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PARK DISTRICT

Golf course bridge replacement kicks off pre-spring projects

BY TRACY GRIEN
Contributor

The Niles Park District is preparing for the spring season by getting several capital projects under way.

One of the projects is to replace the bridge on the Tam Golf Course at Hole No. 5.

“This is the last bridge to be replaced,” said Niles Park District Director Joseph LoVerde.

LoVerde said the new bridge will be wider and safer for the golf carts, LoVerde explained.

The bridge is one of several that have been replaced. It has been there for several decades.

The new bridge will be wider and safer for the golf carts, according to LoVerde.

LoVerde said the village is also working on putting together bid packages for renovating the parking lots at Tam Center and the office building on Howard Street.

The renovated parking lots will feature new asphalt and striping, but provide the same amount of parking spaces as it does now.

In the next month Park District officials will also start planning the remodeling of Iceland skating rink on Ballard. The Park District has budgeted about $1.5 million for that project.

The renovation will involve remodeling the rink and indoor space, including the installation of new bathrooms.

Park District officials will also look at refrigeration options to make sure they are keeping the ice frozen in the most energy-efficient way.

LoVerde said the indoor renovations will be similar to those recently completed at Grennan Heights.

An outdoor skating rink recently was added at Iceland.

The indoor renovations will likely be phased in over a two-year time period during 2012 and 2013.

DISTRICT 64

Five more students join growing list of pertussis diagnoses

Five more Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 students were recently diagnosed with pertussis, also known as whooping cough, according to the Cook County Department of Public Health.

The most recent cases include a fifth-grader at Roosevelt School, 1001 S. Fairview Ave.; a fourth-grader at Field School, 707 Wiscoy St.; a sixth- and seventh-grader, at Lincoln Middle School, 200 S. Lincoln Ave.; and a fifth-grader at Washington School, 1500 Stewart Ave.

Roosevelt School was notified by the Cook County Department of Public Health on Feb. 9, and Field School and Lincoln Middle School were notified Feb. 14.

The second case of pertussis at Lincoln was reported Feb. 17, as was the case at Washington School.

Information about the whooping-cough diagnoses was sent to parents.

Since November there have been 16 reported cases of whooping cough in District 64 schools, two involving staff members.

Four of the cases have occurred at Lincoln Middle School.

District 64 has recommended that parents contact their health-care provider with any questions or concerns.

NILES NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher, coach charged with child sex crime

A Niles North High School teacher and cheerleading coach was arrested Feb. 15 in Bensenville and charged with sexual exploitation of a child for allegedly making a girl strip for him, police said.

Jeffrey L. Tickes, 30, of the 400 block of South Addison Street in Bensenville, was arrested Feb. 13 on a misdemeanor count of sexual exploitation of a child, Bensenville police said in a release.

Police allege he coerced a 17-year-old girl younger than 17 years old to remove her clothing for his gratification, the release said.

Tickes is a math teacher and cheerleading coach at Niles North High School and has been suspended from both his teaching and coaching jobs pending the outcome of the investigation, according to a statement from Niles North High School District 219.

Skokie police said the incident in question did not happen on any District 219 property, or in Skokie.

The school said it is working with the state Department of Children and Family Services, Skokie police and Bensenville police and has been in contact with students and parents who might have any relevant information, according to the statement.

“I remind everyone that our number one priority is the safety and security of our students,” Niles North principal Ryan McTague said in the statement.

Tickes is also affiliated with Cheer Illinois Athletics, a cheerleading training facility in Bensenville, according to the police release. A representative for the facility could not be reached for comment last week.

--- By Sun-Times Media and Mike Isaacs
6 Demos float names for Water District

There is no shortage of candidates in this year's Democratic primary who say they want to help keep the Chicago region's water clean and out of your basement. Six are vying for three spots on the Democratic ballot for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

The three-party backed candidates - incumbent Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele and Patrick Daley Thompson - are squaring off against incumbent Patricia Horton, Stella B. Black and Patricia Young.

Young, a commissioner from 1992 through 2009, is trying to get her old job back. Steele and Black ran in 2010, but lost in a nine-way primary.

The newcomer is Thompson, 42, grandson of former Mayor Richard J. Daley and nephew of the more recent incumbent at City Hall. A zoning and land-use lawyer, he is making his first run for political office and says he thinks the district should do a better job of managing water use.

"I think we can improve on the [water] reclaiming... and not just flush that down with the sanitation," Thompson said.

Founded in 1889 to protect Lake Michigan, the district, which encompasses Chicago and 125 suburbs, is responsible for treating sewage and preventing flooding. It's a $1 billion-a-year agency with 2,100 employees. Of its nine commissioners, three are elected to six-year terms every two years.

A long-running battle over whether to discontinue effluent before releasing it into Chicago area waterways was partly resolved last year when the board voted 8-1 to do so at two of its plants. Among the issues now looming before the board are completing the reservoir portion of the Deep Tunnel project and removing nutrients from treated wastewater that flow down the Mississippi River and contribute to a "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico.

Shore, 59, has been a leading environmental voice on the board since her election in 2006. She's a founder of the Friends of the [Cook County] Forest Preserve and long supported the Chicago River cleaning effort.

"When I ran six years ago, I did so because I believe water is going to be the issue in years to come," Shore said. "I remain ever more convinced of that."

Steele, 36, is a senior formulating chemist for Luco, worked as a water chemist for six years at the city's Jardine Water Filtration Plant. She is the former chairman of the Young Democrats of Cook County and is the daughter of Appellate Court Justice Thomas A. Young.

"Laboratory testing plays a major part in monitoring and treating our wastewater," she said. "Black, 70, is a property tax consultant who lives in Chicago. In the 1980s, she served two terms as assessor in Downstate Centralia. She says she could draw on her experience to help the Water District save money on real estate contracts. With 9,000 acres, the district is the largest landowner in Cook County.

"If you don't have fiscal responsibility, you don't have money for the environment," she said.

Besides being a former commissioner, Young, 56, worked in the MWRF's public affairs office from 1977 to 1992, when she was elected commissioner. In 2009, she quit her seat on the board to return to her $90,000-a-year civil service commissioner. In 2009, she quit her seat on the board, she and Shore have compiled.

"We showed the public in 2006 that we were the best viable candidates, and we still are," Horton said.

The winners of the primary will face three Green Party candidates - Julia Samuels, Dave Ehrling and Karen Roothaan - in the fall. No Republicans filed for election in the primary.

"There is no shortage of candidates in this year's Democratic primary who say they want to help keep the Chicago region's water clean and out of your basement. Six are vying for three spots on the Democratic ballot for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago."
BY BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

Financial fitness FOR THE sandwich GENERATION

If you are one of the many Americans "sandwiched" between caring for your children while also caring for your aging parents, you're not alone. According to the Pew Research Center, 1 in 8 Americans between the ages of 40 and 60 are part of this "sandwich generation." Those numbers are likely to increase as people live longer, making it more important than ever to understand the common financial pitfalls and issues associated with caring for two different generations. To get started, I asked financial advisor Jill Kaz of GCG Financial (www.gcgfinancial.com) to walk us through some of the steps we can take to help mitigate the financial stresses moving forward.

Plan ahead

According to Kaz, you need to keep the sandwich generation trend in mind when projecting the income you'll need in retirement. This kind of planning requires more than just setting aside money in a 401(k) or glancing at IRA statements once a quarter. It means taking a realistic look at the income you'll need in retirement as well as identifying potential obstacles that might stand in the way of ensuring your money is there when you need it.

Preserve your assets

Although it might sound selfish, you should not use your retirement savings to pay for your children's education or your parents' long-term care. Instead, help your children apply for student loans and use your parents' assets to finance their care for as long as possible. Remember, you won't be able to help anyone if you don't keep your own financial house in order. After all, the only person who can save for your retirement is you.

Talk to your parents

"If you are 40 or older, it's vital that you make long range plans with your parents," says Kaz. "Keep in mind that it's never too soon to start these discussions, but it can become too late too quickly as a loved one's health can change overnight." Topics to discuss with your parents include identifying assets, discussing how they want to live as they age, and understanding their wishes when it comes to long-term health care and lifesaving measures. Your parents should also name the person they want making their legal and medical decisions should the need arise. No doubt, this conversation is difficult but answering these questions while your parents are healthy can help you avoid unnecessary complications in the future.

Get insurance

The Department of Health and Human Services reports that at least 70 percent of adults age 65 and older will require some form of long-term care. Kaz recommends looking into the viability of long-term care insurance for your parents and yourself. A long-term care policy can help pay for in-home services that will help relieve some of the burden for family members. One of the main reasons people buy LTCI is to spare their spouse or children the burden of having to care for them.

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District 63
Nelson School to hire its first assistant principal
BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Nelson School, the largest of East Maine School District 63's six elementary schools, is hiring its first assistant principal.

The Board of Education approved the new position Feb. 1.

"I'm thrilled that the district has recognized that this was something important," Nelson School Principal Jean LeBlanc said.

District officials looked at the size of the school and the ratio of students to administrators when making this decision.

Superintendent Scott Clay said that when school populations near 500 students, it's common to have more than one administrator.

Nelson School has about 611 students.

Apollo School, the second-largest elementary school after Nelson, has two administrators to serve 883 students, making its students-per-administrator ratio 291 to one.

Gemini School, the district's junior high, has three administrators and a student body size of 777.

The number of special-education students was also taken into account.

Nelson now enrolls 48 of these students.

At the district's other schools there is one administrator per 16 to 30 special-ed students.

LeBlanc said adding a second administrator will help her free up time to focus on student and parent interaction, and engage in more conversations with faculty about curriculum and instruction.

Over the course of the school year, LeBlanc estimates she spends about 150 hours doing teacher observations, and at least another 60 hours at special-education meetings.

Teachers in the first four years of their career are formally observed twice a year.

"That is time that is really well spent," she said. "But (meetings and evaluations) do take time and there is no administrator out there during those conversations."

LeBlanc said she has not yet decided the particular duties she would pass along to the assistant principal.

"My thought in general is to expose him or her to all the duties (of the principal) and see where their strengths are," she said. "That's a great place to start."

LeBlanc aims to have a slate of final applicants by spring break, which this year is the week of March 26.

Parents, teachers, and district administrators and officials will have the opportunity to meet candidates and weigh in on their preferred qualities and strengths.

"I strongly believe that in hiring a teacher, you need other teacher input," she said. "It's good to have more than one eye looking to see if this person will be a good fit with our culture."

The cost of the position will be partially offset by the retirement of Director of Technology Judith Satkiewicz at the end of the current school year and reductions in the staffing of the Early Childhood Center.

The assistant principal at Nelson School is expected to start July 1.

District 207
Wireless upgrades to quintuple schools' capacity for devices
BY TRACY GRUEN

An increase in cell-phone and iPad use has created the need for improved wireless connectivity at Maine Township High School District 207.

District 207 board members approved an upgrade to the schools' entire wireless system on Feb. 6.

The upgrade will allow 5,000 wireless devices to be connected at the same time.

That's compared with the existing system, which allows a maximum of 1,000 devices.

The cost for the wireless-system improvements is about $280,000, part of a total $500,000 in upgrades the district approved at the February board meeting.

Thiele said that when the wireless system was installed five years ago, technology was a lot different than it is now.

"Today, everyone has at least two wireless devices in their pocket, if not three," said Henry Thiele, chief technology officer for District 207.

Thiele said the upgrade improves the quality of connectivity and allows more devices to be connected.

The district also approved the purchase of three storage-area networks, as well as additional equipment and wiring for a total of nearly $250,000.

Thiele explained that the existing data-storage systems do not provide adequate storage space due to an increase in the average size of the files and the accumulation of files over time.

Several years ago the district acknowledged it was an issue but did not purchase more storage due to budget limitations.

"This small limit is causing staff to use unsafe data practices by storing some records and data locally on computers," Thiele stated in a memo to the Board of Education.

Thiele said work on the upgrades is expected to be completed by fall.
Some neighbors feel put out by proposed hookah lounge

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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If a hookah lounge is allowed to open in Park Ridge, it will only encourage young adults to take up smoking, neighbors opposed to the project told members of the Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission.

Residents on Feb. 14 argued against a proposal from businessman Ahmed Abdelaziz to open a lounge inside a storefront at 114 W. Higgins Road that would center around the smoking of flavored tobacco from a water pipe known as a hookah. The proposed hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and noon to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Several residents stated that the number of young people living in the area make it a poor location for such an establishment.

“I find it amazing that Park Ridge would even entertain the idea of a hookah bar/lounge, considering the programs at Maine South and all the elementary schools that are trying to discourage our children from smoking,” said Canfield Road resident Georgiana Klopfer.

The Planning and Zoning Commission had been asked to consider a text amendment to the city’s Zoning Ordinance that defines a “hookah bar/lounge” as a commercial business that allows indoor smoking, sells tobacco, packaged food and beverage items, and features live music. The commission has also been asked to recommend a special-use permit in order for the establishment to open within a B-2 business district in the city.

No decisions were reached by the commission and the public hearing on the matter has been continued until 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place. Abdelaziz said his establishment, which he plans to name “Tutti Frutti Hookah,” will feature a “very respectable atmosphere.”

“We can maintain a trend, if you will, that is currently established everywhere throughout the country and the greater Chicago area,” he said.

But Klopfer said the establishment appeared to cater to “youngsters.”

“You’re going to get 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds coming in and they are going to be encouraged by two things,” she said. “Number one, they are going to have live entertainment and it’s going to turn into a nightclub. Number two it is the Tutti Frutti Hookah Company. That kind of tobacco is aimed at children.”

