issued for only four years. People didn’t like it, confused it with the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

The latest such attempt — the Presidential Dollars — hasn’t done so well either. But I do know that when crimes occur in our society, the trained agents of the law who investigate crimes and make arrests are not the same people who prosecute individuals charged with those crimes. And the police and the prosecutors are not the same people who prosecute individuals charged with those crimes. And the police and the prosecutors are not the same people who prosecute individuals charged with those crimes. And the police and the prosecutors are not the same people who prosecute individuals charged with those crimes.

Eight quarters for a load of wash at the laundromat? Nope. Eight dollars.

And a newspaper? Well, a newspaper is a bargain at any price.

And since no one will want to lug around a bunch of heavy dollar coins, the $5 bill will be the basic bill of exchange. And that will facilitate upping prices.

People will use credit cards and electronic devices to pay for things even more than they do now.

So, perhaps what we’re seeing is not just the end of the dollar bill, but the beginning of the end of money in general.

Let trained professionals do their job

School officials can’t or won’t do the police officers or special agents of the FBI.

They are not trained to investigate criminal activity.

BY RANDY BLASER
Columnist

They are trained to gather evidence, to handle that evidence, or even how to evaluate evidence.

They apparently don’t know or don’t care that in our society, the trained agents of the law who investigate crimes and make arrests are not the same people who prosecute individuals charged with those crimes. And the police and the prosecutors are not the same people who sit in judgment at a trial, or make out a punishment when someone is convicted.

Yet school officials, with no special police training, continue to act as if they know what they are doing. They are police, prosecutors and judge, and trampling over the rights of Americans taken for granted.

Educators at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire are the latest group of teachers pretending to be police.

You remember Stevenson, don’t you? It’s where a faculty adviser of the student newspaper resigned in 2009 over the administration’s efforts to censor the student newspaper. Now, officials at Stevenson have moved from censorship to investigating alleged drug use and drug dealing on campus.

Don’t get me wrong. Drug use and drug dealing by teenagers is a serious matter. It’s illegal. I think it is a serious problem.

That’s why I think suspected drug use and drug dealing needs to be investigated by trained police authorities, not by school administrators who use ham-handed tactics to get the information they want from kids.

School officials aren’t talking about how they are conducting their investigation.

But a student has come forward, telling a reporter he was pulled out of class because an alleged campus drug dealer’s cell phone contained texts from someone with his first name.

The texts, reports said, included questions about purchasing marijuana-laced cookies. The student pleaded his innocence. According to reports, administrators looked through his things, then picked up his cell phone and demanded his pass code. The student wouldn’t give it. So the dean suspended him and barred him from participating in extracurricular activities.

So there you have it, charged, tried and convicted all in one neat little meeting.

I have no idea how serious the drug problem is at Stevenson. It must be pretty bad if they are hunting down all the kids with the same name as the person who wanted to buy marijuana-laced cookies.

But I do know that when crimes occur in schools, police should handle the investigation. Police know what to do. Police are trained to question, to investigate, to evaluate and handle evidence. They know how to solve crimes in a way that leads to arrests.

Besides, I have yet to see a drug case solved with the “talk-till-you’re-not-going-to-prom” tactic on any police show.
fors 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 the Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available for an application and tour of Robinoue, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.

Support

Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter (2050 Claire Court, Glenview) grief support group meets 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 to March 28, 6:30–8 p.m.; Families with Children, Wednesdays, up to March 28, 6:30–8 p.m.; Groups meet from 3:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9175 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potteryfield, (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.

La Leche League of Des Plaines, a breastfeeding support group, meets at 7 p.m. at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W. Golf Road in Niles (Four Flaggs Shopping Center). Next meeting date is Feb. 15. Expecting and nursing mothers are invited. Babies are always welcome. Accredited La Leche League Leaders will be on hand to answer questions and guide the discussion. Call 1-877-452-5324 or visit llli.org.

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 Leisholder Center, 6766 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, 9175 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potteryfield, (847) 723-4765.

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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 Tuesdays 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 program, 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) 833-2834 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) 245-5543 or visit www.onehopeunited.org.

The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tues-
Advertorial
THE FAMILY DOG

Q: We currently have a dog. What steps should we take to introduce another dog in the family?