Klopfer also implied that tobacco smoking would lead to marijuana use within the establishment. She and resident Judy Barclay referred to the hookah water pipe as a “bong,” a slang term commonly used to describe a device used for smoking marijuana.

“If we open this place we are teaching our children to use a bong,” Klopfer said.

Abdelaziz denied that “bongs” would be used or sold within the establishment, though traditional hookah pipes would be used or sold within the establishment.

Newton Avenue resident Nancy Extrone, a mother of four teenagers, also stated that she felt the lounge would lure younger smokers.

“This is not what I want so close to home,” she said.

Ashland Avenue resident Beata Kokuba added: “I believe if we open the place close to our houses, a lot of kids like my son (will) start to smoke.”

Eighteen-year-old resident Dan Ward called the hookah lounge “a horrible idea.”

“It’s a bad idea because it will influence young people,” he added. Abdelaziz told the Planning and Zoning Commission that since it is legal for 18-year-olds to purchase tobacco, people of this age will be allowed inside the establishment. Identification of patrons will be checked, he said.

Though a number of commercial businesses front the Chicago and Park Ridge sides of Higgins Road, residents opposed to the hookah lounge referred to the neighborhood as “residential.”

“The idea of a lounge with live music isn’t what I expected to find in a Park Ridge residential area,” said Newton Avenue resident Dana Allen.

Seventh Ward Alderman Marty Maloney also urged the Planning and Zoning Commission to reject the proposed business, saying it would “put stress on the neighborhood.” Residents had also expressed concerns about patrons parking on residential streets in the vicinity of the lounge.

Hookah bars are allowed in Illinois as an exception under the state’s Smoke-Free Act as long as no food is prepared on the premises or alcohol served, according to the city. There are now a number of hookah establishments within the city of Chicago as well as Niles, Deerfield, Schaumburg, Elmhurst and other suburbs.

Park Ridge allows two cigar lounges to operate without the requirement of a special-use permit, but it was the city’s attorneys who recommended a special definition of hookah lounges be part of the city’s Zoning Ordinance, said City Planner Jon Branham. Branham acknowledged that he wanted to get additional information as to why there is a recommendation to treat hookah lounges differently than other retail tobacco establishments.
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**POLICE BLOTTER**

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

**VANDALISM**

Niles police officers saw blue painted graffiti on a village of Niles control box Feb. 16 at Dobson and Waukegan. Police said the image was of an upside-down pitchfork. The Public Works Department will remove the graffiti.

**ASSAULT**

Niles police officers were notified about a shoplifter fleeing on Feb. 14 from Golf Mill Shopping Center on the 8300 block of Golf Road. The victim, a 23-year-old Chicago man, chased the subject to the front of the parking lot. The offender allegedly turned around, faced the victim and threatened to stab the victim if he didn’t stop chasing him, then showed him a small knife in his pocket. The victim said the offender never used his knife. An investigation was pending.

**BURGLARY**

A 64-year-old Niles woman reported that she was a victim of a residential burglary Feb. 16 on the 8400 block of Normal. An investigation was pending.

**DUI**

Hans Mondragon-Herrera, 23, of 8355 Maynard, was arrested Feb. 13 on the 8300 block of Maynard and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a valid drivers license. He has a March 28 court date. Police said officers could hear loud music coming from his vehicle well beyond 75 feet.

**THEFT**

Renell Downer, 17, of 8272 Dempster St., was arrested at his apartment on Feb. 13 and charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Downer was reportedly driving a 2010 Mercedes SUV that was reported stolen from Winnetka.

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**CRIME BRIEF**

Fitness club theft reports continue

Members of a Morton Grove fitness facility continue to report thefts.

According to police the thief not only steals contents from the lockers by cutting the locks, but also, using keys taken in the burglaries, ransacks victims’ vehicles, which are parked in the lot.

On Feb. 2, police responded to two reports of locks being cut off lockers and contents removed. The thefts come on the heels of a complaint at the Jan. 23 Morton Grove Village Board of Trustees meeting by another of the victims.

The resident’s was one of four theft incidents during a two-day period, according to police reports.

Clothes, keys and wallets were reported stolen from two lockers Jan. 22 and again Jan. 23 from two additional lockers at the fitness center. In all four instances the thief cut the locks to gain access, according to police.

The village is limited in its ability to address the issue because the thefts occurred on private property.

Officials at LA Fitness, headquartered in California, have yet to respond to numerous calls and emails seeking a response to security concerns.

**SHERIFF’S REPORTS**

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

**ASSAULT**

A 58-year-old resident of an apartment complex on the 8600 block of Golf Road told police that a neighbor approached him, used a racial slur and threatened him on Jan. 25. According to police the victim said he was afraid his neighbor, a 53-year-old man, was going to attack him. The neighbor had reportedly left the scene by the time police arrived and no arrest was immediately made.

**BATTERY**

Police responded to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge on Jan. 29 after receiving a report that a 30-year-old Maine Township woman had been stabbed with a paring knife. According to police the woman’s husband reported that the knife entered his wife’s back by accident while she was washing dishes inside their residence at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Holly Lane. The woman reportedly told police that she fell on the knife. She was treated and released from the hospital and the incident remained under investigation with no immediate charges, police said.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Vehicles were reported damaged Jan. 26 at Greenwood Avenue and Central Road; Feb. 1 on the 9400 block of Meadow Lane; and Feb. 4 on the 9500 block of Potter Road.

A property-damage complaint was filled Feb. 3 on the 8900 block of Knight Avenue.

**HIT-AND-RUN**

A hit-and-run accident was reported Jan. 31 at Golf Road and Golf Terrace.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are $6.

"The Tempest," first staged in 1611, opens with a powerful storm that wrecks a ship belonging to the King of Naples. Though it seems that all of the passengers have drowned, the audience soon discovers that the storm was an illusion created by Prospero, the mystical Duke of Milan, and the passengers are safe on an enchanted island.

The island has been recreated as a giant turntable on the Maine South stage. It was designed by technical director Pat Sanchez and constructed by Maine South's stage crew under the direction of stage manager Mark Gotthelf.

Cast members of "The Tempest" are Matt Bonadona, Emma Frey, Gibson Odderstol, Ryan Mays, Sarah Thomas, Sean Cahill Lemme, Giuliana Bartucci, Carri Stevens, Jeff Czerwionka, Zack Wendorf, Drew Mathieu, Justin Tomiczky, Bryan Lubash, Maria Junkovic, Tess Tzilioti, Neiv Hans, Kamille Garst, Tori Banser, Elizabeth McCarthy, Kathleen McCormick and Lily Elderkin.

Senior Alex Pantazi has written incidental music for the play and is serving as musical director for the student ensemble that will be performing his pieces during the production. The ensemble consists of Kyle Besetzny, Matt Coglianese, Britta Holland, Renee Kumon, Faye-Levin O'Leary and Emily Muszynski.

"The Tempest" is directed by Lauri McCleneghan with student director Emma Hogan. The play has been choreographed by alumna Annie Hoeg.
Maine South senior Emma Frey plays Ariel in "The Tempest." (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Sun-Times Media)

The Maine South cast for "The Tempest" runs through the opening scene during dress rehearsal at the school Feb. 20. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Sun-Times Media)

Maine South senior Sean Cahill-Lemme as Ferdinand sings his opening number during dress rehearsal Feb. 20. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Sun-Times Media)
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Recently rehabbed, this house was built in 1958. Morton Grove is on the market at 8831 N. Oketo Ave. in Des Plaines.

A four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home at 8719 Marmora Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for $299,000. The Contemporary-style brick house, built in 1956, has 1,274 square feet of living space and features a fireplace and new lighting. The chef's kitchen includes custom granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and custom cabinetry. Other highlights are the fully finished carpeted lower level and an attached garage. Mario Greco of Prudential Rubloff is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, two-bath home at 8401 Austin Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for $299,000. The Traditional-style brick home, built in 1956, has 1,274 square feet of living space and features a fireplace and new lighting. The chef's kitchen includes custom granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and custom cabinetry. Other highlights are the fully finished carpeted lower level and an attached garage. Mario Greco of Prudential Rubloff is the listing agent.

— John Ferri

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A four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home at 8831 N. Oketo Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for $399,000. The three-story home was built in 1958. Recently rehabbed, this house features new electric, plumbing and a tear-off roof. The combination living-dining room has recessed lighting and hardwood flooring, while the kitchen includes stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and 42-inch cabinets. Mary Jo Downes of RE/MAX Properties Northwest is the listing agent.

A four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 8719 Marmora Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for $299,000. The Contemporary-style house, built in 1951, has 1,274 square feet of living space and features a fireplace and new lighting. The main level includes custom granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors & new windows throughout. 3 brs & 2 full baths. Lower level family room w/finished carpeted flooring & new windows throughout. 3 brs & 2 full custom baths. Lower level family rm w/finished carpeting + 1st floor den. Fenced yard, 2 car attached garage + storage garage. Furnace 4 yrs old. Fairview School District #72!!

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‘The Taming of the Shrew’ to open

The Niles West High School Theatre Department will bring Shakespeare’s bawdy comedy,“The Taming of the Shrew’ to the Black Box Theatre at 5701 Oakton St., Skokie, beginning today at 10 a.m. Feb. 23, with a free community performance, and continuing through Saturday. Showtimes are at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for students, senior citizens and children. Call the Box Office at (847) 626-2633.

“The Taming of the Shrew,” believed to have been written in 1590, centers around Katherine, a headstrong woman who is unwillingly paired with Petruchio, a gentleman who is brought to town to tame this “wild beast” into marriage so that Katherine’s younger (and more desired) sister may marry. Modern audiences will see that good humor and playwriting has no expiration date.

The cast includes: Rachel Prale as Katherine; Steven Czajkowski, Petruchio; Alex Wood, Baptista Minola; Katie Buckley, Bianca; Surdeep Chauhan, Lucentio; Andre Erainia, Tranio; Daniel Bedoya, Grepolio; Cameron Broderick, Hortensio; Yassis Dasser, Grumio; Jason Magel, Biondello; Anahita Karimi, Widow; Ensamble; Gabe Filippo, Merchant; Ensamble; Peter Garbis, Vincentio; Ensamble; Joe Anderson, Curtis; Nathaniel; Ensamble; Shilarna Vincent, Nicholas; Ensamble; Merrick McWherter, Peter; Ensamble; Suzy Montoya-Quinchia, Taylor; Ensamble; Mira Berenson, Haberdasher; Ensamble; and Keenan Morales, Minstrel.

Crew Heads: Assistant Director Marina Spasova; Stage Manager Zachary Tarnoff; Assistant Stage Manager Lila Czajkowski, Petruchio; Alex Dasser, Grumio; Jason Magel, Biondello; Anahita Karimi, Widow/Ensamble; Gabe Filippo, Merchant/Ensamble; Peter Garbis, Vincentio/Ensamble; Joe Anderson, Curtis/Ensamble; Shilarna Vincent, Nathaniel/Ensamble; Shilarna Vincent, Nicholas/Ensamble; Merrick McWherter, Peter/Ensamble; Suzy Montoya-Quinchia, Taylor/Ensamble; Mira Berenson, Haberdasher/Ensamble; and Keenan Morales, Minstrel/Ensamble.

West Poms placed 12th in nation

The Niles West Pom Squad placed 12th in the nation in the Large Varsity Hip-Hop category at the 2012 National Dance Team Competition held recently in Orlando, FL. Niles West competed against 34 other teams in the semifinals then advanced to the finals where they were matched against the top 17 teams in their division.

The Niles West Varsity Pom Squad includes: Tia Toumas, Nicole Bonner, Marie Castello, Angie Barnas, Mary Vo, Ashley We, Sandra Lee, Jane Kwak, Dylan Lanoff, Evangelina Alpogianis (captain), Amanda Shafer, Elizabeth Mangulabnan (captain), Sophie Slidowski, Emme Deamont, Vera Ratner, Alison Check, Daniela Cicco and Nicole Kim. The Varsity Pom Coach is Christine Selander.

West Debate continues success

Niles West Debate, fresh off its tournament win at the Lane Tech tournament, competed at the Dearborn Invitational hosted by Evanston Township High School Feb. 3 through 5. Competing in the Novice division, Adam Yusen and Ambrina Benesch, seeded 11th going into the elimination debates, defeated the sixth seed and advanced to the quarterfinals, where they upset the third seed from Glenbrook North and advanced to the semifinals. They were defeated on a close 2-1 decision by Northside College Prep and were named semifinalists at the tournament.

In the Varsity division, Alwin Alex and Tahir Meeks were 5-1 in the preliminary rounds and were seeded fifth entering the elimination rounds. They made it to the semifinal round, then lost on a 2-1 decision to Walter Payton High School. Out of 116 debaters, Meeks was the 11th speaker. Teammates Julia Isono had a 4-2 record in the Varsity division, which is an amazing feat for a new team.

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WATER-RATE DISPUTE

Niles attorney: Only 20 percent of Glenview’s water bill up for debate

Attorney Jay Judge, representing the village of Niles, planned to file an amended complaint this week that would reduce the amount of Glenview’s disputed outstanding water bills by more than 80 percent.

Judge said the village of Glenview owes the village of Niles about $2.7 million, plus $200,000 to $300,000 in interest.

The $2.7 million represents about 81 percent of the outstanding water invoices, and Judge’s upcoming filing will request that amount from Glenview.

That leaves 19 percent still up for debate between Niles and Glenview, Judge said.

“We’ll fight over the remaining amount,” Judge said.

Judge said the village of Niles gave residents who used the North Maine Utility water-and-sewer service a 19 percent discount because the village does not charge Niles residents for sewer. About 74 residents received the discount, which Niles has since been discontinued.

Judge said the dispute started when Glenview asked the village of Niles to lower its water rates because they could get water cheaper from Wilmette; Niles officials said they could not lower the rate.

“Glenview is paying nothing now,” Judge said. “They owe us $2.8 million.

Glenview Village Attorney Eric Patt said Glenview has been placing the money in escrow funds. Patt said that those 74 customers paid a lower rate for water and, therefore, violated the water agreement.

Earlier this month Cook County Judge Rita Novak ordered the village of Niles to hand over documents Glenview has requested pertaining to the dispute by Feb. 27.

The existing agreement between Glenview and Niles started in 1980 and lasts until 2020. Judge said he feels part of it.

Most recently, Krug oversaw Shaw Media’s operations in Lake County. He was responsible for publishing the Daily Herald, Lake County Journal, Great Lakes Bulletin and Lake County magazine. The last seven years also included stints as executive editor of the Northwest Herald and vice president of Shaw’s suburban operations.

Krug pledged that Pioneer Press readers can continue to expect “high quality, elegantly designed and thoughtfully composed newspapers week after week.

“[T]he kind of information and content that is indispensable to their lives,” he added. “Our biggest responsibility here is to serve the community that are a part of Pioneer Press and we take up that challenge with a great deal of enthusiasm.”

While committed to Pioneer Press’ digital and Internet presence, Krug expressed fondness for the newspaper’s attention to unrivaled community-focused coverage.

“Pioneer has done micro journalism for years,” he said.

“That’s its niche and it’s very good in that space and it will continue to be great in the years to come.”

The hire comes two months after a local investment group acquired Pioneer Press’ parent company, Sun-Times Media. The buyers include new chairman Michael Ferro Jr., of Merrick Ventures LLC. Timothy Knight was tabbed to run the company as chief executive.

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Take a whack at finding that perfect romantic gift - at your own peril

BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

The main thing is, don’t get her anything that has anything to do with work or housework. I knew a guy who gave his wife a weed whacker as a gift.

If you didn’t know, you deserve what I imagine you got. The real danger days are birthdays and anniversaries. There are no commercials on TV for those days with announcers shouting, “One-day sale tomorrow at T.J.Maxx for your wife’s birthday, Sassone. Stores open early…”

No, you just have to memorize those two days of the year. Come on, you can do it. You’re men. You’re smart. Just ask, well, other men.

What really trips up guys on Valentine’s Day is forgetting it but getting your wife a gift. I knew a guy who gave his wife a weed whacker as a gift. She works in the garden, he reasoned. And a weed whacker will make working in the garden easier, so a weed whacker was the perfect gift.

Son — already think men aren’t romantic enough. And we only confirm this stereotype with weed whackers, or a vacuum cleaner, or a set of pots for Valentine’s Day.

Men sense this potential emotional earthquake and have become full of fear and trembling when Valentine’s Day rolls around. That’s why so many men buy their wives candy and/or flowers. Candy and flowers are safe and traditional. Your wife will not be offended by receiving candy or flowers. She may think you are boring or unimaginative or not very romantic. But let’s face it. She probably thinks that of you anyway.

Then there are the fortunate few. The kind of a man who knows his wife’s interests, her likes and dislikes and are able to buy the right gift on Valentine’s Day.

And for those who forgot the day? Well, all those heart-shaped boxes of candy are now on sale. Won’t help, though.

Need I go on? She did not care for the gift. To her it was not true that nothing says loving like something from the hardware store. And the inscriptions on the pyramids should be so permanently engraved as the weed whacker is engraved on that woman’s mind. She will never forget. And he will never be allowed to forget.

Thus, the perilous results of the wrong gift.

And the weed whacker was a Christmas gift. How much worse would it have been had it been given on Valentine’s Day? Women — for some strange reason — already think men aren’t romantic enough. And we only confirm this stereotype with weed whackers, or a vacuum cleaner, or a set of pots for Valentine’s Day.

The main thing is, don’t get her anything that has anything to do with work or housework. I knew a guy who gave his wife a weed whacker as a gift.

It’s the 4 a.m. friends who are truly worth your time

BY CHERYL O’DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

It’s never when you’re accepting some global award to thunderous applause that you find your true friends. It’s when you’re weak and vulnerable, when you want to retreat to a cave and lick your wounds.

Years ago, I worked for a corporation in a communications capacity. I had many friends. One was a secretary who was older than me, very quiet and helpful. People took her sweet nature for granted. She was more comfortable out of the limelight. I adored her.

Closer to my age was another friend, a middle manager for another department. We’d lunch together and share our aspirations. She was considered a rising star and so was I.

After the birth of my first son, I drove to the office to show him off. Co-workers gathered around, cooing and fussing around his blue blanket.

That day was frigid, Chicago-bone-cold. My secretary friend followed me to the parking lot, hoisting the diaper bag. Without hesitation, she trotted to my car and started it, uncarrying that her own hands were uncovered, and that she didn’t wear a coat. I hugged her good-bye and left with my baby.

A year or so later, rumors swirled. Layoffs would happen. My job was on the chopping block. My new boss had piercing dark eyes. With detached efficiency, he fired me. He stared, unblinking, as if anticipating a tearful breakdown. I managed to hold it together. Numb, I gathered my things into a cardboard box.

People didn’t make eye contact. I had somehow become a leper.

My manager friend did not come to say good-bye. Someone went looking for her. She was nowhere to be found.

I heard my name and looked up. Standing at the door was my secretary friend, offering to help carry down my stuff. She patted my hand, told me she was proud. I handled the termination with dignity.

I can assure you that I don’t always handle things with dignity. Just ask my husband.

But she and my other true-blue friends, they’re the real gold of life.

Marlene Dietrich, the legendary actress, famously said: “It’s the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter.”
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:

Monday, Feb. 27 - Employment counseling, by appointment.

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Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption.

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Civic

Maine Township is again accepting nominations for the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award. The award recognizes a Maine Township resident who has shown support, service, and dedication to the township. The winner will be recognized at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 10 and will receive a plaque and monetary award. Deadline to submit a nomination is March 22. Nomination forms are available on the Maine Township website, www.mainetownship.com, or at the front desk of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Forms should be mailed to Township Trustee Susan Moynan Krey at the Town Hall address or faxed to (847) 297-1335.

A representative from the Niles Township Clerk's office will be available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placard. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

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Clubs

The Sweet Singers of Congregation Ezras Israel which entertains at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenberg Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, e-mail jamesbond54762@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

The Korean War Veterans Association, Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henmuller, (773) 774-9671.

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Lily Tomlin still in character

BY DONALD LIEBENSON
Contributor

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be presented by the James Downing Theatre through March 4 at the John Waldron Arts Center, housed at Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $20; $15 for students and senior citizens. Call (224) 725-3696 or visit http://jamesdowningtheatre.typepad.com.

2. "Die Fledermaus" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 5 p.m. Feb. 26 in Northwestern University's Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson, Evanston. Strauss' most famous operetta is updated to the Art Deco 1920s and sung in English in a new production. Tickets are $20; $8 for students. Call (847) 467-4000.

3. An artists' reception for "Continuing the Tradition," works by more than 36 artists who carry on the Northwest Highway tradition, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 26 at Kalo Foundation's Iannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255-57 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. The exhibit is on display through March 9. Admission is free. For information, visit www.kalofoundation.org or call (847) 823-5314.

4. A poetry reading will be presented by Nikky Finney, recent National Book Award winner, at 6 p.m. Feb. 29 at the Shorefront Legacy Center, 2010 Dewey Ave., Evanston. Finney, a professor of creative writing at the University of Kentucky, is the author of four volumes of poetry — Head Off and Split, The World Is Round, Rice and On Wings Made of Gauze. Admission is $20; $10 for members and students. Call (847) 864-7467 or visit www.shorefrontlegacy.org.

Lily Tomlin

Lily Tomlin's comedy, like politics, is all about character, and she will reacquaint audiences with several of her iconic creations when she takes the stage of the Centre East Theatre for two shows on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

When did the Oscar-nominated and Emmy, Tony, and Grammy-winning comedian and actress return to the road?

"I've never stopped," Tomlin, 72, laughed in a phone interview. "I tell people this tour started 40 years ago. It's actually longer when you consider the shows I put on (as a young girl) on my back porch."

Actually, it's been 50 years. In 1972, Tomlin left her native Detroit for New York to pursue a career as a comedian. The field, at the time, was not populated by many women, and certainly not any whose act was more akin to performance art than the traditional stand-up of, say, Joan Rivers, Totie Fields, or Phyllis Diller.

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Chicago influences

The contemporaries who most resonated with her, Tomlin said, were a Chicago contingent: Elaine May and Mike Nichols, Shelley Berman, and Bob Newhart — all of whom did character pieces and monologues. But she was also influenced by the impeccable character work of Imogene Coca from "Your Show of Shows," radio characters such as Hattie McDaniel's Beulah, and entertainers Beatrice Lillie. "I always had very eclectic tastes," Tomlin said.

Tomlin's humanistic worldview was shaped by her childhood. "I lived in a predominantly black neighborhood on the fringes of a rich neighborhood," she said. "I lived in an old apartment house and was always observing. I would go from apartment to apartment and force myself on the people who lived there. Younger families, I would join in and do whatever they did. But with older people I'd want to take a nice long visit. They'd want to go to bed and they'd say, 'Your mother probably wants you to go home.'"

Tomlin was a born entertainer. "I would tell a few jokes, throw pearls around my neck like Bea Lillie, then maybe do a magic trick and then a dance because I took ballet and tap. Then I would imitate my dad coming home loaded and trying to hang up his clothes, and I would tell Jean Carroll's jokes."

Old friends

Her Skokie appearances will feature several of her beloved characters, whose lives have changed over the years. Former telephone operator Ernestine, for example, now works for an insurance company denying health care to people, while Edith Ann, for decades five-and-a-half years old, has reached a milestone: she is now six. The show will include some audience Q&A, and it will also incorporate video that pokes fun at Tomlin's celebrity.

Tomlin continues to divide her time between comedic and dramatic roles. She portrays the disapproving upper-class mother of therapist Lisa Kudrow in the buzzworthy Showtime series, "Web Therapy." She received an Emmy nomination for her devastating performance as the anything-but-innocent wife of a Madoff-like swindler in "Damages."

These days, Tomlin greatly admires Kristin Wiig ("she's wonderful") as well as stand-up Wanda Sykes and the man-behaving-badly series, "Curb Your Enthusiasm." She doesn't watch a lot of reality television, but from a character standpoint, "you know I love it," she laughed, "although you don't really know how spontaneous it is or how much they are egged on until it's like another version of 'The Jerry Springer Show.'"

But at heart, she's still most inspired by observation, still very much like the curious little girl who used to bedevil her neighbors. "I have this affection for people," she said. "I saw so many moments of them at their best and at their worst, but I just knew they were nothing else but poor old humans at heart."
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**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**VOX 3 hopes kids go 'Wild' for opera in Skokie**

**BY MYRNA PETLICKI**

It may surprise you how much your children enjoy opera when VOX 3 Collective presents "Wild Things: An Interactive Concert of Maurice Sendak's Works," at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The performance is offered in conjunction with the library's current exhibit about the author.

"All of the scenes selected are based on Maurice Sendak's works for children," said Brian von Rueden, VOX 3 Collective's artistic director. "We have pieces from ‘Really Rosie,’ his collaborative effort with Carole King, and ‘Where the Wild Things Are,’ ‘Higglety Pigglety Pop’ and ‘Brundibar.’"

A dozen performers will present those selections in "story theater style," von Rueden reported, "blending our memories of being at the library and listening to these stories being read to us with operatic performances. We'll have some fun costumes, so hopefully the kids will recognize some of the characters."

Pick up tickets at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (847) 673-7774 or visit skokielibrary.info.

**Seuss news**

The Cat in the Hat will pose with kids at the Dr. Seuss Family Birthday Bash, 6-9 p.m. March 2 at Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Children will hear favorite Seuss books, do Seuss crafts and eat favorite treats—though probably not green eggs and ham. Cost is $16 for residents, $29 for nonresidents.

For details, call (847) 692-5127 or visit prparks.org.

**United we stand**

There will be an interactive dance performance, children's activities and a chance to sample Assyrian cuisine at a Celebration of Assyrian Culture, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. The free family event is part of the Coming Together in Skokie program.

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

**Peculiar pets**

A man finds himself the guardian of a most unlikely group of creatures in "Mr. Popper's Penguins." The 94-minute PG film will be screened at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or visit lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**Panda power**

Kids will get a kick out of watching "Kung Fu Panda 2," in which Po, the hero of the original film, is now the Dragon Warrior entrusted with protecting the Valley of Peace from a dangerous villain. The animated family movie will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. A snack will be served.

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

Partners in crime: Greg Kinnear and Billy Crudup star in "Thin Ice," a new caper film from the makers of "Clockwatchers."

A 'Thin' plot thickens

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

THIN ICE ★ ★ ★ 1/2

Honesty may be the best policy, but you won't find it in the portfolio of the sleazy insurance agent who hustles up considerable trouble for himself in "Thin Ice."

What you will find in this generally satisfactory Midwestern black comedy is pronounced similarity to the Coen brothers' far-superior comedy noir "Fargo," in addition to understated performances from an admirable cast, a complex plot that's almost too clever for its own good and plenty of low-key but still savory hard-boiled dialog.

In place of low-level crooked car salesman Jerry Lundegaard in "Fargo," whose money troubles drove him to become involved in kidnapping and murder, "Thin Ice" substitutes Mickey Prohaska (Greg Kinnear, making the most of mounting desperation), another small-town hustler who considers himself a smooth operator — and soon finds out how wrong he is.