A: Understand that if you currently have a dog, regardless of the breed or size, it will have learned that it lives in an environment with an established pack. Your dog will also be aware that this established pack will have a set of rules dictated by authority.

It would not be unusual for an additional dog to be considered competition by your current dog. If your current dog has not been spayed or neutered, consider doing this. It can help reduce hormonal issues. Try to introduce the new dog in a neutral surrounding. Outside can serve this purpose. Both dogs should be leash free. This is mandatory.

At first, introduction in the house should be through a gate, or some other see through structure. An exercise pen can serve this need. Do not try and force companionship. Family dogs are very good at sorting out pack structure.

Make every attempt to decrease circumstances that could create tension between the dogs. This could involve your children becoming too excited around the dogs. Small children have an uncanny ability to over excite dogs. Over excitement can sometimes lead to a dogfight. Make sure that all family members are on the same page. This will help increase the likelihood of success.

Find the time to obedience train your dogs. This can be one of the most important things you can do to help maintain the peace. Take your time and keep your expectations realistic.

These suggestions do not cover all aspects of multi-dog households but they can help to get you started.

Jeff Green, owner of Total Recall Dog Training, has been involved in dog training and competitive obedience since 1992 and has won multiple top obedience competition awards throughout the Midwest with his Border Collies.

Our readers are encouraged to submit no more than 2 questions to info@trainmydog.com. Each month, he will answer questions that he feels present the most interesting or common issues among dog owners. If you would like to inquire about Jeff's services, he can be reached at 847-721-0234 or visit his website at www.trainmydog.com.

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day 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) 205-3653. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban is invited to publically 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 Nelles Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 715-2252.

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 6-8 p.m., on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms 6352 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 Nelles Center on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1-3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nelles Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guanise, (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) 675-0451. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or Owen@esturnerals.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 Nelles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9884.

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.

Hoping onto Hope - Rainbow Hospice is a 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.

Chohr's & Coitoss 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 Chohr's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 627-0404.

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. Inähand and parental consent are required.

The Us Too! Prostate Cancer Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with...
Avenues is looking for friendly, hardworking men and women to help staff at the Thrift Shoppe, 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis (7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or 2-8 p.m. on Thursdays. Volunteers receive a discount. No experience is needed. All proceeds from the Thrift Shoppe help Avenues continue valuable programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Contact the store manager, Michael Frustini, (847) 292-0870, Ext. 7711.

The Men's and Women's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is looking for new members. The community-based philanthropic and social organization raises funds for the hospital through a variety of events, including an annual golf outing, glove sale and concert. The organization's donations have assisted the hospital in expanding programs, purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment, and pursuing research and education initiatives. Yearly dues are $35. Call (847) 732-6105.

Many individuals have found themselves laid off or unable to find employment. Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care would like to respond by helping professionals stay current with their job skills (or gain experience if recently graduated) by offering professional volunteer opportunities. Possible opportunities include positions in medical records, human resources, administration, community outreach, finance, marketing and admissions/customer service. Volunteers must have a willingness to make use of their professional skills and a positive attitude allowing them to take on a great deal of responsibility. Training and seminars for professional and personal development will be provided. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (847) 685-9900, Ext. 3128, or prarrow@rainbowhospice.org. Visit www.rainbowhospice.org.
Your Local Worship Guide

CHICAGO

Edison Park Lutheran Church
6626 N. Oliphant Ave, Chicago, IL
(Across park from Edison Park Metra)
773.631.9131, www.edisonparkchurch.com
Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m. Evensong,
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Traditions
9:15 a.m. Spirit Bridge
10:30 a.m. Contemporary
Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor
Carole Edwards, Associate in Ministry
Matt Halder, Worship/Music
Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family

Morton Grove Community Church
PresbyterianChurch (USA)
8944 Austin Avenue
(Lake and Austin)
Morton Grove, IL
(847) 965-2982
www.mgccpresbyterian.org
Sunday Worship 10 AM
Fellowship 11 AM
Rev. Lolly Dominik
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NORTHFIELD

Willow Creek
Community Church
North Shore Campus
315 Waukegan Road
847-441-6599
Sunday Services: 9 & 11 am
Promiseland (Infants-Gris): 9 & 11 am
Elevate (Grades 6-8): 11 am
Impact (Grades 9-12): 6 pm
For more information visit
www.WillowNorthShore.org