One of the interesting things about "Thin Ice" is that the stakes are very small in the beginning. Mickey is in fairly miserable shape, hating his penny-ante career, hating the winters in Wisconsin, separated from his disgruntled wife (Lea Thompson) and scheming to get her to take him back, and generally looking for a way out of Kenosha.

That's when opportunity presents itself in the form of a dotty old farmer named Gorvy Hauer (Alan Arkin, laying on the bumpkin act a bit thick for what turns out to be good reason). While signing Gorvy up for a policy, Mickey learns the old guy has no idea that an old violin he has lying around the house is actually worth $25,000. And he naturally assumes he can make better use of that money than Gorvy.

That sort of thinking is only a step or two beyond the everyday chicanery that Mickey employs to sell people insurance they don't need, so he leaves law-abiding life behind without even really thinking about it. What begins as a relatively painless, almost victimless crime, though, quickly escalates out of control (as it inevitably does in films like this), when a ex-con alarm system installer named Randy (Billy Crudup) involves himself and ups the criminal ante. Soon Mickey is desperately contending with murder, blackmail and a million-dollar insurance claim for the re-evaluated violin, and an unmasked partner who makes him extremely nervous.

Crudup, a serious actor who has played some interesting roles in his time (an addled heroin addict in "Jesus' Son," a rising rock star in "Almost Famous," a godlike superhero in "Watchmen"), pretty much steals the show as the half-psycho Randy. He has an unfair advantage, though, since he's been given the choicest dialog. "Have you ever seen a meth lab blow up?" he asks Mickey during a post-murder lunch meeting. "Wow, it's spectacular. Have you had the cheese curds here?"

That sort of conversation is a major change for the screenwriting team of Jill and Karen Sprecher (Jill also directs their films), who made a nice debut with their award-winning 1997 female-centric corporate comedy "Clockwatchers" before delivering the cerebral 2001 ensemble drama "Thirteen Conversations about One Thing." They navigate the masculine world of the film noir well, though — perhaps because the men on display here are quirkier than the crime-movie norm — and they execute a late-breaking plot twist that, while predictable and a bit too complicated, is still satisfying.
GONE
Rated: PG-13 for violence and terror, some sexuality, brief language and drug references
Stars: Amanda Seyfried, Jennifer Carpenter, Wes Bentley
■ A kidnap victim (Seyfried) is convinced that the man who attacked her has returned to threaten her sister — and she takes action to protect her. Heitor Dahlia (“Adrift”) directed the thriller.

GOOD DEEDS
Rated: PG-13 for sexual content, language, some violence and thematic material
Stars: Tyler Perry, Gabrielle Union, Thandie Newton
■ A successful businessman (Perry) finds his well-ordered life changing when he becomes involved with a cleaning woman (Newton) in his office building. Perry also wrote and directed the romance.

GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE
Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence, some disturbing images, and language
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Ciaran Hinds, Idris Elba
■ Even if you’re expecting nothing but a trashy good time, this unrelentingly bombastic — and tedious — sequel to the moderately entertaining 2007 Cage vehicle about a motorcycle stunt rider who becomes the devil’s flaming-skulled bounty hunter is a major disappointment — despite being directed by the guys who made “Crank.”

IN DARKNESS
Rated: R for violence, disturbing images, sexuality, nudity and language
Stars: Robert Wieckiewicz, Benno Furmann, Agnieszka Grochowska
■ During the Holocaust, a thief and burglar (Wieckiewicz) hides Jewish refugees for 14 months in the sewers of a Polish town. Agnieszka Holland (“Europa, Europa”) directed the drama. In Polish with subtitles.

THE VOW
Rated: PG-13 for an accident scene, sexual content, partial nudity and some language
Stars: Channing Tatum, Rachel McAdams, Jessica Lange
■ “The Vow” is straight-ahead cutesy romantic soap opera that gives free-spirited musician hubby Tatum — who decides to woo her all over again. Swoon-worthy but also seriously dull.

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Back to the land: Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in “Wanderlust,” a film that reunites Rudd with his “Role Models” director, David Wain.
Bio a hard case to crack

By Bruce Ingram
Film Critic

NEW ON VIDEO

NEW THIS WEEK

J. EDGAR
Rated: R for brief strong language
Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Judi Dench, Naomi Watts, Armie Hammer
DiCaprio’s subtle performance as the much-feared FBI director almost compensates for all that goes astray in this long, slow psychological bio-drama — but not quite. There’s too much complex material here to be handled comprehensively, especially since the heart of “J. Edgar” is Hoover’s supposed frustrated love affair with his deputy director (Hammer). And it doesn’t help that the leads are plagued with outrageously bad old-age makeup whenever the film isn’t in flashback mode.

TOWER HEIST
Rated: PG-13 for language and sexual content
Stars: Eddie Murphy, Ben Stiller, Casey Affleck, Alan Alda
There’s not much in the way of either suspense or laughs in this so-so heist comedy. When Wall Street kingpin Alda gets busted for ripping off clients (including the staff of the luxury apartment building where he lives), building manager Stiller decides to steal back $20 million or so for his friends. It doesn’t help that the heist isn’t credible even for an instant. Murphy is a plus as a consulting neighborhood thief. Extras include commentaries, alternate endings, deleted scenes and a gag reel.

RECENT RELEASES

THE RUM DIARY
Rated: R for language, brief drug use and sexuality
Stars: Johnny Depp, Aaron Eckhart, Richard Jenkins, Amber Heard
A generally satisfying adaptation of Hunter S. Thompson’s early-days novel about his experiences working for a dead-end Puerto Rican newspaper in the late ’50s. A virtually guaranteed delight for Thompson fans, especially with Thompson pal Depp playing the already hard-drinking young reporter coping with a corrupt real-estate grab, a sleazy editor (Jenkins), degenerate co-workers and a gorgeous young female fanate (Heard).

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 1
Rated: PG-13 for disturbing images, violence, sexual/par- tial nudity and some thematic elements
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner
The first half of the two-part final installment of “The Twilight Saga” is the dullest entry in the series so far — all setup with little in the way of payoff. True believers will have to make do with tortured drama as the longed-for wedding of 100-year-old vampire Edward (Pattinson) and 18-year-old Bella (Stewart) twists the knife in Bella’s unrequited werewolf-boy lover Jacob (Lautner). Extras include commentary by director Bill Condon, a six-part making-of documentary and, of course, a wedding video.

ALSO NEW

ANATOMY OF A MURDER
Rated: PG-13 for disturbing images, violence, pervasive language and brief disturbing sexual content. Dito Montiel’s “A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints” directed the

FORT APACHE
Rated: G for brief strong language
Stars: Ben Afleck, Michael Douglas, Marisa Tomei, Kevin Durand
In this revisionist Western about a reformed gunfighter dragged back into a life of violence after a break from the Army officer (Ben Gazzara) for killing the man he believes raped his wife. This Criterion Collection reissue features a new hi-def digital transfer of the 1948 Western classic about an arrogant army officer (Henry Fonda) whose ambition leads to unnecessary bloodshed during an Indian war. Extras in this Blu-ray debut include the documentary “Monument Valley: John Ford Country.”

I AIN’T SCARED OF YOU: A TRIBUTE TO BERNIE MAC
Rated: G for brief strong language
This documentary on the comedian, who died in 2008, includes early footage and never-before-seen concert material.

LAWRENCE WELK CLASSIC EPISODES: VOLS. 1-4
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Highlights from the 27-year run of bandleader Welk’s nationally broadcast “cham- pagne music” show, featuring “Champagne Lady” Norma Zimmer, polka star Lil Wally Jagiello and more.

THE SON OF NO ONE
Rated: G for brief strong language
A second-generation New York City cop (Channing Tatum) uncovers a secret during an investigation that threatens to destroy his family. Rated R for violence, pervasive language and brief disturbing sexual content. Dito Montiel’s “A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints” directed the drama.

UNFORGIVEN
Rated: G for brief strong language
Clint Eastwood’s 1992 revisionist Western about a reformed gunfighter dragged back into a life of violence gets the deluxe 20th anniversary Blu-ray treatment. Extras include a 54-page book, commentary by critic Richard Schickel, interviews with co-stars Including Morgan Freeman, and a 1959 “Maverick” TV episode in which Eastwood plays a younger virtual copy of his character.

NEXT WEEK
Rated: G for brief strong language
Four old friends (Jeremy Piven, Rob Lowe, Christian McKay, Thomas Jane) suffer through mid-life crisis in "1 Melt With You," while Rowan Atkinson throws the espionage world into crisis in the spy-comedy "Johnny English Reborn." And no crisis is too great for animated feline "Puss in Boots."
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“The Girl in the Yellow Dress,” presented by Next Theatre Company through Feb. 26 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 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 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $29-$34, with discounts available for groups, students and seniors. Optional dinner available, with three courses for $20 excluding beverages, taxes and tip. For tickets, call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.theo-u.org.

“Mark Twain: Patriot, Teacher, Philosopher” will be presented by the Saint Sebastian Players through 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.

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BY ANNIE ALLEMAN
For Sun-Times Media

Fresh off his recent Grammy win for Best Instrumental Composition, the legendary and groundbreaking musician Bela Fleck and his original Flecktones are coming to Skokie.

Fleck, a banjoist, composer and bandleader, has reformed the original lineup of Bela Fleck and The Flecktones and will bring that concert experience to Skokie's North Shore Center for the Performing Arts at an 8 p.m. show March 2.

Bela Fleck and the Flecktones combine the sounds of jazz, African, bluegrass and more, with famed bassist Victor Wooten, percussionist Roy Wooten and pianist/harmonica player Howard Levy of Evanston. The band formed in 1988 for a single performance on PBS' 'Lonely Pine Special.' That one-night stand led to three albums and a tour schedule of about 150 shows a year, numerous solo projects and five Grammys. The Flecktones took some time off in 2008, before reuniting with the original members in 2011 and releasing "Rocket Science."

Bela Fleck recently took some time to answer questions via email.

Q: How did you first become interested in bluegrass and the banjo?
A: I first heard the banjo on the Beverly Hillbillies sitcom. It was Earl Scruggs and he had a profound effect on me, as he did on many people.

Q: Why did you decide to incorporate bluegrass and jazz?
A: I had a great teacher named Tony Trischka, who was on the forefront of these kinds of explorations, and I became his protégé. He was probably the biggest influence. Then I fell for jazz, and it became a long-term goal for me.

Q: Was there a mission behind the Flecktones when you first started the band, and has that changed over the years? Has your approach to making the music changed?
A: I was looking for a group of like-minded individuals with whom I could pursue idealistic musical goals with. And I found these guys, and it became a lot more than I had hoped for.

Q: Why did you decide to get the original lineup back together?
A: It was just the way things evolved. Jeff Coffin had taken a full-time job with Dave Matthews Band, after 14 years with the Flecktones. In order to continue, we needed to reinvent. And the idea of doing that with Howard again was very exciting. He was everyone's first choice. And luckily he was into doing it again. So 17 years later, we find ourselves together again!

Q: How was it having Howard Levy back in the mix — was it like no time had passed or was there an adjustment period?
A: The adjustment was very brief. We did a two-week tour of Europe to test out the waters. I remember the first rehearsal day being kind of surreal. Next day, it felt like we were back to where we were, except all new.

Q: What can audiences in Naperville expect to hear?
A: It's the third day of the new tour. We should be kicking hard by then. We'll be playing a combo of music from the first three albums and the new "Rocket Science" album.

Q: What's up next for Bela Fleck in 2012 and beyond?
A: In May, I start touring with the great pianist Marcus Roberts and his trio. We have a recording that we made in December that is pretty exciting. I also plan to be putting out a recording of my banjo concerto which premiered in September with the Nashville Symphony.

We'll be talking about what and when the Flecktones meet again during this next tour, which is two months long, and is the end of the year we agreed to tour together. (But) I believe there will be a next time!
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Chamber Players will present "Blarney, Beethoven and Brahms" at 3 p.m. March 18 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The program includes Frank Martin's Trio on Popular Irish Melodies; Beethoven's Trisch Lieder for Violin, Cello, Flute and Piano; and Brahms' Piano Quartet in A Major, Opus 26. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 for seniors; $20/$15 at the door.

Free admission for students. For information, visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org or call (847) 866-6888.

The European Union Youth Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy, will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 24 at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The program includes Beethoven's Choral Fantasy; Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major (with piano soloist Yefim Bronfman); and "An Alpine Symphony" by Strauss. Tickets: $26; $12 for students. Call (847) 667-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Vinick, 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 Requiem and Brahms Requiem. Free-will offerings accepted. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lssoo.org.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra will present "Blarney, Beethoven and Brahms" at 3:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1821 Greenleaf Ave., East Side. The program includes works by Theofanidis, Sibelius, Ludwig van Beethoven 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 Vinick, performs at Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie, Chicago. Tickets are $18; $12 for seniors and students. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lssoo.org. April 1, 3:30 p.m.: "Italian Gala," with guest soloist violinist Henry Criz. The program includes Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 "Italian"; Bach: Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor; Wieniawski: Scherzo-Tarantelle; and Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.

The program includes works by Tchaikovsky and Philharmonia Orchestras. Philharmonia will feature the Walgreen's Concerto Competition winner for the Early Music Category, Masha Lakisova from Vernon Hills, who will perform the first movement of Haydn's Violin Concerto in G Major. The Future Concert, 3 p.m., featuring students of the Concert Orchestra, honors Wind Symphony and Voices Rising Singing groups. The Concert Orchestra will perform the first movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in G Major with the Walgreen's Concerto Competition Junior winner, Aidan Perreault from Skokie. Discover Symphony, 7:30 p.m., featuring the MYA Symphony Orchestra performing Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5, as well as works by Tchaikovsky and Hindemith. Soloists are the Walgreen's MYA Senior and Open Overall winners, Ariel Chapman from Lincolnshire and Gallia Kastner from Arlington Heights. $15-$30.

Music of the Baroque performances at First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St., Evanston, unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are $30-$75. Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.: "Baroque Journey," featuring the Music of the Baroque Orchestra, Nicholas Kraemer, conductor. The program includes works by Telemann, Vivaldi, Rameau, Purcell and Corelli. March 25, 7:30 p.m.: "Mirth & Melancholy," with the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra, Jane Glover, conductor. Guest soloists are sopranos Lisa Saffer and Elizabeth Futral, Thomas Cooley, tenor, and Christophorus Nomura, bari-

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. March 4 and 11, 3 p.m.: Four Score Festival celebrates the music of Charles Ives and Aaron Copland and explores how their inspiration threads through the works of two of their students: the March 4 performance focuses on the music of Ives and Gunther Schulter; the March 11 performance features the music of Copland and Mario Davidovsky. $25; $15 seniors; $10 students.

March 9, 7:30 p.m.: Young Composer's Concert, performed by students from the Music Institute's Academy. Free. March 18, 3 p.m.: Pianist Meng-Chieh Liu performs works by Robert Schumann, Isaac Albéniz, Fauré, Chopin and Liebermann. $25; $15 seniors; $10 students. April 15, 3 p.m.: Quintet Atacca and Axiom Brass perform a joint concert. $25; $15 seniors; $10 students.

Northwestern University, Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. March 9, 8 p.m.: Spanish Brass. $25; $15 senior citizens; $10 students.

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

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Zeljko Djukic decided it was time his ensemble members had their ideas explored. That's why the artistic director of TUTA Theatre Chicago created the concept of "Fulton Street Sessions" to open the company's 10th anniversary season. The Niles resident has been trying new things since he and his wife, Natasha, co-founded TUTA with ensemble member Jacqueline Stone.

"Often in theater, playwrights have the luxury of experimenting and seeing their work in process, between workshops, readings, etc.," Zeljko said. "I always thought how actors don't have that opportunity. Their work is rarely explored, it's always applied and then evaluated and judged.

"Over the years, we've had these workshops that I've devoted to actors," Zeljko continued. "Out of those ideas, this idea was born to make a show where actors would be auteurs also. No playwright was involved in the project. Actors would bring their own material and then we would try to make sense of it by using the language of theater, movement, music. The entire project was devised by ensemble work."

Stuck on a theme

To inspire the actors and create a unified piece, Zeljko asked them to address a situation where they were stuck or strained. Natasha explained, "When you put people in a situation that's out of the ordinary, and therefore is dramatic, how do you react and how do you manage to process that and how does it emotionally impact you and everybody?"

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"Fulton Street Sessions" features company members Kirk Anderson, Jaimelyn Gray, Stacie Beth Green, Trey Macun and Jacqueline Stone. Josh Schmidt created original music for the production, which drew its name from the fact that the company works at a space on Fulton Street.

The artistic director admitted that TUTA defies classification. "It's really difficult to define TUTA as a theater that does a particular form of theater," Zeljko said. "One of the ideas is to always do something different. We started with a play that had no words. Then we did a fairy tale adaptation. Then we did music. Then we did Chekhov and Shakespeare. Then we did Serbian plays."

He said that if he had to define the company, he'd say that they do "a kind of storytelling that cuts across the boards and cultures. The material is always different."
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: Violinist Alexandra Switala performs with the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lawrence Rapach, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Sheely Center for Performing Arts at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook. The program includes Mozart's Overture to "The Abduction from the Seraglio" and Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major, K. 219 ("Turkish"); and Haydn's Symphony No. 100 in G Major ("Military"). Ticket prices range from $25-$45; $8 for students. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales for the concert will benefit Rotary International's End Polio Now! campaign. Call (847) 272-0755 or visit www.northbrooksymphony.org.

Turkish Delights

Violinist Alexandra Switala performs with the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lawrence Rapach, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Sheely Center for Performing Arts at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook. The program includes Mozart's Overture to "The Abduction from the Seraglio" and Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major, K. 219 ("Turkish"); and Haydn's Symphony No. 100 in G Major ("Military"). Ticket prices range from $25-$45; $8 for students. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales for the concert will benefit Rotary International's End Polio Now! campaign. Call (847) 272-0755 or visit www.northbrooksymphony.org.
Getting into the act for 40 years

Four decades of Piven Theatre Workshop's Young People's Company

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Keep your eyes on the actors in Piven Theatre Workshop's Young People's Company's production, "Who Am I This Time? Celebrating 40 Years of the Young People's Company." You may well be seeing future stars.

For four decades, the Young People's Company has been entertaining audiences and nurturing the talents of young people in ninth, 10th and 11th grades. The many successful alumni include actors Joan and John Cusack, actor Jeremy Piven, acclaimed director Jessica Thebus, award-winning playwright Sarah Ruhl and Steppenwolf ensemble member James Vincent Meredith, who still values what he learned in the YPC.

Finding truth

"I've gone through other classes and programs since then, but the true guideposts of acting — finding the truth in each moment, using that moment to moment truth to bring a story to life, building that story through ensemble-based discovery — all of that for me sprung from Piven," said Meredith.

The Young People's Company was a natural outgrowth from our training center," said Piven's Artistic Director Jennifer Green. "Kids who had worked with Joyce Piven, co-founder with husband Byron, for a period of time became part of the original Young People's Company.

"The kids work over a school year with different professional directors to adapt and perform stories," Green explained. "Those stories could be myths, folktales, legends, literary stories. The year culminates in a spring story theater festival where the kids perform new works that they created with their directors as well as some fully improvised material that's created fresh every night."

In addition, the company tours and performs at festivals and for special events.

There are currently 19 members in the company. They are chosen by invitation at the recommendation of Workshop teachers.

Green noted that the majority of Piven's teachers are alumni of YPC. "There's that continuous chain of being a student, being a young performer with us and being inspired by that process to come back and teach the next generation," she said.

YPC Director Rebecca Kling was a company member. "She was a student that I taught when I was director of the Young People's Company," Green reported.

"I grew up in Evanston and have been taking classes with Piven since I was in fourth or fifth grade," Kling said. "I was in the Young People's Company in 2002 and 2003 as a junior and senior at ETHS (Evanston Township High School) and have stuck with Piven as an assistant teacher and now as a full member of the teaching staff."

Kling credits the Young People's Company with helping her career development.

Professionalism

"One of the most rewarding things about participating in the Young People's Company, and now one of the most exciting things about participating as a director and a teacher, is the professionalism it inspires in its students," she said. "It's about the joy of theater and connection, and how putting on a play we learn a lot about not only ourselves and our own identity but all of the people around us."

In addition to working as the director of YPC and an instructor, Kling creates and performs solo pieces around the city.

At this year's spring showcase, Green is directing the title piece, "Who Am I This Time?" Eight students are featured in this adaptation of a Kurt Vonnegut short story about a romance that develops during a production of "A Streetcar Named Desire."

"It's a great piece that was originally mounted in 1999," Green said. "It's about the joy of theater and connection, and how putting on a play we learn a lot about not only ourselves and our own identity but all of the people around us."

"One Thousand and One Arabian Nights," featuring seven company members.

"All of the stories we're doing this year in the showcase are stories that had been done at some point in Young People's Companies in the past," Kling said. "Arabian Nights was a story I was in when I was in high school. It was very exciting to be able to revisit it from a different perspective."

The program will also feature adaptations of "J and the Robbers," directed by Tom Herman, and "The Princess and the Pea," directed by Joanne Underwood.
Young Jesus sings of what they know

BY J.T. MORAND

Young Jesus is not a Christian rock band. They are an indie band made up of New Trier High School graduates John Rossiter (vocals, guitar), Shawn Nystrand (bass), Cody Keisler (guitar) and Peter Martin (drums) who speak for the kids who aren’t interested in being North Shore darlings. They draw their musical inspiration from The National, The Strokes and the Hold Steady. There’s a touch of Arcade Fire in there as well.

They claim to be young and stupid, which explains their band’s name.

“Our bassist Shawn and our guitarist Cody were at a party together, and Shawn had really long hair and a big beard at the time. Someone said to him, ‘Hey, young Jesus, pass me a beer.’ And, Cody said, ‘That would be a funny band name,’” Rossiter said.

Now the band is hoping “Home,” their debut full-length album, which tells the story of a young couple, David and Eloise, who live in the suburbs, get a lot of attention. They have a show with District Sommum and The Blister at 8:00 p.m. on Feb. 25 at Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave., Chicago.

But, they’re not stupid. Their lyrics are thoughtful and they tell a good story.

Rossiter said David and Eloise are worried about their future and coping with some personal struggles when they meet each other, fall in love, pursue a relationship and watch it fall apart — all in the suburbs in their 20s (and even some in their 30s and 40s) can relate to.

But, the band is especially appealing to that set from the North Shore since their songs are based in the northern suburbs and Chicago.

While the band is grateful for the opportunities and the nurturing the North Shore has provided, they find it can be a stifling and stagnant place because expectations don’t change much. Indeed, the popular notion is that children and teens are pushed ultimately to high earners, such as doctors, lawyers and financial wizards on Wall Street.

For that reason, Rossiter said, “Home” is for the kids who are pursuing more creative endeavors or who have dropped out of college because they’re trying to figure out what to do.

“It’s sort of trying to give a voice to those people that aren’t the Ivy Leaguers on the North Shore, who don’t really fit into that exact ideal,” he said.

Rossiter, by the way, is studying English literature at Northwestern University. Young Jesus tapped into that angst on their 2010 EP, “Young Idiots.” Their lyrics are thoughtful and stupid, which explains their appeal to that set from the North Shore since their songs are based in the northern suburbs and Chicago.

While they say they’re young and inexperienced, they don’t lack ambition. They’re prolific songwriters whose sound doesn’t just a little bit of polishing. Sometimes hints of a pain will Ferrell eke out when Rossiter’s singing becomes aggressive, but the lyrics keep the listener rooted in the subject matter.

Rossiter said the band would like to make a living playing music. To Young Jesus I say, “God speed.”

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Auction gallery

Kalo Foundation’s Jannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255-57 N. Northwestern Highway, Park Ridge. Through March 9: “Continuing the Tradition,” works by more than 36 artists who carry on the legacy of the Park Ridge Art Colony. Admission is free. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. An artists’ reception will be held from 7-4 p.m. on Feb. 26. For information, visit www.kalofoundation.org or call (847) 823-5314.

Oakton Community College, Koochline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 563-2635. oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m.-9 p.m. through March 23: “Two Plus Two = Jackson, Owens, Williams and Wheatley.” The exhibit features works by Preston Jackson, professor of sculpture at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago; Joyce Owens, curator of the Gallery of Art at Chicago State University; Bernard Williams, a former instructor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and Rhonda Wheatley.

Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Elm St., Prospect Heights. Through February 29: A exhibit of photographic prints by members of the Arlington Camera Club. For information, visit www.arlingtoncameraclub.org.

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Auctions & Opportunities

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre will hold general auditions for its 2012 summer season from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 3 in Room 223 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. The theatre will cast two plays and two dramatic readings. People of all types are encouraged to audition and should prepare a one- to two-minute monologue, as well as bring a headshot and a resume. The first main stage play is “West,” by Marsha Estelle. Women age 18-70 will be cast; commitment dates are May 14-June 24. The second main stage play is “Home,” by Samm-Art Williams. Men and women age 20-40 will be cast; commitment dates are June 11-July 15. The first play in the Dramatic Reading Series is “Going to St. Ives,” by Lee Blessing. Men age 20-30 will be cast; commitment dates are Aug. 6-12. The second play, “Woza Albert!,” was written by Percy Mtwa, Mbongeni Ngema, and Barney Simon. Women age 40-50 will be cast; commitment dates are Aug. 13-19. Approx. 20 applicants are required. Call (847) 448-8260, ext. 2519, or visit www.cityofevanston.org/fjt.

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Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. Feb. 25, 1 p.m.: Cat in the Hat storytime and photo opportunities. "Camp Okeee Dokee" will be presented by The Washington Playhouse. March 3-4: Children's visit, March 3-5: The Last Lions. March 3, 10-11 a.m.; March 5, 10:30 a.m.-noon; March 8, 10-11 a.m.; March 10, 1 p.m.; March 12, 1-3 p.m. and 9-10 a.m.; March 18, 2 p.m.; March 20, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; March 25, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; March 27, 10 a.m.-noon; March 29, 1-3 p.m. and 9-10 a.m.; March 30, 2 p.m. April 2, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.: "The Interrupters." March 1, 10:30 a.m.: "Higher Ground." March 1, 1 p.m.: "The Birds." March 1, 1 p.m.: "Sarah's Key." March 8, 10 a.m.: "The Last Lions." March 9, 10:30 a.m.: "Cowboys and Aliens." March 9, 1 p.m.: "The Big Year."


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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that he or she isn't pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep's eyes. You need more facts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bohemian optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurt by those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and help clear things up. The full burden on your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

PICES (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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In Memoriam

Highland, Marion
1913 - 2012. A resident of Park Ridge, from the 1940's through the 1970's, and resident of Rancho Bernardo, California from 1979 thru 2012, passed away suddenly on January 3rd. She led an active life and was playing bridge with friends just 3 days prior to her passing. She loved life and was loved by her family, as well as everyone she met, for her kindness, never ending positive attitude, sense of humor, spirit of adventure, and her love of family. She moved with her husband Art to Rancho Bernardo in 1979 where they continued to lead an active life.

She is survived by her son, James, daughter, Nancy, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

A memorial service was held on January 20, 2012 at St. Bartholomew, Episcopal Church, Poway, Ca.