NORWOOD PARK

Norwood Park Lutheran Church
5917 N. Nina Ave.
Chicago, IL
773-631-2860
Fax: 773-631-0142
Sunday Service 10 AM
Sunday School 9 AM
(September thru May)
Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor

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(708)867-5044, www.stpaulcanfield.org
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Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30 AM
Saturday Worship 6 PM
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Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
6201 W. Peterson Ave.
Chicago, IL (773) 631-0715
Saturday Worship 5:30 PM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
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Dons are class of own in 2A regional

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

Facing a rigorous IHSA Class 2A schedule last season, Notre Dame posted a 29-2 record, won a regional title and finished with a top-10 ranking — even after a disappointing sectional showing.

So it was no surprise that the Dons dominated their Class 2A ranks. Notre Dame was forced to drop a notch after the IHSA revised its enrollment multiplier and made other modifications last June. Notre Dame took full advantage, advancing all 14 of its wrestlers, including nine champions and five other top-three finishers. The Dons, losing only five matches the entire day, rolled up 278 points to Ridgewood’s 133, Chicago Uplift’s 113 and 89 or fewer for the other seven teams.

“We did what we wanted by qualifying everyone and winning as a team to get to the dual sectional,” said Notre Dame head coach Augustine Genovesi. “It was challenging with the injuries we have had, but we geared everything for this stage. We are healthier and rounding into form at the right time.”

Regardless of the class, Notre Dame’s 14-for-14 feat was a noteworthy accomplishment. The heat was on the less experienced Dons to deliver the maximum. Talented freshman Mike Ferrl (4-1 at 120 pounds) — thrust into the pressures of an IHSA regional with only one varsity bout under his belt — won three of four matches, including a 9-4 victory in the pivotal third-place match.

Notre Dame freshman Jimmy Gallardo (right) improved to 27-8 by winning the Class 2A Notre Dame Regional championship at 106 pounds. VINCENT D. JOHNSON—FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA.

Anthony McDermott (14-14, 126) also went 3-1, including a vital win in his bout for third place.

Sophomore Robert Hill (7-6, 160) didn’t know he would be competing until Saturday morning, which is when senior Jack Pracek (shoulder ligament) was ruled out. Hill, who compiled a 39-3 record on the JV team, came right back from a 14-3 shellacking to win his third-place match 7-3.

Notre Dame’s three returning Class 3A state-meet qualifiers barely broke a sweat. Junior Kevin Stahler (30-6, 182) dispatched both of his opponents in the second period. Senior Scott Smith (24-11, 113) followed a quick pin with a 16-0 tech fall. Junior Joe Cortese (20-5, 152) romped twice.

Two of the three Dons who won ESCC titles the previous week finished first again. Freshman Jimmy Gallardo (27-8, 106) looked locked and loaded for a deep run after securing two fast pins. Junior Roark Whittington (31-6, 145), quietly excellent all season, notched three one-sided victories. Senior Jimmy Blancoferr (23-7, 195) criticized himself for poor weight control during the season, leading to a subpar, runner-up performance.

On a mission to make state in his last chance, senior mainstay Tim Donnelly (30-8, 138) breezed with a first-period fall and a 11-3 win, and said he felt better after recent struggles with groin and shoulder injuries. Given short brackets, seniors Conlon Kelly (29-6, 195) and Ryan Walsh (25-8, 220) won their only matches on early falls. Kelly is determined to stay healthy after missing the ESCC meet with tonsillitis problems, and last year’s sectional with a torn MCL.

Senior Rocco Paggiano (4-3, 285), who keeps shedding rust after a long layoff, claimed second place with two pins. The football team’s left tackle had to wait forever to recover from a severe hamstring pull and a lesser knee issue.

In the day’s feel-good story, Conner Gavin (14-1, 170) earned the top spot with an exciting 5-5 victory following a first-period pin and tech fall. Racked with football injuries, Gavin wasn’t going to wrestle until his teammates caught him back two weeks into the season. He then had to cut considerable weight to get down to 170 while slowly healing. The senior, who recently committed to play football for Northern Illinois, is now a serious threat.

The easy part is over for Notre Dame, which will compete in the Grayslake Central Sectional on Friday and Saturday. Six Class 2A’s No. 1-ranked wrestlers and 48 other ranked individuals — including seven Dons — headline the Grayslake field. The top four wrestlers in each class advance to the state meet, Feb. 16-18.

“For the sectional, it’s one match at a time. The guys have to wrestle hard and not let anything bother them,” Genovesi said. "At this time of the year, a lot of wrestlers are tight and have a problem with pulling the trigger. You've got to go harder you're going home.”

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Solita, Dons hand Carmel a punishing defeat

BY GARY LARSEN
Contributor

Notre Dame senior Joey Solita’s right hand was healthy on Friday and visiting Carmel suffered for it.

After missing six games with a hand injury, Solita buried two key three-pointers in the third quarter and 12 of the Dons’ 26 field goals made, including a 6-for-7 clip from Joe Ferrici and Eddie Serrano preceded a pair of treys from Solita to spark the Dons to an even 42-25 lead after three quarters.

Solita hit five treys on the night to lead all scorers with 15 points, but quickly pointed to another key that allowed the Dons to gain separation on Carmel in the second half.

“We've got 10 or 12 guys that can put the ball in the hole, and I thought it was our defense that got us going,” Solita said. “We only made six stops in the second quarter so we had to do better in the second half.”

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Ebeling, Marin prolong gymnastics careers

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Niles North senior gymnasts Brittany Ebeling fell off the beam Saturday — and she couldn’t have been happier.

That’s because Ebeling’s tumble occurred during practice, and it resulted from teammate Kaitlin Karlin pulling her down during a hug that celebrated Ebeling’s qualification for the Niles North Sectional.

Ebeling advanced on floor exercise, earning one of 12 at-large spots to the sectional, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in Niles North’s Maine Gym. Ebeling is the only member of the home team to reach the loaded meet, which features state powerhouses Carmel and Stevenson among the six team entries.

Ebeling scored 8.725 on floor at the Feb. 1 Stevenson Regional. She had to wait until the completion of all the regionals on Friday to learn if her season, and career, would continue.

During the two-day waiting period, Niles North head coach Charlie Friedman tried to temper her gymnast’s expectations.

“I actually told (Ebeling) that she probably wasn’t going to make it. She was disappointed (about her regional performance) and I didn’t want her to be disappointed twice,” the coach said.

“I said there was a possibility, but it was not likely.

“But we found out Friday and told her Saturday and she was very excited. I looked it up (online) and had Kaitie (Karlin) tell her. (Ebeling) was sitting on the beam and they started screaming and hugged and she got pulled off the beam in all the excitement.”

Ebeling actually would have had a higher score but stepped out of bounds during her routine.

Earlier this week, Friedman said Ebeling was hoping to increase the degree of difficulty by switching a double-full in place of a one-and-a-half.

“(A double-full) is what we’re working on and she made a few in practice on Saturday,” Friedman said. “We want to add that. It would be good for her to do that in her last meet.”

Niles North (122.700) ended up fourth at the five-team Stevenson Regional.

Niles West

Two Wolves gymnasts grabbed at-large berths to the Niles North Sectional. Freshman Catherine Steegmueller advanced after finishing 10th in the all-around (94.125) at Friday’s New Trier Regional. Also, senior Jenny Marin prolonged her high school career on bars (8.45) and floor (8.775). At the regional, Marin was eighth in both events.

Other Wolves recorded performances that would have advanced, but the Niles North Sectional is regarded as the state’s best.

“Had our regional led into Glenbard North (Sectional), then Kelly (Sanks) and Valerie (Pung) would have made it, and Jenny (Marin) and Catherine (Steegmueller) would have made it in more events,” Niles West head coach Susan Arcus said. “But our sectional is going to be phenomenal gymnastics to watch. We think it’s very much a mini-state meet.”

Earlier this week, Arcus said both Marin and Steegmueller were looking to work new moves into their routines for the sectional.

Arcus said the whole postseason process has been about gaining experience for the youngster Steegmueller.

“It’s all new for her,” the coach said. “Just having two judges is new. She asked me if it mattered which one she saluted first. It’s so different going into regional, sectional and state. It will be a great experience. Not only to be a part of it, but for her to see (other girls performing) some of the tricks she’ll want to focus on (learning) before next season.”