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Death Notices

Kramer, Helyn
(nee Helyn Williams) and affectionately called "Helyn from Humboldt," died Monday, Feb. 13 in Deerfield, Ill. A resident of Glenview, Ill., she was 92, just days from her 93rd birthday. Helyn was born on Feb. 22, 1919, in Humboldt, Kansas, the first daughter and sixth child of William Wilson Williams and Minnie Williams, née Ryan. Helyn cherished her Kansas childhood, and with five older brothers and parents running several businesses in Humboldt, Helyn enjoyed princess of her family and queen of the shops around the town square—which she explored with curiosity and delight. At age 66, and at the urging of her eldest daughter, Helyn wrote a personal memoir about her childhood in Humboldt. "It was a magical time," she wrote in "Sentimental Journey," "the best of times.”

At age 15 Helyn left the Sunflower State and moved to Evanston, Illinois. She attended Evanston High School, worked in Hyde Park for a young family caring for their small children, and while still in her teens, met a handsome aspiring artist. Helyn would marry Harry Kramer in 1938. They would live in Glenview and Skokie and have six children. Four daughters, all of Illinois, survive: Sharron White (Richard) of Glenview, Gay Linser of Evanston, Andrea Lynn (John) of Champaign, and Vicki Berger of Lake Zurich. Two sons, an infant, Harry, and an adult, Gary, also of Glenview, preceded Helyn in death, as did Harry, her husband of nearly 60 years and a veteran of World War II, who served in the U.S. Navy and fought in the Battle of Okinawa.

In addition to her children, Helyn helped nurture seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren—celebrating each of their birthdays with cards, cakes, and kisses. Helyn's strength and grace served as a model for everyone near to her. Helyn worked for many years at Evanston Hospital's business office. After her retirement, she moved back to Glenview, and took part in local reading and current events groups. Helyn was an avid reader of books and the New York Times, and she followed national politics like a hawk, Helyn was an avid reader of books and the New York Times, and she followed national politics like a hawk, and an avid reader of books and the New York Times, and she followed national politics like a hawk, and an avid reader of books and the New York Times, and she followed national politics like a hawk, and an avid reader of books and the New York Times, and she followed national politics like a hawk.

Throughout her long life, Helyn remained engaged, proud and always, always elegant. During a 30-year career with The New York Times, Helyn expanded her passion for music—especially show tunes. Throughout her life, Helyn remained engaged, proud and always elegant. At the urging of her long-time friend, Helyn's granddaughter, Nancy White, and her daughter, Nancy White, the New York Times, and she followed national politics like a hawk, and an avid reader of books and the New York Times, and she followed national politics like a hawk.

A private family memorial is being planned. Info: 847.873.6111 or www.hamenfuneral.com.

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Coping Strategies for a New Job and Work Schedule

By David J. Wallace, Monster Contributing Writer

Adjust to a different commute. Learn the ropes. Befriend coworkers. Handle a new boss. No doubt you weighed these and other dynamics of changing jobs or returning to work after a period of unemployment. But now that you've accepted the offer, it's time to consider the other ways the new job may affect your personal life.

Even the basics of a daily job routine can trigger significant adjustments. Your schedule and priorities will change for everyone around you: partners or spouses, kids, parents and even friends. From setting the alarm clock to deciding whether dinner is homemade or takeout, tell yourself (and any other people in your home) that flexibility and change will be part of your new work schedule.

Follow a New Work Schedule
Take some time before Day One to review nonwork commitments and make a list to decide which, if any, may need to be scaled back or changed. What obligations can be shifted to others? For example, could home delivery for groceries or carpooling kids with a friend or neighbor give you some flexibility?

Asking for help is vital but can be difficult, particularly for those returning to work after being a family caregiver, says Marjorie Freundlich, a career adviser in Needham, Massachusetts. "The lifestyle changes may mean letting go of control of taking care of your children after school, for instance, and using childcare instead," she says. "Or with household jobs, redistributing work within the family or hiring help if it's affordable." Some tips to adjust to your new schedule:

- Start with a trial run of your new commute, making note of gas stations, coffee shops or grocery stores along the way.
- Plan and shop for a weekly dinner schedule to simplify meals, but have menus from local eateries on hand in case of unexpected work demands.
- Even little adjustments, like making breakfast the night before or programming the speed dial on your cellphone, can reduce stress and let you focus on your new job during the crucial early stages.

Changing Jobs, Adjusting Priorities
If you've been home or unemployed for a long time, your family and friends may have expectations about your availability. Beyond the day-to-day logistics and recalibration, the right mix of work, friends, hobbies, home and family should come together organically. So as your work routine evolves, plan for and meet the added demands on your time.

- If you can, plan ahead for birthdays, school vacations and other events that may take you out of the office.
- Some couples schedule date nights or other mini-escapes. Why not book a weekend holiday and do something special? It may take months before you accrue vacation time for a longer getaway.
- Make a date with friends or family that you haven't seen in awhile. Let them know you are changing jobs and are settling into a new routine.

Mind the Money
Beyond the relief of a steady income, beware of financial surprises. Look out for taxes due on unemployment benefits or a spending spree that can undo months of frugality. New clothes, a spa visit or other nice-to-do expenses may feel like a reward but should come only after you've managed the essentials. Some tips:

- Examine when you need to pay monthly bills. Check the due dates to avoid penalties or late fees and be sure payments match up with your new pay schedule or amount.
- When you have a clearer view of how work affects your schedule and dollars, that's the time to develop a detailed budget, start cutting credit card debt and perhaps reevaluate your insurance coverage. An accountant can help you focus on the bottom line.
- Explore your retirement savings options at the new workplace. Consider rolling over your 401k account or creating an Individual Retirement Account, says Eric Liriano, a certified financial planner in Newton, Massachusetts.
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Catholic school touts its ‘Blue Ribbon’ status

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With blue ribbons affixed to their uniforms, students from Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic School in Park Ridge celebrated their school’s 2011 National Blue Ribbon award with a special assembly Feb. 2.

“It really is overwhelming to see a wonderful school as this,” said Tim Tutten, director of special projects, partnerships and events for the U.S. Department of Education as he addressed the student body. Tutten said Mary, Seat of Wisdom’s designation as a National Blue Ribbon School was based in large part on how students perform academically, but he also acknowledged the school’s philanthropy, highlighting the more than $7,000 raised for H2O for Life, an organization that partners United States schools with schools in developing countries that are in need of clean water and sanitation.

The assembly included recognition from Sal Guccione, assistant superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Mary, Seat of Wisdom Principal Judy Schutter, who credited students for their hard work in achieving high test scores in English and math.

“You are the major reason we are a Blue Ribbon School,” Schutter said.

The assembly also featured performances from the MSW choir and strings ensemble, and the school was led in prayer by students Ava Pilas, Shelby Stoddard and John Ross. A video, created by students Connor Machey and Sebastyn Partyka with teacher Scott Rosinski, featured photographs and video of students involved in a variety of activities with an opening tag line: “You can travel the world, but you can’t find a better school than Mary, Seat of Wisdom.”

Seventh-grade Student Council members Maggie Carey, Gianna D’Alola, Brooke Ingraham, Margaret Martin, Alyssa Mazzocco and Lorcan O’Callaghan each read statements about why they believed MSW was a Blue Ribbon School, from its “outstanding” teachers to the safe environment it provides for learning and growth.

The assembly concluded with the choir leading students in the song “Go, Light Your Candle.”

Mary, Seat of Wisdom and St. Paul of the Cross, also in Park Ridge, were among 315 schools in the nation to receive 2011 Blue Ribbon School awards for academic excellence. St. Paul held a recognition assembly in January.

Tim Tutten, of the U.S. Department of Education, addresses Mary, Seat of Wisdom students during the Feb. 2 assembly.
3 p.m. Feb. 25 in the all-call (847) 676-1566. email templejm@aol.com or Fickling from Jewish Vocational-Job Search,” led by Melissa “Success with Your Internet Skokie, presents a program under. Make reservations by and $10 for children 12 and served. Cost is $20 for adults addition. is a Purim Shpiel open to the whole community. Cost is $5 in advance or $6 at the door. Call (847) 675-4141.

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Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, presents a program open to the community: “Success with Your Internet Job Search,” led by Melissa Flicker from Jewish Vocational-Job Search,” led by Melissa “Success with Your Internet Skokie, presents a program under. Make reservations by and $10 for children 12 and served. Cost is $20 for adults addition. is a Purim Shpiel open to the whole community. Cost is $5 in advance or $6 at the door. Call (847) 675-4141.

The Women of St. Andrews Church will hold their annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 25 in the multipurpose room of the church, 2601 W. Northwest Highway. Fifty vendors will offer antiques, jewelry, collectibles, books, glassware and more. Sandwiches, drinks, snacks and desserts will be available at the snack bar. Admission fee is 50 cents. Co-sponsor for this event is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Call the church office at (847) 823-6656.

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. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program, SWANCC and the participating communities have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords. The strands are separated and baled and sent to be chopped or shredded and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States. In Niles, recycling program is in effect from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays, up to Feb. 29 at the Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900; and at the Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, through Feb. 29 - 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays and Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (847) 588-7900. See www.swancc.org.

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800; reservations, 9847) 967-4889, www.iholocaustmuseum.org. Museum admission prices: General Admission, $12; seniors (65+), $8; students (ages 12-22), $6; children (ages 5-11), $5. Reservations are required for programs. Through June 17: Special Exhibition - Ours to Fight for: American Jews in the Second World War. Through their artifacts, letters, and photographs, the “Greatest Generation” tell the stories of what the war was like for all its participants, and for Jews in particular. Ours to Fight for brings to life the actions and feelings of these young men and women. Free with Museum admission. March 15, 6:30-8 p.m.: Clark University professor, author and Holocaust scholar Deborah Dwork discusses her book, Flight from the Reich: Refugee Jews, 1933-1946. Comprehensive research contributes to this compelling look at the search for safe haven from the Nazis. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. March 22, 6:30-8 p.m.: Nazis on the Run: How Hitler’s Henchmen Fled Justice by Gerald Steinacher, recipient of the 2011 National Jewish Book Award for Holocaust studies. The book examines uncomfortable issues such as the roles of the International Red Cross, the Vatican and Allied intelligence services in allowing Nazis and their collaborators to escape justice. Join Dr. Eliot Lefkovitz, Loyola University and Speros Institute faculty member, for discussion. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. March 25, 1:30-3 p.m.: Providing unique insights into the life of Jewish soldiers, Deborah Dash Moore discusses her book, GIs: How World War II Changed a Generation. Moore, professor of history and director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at University of Michigan, relates how more than half a million Jews in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II not only battled the Axis enemy, but also fought the prejudices of their comrades in arms. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored households chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC’s program: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V) and rechargeable (NiCd, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer). Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers - PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals - mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs.

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- 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 swan.cc.

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900.

Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others.

Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and special on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the “boutique” shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities.

Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual’s work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

Donations

The Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, the Polish Women’s Alliance, the Polish Falcons of America, along with the affiliates of the PNA, the Polish Daily News (Dziennik Zwiazkowy), WPNA 1490 AM Radio, and both PNA Bank locations, are joining in the support of the “Cell Phone for Soldiers” program. The donated phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone, enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad with prepaid calling cards. Local residents can support the collection drive by donating their phones at the following locations: Polish National Alliance, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, (800) 621-2723; Polish Roman Catholic Union, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, (800) 722-8632; Polish Women’s Alliance, 6643 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, (888) 522-1896; Polish Daily News, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, (773) 763-3343; PNA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, (847) 966-7900. Donations are accepted until March 1, 2012 during regular office hours.

Fundraisers

Like New Auto Spa, Inc., 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital’s Advocate Lutheran General Children’s Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed gets a gift card from the company and also asks for the Lutheran General discount will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call Aimee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 832-9274; or visit www.likeneautoautopca.com. The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion program.

Health

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a weekly community lecture series titled “Taking Care,” focusing on Women’s Health during March. All lectures will be held at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital’s West End Grille, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Free valet parking is available and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend however registration is required. Call (800) 323-8622 and mention the class code 86452 or visit www.advantagehealth.com/luth click on “I need a class or support group” and type in the class code.

March 6: “Managing Celiac Disease: A Physician’s and Mother’s Perspective” presented by Dr. Esperanza Garcia-Alvarez, pediatric gastroenterologist, Center for Children’s Digestive Health; March 13: “Total Hip Arthroplasty for Women,” presented by Dr. Wayne Goldstein, chair of Orthopedics; March 20: “Your Pregnancy: How It Affects Your Blood Pressure Forever,” presented by Dr. James Keller, chair Obstetrics/Gynecology; March 27: “Pelvic Pain: Finding the Answers,” presented by Dr. John White, chair of Surgery, and Dr. Lisa Laurent, radiologist.

Fall Prevention & Recovery Strategies" will be presented by Terrace Gardens Assisted Living and Memory Care, 8415 N. Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, at 11 a.m. March 7. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital’s Mindy Haglund, and Marc Jezierski, physical therapist, will discuss and demonstrate strategies to minimize risk; exercises to encourage stability, strength and independence; and techniques for safely recovering from a fall. Respond to 847-470-4550 and ask for Diane or email dwaterby@bethanymethodist.org. Refreshments will be served.

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Grandma’s chicken soup

A treasured recipe continues to nourish a family, body and soul

No recipe

Melinger also remembers how her mother made the soup, free of the restrictions of a recipe. “My mom has always been the kind of cook who measures by looking,” she said.