Niles West (122.600) finished fourth at the five-team New Trier Regional.

Maine East

The Blue Demons (92.700) came in fifth at the five-team Stevenson Regional on Feb. 1 and were unable to qualify any gymnasts for the Niles North Sectional.
Maine East gets Valentine's date with Loyola

BY BILL PEMSTEIN
Contributor

The IHSA has made its decision. Maine East, a four-game winner, will compete in the Evanston Regional against No. 4-seeded Loyola Academy on Valentine's Day.

Most observers are expecting the Rams to roll the Blue Demons, a No. 13 seed.

And maybe that will happen. Or maybe Maine East senior Monay Crawford will take over the action and score a ton of points to help produce a major upset. Or Shaylee Sloan will grab every rebound and feed Crawford for easy layups.

The record may not show it, but this has been a season of progress for Maine East.

"We have a very talented team," said Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak. "The wins don't quite equate, but we've had our closest games in the conference. I hope to think that we are no longer a sure win for other teams."

As Crawford goes, so goes Maine East. She joined the varsity as a junior but didn't really make an impression.

"We had a lot of conversations with her," Hanusiak said. "She loves basketball. She's been working hard all year. She pushes other kids in practice."

The 5-foot-5 guard has turned into a scorer during her final season. She poured in 21 points against Glenbrook North and 18 against Highland Park this season.

And she likely could score even more points if she wanted.

"She's so unselfish," Hanusiak said. "Sometimes, I have to kick her in the pants to score. She has that ability to score but she's worried about being a ball hog."

It seems the senior can score from most everywhere on the court. She can certainly get to the hoop following fast breaks.

"She has a really nice outside shot," she said. "And she can take it to the basket."

Hanusiak noted that Crawford also plays solid D.

"She leads our team in steals," she said. "She's a good on-the-ball defender. She could play in college. I know I'm going to miss her so much."

Elmwood Park, a club that Crawford also plays solid D.

"I really empathize with him," East coach Dave Cenis said. "I know it's has to be frustrating for him. He really wants to do well, and I think he really had high expectations for this group, like we all did. He has to take a lot on his shoulders and it's frustrating for him."

"We still need to change the reputation of our program," Hanusiak said.

The Blue Demons were to host Resurrection on Tuesday. The final regular-season game is at Niles North on Friday.

Shannon shows teammates how to compete

BY DANNY MEHIGAN
Contributor

It's been a season to forget for most players in the Maine East program.

Aaron Shannon has been one of the four seniors who hasn't even have next year, so he and his classmates have to put all they have into this one. At 49-26 overall, and winless in the Conference Suburban, it hasn't been easy for the Demons or their star guard.

"It's pretty tough," Shannon said. "We don't execute as well as we want to on the offensive side. We try to play as hard as we can, as much as we can, but we have lapses here and there. We just have to continue to focus hard and maybe it will pay off in the end."

Shannon has been wearing just about every hat imaginable for East this season. He is easily the team's leading scorer, the primary ball handler, one of its best rebounders, and oftentimes, he also guards the opponent's most athletic offensive weapon.

"It's a lot of pressure," he said of his duties. "We have good young guards, but they aren't good enough yet to handle all the pressure the teams throw at us. Being the primary ball handler is tough on me because usually I'm not strong enough as a ballhandler. I feel more comfortable on the wing where I don't have to handle the pressure."

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"We'll hit stretches where we just can't put the ball in the basket. We get shots in spots where we want to get spots but the ball just doesn't go in. They're doing things we're asking them to do. We talk about post moves and scoring in the lane."

Maine East senior Monay Crawford, leading the fast-break against Leyden, has developed into a steady scorer during her final season. [RYAN PAGELOW/SUN-TIMES MEDIA]
Wolves plan celebration for 50 years of hoops

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Groundhog Day may have been last week, but like the movie of the same name, Niles West boys basketball head coach Bob Williams said he feels he's been repeating the same day all winter.

The Wolves dropped two more games last weekend, to Evanston and Rolling Meadows, falling to 5-17, 17-21 in the process. Williams said this week he should have given up on the season, but instead he and assistant Mike Parker won the game plan, and we get away from the way too easily. But we're going to continue to work on it," he said.

Williams said the disappointment in the locker room after games shows him the players still care about turning things around.