Rozencwajg’s chicken soup contains chicken, carrots, celery and parsnip, parsley, dill and a bit of salt and pepper. She cuts and washes the vegetables, places it in a large pot and fills the pot with water. When the water comes to a boil, she turns the heat down and skims the water with a spoon or a cheese cloth. Then she skims the top every 10 minutes to ensure the broth stays clear. “When it’s nice and clear it’s good soup,” said Rozencwajg’s sister Sally Wallach, a Glenview resident.

When her soup reaches the desired clarity, Rozencwajg adds a touch of fresh dill and salt and pepper and lets it cook for another 15-30 minutes.

Let it wait

Her soup can be eaten right away, but her family knows to let it sit for a day, and sometimes even two. The enhanced flavor is worth the wait.

“My mom always says chicken soup tastes even better the next day, because it has had time to soak in the flavor,” Melinger said. For even richer, more complex flavors, she adds more vegetables. Rozencwajg doesn’t usually add onions or garlic, but those, too, can add zip to a soup.

Like Rozencwajg, Wallach raised her family in Skokie. She also made chicken soup for her family every Friday. “My mom and my aunt often used to shop together at the butcher to buy their meat, especially before holidays,” Melinger said.

Her mom and aunt also grew up with a weekly chicken soup ritual. “The soup cooked all day. It was mostly my mother, but we all cooked together,” Wallach said.

The meal was enjoyed on Saturday nights. Holidays, too, were chicken soup days. “Every holiday there had to be chicken soup — every Saturday, too, that was tradition,” she recalled. And no matter when, chicken soup, which can be traced back as long ago as ancient Egypt as a treatment for everything from the common cold to a broken heart, is always a treat.

“Chicken soup is always good,” Wallach said.
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Parks
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Niles
Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after September 1, 2011, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs up to May 17. Call (847) 967-6633. Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginners and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

Maine Golf
Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000; www.gmpd.org.

Cricket Classes & Clinics
- Begin in April at Dee Park. Learn the basic fundamentals of this very popular sport. Children ages 7-17
- Spring Break Youth Baseball Camp - 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through Thursdays, March 26 to 30 at Feldman. Work on dribbling, shooting, footwork and offensive and defensive techniques.
- Youth Spring Soccer League - Games are played at Prairie Lakes Park in Des Plaines, March 5 to May 5; practices at Dee Park. Grades K-2.
- L'il Shooters Youth Basketball - Ages 7-9 at Dee Park. Next session Feb. 23 to March 29 at Dee Park.
- The Painting Studio class - learning the colors of the rainbow through stories and songs at Dee Park on Fridays. For ages 3-5 years.
- Before & After School Child Care - Children attending Mark Twain, Apollo or Stevenson schools in District 63 can sign up for childcare. Call for details.
- The Painting Studio classes for adults: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Feldman.
- Tiny Tots Open Gym
- Parents may drop in and supervise their 1-5-year-old any Wednesday or Thursday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for a variety of gym games at Dee Park.
- Preschool - There are still spots available for second-quarter preschool (4-year-olds). Offered are morning (five days per week) and afternoon classes (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) at Dee Park. All classes are at Dee Park.
- Tae Kwon Do - Popular martial arts classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.
- Various rooms/gyms are available for rental for parties, meetings or ongoing activities. Call (847) 297-3059.
- The Golf Maine Park District offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

You can find out more about the Golf Maine Park District at www.gmpd.org.

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Best Picture
- "The Artist" ▲
- "The Descendants"
- "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close"
- "The Help"
- "Hugo"
- "Midnight in Paris"
- "Moneyball"
- "The Tree of Life"
- "War Horse"

Best Director
- Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist" ▲
- Alexander Payne, "The Descendants"
- Martin Scorsese, "Hugo"
- Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris" ▲
- Terrence Malick, "The Tree of Life"

Best Original Screenplay
- Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist" ▲
- Annie Mumolo and Kristen Wiig, "Bridesmaids"
- J.C. Chandor, "Margin Call"
- Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris" ▲
- Asghar Farhadi, "A Separation"

Best Adapted Screenplay
- "The Descendants" ▲
- "Hugo"
- "The Iceman"
- "Moneyball"
- "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy"

Best Supporting Actor
- Demian Bichir, "A Better Life" ▲
- George Clooney, "The Descendants"
- Jean Dujardin, "The Artist" ▲
- Gary Oldman, "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy"
- Brad Pitt, "Moneyball"
- "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close"

Best Supporting Actress
- Berenice Bejo, "The Artist" ▲
- Jessica Chastain, "The Help"
- Melissa McCarthy, "Bridesmaids"
- Chris Colfer, "Albert Nobbs"
- Octavia Spencer, "The Help" ▲

Best Animated Feature
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- "Kung Fu Panda 2"
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Best Actress
- Glenn Close, "Albert Nobbs"
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- Michelle Williams, "My Week With Marilyn"

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- Canada, "Monsieur Lazhar"
- Iran, "A Separation"
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Rudeness has its rewards - lost customers, lost revenue

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From Gary: My husband and I were dining out. I had ordered soup and sandwiches with my dinner. When the waitress brought a salad and croutons to the table instead, I pointed out her error. She picked up the salad, spilling most of it on the table, and called me a liar. The woman at the next table said, "Excuse me, but I believe that's mine."

The waiter took what was left of the salad and dumped it in front of her. I sat there with my mouth hanging open.

My husband to this day is still amazed that we didn't just get up and leave, but I was too flabbergasted to do anything. When the waitress went to pay our bill and were asked, "Was everything all right?" we told the manager what had happened. He laughed and said "Oh, that's just Mary!"

Dear Gary: We withhold the name of the restaurant where you dined because this happened a few years back. Let's hope the deranged waitress has been put out to pasture.

From Marvin: A couple of years ago, we were driving home at 9 p.m. Our car was that stupid in Skokie. While I waited for the police, my wife and our other female passenger walked to a nearby gas station and explained that we had been in an accident and asked to use the bathroom. The clerk told these two women in their 60s that the facilities were out of order, which was clearly not true - and sent them back out in the cold.

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Dear Vicki: You told us this left a bad taste in your mouth for more than one reason. When you fried the treats later, they were stale.

From Vera: My husband and I were at the airport baggage area when we decided to buy something to drink. I went to a nearby kiosk and stood there for a minute, long when the employee would look up from her magazine and realize she had a customer.

After a minute, she snipped and flipped the magazine closed in a way that let me know I was disturbing her. I asked to have a bottle of water. She grabbed the water, plopped it on the counter and never said how much it cost. I handed her a five and she gave me my change like I had the plague.

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**LIted Lunch and Movie** — "Dolphin Tale," noon March 2 with a sloppy joe lunch. Cost is $5, members; $7.50, nonmembers.

The Hot Dog Lunch at 11-30 a.m. March 5 will benefit Heather's House, a home for single mothers and their children that offers a loving and safe environment where residents can develop life skills necessary to becoming self-sufficient. Cost is $2 at the door.

The AARP Driver's Safety Program will run from noon to 4 p.m. March 6 and 13. This two-day program is a refresher course for drivers age 55+ plus. Both days are required. Checks are to be made payable to the AARP and are due the first day of class. Course costs $12 for AARP members and $14 for nonmembers. Advance registration is required.

Cook Once, Eat Twice — 10-30-11-30 a.m. March 7. Kelly Donlea, owner of Organizing Dinners and author of several cookbooks, will whip up some meals that only need to be cooked once, which participants will eat and enjoy. Class will be held in the kitchen. Recipes will be given out. Cost is $15, members; $20, nonmembers.

The Niles Senior Center Caregiver Support Group is a source of practical and emotional help for caregivers, where issues such as hiring in-home help are frequently discussed. The group is facilitated by Niles Senior Center social workers who offer coping tools, help relieve caregiver stress, and offer a safe place for caregivers to receive the support of other community members dealing with similar challenges. Contact Bev Wessels at (847) 588-8420.

Walk-in assistance in filling the Senior Freeze Application is available from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. No appointment is necessary.

Circuit Breaker appointments are now available by appointment only at the Niles Senior Center. Appointments are on Friday mornings.

Free tax assistance appointments are available in February. Some restrictions apply. Call the Center Tax Hot Line, (847) 588-8440.

**The Niles Senior Center Kitchen Band is looking for new members. Under the direction of ukulele-playing George Button, the popularity of this unique group of musicians has led to a very active performance schedule throughout Niles and the surrounding communities. If you like to sing, play the spoons, or are interested in learning how to play a ukulele, consider joining this fun group.

Join the Computer Interest Group to discuss all the recent computer innovations or individual problems or concerns. Contact Jaymi for dates, (847) 588-8420.

Niles Senior Center Issues in the News meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. An Effective Communications group for persons with hearing loss meets monthly from 11 a.m.-noon Feb. 29. Learn about the latest equipment and devices. Contact Trudi, (847) 588-8441.

Registration is required for the following winter program sessions; there is no cost for members of the Niles Senior Center; non-members pay a $12 fee per group - Social Card Play of Billiards, Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Drop-in Art, Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon; Sudoku Club, Mondays, 11 a.m.-noon; Choral Group, Tuesdays, 10:11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjong, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Social Bridge, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.; Line Dance, Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.; Social Bunco, third Tuesday of the month, 1-3 p.m.; Computer Interest Group, every other Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m.; All American, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon; Issues in the News, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjong, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Drop-in Ceramics, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Drop-in Wood Carving, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Social Scrabble, Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon.

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An eye and vision screening is offered at 10 a.m. March 3 by Dr. Nora Beltran. Register by Feb. 27. Apply for or renew an RTA bus pass at noon March 3; call for an appointment.

Golf Mill Shopping Center is hosting “Feats of Fitness,” a walk-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township MaineStreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health screenings and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office at (847) 699-1070.

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Dons can vouch for class of 2A wrestlers

BY MIKE CAMERON

Notre Dame head coach Augie Genovesi affectionately describes two-time state qualifier Scott Smith as “vertically challenged.”

The diminutive senior gave away a little too much leverage to taller opponents in the 120-pound class, but excelled after dropping to 113 five weeks ago. By placing first in both the Class 2A Notre Dame Regional and Grayslake Central Sectional, Smith easily made State again after qualifying in 3A at 112 last season.

Smith (29-13) came within one win of a top-six finish and medal in the 2A individual state meet held Feb. 16-18 at Assembly Hall in Champaign. Each by a six-point margin, the Dons veteran won, lost and won his first three matches. Montini’s Jordan Laster eliminated Smith 16-7 in the wrestleback quarterfinals and went on to place third for his second straight top-four finish.

“We knew Smith would do well at 113. He did a good job at state, but finally just ran into someone better,” said Genovesi.

Notre Dame popped no corks in Champaign. Smith registered the Dons’ only two victories. Their seven other qualifiers went a combined 0-9, confirming that 2A’s top wrestlers are right up there with the best of 2A.

“In most cases, we just got beat by better people,” Genovesi said. “I’ve got no complaints about any of our guys. We have had a lot of injuries, used 34 guys and kept on going. We had eight state qualifiers, which was outstanding. Our goal was to get downstate as a team, which is still ahead of us.”

By winning its regional, Notre Dame qualified for the Woodstock dual-team sectional and was set to face Crystal Lake Central on Tuesday. Eight winning teams from four sectionals advance to dual-team state at Bloomington’s U.S. Cellular Coliseum on Saturday.

Ranked No. 3 in 2A by Illinois Matmen, Notre Dame drew No. 1 Montini as its potential quarterfinal opponent.

In the individual state tournament, the IHSA uses an abbreviated format in the wrestlebacks. A first-round loser is eliminated if his opponent loses his next match. That one-and-done scenario befell five Dons. It was an especially bitter pill for 220-pounder Whittington (34-8, 145) 8-0. The same fate awaited freshman Jimmy Gallardo (29-10, 106) following a 6-4 setback.

Junior Joe Cortese (23-7, 152), already a two-time state qualifier, was abruptly gone after a tight 4-2 loss. The same fate awaited freshman Jimmy Gallardo (29-10, 106) following a 6-4 setback. Burlington Central’s Johnny Major went on to claim a medal after controlling junior Roark Whittington (34-8, 145) 4-0. Kevin Stahmer (32-8, 182) was severely hampered by a high ankle sprain and exited after a 5-0 loss.

Stahmer, Notre Dame’s bellwether and a two-time state qualifier, suffered the injury with one second left in his final sectional match. He wore a boot all week and could not put any weight on his foot.

“Ryan just couldn’t get away. Joe was right there, but it’s been tough for him after missing a month with a (separated) shoulder,” said Genovesi. “Jimmy made mistakes that a freshman makes, but the effort is always there. We knew how good Roark’s guy was. Kevin could hardly walk.”

Seniors Tim Donnelly (32-12, 186) and Jimmy Biancoforti (27-9, 133), who each worked hard to drop a weight in January, both drew two rugged opponents. Missing a front tooth and battling a sore shoulder, Donnelly lost by a second-round pin and 11-4 margin. Biancoforti, an ESCC and sectional champion, nearly solved Oak Forest medalist Jay Muller in a 6-4 defeat before falling to Yorkville’s Jacob Hunt.

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In 3A, ESCC champion Marist led with six medalists, and Lane Tech’s Max Schneider (40-0, 133) became the first-two-time state champion from Chicago’s Public League in the last 59 years.

Juniors ensure special night for Dons seniors

BY PATRICK KELLY

Notre Dame honored seniors Joe Ferrici, Greg Leirol, Joey Solita and Jimmy Cravens when it hosted East Suburban Catholic foe Marian Catholic Friday night.

However, juniors Justin Halloran and Matt Mooney allowed their senior teammates a great night, as the duo fueled a 14-6 spurt at the end of the first quarter to give the Dons a lead they held for the rest of the game.