"The kids continue to compete," he said. "A couple kids were angry after the game because we're not getting over that hump. I don't like seeing kids unhappy. But the fact is, they still care. This is not a team giving up or going through the motions. We are trying to get these things done and they continue to try to do that."

On Friday, the Wolves started and finished strong, but had little answer for Evanston the rest of the game in a 51-39 defeat in Evanston. Niles West led 5-2, but then allowed the Wildkits to go on a 15-2 run. Evanston held advantages of 23-14 at halftime and 41-21 after three quarters.

"We are a better team now because of this experience," said Loyd. "A lot of people are stepping up in big games and it's starting to pay off. People are stepping up in big games and big moments and playing tough."
Heated fourth quarter boils over for Vikings

BY MARTY FARMER
Contributor

Fourth-quarter frustration boiled over for host Niles North in the closing seconds of Friday's 61-49 loss to Maine West, as Vikings head coach Glenn Olson was ejected and Jaylen White was called for a flagrant foul.

While the ramifications of Olson's early departure are a one-game suspension (to be served against Maine East), the loss most notably dropped Niles North into a second-place tie with Maine West. Both teams sport 5-3 conference records, trailing Glenbrook North (15-5, 6-2) in the Central Suburban North.

Niles North (15-7, 5-3) led 42-34 entering the fourth quarter, but the resilient Warriors outscored the Vikings 27-7 the rest of the way. Olson sensed a momentum change even prior to the wild fourth, which included Olson's ejection, a double-technical foul after Olson's ensuing ejection, the Warriors scored nine unanswered points via a parade to the charity stripe over the last 30 seconds.

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With Maine West (15-8, 6-3) clinging to a 62-49 advantage in the final minute, the Vikings' B.J. Beckford missed a game-tying trey attempt, and Niles North's top scorer, Malachi Nix, soon fouled out. Awarded a double-technical foul after Olson's ensuing ejection, the Warriors scored nine unanswered points via a parade to the charity stripe over the last 30 seconds.

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"Maine West played better," said Niles North coach Dan Paxson. "It was a heartbreaking loss. The kids took it pretty hard. But we still have some team goals. And we had an upbeat practice on Saturday."

When this contest began, it looked as though the Vikings would make it 2-for-2 over the Warriors. Niles North star Mariah Henley buried three three-pointers and the Vikings seemed on their way.

"She was off to a great start," Paxson said. "She really asserted herself, but she got in foul trouble."

"She got a lot of looks," Paxson said. "But Maine West played great defense on her."

When the Niles North Regional opens Feb. 19, two high seeds will ride the bus rides that night. Either Marion or Schurz will have the unenviable task of taking on the top seed in the New Trier Sectional, Maine South, the following night. Niles North has the late game at 8:30 p.m.

"We are really excited for the regional," Paxson said. "We really play well at home. We'll have the fan support. We'll have a chip on our shoulder for the Maine West game."

The Warriors defense also shut down high-scoring Alissa Hirsh.

Of course the Warriors have to worry about more than Henley and Hirsh when the regional comes to Niles next week. Both Sorriere Ranger and Taylor Louis have stepped up their game. Shelley-Rae Moody has expanded her repertoire this year.

"Shelley-Rae has become our third offensive threat," he said. "Last year, she drove to the hoop 100 percent of the time. Now she's added a jump shot to her game."

Should the Vikings topple Maine West, the regional title game against Maine South would be a tough task.

"They are very good," Paxson said. "All their shooters can handle the ball."

Niles North's Alissa Hirsh and Shelley-Rae Moody, looking for a passing lane against Highland Park, has developed into the Vikings' No. 3 offensive threat. Niles North's Eron Washington (21) and Jaylen White (4) battle Maine West's Matt Finnander for the ball during the CSL North showdown in Skokie. | DAVID BANKS-FOR SUN TIMES MEDIA
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  - Glenbard North Sectional, 7:30 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Class 2A Ind.
  - Glenbard North Sectional, 10 a.m.

**NILES NORTH**

- **Today**
  - Girls gymnastics hosts IHSA sectional, 6:30 p.m.
  - Girls basketball at Niles North, 7:30 p.m.
  - Boys basketball hosts Miles North, 7:30 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Class 2A Ind.
  - Glenbard North Sectional, 4:30 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Class 2A Ind.
  - Glenbard North Sectional, 6:30 p.m.
  - Niles East (60.00) came in third at sectional.
  - Niles North (57.0) came in fourth.