Halloran knocked down back-to-back three-pointers during the run, while Mooney (4 rebounds) added a long-distance bucket and scored all five of his points in the period, as Notre Dame erased an early deficit on route to a 48-34 victory in Niles.

“We just tried to come off the bench — the seniors started and they played real well in the beginning,” Halloran said. “So we just tried to come with the same energy to really carry us. We just wanted to keep the team going. It has been great playing under (the seniors); they teach us a lot. Joe, Greg, Jimmy and Joey Solita, they all bring a lot to the team. It is great playing with them.”

Halloran buried two more three-pointers, missing just one all night, and led all scorers with 12 points. Ferrici also clicked for double-figures, converting 4-of-7 to finish with 10 points and eight rebounds.

“Besides defense and being a great teammate, (shooting) is my role on this team, and I did it pretty well (Friday night),” Halloran said.

Eight different players scored for the Dons, who put the game away toward the end of the third quarter by limiting Marian (14-10, 8-3) to just six points in the period. Duante Stephens totaled nine points, while Leirol added all five of his points after the intermission. Sophomore Jon Johnson converted four free throws, all in the second half.

“We always do that, we go nine or 10 deep every game,” explained Halloran.

“A lot of people play, and everybody contributes. We can do a good job of that. Everybody can play on this team.”

Notre Dame (18-7, 5-2) trailed 8-4 midway through the first quarter, but the Spartans were hampered when starting point guard and leading scorer Tyler Ulis (6 points) left with an injury early in the second quarter. The Dons held Marian to single digits over the final three quarters.

The group of seniors still has a few games left, and can add to its lasting impression on the younger Notre Dame players. Halloran recalls one trait, in particular.

“Working hard, because they all worked hard to get to get where they are now,” Halloran said. “They all contributed to the team; it is a big part for us.”
Blue Demons still not willing to throw in towel

BY MIKE BUDA
Contributor

Maine East is out to prove that it's not over until it's over. The Blue Demons find themselves in the basement of the Central Suburban North, but have yet to all lose hope.

During a 67-44 loss to Glenbrook North on Friday, the Blue Demons (4-18, 0-10 CSL) executed well in the second half, and looked as though they were making progress.

"We've got young kids, and we've only got four seniors out there," said East head coach Dave Genis. "There are a couple of the seniors that are learning still what it means to compete, and I think that they did (vs. Glenbrook North). I think that there's a huge learning curve for these guys, and I think that they're starting to climb that mountain."

With Maine East currently riding a 12-game skid, the losses may be taking their toll. But senior guard Aaron Shannon is there to keep his teammates in check.

"Some of the time, it still gets in their heads that we lost, and they get down even more on themselves and don't feel like they want to play," Shannon said. "As a team captain and as a leader, I try to get into their heads and tell them that we just need to keep moving forward, and we can only move forward from here."

On offense, the Spartans used good ball movement to find scoring chances in taking a 24-4 first-quarter lead. "We came out sluggish — we came out not ready to play and we weren't mentally ready," Shannon said. "We got a little pep talk from our coach, and we came out in the second half and played how we normally play."

The second quarter brought more of the same from GHNS defensive pressure along with hot shooting. Junior forward Andrew McAuliffe paced all scorers at 13 points, and senior center Adrian Kamencic contributed four points and five rebounds.

"We've fallen off here in the second half (of the season)," Genis said. "We hit some real milestones during the game — and I think we're starting to get that attention during the game — and I think we're starting to get that back. We're trying to focus on an ultimate goal of winning a regional game."

Maine East was to face Glenbrook South on Tuesday, before opening up postseason play against Lane Tech in the St. Patrick Regional quarterfinals on Monday.
Seniors set high standard for Vikes basketball

BY MATT HARNESS
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Niles North coach Dan Paxson struggled to find words to comfort his players after they suffered a season-ending loss to Maine South in the Vikings' own regional final last week.

He wanted more for the team's five seniors, especially Alissa Hirsh and Mariyah Henley, who each played four seasons on varsity under Paxson.

But the top-seeded Hawks were too much for the seventh-seeded Vikings in their 64-44 win. It was 16th-ranked Maine South's third regional title in a row.

"You can't make too many mistakes against a team like that," said Paxson, who was looking to lead Niles North to its first regional championship since 2004. "I thought our effort was great all night, but you have to combine that with playing every possession almost perfectly. But I couldn't be prouder of them. I enjoyed coaching them so much and watching them grow on the court and in the classroom. It breaks my heart that it ended for the seniors."

Niles North (17-3) opened the playoffs at home with a 57-40 win over CSL North champion Maine West. The Warriors were missing their best player, Brittany Collins, who hurt her knee in the final game of the regular season.

All-conference players Henley and Hirsh took advantage of the opportunity. Henley scored 26 points in the victory, while Hirsh added 20 more.

Niles North then hung tough with the Hawks in the first half of the regional final, but the Vikings couldn't put together any runs during the final two quarters.

The 6-foot Henley starred again, registering a game-best 32 points. Hirsh finished with nine points.

Both Henley and Hirsh will play in college. Henley is off to Lewis University, and Hirsh will suit up for Grinnell College, in Iowa. The duo was instrumental in helping Niles North become one of the top teams in the league. The Vikings finished second to the Warriors in the CSL North.

Sorriyah Ranger and Lizzette Rivera also spent four seasons in the Niles North program. Angela Jones played one season for the Vikings after transferring from Maine East.

"They helped really raise the bar for us," Paxson said. "I'm glad the freshmen were able to see us have this kind of a successful season and battle for a regional title. The message to the freshmen is, this is how it should be if we work hard. All five of those seniors really had a love for the game, loved being in the gym."
Wolves swimmers need to get back to work

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

If the Niles West swimmers are to be the best, the Vikings got a good look at what that means at Saturday's New Trier Sectional.

None of the Wolves qualified for Friday's state preliminaries at Evanston. West head coach Dan Vander Jeugdt said he was disappointed the season came to an early end, but said there were multiple things the young swimmers in the program could take from the afternoon.

“One lesson is that anything can happen when you’re here (at sectional),” he said. “Also, look at the other teams: The kids who are swimming so fast, swim year-round. If you’re not swimming year-round don’t think about being up there and going to state.

“It all comes down to making sure you do what you need to do in the offseason. Once you reach a certain point, if you’re not swimming year-round, you come back to that point. It’s hard to get beyond that point. You keep coming back to that point.”

The coach emphasized that 90 percent of his swimmers had best-times, but they just didn’t drop enough to advance.

Senior Ryan Miller, the team’s most experienced swimmer, participated in relays at last year’s state meet. He shaved four seconds in the 200 IM (6th, 2:01.60), but was short of the 1:59.06 qualifying mark was 48.33.

Next year, Vander Jeugdt said he hopes to count on freshmen. “Nickell is the kind of guy I’m going to build around,” he said. “He better be a leader or we’re in trouble. He has that in him. But he’s got to want to do it.”

Niles West scored a 72.50 to finish seventh in the 13-team sectional.

Wolves inching closer to being ready for playoffs

BY DAVID PERRY
Contributor

Some nights, given the level of competition, a team has to settle for a consolation victory.

Friday was one such night for Niles West. The Wolves hung tough all the way but could never get over the hump and lost 70-64 to a host Waukegan team that had everything to play for.

With the win, Waukegan won the Central Suburban South title with a 9-1 record and was to play at CSL North champion Glenbrook North Wednesday in the league’s championship game. In 2009, when those teams met in the same spot, Glenbrook North prevailed, but Waukegan went on to finish second in the IHSA state tournament.

The Bulldogs (15-8, 9-1) have won nine straight since a loss to Lyons right after Christmas break.

Deonte Taylor scored 20 points to lead Waukegan. Jordan Johnson, a talented junior point guard, added 19 points and Quinton Davis scored 17.

Niles West finished 2-8 in the division, and was to play at Deerfield on Tuesday.

Waukegan was up 30-24 after one quarter, but the Wolves went on a 12-3 spurt to start the second half and led 52-48 after three quarters.

“I thought the effort was good,” said Niles West coach Bob Williams, whose team struggled against Waukegan’s high-octane defensive pressure. Wolves point guard Ahmed Gibson was sidelined with an injury. “We were a little short-handed, and against Waukegan, you need good point-guard play.

“Every time we had a run, they matched it. We would get close, and then they would go on a run so we could never get over the hump.”

Leading Niles West scorers was guard Joe Younan with 24 points. David McCoy added 11.

“We’re close to being there, but we just can’t get over the hump. That’s the frustrating part, but I am optimistic.”

Waukegan was up 30-24 at halftime and 62-48 after three quarters. Waukegan went on a 12-3 spurt to start the final period and led 64-51. Niles West had an 11-1 run that featured buckets by Alek Biser, Younan and McCoy and pulled to within 68-62 with a minute to go.

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Loyd provides home fans with a final thrill

BY MIKE CAMERON

Senior superstar Jewell Loyd wore white socks instead of Niles West red in her final home game on Friday, just as she did the very first time she suited up for the Wolves as a freshman.

But Lincoln Park (14-12) saw only a sea of crimson, as the swarming Wolves (23-5) took a ridiculous 61-17 lead with 1:46 remaining in the third quarter and coasted to a 67-37 victory to claim their third straight IHSA Class 4A regional title.

The 5-foot-10 Loyd pumped 20 points in the first 15 minutes, in a seemingly effortless 23 points for the second consecutive game. Loyd rested, the Wolves dominated the third quarter 24-4. Sophomore Dusheé Shumate went off for eight of her 20 points, and bustling 5-11 freshman Katherine De Lara provided a glimpse of the future with two hoops, two assists, a steal and solid defense and ball-handling. Seniors Cardenas and Liz Troyk each finished with four points, while Kiepelin scored eight.

Loyd appears healthy, fresh and dialed-In with her outside shooting after keeping quiet about a slightly sore knee and ankle late in a grueling regular season. She took first in IHSA's Three-Point contest with a 50 free in 24.62.

Notre Dame clocks in with season's-best times

BY MATT HARNESS

Ricky Espinosa wasn't about to judge his swimmers against a strong field at the Glenbrook North Sectional on Saturday.

The Notre Dame coach wanted the Dons to race each other, and he's already noticed a big improvement compared to last season's state series. "A dramatic difference," said Espinosa, who brought only eight team members, including two seniors, to the Spartans' pool. "These boys have surpassed their own expectations — and mine. Of course, we want to go out and win. But we mostly race against the clock."

No Dons qualified for the state meet, but two of the three relays, as well as two individuals, set season's-best times. The 200-yard medley relay (Eric Collins, Khalik Haddad, Elijah Mendez and Anthony Marzano) finished in 1:58.94, nearly four seconds faster than its seed time.

The 400 relay of Kyle Collins, James Zagler, Braelin Kukia and Mendez clocked 4:05.49, nearly a nine-second drop.

Kyle Collins and Marzano also bettered their times in individual events. Collins completed the 500 free in 5:05.98, while Marzano touched in the 50 free in 24.62.

Notre Dame will lose both Marzano and Haddad to graduation, but Espinosa sees good things to come. Mendez was one of two sophomores competing at the sectional.

"He's someone who has a lot of potential," the coach said. "I can only imagine what he's capable of doing in the next two years. All the guys give it all they got. They've come a long way."
Niles North's Javed Advic swims to third place and a state berth in the 100-yard butterfly at the New Trier Sectional. | TRACY ALLEN FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Mlynarski, Avdic will be busy at state

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

When Niles North boys swimming head coach Seth Orlove took over the program a decade ago, most of the Vikings at sectionals competed in the slowest heats.

But an infusion of talent, coupled with improved club swim programs, has shifted that culture. At Saturday's New Trier Sectional, many Niles North swimmers and relays took the blocks in the fast heats.

The Vikings ultimately qualified six individual swimmers and all three relays for the state meet Friday and Saturday in Evanston.

"I think it was a big step for our program," said Orlove, whose team scored 190.50 points and finished third at the 18-team sectional. "We're right up there in the fastest two heats (at the sectional), competing with the best in the state. I'm really proud of how far we've come together as a team. It's a testament to their hard work, commitment and belief in what we're doing. More importantly, a belief in themselves."

While these accomplishments rightly should be celebrated, the Vikings coaches have stressed all season that the focus is not simply on getting to state, but performing well there.

With that goal in mind, the top Vikings have delayed shaving and tapering until this week. The swimmers should come into Friday's state prelims at their freshest and fastest, looking to finish top-12 and earn a spot in Saturday's finals.

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Other strong, non-qualifying performances included: Shah finishing sixth in the 200 free (1:45.53) and ninth in the 500 free (4:58.56); junior Chris Riordan coming in seventh in the 200 IM (2:02.30) and eighth in the 100 breast (1:01.85); and junior Ian Crane grabbing seventh in the 500 (4:48.35).

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Leading the way were Mlynarski and fellow junior Javed Advic, who both qualified in two individual events and two relays.

Mlynarski was second in the 200 freestyle (1:42.98) and second in the 100 free (47.19), while Advic took third in the 100 butterfly (52.14) and fifth in the 50 free (21.83).

The pair teamed up in the 200 free relay, which finished second (1:38.36). The team also included junior Aaron Brown and senior Ammar Shah.

Mlynarski , Brown, Shah and senior Richard Gomez comprised the 400 free relay team that finished fourth (3:34.06), while Gomez, junior Earl Kim, Advic and Brown opened the swimming portion of the meet by capturing fourth in the 200 medley relay (1:38.36).

Also qualifying for state was Gomez, who bounced back from disappointment in the 100 butterfly to get the job done in the 500 free. Gomez touched fifth in the 500 free (4:47.98), narrowly eclipsing the state standard of 4:48.24.

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