**NILES WEST**

- **Today**
  - Girls gymnastics at Niles North Sectional, 6:30 p.m.
  - Boys basketball at Glenbrook South, 6 p.m.
  - Girls basketball hosts Glenbrook South, 7:30 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Class 2A Ind.
  - Glenbard North Sectional, 6:30 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Class 2A Ind.
  - Glenbard North Sectional, 7:30 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Class 2A Ind.
  - Glenbard North Sectional, 10 a.m.
  - Boys basketball hosts Highland Park, 6 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Class 2A Ind.
  - Glenbard N. Sectional, 10 a.m.

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**Monreal-Berner climbs regional title step**

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A year after he finished runner-up at sectionals, Niles West junior wrestler Vaughn Monreal-Berner took another step forward Saturday, earning his first regional title.

The 182-pounder has some more unfinished business to attend to this week: placing in the top four at the sectional and earning his first trip to the Class 3A IHSA state tournament.

Monreal-Berner was a match away last year from a trip to Champaign, site of the state tournament. He doesn’t expect to be on the outside looking in this time around.

“I’m feeling really good right now. I have the momentum going and hopefully I’ll take it into the state tournament,” said Monreal-Berner, who upped his season record to 28-7. “Of course, it’s sectionals (this week) and everyone is going to be tough. But nothing short of state (will do). No way.”

Monreal-Berner certainly looked like a state-meet caliber wrestler at Saturday’s Niles West Regional. The junior earned an early pin in his opening match and then stuck Maine West’s Max Hanak (28-10) midway through the championship match.

“Vaughn dominated and he expects a lot out of himself,” Niles West head coach Anthony Genovesi said. “He wants to dominate and he did that today. Hopefully, he brings the same attitude (at sectional). There will be tougher competition. I know he wants to get down (state) and he wants to go dominate (at sectional).”

Three other Wolves qualified for the Glenbard North Sectional, which will be held Friday and Saturday. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance.

Niles West junior Tommy Williams (24-12) won at 126, posting a 16-1 technical-fall victory over Maine West’s Rigelio Rodriguez (21-11) in the championship match.

“Pascoe) has been having a strong year,” Niles North head coach Chris Albandia said. “(Pascoe) in good position.”

Niles West’s Andrew Mathias attempts to spin away from Maine South’s Zach Thallman during their 160-pound match at the Niles West Regional.

Niles North junior Nick Vikers (18-0) also qualified for Glenbard North, coming in third at 106 pounds.

Wolves sophomore Isaac Caprio (37-1) of Rolling Meadows in the title match.

Improving sophomore Nick Vikers (18-0) also qualified for Glenbard North, coming in third at 106 pounds.

Wolves sophomore Isaac Reimann (182) and senior Andrew Mathias (180) finished fourth and will be alternates for the sectional.

The Wolves scored 103.00 points and came in fifth at the eight-team regional.

**NILES NORTH**

The Vikings, who also competed at Niles West, had two sectional qualifiers.

**Vikings junior Cameron Pascoe (24-12)** won the title at 220 pounds, recording a 7-0 victory over Maine West’s Rigelio Rodriguez (21-11) in the championship match.

“(Pascoe) has been having a strong year,” Niles North head coach Chris Albandia said. “At times he’s had some mental lapses, where he would be in the driver’s seat and then doing something that would put him in trouble. Hopefully, he’s past that. This is the best he’s looked all year. Hopefully, he’s putting it together at the right time. This is the time of year to be doing it.”

Albandia said Pascoe has a chance to earn a spot at the state tournament.

“From what I’ve seen and recall of our sectional, it seems to be wide open at 220,” the coach said. “There are some weight classes where you have guys who are pretty much locks, like they’re returning champions. But 220 in our sectional is a guessing game. I think that puts (Pascoe) in good position.”

Niles North sophomore Shawn Lavi (20-10) advanced after taking third at 113 pounds.

Three other Vikings finished fourth: freshman Hernandez Abraham (106), junior Eric Berkovich (182) and sophomore James Edmond (220).

Niles North (60.00) came in seventh at regional.
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